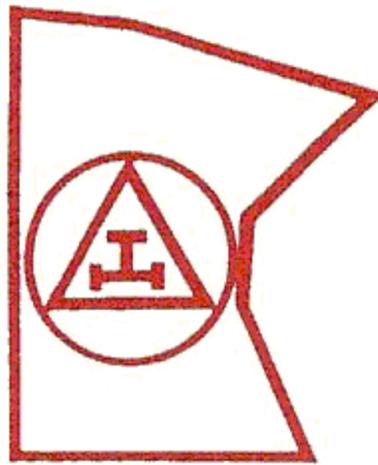


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MINNESOTA**



AT THE
One Hundred Fifty Sixth
Annual Convocation
June 21, 2018

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MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons:

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

Royal Arch Masons:

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

Order of High Priesthood:

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

Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masters:

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

Knights Templar:

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

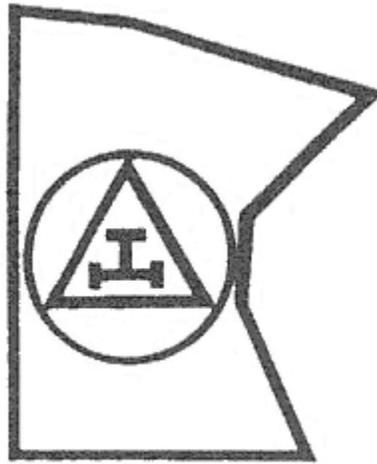
Scottish Rite:

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

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

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June 21, 2018
SAINT CLOUD, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

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

ELECTED

W. David Emery – 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 156th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 156th Annual Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of MINNESOTA** was held at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Saint Cloud, Minnesota, Thursday, June 21, 2018. 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 Joseph J. Anderson, Grand High Priest, presiding. The St. Johns Chapter No. 9 and Anoka Shekinah Chapter No. 104 opened the Grand Chapter Convocation using the Six Man Ritual.

Representing the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International was the General Grand High Priest James H. Hodge and the North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest Richard A. McBride. MEC Dennis N. Boehmer, Grand High Priest of Iowa, MEC Roger H. Hansen, Grand High Priest of South Dakota and MEC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand High Priest of Connecticut, were in attendance. Visiting Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; Terry L. Loper and Leland L. Burlison of Wisconsin, Anthony T. Johnson of Nebraska, Stan Schwellenbach of South Dakota and Cliff Hartmier, Past First Grand Principal of Manitoba. Visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Jon Gonsor, Grand King of South Dakota, REC Ronald L. Penfold, Grand Scribe of North Dakota, REC Gene R. Hatfield, Grand Captain of the Host of Iowa and Parker W. Dow, Grand Principal Sojourner of Wisconsin.

Sixteen (16) 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, Fairmont No. 50, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, Alexandria No. 86 and Rush City No. 87 being absent. There were four (4) High Priests, twenty-four (24) PHPs, and twelve (12) PGHPs registered. Total balloting companions registered for the convocation numbered fifty-five (55); an additional fourteen (14) companions from other jurisdictions and guests were present for a grand total of sixty-nine (69).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2017, was 1,604, a net loss of 64 over the previous year. Forty-seven (47) companions were exalted last year with sixty-five (65) deaths reported. Six chapters had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2017; Minnesota No. 1, St Peter No. 22, Fergus Falls No. 27, Corinthian No. 33, Fairmont No. 50 and Anoka-Shekinah No. 104. Brainerd Chapter No. 42 merged into St Cloud Chapter No. 10.

The following Minnesota Grand Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Grand High Priest – W. David Emery (60/104); Grand King – R. James Luchsinger II (60); Grand Scribe - Carl F. Lidstrom (53); Grand Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53); Grand Captain of the Host – R. Sean Gardiner (1/103) and Grand Trustee (2021) – Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – Michael A. Hilgert (9/10); Grand Principal Sojourner – Alan Mackenzie(20); Grand Royal Arch Captain – Ed Morse (1); Grand Master of the Veils; 3rd Veil – David Dumonceaux (27); 2nd Veil – Frank J. Namestek (9); 1st Veil – Monte M. Miller (1); Grand Sentinel – Thomas E. Hendrickson (53); Grand Lecturer – Christopher A.

Wendover (60); Grand Chapter Education Officer - Thomas E. Hendrickson (53) and Grand Organist - William T. Hubbard (8). PGHP Marvin W. Schendel (60) was Installing Officer.

Resolution 2018-1 regarding Life Memberships did not receive a favorable vote of 75% and will be carried over until next year; Resolution 2018-2 regarding Investments passed; and Resolution 2018-3 regarding adding the Grand Chapter Education Officer passed.

Thomas E. Hendrickson (53), Christopher A. Wendover (60), Terrance D. Christiansen (1) and David J. Dumonceaux (27) received the Knight of the Royal Arch Award. Chris Berglund (104) received the Triple Tau award and David Emery was presented an additional star. Fergus Falls Chapter No. 27 won the large chapter membership award with 6 Exaltations and Overseers Chapter No. 103 won the small chapter membership award with 2 Exaltations. The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for distinguished service from the General Grand Chapter was EC Zeb Dudek (8). 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 157th Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 27, 28 and 29, 2019, at the Doubletree Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota.

Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Treasurer/Secretary

Joseph J. Anderson
Grand High Priest



JOSEPH J. ANDERSON
GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2017 - 2018

Joseph Jon Anderson was born in 1964. Graduate of Kennedy High School, one year at Upper Iowa University (Arts and Theater). Performed in all four of the college's plays. Received a Commercial/ Graphic Arts degree from Minneapolis Technical College. His parents are Robert, Jr. and Sherrie Anderson and has a sister (Jeri). Joe's association with Masonry started by attending some Zuhrah Shrine events with his Dad and then joining DeMolay. After being very active in DeMolay he got to know some of the Masonic Brothers of Richfield Lodge and because of that connection he joined that Lodge in 1983. It has been a very enjoyable journey and he hopes for many more of those roads to lead the way to future endeavors. Being a part of Masonry, the fellowship and Brotherhood has been an inspiration in his life. Joe and Anne have been married for 27 years and have two boys, Kevyn and Jacob. Kevyn is engaged and is a chef in Moorhead. Jacob is busy at a job he enjoys. Both of his boys served as Master Councilor of Robbinsdale Chapter. Joe has been employed at Strait Stuff screen printing for 28 years, Anne has worked for Target for 25 years. Joe enjoys Timberwolves basketball and Vikings football, Star Wars stuff, some Sci-Fi, a good TV show and movie, a good tasting craft beer, being with family and enjoys an occasional flea market.

MASONIC HISTORY

Became a member of the Order of DeMolay on June 16, 1977
Camelot Chapter, Richfield
Master Councilor 1981
DeMolay Priory Order of Knighthood December 5, 1981
State Master Councilor 1984-1985
Advisor with Robbinsdale Chapter

Became a member of Richfield Lodge No. 334
Initiated April 4, 1983 / Passed May 2, 1983 / Raised June 6, 1983
Worshipful Master in 1991
Affiliated with Minneapolis No. 19 in 2000

YORK RITE MASONRY

Royal Arch Mason April 14, 1984
Minneapolis Chapter No. 9 (now St. John's No. 9)
Past High Priest 1989
Order of High Priesthood 1989
Also a Charter member of Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104
Past High Priest 2015
Minnesota Grand High Priest 2017-18

Cryptic Council of Royal and Select Masters March 2, 1990
Minneapolis Council No. 2
Illustrious Master 1998
Thrice Illustrious Master 1998 & Past President

Currently Recorder
Knights Templar on September 12, 1984
Zion Commandery No. 2
Commander 1996 / 2000
Member of the Past Commanders Association
Past President 2009
Grand Warder 2002-2003 & 2011-2012
Currently Recorder

OTHER MASONIC HISTORY

Zuhrah Shrine
Minnesota York Rite College No. 39 October 2, 1993
Associate Regent
Governor 2011-2012
Grand Council Cryptic Masons ISH SODI May 18, 2000
Knight York Cross of Honor Priory No. 24 June 1, 2000
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests City Justice of the Tabernacle LXVII
November 13, 2002
Past Sovereign Master 2013-2015
Presently Registrar
Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite May 12, 2012
Red Cross of Constantine 2016
Athelstan Noble Stone Court No. 104 2017
Knight Masons 2017
Universal Craftsmen of Engineers MN Council No. 79 2017
Yeoman of York – Missouri 2018

AWARDS AND HONORS

DeMolay Chevalier 1984
DeMolay Founders Medal
DeMolay Cross of Honor April 16, 1989
DeMolay Legion of Honor June 20, 1998
Grand Commandery Gold Shield April 27, 1993
Grand Chapter Knight of the Royal Arch May 21, 2004
General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze Medal) 2005
Royal Arch Grand High Priest award June 24, 2006
York Rite Sovereign College of North America Order of the Purple Cross
July 26, 2006
General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the year award 2007
Grand Encampment Knight Commander of the Temple May 31, 2009
Royal Arch Triple Tau June 23, 2011
Blue Lodge Hiram Award September 8, 2012
Grand Encampment Knight Templar Cross of Honor 2013

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2017-2018

ELECTED

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	Joseph J. Anderson (9/104)
GRAND KING	▲	W. David Emery (60/104)
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	R. James Luchsinger, II (60)
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	Carl F. Lidstrom (53)
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2018]		Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2019]		L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2020]		Ronald A. Miles, PGHP (9)

APPOINTED

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 3RD VEIL	▲	Alan Mackenzie (20)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	Randall L. Poulson (33)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Ed Morse (1)
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	Gerald E. Zierdt (33)
GRAND LECTURER		Christopher A. Wendover (60)
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)

During the year, Randall Poulson resigned. Ed Morse and Gerald Zierdt moved up one position and David Dumonceaux (27) was appointed Grand Sentinel.

▲ = advancing line

GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [156th]

June 21, 2018

OPENING

St Johns Chapter No. 9 and Anoka Shekinah Chapter No. 104 opened the Grand Convocation using the Six Man Ritual with the following Companions in the chairs:

High Priest – Ted Martz
King – Scott Livingston
Scribe – Scott Wood
Principal Sojourner – Sean Novak
Captain of the Host – Ray Frandsen
Royal Arch Captain – Trent Gilbertson
Chaplain – Ted Martz
Sentinel – Frank Namestek

There was an alarm at the door. The Sentinel announced that Grand High Priest, Joseph J. Anderson, 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 Anderson introduced the members of the ritual team

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
Kevin V. Jones - 1990
Robert R. Anderson, Jr. - 1994
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. - 1998
Ronald A. Miles – 2005
James E. Turner, Jr. - 2008
Gary A. Odegard – 2011
Marvin W. Schendel – 2014
L. Greg Schultz – 2015
Clifford H. Isley - 2016

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Distinguished Guests and Visitors were assembled and presented by Carl Lidstrom, Grand Captain of the Host. They were:

MEC Dennis N. Boehmer, Grand High Priest of Iowa
MEC Roger H. Hansen, Grand High Priest of South Dakota

MEC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand High Priest of Connecticut
MEC Terry L. Loper, Past Grand High Priest of Wisconsin
MEC Leland L. Burlison, Past Grand High Priest of Wisconsin
MEC Anthony T. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest of Nebraska
MEC Stan Schwellenbach, Past Grand High Priest of South Dakota
MEC Cliff Hartmier, Past First Grand Principal of Manitoba
REC Jon Gonsor, Grand King of South Dakota
REC Ronald L. Penfold, Grand Scribe of North Dakota
REC Gene R. Hatfield, Grand Captain of the Host of Iowa
EC Parker W. Dow, Grand Principal Sojourner of Wisconsin
MEC Richard A. McBride, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest
and PGHP of South Dakota

MEC James H. Hodge, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter
Grand Honors were given; MEC's McBride and Hodge were invited to take a seat in the East
and the other visitors were seated.

Grand Chaplain, Mark A. Anderson, offered an opening prayer.

The Companions then pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States after which the
National Anthem was sung.

"O Canada" was then sung in honor of our Canadian visitor.

Grand High Priest Anderson welcomed everyone to the 156th Grand Convocation. GHP
Anderson 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
seventeen (17) Chapters were represented of the twenty-nine (29) 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, Pierson No. 41, Fairmont No. 50, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82,
Alexandria No. 86 and Rush City 87.

GHP Anderson declared that a constitutional quorum was present and that the 156th 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.

Grand Representatives to Minnesota residing in other jurisdictions were asked to present
themselves. James McNeely of Connecticut and James Myrom of Wisconsin responded. The
GHP greeted and thanked them for attending. A list of the Grand Representatives residing in
Minnesota to other jurisdictions was presented in the Preprints. The Grand Secretary asked
anyone on the list to see him after the Convocation to update the list.

READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 155th CONVOCATION

MEC Anderson 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 155th 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 155th Grand Convocation without a reading thereof". There was a seconded by James McNeely and the motion passed.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The preliminary credentials report was requested. Companion Michael Powles brought in the report. Fifty-five (55) ballots had been issued.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee report was given by PGHP L. Greg Schultz (15). The committee placed the following names in nomination for the offices of:

Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53), and for
Trustee [2021] – Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101)

Grand High Priest Anderson appointed the following Tellers:

PGHP Cliff Isley – Chair
Trent Gilbertson
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 Joseph J. Anderson

The Grand High Priest's written report:

When you start into the Grand line you have all these ideas you hope to implement or thoughts you want to share. You go up the line, then you get installed as Grand High Priest and some of those ideas have been implemented and are moving forward, yet there is still more you want to work on and you have a great corps of Grand officers to assist you in your end goal. Well, the year comes to a close pretty fast. Much has been accomplished, good things have happened. You had the support but not everything you wanted to do came to the forefront but there is only so much you can do, in the mean time you have to know that it is being forwarded on to a group of Companions that are more than capable of making great, out of the box, ideas happen to make this great institution of Royal Arch Masonry better each and every year.

At the beginning I promised myself to visit as many Chapters as I could. The Companions need to know that we care for them and that we are here for THEM. I think that I accomplished that goal pretty well, (although I wish I could have seen the Chapters more often and I will in the future) and it was a pleasure to do so. It was an honor to install the High Priest's and officers of many of them. I thank you for the honors and courtesies offered me and the other Grand officers (and the meals were great too). The travel with the Grand officers was timely and good. The conversations were well worth the drive.

This year opened up a door to some fabulous education. I want to thank Tom Hendrickson for hitting the Chapter Education Officer program head on and creating many exciting things that will continue to teach our Companions at every meeting with provided programs and for being the editor of the supplements and developing the quiz show. Thank you Chris Wendover on the fabulous job as our Grand Lecturer and your schools for each degree. A goal was set and accomplished and will get better and better as we move forward. Thank you to Jim Luchsinger for revamping the Representatives roster and a new, expanded, adept of the Temple style program. Each one of the Grand officers, district officers and committee members had a hand in this year's success and development. Thank you for your service in the line and stepping up when asked to do so. A very special thank you too to Mike Hilgert for his many years of service as in the Grand Line.

Thank you to each new Companion who signed a petition this term and was willing to step further up the ladder to receive more Masonic education through the degrees. It was an honor to present a half shekel at the completion of a Mark Master degree and to send a personal letter welcoming that Companion into the ranks as a Royal Arch Mason. It was an honor to assist in the many degrees performed throughout the year. Do not lose sight of that new Companion that wants to learn more and is willing to do so. Think of the first time you walked through those doors and chose your mark.

Seeing Chapters flourish with new Companions coming in, Chapters doing an opening for the first time in a long time, rejuvenating themselves.

It was a pleasure to attend a General Grand Chapter Triennial and to see a new General Grand High Priest installed. It was an honor to make a special presentation of a High Priests breastplate to MEC James Hodge on behalf of the Companions of Minnesota. Before the trip was done we gathered at a fine local seafood establishment and enjoyed some great food and fellowship.

I very much enjoyed visiting the Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri and Manitoba's Grand sessions to represent Minnesota and share in ideas and continue and create new friendships. It was an absolute honor to address the Brothers of Minnesota at the Minnesota Grand Lodge.

It was a pleasure to break new grounds in unity and have some of the Grand officers be involved in the 13th degree of the Scottish Rite and to make a presentation during the degree.

Getting requests by Lodges to come and make a LEO presentation on the Royal Arch during open Lodge just proves how positive word is getting around on our programs and having a higher interest in more education.

We are now able to display ourselves proud when we go to Masonic gatherings on education and membership rallies and show off our new marketing display. Thank you to Carol and David Dumonceaux for your skill in getting this done for the future of our image and craft.

DISPENSATIONS

September - Granted to Minnesota Chapter 1 to move from their September 1st meeting to September 8th.

October - Granted to St. Cloud Chapter 10 to move from October 31st to November 1st.

January - Granted to Corinthian Chapter 33 and other Chapters on a special dispensation for voting on petitions before the Royal Arch one day.

February - Granted to St. John's Chapter 9 to open at the Royal Arch one day.

March - Granted the request of Overseers Chapter 103 to move their meeting to the first Thursday for an experiment of changing their meeting night.

June - Due to the selling of the Dakota Lodge building in Hastings I granted a dispensation to move Overseers Chapter 103 to Newport Lodge in Newport. Still having meetings on the 2nd Friday.

ODDS AND ENDS

I hope the half shekel presentation continues along with a letter to each new Companion.

A personal letter is always sent out at the beginning of the term introducing the GHP to each chapter.

Our website is filled with many resources (Quest books, manual, prospect information, etc.) please utilize it. Please get your Chapter posted on the drop menu if it is not already. It is a good source of communication and informing others of your events. Thank you to the webmasters.

I am disappointed on how many inactive Chapters still exist. Reports are handed in but there is no activity. It has been talked about but I propose that we create district Chapters or regional centers where Companions can meet and be active and even have a place where degrees can be done. Perhaps a floating charter in that region.

I hope that the ideas of (re)creating a Chapter in Detroit Lakes, Litchfield, Hibbing and Luverne continue and not lose sight of your goal to do so.

The idea has lost some ground but I do strongly believe in having a Chapter recognition program. Setting goals for each Chapter to accomplish gets the Chapter and Companion involved in activity and service.

Retaining our current and new members and make them stronger in knowledge so they can share in their excitement of the craft and when they have that excitement they are more willing to bring in that Brother and the cycle can continue.

Continue working together in York Rite unity and having the York Rite rushes in target areas and at strong Lodges cannot only interest those not so sure Brothers about York Rite but rejuvenate current members with the education given at these events.

Education, education: keeping that Companion wanting to learn more. I can't stress enough to have a program at each meeting. Keep that gathering interesting and wanting that Companion to think that he cannot wait for the next Convocation to learn even more. Or perhaps get him excited enough to want to research more so that he can make a presentation to you.

Thank you to my Lady Anne and the other Ladies of our Companions for letting us play with the boys and do something that we enjoy very much.

Companions: Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your Grand High Priest. It has been very enjoyable and a pleasure. I hope that I have set a good example to Royal Arch Masonry and that I have made you proud.

VISITATIONS

It was a joy to visit these Chapters and events and be a part of it.

Thank you to all of those who joined me on this journey.

JUNE 2017

22 - 24 Grand York Rite Session, St. Cloud, MN
29 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN

JULY

- 10 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN
- 12 Ark Chapter 53, Minneapolis, MN
- 15 RAM Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 16 MW Grand Master's John Studell's reception, Lost Spur
- 25 York Rite Picnic, Anoka, MN
- 26 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Mark Master Degree, Anoka, MN
- 29 Minnesota DeMolay Conclave banquet, St. Peter, MN

AUGUST

- 9 Ark Chapter 53 York Rite picnic, Minneapolis, MN
- 11 - 12 Iowa Grand Session, Des Moines, IA
- 13 Grand Officers picnic and meeting, Lost Spur
- 14 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN
- 19 Royal Arch Masonry Tri-State degrees, Wausau, WI
- 27 - 29 General Grand Chapter Triennial, Portland, OR

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Minnesota Chapter 1 Education presentation, St. Paul, MN
- 10 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 13 Columbian Chapter 60, Crystal, MN
- 14 Scottish Rite 13th Degree presentation, Minneapolis, MN
- 22 - 24 South Dakota Grand Session, Sioux Falls, SD
- 27 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN

OCTOBER

- 8 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 9 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN
- 11 Ark Chapter 53, Minneapolis, MN
- 12 Rush City Chapter 87, Cambridge, MN
- 13 Overseer's Chapter 103, Hastings, MN
- 21 Red Cross of Constantine, Minneapolis, MN
- 25 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104 PM and MEM degrees, Anoka, MN
- 26 - 28 North Central Conference, Sioux Falls, SD

NOVEMBER

- 1 St. Cloud Chapter 10, St. Cloud, MN
- 4 Knight York Cross of Honor/York Rite College and Mark Master school of instruction, Minneapolis Scottish Rite
- 8 Ark Chapter 53, Royal Arch degree, Minneapolis, MN
- 12 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 13 Corinthian Chapter 33, Mark Master degree, Farmington, MN
- 16 Order of the Amaranth Grand session banquet, Bloomington, MN
- 19 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 22 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN

DECEMBER

- 1 Minnesota Chapter 1, St. Paul, MN

- 8 Faribault Commandery Christmas Observance, Farmington, MN
- 9 Masonic Order of Athelstan, Minneapolis, MN
- Anoka Lodge 30 Installation, Installing Master, Anoka, MN
- 10 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 11 St. John's Chapter 9 Installation, Installing HP, Minneapolis, MN
- 13 Ark Chapter 53 Installation, Installing HP, Minneapolis, MN
- 14 Fergus Falls Chapter 27 Installation, Installing HP, Fergus Falls, MN
- 15 Zuhrah Shrine, Eden Prairie, MN
- 18 Halcyon Chapter 8 Installation, Installing HP, Rochester, MN
- 19 Helios Lodge Royal Arch LEO presentation, Cambridge, MN
- 27 Minneapolis Mounted Christmas Observance, Minneapolis, MN

JANUARY 2018

- 10 Columbian Chapter 60, Crystal, MN
- 12 Minnesota Chapter 1 and St. Paul Council 1 Installation, Installing HP, St. Paul, MN
- 14 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 15 Halcyon Chapter 8 Mark Master degree, Rochester, MN
- 16 Keystone Chapter 20 and Duluth Council 6 Installation, Installing HP and IM, Duluth, MN
- 17 Owatonna Chapter 15, Royal Arch Degree, Owatonna, MN
- 20 One day to Masonry, Bloomington, MN
- 21 Grand YR Session meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 24 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN
- 25 Litchfield Lodge Royal Arch LEO presentation, Litchfield, MN
- 30 St. Cloud Chapter 10, Installation, Installing HP, St. Cloud, MN

FEBRUARY

- 3 One day Royal Arch, Minneapolis, MN
- 8 Rush City Chapter 87, Cambridge, MN
- 9 Overseers Chapter 103, Hastings, MN
- 11 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home Bloomington, MN
- 12 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN
- 15 St. Peter Chapter 22, St. Peter, MN
- 17 One Day Cryptic Council, Minneapolis, MN
- 20 Keystone Chapter 20, Royal Arch Degree, Duluth, MN
- 28 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN

MARCH

- 3 Templar One Day, Minneapolis, MN
- 11 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 14 Ark Chapter 53, Minneapolis, MN
- 19 Halcyon Chapter 8, PM and MEM degrees, Rochester, MN
- 21 Minneapolis Lodge 19 RA LEO presentation, Minneapolis, MN
- 28 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN
- 31 Most Excellent Master School of instruction, Owatonna, MN

APRIL

- 6 Minnesota Chapter 1, St. Paul, MN
- 7 KYCH and York Rite College, Minneapolis, MN
- 8 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 9 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN

- 10 Austin Chapter 14, Austin, MN
- 11 Columbian Chapter 60, Crystal, MN
- 13 - 14 Minnesota Grand Lodge, Bloomington, MN
- 16 Halcyon Chapter 8, Royal Arch degree, Rochester, MN
- 20 - 21 North Dakota Grand Session, Fargo, ND
- 25 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN
- 27 - 28 Manitoba Chapter Grand Session, Winnipeg

MAY

- 4 - 5 Wisconsin Chapter Grand Session, Janesville, WI
- 7 Alexandria Chapter 86, Alexandria, MN
- 9 Ark Chapter 53, Minneapolis, MN
- 13 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 14 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN
- 19 Royal Arch school of instruction, Anoka, MN
- 19 Red Cross of Constantine Banquet, Minneapolis, MN
- 23 Anoka-Shekinah Chapter 104, Anoka, MN
- 30 Northwest Metro Masonic Association, Robbinsdale, MN

JUNE

- 6 - 9 Missouri Grand York Rite session, Jefferson City, MO
- 10 Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN
- 11 St. John's Chapter 9, Minneapolis, MN
- 13 Columbian Chapter 60, Crystal, MN
- 14 Rush City Chapter 87, Cambridge, MN
- 21 - 23 Minnesota Grand York Rite session, St. Cloud, MN

The Grand High Priest's Verbal Report:

MEC Joe referred everyone to his written report. He thanked all of the Grand Officers for their support. He especially pointed out the work of Tom Hendrickson in developing the Grand Chapter Education Program, Chris Wendover for his work as Grand Lecturer with the One Day Class and for holding schools of instruction on each degree and Jim Luchsinger for a new, expanded Adept of the Temple style education program. He also thanked all of the Chapters that he visited for their support.

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, 2018, is attached. You will notice that we had a net operating gain of \$4,118.68. The budget was approved with an allocation of \$4,000.00 from the Investment Fund. We took \$4,000.00 from the Fund and theoretically did not need any of it. The problem is with cash flow timing. Our cash on hand gets pretty low around December and there are still some large bills at that time such as the RAM Magazine. 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 \$14,950.16 for 2017. See the attached chart for the distribution of these funds.

See the Finance Committee Report for the proposed budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 5, 2018, and found to be in good order. See attached report.

I thank the Companions for the trust they have bestowed on me. I hope to continue streamlining the office and will look at ways to reduce costs while still providing a service to the Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
 Grand Treasurer

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MN
 Profit & Loss
 June 2017 – May 2018

	June 2017 - May 2018		
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
INVESTMENT INCOME			
CHARITY FUND	1,116.66		
INVESTMENT FUND	4,000.00		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	14,950.16		
TRIENNIAL FUND	2,700.00		
Total INVESTMENT INCOME			22,766.82
OPERATIONS INCOME			
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	24,028.00		
CHARTER FEES	300.00		
EXALTATIONS	675.00		
INDIGENT & LM CREDITS	-98.00		
INVENTORY SALES			
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	215.28		
Total INVENTORY SALES	215.28		
KING SOLOMON DUES [133]	320.00		

LM ENROLLMENTS	1,500.00	
Total OPERATIONS INCOME		26,940.28
OTHER INCOME		
DONATIONS	0.00	
OTHER INCOME	53.00	
Total OTHER INCOME		53.00
Total Income		<u>49,760.10</u>
Gross Profit		<u><u>49,760.10</u></u>

Expense

GRAND CHAPTER		
AWARDS		1,002.14
CHARITY & DONATIONS		
YOUTH GROUPS	1,000.00	
Total CHARITY & DONATIONS		1,000.00
GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA		3,266.00
GRAND SESSION		
COMPS	777.97	
PGHP APRON/JEWEL	641.00	
SESSION OTHER	182.11	
Total GRAND SESSION		1,601.08
INSURANCE/BONDING		1,152.54
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION	13,790.72	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT	1,500.00	
Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		15,290.72
PUBLICITY		889.96
Total GRAND CHAPTER		<u>24,202.44</u>
OFFICE OPERATIONS		
EQUIPMENT		

	PURCHASED	176.57	
	Total EQUIPMENT		176.57
	GENERAL PRINTING		391.00
	OCCUPANCY		1,810.16
	POSTAGE/SHIPPING		150.12
	SOFTWARE		259.98
	WEB SITE/INTERNET		-138.44
	Total OFFICE OPERATIONS		<u>2,649.39</u>
	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		1,008.71
	TRIENNIAL		2,700.00
	Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES		<u>15,208.71</u>
	OTHER EXPENSES		
	BANK FEES		24.00
	PUBLICATIONS		
	RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	3,556.88	
	Total PUBLICATIONS		<u>3,556.88</u>
	Total OTHER EXPENSES		<u>3,580.88</u>
	Total Expense		<u>45,641.42</u>
	Net Ordinary Income		
	Net Income		<u><u>4,118.68</u></u>

	TOTAL 2016				2017 INTEREST BEARING				2017 total\$days	2017 DIST	✓ No.	q4	TOT17	2017 YE TOTALS
	base\$days	q1	q2	q3	add\$days	q1	q2	q3						
#1	67,249.80	24,209,928.00			0.00			24,209,928.00	\$2,863.69	6880	625.00	625.00	67,874.80	
#5	3,023.87	1,088,593.20			0.00			1,088,593.20	\$128.77	6881		0.00	3,023.87	
#6	4,015.02	1,445,407.20			0.00			1,445,407.20	\$170.97	6882		0.00	4,015.02	
#8	6,062.90	2,182,644.00			0.00			2,182,644.00	\$258.18	6883		0.00	6,062.90	
#9	35,356.00	12,728,160.00			0.00			12,728,160.00	\$1,505.56	6884		0.00	35,356.00	
#10	11,353.90	4,087,404.00			0.00			4,087,404.00	\$483.48	6885		0.00	11,353.90	
#14	8,477.30	3,051,828.00			0.00			3,051,828.00	\$360.99	6886		0.00	8,477.30	
#15	8,009.10	2,883,276.00			0.00			2,883,276.00	\$341.05	6887		0.00	8,009.10	
#17	9,386.55	3,379,158.00			0.00			3,379,158.00	\$398.71	6888		0.00	9,386.55	
#20	31,938.20	11,497,752.00			0.00			11,497,752.00	\$1,360.02	6889		0.00	31,938.20	
#22	15,151.05	5,454,378.00			0.00			5,454,378.00	\$645.18	6890		0.00	15,151.05	
#27	7,899.90	2,843,964.00			0.00			2,843,964.00	\$338.40	6891		0.00	7,899.90	
#28	4,489.80	1,616,328.00			0.00			1,616,328.00	\$191.19	6892		0.00	4,489.80	
#30	17,161.90	6,178,284.00			0.00			6,178,284.00	\$730.80	6893		0.00	17,161.90	
#33	7,054.20	2,539,512.00			0.00			2,539,512.00	\$300.39	6894		0.00	7,054.20	
#39	3,294.70	1,186,092.00			0.00			1,186,092.00	\$140.30	ESCROW		0.00	3,294.70	
#41	1,816.40	653,904.00			0.00			653,904.00	\$77.35	6895		0.00	1,816.40	
#42	5,547.10	1,996,956.00			0.00			1,996,956.00	\$236.21	ESCROW		0.00	5,547.10	
#50	1,556.40	560,304.00			0.00			560,304.00	\$66.28	6896		0.00	1,556.40	
#53	11,892.30	4,281,228.00			0.00			4,281,228.00	\$506.41	6897		0.00	11,892.30	
#60	41,354.10	14,887,476.00	1,500.00		405,000.00			15,292,476.00	\$1,808.88	6898		1,500.00	42,854.10	
#65	5,495.20	1,978,272.00			0.00			1,978,272.00	\$234.00	6899		0.00	5,495.20	
#70	1,743.80	627,768.00			0.00			627,768.00	\$74.26	ESCROW		0.00	1,743.80	
#82	6,475.20	2,331,072.00			0.00			2,331,072.00	\$275.73	6900		0.00	6,475.20	
#86	6,360.95	2,289,942.00			0.00			2,289,942.00	\$270.87	6901		0.00	6,360.95	
#87	2,196.52	790,747.20			0.00			790,747.20	\$93.53	6902		0.00	2,196.52	
#101	3,091.70	1,113,012.00			0.00			1,113,012.00	\$131.65	6903		0.00	3,091.70	
#103		0.00			0.00			0.00	\$0.00					
#104		0.00			0.00			0.00	\$0.00					
#133														
#38	1,204.00	433,440.00			0.00			433,440.00	\$51.27	ESCROW		0.00	1,204.00	
#48	8,930.50	3,214,980.00			0.00			3,214,980.00	\$380.29	ESCROW		0.00	8,930.50	
#90	4,950.60	1,782,216.00			0.00			1,782,216.00	\$210.81	ESCROW		0.00	4,950.60	
#96	7,420.00	2,671,200.00			0.00			2,671,200.00	\$315.96	ESCROW		0.00	7,420.00	
	\$349,968.96	125,985,225.60	1,500.00	0.00	405,000.00	0.00		126,390,225.60	\$14,950.16		625.00	2,125.00	\$352,083.96	
	FORMULAS	\$ x 360	\$ x 270	\$ x 180	\$ x 90	Total \$	Sum \$ x days	SUM \$DAYS x FACTOR	\$	\$ in 2017	\$	cum \$		
						2017 factor	0.0001162857	DIST \$SUM \$DAYS				4.25%		

There was a motion by Odegard to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Hugh Swift and passed.

GRAND TRUSTEE'S 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 2017 year.

	2016	2017
INVESTMENT		
Balance on Hand 1/1/17	202618.68	206709.49
Addition		
Subtraction * Triennial-Operating	5000.00	6700
Subtotal	197618.68	200009.49
Balance for Interest**	200118.68	205359.49
Interest Income for 17	9090.81	8715.61
Triennial Fund 900 per year (2018)	2700.00	900
Balance of Interest for 2017	6390.00	7815.61
Distribution of Interest		
Balance on Hand 12/31/17***	206709.49	208725.1
CHARITY		
Balance on Hand 1/1/17	26311.24	26311.24
Additions		
Subtractions		
Subtotal	26311.24	26311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	26311.24	26311.24
Interest Income	1195.26	1116.66
Interest Income Distributed	1195.26	1116.66
Balance on Hand 12/31/17	26311.24	26311.24
LIFE		
Balance 1/1/17	348593.96	349958.96
Additions	1365.00	2567.6
Subtractions		
Subtotal	349958.96	352526.56
Balance for Interest	348931.46	352259.66
Interest Income	15851.22	14950.16
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	15851.22	14950.16
Balance on Hand 12/31/17	349958.96	352526.56

**This is average quarterly income for interest distribution

*Operating Expense

***Balance includes fund total until distributed (Max. \$2700)

Income Distribution for 2017		26137.29	24782.43
Total Income for Distribution		26137.29	24782.43
	Balance for Interest	Interest	Balance 12/31/17
Investment Fund	205359.49	8715.61	208785.10
Charity	26,311.24	1116.66	26,311.24
Life Membership	352259.66	14950.16	352526.56
Totals for 17	583,930.39	24782.43	587622.90

Based on the Balance for Interest for 17 of 583,930.39 with an interest income of 24782.43

The rate of return was 4.24% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/17 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 587622.90 is 4.22%. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of 416706.94 it would be 5.95%. 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
12/31/17	416,706.94	24,782.43

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.



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Atlanta, GA 30339
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Brokerage
Account Statement

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December 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017
Account Number: 3MD-821087

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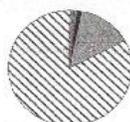
Portfolio at a Glance

	This Period
BEGINNING ACCOUNT VALUE	\$413,143.12
Deposits (Cash & Securities)	\$25.00
Withdrawals (Cash & Securities)	-4,000.00
Dividends, Interest and Other Income	2,058.24
Net Change in Portfolio¹	4,890.58
ENDING ACCOUNT VALUE	\$416,706.94
Estimated Annual Income	\$24,893.23
Total Purchasing Power	\$160,954.05

¹ Net Change in Portfolio is the difference between the ending account value and beginning account value after activity.

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.

Asset Summary



Percent	Asset Type	Last Period	This Period
2%	Cash, Money Funds, and Bank Deposits	13,157.13	9,954.55
1%	Equities	35.19	32.30
14%	Exchange-Traded Products	54,522.50	56,016.68
83%	Other	345,428.30	350,703.61
100%	Account Total (Pie Chart)	\$413,143.12	\$416,706.94

Please review your allocation periodically with your Financial Consultant.



Trustee actions, decisions, and information of Grand Chapter resources requested by officers and companions.

Financial:

The Secretary/Treasurer accounts have been reviewed and verified by C Ron Jansen and MEC Hugh Swift. All are in order.

The report of investment funds is verification of investment funds. It is the practice of the trustees that no funds are handled by trustees all money is transferred or dispersed through the SEC/TRES accounts. All jewels and material are in the Grand Secretary's office for safekeeping.

Membership:

There have been inquiries of missing membership of some companions. Each year the annual report lists members in King Solomon or with other chapters are made without a current list of membership. Make every effort to compare chapter membership with Grand Chapter.

Trustees are bound by the constitution and regulation of Grand Chapter. It is our duty to comply with these customs. The jurisprudence comment on defuncted Chapters and naming are a classic example of our history. The name and number of a Chapter signifies history and the life of our craft. Just as our own name is the identity of is, the identity of the chapter does likewise. There are ways to still maintain local identity without "stealing" past identity.

Our craft has existed for many years based on our customs and traditions for many years. These are exemplified by our constitution, regulations, and ritual. Revisions can be made by rules of order, each year at Grand Chapter. There does not have to be a longer process unless it is not the will of the companions.

Positive changes and growth is always vital to continue life to any entity. The proposal of an Education Officer is an example of merit in advancing the masonic growth of all members. Masonry has always been a society of education as we are reminded in our Blue Lodge journey that our goal is to make good men better. This can be achieved by learning our lessons from the degrees and ritual.

Our investments and resources are financially solvent and in good condition. Our broker has followed the proposed handling of funds that

maintain a good return but with a conservative level of risk. Our broker has a working knowledge of our needs and dispersed of funds. We have an excellent relationship with his service and ability.

We find the Grand Chapter to be in good condition and in good hands.

MEC Gary H Johnson PGHP

MEC Ronald Miles PGHP

MEC L Greg Schultz PGHP

There was a motion by PGHP Gary Johnson to accept this report. The motion was seconded by PGHP Ron Miles and passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

BUDGET

6/1/18 -
5/31/2019

INCOME

INVESTMENTS

Life Members	*	20000
Charity	*	1200
General	**	4000

25200

OPERATIONS

Per Capita	22456
Dues (KS 133)	260
Chapter Fees	260
Exaltations	600
Indigent Credits	-196
Sales	200

23580

TOTAL INCOME

48780

EXPENSES

GRAND CHAPTER

Awards	100	
Charities	*	1200
GGC Per Capita	4701	
Grand Session	1500	
Insurance/Bonding	1160	
LM Distribution	*	20000

28661

OFFICE OPERATIONS	
Equipment	500
Printing	400
Internet	100
Rent	1776
Postage	500
Supplies	500
Telephone	0
Web sites	200
	<u>3976</u>
Officer Expenses	
GHP	3000
GK	800
GSc	500
GS/T	7200
Others	1000
	<u>12500</u>
OTHER	
Bank fees	24
Memberships	0
Subscriptions	3557
	<u>3581</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>48718</u>
	<u>62</u>
GAIN/(LOSS)	62

* 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.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

M.:E.: Companion Gary A. Odegard

The database is getting better thanks to all of the Chapter Secretaries supporting me with information when requested. Membership dropped again this year. We had a net loss of 194 companions in 2016 and a net loss of 64 in 2017. This improvement is due primarily to the Exaltations up from 24 to 47 Companions and deaths down from 119 to 65. We need to continue this trend. 22 of the joins and withdrawals are due to Brainerd No. 42 merging with St Cloud No. 10. The summary for the year is:

MEMBERSHIP			
1/1/2017		1668	
GAINS[+]		LOSSES[-]	
EXALTED	47	WITHDREW	48
JOINED	29	STRICKEN	31
RESTORED	4	SUSPEND	0
		DEATHS	65
TOTAL	80	TOTAL	144
	NET	-64	-3.6%

MEMBERSHIP
12/31/2017 **1604**

Last year there were 4 Chapters which did not submit annual reports. This year there are 2 Chapters. They are: Mt Nebo No. 39 and Bemidji No. 70. I want to thank Marshall No. 65 for getting a report in this year and for helping me clean up the database.

Of the 14 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. If you know of any name spellings or dates that are incorrect, please advise so they can be correct in the Proceedings.

The Grand Officers did a great job this year. Tom Hendrickson and Chris Wendover have started some great new ideas in Chapter Education which is so important to our future success. Minnesota No.1, St Peter No. 22 and Fergus Falls No. 27 did an excellent job in Exaltations. Keep up the good work.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Secretary

REPORTED EXALTATIONS		2017				
MINNESOTA	#1	13	Dale C Johnson	02/04/17	Mike Perreault	02/04/17
			Sujit R Varma	02/04/17	Michael D Abel	06/02/17
			Ronald R Bradley	06/02/17	Danny Glassic	06/02/17
			Conrad Jackson	06/02/17	Edward Marchan	06/02/17
			Thomas D Norris	06/02/17	Chris J Simer	06/02/17
			Eric Thiem	06/02/17	Travis Thorpe	06/02/17
			Jesus Vasques-Carillo	06/02/17		
WINONA	#5	0				
TYRIAN	#6	0				
HALCYON	#8	0				
ST JOHNS	#9	3	Clint E LaFave	02/04/17	Kyle H McDonough	02/04/17
			Peter J Samargia	02/04/17		
ST CLOUD	#10	2	Scott Finken	02/04/17	James Harstad	02/04/17
AUSTIN	#14	0				
OWATONNA	#15	1	Michael Singlestad	01/18/17		
WASHINGTON	#17	0				
KEYSTONE	#20	2	Philip T Bodle	02/04/17	Danny L Bourassa	08/19/17
ST PETER	#22	7	Paul R Bolin	08/19/17	Clinton F Firstbrook I	08/19/17
			Raymond C Hanfeldt	08/19/17	Dale A Hansen	08/19/17
			Steven R Hultengren	08/19/17	Jeffery A Murphy	08/19/17
			Creig A Noren	08/19/17		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	6	Cody A Ernst	08/26/17	Danny J Evans	08/26/17
			Eldred Jones	08/26/17	Joshua P Olson	08/26/17
			Jason M Pavansuchy	08/26/17	Paul R Watzke	08/26/17
LIVING ARCH	#28	0				
ALBERT LEA	#30	0				
CORINTHIAN	#33	3	James Ehmer	02/04/17	Ronald Zappetillo	02/04/17
			Philip Simpson	02/19/17		
MT NEBO	#39					
PIERSON	#41	0				
BRAINERD	#42	0				
FAIRMONT	#50	2	William Gunther	02/04/17	Cory R Waltor	02/04/17
ARK	#53	2	Franklin Groves	02/04/17	Nick Settich	10/11/17
COLUMBIAN	#60	0				
MARSHALL	#65	0				
BEMIDJI	#70					
NORTHERN	#82	0				
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0				
RUSH CITY	#87	1	Scott Milliman	02/04/17		
KITSON	#101	0				
OVERSEERS	#103	2	Nicholas Dressely	03/10/17	Steve Schneider	03/10/17
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	3	David Birkman	02/04/17	Erech Gallatin	02/04/17
			Travis Koland	02/04/17		
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	0				
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REPORTED DEATHS		2017				
MINNESOTA	#1	1	George Toby	05/08/16		
WINONA	#5	0				
TYRIAN	#6	0				
HALCYON	#8	1	Leonard H Jansen	12/29/17		
ST JOHNS	#9	3	J Otto Tennant	08/18/16	David Roe	02/13/17
			Michael Henson	08/12/17		
ST CLOUD	#10	3	John Lindbom	07/11/15	Ralph Powell	09/25/17
			Dennis Peterson	12/24/17		
AUSTIN	#14	2	William R Newell	03/01/17	Leslie Buck	12/14/17
OWATONNA	#15	2	Kalvin Kiesler	01/04/16	Roger Tiede	06/01/17
WASHINGTON	#17	1	Forrest G Borreson	08/22/17		
KEYSTONE	#20	6	Kenneth Makinen MD	04/24/14	Laverne E Russel	07/28/15
			Martin A Hudson	08/20/16	Theodore P Sterbenk	01/05/17
			Arnold S Carlson	02/11/17	Joseph P Hubert	10/13/17
ST PETER	#22	1	Oliver J Mulford	08/12/17		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	2	Ward C Sonstebly	03/30/17	Richard Sheils	04/04/17
LIVING ARCH	#28	4	Edward Seisler	02/01/16	Hugh Glissman	02/12/17
			Robert Boots	03/01/17	John Sather	06/01/17
ALBERT LEA	#30	4	Leo N Meyers	05/31/16	Alfred A Love	05/30/17
			E Richard Paul	08/12/17	Norman A Storvik	08/21/17
CORINTHIAN	#33	1	Thomas A Angell			
MT NEBO	#39					
PIERSON	#41	1	Allen Pedersen	07/13/17		
BRAINERD	#42	3	F Duane Benjamin	10/04/16	William A Svendsen	03/12/17
			Jack M Perkins	04/05/17		
FAIRMONT	#50	0				
ARK	#53	2	Michael G Wahl	03/18/17	Donald Wallick	07/12/17
COLUMBIAN	#60	5	Norman A Sotendahl	10/13/12	Rudolph B Bertling	02/28/17
			Everett J Driskill	05/20/17	Frank J Ressler Jr	09/05/17
			Jay U Ipsen	10/29/17		
MARSHALL	#65	3	Neil E Bengtson		Duane Jacobson	
			William Pamp			
BEMIDJI	#70					
NORTHERN	#82	4	Jack G Hodgson	04/15/12	Alvin Jensen	03/10/17
			Charles R McKeever	07/20/17	Roger A Tunberg	08/23/17
ALEXANDRIA	#86	3	Art LaSage	06/21/17	Ralph Tillit	09/04/17
			Earl Ihnen	12/08/17		
RUSH CITY	#87	1	Clarence Peterson	09/07/17		
KITSON	#101	0				
OVERSEERS	#103	0				
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	0				
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	12	Richard E Wood	03/01/15	Stuart V Immer	05/19/15
			D T Nelson	10/03/15	Robert L Hatlestad	01/22/17
			Grant M Willmert	02/10/17	Allan Schoening	03/24/17
			Thomas A Benson	04/29/17	Arthur M Bjerken	06/02/17
			John W Hendricks	08/09/17	Richard W Nicholson	09/24/17
			Datlaf A Weseloh	10/05/17	Odell Schaller	11/10/17
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There was a motion by Odegard, seconded by Ron Miles, to approve this report. The motion passed.

PRELIMINARY JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

Grand High Priest Anderson asked the Jurisprudence Committee for the first reading of the Resolutions.

After the first reading of the Resolutions, Grand High Priest Anderson reminded the companions that the ballot box was open and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared a twenty minute recess.

RECESS

Grand High Priest Anderson rapped the session to order and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared the 156th Convocation at labor and asked the Jurisprudence Committee for the second reading and voting on the Resolutions.

Resolution 2018-1: Life Membership

General Regulations – Article IX – Section 1

Current wording:

Any member may purchase a Life Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, who is in good standing, The calculated formula for each age is as follows:

FACTOR CHART FOR MEMBER'S AGE AT NEAREST BIRTHDAY		
Age	May 1999 - June 2009	New Factors – June 25, 2009
<i>UNCHANGED</i>	<i>DELETED</i>	<i>SUBSTITUTED</i>
18 to 40	21	40
41 to 50	18	35
51 to 60	16	30
61 to 70	13	25
71 & up	11	20

Proposed wording:

Any member may purchase a Life Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, who is in good standing, The calculated formula for each age is as follows:

FACTOR CHART FOR MEMBER'S AGE AT NEAREST BIRTHDAY			
Age	May 1999 – June 2009	New Factors – June 25, 2009	<u>Plus General Grand Chapter Life Membership Fee</u>
<i>UNCHANGED</i>	<i>DELETED</i>	<i>SUBSTITUTED</i>	
18 to 40	24	40	<u>GGC LM Fee</u>
41 to 50	48	35	<u>GGC LM Fee</u>
51 to 60	46	30	<u>GGC LM Fee</u>
61 to 70	43	25	<u>GGC LM Fee</u>
71 & up	44	20	<u>GGC LM Fee</u>
<u>(Factor X Dues) + GGC LM Fee = Grand Chapter Life Membership Cost</u>			

Rationale:

The General Grand Chapter has increased their per-capita in turn increasing the cost of their life membership; and the Grand Chapters Life Membership program has not accounted for the General Grand's per-capita or Life Membership costs.

Proposers:

R. Sean Gardiner / Grand Royal Arch Captain / Minnesota No. 1

There was a motion to approve by Gary Johnson, seconded by Carl Lidstrom but Resolution 2018-1 failed to get a Three Quarters (3/4) majority and will be held over to 2019.

Resolution 2018-2: Investments

Constitution – Article 6 – Section 6 – Duties of the Board of Trustees

Current wording:

“...into investment instruments that are ~~guaranteed and insured.~~”

Proposed wording:

“...into investment instruments that are in Moderately Conservative to Moderate Risk tolerance levels. Moderately Conservative investments are sensitive to short-term losses, but can tolerate some risk in an attempt to achieve a higher rate of return. Moderate Risk investments are to accept more risk than the moderate conservative, but not willing to accept the short-term risk associated with the goal of achieving a long-term return dramatically above the inflation rate. The Trustees shall report on the status of the investments to the Grand Council on a quarterly basis.”

Rational:

To allow the Trustees to invest Grand Chapter funds into vehicles that will provide a greater rate of return while still maintaining a conservative portfolio.

Proposers:

Gary A. Odegard *Gary A. Odegard* Grand Treasurer/Secretary Ark No. 53
There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve, seconded by Ronald Miles, and the motion passed.

Resolution 2018-3: Grand Chapter Education Officer
Constitution – Article V – Section 1

Current wording:

The officers of the Grand Chapter shall be - Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Master of the First Veil, Grand Sentinel, and a board of three (3) Trustees. The first three (3) officers named shall constitute the Grand Council.

Proposed wording:

The officers of the Grand Chapter shall be - Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Master of the First Veil, Grand Sentinel, and a board of three (3) Trustees. The first three (3) officers named shall constitute the Grand Council. Other officers may be appointed as defined in the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

General Regulations – Article II – New Section 7

Proposed wording:

Section 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be;
Excellent Grand Chaplain
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Excellent Grand Master of the Third, Second and First Veil
Excellent Grand Sentinel
Excellent Grand Education Officer
Excellent Grand Lecturer
Excellent Grand Musician/Organist

Rationale:

With the success of adding a Chapter Education Officer for the 2017-18 term, I strongly felt that it would be a nice addition to the appointed portion of the Grand Officers line and of the decision of our newly installed Grand High Priest. It is important to educate our Companions and our Brethren and supply CEO programs to the Chapters. The duties of the office would be stated in accordance to our regulations.

Proposers:

Joseph J. Anderson *Joseph J. Anderson* Grand High Priest
St. Johns/Anoka Shekinah Nos. 9 / 104

A motion to approve was made by Gary Johnson, seconded by Alan Mackenzie, and the motion passed.

The Grand High Priest 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.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

MEC James E. Turner and REC David Emery presented the following awards:

- Fergus Falls Chapter No. 27 won the Large Chapter Membership Award with 6 exaltations.
- Overseers Chapter No. 103 won the Small Chapter Membership Award with 2 exaltations.
- Thomas E. Hendrickson (No. 53), Christopher A. Wendover (No. 60), Terrence D. Christiansen (No. 1) and David D. Dumonceaux (No. 27) were presented with the Knight of the Royal Arch Award.
- Chris L. Berglund (No. 104) received the Triple Tau Award and W. David Emery (No. 104) 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 William Hubbard and passed.

Grand High Priest of Iowa – Dennis N. Boehmer

Grand High Priest of South Dakota – Roger H. Hansen

Grand High Priest of Connecticut – James S. McNeely, IV

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

W. David Emery as Grand High Priest

R. James Luchsinger, II as Grand King

Carl F. Lidstrom as Grand Scribe

Gary A. Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary

R. Sean Gardiner as Grand Captain of the Host

Gary H. Johnson as Grand Trustee [2021]

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

GHP Anderson then announced that Zeb J. Dudek was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in Bronze. The Bronze Award was presented at the banquet on Saturday night.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018-2019

Grand High Priest Anderson called on the Grand High Priest Elect Dave Emery to announce his appointments. The 2018-2019 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Chaplain	Michael A. Hilgert
Grand Principal Sojourner	Alan Mackenzie
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Ed Morse
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	David J. Dumonceaux
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Frank J. Namestek
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Monte M. Miller
Grand Sentinel	Thomas E. Hendrickson
Grand Chapter Education Officer	Thomas E. Hendrickson
Grand Lecturer	Christopher A. Wendover
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard

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 Anderson introduced Most Excellent Companion Richard A. McBride, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest, who made a few remarks.

GHP Anderson then introduced Most Excellent Companion James H. Hodge, the General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons International, who made a few remarks. MEC Hodge gave an update on several General Grand activities around the world. He also updated the Companions on RARA activities and results. Finally, he thanked the Grand Chapter of Minnesota for all of the courtesies that had been extended to he and his wife.

GHP Anderson inquired of the Grand Secretary and the Jurisprudence Committee if there was any unattended to business, both indicated that there was no further business. The GHP then called upon the Grand Chaplain to give a parting prayer for the Companions and also asked for a prayer blessing the food that we were about to partake.

The Grand High Priest instructed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar and declared the Convocation at recess until the Installation of Officers at 1:15 pm.

INSTALLATION OF 2018-2019 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Thursday, June 21st, 2018, at St. Cloud, Minnesota. At the appointed time the Installing Grand Officer, Most Excellent Companion Marvin W. Schendel, PGHP, assumed the East and introduced the assisting installing officers:

Installing Grand Captain of the Host	MEC James E. Turner, Jr., PGHP
Installing Grand Secretary	MEC Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PGHP
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC Robert R. Anderson, Jr., PGHP
Installing Grand Organist	EC William T. Hubbard

On order of the Installing Officer, and under the direction of the Installing Marshall, the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers and their ladies were escorted into the room and seated. The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers:

2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest	W. David Emery
Grand King	R. James Luchsinger, II
Grand Scribe	Carl F. Lidstrom
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Captain of the Host	R. Sean Gardiner
Grand Chaplain	Michael A. Hilgert
Grand Principal Sojourner	Alan Mackenzie
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Ed Morse
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	David J. Dumonceaux
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Frank J. Namestek
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Monte M. Miller
Grand Sentinel	Thomas E. Hendrickson
Grand Education Officer	Thomas E. Hendrickson
Grand Lecturer	Christopher A. Wendover
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard
Grand Trustee [2021]	Gary H. Johnson

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

W. David Emery 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 Schendel.

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

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

