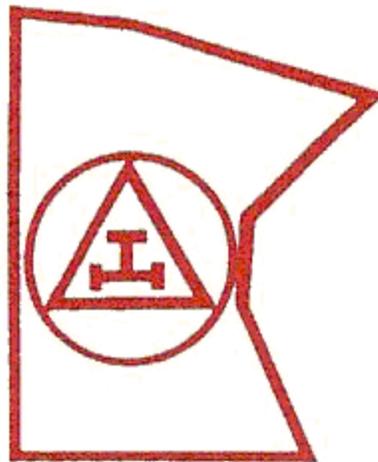


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MINNESOTA**



AT THE
One Hundred Fifty Seventh
Annual Convocation
June 27, 2019

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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."

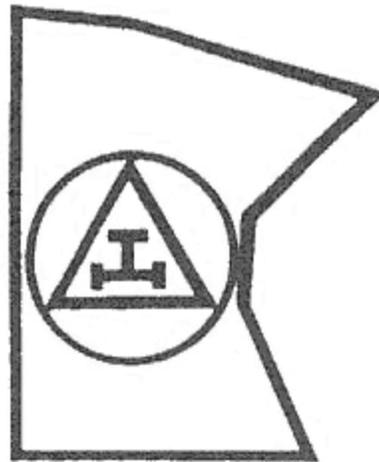
Scottish Rite:

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, 2019 plus 4,000 = 6019
Royal Arch Masons:	Add 530 years to the Common Era Thus, 2019 plus 530 = 2549
Order of High Priesthood:	Add 1,913 years to the Common Era Thus, 2019 plus 1,913 = 3932
Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masons	Add 1,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2019 plus 1,000 = 3019
Knights Templar:	Subtract 1,118 years from the Common Era Thus, 2019 minus 1,118 = 901
Scottish Rite:	Add 3,760 years to the Common Era Thus, 2019 plus 3,760 = 5779

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One Hundred Fifty Seventh
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June 27, 2019
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

W. David Emery – Grand High Priest
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

ELECTED

R. James Luchsinger, II – Grand High Priest
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

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Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota
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RULES OF ORDER

1. The M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: shall take the chair, at the hour to which the Grand Chapter shall convene.
2. During the hours of business, the members are required to keep their seats, and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall, or absent himself from the service of the Grand Chapter, unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.
3. When the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:, or presiding officer, rises, all debate shall cease, and silence shall be observed.
4. When a member is about to speak, he shall rise from his seat, go to the closest microphone, state his name and Chapter Name and Number and respectfully address the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:
5. The M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: shall decide all questions of order.
6. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, without permission of the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:
7. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless excused by the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:; 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 157th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 157th Annual Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of MINNESOTA** was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota, Thursday, June 27, 2019. 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 W. David Emery, Grand High Priest, presiding. 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 North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest MEC Richard A. McBride. MEC Wade E. Sheeler, Grand High Priest of Iowa, MEC Jonathan L. Paz, Grand High Priest of Nebraska and MEC Jon Gonsor, Grand High Priest of South Dakota, were in attendance. Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; Leland L. Burlison of Wisconsin, Anthony T. Johnson of Nebraska, George E. Bauder and Stan Schwellenbach of South Dakota, James S. McNeely, IV, of Connecticut and Clifford C. Hartmier, Past Grand First Principal of Manitoba. Visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Nigel Osborn, Grand Second Principal of Manitoba, REC Herbert E. Cook, Grand Scribe of South Dakota, REC Parker W. Dow, Grand Captain of the Host of Wisconsin and Bruce A. Crisman, Grand Captain of the Host of South Dakota. Representing the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was MWB Ethan A. Seaberg, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

Fifteen (15) Chapters, in addition to King Solomon No. 133 U.D., answered the roll call with Tyrian No. 6, St. Cloud No. 10, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, 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 six (6) High Priests, twenty-seven (27) PHPs, and ten (10) PGHPs registered. Total balloting companions registered for the convocation numbered sixty-one (61); an additional eighteen (18) companions from other jurisdictions and guests were present for a grand total of seventy-nine (79).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2018, was 1,529, a net loss of 75 over the previous year. Fifty-four (54) companions were exalted last year with seventy-eight (78) deaths reported. Four chapters had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2018; Minnesota No. 1, Halcyon No. 8, Fergus Falls No. 27 and Corinthian No. 33. Albert Lea Chapter No. 30 merged into Owatonna Chapter No. 15.

The following Minnesota Grand Chapter Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Grand High Priest – R. James Luchsinger II (60); Grand King – Carl F. Lidstrom (53); Grand Scribe - R. Sean Gardiner (1/103); Grand Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53); Grand Captain of the Host – Alan Mackenzie(20) and Grand Trustee (2022) – L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – W. David Emery (60/104); Grand Principal Sojourner – David J. Dumonceau (27); Grand Royal Arch Captain – Frank J. Namestek (9); Grand Master of the Veils; 3rd Veil – Monte M. Miller (1); 2nd Veil – Thomas E. Hendrickson (53); 1st Veil – Todd B. Leek (1); Grand Sentinel – Scott Wood (9); 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.

Alan G. Adams (20), Carl F. Lidstrom (53), Charles A. Munson (53) and Jerry E. Zierdt (33) received the Knight of the Royal Arch Award. Thomas D. Senenfelder (104) and Christopher A. Wendover (60) received the Triple Tau award and David Emery was presented an additional star. Corinthian Chapter No. 33 won the large chapter membership award with 7 Exaltations and Halcyon Chapter No. 8 won the small chapter membership award with 9 Exaltations. The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for distinguished service from the General Grand Chapter was EC Terrance D. Christiansen (1). 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 158th Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 25, 26 and 27, 2020, at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Treasurer/Secretary

W. David Emery
Grand High Priest



W. David Emery
GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2018 - 2019

William David (Dave) Emery was born and raised in Virginia, Minnesota. He started his Masonic journey when he joined Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He served as Master Councilor in 1961 and as State Chaplain in 1962.

In 1964, Dave petitioned Virginia Masonic Lodge #264 and took his degrees at University Lodge #316 as he was living in Minneapolis at the time. In 1966 he affiliated with University Lodge and served as their Master in 1972-73. He transferred to Anoka Lodge #30 and served as President of the House Committee and served three years as a Trustee. In 2012 he received the Lodge Workhorse award. In 2014 he was awarded the Hiram Award by Anoka Masonic Lodge #30. In 2017 Dave and Denise received the Anoka Lodge Pillars Award.

He served the Grand Lodge of Minnesota as Grand Standard Bearer, two terms as State Membership Chairman and an Area Lodge Education Officer. He also served the Minnesota Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star on the Finance Committee for two years and one year as chairman. As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, he served as Worthy Patron twice at University Chapter and then in 2001 and 2011 as Worthy Patron at Martha Chapter in Anoka.

In 1973, Dave joined the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite and got involved in the 27th degree, the choir and other degrees. He served as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 1995-96. He received the KCCH in 1993 then was coroneted a 33 degree Inspector General Honorary in 2005.

In 1974, Dave joined Zuhrah Shrine and become active in the Drum Corps. He served as president in 1980 and then as captain in 1984, 85 and 86. In 2003 thru 2005 he served as President of the International Shrine Drum Corps Association and 2003 President of the Midwest Drum Corps Association. He is still blowing his own horn. That horn ability also took him as the kid playing trumpet to the Zuhrah German Band.

He was appointed and served as Deputy Chief of Staff of Zuhrah Shrine Temple in 1990,91, and 92 then as Chief of Staff in 1993,94, and 95.

Dave was initiated into the Zuhrah Workhorse Unit in 1990. This is a group which recognizes outstanding service to Zuhrah Temple and the Shrine. He is currently serving as Lead Horse (president).

He is also a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor and the Past Dean of the Gopher Preceptory.

He is a member of Anoka Area Shrine Club and served as their President in 1995-96 and Treasurer from 2010 thru 2013.

He is a member and served as Camoxtli of Teocalli 23 Order of Quetzalcoatl in 2005. This an organization of Shriners that raise transportation funds for Shriner's Hospitals for Children. In 2007 Dave was honored as an OKET (Order of Knights, Eagles and Tigers) by Teocalli 23 for outstanding service to the order.

2007 found Dave serving as a Potentate's Aide for Potentate Don Wurden. 2008 Dave was Zuhrah Chaplain for Potentate Jim Bagwell. 2009 he served as Imperial Representative for Potentate Jeff Lewis, (voting delegate at Imperial Session.) 2012 he served again as Potentate's Aide for Potentate Tony Krall.

2007 Dave started his York Rite journey. The night he took the Royal Arch Degree he found himself in the officer line. He served as High Priest of Columbian Chapter 60 RAM 2012. At the 2012 Minnesota Grand Session he received the Order of High Priesthood. He is a charter member of the Anoka-Shekinah #104 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and served as High Priest in 2014. At the 2013 Royal Arch Grand Chapter Session held in Minneapolis, Dave was appointed Master of the Third Veil of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Minnesota. At the 2015 Grand Chapter session Dave received the Knight of the Royal Arch. Dave was also elected to the position of Grand Captain of the Host for the Grand Chapter RAM of Minnesota. Dave was also elected President of the Ish-Sodi degree.

In 2011, he served as Illustrious Master of Minneapolis Council #2 Cryptic Masons. At the 2012 MN Grand Session he received the Ish-Sodi (chosen man) award. At the 2014 Grand Council session Dave was honored with the Council Mason of the Year award.

Dave is also a member of Zion Commandery Knights Templar and the St Olaf Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College and Allied Masonic Degrees.

Dave was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota at the Grand Session in St Cloud Minnesota in 2018. It was at the 2018 session that he received the Knight Commander of the Temple award from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2018-2019

ELECTED

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	W. David Emery (60/104)
GRAND KING	▲	R. James Luchsinger, II (60)
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	Carl F. Lidstrom (53)
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	R. Sean Gardiner (1/103)
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2019]		L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2020]		Ronald A. Miles, PGHP (9)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2021]		Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101)

APPOINTED

GRAND CHAPLAIN		Michael A. Hilgert (9)
GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	▲	Alan Mackenzie (20)
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	▲	Ed Morse (1)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	▲	David J. Dumonceaux (27)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	Frank J. Namestek
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Monte M. Miller (1)
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	Thomas E. Hendrickson (53)
GRAND LECTURER		Christopher A. Wendover (60)
GRAND CHAPTER ED. OFFICER		Thomas E. Hendrickson (53)
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)

▲ = advancing line

GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [157th]

June 27, 2019

OPENING

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

High Priest – Tony Heimer
Captain of the Host – Trent Gilbertson
Principal Sojourner – Todd Mayer
Royal Arch Captain – Joe Anderson
Chaplain – Terrance Schaffer
Sentinel – Brian DiMatteo
Secretary – Steve Braun

There was an alarm at the door. The Sentinel announced that Grand High Priest, W. David Emery, 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 Emery 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
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. - 1996
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. - 1998
Charles R. Marston – 2007
James E. Turner, Jr. - 2008
Gary A. Odegard – 2011
Marvin W. Schendel – 2014
L. Greg Schultz – 2015
Clifford H. Isley – 2016
Joseph J. Anderson - 2017

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Captain of the Host escorted the North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest Richard A. McBride and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota Ethan Seaberg into the hall and introduced them. They were given the Grand Honors by the GHP Dave Emery and escorted to the East.

The Distinguished Guests and Visitors were called forward by state, in the order that they received their Charter from the General Grand Chapter, and introduced themselves and the Office that they held:

Wisconsin

MEC Leland L. Burlison, Past Grand High Priest
REC Parker W. Dow, Grand Captain of the Host

Iowa

MEC Wade E. Sheeler, Grand High Priest

Nebraska

MEC Jonathan L. Paz, Grand High Priest
MEC Anthony T. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest

South Dakota

MEC Jon Gonsor, Grand High Priest
MEC George E. Bauder, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest
MEC Stan Schwellenbach, Past Grand High Priest
REC Herbert E. Cook, Grand Scribe
REC Bruce A. Crisman, Grand Captain of the Host

Manitoba

MEC Clifford C. Hartmier, Past Grand First Principal
REC Nigel Osborn, Grand Second Principal

Connecticut

MEC James S. McNeely, IV, Past Grand High Priest

The Grand Honors were given for all visiting Distinguished Guests.

The acting Grand Chaplain Vern Schwalbe offered an opening prayer.

A Tribute was given to the US Flag by MEC Hugh C. Swift, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States after which the National Anthem was sung.

A Tribute to the Canadian Flag was given by REC Nigel Osborn, Grand Second Principal of Manitoba, followed by "O Canada".

Grand High Priest Emery welcomed everyone to the 157th Grand Convocation. GHP Emery 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 sixteen (16) Chapters were represented of the twenty-eight (28) Minnesota Chapters. The following Chapters did not answer the Roll Call:

Tyrian No. 6, St Cloud No. 10, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, 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 Emery declared that a constitutional quorum was present and that the 157th 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 except the Grand Chaplain. Vern Schwalbe was appointed the acting Grand Chaplain for the Grand Session.

Grand Representatives to Minnesota residing in other jurisdictions were asked to present themselves. James McNeely of Connecticut and James Myrhum 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 156th CONVOCATION

MEC Emery 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 156th 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 156th Grand Convocation without a reading thereof". There was a second by David Dumonceaux and the motion passed.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The preliminary credentials report was requested. Companion Michael Powles brought in the report. Sixty-One (61) ballots had been issued.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee report was given by PGHP Hugh C. Swift (33). The committee placed the following names in nomination for the offices of:

Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53), and for
Trustee [2022] – L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15)

Grand High Priest Emery appointed the following Tellers:

Vern Schwalbe – Chair
Trent Gilbertson
Steve Braun

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 W. David Emery

The Grand High Priest's written report:

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

First, I would like to thank the members and officers of the Grand Chapter for having the confidence in me to elect me Grand High Priest for the 2018-2019 term. Everyone always says that they can't believe how fast the year went. Not wanting to break tradition, I also will say the time flew by.

We all start the year with several goals and plans and by the end of the term we realize that not everything got completed.

One of my goals for this year was to get York Rite Masonry back and active on the Iron Range. Growing up on the Range, I saw how active the various York Rite bodies were. The Blue Lodges were active in their communities and times were good. The Range has changed over the last fifty years and the Lodges are struggling and the York Rite bodies have all merged with Duluth. Few, if any, of the Range companions ever make the trip to Duluth for meetings. I was invited to speak at Mesaba Lodge in Hibbing last fall and was warmly accepted. There were a few brothers who expressed an interest in getting a Royal Arch Chapter started. We explained the idea of a York Rite Center which would be the Chartered body and they could move the charter across the area for meetings so that four or five Lodges would have the opportunity to host Chapter meetings and explained that they only are required to have four business meetings per year. Thanks to Phil Bodle, the Master of Mesaba Lodge, we have been invited back to speak at a joint third degree being held by Hibbing and Eveleth-Virginia Lodges. We are looking forward to the opportunity to introduce more brothers to the Royal Arch.

We also had hopes of rejuvenating Royal Arch Masonry in the far northwest part of the state. A letter was sent to the last known secretaries of Crookston, Hallock, Thief River Falls and Bemidji Chapters. The only response was from Bemidji and they said they had transferred their membership to International Falls Chapter. We do not have a Chapter in International Falls at this time. Much work needs to be done in the whole northern part of our state. I have been given permission to keep working on the northern Chapters and will keep trying. If there is enough interest in the International Falls area we could possibly move a charter. There are some charters on the shelf that are looking for a new home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the greatest group of Grand Chapter officers any Grand High Priest has had the opportunity to serve with. Our line officers were always there when asked to perform any task. Our Grand Lecturer, Chris Wendover, has done an outstanding job presenting education programs and directing our one day sessions. We were able to exalt 54 new companions last year. There are several more petitions in the works and it is possible that two or three chapters will be going together this summer to confer the degrees of the Royal Arch. Things are looking up for York Rite Masonry in Minnesota.

I have put several thousand miles on my truck and have enjoyed every mile. What made the road trips great was having the company of MW Tom Hendrickson, RW Carl Lidstrom, Chris Wendover and others on these journeys. Trips to Duluth were made shorter with Tom doing a new presentation he was preparing for and the discussions that followed. Trips to Fergus Falls seemed to only take a few minutes with the discussions. When I would get home many times after midnight my wife would greet me with "You look wound up. Must have been another great discussion." I always learned something new on our outings. A big thank you to my travel companions. Our travels have taken us to South Dakota for the North Central meetings and to South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Manitoba for their Grand sessions. We also traveled to the Oder of the Amaranth, DeMolay Conclave and most Chapters in Minnesota. If I missed your Chapter, I apologize and will be there soon, not as Grand High Priest, but because we want to visit all our Chapters.

If we are to grow in Minnesota, we must all work on membership. Remember that without the Blue Lodge we could not exist and without us, the Council and Commandery could not exist. Please go back to your Lodges and promote Royal Arch Masonry.

As my term comes to close I can't forget to thank my best friend, my greatest supporter and the love of my life, Denise. Denise has been supporting me since my DeMolay days in high school. She has been there for me through good times and some not so good but always at my side. Thanks Dee. I love you more each day. She did get a new outfit when I forgot to introduce her at the Eastern Star Grand Session. She deserved it and more.

The Grand High Priest's Verbal Report:

Thank you for doing a fantastic job for 2018-2019. For never once questioning or refusing to do anything you'd been asked to do. You guys are fantastic. You are really appreciated. I think that at this time in the state of Minnesota, we are at the forefront of seeing York Rite Masonry grow. This year we've had three one-day sessions, instead of the normal one. But I don't think they've made a whole lot of difference in the number of companions that we've exalted.

We had the Tri-State Festival, which was interesting. If you've never seen other jurisdictions do work, it's a learning experience. Chris thought he was at a clandestine meeting. But it was great. There again companions getting together, fellowshipping together and enjoying each other's company. We exalted 54 new Royal Arch Masons in the state of Minnesota last year plus a few for other jurisdictions.

The second one-day we had was a special class that I'd called for the opportunity for our Grand Master of last year to finally do what he wanted to do for a long time and become a Royal Arch Mason. But due to health issues he couldn't show up but yet it went on and we had a fantastic one-day session. Again I thank Chris Wendover who's the stirring head of that and did an outstanding job.

The Grand Master was able to go through in a one-day we had in February. I've known Ed Halpus for a long time and Ed likes to study. If you weren't at that session, Ed literally sat on the edge of his seat and absorbed everything in that Royal Arch Degree. And afterwards, he came up and thanked me for finally helping him get through. We told him that if nothing else, due to his health issues, if he couldn't come to us, we would come to him. And he appreciated that. Here are some things that we are doing in Minnesota that I hope all of you are aware of: Number one is our website which is kept up to date. We're getting to be known around the country. General Grand is watching them.

Our education program is spearheaded by guys like Chris Wendover, Most Worshipful Companion Tom Hendrickson and Right Excellent Companion Jim Luchsinger. These guys

have put together one heck of a program and online they have a lot of educational material, well worth your time to open up and take a look at.

Jim Hodge, General Grand High Priest, tells us that when he goes around the country talking at other sessions, he brings up what Minnesota is doing. Guys, you can be proud of what is happening here. We are being watched and we are doing a fantastic job. By we, I mean every single one of us.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in this term. It's been fun. I've put on a lot of miles. I come home sometimes at midnight or 1:00 o'clock on a little road trip to Hibbing or Duluth or wherever. And I've had several fantastic companions sharing windshield time with me. Every time I come home, my wife meets me and she looks at me and she says, "Oh my God, you've learned something else."

I've been traveling with Tom Hendrickson. I get in the car and Tom says I got to talking and I want to bounce this off you. And it took about ten minutes to get from Coon Rapids to Duluth. No time at all! Carl wasn't driving. Chris Wendover also has traveled with us and it's just fun. I've had a ball doing all this traveling over the last several years. Because of traveling with companions like this and getting out and actually meeting companions around the state and around to several states, it's been a great trip. And again, I can't thank you enough. To keep things moving, this will end my report. Thank you.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019, is attached. You will notice that we had a net operating loss of \$2,340.41. The budget was approved with an allocation of \$4,000.00 from the Investment Fund. We did not take any money from the Investment Fund due to sufficient operating cash in the checking account. 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 income distribution of \$16,528.80 for 2018 which is up from the previous year. The Grand Chapter took 5% or \$826.44 of the distribution for administrative expenses. That left \$15,702.36 for allocation to the Chapters. The distribution process to the Chapters was modified this year. In the past, the Chapters had to pay per capita on all members. At a later date, they would receive the per capita for the life members from the income distribution. This placed a financial burden on some Chapters. This year, the Chapters only paid per capita on regular members. The per capita for life members was deducted from the life member earnings before the distribution to the Chapters. This process was appreciated by the Chapters. See the attached charts for the allocation and distribution of these funds.

See the Finance Committee Report for the proposed budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 3, 2019, 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 2018 – May 2019

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
CHARITY FUND	1,231.60
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	<u>16,528.80</u>
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	17,760.40
OPERATIONS INCOME	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	20,482.00
CHARTER FEES	230.00
EXALTATIONS	705.00
INDIGENT CREDITS	-168.00
INVENTORY SALES	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	<u>308.02</u>
Total INVENTORY SALES	308.02
KING SOLOMON DUES [133]	300.00
LM ENROLLMENTS	<u>3,430.00</u>
Total OPERATIONS INCOME	25,287.02
OTHER INCOME	
DONATIONS	0.00
OTHER INCOME	<u>50.00</u>
Total OTHER INCOME	<u>50.00</u>
Total Income	<u>43,097.42</u>
Gross Profit	43,097.42
Expense	
GRAND CHAPTER	
AWARDS	100.00
CHARITY & DONATIONS	
YOUTH GROUPS	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total CHARITY & DONATIONS	1,000.00
GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA	4,674.00
GRAND SESSION	
COMPS	1,347.40
PGHP APRON/JEWEL	812.45
SESSION OTHER	<u>380.51</u>
Total GRAND SESSION	2,540.36
INSURANCE/BONDING	1,099.50
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION	15,923.29

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT	3,430.00
Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	19,353.29
PUBLICITY	<u>-462.42</u>
Total GRAND CHAPTER	28,304.73
OFFICE OPERATIONS	
OCCUPANCY	1,776.38
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	84.71
SOFTWARE	32.12
WEB SITE/INTERNET	<u>-20.00</u>
Total OFFICE OPERATIONS	1,873.21
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>192.88</u>
Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES	11,692.88
OTHER EXPENSES	
BANK FEES	42.00
PUBLICATIONS	
RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	<u>3,525.01</u>
Total PUBLICATIONS	<u>3,525.01</u>
Total OTHER EXPENSES	<u>3,567.01</u>
Total Expense	<u>45,437.83</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-2,340.41</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,340.41</u></u>

		12/31/2017			Life		2018		2018	
		Members	Regular Members	Members	LM*\$14	Allocation	Distribution	Check No.		
	#1	218	94	124	1736	3017.13	1281.13	6965		
MINNESOTA										
	#5	20	13	7	98	134.42	36.42	6966		
WINONA										
	#6	20	13	7	98	178.47	80.47	6967		
TYRIAN										
	#8	37	20	17	238	269.50	31.50	6968		
HALCYON										
	#9	110	59	51	714	1571.62	857.62	6969		
ST JOHNS										
	#10	86	42	44	616	751.27	135.27	6970		
ST CLOUD										
	#14	21	11	10	140	376.83	236.83	6971		
AUSTIN										
	#15	57	40	17	238	356.02	118.02	6972		
OWATONNA										
	#17	25	0	25	350	417.25	67.25	6973		
WASHINGTON										
	#20	144	88	56	784	1419.70	635.70	6974		
KEYSTONE										
	#22	101	74	27	378	673.49	295.49	6975		
ST PETER										
	#27	64	47	17	238	380.33	142.33	6976		
FERGUS FALLS										
	#28	35	21	14	196	199.58	3.58	6977		
LIVING ARCH										
	#30	63	17	46	644	762.87	118.87	6978		
ALBERT LEA										
	#33	51	35	16	224	313.57	89.57	6979		
CORINTHIAN										
	#39	35	22	13	182	146.45	-35.55			
MT NEBO										
	#41	17	14	3	42	80.74	38.74	6980		
PIERSON										
	#50	22	14	8	112	69.18	-42.82			
FAIRMONT										
	#53	57	37	20	280	528.63	248.63	6981		
ARK										
	#60	122	75	47	658	1927.48	1269.48	6982		
COLUMBIAN										
	#65	56	23	33	462	244.27	-217.73			
MARSHALL										
	#70	12	11	1	14	77.51	63.51			
BEVIDJI										
	#82	26	5	21	294	287.83	-6.17			
NORTHERN										
	#86	30	12	18	252	282.75	30.75	6983		
ALEXANDRIA										
	#87	16	10	6	84	97.64	13.64	6984		
RUSH CITY										
	#101	19	9	10	140	137.43	-2.57			
KITTSON										
	#103	16	16	0	0	0.00	0.00			
OVERSEERS										
	#104	41	41	0	0	0.00	0.00			
ANOKA-SHEKINAH										
	#133 UD	83	13	70	980	1000.40	20.40			
KING SOLOMON U.D.										
		1604	876	728	10192	15702.36	5510.36			

There was a motion by Odegard to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Barnes Sharitt 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 2018 year.

	2017	2018
INVESTMENT		
Balance on Hand 1/1/18	206709.49	208725.10
Addition King Solomon Chapter Trust Act.		1067.60
Subtraction * Triennial-Operating	6700	00
 Subtotal	 200009.49	 209792.70
Balance for Interest**	205359.49	209258.90
Interest Income for 18	8715.61	9792.19
INTEREST INCOME DISTRIBUTED		
Triennial Fund 900 per year (2021) (900)	900.00	900.00
King Solomon Trust Income		99.92
Balance of Interest for 2018	7815.61	8792.27
Balance on Hand 12/31/18***	208725.1	218584.97
 CHARITY		
Balance on Hand 1/1/18	26311.24	26311.24
Additions		
Subtractions		
Subtotal	26311.24	26311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	26311.24	26311.24
Interest Income	1116.66	1231.60
Interest Income Distributed	1116.66	1231.60
Balance on Hand 12/31/18	26311.24	26311.24
 LIFE		
Balance 1/1/18	349958.96	352083.96
Additions	2125.00	2905.00
Subtractions		
Subtotal	352526.56	354988.96
Balance for Interest	352259.66	353247.71
Interest Income	14950.16	16528.80
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	14950.16	16528.80
Balance on Hand 12/31/18	352083.96	354988.96

**This is average quarterly income for interest distribution
 *Operating Expense
 ***Balance includes fund total until distributed (Max. \$2700)

Income Distribution for 2017	24782.43	
Income Distribution for 2018		27552.59

	Balance for Interest	Interest	Balance 12/31/18
Investment Fund	209,258.90	9792.19	219584.79
Charity	26,311.24	1,231.60	26,311.24
Life Membership	353,247.71	16,528.80	354,988.96
Totals for 18	588,654.10	27,552.59	600884.99

Based on the Balance for Interest for 18 of 588,654.10 with an interest income of 27,552.59, the rate of return was 4.68% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/18 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 600889.99 is 4.59%. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of 317,527.29 it would be 8.41%. We are confident that our investments and counsel are in good condition.

	Total Investments	Income
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
12/31/18	327,527.29	27,552.59

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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Brokerage
Account Statement

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December 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018
Account Number: 3MD-821087

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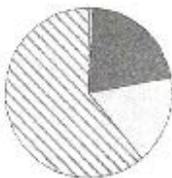
Your Financial Consultant:
ERIC HUSTAD
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Portfolio at a Glance

	This Period
BEGINNING ACCOUNT VALUE	\$371,528.25
Dividends, Interest and Other Income	10,778.38
Net Change in Portfolio¹	-54,779.34
ENDING ACCOUNT VALUE	\$327,527.29
Estimated Annual Income	\$26,349.91
Total Purchasing Power	\$45,701.54

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

Asset Summary



Percent	Asset Type	Last Period	This Period
1%	Equities	10,052.52	0.88
21%	Mutual Funds	71,588.00	69,176.39
17%	Exchange-Traded Products	54,854.25	55,722.00
61%	Other	245,519.68	207,989.68
100%	Account Total (Pie Chart)	\$382,014.45	- \$332,829.95
	Cash, Money Funds, and Bank Deposits	-0.48620	-5,301.66
	Account Total	\$371,528.25	\$327,527.29

Please review your allocation periodically with your Financial Consultant. Pie Chart allocation only includes products that are of positive value.

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Financial:

The Secretary/Treasurer accounts have been reviewed and verified by EC Ron Jensen 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 to be handled by the trustees, all money is transferred or dispersed through the Secretary/Treasurer accounts. All jewels and materials are in the Grand Secretary's office for safekeeping.

Investment Funds:

Additional accounts – King Solomon Trust. This is monies transferred by consolidation to King Solomon Chapter. The SEC/TRES is the Grand SEC/TRES of Grand Chapter. Since the desire of King Solomon Chapter is to keep chapters alive or consolidated with other functioning chapters. These assets would be transferred if this chapter requested a consolidation to another chapter. This fund will earn interest through the investment fund.

Triennial Fund:

This is a request for funds for delegates to the triennial representing Minnesota. It is a yearly amount of \$900/\$300 per delegate. Since this is an expense and not an income each year \$900 is deducted from the interest to show an annual deduction instead of a large sum every 3 years. It is more fiscally responsible.

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 dispersal of funds. We have an excellent relationship with his service and ability.

Any matters that are of a constitutional or regulation nature are transferred to the jurisdiction committee for a ruling.

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 Vern Schwalbe and passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

PROPOSED BUDGET

6/1/2019 - 5/31/2020

INCOME

INVESTMENTS

Life Members	*	20000
Charity	*	1200
General	**	4800
		26000

OPERATIONS

Per Capita	20748
Dues (KS 133)	260
Chapter Fees	250
Exaltations	600
Indigent Credits	-196
Sales	200
	21862

TOTAL INCOME

47862

EXPENSES

GRAND CHAPTER

Awards	100
Charities	* text-align: right;">1200
GGC Per Capita	4449
Grand Session	2500
Insurance/Bonding	1100
LM Distribution	* text-align: right;">20000
	29349

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Equipment	0
Printing	200
Rent	1774
Postage	110
Supplies	100
Website/Internet	200
	2384

OFFICER EXPENSES		
GHP		3000
GK		800
GSc		500
GS/T		7200
Others		1000
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		12500
OTHER		
Bank fees		24
Memberships		0
RAM Magazine		3525
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TOTAL EXPENSES		47782
	<i>GAIN/(LOSS)</i>	80

* 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.

Submitted
by:
PGHP Gary H. Johnson, Chair

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

REPORTED EXALTATIONS		2018				
MINNESOTA	#1	8	Thomas E Colvin	10/02/18	Erik A Fairchild	10/02/18
			Timothy P Gaynor	10/02/18	John J Hanson	10/02/18
			James D Hartgraves	10/02/18	Richard R Littlefield	10/02/18
			John J Owen	10/02/18	Steven E Smith	10/02/18
WINONA	#5					
TYRIAN	#6	0				
HALCYON	#8	9	Carey Boyum	02/03/18	Jeffrey Marschall	02/03/18
			Aaron Simms	02/03/18	Livius d'Uscio	04/16/18
			Benjamin Larson	04/16/18	Bradley Phelps	04/16/18
			Allan Stewart	04/16/18	Raymond Tentis	04/16/18
			Dean Underbakk	04/16/18		
ST JOHNS	#9	5	Andrew Hall	02/03/18	Steven Stromsness	02/03/18
			Brian Dehler	08/25/18	Donald Raleigh III	08/25/18
			Terry Henthorn	10/06/18		
ST CLOUD	#10	1	Curt Gregersen	08/25/18		
AUSTIN	#14	2	Derek J Hall	01/17/18	Mathew R Woodworth	01/17/18
OWATONNA	#15	1	Steven W Davis	01/19/18		
WASHINGTON	#17	0				
KEYSTONE	#20	3	Charles D Korsch	02/03/18	Joshua J Bloomdahl	02/20/18
			Gerold M Forsberg	02/20/18		
ST PETER	#22	0				
FERGUS FALLS	#27	7	William K Cox	02/03/18	Alex M Hamm	02/03/18
			Todd J Susag	02/03/18	William A Yangk	02/03/18
			Derrick M Borders	10/06/18	Jason R Fechtner	10/06/18
			Trevor J Warner	10/06/18		
LIVING ARCH	#28	0				
ALBERT LEA	#30	0				
CORINTHIAN	#33	7	Mathew Gallagher	02/03/18	Joseph R Tappanier,	02/12/18
			David G Orsi	02/12/18	Aaron J Boltes	08/25/18
			Michael J Pap	08/25/18	Andrew B Keeler	10/06/18
			Michael L Reissy	10/06/18		
MT NEBO	#39					
PIERSON	#41	0				
BRAINERD	#42					
FAIRMONT	#50	0				
ARK	#53	4	Richard S Hervieux	02/03/18	Gary A Thomas Jr	02/03/18
			Luke J Ellingson	08/25/18	Erik Thomson	08/25/18
COLUMBIAN	#60	1	Benoni T Grimes	08/25/18		
MARSHALL	#65	0				
BEMIDJI	#70					
NORTHERN	#82	0				
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0				
RUSH CITY	#87	3	Richard E Dobson	02/03/18	Jaden W Litecky	02/03/18
			Daniel Pence	02/03/18		
KITSON	#101	0				
OVERSEERS	#103	0				
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	3	Bill Sutherland	02/03/18	Seth Pavlak	02/20/18
			Tysen A Schmidt	08/25/18		
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	0				
		54				

REPORTED DEATHS		2018				
MINNESOTA	#1	2	Martin L Kleinbaum	03/15/18	Allan F Kauppi	11/09/18
TYRIAN	#6	1	Paul W Onkka, Sr	04/17/18		
HALCYON	#8	1	Willam E Click	07/08/18		
ST JOHNS	#9	4	David Snethen	12/01/15	Clyde Brink	01/13/18
			Jim Kiriara	06/19/18	William Masters	
ST CLOUD	#10	9	Robert Gorham	03/10/15	John Peterson	01/02/18
			Peter Poepke	01/23/18	Donald Goetsch	02/20/18
			Anton Mogensen	07/21/18	Robert Kugler	12/26/18
			Gerard Melgaard		Joseph Peccia	12/03/17
			C Perry Schenk	04/23/18		
AUSTIN	#14	2	Malcolm Prinzing	02/09/18	David E Madison	04/04/18
OWATONNA	#15	5	James A Keller	02/07/18	Kalvin Kiesler	02/19/18
			Howard Friedrich	04/07/18	David Berg	05/19/18
			Dean P Hartle	11/12/18		
WASHINGTON	#17	0				
KEYSTONE	#20	6	Gerald Ylitalo	03/26/17	Dale Gadbow	01/12/18
			Terrence J Becker	03/21/18	Wayne D Jacobson	06/14/18
			James Toumala	07/05/18	Paul D Saranen	08/03/18
ST PETER	#22	17	Hobart Anderson	05/12/18	Kenneth Braun	12/25/17
			Joseph Dobie	04/29/17	Zuriel Gault	05/29/18
			Willis Gustafson	02/08/17	Rodney Hanson	12/22/17
			Roland Hier		Clarence Johnson	09/09/16
			William Kurkowski	01/11/18	Clair McRostie	10/06/18
			John Ness	06/08/18	Orville Pioske	10/11/18
			Orville Saxton	07/13/18	Robert P Schmitt	01/22/18
			Dayle Trodahl		John Wentworth	02/02/16
			Douglas Nygard	08/24/18		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	0				
LIVING ARCH	#28	1	Charles Holm	04/16/18		
ALBERT LEA	#30	7	Irvin J Ofstedal	09/17/14	Lauris C Nelson	12/04/15
			Cloyd Raymond	02/17/17	Neal E Wolfe	11/17/17
			Donald G Nordlie	02/27/18	William C Knupke	07/29/18
			Mark S Jones	11/27/18		
CORINTHIAN	#33	0				
PIERSON	#41	1	James E Waxler	04/01/18		
FAIRMONT	#50	3	Harold P Bosshart	08/11/18	Marvin L Bosshart	08/14/18
			Ralph L Sauer	08/21/16		
ARK	#53	5	Mathew S Heyn	11/19/16	John Heimkes	02/24/18
			Oliver T Armstrong	08/12/18	Lyle Brooten	10/01/18
			Alvin Olson	08/17/17		
COLUMBIAN	#60	7	Kenneth D Anderson	12/13/16	Gordon M Gilbertson	12/02/17
			Edwin A Reiners	01/29/18	Carl A Saari	04/19/18
			Gary E Clementson	05/27/18	Richard Bell	06/26/18
			Kevin E Erickson	10/13/18		
NORTHERN	#82	1	Arthur Buringrud	03/06/18		
ALEXANDRIA	#86	2	Judd Nason	03/06/18	Larry Kittleson	09/15/18
RUSH CITY	#87	1	Marlyn Behrendt			
KITTSO	#101	0				
OVERSEERS	#103	0				
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	1	Allan F Kauppi	11/09/18		
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	2	Leonard G Pikal	03/21/17	David H Jensen	07/30/18
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There was a motion by Odegard, seconded by Ron Miles, to approve this report. The motion passed.

PRELIMINARY JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

There were no resolutions presented for consideration this year.

The following topics were presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for information and interpretation as to Constitution and Regulation requirements. They did not require any action but are listed here for information and review of officers and members.

- 1) Distribution of annual life membership to Chapters from Investment Fund - For ease and cash flow, the distribution to each local Chapter had their share of members per capita retained. Balance, if any, was then sent to the local Chapter. This procedure required more work for Grand Secretary but also made annual reports easier to complete financially and timely. This method was received positively. We will present this next year in full form as a Resolution to the Regulations so the distribution procedure is in form.
- 2) Subordinate Chapter Bylaws – Bylaws have to comply with Grand Chapter Bylaws. The chapter financial report, current officers elected and appointed, and the membership reporting are on a calendar year. Local chapters should review their Bylaws for clarity and understanding. Bylaws are handled in accordance with Rules set by Grand Chapter.
- 3) Membership – Candidates must comply with required residency (90 days) and prerequisite requirements of degree to be eligible for initiation. If local body cannot do degrees courtesy work or festivals are a good way to achieve initiation. Members are not obtained unless they are invited. 2B1ask1.

There was a motion by PGHP Johnson to approve this report. The motion was seconded by Alan Mackenzie and passed.

Grand High Priest Emery 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 Emery rapped the session to order and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared the 157th Convocation at labor.

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

REC Carl Lidstrom presented the following awards:

- Corinthian Chapter No. 33 won the Large Chapter Membership Award with 7 exaltations.
- Halcyon Chapter No. 8 won the Small Chapter Membership Award with 9 exaltations.

Large Chapters have 50 or more Companions and awards are based on largest percent gain of exaltations to Companions.

PGHP James Turner and REC James Luchsinger presented the following awards:

- Alan Adams (No. 20), Carl Lidstrom (No. 53), Charles Munson (No. 53) and Jerry Zierdt (No. 33) were presented with the Knight of the Royal Arch Award.
- Thomas Senenfelder (No. 104) and Chris Wendover (NO. 60) received the Triple Tau Award and W. David Emery (No. 104) was presented a Star Device for his Triple Tau Award.

EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

PGM Thomas Hendrickson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity of serving the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. My experience has brought myself nothing but pure pleasure and joy in dispersing and sharing Masonic light.

I have included a summary of most of my activities for this year. I can only hope that you have found my efforts worthily. My only disappointment for this year is that I was not able to do more.

June 20-23 Grand York Rite Conference-St. Cloud Minnesota

June 25th Tri-State One Day to the Royal Arch-Minnehaha Lodge

August 28th Past Grand High Priest Doug Nygaard funeral-St. Peter Minnesota

September 7th St. Paul #1 R.A.M

September 12th, Phoenix Daylight Lodge #350 talk on Royal Arch-Ancient Craft Freemasonry

September 13th Fergus Falls #27 Education

September 17th Northeast-Winslow Lewis Lodge # 125, talk on Royal Arch-Ancient Craft

September 19th Owatonna R.A.M #15 Education

September 29th Halcyon #8 Rochester Mark Master with Grand Lecturer

October 2nd One Day to Royal Arch Rehearsal Mpls Scottish Rite

October 6rd One Day to the Royal Arch-Mpls. Scottish Rite

October 17th Owatonna R.A.M. #15 Education

October 26-28th North Central York Rite Conference Sioux Falls, SD-Presented to Royal Arch

November 8th Fergus Falls #27 Education

November 15th Companion Adept of the Temple-Study Group Organizational Meeting

November 21st Owatonna R.A.M. # 15 Education

December 7th St. Paul #1

December 10th St. Johns R.A.M.#9 Education

December 13th Albert Lea R.A.M. #30 Organizational Meeting
December 19th Owatonna R.A.M. # 15 Education
January 10th Mesaba Lodge #255 Hibbing
January 15th Keystone Chapter #20 R.A.M. Duluth
February 2nd Royal Arch One Day Mpls Scottish Rite
February 19th Keystone Chapter #20 R.A.M. Duluth
March 19th Keystone Chapter #20 R.A.M. Duluth
March 26th Companion Adept of the Temple Education-Study Group
April 11-13th Grand Lodge of Minnesota Annual Communication
April 15th Halcyon R.A.M #8-Election of Officers
April 27th Masonic Service for Grand Master Steven D. Johnson-Eagan, MN
April 30th St. Cloud Chapter #10- Installation of Officers

- Twelve Education Programs were conducted at Ark R.A.M. Chapter #53 Minneapolis MN that is my home Chapter and occurred on the second Wednesday of the month.
- Attended the majority of the Grand York Rite Planning Sessions including field trips to hotels.
- Regular attendance at the Grand Chapter Officers meetings, and have taken an active role in the discussions, and volunteered for various projects.
- Worked on creating a meeting space in the York Rite Conference Room located at the Minnesota Masonic Home in Bloomington. The conference room is now being used for meetings and is fully functional. Improvements will continue.
- As Editor of the Keystone-Minnesota Supplement I have attempted to publish all the activities of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Also providing interesting educational articles when space permitting. Some of the articles have been printed in the National Edition of the Keystone. These articles created much interest throughout the U.S. Many phone calls, e mails were followed up in order to assist other states could get an education program started.

Tom also expressed the importance of education at all Chapter meetings to keep Companions interested and regularly attending.

GRAND LECTURER REPORT

Christopher Wendover

This year we saw some fantastic degree work at our One Day Festivals. We performed three One Day Festivals this year: one on August 25th, 2018, one on October 6th, 2018, and one on February 2nd, 2019. The following are the number of candidates from each day:

August 25th, 2018: 13 Candidates from Minnesota and 8 from Wisconsin

October 6th, 2018: 6 Candidates

February 2nd, 2019: 26 Candidates

This year we were able to add a lot more structure and organization to the One Day Festivals. In the past we struggled with degrees finishing behind schedule, degrees not being set up on time, getting the candidates from one room to another and other issues. Because of our improvements in these areas, we were able to add an education presentation between each degree. We also included an education piece during lunch which was presented by Ex. Companion Tom Hendrickson.

A special thank you goes to Columbian Chapter No. 60, St. Johns Chapter No. 9, Halcyon Chapter No. 8, Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 and Minnesota Chapter No. 1. Without your help our festivals would not have been successful.

In addition to our degree work, we attempted to have two education seminars this year; however due to scheduling issues, we did not experience the same success. In order to keep these events successful, we will need to reevaluate and make changes to how and when we schedule them.

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 Iowa – Wade E. Sheeler

Grand High Priest of Nebraska – Jonathan L. Paz

Grand High Priest of South Dakota – Jon Gonsor

The companions were greeted by Grand High Priest Emery 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. The motion was seconded by Sean Gardiner and passed.

TELLERS REPORT

EC Vern Schwalbe, Chairman of the Tellers, reported that a vast majority of the ballots were cast for:

R. James Luchsinger, II as Grand High Priest
Carl F. Lidstrom as Grand King
R. Sean Gardiner as Grand Scribe
Gary A. Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary
Alan Mackenzie as Grand Captain of the Host
L. Greg Schultz as Grand Trustee [2022]

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

GHP Emery then announced that Terrance D. Christiansen was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in Bronze. The Bronze Award was presented at the Grand Banquet on Saturday night.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019-2020

Grand High Priest Emery called on the Grand High Priest Elect Jim Luchsinger to announce his appointments. The 2019-2020 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Chaplain	W. David Emery
Grand Principal Sojourner	David J. Dumonceaux
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Frank J. Namestek
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	Monte M. Miller
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Thomas E. Hendrickson
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Todd B. Leek
Grand Sentinel	Scott Wood
Grand Chapter Education Officer	Thomas E. Hendrickson
Grand Lecturer	Christopher A. Wendover
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard

FINAL JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

MEC Gary H. Johnson

We have reviewed the Grand High Priest activities, dispensations and the actions of the Grand Chapter and find them in compliance with Masonic Rules and Regulations. This 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.

GENERAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

GHP Emery introduced Most Excellent Companion Richard A. McBride, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest, to make a few remarks. General Grand King Steven Tiner was supposed to be present but had recently come down with food poisoning.

MEC McBride brought greetings from GGHP James Hodge. Rich reminded all that the Triennial would be in September 2020 and that the North Central would be in Sioux Falls in October. 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 him and for all his friends in Minnesota.

GRAND MASTER REMARKS

MW Grand Master Ethan A. Seaberg

Grand Master Seaberg brought greetings from all of the Masons in Minnesota. He stated that they were trying to do a better job of coordinating the Grand Lodge calendar with other Masonic bodies such as the York Rite and the Shrine but that is very difficult. He had hoped to spend all three days at the York Rite Session but the recent death of Grand Master Johnson has changed all of that. He stated that he was leaving early Saturday morning for the Shrine Imperial Session in Nashville, Tennessee.

GHP Emery 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 5:00 pm.

INSTALLATION OF

2019-2020 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Thursday, June 27th, 2019, at Rochester, 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 Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PGHP
Installing Grand Secretary	MEC Clifford H. Isley, PGHP
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Installing Grand Organist	EC William T. Hubbard

On order of the Installing Officer, and under the direction of the Installing Marshall, the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter Officers and their ladies were escorted into the room and seated. The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers:

2019-2020 Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest	R. James Luchsinger, II
Grand King	Carl F. Lidstrom
Grand Scribe	R. Sean Gardiner
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Captain of the Host	Alan Mackenzie
Grand Chaplain	W. David Emery, PGHP
Grand Principal Sojourner	David J. Dumonceaux
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Frank J. Namestek
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The officers were obligated by Installing Grand Officer Schendel. Installing Grand Chaplain Odegard offered a prayer.

R. James Luchsinger, II, 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 Luchsinger received the gavel and rose to give his remarks and thanked the Installing Grand Officers for a great job.

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

