

# PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the  
One Hundred Sixty-Ninth  
Annual Convocation  
of the  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons  
of the State of Missouri  
held  
May 14, 2015  
Capital Plaza Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri





# Grand Chapter of Missouri

## 169<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

### Thursday, May 14, 2015

- 6:30 am Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Meeting - Members Only (*Carnegie*)
- 7:00 am Registration (Credentials Committee) – Chapter and Commandery only – until 10:00 am (*Atrium*)
- 8:00 am Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 – Open to All Royal Arch Masons (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:00 am Introduction of the 2014-2015 Grand Chapter Officers, Open to Ladies and Guests  
Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers  
Introduction of the District Deputy Grand High Priests  
Introduction of the 2014-2015 Grand Chapter Officers  
Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest  
Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- Formal Opening of the 169<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri**
- Reception of the Past Grand High Priests of Missouri  
Recognition of the Grand Representatives  
Reception of the Out of State Grand Chapter Officers  
Reception of Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies  
Reception of National Body Representatives  
Reception of the General Grand Chapter Officers  
Reception of the General Grand High Priest or Representative & brief remarks  
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers  
Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks  
Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee  
Election of the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Officers  
Address of the Grand High Priest  
Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest  
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee  
Report of the Finance Committee Report of the Grand Treasurer  
Report of the Grand Secretary  
Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)  
Report of the Election of the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Officers  
Acceptance of the Grand Chapter Officers Elect  
Report of the Grand High Priest Elect  
Report of the Committee on Time and Place  
Address of the General Grand High Priest or Representative  
Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
- 11:30 am Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 2:30 pm**
- Lunch sponsored by Yeomen of York – Open to All
- 12:30 pm Order of High Priesthood (*Missouri*)

- 2:30 pm**     **Grand Chapter Resumes Labor** (concludes remaining business, if any)  
Grand Chapter Awards Presentation – Open to Ladies and Guests
- 4:00 pm     Installation of the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Officers
- 5:00 pm**     **Close of the 169<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri**  
Pictures
- 5:30 pm     Seating opens for Royal Arch Banquet and Royal Arch Widow's Degree – Open to all (*Jefferson and Missouri*)
- 5.45 pm     Introductions of Officers
- 6:00 pm     Dinner is served, followed by Royal Arch Widow's Degree
- 8:30 pm     Grand Preceptory of Yeomen of York Business Meeting – Members Only (*Lincoln*) or *immediately following RA Widow's Degree*

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri  
2014-2015**

**Elected and Appointed Officers**

Roy N. Thomas .....	Grand High Priest
Loren D. Lloyd .....	Grand King
John W. Siscel, III .....	Grand Scribe
Donald L. Trabue .....	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample .....	Grand Secretary
Ronald L. Barrett .....	Grand Captain of the Host
Jerry L. Miles .....	Grand Principal Sojourner
David L. Leirer .....	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Jerry Bradford .....	Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Dan G. Daniel .....	Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Stephen T. Thompson .....	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Daniel R. Quesenberry .....	Grand Chorister
Ralph E. Nolan .....	Grand Chaplain
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. ....	Grand Historian
Jack E. Timmons .....	Grand Lecturer
Calvin D. Schroff .....	Grand Lecturer Emeritus
John E. Schofield .....	Grand Organist
Steven M. Anderson .....	Grand Sentinel
Mark T. Schmidt .....	Assistant Grand Sentinel

### **District Deputy Grand High Priests**

David D. Powell .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 1, District A  
Richard Taylor .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 1, District B  
Dan G. Daniel .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 2, District A  
William W. Mier .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 2, District B  
John S. Lambros .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 3, District A  
George L. Duncan.....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 3, District B  
Mark A. Bean.....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 4, District A  
Clifford R. Dobbins .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 4, District B  
Kyle R. Palacios..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 5  
Harry L. Tripp, Jr. .... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 6  
John W. Shoemaker .....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District A  
John C. Kuehn.....District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District B

### **District Deputy Grand Lecturers**

David A. Lloyd.....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1, District A  
Harley L. Kropf.....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1, District B  
Delbert R. Gentry .....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2, District A  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. ....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2, District B  
Scott S. Crawford.....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3, District A  
Forrest G. Lowe .....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3, District B  
Matthew W. Price .....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4, District A  
Timothy R. Lehnhoff.....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4, District B  
Dennis L. Hammack..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5  
Clifton W. Wofford..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6  
Walter W. Doyle .....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District A  
Stephen T. Thompson .....District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District B

## Standing Committees

### Address of the Grand High Priest

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman

### Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

J. Joseph Hayes

Robert L. Schmidt

### Education

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

Steven C. Monrotus

David L. Leirer

Kyle R. Palacios

Lee L. Francis

Mark T. Schmidt

Walter L. Wilson

### Finance

Loren D. Lloyd, Chairman

Ronald L. Barrett

John W. Siscel, III

Jerry L. Miles

### Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

C. Brent Stewart

Walter W. Doyle

Kevin B. Sample

Glenn E. Means

Todd A. Schulze

### Returns of Chapters

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

J. Joseph Hayes

Robert L. Schmidt

### Time and Place

Loren D. Lloyd, Chairman

John W. Siscel, III

Ronald L. Barrett

### Triennial

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

Walter W. Doyle

Roy A. Welshon, Sr.

## Special Committees

### Audit

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson

Grand Chapter Line Officers

### Charity

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

Robert E. Hardester

Donald L. Trabue

### Endowed Membership

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

Donald L. Trabue

Robert E. Hardester

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

### Membership and Youth Activities

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

Dan G. Daniel

David W. Haywood

### Ritual

Jack E. Timmons, Chairman

Calvin D. Schroff

Kevin E. Weaver

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

### Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

Jerry L. Miles

John W. Siscel, III

Royal Arch Research Assistance  
 Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Chairman  
 John W. Siscel, III  
 Order of High Priesthood  
 Kevin E. Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer

York Rite Conference  
 Ronald L. Barrett, Chairman  
 Jerry L. Miles  
 David L. Leirer  
 District Deputy Grand High Priests

**Living Past Grand High Priests**

Charles A. Bottermuller (1971-1972)  
 E. Allen Kohler (1976-1977)  
 Gene M. Zinn (1981-1982)  
 David A. Watson (1983-1984)  
 Richard D. Carroll (1987-1988)  
 Ervin A. Drawing (1989-1990)  
 Frank P. Wilfley, Jr. (1990-1991)  
 Larry L. Muir (1992-1993)  
 William E. Brenneman (1995-1996)  
 Ralph P. Bunnell (1996-1997)  
 Calvin D. Schroff (1997-1998)  
 Robert W. Schlichter (1998-1999)  
 Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (2000-2001)  
 Roy A. Welshon, Sr. (2002-2003)

Delbert R. Gentry (2003-2004)  
 Walter W. Doyle (2004-2005)  
 Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2005)  
 Donald L. Trabue, Honorary (2005)  
 Harley L. Kropf (2005-2006)  
 William B. Stephenson, Jr. (2006-2007)  
 Robert E. Hardester (2008-2009)  
 George L. Duncan (2009-2010)  
 Christopher C. McLemore, III (2010-2011)  
 Steven C. Monrotus (2011-2012)  
 Claude M. Eckert, Honorary (2012)  
 John E. Schofield (2012-2013)  
 Roy L. Gilkey (2013-2014)

**Grand Representatives**

**Jurisdiction .....To Missouri  
 United States of America**

Alabama .....Claude M. Eckert  
 Alaska ..... Roger D. Fleeer  
 Arizona ..... James G. Wade  
 Arkansas .....Lionel J. Goede  
 California .....Louis L. Monken  
 Colorado .....Scott Crawford  
 Connecticut .....Loren D. Lloyd  
 Delaware .....Vacant  
 District of Columbia.... Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.  
 Florida .....Vacant  
 Georgia .....Jerry Bradford  
 Hawaii .....Vacant

Idaho .....Jerry Miles  
 Illinois.....George L. Duncan  
 Indiana .....William B. Stephenson, Jr.  
 Iowa .....W. Larry Wilson  
 Kansas .....Jack E. Timmons  
 Kentucky ..... Gale B. Morrison  
 Louisiana .....John C. Kuehn  
 Maine .....Fred F. Stuecken  
 Maryland..... William W. Mier  
 Massachusetts ..... Vacant  
 Michigan .....Jerry F. Ward  
 Minnesota.....Farrell D. Sexson  
 Mississippi..... Daniel R. Quesenberry  
 Missouri, PHA ..... Robert R. Anderson, Jr.

Montana.....Vacant  
 Nebraska ..... Guy D. Ross  
 Nevada .....Clark McLemore  
 New Hampshire.....Albert A. "Sony" Miller  
 New Jersey ..... Marion W. "Mick" Dey  
 New Mexico ..... Vacant  
 New York..... Joseph P. Krill, Jr.  
 North Carolina..... Delbert R. Gentry  
 North Dakota..... Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.  
 Ohio..... Teddie E. Harrison  
 Oklahoma ..... Bobby L. Detherow  
 Oregon ..... Vacant  
 Pennsylvania ..... Phillip W. Engel  
 Rhode Island.....Ronald E. Wood, Jr.  
 South Carolina.....Vacant  
 South Dakota..... Dan Daniel  
 Tennessee ..... Charles A. Bottermuller  
 Texas .....Ralph P. Bunnell  
 Utah.....Charles M. Huey  
 Vermont .....Roy A. Welshon, Sr.  
 Virginia ..... Harold J. Richardson  
 Washington .....Bondy  
 West Virginia ..... Roy N. Thomas  
 Wisconsin ..... Ronald L. Barrett  
 Wyoming..... Vacant

**Canada/Mexico**

**Jurisdiction .....To Missouri**  
 Alberta.....Richard J. Holmes  
 British Columbia & Yukon .....Paul R. Cannon  
 Manitoba..... Harley L. Kropf  
 Mexico..... Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.  
 Newfoundland & Labrador.....  
 ..... Matthew Quesenberry  
 New Brunswick..... Harry C. Reed, Jr.  
 Nova Scotia .....Stephen C. Derendinger

Ontario.....Kevin B. Sample  
 Quebec..... Robert W. Schlichter  
 Saskatchewan ..... Vacant

**Other Jurisdictions**

**Jurisdiction..... To Missouri**  
 Argentina .....Robert E. Hardester  
 Austria..... LeRoy D. Unruh  
 Belgium ..... Gary A. Phillips  
 Brazil ..... Marion L. Briggs  
 England .....John W. Siscel, III  
 Finland .....Rocky E. Weaver  
 France ..... Vacant  
 Germany .....Terry Struse  
 Greece..... Ronnie E. Green  
 India .....David R. Vogler  
 Ireland..... David L. Leirer  
 Israel ..... Kevin E. Weaver  
 Italy ..... Vacant  
 Netherlands ..... Fred M. Harle, Sr.  
 New South Wales & Australia ..... Vacant  
 New Zealand .....Ervin A. Drawing  
 Panama ..... Lewis C. Odneal  
 Paraguay ..... Vacant  
 Philippines .....Kyle R. Palacios  
 Portugal ..... William J. Bowser  
 Queensland..... M. Robert Berger  
 Romania .....William R. Brantley  
 Scotland ..... Vacant  
 South Australia ..... Edgar D. Piles  
 Spain ..... Steven C. Monrotus  
 Switzerland ..... George M. Merkle  
 Togo ..... Vacant  
 Venezuela ..... Vacant  
 Victoria.....Walter W. Doyle  
 West Australia..... C. C. McLemore, III



## **BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Most Excellent Companion Roy Nelson Thomas was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1939, at his Grandmother's house in Olathe, Kansas to Jacob Allen Thomas and Ina Grace Gardner Thomas. He has one brother Stephen. He was raised on a farm north of Gardner, Kansas. He attended school in a one room school house for 7 years. He graduated from high school at John P. St. John High School in Olathe, Kansas in June 1956. He went into the Air Force for eight years, spending 3 years in Germany. After the military he went to Northrop Institute of Technology in Englewood, Ca. and studied aircraft maintenance. He later received an Associate in Applied Science from the Metropolitan Jr. College in Kansas City. He spent his career in civil service working on Air Force aircraft. He retired from the Air Force Reserve after 31 years and from civil service after 29 years. He married his wife Diana in November 1975. They have three children, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was raised a Master Mason in Grandview Lodge No. 618, later affiliating with Harry S. Truman Lodge No. 679 and serving as Master in 1994. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, serving as Master of the Rose Croix and receiving the Knight's Commander Court of Honor. He is a member of the York Rite bodies and KYCH.

### **Masonic Memberships:**

Order of the Eastern Star, Order of True Kindred, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Masonic Society of Rosicruciana, Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite Sovereign College, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Allied Masonic Degrees, Missouri Lodge of Research, Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, Southern California Lodge of Research, Grand College of Rites, Philalethes Society, Royal Order of Scotland, The Masonic Society, Scottish Rite Research Society, Order of Yellow Dogs, Masonic Order of Athelstan, and the Order of St. Thomas of Acon.

### **Non-Masonic Memberships:**

Knights of Pythias, Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, Lions Club, Patrons of Husbandry, Midwest Ford Fordson Collectors Assn., and Western Missouri Antique Tractor & Machinery Assn.

His hobbies are book collecting, working on old garden tractors and working in the church library.

## ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

I am pleased to welcome you to our 169th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter. I also want to welcome all of the distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions. I hope each of you enjoy your visit to Missouri and also this session.

A year ago you elected me as your Grand High Priest and this has been a year I will never forget. Another year has passed and once again by the blessing of the Most High we are permitted to assemble and proceed in all our doings. In this past year some of our beloved companions have been transported to the Grand Lodge on high and it leaves a hole in our hearts. We will remember them with our memorial service and honor their memories.

I would like to once again thank all of you Companions for having enough faith in me to elect me to this high office. It has been a most enjoyable year and I have met many fine Companions.

To all of our Past Grand High Priests, you have made great tracks for me to follow. I trust that in my travels and work, I have in some small way continued your works.

Traveling around the state is a good way to take the temperature of our fraternity. In my travels I have always been met with great friendship and made to feel most welcome. The highlight of my year has been visiting with the companions before and after the meetings.

At the end of September I went to Buffalo NY for the triennial session of General Grand Chapter. In 2004-2005 our MEC Walter Doyle wore a red hat during his year as Grand High Priest. I am sorry to tell you Sir, that you have been upstaged. At the opening of General Grand Chapter, MEC Edmond Harrison, General Grand High Priest entered the chapter room wearing a very large red sombrero. However, he did take it off before presiding. The triennial session was quite enjoyable and informative. My lady Diana and I had some fine tours of Buffalo and found some good restaurants. We are looking forward to three years from now to visit the next General Grand Chapter.

I also attended the Southeast Regional Conference in Topeka. This is the second regional conference I have attended and look forward to next year. This is a conference that all of our Grand Line officers should attend and it would be good for all other Royal Arch Masons as well. There is much to be learned at these conferences and it would behoove all to attend.

I attended the Grand Chapter of Kansas and was received most warmly. They had a fine session and made me most welcome.

I attended the annual Grand Master's class held at Columbia. This was the second time I have been there and it was a great class. I believe it is intended to happen again next year. This is a great time and we need to keep close ties with the craft lodges. After all these are the roots that we spring from.

I had the GHP pocket jewel appraised and it came back appraised at \$7500 just for the metal content. It was recommended that the jewel be appraised as to its antique value.

### **Appointments**

My appointments are listed in these preliminary proceedings.

### **Edicts**

With the operations of this grand Chapter running smoothly, I have not had need to issue any edicts.

### **Dispensations**

September	Issued a dispensation to Mexico Chapter No. 27 and Shelbina Chapter No. 99 to hold a joint meeting to confer degrees. This was to heal a meeting that had already taken place.
January 25	Granted Wyoming Chapter No. 43 permission to off schedule their meetings to hold degrees on a class of four.
February 14	Granted a dispensation to Mexico Chapter No. 27 to move their meetings to Fulton as their furnace had failed.
March 10	Granted a dispensation to Uel Chapter No. 129 to offset their election night so as not to conflict with Grand Session.
March 10	Granted Bethany Chapter No. 80 and Trenton Chapter No. 66 to hold a joint meeting to ballot on candidates.

### **By-Laws**

November 26	Approved by-laws for Orient Chapter No. 102. There were other by-laws in the process but did not clear jurisprudence. I have no problem with Chapter, Council and Commandery meeting all on the same night if it done full form
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for chapter. In my official visits I had to caution a couple of chapters about not declaring the Chapter open. Our by-laws clearly state the Chapter will be opened and closed full form. I have found that it is generally better for Chapter and Council to meet on the same night and let Commandery have a separate night due to their longer ritual.

### **Time Capsule**

On April 13th I visited the time capsule at Branson, Mo and found it in good shape.

### **Visitations**

May 25	Attended the annual state session of the Order of DeMolay at Jefferson City and presented the Grand Chapter award to Timothy Alvis of William F. Kuhn Chapter stationed at Kansas City
June 28	Attended York Rite conference for regions 1 & 4
June 29	Attended the annual session for the Order of Rainbow Girls and presented a check from our Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter award to Miss Isabella Gieringer
July 26 & 27	Attended the annual session of the Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill in Topeka, KS
August 2	Attended regional conference for regions 1 & 3 which followed by my reception
August 23	Attended regional conference for region 5
September 5	Installed officers of Orient Chapter No. 102 royal Arch Masons
September 19	Attended to the Southeast Regional conference in Topeka, KS
September 28-30	Went to Buffalo NY for the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter
October 6	Attended Triune Chapter No. 93 for their annual fish fry and my official visit
November 5	Official Visit to Mitchell Chapter No. 14
November 13	Official Visit to Independence Chapter No. 12
December 15	Official Visit to Rolla Chapter No. 32
January 5	Joint Official Visit to Wyoming Chapter No. 43, Harry D. Brown Chapter No. 284 and Kansas City Chapter No. 28
January 17	Attended a York Rite festival hosted by the Kansas City York Rite bodies. This was their first festival since the mid 90's. Very well done companions!
January 21	Official Visit to Orient Chapter No. 102
January 26	Joint Official Visit to Springfield Chapter No. 15 and Vincil Chapter No. 110
January 31	Installed officers at Shelbina Chapter No. 99

February 5	Went to Wyoming Chapter No. 43 to assist with the conferring of the Most Excellent Master degree. There were 4 candidates, 3 of which were 3 generations of the same family.
February 10	Official Visit to Lexington Chapter No. 10 and installed their officers
March 7	Attended the 4 <sup>th</sup> annual Grand Master's Royal Arch Class in Columbia
March 13-14	Attended the spring York Rite Festival at Independence
March 17	Joint Official Visit to Bethany Chapter No. 80 and Trenton Chapter No. 66. Several petitions
March 18	Official Visit to Bolivar Chapter No. 5
March 20-21	I was invited to attend the annual Grand Session of the Order of True Kindred.
April 2	Visited Hannibal Chapter No. 7 to see if they can be jump started

Due to scheduling problems, I was not able to attend the annual session of Jobs Daughters and sent the Grand King as my proxy.

This list does not include all of the regular meetings of organizations to which I belong. Had I listed them, we would be here all morning.

### **Recommendations**

I recommend that the Regional York Rite conferences be held in each region instead of consolidating the regions. Consolidations may save time, miles and money, however, some of the members of the regions will not travel that far and consequently many members are left out. I did receive one complaint that a Chapter felt left out and suspect there is a lot more of the same feeling around the state. Further in each region, I would not hold the conference in the same lodge every year. Move it around and get more people involved. The one part of the conference that always goes well is the question and answer session. There are many members who are interested and appreciate answers to their questions.

I further recommend that Standing Resolution No. 8 be thoroughly reviewed by all District Deputy Grand High Priests and discussed at their official visits. This resolution was promulgated to simplify the tasks of joint meetings; whereas, all the chapters have to do is decide on the time and place of their joint meeting, notify your members, notify the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary and get on with it. While I am on the subject of District Deputies, it would be a good idea for all deputies to visit Chapters at least twice a year. Not only observe their meeting but ask questions. What problems do they have? What kind of help do they need? Remember you are the direct line of communication between the chapters and the Grand Officers. Grand Officers in their region need to stir around and visit all of the chapters in their region.

I would also recommend that a committee on recruitment be appointed to study ideas on bringing in more members. We have been losing members at a consistent rate for quite a few years. A few months ago there was an article in the paper that the Boy Scouts lost 7% membership this last year. We have a society of people who do not join anything and we are going to have to develop a program to encourage Blue Lodge Masons to join us.

### **Closing Thoughts**

In closing would like to thank you once again for the high honor you have conferred upon me. I would recommend a small booklet "Whither are we traveling?" It was written by Dwight Smith a Past Grand Master and asks some serious questions. In his case he was writing for the Blue Lodge, however, the questions are also pertinent to Royal Arch Masonry. At the start of my year I stated that I did not wish to pull any charters. At least two I know of are very shaky and may be even dead in the water. But, while there is still a charter there is still hope. Please remember that while it is hard to rejuvenate a dead charter; it is still easier that forming a completely new chapter.

As I step down from this job I see much that I should have done. Even in the closing months I still have been learning.

I would like to thank my wife for all of her support and help. Without her it would have been a far different and more difficult year.

May the Grand High Priest of us all, watch over you and guide you and may his blessings rest upon Royal Arch Masonry.

Thank you.



Roy M. Thomas

Grand High Priest, 2014-2015

### **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

*(from the floor)*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman

### PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

#### LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION IN 2015

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *ARTICLE XXVIII Change of By-Laws, Section 227. Timely Submission*** be amended by replacing the word "thirty" with "ninety".

**THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: *Section 227. Timely Submission.*** Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee not later than thirty days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented. *(Adopted May 16, 2003)*

**AS AMENDED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ:** Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee not later than ninety days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented. *(Adopted May 16, 2003, May 14, 2014).*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To attempt to avoid the last minute clamor that has been occurring recently by submission of proposed amendments in the waning days immediately prior to the Grand Convocation. Fact is, thirty days just does not allow the Jurisprudence Committee sufficient time for any review, alteration or contact with the authors should a need arise in the preparation of the material. Then too, there are times when members of the Committee are busying with their lives and unable to immediately respond when asked for their opinions.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3  
Chairman Jurisprudence Committee

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the ritual, namely the closing prayer of the Royal Arch Chapter, be changed from,

“By the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest may we be directed, by His strength may we be enabled, and by the beauty of virtue may we be incited to perform the obligations here enjoined on us; to keep inviolably the mysteries here unfolded to us, and invariably to practice out of the Chapter all of those duties which are inculcated in it. Amen.” to

“Supreme High Priest, grant us wisdom that we may be directed, strength that we may be enabled and the beauty of virtue that we may be incited to perform the obligations here enjoined on us; to keep inviolably the mysteries here unfolded to us, and invariably to practice out of the Chapter all those duties which are inculcated in it. Amen.”

Fraternally submitted,

Jack E. Timmons, PHP Wyoming Chapter No. 43

Chairman Ritual Committee

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, Greetings*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *ARTICLE XII Chartered Chapters Section 73. Stated Convocations.*** be amended by styling the existing paragraph as “A.” and adding paragraph “B.”, to wit, B. Joint convocations by, among and between Subordinate Chapters are authorized without a formal dispensation requesting change of meeting dates, times or locations. Provided however, that the membership of each Chapter seeking a movement from its home domicile must be officially notified per **Section 90. *Notice to Members.*** and also assuring that prior notice is given to the Grand Secretary and the Grand High Priest. and adding paragraph “C.”, to wit, C. Subordinate Chapters are further authorized to enter into any Symbolic Lodge in their District where a Chapter does not exist to confer degrees or for other instructional/educational purposes benefitting the Craft upon written approval from the Worshipful Master of that Lodge. and adding paragraph “D.”, to wit, D. Subordinate Chapters meeting under such circumstances may conduct any and all business during any joint convocation as would have been conducted had they been meeting separately and at their home domicile. Each Chapter must have at least one officer in attendance that is qualified to open/close his Chapter in order to conduct any business other than for official visits and conferrals.

**THIS SECTION CURRENT READS:** The stated convocations of a chapter shall be at least once a month, provided however, that by vote of the chapter, it may dispense with meetings during the summer months.

**IF AMENDED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ:**



A. The stated convocations of a chapter shall be at least once a month, provided however, that by vote of the chapter, it may dispense with meetings during the summer months. *(Amended May 16, 2015)*

B. Joint convocations by, among and between Subordinate Chapters are authorized without a formal dispensation requesting change of meeting dates, times or locations. Provided however, that the membership of each Chapter seeking a movement from its home domicile must be officially notified per **Section 90. Notice to Members.** and also assuring that prior notice is given to the Grand Secretary and the Grand High Priest. *(Added May 16, 2015)*

C. Subordinate Chapters are further authorized to enter into any Symbolic Lodge in their District where a Chapter does not exist to confer degrees or for other instructional/educational purposes benefitting the Craft upon written approval from the Worshipful Master of that Lodge. *(Added May 16, 2015)*

D. Subordinate Chapters meeting under such circumstances may conduct any and all business during any joint convocation as would have been conducted had they been meeting separately and at their home domicile. Each Chapter must have at least one officer in attendance that is qualified to open/close his Chapter in order to conduct any business other than for official visits and conferrals. *(Added May 16, 2015)*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Although Standing Resolution No. 8, adopted May 15, 2008, addresses many reasons that Chapters may want to meet jointly, the fact is, it limits them to Official Visits, York Rite Festivals and the conferral of degrees in Lodges where a Chapter exists not. And, it only provides for the movement from a normal meeting place. The resolution fails to take into consideration change of dates and/or times or to allow for the conferral of the individual degrees. Many Chapters labor under the misconception under the existing resolution that they may take a candidate from their Chapter and confer the degrees upon him in another Chapter at their leisure and not within a York Rite Festival. That is not what the Resolution provides. At the time the resolution was adopted it had been requested of the Jurisprudence Committee that only Official Visits and festivals be included. That was subsequently changed to include conferrals in Lodges not having Chapters. Many incorrectly assumed and actually read into the resolution much, much more and thus found themselves in violation of Grand Chapter Law. This proposal is an attempt to codify under **Section 73** appropriate law to allow Subordinate Chapters to legally do what they have been doing illegally since 2008.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3  
Chairman Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Standing Resolution No. 8, Adopted May 15, 2008*** be repealed in its entirety.

**THIS RESOLUTION CURRENTLY READS: *Whereas***, All Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Missouri are granted a blanket dispensation to hold joint convocations, one with the other, and permission to move their normal meeting place to the meeting place of the visited Chapter for the purpose of Official Visits of either the District Deputy Grand High Priest, District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Grand Lecturer, or the Grand High Priest, or York Rite Festivals, and may go into any Symbolic Lodge in their region to confer degrees where a Chapter does not exist upon written approval from that Lodge. When such joint convocations occur, the membership of each Chapter must be notified in advance per their Chapter by-laws. It will not be necessary to obtain a separate dispensation each time any of these events may occur, however, it is necessary that the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be informed in advance of these events.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3  
Chairman Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri Greetings:*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *ARTICLE VI Grand Secretary, Section 29. A. Grand Secretary.*** be amended by inserting “or electronic media” between “books” and “kept”.

**THIS SECTION CURRENT READS:** The Grand Secretary shall attend upon the convocations of the Grand Chapter, observe and record the proceedings thereof, and preserve the same in suitable books kept for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Chapter and deposit the same to the credit of the Grand Treasurer as received, taking his receipt therefor.

**IF AMENDED, THIS SECTION WILL READ:** The Grand Secretary shall attend upon the convocations of the Grand Chapter, observe and record the proceedings thereof, and preserve the same in suitable books or electronic media kept for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Chapter and deposit the same to the credit of the Grand Treasurer as received, taking his receipt therefor.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** This will give the Grand Secretary the option of using either media and when it is electronic it will save the Grand Chapter funds.

Fraternally submitted,  
Roy N. Thomas, PHP, Harry D. Brown Chapter No. 284

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ARTICLE XXVIII Change of By-Laws Section 227. Timely Submissions** be amended by styling the existing paragraph as “A.” and adding a paragraph “B.” to wit, “Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Subordinate Chapters not later than 45 days prior to the next scheduled Grand Convocation and printed in the **Preliminary Proceedings.**”

**THIS SECTION CURRENT READS:** Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee not later than thirty days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented. *(Adopted May 16, 2003).*

**IF AMENDED, THIS SECTION WILL READ:**

A. Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee not later than thirty days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented. *(Adopted May 16, 2003).*

B. Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Subordinate Chapters not later than 45 days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented and printed in the **Preliminary Proceedings.** *(Added May 15, 2015)*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** This particular issue has been raised numerous times over the past few years without action. When the winds of time passed over this organization many years ago, the practice of sending the Subordinate Chapters prior notice was discontinued. However, the winds of time have changed once more and the prevailing feeling now is that it might be more advantageous if the Subordinates had more advanced review time prior to being hit minutes before legislation is presented at a Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**ADOPTION OF REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE**

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman  
C. Brent Stewart  
Walter W. Doyle

Kevin B. Sample  
Glenn E. Means  
Todd A. Schulze

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, it saddens me to report that our financial status is in dire straits. After considering all obligations, projected expenses, and anticipated income it appears necessary to increase per-capita to our membership. This could not come at a more inconvenient time since the General Grand Chapter has also increased per-capita.

Our obligations-demand an increase of \$3.68 to cover just the 2015-2016 deficit and \$ 7.32 to cover all past budget deficits that were not addressed in a timely manner. Therefore a \$5.00 per-capita increase (\$12.50 to \$17.50) has been purposed by the Finance committee. This increase will not help us until the 2016 Annual Returns start coming in 2017, therefore leaving another deficit to cover by the Grand Chapter General Fund in 2015 and 2016. A dues increase is never welcome. Those before me made many cuts. All that is left to cut from our budget is not offering the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, not something I would like to see us give up.

This year a 5 year projected budget was developed by the Finance Committee with support of the advancing Grand Chapter Line, except for the Grand Scribe. This long range plan will give a prediction of changes needed in advance of our Fraternity being in such financial troubles. This tool should have been implemented long ago. No Corporation or Organization can survive long without a plan for the future, and yes we are an Organization. A 501C10 Charitable Organization!

Our Membership in Missouri Royal Arch Masonry has been declining at a standard rate of approximately 10%. This trend is predicted to continue until we are at a membership of approximately 1000 state wide. Increasing membership should be addressed, however, it will still cost more to operate our Fraternity than we currently bring in. The budget has been cut to the core. There is NO place to make further cuts. Except for the fact a Past Grand Secretary (Russell Hanson) did not take his due wages for three years while serving as Grand Secretary, we would be much worse off financially.

There are those who feel our Fraternity is not worth the price of a good meal at today's standards. Most who complain the loudest about a cost of living increase are the most able to afford that increase. The principles of our Fraternity DO NOT protect us from economic cost increases or diminished returns on investments.

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

**Report of Investment Committee  
(Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee)**

The investment committee met on July 12, 2014. After review of all investments, the Investment Committee discovered we were doing our investments to the maximum benefit of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, that we were well diversified and getting a good return on our monies. MEC Donald L. Trabue, Grand Treasurer, was given praise for a job well done with investments.

The committee also recommended the Grand Chapter look into the possibility of hiring an Investment management company. This would insure that all avenues would be explored for return on our monies. It would also serve as a safety for our finances should our Grand Treasure become incapacitated and not able to perform his duties. The Grand Treasurer was requested to get quotes from Central Trust Company, (the management Company used by the Grand Lodge of Missouri). Below is the report returned concerning the use of an investment company.

Loren:

Central Trust could not improve the earnings on our government secured securities; In fact they would probably achieve about the same return and after their fee, we would have less income.

As to the non-government insured securities; again would anticipate that their return on investment would be about the same as we are currently achieving, but after their fee we would actually have less income. However, they might offer us the possibility that they would be able to see a potential market downturn earlier than we might.

I provided the general amounts of each of our major funds and a copy of our bylaw concerning investments. Central Trust agreed to develop a plan that we could utilize if such was our desire.

I supplied them with month to month income/expense records for the six major Grand Chapter funds, with a general overview of the basic operations for each fund, and a copy of the Grand Chapter by-law concerning investments.

Late Friday afternoon I received an email and several typical investment portfolios. This was not exactly what I feel that I requested, but was better than nothing. Meanwhile, based on the information received it appears that they could get between 6.08% and 7.35% on non-government insured investments and advised that they were not sure if they could help us on the government insured investment. I was advised that their fees would be somewhere between 1.0% and 1.5%.

Our current investment strategies on Non- government insured funds achieved a return of 15.50% to 18.28% for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Based on preliminary information, it appears that the non-insured government insured funds will achieve a return of 6.76% to 9.40% for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

This is the best information that I have at this time.

Please let me know if you need additional information for your report.

Don

Investment Sub-Committee

Loren D. Lloyd GK, Chair

Gail Turner, PGM

E Allen Kohler, PGHP

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

The Purposed Budget (2015 - 2016) shows a net loss of (\$11,050.00)

<b>2015-2016 Grand Chapter Budget</b>	<b>2015-2016 Budget</b>
Membership, reflects 10% decrease	3000
<b>Income</b>	
Per Capita, Membership (3,000 @ \$12.50)	\$ 37,500.00
Per Capita, General Grand Chapter (3000 @ \$2.00)	6,000.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,800.00
Exaltation Fees (100 @ \$10.00)	1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income	1,310.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	224.40
Miscellaneous	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,084.40</b>
<b>Salaries and Allowances</b>	
Grand High Priest Expense	\$ 3,500.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine Editor Expense	50.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	1,000.00
Grand Secretary Salary	8,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	7,500.00
Employment Taxes	1,500.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	4,300.00
Ritual Committee	100.00
Office Expenses	3,000.00
Printing of Proceedings	2,500.00
Office Rent	2,400.00
Storage Rent	1,400.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (3,000 @ \$2.00)	6,000.00
Annual Convocation	3,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	1,400.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	400.00
Royal Arch Magazine	11,000.00
Triennial Fund (3,000 @ \$0.07)	210.00
Education Committee	400.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	224.40
YRIS Support	500.00
Web Master	500.00
Miscellaneous	150.00

Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,134.40</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 49,084.40</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Allowances</b>	<b>\$ 60,134.40</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ (11,050.00)</b>

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

Fraternally Submitted,  
Loren D. Lloyd, Grand King, Chair  
John W. Siscel, III, Grand Scribe  
Ronald L. Barrett, Grand Captain of the Host

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***



Potential GHP	2013-2014 Recap	2014-2015 Budget	Roy Thomas 2014-2015 Status	Loren Lloyd 2015-2016 Budget	John Siscoel 2016-2017	Ron Barrett 2017-2018	Jerry Miles 2018-2019	David Leirer 2019-2020
Membership		\$ 3,154.00		3000	2700	2430	2187	1968
<b>Income</b>								
Per Capita, Membership \$17.50	\$ 48,311.24	\$ 42,579.00	\$ 3,439.67	37,500.00	47,250.00	42,525.00	38,272.50	34,440.00
Per Capita, general Grd Chapter,				6,000.00	5,400.00	7,290.00	6,561.00	5,904.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership		2,800.00		2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Exaltation Fees (100 @ \$10.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income		1,270.00		1,310.00	1,310.00	1,310.00	1,310.00	1,310.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	224.40	316.00		224.40	224.40	224.40	224.40	224.40
Cash Reserve		20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Miscellaneous	85.21	250.00	5065.98	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>		\$ 68,215.00		\$ 49,084.40	\$ 58,234.40	\$ 55,399.40	\$ 50,417.90	\$ 45,928.40
<b>Salaries and Allowances</b>								
Grand High Priest Honorarium	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine Editor Honorarium	50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grand Secretary Salary		8,500.00		8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary		7,500.00		7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Employment Taxes		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Audit Committee	38.83	300.00		4,300.00	300	300	4,945.00	300
Ritual Committee		100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Office Expenses	2,337.41	3,000.00	1,640.39	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Printing of Proceedings	94.22	2,500.00	229.67	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office Rent	2,355.60	2,400.00	1,766.70	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Storage Rent	1,201.38	1,400.00	1,048.26	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (3,000 @ \$1.00)	2,584.00	3,000.00	2,513.00	6,000.00	5,400.00	7,290.00	6,561.00	5,904.90
Annual Convocation	3,083.14	2,750.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	638.27	1,400.00	369.29	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	18.00	400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Royal Arch Magazine	7,778.92	8,000.00	3,863.44	11,000.00	9,909.00	8,918.10	8,026.29	7,223.66
Triennial Fund (3,000 @ \$0.07)	245.00	220.78	220.78	210.00	189	170	153	138
Education Committee		400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	224.40	316.00		224.40	224.40	224.40	224.40	224.40
YRIS Support		500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Web Master		500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Investments		4,500.00						
Miscellaneous	69.08	150.00	3,922.49	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total</b>		\$ 54,486.78		\$ 60,134.40	\$ 54,422.40	\$ 55,302.60	\$ 58,309.78	\$ 52,190.74
<b>Total Income</b>		\$ 68,215.00		\$ 49,084.40	\$ 58,234.40	\$ 55,399.40	\$ 50,417.90	\$ 45,928.40
<b>Total Salaries and Allowances</b>		\$ 54,486.78		\$ 60,134.40	\$ 54,422.40	\$ 55,302.60	\$ 58,309.78	\$ 52,190.74
<b>Balance</b>		\$ 13,728.22		\$ (11,050.00)	\$ 3,812.00	\$ 96.80	\$ (7,891.88)	\$ (6,262.34)

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in and/or thru banking institutions in Jefferson City. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution.

Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 44 of the By-Laws are being utilized (Investor Services, American Balanced Fund, and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

<b>General Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>					<b>\$ 48,034.20</b>
Receipts:	Grand Secretary, etc.			\$ 21,703.13	
	Interest Earned			\$ 15.30	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Income			\$ 166.66	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services			\$ 1,069.35	
Total Receipts:				<u>\$ 22,954.44</u>	
Disbursements:	Jefferson Act. #58915 - 2116 thru 2135		\$ 6,273.00		
	Jefferson Act. #74544 - 3101 thru 3179		\$ 32,144.85		
	Jefferson Act. #463929 - Debits		\$ 4,168.74		
Total Disbursements:				<u>\$ 42,586.59</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements					\$ (19,632.15)
<b>Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 28,402.05</b>
<b>Statement of Assets- General Fund, March 31, 2015</b>					
Interest Checking Account #58915, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%				\$ 521.03	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%				\$ 392.09	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%				\$ 13.57	
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$ 8,697.72	
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%				\$ 207.58	
American-Income Fund (thru Central Bank)(Market Value)				\$ 3,635.92	
Investors Services (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)				\$ 14,934.14	
<b>Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 28,402.05</b>

<b>General Fund (Special Account)</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>					<b>\$ 163,807.11</b>
Receipts:	Interest Earned			\$ 627.13	
	Increase in Market Value, etc., American Balanced Fund)			\$ 4,160.04	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services			\$ 2,178.14	
Total Receipts:				\$ 6,965.31	
Total Disbursements:				\$ -	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$ 6,965.31	
<b>Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 170,772.42</b>
<b>Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$ 40.89	
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%				\$ 205.78	
American Balanced Fund (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)				\$ 55,795.46	
Investors Services (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)				\$ 30,460.99	
CD#473677, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%,Matures 10/3/15				\$ 10,267.88	
CD #480630, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 1/15/16				\$ 21,171.49	
CD #138053, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 10/10/16				\$ 52,829.93	
<b>Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 170,772.42</b>
<b>Endowed Membership Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>					<b>\$ 139,236.34</b>
Receipts:	Memberships (7)			\$ 2,760.00	
	Interest Earned			\$ 569.91	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. American Income Fund			\$ 3,111.35	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund			\$ 1,688.99	
Total Receipts:				\$ 8,130.25	
Disbursements:				\$ -	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$ 8,130.25	
<b>Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 147,366.59</b>
<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$ 12,297.65	
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%				\$ 2,100.61	
American-Income (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)				\$ 49,102.01	
American-Balanced (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)				\$ 22,653.09	
CD#1264225,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 7/1/2015				\$ 20,031.97	
CD#1265605,Providence Bank-Jefferson Ctiy,1.00%,Matures 7/13/2015				\$ 10,878.47	
CD#1243915,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 7/6/2016				\$ 30,302.79	
<b>Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 147,366.59</b>
<b>Foundation Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>					<b>\$ 143,708.55</b>
Receipts:	Grand Secretary, Etc.			\$ -	
	Interest Earned			\$ 1,333.29	
Total Receipts:				\$ 1,333.29	
Disbursements:				\$ 600.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$ 733.29	
<b>Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 144,441.84</b>

<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$	933.27
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%				\$	1,081.26
CD#472514,Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson Ctiy, 1.00%,Matures 9/20/2015				\$	33,685.89
CD#1243920,Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 7/6/2016				\$	25,252.34
CD#516139, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 12/23/2016				\$	51,303.14
CD#137546,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 1/3/2017				\$	32,185.94
<b>Total Assets, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2015</b>				\$	<b>144,441.84</b>
<b>Palmyra Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>				\$	<b>6,784.32</b>
Receipts: From General Fund				\$	-
American-Income Fund (Central Bank-Jefferson City) Increase in Market Value, etc				\$	202.40
Interest Earned				\$	2.92
Total Receipts:				\$	205.32
Disbursements:			\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$	205.32
<b>Balance, Palmyra Fund March 31, 2015</b>				\$	<b>6,989.64</b>
<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$	3,604.23
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%				\$	129.19
American-Income (Central Bank-Jefferson City)				\$	3,256.22
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2015				\$	<b>6,989.64</b>
<b>Supply Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>				\$	<b>15,092.70</b>
Receipts: Inventory Sales				\$	1,602.15
Interest Earned				\$	11.68
Total Receipts:				\$	1,613.83
Disbursements:			\$	8.70	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$	1,605.13
<b>Balance, Supply Fund March 31, 2015</b>				\$	<b>16,697.83</b>
<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$	16,697.83
<b>Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2015</b>				\$	<b>16,697.83</b>
<b>Triennial Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>				\$	<b>678.50</b>
Receipts: From General Fund				\$	220.78
Interest Earned				\$	0.28
Total Receipts:				\$	221.06
Disbursements:			\$	899.49	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$	(678.43)
<b>Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2015</b>				\$	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$	0.07
<b>Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2015</b>				\$	<b>0.07</b>

<b>Leadership Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>					<b>\$ 195.82</b>
Receipts:	Grand Secretary, etc.			\$ 169.90	
	Interest Earned			\$ 0.16	
Total Receipts:				<u>\$ 170.06</u>	
Disbursements:				<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$ 170.06	
<b>Balance, Leadership Fund March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 365.88</b>
<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$ 365.88	
<b>Total Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 365.88</b>
<b>Proceedings Fund</b>					
<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</b>					<b>\$ -</b>
Receipts:	Grand Secretary, etc.			\$ 3,926.00	
	Interest Earned			\$ 1.45	
Total Receipts:				<u>\$ 3,927.45</u>	
Disbursements:				<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:				\$ 3,927.45	
<b>Balance, Leadership Fund March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 3,927.45</b>
<b>Statement of Assets, March 31, 2015</b>					
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%				\$ 3,927.45	
<b>Total Assets, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 3,927.45</b>
<b>Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2015</b>					<b>\$ 518,963.77</b>

Fraternally submitted,  
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP  
Grand Treasurer

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

## REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way – in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.”

I heard this again recently when I attended the Grand Council of Kansas and it struck me as to my reflection of the state of our York Rite fraternity in the State of Missouri. I cannot help but feel completely responsible for the status of our office, whether or not I could have done anything differently, one can only surmise. Regardless, six years ago I vacated the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder for personal reasons beyond my control. The monumental task of keeping up with the Grand York Rite fell upon the very broad shoulders of R.:I.:C.: Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., and I know in my heart that he did what he thought was right by standing up for the Grand York Rite. However, he had little to no training, and really no idea what lay before him, and it was indeed a rough and rugged road. He kept everything afloat until it was again handed off to R.:I.:C.: Russell S. Hanson. Like our distinguished Companion Troxel before him, Russell had little to no training, and no comprehensive understanding of all the components of administering the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder, but he and his Lady Debbie trekked through the mountains of paperwork and demands on their time and talents, and did the best they could with the understanding they had.

Suffice it to say, there are many who continue to voice their concerns about the administrative affairs of the office, something can always be done better, faster, cleaner, prettier, the list is endless. No one is ever satisfied. However, as the old saying goes, be careful what you ask for, you may get it, like the dog that finally catches that car.

Without faulting either of my two predecessors, the full range of complexities of the office are basically known to only two living Companions in this state. I was fortunate enough to gain your trust last grand session, if even by the slimmest of margins, and now I am back and it is my sincere desire to try to rectify the mess I inadvertently created.

I will attempt to run through the list of issues as I know them to be.

1. Annual Returns – not fully aware of all the complexities of the annual returns, they attempted to respond to the immediate requirements of the grand officers by providing gains and losses in the most economical manner. Their understanding of the requirements did not encompass the whole scope of the administrative needs. Needless to say, the Grand York Rite Membership “database” was not maintained with the

corrections gleaned from the annual returns or even monthly reports since Joyce was let go. One particular year's annual returns resulted in no reporting of detailed membership activities by the subordinate and constituent bodies at all.

The repercussions from this could not be known by the Grand Secretary/Recorders, but they did finally catch up to us.

- a. Changes in membership must be reported to the other YR bodies so the Secretaries/Recorders can keep up with their records. Although it is a requirement for Secretaries/Recorders to report to other organizations any changes in membership status, most don't know who/what/where/when or even how – this is why the GYR office has traditionally assisted them in keeping up with their membership rolls.
  - b. Changes in membership must be reported to the Royal Arch Mason Magazine so new members start receiving their magazine, and membership removals can be stricken from the list. With a continual loss of about 10% of our membership annually, without corrections being sent in, it could be estimated that upwards of 1500 people are still on the subscription list who should have been removed over the last six years. Likewise, as everyone knows, it could be estimated that upwards of 600 Companions who have received the degrees should have been added to the listing over the last six years. We have much work to do.
  - c. This year we started re-auditing the annual returns and monthly reports and all the little slips of paper for 2008, 2009, 2010, and most of 2011, making those corrections in the membership listing. We yet need to complete 2011, 2012, 2013 and now 2014. Since most organizations only filed a recapitulation sheet for 2013 and since there were too many anomalies in the previous returns, it became necessary for me to request of the organizations their historical records of the past 3 years in order to try to rebuild the membership. A very small few responded, which leaves gaps in the listing which must now be chased down one at a time, as time permits.
2. Monthly Reports were reinstated with the approval of the heads of the bodies, obviously with much anxiety from the Secretaries/Recorders. It is our hope that as new Secretaries/Recorders move in to position with no idea what they have or where they are, that these monthly reports can be used to facilitate more timely changes in the future. It also facilitates in the completion of annual returns because most do not have accurate

membership records locally. Unfortunately, a monthly report taking action on someone we don't even have in the membership list causes yet more issues.

3. Communications: It would appear that over the years, Secretaries and Recorders have taken it upon themselves to communicate directly with the heads of the bodies in the requesting of dispensations and by-laws changes. Likewise, the heads of the bodies now respond directly to the organizations without the official communications of approval/disapproval/recommendations coming through the office or being referred to jurisprudence. It is our anticipation that this will immediately change and we will perform those official communications for our presiding grand officers and maintain the official record.
4. Credentials/Grand Representatives: It appears that during one of the previous and recent grand sessions, someone took it upon themselves to take and keep the report of the credentials committee with regard to registration. Additionally, attendance at the grand sessions and lack thereof has not been reported to the heads of the bodies to follow up with. Another part of credentialing is registering grand representatives, who must not be absent for more than 3 years or they will automatically resign their commissions. This next year, it is our anticipation that we will rebuild the attendance records of the grand representatives and announce to the heads of the bodies any vacancies which can be filled by nomination. As you can understand, with the complexities of everything else, this is not our highest priority, but we hope to whip this one this next year.
5. Ballots: This year the heads of the bodies ordered new ballots be made which are in use today. We hope this will ease the balloting process for all.
6. Web Site: Although most do not know or appreciate the many complexities of the office, the web site is not one of them. However, in an effort to facilitate communications across the state in a more timely manner, I developed the moyorkrite.org web site over a decade ago and did my best to maintain it as no one else would step up to the plate and assist. Over the past few years, many have faulted the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the lack of information, the unconventional form and layout, and of course the lack of a calendar of events – one of the most useful tools we have for communication.

This last year, however, we enlisted the aid of Companion Don MacCormick who built us a new web site, utilizing much of the same information on the previous web site which people complained about, just in a different format, which people praised, go figure. He also developed an interactive calendar of events in which anyone who applied for and



was approved, could post their own events. It was anticipated that we would also make this compatible with today's technology for smartphones and tablets. Unfortunately, Don ran into some programming issues with the application software and it's ability to interface with our web site, and the whole calendar program had to be taken down and moved temporarily to a google calendar. As it currently stands, there are only a few people who can post events, but we hope this will be resolved in the immediate future, right Don?

However, even with the calendar in its current format, people who complained the most about not having a calendar are not submitting known events to us in order to post for the rest of the state. It is imperative that someone in each of the major areas of the state send those events to the GYR office so we can help cut down on major meeting conflicts, as well as advise others when and where degree work will be performed. Additionally, it would be anticipated in the future that the heads of the bodies will advise/post their official visits in the calendar as well so the rest of the grand officers and others know when/where to be.

We look forward to Don's completion of the web site and the access you desire and deserve. It should also be noted that he refused to take any of the money budgeted for the design and build out of the new web site, so the least we could do is show our appreciation to him for his hours and weeks of dedication and work.

The office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder has many issues which remain unresolved. They did not occur overnight and will not be remediated overnight. I would like to add one final comment. Before considering coming back to this job, a job I do love and truly appreciate, several of our current and past leaders were consulted and presented with a general business plan for the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder before I would consider the position. We all agreed to that business plan which consisted of me as Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, Russell as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, me and Debbie working on membership and Russell managing the money. The Grand High Priest and the Grand Master approved of my recommendation to make Russell the Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and he was installed as such. I was also designated an Assistant Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery and installed as such. Shortly after the grand session, a number of Companions expressed their dissatisfaction of Russell's appointments as an Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Grand High Priest and the Grand Master succumbed to the pressures and ordered me to remove Russell's name from the web site and all communications, which was done. I still remain an Assistant Grand Recorder in the Grand Commandery.

Many who have no understanding of the complexities of the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder love to raise concerns about whoever is in the office. We have even had senior grand line officers going around the state bad-mouthing other grand officers and the three of us in the office. Enough is enough. We have a business plan which is working, and things are beginning to normalize, but it does take time. Debbie and Russell are both learning many things they never knew about the Grand York Rite and we are slowly re-implementing them. Now, being armed with the knowledge of what has transpired over the last 6 years rather than rumor and speculation, if you are still not happy with the performance of the individuals working in the office and the business plan which was put into effect with the approval of senior leadership, then someone else can have it. If, however, you are willing to give us an opportunity to remediate the issues at hand and move forward, we will be happy to continue to try to do our jobs.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully,  
 Kevin B. Sample, Grand Secretary/Recorder  
 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri  
 Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

### STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Chapters	<b>44</b>
Number of Members, December 31, 2013	<b>3162</b>
Number Exalted	54
Number Affiliated	10
Number Reinstated	8
Total Gains	<b>72</b>
Number Dimitted	21
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	0
Number Suspended by Lodge	6
Number Suspended By Chapter NPD	144
Number Died	107
Total Losses	<b>278</b>
<b>Total Members, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>2956</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>206</b>

No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Election of Officers
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles at large	May 14, 2004	23-7526764	Christopher E. Tilley	Glenn B. Parker	Michael S. Smith	Phillip R. Cary, Jr.	2nd Wed in March
2	Palmyra	Liberty	September 14, 1848	23-7526765	Patrick D. West	Michael E. Lockwood	Dale E. Able	Kevin B. Sample	N/A
3	Liberty	Bolivar	October 16, 1847	43-0968049	William M. Westmoreland	Christopher S. McAntire	Robert F. Marshall	James Henry Whitman	4th Tuesday in June
5	Bolivar	Hannibal	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	Lloyd Lyons	Kenneth Nadler	Mark Schroer	Roger McGregor	3rd Wed in Dec
7	Hannibal	Lexington	May 24, 1861	23-7526769	Stanley Bennett	Kenneth R. Nelson, Jr.	Mark A. Dobson	Gentry Stone	2nd Tuesday in Jan
10	Lexington	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	Larry E. Chambers	James D. Jeffers	Patrick C. Squires	Glenn E. Means	1st Thurs in Apr
12	Independence	St. Joseph	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	Edward L. Choate	Kevin M. Ritter	Daryl W. Shouse	William W. Mier	1st Wed in Nov.
14	Mitchell	Springfield	May 23, 1849	23-7526774	Mitchell C. Weinsting	Lucas L. Gabel	Curtis M. Rickman	Dale Mills, II	4th monday in Mar
15	Springfield	Columbia	May 16, 1851	44-0443935	Ronald L. Perkins	David A. Hutton	John D. Herndon	Mark A. Bean	2nd Mon in Nov
17	Columbia	Sedalia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	Michael S. Smith	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	John E. Trower	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov
18	Sedalia	Macon	October 10, 1867	23-7526777	Phillip J. Moody	Richard Mills	Gene C. Berck	Russell D. Kohl	1st Thurs in Nov
22	Macon	Hazelwood	May 23, 1854	23-7526780	Jeffery Fielder-Bey	Donald MacCormick	Matthew G. Coppel	Richard J. Holmes	3rd Mon in March
25	Bellefontaine	Mexico	May 23, 1856	23-7526781	William D. Woolsey	James B. Stephenson	Rodger W. James	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov
27	Mexico	Kansas City	May 22, 1858	43-0728998	Clifford Dobbins	Harold F. Coots	Michael C. Rohman	Steven M. Anderson	1st Monday in May
30*	Lone Star **	Chillicothe	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	Jeffery Fielder-Bey	Walter Doyle	CC McLemore, III	Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Monday in Dec
38*	Lone Star **	Chillicothe	May 19, 1859	23-7137509	William D. Woolsey	James B. Stephenson	Rodger W. James	Donald H. Vandegriffe	3rd Monday in Dec
32	Rolla	Jefferson City	May 24, 1866	23-7137510	Clifford Dobbins	Harold F. Coots	Michael C. Rohman	Donald L. Trabue	1st Mon in April
34	Jefferson City	Greenfield	May 24, 1866	23-7382601	Jeffery Fielder-Bey	Walter Doyle	CC McLemore, III	John Shoemaker	1st Mon in April
38	Greenfield	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7137510	Jeffery Fielder-Bey	Walter Doyle	CC McLemore, III	John Shoemaker	1st Wed in June
43	Wyoming	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	Ronald Beatty	Henry S. Strohmeier	Bobby Smith	Donald Donovan	1st Mon in March
52	Tyrian	Neosho	October 7, 1869	23-7189747	Glenn Clifton	Rex A. Tilton	William Tilton	Glenn Clifton	3rd Mon in March
53	Caldwell	Kirksville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	James Furman	Seth D. Shumaker	Ashley W. Young	Thomas C. Yumick	2nd Thurs in Dec
56	Nevada	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	Victor R. Hinds	David L. Grubb	Dale M. Lockwood	Gary Jones	2nd Mon in Dec
58	California *	California	October 6, 1870	23-7526797	George Shelly	Steve liebe	OPEN	Stephen C. Derendinger	1st Thurs in Sept
61	Meridian Sun	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799	Richard C. Simons	James E. Portwood	Thomas E. Sams	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec
64	Lebanon	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	Richard C. Simons	James E. Portwood	Thomas E. Sams	Thomas W. Shamel	3rd Tues in April
66	Trenton	Trenton	October 6, 1870	23-7526801	Richard C. Simons	James E. Portwood	Thomas E. Sams	Larry T. Odom	3rd Thurs in Nov
75	Wilson	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	Charles J. Ortiz, Jr.	Gordon E. Walton	Johnny L. Schlenker	Alfred L. Mason	3rd Tues in Dec
78	Oriental-Rabboni	Webster Groves	October 9, 1873	43-0443570	Jeffery A. Parrotte	Ryan M. Branson	Harry A. Malin	Edgar D. Piles	1st Mon in March
80	Bethany	Bethany	October 9, 1873	23-7526812	Richard L. Jones	Clifford W. Addison	Jackson D. Daniel	Danny G. Daniel	3rd Tues in Feb
91	Joplin	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	Robert Gilmore	William L. Simpson	Rodney Trimble	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	1st Tues in Sept
93	Triune	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	Terry R. Struse	David W. Barker	Keith B. Walter	Jerry Bradford	1st Mon in Dec
99	Shelbina	Shelbina	May 5, 1881	23-7526817	Michael L. Dodd	Joe. P. Elsen	Jerry L. Miles	Darrell A. Wilham	4th Tues in Nov
102	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645	James Watson	CC McLemore III	Clark McLemore	Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June
110	Vncil	Springfield	May 10, 1888	44-0506699	James Watson	CC McLemore III	Clark McLemore	John Shoemaker	1st Thur in June
114	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 27, 1893	23-7526825	James N. Leslie	Bill A. Humble	Terry A. Yarbrough	Earnie D. Wilson	2nd Thurs in Nov
119	Webb City	Webb City	April 27, 1893	45-3534183	Brent E. Burney	Mark Richard Hagen	Michael E. Brownfield	John C. Kuehn	2nd Wed in Apr
123	Putnam	Unionville	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	Bryan W. Newman	Clifford B. Blue	Thomas C. Yumick	Loren D. Lloyd	4th Tues in Dec
129	Uel	Farmington	April 12, 1922	23-7526833	Anthony J. Tomlinson	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Clifford W. Wofford	Glen H. Needham	2nd Tues in June
136	East Gate **	Kansas City	April 12, 1922	23-7526839	David R. Ledgerwood	Jack R. Triplett	Gerald Reed	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thurs in June
137	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	Dennis Hammack	Edward Fessenmeyer	Michael Pisciotta	E. Joe Slater	3rd Fri in Nov
146	Keystone	Mehlville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	Roger d. Fleeer	David W. Getty	Robert L. Sanders	Thomas T. Herek	2nd Mon in Feb
148	Mt. Nebo	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	Thomas A. D. Semidt	William Jennens	Scott Filkins	John L. Erfurdt, Jr.	1st Mon in Sept
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	Kansas City	23-7526847	23-7526847	Thomas A. D. Semidt	William Jennens	Scott Filkins	Roy N. Thomas	1st Mon in Sept
TOTAL									
* No Annual Return received for 2013									
** No Annual Return received for 2012 and 2013									

No.	Chapter	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received	01. 2013 Membership	02. Exalted	03. Admitted	04. Reinstated	05. Total Gains	06. Total Mbrshp After Additions	07. Dimitted	08. Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	09. Expelled	10. Suspension by Lodge	11. Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	12. Died	13. Total Losses	14. Total Year End Membership 2014	15. Exaltation Fees	16. Per Capita	17. 2013 Debits	18. Total Per Capita and Fees	19. Remissions, Inability to Pay	19. Credit for Remissions
1	St. Charles Missouri	2nd Wednesday	7-Mar-15	91	0	0	1	1	92	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	88	\$ -	\$ 1,196.80	\$ -	\$ 1,196.80	11	\$ 149.60
2	Palmyra	N/A		9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	-	122.40	-	122.40		-
3	Liberty	4th Monday	31-Mar-15	148	0	0	0	0	148	3	0	0	0	0	5	8	140	-	1,904.00	-	1,904.00	2	27.20
5	Bolivar	3rd Wednesday	5-Feb-15	52	7	0	1	8	60	1	0	0	2	2	0	5	55	70.00	748.00	-	818.00	1	13.60
7	Hannibal	1st Tuesday		17	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	231.20	-	231.20		-
10	Lexington	2nd Tuesday	20-Feb-15	68	6	0	0	6	74	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	72	60.00	979.20	-	1,039.20	3	40.80
12	Independence	1st Thursday	27-Feb-15	141	1	0	1	2	143	1	0	0	0	10	4	15	128	10.00	1,740.80	-	1,750.80	3	40.80
14	Mitchell	1st Wednesday	13-Feb-15	236	7	3	0	10	246	0	0	0	0	7	14	21	225	70.00	3,060.00	-	3,130.00	16	217.60
15	Springfield	4th Monday	26-Feb-15	167	4	1	1	6	173	1	0	0	2	7	3	13	160	40.00	2,176.00	-	2,216.00	1	13.60
17	Columbia	2nd Monday	12-Feb-15	148	1	1	0	2	150	1	0	0	0	4	12	17	133	10.00	1,808.80	-	1,818.80	6	81.60
18	Sedalia	1st Tuesday		59	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	802.40	-	802.40		-
22	Macon	1st Thursday	28-Feb-15	18	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	-	231.20	-	231.20		-
25	Bellefontaine	3rd Monday	23-Feb-15	21	1	0	0	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	10.00	299.20	-	309.20	3	40.80
27	Mexico	4th Tuesday expt. Dec	23-Feb-15	40	1	0	0	1	41	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	37	10.00	503.20	-	513.20	1	13.60
28	Kansas City	1st Monday	28-Feb-15	28	1	1	0	2	30	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	24	10.00	326.40	-	336.40		-
30*	Lone Star **	3rd Monday, quarterly		10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	-	136.00	-	136.00		-
32	Rolla	3rd Monday	10-Mar-15	136	3	0	0	3	139	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	138	30.00	1,876.80	20.00	1,926.80	2	27.20
34	Jefferson City	1st Monday	31-Mar-15	83	1	0	0	1	84	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	77	10.00	1,047.20	-	1,057.20	4	54.40
38	Greenfield	1st Wednesday	13-Feb-15	31	1	0	0	1	32	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	29	10.00	394.40	-	404.40		-
43	Wyoming	1st Monday	28-Feb-15	97	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	96	-	1,305.60	-	1,305.60		-
52	Tyrion	3rd Monday	25-Apr-15	63	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	61	-	829.60	-	829.60	14	190.40
53	Caldwell	2nd Thursday	25-Mar-15	166	2	0	0	2	168	0	0	0	0	3	6	9	159	20.00	2,162.40	-	2,182.40		-
56	Nevada	2nd Monday	25-Feb-15	41	2	0	0	2	43	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	40	20.00	544.00	-	564.00		-
58	California *	1st Thursday	11-Apr-15	46	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	45	-	612.00	536.20	1,148.20		-
61	Meridian Sun	3rd Thursday		32	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	-	435.20	-	435.20		-
64	Lebanon	3rd Tuesday	30-Apr-15	83	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	14	4	18	65	-	884.00	-	884.00		-
66	Trenton	3rd Thursday		46	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	-	625.60	-	625.60		-
75	Wilson	3rd Tuesday	26-Feb-15	92	1	0	0	1	93	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	85	10.00	1,156.00	-	1,166.00	9	122.40
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1st Monday	29-Apr-15	172	0	0	0	0	172	4	0	0	0	19	8	31	141	-	1,917.60	0.54	1,918.14	7	95.20
80	Bethany	3rd Tuesday	30-Mar-15	22	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	21	-	285.60	-	285.60		-
91	Joplin	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-15	71	1	1	3	5	76	2	0	0	0	14	3	19	57	10.00	775.20	-	785.20	3	40.80
93	Triune	1st Monday	27-Feb-15	52	1	0	0	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	52	10.00	707.20	-	717.20		-
99	Shelbina	4th Tuesday	6-May-15	70	0	0	0	0	70	1	0	0	0	3	2	6	64	-	870.40	-	870.40	2	27.20
102	Orient	3rd Wednesday		54	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	-	734.40	-	734.40		-
110	Vincil	1st Thursday	28-Feb-15	80	0	0	0	0	80	3	0	0	0	22	2	27	53	-	720.80	-	720.80	2	27.20
114	Poplar Bluff	2nd Thursday	28-Feb-15	63	4	0	0	4	67	0	0	0	0	6	1	7	60	40.00	816.00	-	856.00	6	81.60
119	Webb City	2nd & 4th Wednesday	27-Feb-15	30	1	0	0	1	31	1	0	0	0	3	1	5	26	10.00	353.60	-	363.60	8	108.80
123	Putnam	4th Tuesday	28-Feb-15	35	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	33	-	448.80	10.00	458.80	2	27.20
129	Uel	2nd Tuesday	16-Mar-15	97	5	0	0	5	102	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	96	50.00	1,355.60	-	1,405.60	9	122.40
136	East Gate **	3rd Thursday		32	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	-	435.20	-	435.20		-
137	Mountain Grove	3rd Friday	25-Feb-15	46	0	0	1	1	47	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	42	-	571.20	-	571.20		-
146	Keystone	2nd Monday	20-Feb-15	50	3	0	3	3	53	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	51	-	693.60	-	693.60	3	40.80
148	Mt. Nebo	2nd & 4th Wednesday	25-Feb-15	53	2	0	0	2	55	0	0	0	0	9	2	11	44	20.00	598.40	-	618.40	1	13.60
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	1st Monday	4-Feb-15	66	1	0	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	4	2	6	61	10.00	829.60	-	839.60	3	40.80
	TOTAL			3162	54	10	8	72	3234	21	0	0	6	144	107	278	2956	\$540.00	\$40,201.60	\$566.74	\$41,308.34	122	\$1,659.20
	* No Annual Return received for 2013																						
	** No Annual Return received for 2012 and 2013																						



No.	Chapter	Cash on Hand 12/31/14	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited
1	St. Charles Missouri	\$ 1,036.12	\$ 59,333.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 485.50	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 61,144.95	\$ 47.35		Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Palmyra	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00		Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Liberty	1,995.02	43,472.98	-	-	-	45,468.00	15.00		No	No	Yes
5	Bolivar	6,248.34	61,334.96	-	-	-	67,583.30	15.00	12.30	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Hannibal	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00				
10	Lexington	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.50	0.50	No	No	Yes
12	Independence	2,288.38	10,000.00	-	-	-	12,288.38	27.10	178.05	No	No	Yes
14	Mitchell	5,846.30	60,000.00	200.00	420.00	-	66,466.30	20.00	54.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Springfield	280.61	-	7,000.00	-	-	7,280.61	33.50	132.50	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Columbia	3,975.34	-	-	900.00	1,050.00	3,825.34	25.00	114.00	No	No	Yes
18	Sedalia	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.50		No	No	Yes
22	Macon	184.32	4,643.01	-	-	-	4,827.33	12.00		No	No	Yes
25	Bellefontaine	624.59	58,811.14	2,500.00	-	-	61,935.73	8.00	11.35	No	No	Yes
27	Mexico	99.55	-	-	-	-	99.55	35.00	12.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	Kansas City	2,686.72	-	-	-	-	2,686.72	34.00		No	No	Yes
30*	Lone Star **	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00				
32	Rolla	24,731.04	-	-	-	-	24,731.04	22.00		No	No	Yes
34	Jefferson City	4,711.57	19,593.07	5,000.00	-	-	29,304.64	25.00	43.80	No	No	Yes
38	Greenfield	1,944.50	-	-	-	-	1,944.50	22.00		No	No	Yes
43	Wyoming	1,404.51	2,123.64	-	846.00	-	4,374.15	18.00		No	No	Yes
52	Tyrian	1,313.19	-	-	-	-	1,313.19	17.50		No	No	Yes
53	Caldwell	3,090.81	1,102.58	-	-	-	4,193.39	23.00	87.05	No	No	Yes
56	Nevada	1,436.37	-	500.00	104.00	-	2,040.37	26.00	54.75	No	No	Yes
58	California *	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00		No	No	No
61	Meridian Sun	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00		No	No	Yes
64	Lebanon	-	-	3,500.00	360.00	-	3,860.00	30.00	100.00	No	No	Yes
66	Trenton	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.00		Yes	Yes	Yes
75	Wilson	853.64	19,628.21	2,000.00	-	-	22,481.85	30.00		No	No	Yes
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1,609.36	85,606.67	4,500.00	318.00	-	92,034.03	79.00	76.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
80	Bethany	83.20	-	-	48.00	-	131.20	16.00		Yes	Yes	Yes
91	Joplin	287.08	20,310.08	592.34	-	-	21,189.50	19.00	29.50	No	NO	Yes
93	Triune	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.00	450.00	No	No	Yes
99	Shelbina	1,184.23	-	5,000.00	-	-	6,184.23	16.00		No	No	Yes
102	Orient	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00		Yes	Yes	Yes
110	Vincil	14,432.24	-	4,000.00	-	-	18,432.24	22.00		No	No	Yes
114	Poplar Bluff	640.47	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,640.47	22.00	36.50	Yes	Yes	Yes
119	Webb City	1,605.14	-	1,000.00	-	-	2,605.14	120.00	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
123	Putnam	1,515.45	-	-	20.00	-	1,535.45	20.00	88.25	No	No	Yes
129	Uel	-	-	-	-	-	-			Yes	Yes	Yes
136	East Gate **	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00		No	No	Yes
137	Mountain Grove	1,075.46	25,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	28,575.46	15.00		No	No	Yes
146	Key stone	976.70	-	15,000.00	78.00	-	16,054.70	26.00	158.30	No	No	Yes
148	Mt. Nebo	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.00		No	No	Yes
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	6,081.27	-	-	-	-	6,081.27	49.00	29.20	No	No	Yes
	TOTAL	\$94,241.52	\$470,959.67	\$60,292.34	\$3,579.50	\$2,760.00	\$626,313.03	\$1,113.45	\$1,770.00			
	* No Annual Return received for 2013											
	** No Annual Return received for 2012 and 2013											

## REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions: Your Committee on Education is proud to report on its activities during the past year. First, we thank MEC Roy N. Thomas, 2014-2015 Grand High Priest, for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter via his appointment. It is, and has been, a great privilege.

Two major activities have occupied the time of this committee during this term. First, we continue to work on the improvement of the end results of the Distinguished Chapter Award. Changes were made for the 2014-2015 year and have been made to the DCA for the 2015-2016 year, copies of which are available at this session.

Distinguished Chapter Award honorees for 2014-2015 are as follows:

### Bronze Level 600-799 points

Mitchell No. 14	Marion H. Boydston	680 points
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### Silver Level 800-999 points

Springfield No. 15	Edward L. Choate	815 points
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### Gold Level 1000 points & over

Jefferson City No. 34	Clifford R. Dobbins	1044 points
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Uel No. 129	Anthony J. Tomlinson	1260 points
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Keystone No. 146	Dennis L. Hammack	1325 points
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Harry D. Brown, Jr. No. 284	Thomas Schmidt	1345 points
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St. Charles Missouri No. 1	Christopher Tilley	2727 points
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Each of these chapters should be & are recognized for the exceptional efforts each of them continue to they exhibit. We congratulate them ALL! We especially call to the Grand Chapter's attention the continued upward movement & activity of St. Charles Missouri No. 1 which continues to take the top off of the point system, this year with an incredible 2727 points; Hats Off to great companions setting a magnificent example! We hope all of you will take time to compliment each of these achievers.

Second, is the committee's successful effort in creating a Chapter Officers Manual which is available at this session, one for each constituent chapter. This useful guide is a living document, one which can, and no doubt will, be improved upon as time progresses.

Your Committee's Chairman calls to the attention of the Grand Chapter the dedicated service of the committee members individually as that service relates to the total work product. It is, and they are, nothing short of phenomenal. It is an honor to serve with them.

In short Companions this has been an incredible year and one great opportunity to serve you- thank you all very much.

Fraternally submitted,  
John W. Siscel III, Chairman  
Steven C. Monrotus, PGHP  
W. Larry Wilson  
David L. Leirer  
Kyle R. Palacios  
Lee L. Francis  
Mark Schmidt

#### **REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

#### **REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY**

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Harley L. Kropf, Chairman



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND YOUT ACTIVITIES**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Jack E. Timmons, Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions: Your Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) is proud to report to you the activity of our Grand Chapter in this all important area.

RARA is at the heart of Royal Arch Masonry both here & internationally. Missouri is & has been a strong supporter of this great research effort from its inception. This, in large part, is due to the leadership of the late MEC Jose Palacios. He was the longtime Chairman of this committee & the RARA Executive Officer in Missouri. His strong support & winning smile all across this state kept RARA on the front burner always! We will always be in his debt!

RARA also has another strong supporter & even stronger believer in the form of MEC Dr. Steve Monrotus, PGHP. MEC Steve is the author of the landmark 3 CD set of Masonic Music available from RARA for a donation of \$150. This is an inestimable gift from the heart of Steve & represents a great opportunity to get "a gift for a gift"! We urge all Missouri Masonic Bodies to avail themselves of this unique & useful gift. Again, all Royal Arch Masons owe Steve Monrotus a debt of gratitude for this gift of love!

Thanks to MEC Larry Gray, GGSecretary, enclosed in the body of this report are the contributions from Missouri from 4/1/14 - 4/1/15 as shown on RARA records at the GGCHAPTER. You can see your chapter's contribution.

Please continue to be an integral part of the ongoing effort to eliminate Central Auditory Perception Disorders (CAPD)! It IS our charity!

Ralph Cantrell, PGHP Chairman  
John W. Siscel, III

<b>From</b>	<b>Chap No</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Honorarium</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GARDENVILLE/CACHE F & AM		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
MCMANIGLE , JAMES E.		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
LAND, SAM L.		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
SLONE , GENTRY		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
GRAND CHAPTER MO	0	\$107.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107.00
POPULAR BLUFF	114	\$36.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.50
PUTNAM	123	\$105.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105.85
UEL CLIFTON W. WOFFORD	129	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
UEL	129	\$0.00	\$259.35	\$0.00	\$259.35
KEYSTONE	146	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
KEYSTONE	146	\$111.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111.75
SPRINGFIELD	15	\$132.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.50
BELLEFOUNTAIN CHAPTER	25	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
MEXICO	27	\$7.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.30
BOLIVAR	5	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
BOLIVAR	5	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.00
NEVADA	56	\$26.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.60
LEBANON	64	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TRENTON	66	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
WILSON	75	\$108.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.90
TRIUNE	93	\$202.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.00
		<b>\$1,474.40</b>	<b>\$864.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,338.75</b>

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Ronald L. Barrett, Chairman