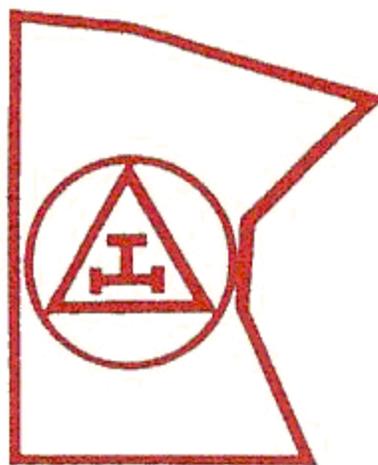


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MINNESOTA**



AT THE
One Hundred Fifty Fifth
Annual Convocation
June 22, 2017

A.D.2017~ A.L.6017

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:

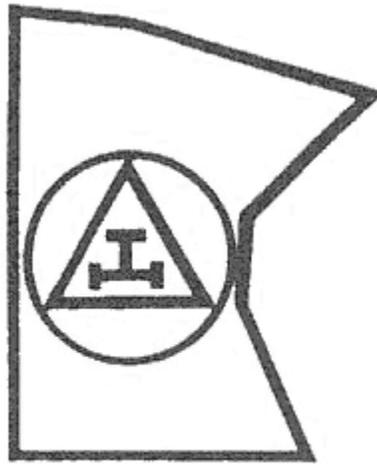
Same as Ancient Craft, except that the Jewish chronology is used, **Anno Mundi (AM)**, "in the year of the world."

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

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MINNESOTA



One Hundred Fifty Fifth
Annual Convocation

June 22, 2017
SAINT CLOUD, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

Clifford H. Isley – Grand High Priest
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

ELECTED

Joseph J. Anderson – Grand High Priest
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

© 2017

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 155th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 155th Annual Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of MINNESOTA** was held at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Saint Cloud, Minnesota, Thursday, June 22, 2017. 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 Clifford H. Isley, 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 was the North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest Leland L. Burlison. MEC Terry L. Loper, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin, MEC Stephen G. Libby, Grand High Priest of Iowa, MEC Stan Schwellenbach, Grand High Priest of South Dakota and MEC Cliff Hartmier, Grand First Principal of Manitoba, were in attendance. Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; George E. Bauder and Richard A. McBride of South Dakota and David A. Grindle of Idaho. Visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Dennis N. Boehmer, Grand King of Iowa, REC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand King of Connecticut, REC Jon Gonsor, Grand Scribe of South Dakota and REC Dennis A. Newman, Grand Secretary of Nebraska.

Seventeen (17) 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, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, Alexandria No. 86 and Rush City No. 87 being absent. There were six (6) High Priests, twenty (20) PHPs, and ten (10) PGHPs registered. Total companions registered for the convocation numbered forty-seven (47), which included dual memberships; an additional fifteen (15) companions from other jurisdictions and guests were present for a grand total of sixty-two (62).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2016, was 1,668, a net loss of 194 over the previous year. Twenty-four (24) companions were exalted in 2016 with one hundred and nineteen (119) deaths reported. One chapter had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2016; Anoka-Shekinah No. 104.

The following Minnesota Grand Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Grand High Priest – Joseph J. Anderson (9/104); Grand King – W. David Emery (60/104); Grand Scribe – R. James Luchsinger II (60); Grand Treasurer/Secretary – MEC Gary A Odegard, PGHP (53); Grand Captain of the Host – Carl F. Lidstrom (53) and Grand Trustee (2020) – Ronald A. Miles, PGHP (9).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – Mark A. Anderson (9/33); Grand Principal Sojourner – Michael A. Hilgert (9); Grand Royal Arch Captain – R. Sean Gardiner (1/103); Grand Master of the Veils; 3rd Veil – Alan Mackenzie (20); 2nd Veil – Randall L. Poulson (33); 1st Veil –Ed Morse (1); Grand Sentinel – Gerald E. Zierdt (33); Grand Organist - William T. Hubbard (8); and Grand Lecturer – Christopher A. Wendover (60). PGHP Robert R. Anderson, Jr. (9) was Installing Officer.

Alan Mackenzie (20) and Stanley G. Fetters (27) received the Knight of the Royal Arch Award. Alan Mackenzie also received the Triple Tau award and Verl Raap (60) was presented an additional star. St. Cloud Chapter No. 10 won the large chapter membership award with 3 Exaltations and Anoka Shekinah Chapter No. 104 won the small chapter membership award with 5 Exaltations. The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for distinguished service from the General Grand Chapter was EC Stanley G. Fetters (27). Ronald A. Miles (9) won the Ephraim Kirby Award. 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 156th Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 21, 22 and 23, 2018, at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Treasurer/Secretary

Clifford H. Isley
Grand High Priest



CLIFFORD H. ISLEY
GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2016 - 2017

Clifford H. Isley (Cliff) was born December 8, 1954, in Chandler, AZ, to Gilbert and Betty Isley. He is the oldest of three sons. Gilbert was in the United States Air Force so the family lived in various locations; Chandler AZ, Newport News VA, Izmir Turkey, and Chandler MN. Cliff graduated from Mankato Area Vocational Technical Institute in Auto Mechanics and from Mankato State University in Business Management.

Cliff and Brenda Sandmann were married March 25, 1978, in Slayton MN. They have two children, Krista and Kara, and both still live in MN and both are Past Bethel Honored Queens.

Cliff served his country in the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Fort Hood, TX and also got to serve in Germany at Ray Barracks. He attained the rank of Sergeant. His duties while in the Army were as a Motor Sergeant and as a Squad Leader.

Cliff has worked at various jobs since getting out of the military. He has worked as an auto mechanic, an auto parts sales person, a Snap On Tools salesman, a service manager at a Ford dealership, owned his own auto repair business in St Peter, and now works as an auto technician/shop foreman at a KIA dealer in Mankato.

Cliff's Masonic journey started when he petitioned Nicollet Lodge No. 54 in St Peter and was raised October 25, 1986. Cliff has served the Lodge in many offices and has served as Master five times. Cliff still helps the Lodge in any capacity the Lodge asks. He has served the Grand Lodge of Minnesota as a Past Regional Lodge Education Officer, a Past Area Deputy Grand Master and as a Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Cliff was exalted at St. Peter Chapter No. 22 and served as High Priest. Cliff served the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MN as Grand High Priest 2016-2017.

Cliff was greeted as a Cryptic Mason in Central Council No. 14 in St Peter. He has served the Council as Illustrious Master.

Cliff was knighted in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31 in St Peter. He served as Commander. He is also a member of Couer De Lion Commandery No. 3. He is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Cliff has been involved with the Jobs Daughters of Minnesota. He is a Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 9 in Mankato, and is a Past Associate Grand Guardian. Cliff is also in numerous other Masonic Bodies including the following; Zuhrah Shrine, City of Justice Tabernacle No. LXVII Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Johnny E. Nelson No. 252 Allied Masonic Degrees, Minnesota Priory No. 24 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Minnesota York Rite College No. 39, St. Olaf Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Thrice Illustrious Master, and Knight Crusaders of the Cross. He is also a member of the Past Commanders Club and Holy Order of High Priesthood.

He has been awarded the Ish-Sodi, the Adult Leadership Award from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and the Gold Award from the York Rite College.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2016-2017

ELECTED

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	Cliff H. Isley (22) [Brenda]
GRAND KING	▲	Joseph J. Anderson (9/104) [Anne]
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	W. David Emery (60/104) [Denise]
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	R. James Luchsinger, II (60) [Candist]
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53) [Karen]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2017]		Ronald A. Miles, PGHP (9)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2018]		Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2019]		L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15)

APPOINTED

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	▲	Carl F. Lidstrom (53) [Sue]
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	▲	Michael A. Hilgert (9) [Jodee]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	▲	R. Sean Gardiner (1/103) [Tracy]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	Randall L. Poulson (33)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Alan Mackenzie (20)
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	
GRAND CHAPLAIN		Thomas E. Hendrickson (53)
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)
GRAND LECTURER		Mark A. Anderson (9/33) [Jeanette]

▲ = advancing line

GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [155th]

June 22, 2017

OPENING

The High Priest of Saint Peter Chapter No. 22 declared the Chapter called from refreshment to labor. There was an alarm at the door. The Sentinel announced that Grand High Priest, Clifford H. Isley, 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 Honors. The hat and gavel were passed. GHP Isley introduced Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PGHP, the High Priest, and James S. McNeely, IV, the acting Captain of the Host, of Saint Peter Chapter No. 22.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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

Gary H. Johnson – 1978
Robert R. Anderson, Jr. - 1994
Leo E. Luettjohann - 1997
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. - 1998
Ronald A. Miles – 2005
Charles R. Marston - 2007
James E. Turner, Jr. - 2008
Gary A. Odegard – 2011
Marvin W. Schendel – 2014
L. Greg Schultz - 2015

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Distinguished Guests and Visitors were assembled outside of the Chapter room and then presented by R James Luchsinger, II, Grand Captain of the Host, to the convocation. They were:

MEC Terry L. Loper, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin
MEC Stephen G. Libby, Grand High Priest of Iowa
REC Dennis N. Boehmer, Grand King of Iowa
REC Dennis A. Newman, Grand Secretary of Nebraska
MEC Stan Schwellenbach, Grand High Priest of South Dakota
MEC George E. Bauder, PGHP and Grand Secretary of South Dakota
MEC Richard A. McBride, PGHP of South Dakota
REC Jon Gonsor, Grand Scribe of South Dakota
MEC Cliff Hartmier, Grand First Principal of Manitoba, Canada
REC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand King of Connecticut
MEC Leland L. Burlison, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest
and PGHP of Wisconsin

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

Grand Chaplain, Thomas E. Hendrickson, PGM, offered an opening prayer.

A tribute to the US Flag was given by MEC Hugh C. Swift, Jr. The Companions then pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States after which the National Anthem was sung.

A tribute to the Canadian Flag was given by MEC Cliff Hartmier, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba. "O Canada" was then sung in honor of our Canadian visitor.

Grand High Priest Isley welcomed everyone to the 155th Grand Convocation. GHP Isley thanked all the represented Chapters and those from other jurisdictions for attending. He also gave a salute to all Veterans and Police Officers.

INITIAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

Initial report of the Credentials Committee was requested. A Roll Call of Chapters indicated that eighteen (18) Chapters were represented of the thirty (30) Minnesota Chapters. The following Chapters did not answer the Roll Call:

Tyrian No. 6, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt. Nebo No. 39, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, Alexandria No. 86 and Rush City 87.

GHP Isley declared that a constitutional quorum was present and that the 155th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was open for the transaction of business.

A Roll Call of Grand Officers was called and all were present.

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.

READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 154th CONVOCATION

MEC Isley asked the Grand Secretary for a reading of the minutes of the last Grand Convocation. Grand Secretary Odegard responded: "Inasmuch as the Proceedings of the 154th Grand Convocation have been published and distributed, and that such Proceedings contain matter that may be considered as the minutes of the last Grand Convocation, I move that the named publication be accepted as the minutes of the 154th Grand Convocation without a reading thereof". There was a second by Carl Lidstrom and the motion passed.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The preliminary credentials report was requested. Companion Michael Powles brought in the report. Forty seven (47) ballots had been issued.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee report was given by PGHP Hugh C. Swift (33). Others on the Committee were PGHP Gary H. Johnson (101) and PGHP Douglas A. Nygard (22). The committee placed the following names in nomination for the offices of:

Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53), and for
Trustee [2020] – Ronald A. Miles, PGHP (9)

Grand High Priest Isley appointed the following Tellers:

PGHP Greg Schultz – Chair
Donald DeMars
Clint Christensen

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

M.: E.: Companion Clifford H. Isley

The Grand High Priest's written report:

It does not seem that long ago that I was accepting the position of being your Grand High Priest. The year has gone by very quickly, in fact it seems like it was going by so fast that I felt like I better jump back on the bus or it will leave me at the station. I must say that I have had joys and disappointments, like probably any Grand Officer has as his year comes to a close. I hope that I have done no damage to the craft this year and that I am able to hand off to companion Joe, the reigns of this Grand Chapter, in as good a shape as it was given to me.

I first want to say thank you to the Grand Officers that I had the pleasure and honor to serve with the past year. I had some issues with my work allowing me to take time off. The other officers stepped in and took charge. I was told that this is a line and that we are here to help in any way possible. The working relationship that we had was great. I cannot remember a time that we were unable to come to a joint conclusion on a topic of discussion. Our meetings were conducted in harmony and always had the goal to do what is best for Minnesota Royal Arch. Again I want to say how thankful I am to have served with these Companions and Brothers.

I need to talk about the new Minnesota Royal Arch Manual that is now located on our website, password protected, for all to use. E.C. Mark Anderson took on this project several years ago and was able to complete it this year. MEC Marvin Schendel converted it into a Word document and put it online. I hope that everyone gets to the site and uses the tool.

I truly believe that the membership of the Minnesota Royal Arch is excited. Minnesota Chapters are working all over the state, from Fergus Falls to St James/St Peter to Rochester to the metro area to the Duluth area. This year we see excitement in Fairmont, St Cloud and Rochester. New members, excited members, members who want to see their Chapters grow and become active again. These new members have a belief that an active York Rite will help keep their Blue Lodges active and help with membership retention. What an exciting time for the York Rite.

There is a committee consisting of members from the Chapter, Council and Commandery that are working on a membership program. It is taking longer than I thought it would, however, there is progress. The committee has looked at many of the membership presentations that are available, and they all have some very good points. We need to take a look at our membership and see where our members are, where they are not, where they are active and where they are not and develop a program that is adaptable to each situation. In membership, one size does not fit all. I have great confidence in this committee and that we will see something that all Chapters will be able to utilize. This year, we also talked about opening Mark Master Lodges in areas that do not have a Chapter. It sounds like there will be progress towards that also.

I was able to make three installations this past year and it was an honor for me to be the installing officer. I went to South Dakota and attended the 75th anniversary of Mount Rushmore, what a great event. I attended the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls once again. I think that makes 6 for me now. I was able to make it up to Fergus Falls for

their York Rite awards night. WOW, it had been a long time since their last awards night and they gave out lots of membership awards. I was in St James to help with the York Rite Rush and we ended up with 7 new Mark Masters. I talked with the Companions in St Cloud, at one of their meetings, about how to move forward. What a great group of Companions. I visited Rochester Chapter and took part in a meeting. The work was read from the book, but they were MEETING!

I also made it to our youth group meetings: DeMolay Conclave, Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel, and Jobs Daughters Grand Guardian Council Session. I also took part in the Honorary DeMolay Degree, what a fun time that was. I had a goal of attending these meetings. Our youth are a vital part of our future. The DeMolay boys grow up to hopefully be Master Masons and Jobs Daughters will grow up to marry and hopefully their husbands will become Master Masons. We are happy to give money to our youth groups and tell them how we support them, but they need more than our money. They need us. They need us to be leaders in their chapters and bethels. Some of us have spent the time helping, and some still help, but it seems there is never too much help. And before I end, I have to take time in these ramblings to thank my sweetheart Brenda. She has allowed me to be gone, for what seems to her like hundreds of meetings. Thank-you dear and I Love You.

The Grand High Priest's Verbal Report:

Good Morning,

First, I have to say thank you to all of the officers that were with me this year. There were times that were somewhat trying for me. I work for an employer who is not necessarily very supportive of me trying to get away from work. They're more than willing to have me take days off but not necessarily very appreciative of taking an hour or two off. So when I only have ten vacation days a year, it makes it difficult to take a day off. Most of those ten days have been taken, the last few years, for Masonic events. So that's why I have not been able to visit your Chapter or jurisdiction, the way I had anticipated that I would be able to

You gave me some wonderful officers. Everything they did this past year concentrated on how to make Royal Arch Masonry better in Minnesota. One of the topics that we did spend quite a bit of time on was membership recruitment and retention. We spent a lot of time talking about a new membership road show. It has not necessarily come together the way I had hoped at the beginning of the year. But I think I can speak for most of the other Past Grand High Priests, that what is hoped for at the start of the year is not necessarily what happens by the end of the year. Somewhere in between, life happens. We looked at some other jurisdictions' attempts at membership programs. Sometimes they work well and sometimes they don't. We have rural members and we have metro members. One program does not necessarily fit both groups. We might have to tailor our membership program to fit outstate Chapters and metro Chapters.

Trying to determine Royal Arch status in the state; where Royal Arch is active and where it's not active in the state. Are there areas in the state where we can try to get Royal Arch active? With that discussion, perhaps we could go out and do a Mark Master Degree in a lodge to get them exposed to what the Royal Arch has to offer. And what

better degree than a Mark Master Degree to open people's eyes to what Royal Arch Masonry is. So we were able to do that one time this year. I brought a bunch of companions to St. James. We called it the York Rite Rush because we did talk about York Rite as a whole. We were hoping for three petitions, because we already had those three in hand. Then another one came in. By the afternoon, we had seven petitions. Two of them were from Fairmont Chapter, who has not met in years. They had not raised anybody in that lodge in years, let alone any Chapter work or Commandery work. So we look forward to helping Fairmont get going again. But we do know that when we take a Mark Master Degree out to a Lodge, it does work. It did in St. James. If we can locate other lodges to perform a Mark Master Degree in, I think that would be a very positive thing for the Chapter, Council and Commandery. I look at the York Rite as a family.

In some of my Chapter visits, that have not been real active, I found they are now becoming more active and they have new members. I found that those members are excited about the Royal Arch Chapter because they feel that it is actually going to inspire their lodge. They believe it is going to help their lodge become more active. Actually if you step back from that a little bit and think about active Blue Lodges, you will normally have an active Chapter meeting there. You will normally have an active Commandery meeting there. Or you'll have an active DeMolay. You'll have an active Job's Daughter's. So sometimes we think that the Blue Lodge is helping us. We also need to think we are helping our Blue Lodges too. We're giving those guys more to do. We're giving those guys more education in Masonry so let's just not think that this is a one way street. We can help the Blue Lodge just as much as they can help us. I know that was one of the things that I caught when I was doing my visits.

Another place that I really, really wanted to go to this past year was to our youth events. I made an attempt to make sure that I attended the DeMolay conclave. The DeMolay conclave was so far away from my house I had to drive two miles. They actually have their conclave in St. Peter at Gustavus Adolphus College so I was able to go there and spend some time with the young men. I looked out at the crowd and I saw a possibility of each and every one of them becoming Masons. They are already taught what we are all about. That was a group full of future Masons and I was excited about being there.

Another place I went to is Job's Daughters. I went to their Grand Bethel which is also their Fall Inn now. It used to be two events but their membership has gotten low enough plus there are families that have maybe three daughters so all of a sudden they have to pay registration fees for three daughters to go to the same place so they just combined everything. So I was at their Grand Bethel and that was a fun time too. One of the questions that the Daughters, running for Miss Minnesota, were asked was "which one of Bethel offices means the most to you and why". Now if we asked that question, could we come close to answering that extemporaneously? To me that would be a hard question to answer because one doesn't necessarily stand out. You guys need to think about that one because I think it's important that each and every one of us think about that station and why that station is important to us. Each station teaches a different lesson. I was pretty impressed with the answers that those girls gave. I'm trying to think about which one would be the one. I picked the Sentinel because he gets to sit outside.

Companions, I'm done with my remarks. I told you they would be short and hopefully I kept them that way. I just want to say thank you again to all of the officers that I got a chance to serve with this year. I also want to thank all of the companions of Minnesota for putting up with me not just for this year but for prior years and I just want to say thank you.

Clifford H Isley
GHP, 2016-2017

There was a motion by James Turner to approve the report. The motion was seconded by David Emery and passed.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017, is attached. You will notice that we had a net operating gain of \$4,594.13. The budget was approved with an allocation of \$10,000.00 from the Investment Fund. We only took \$5,000.00 from the Fund and used about \$400.00. The problem is with the cash flow timing. We get nearly all of our operating income in late January and early February when the fiscal year is about three-fourths over.

The Trustees allocated a Life Membership distribution of \$15,851.22 for 2016. See the attached chart for the distribution of these funds.

See the Finance Committee Report for the proposed budget for 2017 - 2018.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 8, 2017, 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.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MN Profit & Loss June 2015 – May 2016

	Jun '15 - May 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
CHARITY FUND	1,195.26
INVESTMENT FUND	5,000.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	15,851.22
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	22,046.48

OPERATIONS INCOME	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	18,868.00
CHAPTER DUES [133]	280.00
CHAPTER FEES	245.00
EXALTATIONS	210.00
INDIGENT CREDITS	-143.00
INVENTORY SALES	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	218.09
RITUAL SALES	<u>0.00</u>
Total INVENTORY SALES	218.09
LM ENROLLMENTS	<u>2,865.00</u>
Total OPERATIONS INCOME	22,543.09
OTHER INCOME	
DONATIONS	<u>0.00</u>
Total OTHER INCOME	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	<u>44,589.57</u>
Gross Profit	44,589.57
Expense	
GRAND CHAPTER	
CHARITY & DONATIONS	
CHARITY	0.00
YOUTH GROUPS	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total CHARITY & DONATIONS	1,000.00
GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA	3,646.00
GRAND SESSION	
PGHP APRON/JEWEL	899.50
SESSION OTHER	<u>310.66</u>
Total GRAND SESSION	1,210.16
INSURANCE/BONDING	1,067.51
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION	11,444.34
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT	<u>2,865.00</u>
Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	14,309.34
MEETINGS/FESTIVALS	<u>0.00</u>

Total GRAND CHAPTER	21,233.01
OFFICE OPERATIONS	
GENERAL PRINTING	0.00
OCCUPANCY	2,538.00
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	244.72
SUPPLIES	274.49
WEB SITES	<u>-10.00</u>
Total OFFICE OPERATIONS	3,047.21
OFFICER'S EXPENSES	
GRAND HIGH PRIEST	3,000.00
GRAND KING	800.00
GRAND SCRIBE	500.00
GRAND SECRETARY	6,000.00
GRAND TREASURER	1,200.00
MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S	<u>95.21</u>
Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES	11,595.21
OTHER EXPENSES	
BANK FEES	25.00
PUBLICATIONS	
RAM MAGAZINE	
SUBSCRIPTION	<u>4,095.01</u>
Total PUBLICATIONS	<u>4,095.01</u>
Total OTHER EXPENSES	<u>4,120.01</u>
Total Expense	<u>39,995.44</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>4,594.13</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,594.13</u></u>

		2016 INTEREST BEARING										
	TOTAL 2015	base\$days	q1	q2	q3	add\$days	2016 total\$days	2016 DIST	✓ No.	q4	TOT16	2016 Y/E TOTALS
#1	66,559.80	23,961,528.00				0.00	23,961,528.00	\$3,023.67	6812	690.00	690.00	67,249.80
#5	3,023.87	1,088,593.20				0.00	1,088,593.20	\$137.37	6811		0.00	3,023.87
#6	4,015.02	1,445,407.20				0.00	1,445,407.20	\$182.39	6810		0.00	4,015.02
#8	6,062.90	2,182,644.00				0.00	2,182,644.00	\$275.42	6809		0.00	6,062.90
#9	35,356.00	12,728,160.00				0.00	12,728,160.00	\$1,606.15	6808		0.00	35,356.00
#10	11,353.90	4,087,404.00				0.00	4,087,404.00	\$515.78	6807		0.00	11,353.90
#14	8,477.30	3,051,828.00				0.00	3,051,828.00	\$385.11	6806		0.00	8,477.30
#15	8,009.10	2,883,276.00				0.00	2,883,276.00	\$363.84	6805		0.00	8,009.10
#17	9,386.55	3,379,158.00				0.00	3,379,158.00	\$426.41	6804		0.00	9,386.55
#20	31,938.20	11,497,752.00				0.00	11,497,752.00	\$1,450.89	6803		0.00	31,938.20
#22	15,151.05	5,454,378.00				0.00	5,454,378.00	\$688.28	6803		0.00	15,151.05
#27	7,899.90	2,843,964.00				0.00	2,843,964.00	\$358.88	6801		0.00	7,899.90
#28	4,489.80	1,616,328.00				0.00	1,616,328.00	\$203.96	6800		0.00	4,489.80
#30	17,161.90	6,178,284.00				0.00	6,178,284.00	\$779.63	6799		0.00	17,161.90
#33	7,054.20	2,539,512.00				0.00	2,539,512.00	\$320.46	6798		0.00	7,054.20
#39	3,294.70	1,186,092.00				0.00	1,186,092.00	\$149.67			0.00	3,294.70
#41	1,816.40	653,904.00				0.00	653,904.00	\$82.52	6797		0.00	1,816.40
#42	5,547.10	1,996,956.00				0.00	1,996,956.00	\$251.99			0.00	5,547.10
#50	1,556.40	560,304.00				0.00	560,304.00	\$70.70	6796		0.00	1,556.40
#53	11,217.30	4,038,228.00		675.00		121,500.00	4,159,728.00	\$524.91	6795		675.00	11,892.30
#60	41,354.10	14,887,476.00				0.00	14,887,476.00	\$1,878.63	6794		0.00	41,354.10
#65	5,495.20	1,978,272.00				0.00	1,978,272.00	\$249.64			0.00	5,495.20
#70	1,743.80	627,768.00				0.00	627,768.00	\$79.22			0.00	1,743.80
#82	6,475.20	2,331,072.00				0.00	2,331,072.00	\$294.15	6793		0.00	6,475.20
#86	6,360.95	2,289,942.00				0.00	2,289,942.00	\$288.96	6792		0.00	6,360.95
#87	2,196.52	790,747.20				0.00	790,747.20	\$99.78	6791		0.00	2,196.52
#101	3,091.70	1,113,012.00				0.00	1,113,012.00	\$140.45	6790		0.00	3,091.70
#103	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	\$0.00				
#104	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	\$0.00				
#133								\$0.00				
#38	1,204.00	433,440.00				0.00	433,440.00	\$54.70	ESCROW		0.00	1,204.00
#48	8,930.50	3,214,980.00				0.00	3,214,980.00	\$405.69	ESCROW		0.00	8,930.50
#90	4,950.60	1,782,216.00				0.00	1,782,216.00	\$224.90	ESCROW		0.00	4,950.60
#96	7,420.00	2,671,200.00				0.00	2,671,200.00	\$337.07	ESCROW		0.00	7,420.00
	\$348,593.96	125,493,825.60	0.00	675.00	0.00	121,500.00	125,615,325.60	\$15,851.22		690.00	1,365.00	\$349,958.96
	FORMULAS	\$ x 380	\$ x 270	\$ x 180	\$ x 90	Total \$	Sum \$ x days	SUM \$DAYS x FACTOR		\$	\$ In 2016	cum \$

There was a motion by Odegard to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Ronald Miles and passed.

GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT

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 2016 year.

	2015	2016
INVESTMENT		
Balance on Hand 1/1/16	198,553.91	202618.68
Addition		
Subtraction	4,000	5000.00
Subtotal	194,553.91	197618.68
Balance for Interest**	197,553.91	200118.68
Interest Income for 2016	8,064.77	9090.81
Triennial Fund 200 per year (2015, 2016, 2017)		2700.00
Balance of Interest for 2016		6390.00
Distribution of Interest		
Balance on Hand 12/31/16***	202,618.68	206709.49
CHARITY		
Balance on Hand 1/1/16	26,311.24	26311.24
Additions		
Subtractions		
Subtotal	26,311.64	26311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	26,311.24	26311.24
Interest Income	1,074.11	1195.26
Interest Income Distributed	1,074.11	1195.26
Balance on Hand 12/31/16	26,311.24	26311.24
LIFE		
Balance 1/1/16	346,643.96	348593.96
Additions	3,950.00	1365.00
Subtractions	2,000.00	
Subtotal	348,593.96	349958.96
Balance for Interest	348,593.96	348931.46
Interest Income	14,230.70	15851.22
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	14,230.70	15851.22
Balance on Hand 12/31/16	348,593.96	349958.96
**This is average quarterly income for interest distribution		
*Operating Expense		
***Balance includes fund total until distributed (Max. \$2700)		
Income Distribution for 2016	23369.58	26137.29
Total Income for Distribution	23369.58	26137.29

	Balance for Interest	Interest	Balance 12/31/16
Investment Fund	197,553.68	9,090.81	206,709.49
Charity	26,311.24	1,195.26	26,311.24
Life Membership	348,931.46	15,851.22	349,958.96
Totals for 16	575,361.38	26,137.29	582,979.69

Based on the Balance for Interest for 16 of 575,361.38 with an interest income of 26,137.29

the rate of return was 4.5% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/16 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. We feel our broker is competently handling our funds. The rate of return, if figured on the total investment fund of 582,979.69 is 4.48%. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of 409,154.37 it would be 6.39%. 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	454,642.43	23,617.66
12/31/15	361,938.08	23,369.58
12/31/16	409,154.37	26,137.29

The Secretary/Treasurer accounts have been reviewed and verified. Bonds and insurance are complete. We are reviewing and replacing necessary equipment to make our office communications up-to-date. Our new quarters at the Masonic Home (11501 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437) has been a good move. We are also in good hands with our proficient and competent secretary/treasurer Gary Odegard. His countless hours and assistance have put our Royal Arch in good graces. Thank-you.

Below is our December 31 Statement for verification of our investment funds. We have been investing in above-average interest or dividends for income and still maintain Grade A investments.



2300 Windy Ridge Parkway
Suite 1100
Atlanta, GA 30339
Uncommonly Committed® 800.547.2382 - www.fscorp.com

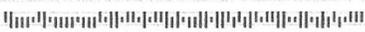
Brokerage

Account Statement

* 00049583 03 MB 0.666 03 TR 00364 X220NA08 100100

Account Number: 3MD-821087
Statement Period: 12/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASON
P. O. BOX 25
HUMBOLDT MN 56731-0025



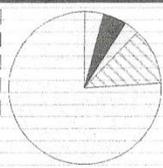
Your Financial Consultant:
ERIC HUSTAD
(701) 551-3080

Portfolio at a Glance

	This Period
Beginning Account Value	\$396,536.50
Dividends, Interest and Other Income	2,242.53
Net Change in Portfolio	10,375.34
Ending Account Value	\$409,154.37
Estimated Annual Income	\$23,289.98
Total Purchasing Power	\$16,655.82

Asset Summary

	Last Period	This Period	% Allocation
Cash, Money Funds, and Bank Deposits ¹	11,357.46	16,655.82	4%
Fixed Income	101,597.50	21,591.75	5%
Equities	1,315.48	13,630.00	3%
Exchange-Traded Products	0.00	47,632.00	12%
Other	282,266.06	309,644.80	76%
Account Total (Pie Chart)	\$396,536.50	\$409,154.37	100%



Please review your allocation periodically with your Financial Consultant.

¹ The Bank Deposits in your account are FDIC insured bank deposits. FDIC insured bank deposits are not securities and are not covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). These bank deposits are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), up to allowable limits.

Due to similarities of our work and the General Grand Ritual being the same, it was decided to only order the amount of rituals necessary for usage. A synopsis of any additional work or charges will be available from the Grand Secretary Office.

The Triennial account is now part of our report and it is listed under the Investment Account. Each year the Investment interest will be used for the yearly amount of \$900 to be used by the three designated participants, the total triennial account is \$2700.00. If this amount is not used it will be replaced by 1/3 of the amount necessary to have \$2700 at the time of triennial. It will never exceed \$2700 in total amount. It is distributed from the interest of the Investment Fund.

Holding Chapters

Some chapters that have joined King Solomon have additional assets in their financial portfolio. So as to keep these assets separate from Grand Chapter, who is the authority of the Holding Chapter, these assets have been transferred to the trustees to be placed into the investment account. This account will be accounted for individually in the financial report and every interest accrued will be added to the account. This is necessary since a chapter could re-establish the chapter and this money would be available for this purpose.

We have a good relationship with our broker and feel that all funds and actions are in the best interest of our Grand Chapter.

MEC Gary H. Johnson, Chair

MEC Ron Miles

MEC L. Greg Schultz

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Ronald Miles 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 Budget for 2017 – 2018 is as follows:

BUDGET

6/1/17 -
5/31/2018

INCOME

INVESTMENTS

Life Members	*	20000
Charity	*	1500
General	**	4000
Triennial	***	2700
		<u>28200</u>

OPERATIONS

Per Capita		19800
Dues (KS 133)		1800
Chapter Fees		240
Exaltations		360
Indigent Credits		-168
Sales		200
		<u>22232</u>

TOTAL INCOME

50432

EXPENSES

GRAND CHAPTER

Awards		100
Charities	*	1500
GGC Per Capita		3340
Grand Session		1000
Insurance/Bonding		1060
LM Distribution	*	20000
		<u>27000</u>

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Equipment		500
Printing		400
Internet		100
Rent		2538
Postage		500
Supplies		500
Telephone		0
Web sites		200
		<u>4738</u>
Officer Expenses		
GHP		3000
GK		800
GSc		500
GS/T		7200
Others		1000
Triennial	***	2700
		<u>15200</u>
OTHER		
Bank fees		0
Memberships		0
Subscriptions		3568
		<u>3568</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>50506</u>
		<u></u>
	<i>GAIN/(LOSS)</i>	<i>(74)</i>

* 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.

** This is drawing money from the Investment Fund.

*** This is the amount voted in the past for Triennial Expense that is to be set aside each year. It can only be used by the three designated participants

Finance Committee Report
 MEC Gary H. Johnson, Trustee Chair
 MEC Ronald H. Miles, Trustee

MEC Greg Schultz, Trustee
 MEC Gary A. Odegard, Grand Treas./ Sec.

There was a motion by PGHP Gary Johnson to approve the Budget. The motion was seconded by PGHP Ronald Miles and passed.

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

RECESS

Grand High Priest Isley rapped the session to order and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared the 155th Convocation at labor and 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

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 160 companions in 2015 and a net loss of 194 in 2016. Part of this drop is due to comparing the database against the Grand Lodge database and clearing out years of unreported deaths and NPDs particularly in Willmar and Brainerd. Unfortunately, the Exaltations were down from 43 to 24 Companions. We need to reverse this trend. The summary for the year is:

MEMBERSHIP			
1/1/2016		1862	
GAINS[+]		LOSSES[-]	
EXALTED	24	WITHDREW	33
JOINED	8	STRICKEN	37
RESTORED	5	SUSPENDED	42
		DEATHS	119
TOTAL	37	TOTAL	231
	NET	-194	-10.4%
MEMBERSHIP			
12/31/2016		1668	

Last year there were 6 Chapters which did not submit annual reports. This year there are 4 Chapters. They are: Mt Nebo No. 39, Brainerd No. 42, Marshall No. 65 and Bemidji No. 70. I want to thank St Cloud No. 10 for getting a report in this year and for helping me clean up the database.

Of the 12 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. There are a few reported deaths with no dates or dates listed on the 32nd day of the month. If you know any of these dates, please let me know.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Secretary

REPORTED EXALTATIONS		2016				
MINNESOTA	#1	3	Jason S Edwards Jeremiah Spear	06/03/16 06/03/16	Keith L Martinson	06/03/16
WINONA	#5	0				
TYRIAN	#6	0				
HALCYON	#8	3	David A Krizo Joseph W Whealdon	01/30/16 01/30/16	Glen L Larson	01/30/16
ST JOHNS	#9	0				
ST CLOUD	#10	3	Justin Brown Andrew Harmer	01/30/16 01/30/16	Chris Chopp	01/30/16
AUSTIN	#14	0				
OWATONNA	#15	2	Philip (PJ) Paxton	01/30/16	Roger Ruehling	01/30/16
WASHINGTON	#17	0				
KEYSTONE	#20	3	Christian Freeman David J Vosen	01/30/16 12/20/16	Patrick J Roberts	12/20/16
ST PETER	#22					
FERGUS FALLS	#27	1	Leigh R Shebeck	01/30/16		
LIVING ARCH	#28	0				
ALBERT LEA	#30	0				
CORINTHIAN	#33	0				
MT NEBO	#39	0				
PIERSON	#41	0				
BRAINERD	#42	0				
FAIRMONT	#50	0				
ARK	#53	2	Mark R Hailer	01/30/16	Daryl R Wilson	01/30/16
COLUMBIAN	#60	1	Joshua J Anderson	11/09/16		
MARSHALL	#65					
BEMIDJI	#70					
NORTHERN	#82					
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0				
RUSH CITY	#87	1	David Sullivan	01/30/16		
KITSON	#101					
OVERSEERS	#103	0				
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	5	Jeffrey P Agnes Kyle E Scott Scott F Wolter	01/30/16 01/30/16 01/30/16	Reginold A Greene Thomas Senenfelder	01/30/16 01/30/16
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	0				
		24				

REPORTED DEATHS		2016				
MINNESOTA	#1	7	Norman C Horton	03/30/15	R W Brust	01/03/16
			Lyle D Barker, Jr	02/04/16	Burton L Elvig	02/20/16
			George Erickson	05/23/16	Andrew Brown	05/24/16
			Alvin Bohne	12/19/16		
WINONA	#5	0				
TYRIAN	#6	1	Arthur Kuhlman	01/19/16		
HALCYON	#8	5	Albert F Lambeth	01/26/11	Richard C Nauratil	05/18/16
			Allen I Koenig	08/17/16	James H Watson	08/19/16
			Robert P Chesnutt	10/04/16		
ST JOHNS	#9	4	John Moe	03/23/16	Raymond F Gustafson	05/07/16
			John McMasters	09/14/16	Larry Yandle	07/26/16
ST CLOUD	#10	9	Dwain Applegate	01/20/15	Edward Tanner	1/32/15
			Thomas Pavelich	05/11/15	Dean Johnson	06/22/15
			Richard Megarry	09/04/16	Walter Spike	03/18/16
			Peter Kloskowski	02/14/16	Alyn Dull	10/25/16
			Lane Hagemeyer	11/29/16		
AUSTIN	#14	0				
OWATONNA	#15	3	Donald Beese	06/16/15	Wayne Strong	8/32/16
			Gerald Kopischke	09/12/16		
WASHINGTON	#17	0				
KEYSTONE	#20	8	James B Howe	01/15/16	Edward R Hawkinson	01/20/16
			Leonard B Kucera	02/13/16	Glenn H Liljegren	04/03/16
			Kenneth W Manilla	04/18/16	Dale A Holmbo	07/26/16
			Roy R Coombe	08/10/16	Arlid M Matson	09/30/16
ST PETER	#22	0				
FERGUS FALLS	#27	0				
LIVING ARCH	#28	0				
ALBERT LEA	#30	0				
CORINTHIAN	#33	1	Robert G Lampe			
MT NEBO	#39	18	Galen K Sellers	11/01/98	George H Nustad	05/19/08
			James W Anderson	04/15/10	Eugene E Barrick	10/02/11
			James R Peterson	12/14/11	James R Rule	02/29/12
			William A Gulbrandsen	11/07/12	James D Atkinson	06/13/13
			Leroy H Lindquist	09/02/13	Jimmy L Terhune	11/19/13
			John A Woodhall Jr	11/21/13	Royce W Day	02/26/14
			Richard D Birkemeyer	04/16/14	John F Holm	08/13/14
			Donald G Olson	01/07/15	Maynard A Lawrence	02/25/15
			Ivan P Kvam	07/15/15	Alan L Midby	08/22/16
PIERSON	#41	0				
BRAINERD	#42	31	Robert L Emerson	07/24/04	Albert R Krantz	07/24/04
			Donald G Roel	01/01/05	Ernest A Jensen	01/31/06
			Richard D Harten	08/19/06	Emory C Jones	11/18/06
			Donald O Johnson	12/03/06	John M Samuelson	06/09/08
			Arthur A Nerby	05/12/09	Edward A Orman	08/28/09
			David L Wilkins	09/28/09	Warren L Williams	09/28/09
			David C Bauer	12/06/09	Robert G Thoe	04/30/10
			Leopold L Ettinger	06/10/10	Lester J Johnson	03/15/11
			Chester J Timman	04/18/11	Richard D Jacobson	12/27/11
			Jerome J Melby	02/18/12	Leonard A Olson	06/21/12
			Lyle R Cain	08/06/12	Jack E Meyer	07/09/13
			Edwin H Thiesse	07/09/13	Leland E Anderson	01/14/14
			Donald H Bode	01/14/14	Eugene L Thompson	04/19/14
			Robert C Erlanson	01/24/15	Kenneth D Hauggorde	02/29/16
			Jerry D Lamont		Thomas F Ousley	

			Walter P Stucke			
FAIRMONT	#50	1	Everett R Ohrt	02/26/16		
ARK	#53	4	William D Schonnsen	in 2014	Lambert Heyn	04/13/15
			Lyle H Bigwood	03/16/16	Ralph M Roberts	04/29/16
COLUMBIAN	#60	16	Andrew G Kohlan	04/15/12	Robert D Bartholomay	09/24/12
			Donald R Ellis	02/16/15	Lester M Johnson	07/13/15
			Themeo G Ellis	11/05/15	Clyde G Johnson	12/01/15
			Richard E Oly	12/01/15	Lloyd C Anderson	01/09/16
			William W Larson	01/13/16	Harold A Bergstrom	02/01/16
			Rollin S Chapple	02/08/16	Vance P Schroeder	02/28/16
			Jack E Elder	04/03/16	LeRoy W Nylander	07/30/16
			LeRoy W Nylander	07/30/16	Lauren E Reed	09/09/16
			Lauren E Reed	09/09/16	George Zahhos	12/08/16
MARSHALL	#65	0				
BEMIDJI	#70	0				
NORTHERN	#82	2	Keith Parker		Dwight Thrall	
ALEXANDRIA	#86	3	Dale Udem	11/20/08	Carl L Sudbrink	01/14/16
			Harlan C Angen	04/12/16		
RUSH CITY	#87	1	Robert Eshleman	08/11/16		
KITSON	#101	1	Laverne V Norman	12/17/16		
OVERSEERS	#103	0				
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	0				
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	4	Warren E Beihoffer	11/18/15	Dale E Peteres	02/04/16
			Burt A Johnson	08/02/16	James S Draeger	08/29/16
		119				

There was a motion by Odegard, seconded by Carl Lidstrom, to approve this report. The motion passed.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

MEC James E. Turner and REC Joe Anderson presented the following awards:

- St. Cloud Chapter No. 10 won the Large Chapter Membership Award with 3 exaltations.
- Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 won the Small Chapter Membership Award with 5 exaltations.
- Alan Mackenzie (No. 20) and Stan Fetters (No. 27) were presented with the Knight of the Royal Arch Award.
- Alan Mackenzie also received the Triple Tau Award. Verl Raap (No. 60) was presented a Star Device for his Triple Tau Award.

The presiding officers of several appendant masonic bodies were recognized. The members of these appendant bodies were also recognized.

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 by Carl Lidstrom and passed.

Grand High Priest of Wisconsin – Terry L. Loper

Grand High Priest of Iowa – Stephen G. Libby

Grand High Priest of South Dakota – Stan Schwellenbach

Grand First Principal of Manitoba – Cliff Hartmier

The companions were greeted by Grand High Priest Isley 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 Greg Schultz, Chairman of the Tellers, reported that a vast majority of the ballots were cast for:

Joseph J. Anderson as Grand High Priest

W. David Emery as Grand King

R. James Luchsinger II as Grand Scribe

Gary A. Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary

Carl F. Lidstrom as Grand Captain of the Host

Ronald A. Miles as Grand Trustee [2020]

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

GHP Isley called upon PGHP Gary Johnson who announced that Ronald A. Miles was the recipient of the 2016 Ephraim Kirby Award. The award was presented at the Grand Banquet on Saturday night. GHP Isley then announced that Stanley G. Feters was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in Bronze. The Bronze Award was then presented by the North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest Leland L. Burlison since EC Feters was not able to attend the banquet on Saturday night.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017-2018

Grand High Priest Isley called on the Grand High Priest Elect Joe Anderson to announce his appointments. The 2017-2018 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Principal Sojourner	Michael A. Hilgert
Grand Royal Arch Captain	R. Sean Gardiner
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	Alan Mackenzie
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Randall L. Poulson
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Ed Morse
Grand Sentinel	Gerald E. Ziert
Grand Chaplain	Mark A. Anderson
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard
Grand Lecturer	Christopher A. Wendover

FINAL JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

We have reviewed the Grand High Priest's activities and the actions of the Grand Chapter and find them in compliance with Masonic Regulations. The session has been conducted in full and true form. All business was in form with no other matter before us. The year is closed in harmony and good work.

Respectfully Submitted
MEC Gary H. Johnson

GENERAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

GHP Isley introduced Most Excellent Companion Leland L. Burlison, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest, and led in giving him the Grand Honors.

Good Morning Companions,

It's nice to be back in Minnesota. Before I get started, I've got to tell you, my wife and I had a great experience yesterday. We got into town a little early. I enjoy gardening so we went to Munsinger Gardens over by the university. What an enjoyable place that is. If you haven't seen it, take an hour. An hour will get you a nice general coverage. They have done a terrific job over there mostly by volunteers. Very, very enjoyable and I must say my wife and I enjoyed it a lot.

I bring you greetings from our General Grand High Priest. Louis Bartrand and his staff are busily preparing for the Triennial coming up in Portland, Oregon, in about six weeks. I certainly hope to see you there. Before the meetings start, there will be activities which we don't see around here. There's a tour of the Oregon coast which should be quite enjoyable. There's also a Columbian

River tour. Those are two tours that my wife and I are going on. This will be one of the few times we get to do that with people we know. On Sunday, there's a ceremony which all Grand High Priests should attend. It's called the flag ceremony. Flags from all the countries of the General Grand Chapter are presented. It's quite impressive and enjoyable and if my memory serves me right, the Grand High Priest will carry the flag of his jurisdiction. That's quite nice and something to be proud of. So if you can be there that's great. I certainly hope to see you there.

RARA – I've got to tell you a little story. Some people who presently live in Oregon, but who originally lived in Iowa, made a General Grand Chapter quilt and it's quite elaborate. My wife has pictures. They gave it to the General Grand Chapter for RARA donations without cost. So all of the donations, through a raffle for \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10, will go to RARA. I would encourage you to purchase a few tickets. It is quite a nice quilt. And like I say, all the funds go to RARA which does research for auditory problems that children have. My wife asked me the other day, what do I say when they ask, what's RARA? Well, since it's research, the money is given to research departments at universities. But I do recall a discussion years ago with Emory Ferguson; his grandson has an issue with auditory understanding. Essentially what happens is, if you're a child and somebody turns on the fluorescent lights in a classroom, the buzzing sound, if you have good hearing, and most of us don't, is so distracting that the child cannot hear and learn properly.

This will be my last time here in Minnesota as an officer of General Grand Chapter. I would like to announce my replacement. Rich, would you please rise. Rich McBride from South Dakota will be the Deputy General Grand High Priest. It is always a pleasure to come to Minnesota. I was born and raised in Minnesota. It is always a pleasure to come back here. I want to tell you how much we appreciate all the hospitalities and courtesies that have been extended to us. It's been great. The people have been superb. The beautiful Minnesota countryside has a lot in common with Wisconsin, where we live now. They are beautiful states. It's always a pleasure to come back to Minnesota. Sometimes I even visit my relatives. So thank you very much. We appreciate being here. Thank you very much and I hope to see you in Portland.

GHP Isley 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 Isley instructed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar and declared the Convocation at recess until the installation of officers.

INSTALLATION OF 2017-2018 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Thursday, June 22nd, 2017, at St. Cloud, Minnesota. At the appointed time the Installing Grand Officer, Most Excellent Companion Robert A. Anderson, Jr., PGHP, assumed the East and introduced the assisting installing officers:

Installing Grand Captain of the Host	MEC Marvin W. Schendel, PGHP
Installing Grand Secretary	MEC Clifford H. Isley, PGHP
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PGHP
Installing Grand Organist	EC William T. Hubbard

On order of the Installing Officer, and under the direction of the Installing Marshall, the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Officers and their ladies were escorted into the room and seated. The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers:

2017-2018 Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest	Joseph J. Anderson
Grand King	W. David Emery
Grand Scribe	R. James Luchsinger, II
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Captain of the Host	Carl F. Lidstrom
Grand Principal Sojourner	Michael A. Hilgert
Grand Royal Arch Captain	R. Sean Gardiner
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	Alan Mackenzie
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Randall L. Poulson
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Ed Morse
Grand Sentinel	Gerald E. Zierdt
Grand Chaplain	Mark A. Anderson
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard
Grand Lecturer	Christopher A. Wendover
Grand Trustee [2020]	Ronald A. Miles

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

Joseph J. Anderson 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 Anderson.

The remaining officers were each presented in order of election/appointment. 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 Anderson received the gavel and rose to give his remarks and thanked the Installing Grand Officers for a great job.

Outgoing Grand High Priest Isley approached the East and was presented with the Past Grand High Priest’s pocket jewel.

