

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the
One Hundred Seventieth
Annual Convocation
of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of the State of Missouri
held
June 8, 2016
Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri

170th Annual Convocation Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast – On Your Own
- 8:00 a.m. Registration (Credentials Committee) – All 3 Bodies – until 10:30 am (Atrium)
- 8:30 a.m. Flag Presentation by Heroes of '76/Pledge/Anthem (Atrium)
- 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Comments by Master of Ceremonies – Open to Ladies and Guests
(Capitol/Truman)
- Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers
- Introduction of the District Deputy Grand High Priests
- Introduction of the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Officers
- Brief Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest
- Reception of the Past Grand High Priests of Missouri
- Reception of the Out of State Grand Chapter Officers
- Recognition of the Grand Representatives
- 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
- Summary Address of the Grand High Priest
- Necrology: Part of the Grand High Priest's Address
- Grand Chorister Presentation (or as determined by GHP)
- Address of General Grand High Priest or his Representative (* if time permits)
- Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge or his Representative (* if time permits)
(* if out of time, moved to last agenda item)
- Dismissal of the Ladies and Non-Member Guests
- 10:15 a.m. Formal Opening of the 170th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal
Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
- Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Election of the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Officers
- 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 Committee
- Acceptance of the Grand Chapter Officers Elect
- Report of the Grand High Priest Elect – w/Appointments
- 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 or Representative
- 12:00 p.m. Grand Chapter Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.
- Lunch On Your Own
- 1:30 p.m. Order of High Priesthood (Missouri)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Chapter Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any)
- All Grand Chapter Awards will be given at the Grand York Rite Awards Banquet***
- 3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Officers – Open to Ladies and Guests
- 4:30 p.m. Close of the 170th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Missouri
- Pictures
- 5:30 p.m. Grand Chapter Officer's Meeting – Grand Line Officers, DDGHPs, DDGLs (Missouri)
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner On Your Own

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
2015-2016**

Elected and Appointed Officers

Loren D. Lloyd	Grand High Priest
John W. Siscel, III	Grand King
Ronald L. Barrett	Grand Scribe
Donald L. Trabue	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample	Grand Secretary
Jerry L. Miles	Grand Captain of the Host
David L. Leirer.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
(Vacant).....	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Dan G. Daniel	Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Stephen T. Thompson	Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Kyle R. Palacios.....	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Kevin E. Weaver	Grand Chaplain
Lewis C. Odneal	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
John E. Schofield	Grand Organist
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Grand Historian
Jack E. Timmons	Grand Lecturer
Clarence L. Jennings	Regional Grand Lecturer, Western
Michael L. Dodd	Regional Grand Lecturer, Eastern
Melvin L. Hall.....	Grand Sentinel
Jeremy A. Lloyd	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Darren G. Crooks.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Richard L. Mansfield.....	Grand Aide
Thomas C. Yunick	Grand Aide

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
Richard G. Jones	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
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey	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. ShoemakerDistrict Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District A
 Matthew D. Ruth.....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
 (Vacant).....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
 Michael C. Rohman 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
 John C. Kuehn..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District B

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand High Priest

Roy N. Thomas, Chairman

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

J. Joseph Hayes

Robert L. Schmidt

Education

David L. Leirer, Chairman

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Kyle R. Palacios

Lee L. Francis

Mark T. Schmidt

Finance

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

Ronald L. Barrett

Jerry L. Miles

David L. Leirer

Finance/Investment

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

Gail S. Turner

E. Allen Kohler

Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Walter W. Doyle

Glenn E. Means

Todd A. Schulze

C. Brent Stewart

Kevin B. Sample

Barry V. Cundiff

Returns of Chapters

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

J. Joseph Hayes

Robert L. Schmidt

Time and Place

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman
Ronald L. Barrett
Jerry L. Miles

Triennial

Ronald L. Barrett, Chairman
Roy L. Gilkey
Kevin B. Sample

Special Committees

Audit

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
Richard L. Mansfield
Grand Chapter Line Officers

Membership and Youth Activities

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
David W. Haywood
Stephen T. Thompson

Charity

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Roy L. Gilkey
Donald L. Trabue

Ritual

Jack E. Timmons, Chairman
Kevin E. Weaver
Jerry L. Miles
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman
Harley L. Kropf
Donald L. Trabue
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor
Dan G. Daniel
John E. Schofield

Grand Master's Royal Arch Class

Jerry Bradford, Chairman
Jerry L. Miles
Jack E. Timmons
Steven C. Monrotus
Kevin B. Sample

Royal Arch Research Assistance

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman
Harley L. Kropf
Stephen T. Thompson

Illinois/Missouri Joint Royal Arch Class

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman
Jack E. Timmons
Jerry L. Miles
Jerry Bradford
Kevin B. Sample

York Rite Conference

Ronald L. Barrett, Chairman
District Deputy Grand High Priests

Order of High Priesthood

Kevin E. Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer

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. Drewing (1989-1990)
Frank P. Wilfley, Jr. (1990-1991)
Larry L. Muir (1992-1993)
William E. Brenneman (1995-1996)
Ralph P. Bunnell (1996-1997)
Robert W. Schlichter (1998-1999)
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (2000-2001)
Roy A. Welshon, Sr. (2002-2003)

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)
Roy N. Thomas (2014-2015)

Grand Representatives

JurisdictionTo Missouri United States of America

AlabamaClaude M. Eckert
Alaska Roger D. Fleer
ArizonaVacant
ArkansasLionel J. Goede
California Louis L. Monken
ColoradoScott Crawford
Connecticut Loren D. Lloyd
DelawareVacant
District of Columbia.... Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.
FloridaVacant
Georgia.....Vacant
HawaiiVacant
Idaho Jerry Miles
Illinois George L. Duncan
Indiana William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Iowa..... W. Larry Wilson
KansasJack E. Timmons
Kentucky.....Gale B. Morrison
Louisiana John C. Kuehn

Maine..... Vacant
Maryland..... William W. Mier
Massachusetts Vacant
MichiganJerry 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..... Vacant
North Carolina Vacant
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
 TexasRalph P. Bunnell
 Utah.....Charles M. Huey
 VermontRoy A. Welshon, Sr.
 Virginia Harold J. Richardson
 WashingtonVacant
 West Virginia Roy N. Thomas
 Wisconsin Ronald L. Barrett
 Wyoming.....Vacant

Canada/Mexico

JurisdictionTo Missouri

Alberta.....Richard J. Holmes
 British Columbia & YukonVacant
 Manitoba..... Harley L. Kropf
 Mexico..... Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.
 Newfoundland & Labrador.....
 Matthew Quesenberry
 New Brunswick..... Harry C. Reed, Jr.
 Nova ScotiaStephen C. Derendinger
 Ontario Kevin B. Sample
 QuebecRobert W. Schlichter
 Saskatchewan.....Vacant

Other Jurisdictions

JurisdictionTo Missouri

Argentina..... Robert E. Hardester

Austria..... LeRoy D. Unruh
 Belgium Gary A. Phillips
 Brazil Vacant
 EnglandJohn W. Siscel, III
 FinlandRocky E. Weaver
 France Vacant
 GermanyTerry Struse
 Greece..... Ronnie E. Green
 IndiaDavid R. Vogler
 Ireland..... David L. Leirer
 Israel Kevin E. Weaver
 Italy Vacant
 Netherlands Vacant
 New South Wales & Australia Vacant
 New ZealandErvin A. Drawing
 Panama Lewis C. Odneal
 Paraguay Vacant
 PhilippinesKyle R. Palacios
 Portugal William J. Bowser
 Queensland..... Vacant
 RomaniaWilliam 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

Loren Dale Lloyd was born ¼ mile east of Martinstown, Missouri on February 11, 1951, on the kitchen table of his uncle's house due to there being an ice storm that evening and the roads were ice covered. The Dr. came to Mom and Dad rather than we going to the hospital.

He graduated the 8th grade at Martinstown School in 1965 and graduated from Unionville High School May 1969. He attended Northeast Missouri State with a major in Agriculture Economics and a minor in math after High School.

Loren attended Kirksville Vocational school for an Associate's degree in Emergency Medicine (Paramedic), attended Rockhurst College for an Associate's degree in Safety, and Indian Hills Community College for Associates degree in Nursing (RN) with honors. All of this was done as an adult student and in some cases he was older than his Professors.

On April 4, 1970 Loren married his high school sweetheart and lifelong love Karen Joann Keene. From this union are two children and five grandchildren. Although Loren and Karen do not get to see them as often as they would like, due to them living in other states, they are all the love of their lives. Loren and Karen live on a farm that is approximately one mile from Loren's birth place. Karen is very supportive of Loren's Masonic journeys and travels with him as much as she can.

Masonic History

Symbolic Lodge

Hartford Lodge No. 171, Life Endowed

Master, 1996, 2005, 2008, 2014

Grand Lodge of Missouri

District Deputy Grand Master 3rd Masonic District 1996 – 2001

Capitular

Putnam Chapter No. 123 RAM, Life Endowed

High Priest 2005, 2006

Secretary 2003, 2004, 2007 to present

Caldwell Chapter No. 53, Life Endowed

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri

Lewis and Clark Award 2004,

Elected Grand Master 1st Veil 2008

Grand High Priest 2015 – 2016

Cryptic

Kirksville Council No. 44, Life Endowed

Master 2006, 2007

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

Lewis and Clark Award 2004

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1 2005 – 2006, 2006 – 2007

Chivalric

Ely Commandery No. 22, Life Endowed

Commander 2004 – 2005

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Regional Deputy Grand Commander, Region 1 2006 – 2013

Other Masonic Organizations

Order of Past Masters

Order of the High Priesthood

Order of the Silver Trowel

Past Commander's Association

Missouri Lodge of Research, Life Endowed

Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188, Life Endowed

Sword of Bunker Hill Order No. 120

St. Chrysostom Conclave Red Cross of Constantine

Lord of Lords Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest

Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbia, Life Endowed

Tipperary Council No 62, Knight Masons, Past Honorary Past Excellent Chief, Treasurer
2011 – Present

Marquis de LaFayette Council No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees

Robert Harris Bray Council No. 513, Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master

Missouri Priory No. 17, Knight York Cross of Honour

Columbia Preceptory, Yeoman of York, Past Director General, Life Endowed

Grand Preceptory, Yeomen of York, State of Missouri

Elected Grand Yeoman 2015

Court of Discovery No. 80 Masonic Order of Athelstan

Immanuel Chapel No. 10, St. Thomas of Acon

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

Companions, Ladies, and Distinguished Guests, Good Morning. I welcome you to the 170th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. I hope your time at the Grand York Rite Sessions of Missouri is enjoyable and memorable.

I first thank my Lady Karen for being so supportive to me and the Grand Chapter during our time in the advancing line. Without her support and help I would have been more stressed during this journey! She has been my support and Love for over 46 years, without her I would be truly lost.

Next I thank all the Grand Officers for their support this year. Their participation in our many efforts to raise the level of interest in Royal Arch Masonry, participation in events and improvement of ritual state wide have been outstanding. The DDGHP's and DDGL's are also to be commended for their dedication and service to the Grand Chapter.

I also give thanks to M.:E.:C.: Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chair of the Jurisprudence Committee, and his committee members for their help this year. I have asked many questions of them, some of the answers were not what I wanted to hear, however they did keep me and my ideas within the by-laws of the Grand Chapter.

I wish to thank our Grand Secretary, M.:E.:C.: Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP, for his dedication to the Grand Chapter and his advice of wording for some of my correspondence. His council and wisdom were much appreciated by me.

Finally, I give special thanks to my two Grand Aides, V.:E.:C.: Thomas C. Yunick and V.:E.:C.: Richard L. Mansfield, my Grand Sentinel V.:E.:C.: Melvin Hall, and Companion Abdon Navarro for the many hours spent with me traveling this great State. Along with Lady Karen these Companions have traveled with me in excess of 30,000 miles this year visiting local Chapters, visiting with Companions and their Ladies, and enjoying many a good meal prepared for us while visiting their Chapters has been memorable to say the least.

Two events stand out for me this year, the re-dedication of the cornerstone at the Missouri State Capital and the setting to work of a Chapter under dispensation, I will explain.

The Officers of the Grand Chapter of Missouri were invited to participate in the celebration of the Centennial rededication of the Missouri State Capital Cornerstone by the Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of Missouri. All of the Missouri Masonic Organizations were invited to attend along with the Prince Hall Masonic brethren. What a show of unity. Lady Karen made the comment to me this event made her feel like a "real American". Thinking of the power of that statement, I realized that we all need to feel like Americans in order to express pride in being Americans, and for that matter, Masons. I wonder how many others in attendance felt like American's that day? How many young men were motivated to become Masons?

I had the honor to install the officers of and set to work West Plains Chapter U.D. on May 12, 2016. This Chapter had merged with Mountain Grove approximately nineteen years ago due to lack of participation. A group of young Royal Arch Masons from West Plains decided to reestablish a Chapter there. They contacted MEC Robert W. Schlichter and me for advice as to how to proceed. They were dedicated and provided all requested information in a timely manner. Every officer was present to be installed that night and well supported by their families. I can attest it is unusual for all officers be in attendance for an installation. While in attendance a member asked if I was “Super Dedicated to the Royal Arch” due to having driven five plus hours to install them and set them to work. This dedicated young Royal Arch Mason, Companion Dan Hanley along with others of this Chapter, had just displayed an exemplary proficiency of the ritual in a Chapter degree. He and all those other young dedicated Royal Arch Masons of Missouri give me the inspiration to travel to see them perform our ritual for our candidates. Those candidates received the best degree work there is to offer. I am so proud of all these dedicated Royal Arch Masons and salute them. Their dedication should inspire all of the Grand Officers to give them full support. We should all strive to be “Super Dedicated”!

Hannibal Chapter No. 7 has been struggling for many years. On November 5, 2015, I, MEC Robert W. Schlichter, and several other Grand Line officers met with them to discuss their future. They indicated they wanted to relinquish their Charter. MEC Schlichter explained to them they would have to give their membership a written notice thirty days prior to the meeting to vote to close. A date for this meeting was set for January 7, 2016. On that date several more of Hannibal Chapter No. 7 Companions were in attendance and when a vote was taken to close it was soundly defeated. The Secretary, EC McGregor, was directed by the membership to submit any delinquent annual returns and per capita payments to the Grand Chapter of Missouri as soon as possible. Any and all delinquency fees were waived by me due to the treasury of Hannibal Chapter No. 7 unable to pay them. As of May 14, 2016 they have one new candidate to exalt and two others who will be receive degree work in Columbia on June 13, 2016.

While visiting with the PGHPs who had served prior to 2001, I discovered those MEC’s did not receive a PGHP pocket jewel. I had questioned if there was insurance on the GHP jewel I was wearing made in 1874 and valued at over \$15,000.00. Finding it was not insured I decided that this GHP jewel was too valuable to wear and should only be used for Grand Chapter ceremonies. When I requested a quote for a replica of this jewel I discovered we could buy twenty as cheaply as one. The PGHPs prior to 2001 were contacted to see if they would be interested in one at the cost of \$100.00 including engraving their name and their year as GHP on the back. Eleven were sold leaving one for the GHP to wear during his year for the next nine years, preserving the integrity and doing away with the chance the original 1874 GHP jewel being lost.

I wish to give thanks to all the Veterans of the United States Armed forces who have fought or who continue to fight for all the freedoms we have in this great Nation. During the year I was asked by a few Royal Arch Masons if there was a Masonic jewel commemorating their

service to our Country. I looked around on the internet and found none to be had except for the Commandery Bar. I sent an email to the General Grand High Priest, MEC Louis Bartrand, around the first of February 2016 asking if the General Grand Chapter had available a Veteran's Jewel. He thought a jewel was a good idea, but there was not one available presently. He asked if Missouri could design one and send to him the design for the General Grand officers to review. With assistance from Missouri RAMs and John Bridegroom of *The Masters Craft*, one was designed and sent to MEC Bartrand. In early May 2016, he sent me a request as to where he could get a quote for these Veteran's jewels. He was given the contact information for *The Masters Craft*. On May 21, 2016 I was told by Companion Bridegroom that the General Grand Chapter had requested a quote for two hundred of these jewels. When the Veterans jewels are available and information is up on the General Grand Chapter web page about them I will share that information with you. Just think of the respect a Chapter could show a returning Companion Veteran or to a Veteran of past wars by giving them this jewel as a tribute to their service in protecting our freedoms. Also think of the memories of our fraternity if given to the family of a fallen Companion warrior who had given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, His Life.

On October 17, 2015 the second annual Missouri/Illinois Royal Arch class was held at Freedom Lodge with Keystone Chapter No. 146 RAM hosting and opening the event. Several candidates from Missouri and Illinois were exalted to the Royal Arch. Companions from Illinois conferred the Mark Master and Past Mater Degrees and Missouri Companions conferred the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch degrees. The Candidates received excellent degree work and were the first be exalted by Missouri and Illinois Companions in Missouri. The degree teams from both states have my admiration for the work they did for these candidates.

The 5th Annual Grand Master's Royal Arch Class was held at the Columbia Masonic Temple on March 5, 2016. Columbia Chapter No. 17 RAM hosted the event, however for the first time Palmyra Chapter No. 2 RAM opened Chapter for the event. There was also another first at this event, EC and MWB C. Brent Stewart, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of Missouri served as High Priest in opening the Chapter. He did an exemplary job with the opening ritual and the Grand Chapter of Missouri was honored for his service to the Fraternity. The Candidates exalted at this class received the best of ritual from the Companions. VEC Jack E. Timmons, Grand Lecturer had summoned Companions from all parts of Missouri to confer the degrees.

I was honored by Caldwell Chapter No. 53 with an assist from Putnam Chapter No. 123 with a reception for me and Lady Karen on November 21, 2015. There were approximately 70 people in attendance. Caldwell Chapter No. 53 members had asked me for several years to become a dual member of their Chapter. I would respond, if you become a dual member of Putnam No. 123 then I will become a member of Caldwell Chapter No. 53. I never had a Companion of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 agree to those terms! I can no longer make that request

as I was made an Endowed member of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 by their membership that day, a humbling honor not expected by me.

When presenting the Masonic Youth groups with our donations to them I wondered why the check was so small. I learned that in 1998-1999 that the check presented was \$1,000.00. This past year our check was \$300.00, much smaller you can see. Anyone who has investments knows income on them is down, and so is ours for the Grand Chapter's Foundation. I discussed with the next four Grand Chapter Line Officers the possibility of having a Grand High Priest coin to raise money, 50% of the proceeds to the Foundation and 50% divided among the three Masonic Youth Groups each year. Agreement was unanimous and coins were designed. I received my first 100 GHP coins on November 21, 2015 and by February 20, 2016 they were all sold and another 100 were ordered. I thank all who donated to this cause. Your generous donations will be appreciated by the Missouri Masonic Youth Organizations.

I was saddened to accept the resignation of VEC Jerry Bradford from the Grand Chapter advancing line effective June 8, 2016. VEC Jerry has moved to Texas and is unable to fulfill his obligations to the Grand Chapter of Missouri. His ritual knowledge and leadership will be missed in Missouri.

Visitations

May 25, 2015	Attended DeMolay to present check and youth award
May 28, 2015	Met with MIC William Snyder and RE Sir Knight Larry Odom to plan events
June 25, 2015	Attended Jobs Daughters, Capital Plaza to present check and youth award
June 27, 2015	Attended region 3 York Rite Conference Kansas City, MO
June 27, 2015	Attended reception for MIC William Snyder, Kansas City, MO
June 28, 2015	Attended Rainbow Girls Assembly, Springfield MO present check and present youth award. Recipient was no longer qualified to receive due to suspended for non-payment of dues. Later another qualified candidate was selected to receive this award.
July 03, 2015	Attended and represented the Grand Chapter at the Centennial rededication of the Cornerstone of the Missouri State Capital by the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Missouri
July 11, 2015	Attended York Rite Conference region 5, Mehlville, MO
July 13, 2015	Visited Columbia Chapter No. 17 RAM, Conferred 2 Mark master degrees
July 18, 2015	Attended York Rite Conference Region 4, Jefferson City, MO
July 25, 2015	Attended Grand Masters 1st Annual Grand Master's Cryptic Day
August 01, 2015	Attended Masonic Youth Day, Columbia, MO. Present youth award to a Rainbow Girl
August 10, 2015	Official visit to Columbia Chapter No. 17 RAM

August 14-15, 2015 Attended the Annual Convocation of Iowa Grand Chapter, Des Moines, IA, Accompanied by VEC Melvin Hall, Grand Sentinel

August 18, 2015 Official visit to Lebanon Chapter No. 64 RAM, accompanied by VEC Richard Mansfield, VEC Thomas Yunick and VEC Stephen Thompson, GM 2nd Veil

August 22, 2015 Attended Kirksville York Rite Bodies annual family picnic

September 10, 2015 Official visit Caldwell Chapter No. 53 RAM

September 12, 2015 Attended York Rite Conference at Bolívar, MO

September 14, 2015 Attended Columbia Chapter No. 17 RAM, degree work

September 18-19, 2015 Attended SW/SC Conference in Oklahoma City, OK

September 27-29, 2015 Represented the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons at the Missouri Grand Lodge Session

October 3, 2015 Represented the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons at 175th re-dedication of Huntsville Lodge No. 30

October 5, 2015 Attended Triune Chapter No. 93 RAM annual fish fry and Grand High Priest Reception

October 7, 2015 Official visit to Mitchell No. 14 RAM, St Joseph, MO

October 17, 2015 Attended MO/IL Joint RAM class, Freedom Lodge, Mehlville, MO, 17 total new RAM's from MO and IL

October 30-31, 2015 Attended Kirksville York Rite Festival

November 5, 2015 Official visit Hannibal Chapter No. 7 RAM, discussion included them closing. JP chair MEC Robert Schlichter and member Comp. Todd Schulze also present

November 7, 2015 Attended Grand officers meeting, Jefferson City Lodge, Items discussed Round robin event, Business plan, good of the order

November 21, 2015 Attended GHP reception Kirksville Masonic Temple

December 22, 2015 Assisted MEC Stephen C. Monrotus to present MEC Harley L. Kroft the Ephraim Kirby Award at Shelbina Chapter No. 99

January 4, 2016 Official Visit Wyoming Chapter No. 43

January 7, 2016 Visited Hannibal Chapter No. 7 RAM, they voted not to close. Waived any and all delinquency penalties for this Chapter

January 12, 2016 Official Visit Uel Chapter No. 129 RAM, Farmington, MO

January 14, 2016 Installed officers Caldwell Chapter No. 53 RAM, Kirksville, MO

January 18, 2016 Official visit Rolla Chapter No. 32 RAM

January 30, 2016 Installed Officers Shelbina Chapter No. 99 RAM

February 11, 2016 Official visit Popular Bluff Chapter No. 114 RAM

February 17, 2016 Official visit Orient Chapter No. 102 RAM

February 18, 2016 Official visit East Gate Chapter No. 51 RAM

February 20, 2016	Attended Reception for RE Larry Odom, Grand Commander 2015-2016, Trenton, MO
March 5, 2016	Attended 5 th Annual Grand Master's RAM Class, Columbia, MO
March 7, 2016	Official visit Oriental Rabboni Chapter No. 78 RAM
March 11, 2016	Official Visit Independence Chapter No. 12 RAM
March 11-12, 2016	Attended Independence York Rite Festival
March 18, 2016	Official visit Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137 RAM
April 2, 2016	Attended 1 st Annual Grand Chapter Round Robin event, Jefferson City, MO
April 2, 2016	Attended Grand Chapter officers meeting, Finance and budget committee meeting, Jefferson City MO
April 4, 2016	Official visit Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 RAM
April 7-8, 2016	Represented the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons at the Order of Amaranth Grand Assembly, Springfield, MO
April 13, 2016	Official visit Putnam Chapter No. 123 RAM and reception of the GHP
April 16, 2016	Participated in Grand Chapter officers meeting and Budget committee meeting per teleconference call
April 16, 2016	Attended Grand Master's (Grand Lodge) dinner Favazza's Restaurant St Louis, MO
April 17, 2016	Attended Grand Masters Breakfast, Scottish Rite Temple, St Louis, MO
April 23, 2016	Attended 2 nd Grand Master's Cryptic Day, Columbia, MO
May 2, 2016	Official visit, Kansas City Chapter No. 28 RAM, KCMO
May 2, 2016	Official visit, Harry D Brown Chapter No. 284 RAM, KCMO
May 12, 2016	Installed officers and set to work West Plains Chapter under Dispensation
May 29, 2016	Attended DeMolay to present check and youth award
May 31, 2016	Installed officers of Macon Chapter No. 22 RAM

Dispensations

July 9, 2015	Issued Dispensation to Mexico No. 27, to relocate meetings from Mexico Masonic Temple to Fulton Masonic temple, until June 8, 2016. It was recommended that they may need to address their by-laws concerning meeting place if this were to be a long term need since dispensation was given for the change last year also by MEC Roy Thomas.
July 14, 2015	Issued Dispensation to Oriental Chapter No. 78 RAM, to change their meeting date to September 17, 2015 due to their regular meeting night, September 3, 2015 falling on Labor Day
October 17, 2015	Issued dispensation for Keystone Chapter No. 146 RAM to open for MO/IL joint class

October 17, 2015	Issued dispensation to allow Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois to confer Capitular degrees in the State of Missouri
November 3, 2015	Issued dispensation to Greenfield Chapter No. 38 RAM to move their meeting night from November 4, 2015 to November 5, 2015 due to church conflicts
March 2, 2016	Rescinded dispensation granted Mexico Chapter No. 27 RAM of July 9, 2015 to hold their meetings in Fulton. Dispensation given to move Mexico Chapter No. 27 RAM meetings to Montgomery City Lodge.
March 5, 2016	Issued Dispensation for Palmyra Chapter No. 2 RAM to open the Grand Master's RAM Class with assist of MWB Brent Stewart as HP
April 15, 2016	Issued Dispensation to establish West Plains Chapter under dispensation, (Merged with Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137 on or about 02/20/1997) 26 Companions signed the petition to re-establish. Appointed the officers of this Chapter. Welcome back.

Decisions

August 18, 2015	Approved attendance of Clifton Wofford to the Leadership course, SW/SC conference Oklahoma City, OK
January 7, 2016	Waived all Annual Return late fees to Hannibal Chapter No. 7
February 18, 2016	Waived all Annual Return late fees to East Gate Chapter No. 51
March 25, 2016	Healed the improper consolidation of Weston Chapter No. 4 under the charter of Mitchell Chapter No. 14
March 29, 2016	Expelled Paul Robert Cannon from any affiliation with the Missouri Grand Chapter RAM or any subordinate Chapter RAM of Missouri due to expulsion of same by the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Missouri on March 25, 2016

By Law Changes, Subordinate Chapters

November 14, 2015	Approved by-law changes for Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter No. 284
November 20, 2015	Approved by-law changes by Uel Chapter No. 129
April 7, 2016	Approval for Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 RAM to change meeting date from the 3 rd Monday to the 4 th Tuesday of each month.
June 1, 2016	Approved Macon Chapter No. 22 by-law changes, dues structure, meeting date change from 1 st and 3 rd Thursday each month to the 1 st Tuesday of each month

Edicts Issued

March 11, 2016 Issued Edict to create Regional Grand Lectures Eastern and Western Regions with Highway 63 being the dividing line. Appointed VEC Clarence L. Jennings Western Regional Grand Lecturer and VEC Michael Dodd Eastern Regional Grand Lecturer

Time Capsule Visit

On June 28, 2015, I visited the York Rite Time Capsule in Branson and found it to be structurally sound and the area around it maintained.

The Royal Arch Masons get to be first in the order of business of Missouri York Rite at this year's Annual Sessions, an Honor and a Privilege as we are the second block in the foundation of the York Rite, the Symbolic Lodge always being the Greatest Foundation of this Most Excellent Fraternity, Freemasonry. Remember as a Master Mason you will not have bestowed upon you a Greater Title. We as Royal Arch Masons are to shed more Light upon that Greatest Title of Master Mason by giving and receiving still more light and further education in Masonry to those who feel there is more Light to be had and more Truth to be heard. These teachings and lessons are based upon the Most Excellent tenants of the Holy Bible, the Word of God as our Rule and Guide in our life and all our doings, a guide for building our future and giving direction for our life in that House not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Necrology

I was unable to attend the services for MEC Calvin Schroff in June 2015 due to being obligated at the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls in Springfield, MO. I want to express my condolences to his family as he was an inspiration to me for many years and will be sadly missed by me and the Fraternity.

There have been too many of our number departed to that House not made with hands this past year. All will be missed, however their legacy as Royal Arch Mason's will continue long into the future. Each will be remembered for their dedication and service to this great Fraternity by those they influenced positively during their life.

VEC Kevin Weaver will now give the Necrology service in memory of these Distinguished Companions.

Memorial Service

by Very Excellent Companion Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Chaplain

Isaiah 43:1-3: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

At the time of the preaching of Isaiah, Israel was in the midst of the greatest trial of her existence. She had been subdued by a foreign power, and had been forced into captivity at the hands of a hostile nation. For almost two generations, she had remained in Babylon, but finally God heard her cries, and he sent this prophet to tell the people that her time of servitude was nearing its completion, and that she would return home. These words are a promise of the salvation that Israel would one day, very soon, receive.

They are words which were spoken and prayed long before the prophet used them. They are words of great assurance that God will do all that he has promised. We live by these words. We trust in them that God will fulfill all that he has spoken to us through faith, through life, through our friends and companions. They are words of great rejoicing, which is how we feel when we are joined together in the fellowship of the Fraternity.

We mourn the passing of 111 companions and Past Grand High Priests Delbert R. Gentry and Calvin D. Schroff, taken from us during this past year. Our Chapters are less because of their absence, because we no longer can delight in their company and conversation and their fellowship, but we have these promises of God's salvation.

The nation of Israel held this same trust. Faithful people of all generations have known these promises to be true. Though we are called to pass through this time, we do so with the assurance that God is with us, and that one day, our tears will be turned to joy. This comes simply because God loves us, and he loves all his children.

God is present with us, and trusts that we will take comfort in that, for we need to remember that life does indeed go on, not only in the world to come, but in this world also; that when we are in the midst of the waters or the fire, we are not alone.

Let us pray. Gracious and merciful God, we once again entrust our departed companions to your care. We pray for your comfort and strength to be with their families and dear ones, and to be with us, that we may go forward to continue the witness of the joys and service we all share. We ask all this to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

Recommendations

I recommend the continuation of the Traveling Keystone started by MEC Stephen Monrotus. This program promotes visitation between Chapters and provides Chapters the ability to perform and grow.

I recommend that the GHP coins be continued as a way to increase our donations to the Missouri Masonic Youth Organizations. These young men and women represent the future of Masonry. The young men of the DeMolay will become Master Masons. They will become our leaders one day, shaping Masonry for their generation and into the future. The young ladies of Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls having been a part of our Masonic family will promote Masonry's benefits to their husbands someday. If he is not a part of our Masonic family I believe he soon will be. His Lady promoting our Fraternity in a positive Light to him and recommending he belong.

I recommend that a long range plan be established, setting measurable goals of where we want our Grand Chapter and the Subordinate Chapters to be in five years. Those Goals should include increasing membership, increasing ritual proficiency, and other goals that would promote and grow our Fraternity.

I have tried numerous times since January of this year to contact a representative of Lone Star Chapter No. 30 RAM located in Chillicothe, MO without much success. I have left messages for a return phone call without receiving any. I did get to speak with the Secretary on one occasion and suggested he contact the membership for a meeting with me. He was less than serious, even laughing at a need to meet with representatives of the Grand Chapter. Since that conversation I have been unable to make any contact with this Chapter or the Secretary. They have not filed an annual return or paid per-capita since 2011 and their 990's have not been filed. I recommend that their assets be frozen, their Charter suspended and a committee of oversight be appointed to establish what the wishes are of the membership of this Chapter and a report submitted to the Grand High Priest of their findings. I would prefer this rather than arresting their Charter as this Chapter represents a major portion of the state of MO.

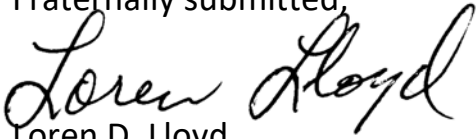
I recommend that the Round Robin Event be continued and expanded. This is a way to promote our ritual and assure that there are Companions who can perform the ritual without aide of the book. The pilot event this year was a huge success and those in attendance expressed that it should continue. I want to congratulate EC Frank Lukenbill, the winner of the first ever Round Robin event. He received a Life Endowment to his Chapter as his reward.

I also recommend that the Ritual proficiency card program be re-started. This program has been non-existent for a few years. This is another program which assures we have Companions throughout the state proficient in the Ritual. Our Ritual needs to be revived and preserved.

Closing Comments

I thank every Royal Arch Mason in our great state of Missouri who supported me this year. I hope that history will show my year was a good one. I also want to thank all the Chapters in Missouri who invited me to visit them and gave me one of their Chapter's Pennies as a keepsake. It has been a Great but Humbling Honor to Serve the Companions of Missouri this year. Lady Karen and I have been blessed with having the help, support and positive feedback of those around us, Companions and their Ladies that we can always call friends!

Fraternally submitted,



Loren D. Lloyd

Grand High Priest, 2015-2016

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(from the floor)

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

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

Companions, your committee wishes to complement our Grand High Priest for his many activities during the year. His many travels and hours of hard work shows his love of Royal Arch Masonry. He has traveled to other jurisdictions to carry fellowship to our neighbors. It shows his thoughtfulness and concern for the future of our order.

His decisions relative to By-laws, Dispensations and Edicts are referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The duty of this committee is to report on his address. The address is very well written and easy to read. It shows an excellent command of our language and the sentence structure and paragraphing is in accordance with Standard English grammar.

This committee offers its deepest thanks for his hard work and much time spent in serving our order. He has discharged the duties of his office with great care and enthusiasm. We wish him all the best in the future and hope that he will continue to work with us in the betterment of the order. We trust that by the end of today he will understand that 'past' is the most beautiful word in the English language.

Fraternally submitted
Roy N. Thomas, PGHP, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

Greetings:

The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri has reviewed the labors of the Grand High Priest as regards edicts issued, dispensations granted, by-laws changes approved for Subordinate Chapters and, all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by him.

Thus far and in our opinion, the actions of Most Excellent Companion Loren Dale Lloyd, are well within the inherent powers, responsibilities and duties of his office as proscribed in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

Our Grand High Priest is to be commended for his specific interest and attention to the Craft. Most Excellent Companion Lloyd has provided exemplary leadership in his charge of the Craft and, on more than one occasion, demonstrated his ability to resolve complex and sometimes, most difficult and sensitive matters. He has always acted thoughtfully, responsibly and, never failed to seek advice and counsel when appropriate.

For this positive and supportive dedication to the Craft, we recommend approval of this report and its printing in the final Proceedings.

So moved.

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION IN 2016

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

Greetings:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ARTICLE VII, Sections 34, 35, 36 & 37 of the By-laws of the Grand Chapter be amended by inserting the following:

- a. "Regional and" in the title of **ARTICLE VII**;
- b. "and two Regional Grand Lecturers so that one Regional Grand Lecturer would service that part of the State lying West of U. S. Highway 63 and one Regional Grand Lecturer would service that part of the State lying East of U. S. Highway 63." following the word "region" in the first sentence of Section 34.
- c. "Regional Grand Lecturers and" between "The" and "District" in the second sentence of Section 34;

- d. "Additional duties of the Regional Grand Lecturers shall be to follow the direction of the Grand Lecturer, plan and execute ritual schools within their respective regions, and to assist and provide instruction and leadership to the District Deputy Grand Lecturers" after "practiced" in Section 34;
- e. "Regional Grand Lecturers" between "Lecturer," and "and" in the first sentence of Section 35;
- f. "the Regional Grand Lecturers" between "himself" and "and" in Section 36;
- g. ", Regional Grand Lecturers" between "Lecturers" and "or" in Section 37; and,
- h. amend date to each Section if adopted.

THIS ARTICLE CURRENT READS: ARTICLE VII District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Section 34. Duties. The Grand High Priest shall appoint a District Deputy Grand Lecturer to each established district in each established region. The District Deputy Grand lecturers shall have in special care the work, as approved by the Grand Chapter, and shall see that no other work is taught or practiced. *(Amended April 29, 1975, Amended May 18, 2001)*

Section 35. Ritual Committee. The ritual committee shall be composed of the Grand Lecturer, and District Deputy Grand Lecturers, including ex-officio members, and chaired by the Grand Lecturer. The ritual committee shall meet periodically at a location to be designated by the Chairman for the purpose of reviewing and maintaining ritualistic perfection. Any changes in ritual and/or procedures suggested by the ritual committee must be presented to and approved by the Grand Chapter before such changes become mandatory. *(Amended April 29, 1975, Amended May 9, 1998, Amended May 18, 2001)*

Section 36. Annual Report. The Grand Lecturer shall make annually a report to the Grand Chapter of all official duties performed by himself and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, along with the actions of the Ritual Committee. *(Amended April 29, 1975, Amended May 18, 2001)*

Section 37. Compensation. No salary will be paid to the Grand Lecturer or to District Deputy Grand Lecturers. Other compensation will be as determined by the Grand High Priest and the Finance Committee. *(Amended April 29, 1975, May 18, 2001)*

AS AMENDED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ: ARTICLE VII Regional and District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Section 34. Duties. The Grand High Priest shall appoint a District Deputy Grand Lecturer to each established district in each established region and two Regional Grand Lecturers so that one Regional Grand Lecturer would service that part of the State lying West of U. S. Highway 63 and one Regional Grand Lecturer would service that part of the State lying East of U. S. Highway 63. The Regional Grand Lecturers and District Deputy Grand lecturers shall have in special care the work, as approved by the Grand Chapter, and shall see that no other work is taught or practiced. Additional duties of the Regional Grand Lecturers shall be to follow the direction of the Grand Lecturer, plan and execute ritual schools within their respective regions, and to assist

and provide instruction and leadership to the District Deputy Grand Lecturers (*Amended April 29, 1975, Amended May 18, 2001*)

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide assistance to the Grand Lecturer in the planning and execution of ritual schools of instruction.

Fraternally submitted,
Jack E. Timmons, PHP, Wyoming Chapter No. 43

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: the By-laws of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Missouri be amended by addition of **Section 159. Missouri Chapter No. 0.** at **ARTICLE XVI Membership,** to wit,

1. Missouri Chapter No. 0 will be formed upon adoption of this legislation by the Grand Chapter. This Chapter will function aside from the usual requirements prescribed for the issuance of a Charter.
2. A Charter shall be issued to the office of Grand High Priest and be held by him while he remains in office.
3. The Executive Officers of the Chapter shall be the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe.
4. The Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed by the Grand High Priest each year and may be reappointed to successive terms if necessary. The Treasurer and Secretary will perform duties as would be performed by a regularly chartered Chapter including the maintenance of all

membership records and shall provide a written report to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation.

5. The territorial jurisdiction of such Chapter when formed shall be coextensive with the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

6. The membership shall consist of those Companions who shall have lost membership in a regular Chapter. Membership shall be transferred to Missouri Chapter No. 0 when a Chapter closes for any reason, unless by lawful consolidation with a currently existing Chapter.

7. Missouri Chapter No. 0 shall be of limited purposes only and shall have the right, power, and authority:

a. To Collect Grand Chapter per capita together with a \$ per Companion fee for expenses. Officers of the Chapter shall not be assessed per capita.

b. To issue demits and/or letters of good standing upon the request of the Companion by the authority of the Grand High Priest.

c. To have such rights and authority as may be necessary to carry on such work. The Chapter shall not have the authority to confer degrees.

d. For the purposes of carrying out such rights, powers, and authority, it shall follow the Code of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

8. Neither its designation as a Chapter or its organization as such, nor the issuance of Charter shall constitute, or be construed as giving to it or any of its officers or members, any of the Masonic honors, rights, powers, privileges, or authority possessed by a Royal Arch Chapter or by any of its officers or members, except such as are already held by them by service in their former Chapter.

9. No person shall continue to be a member of Missouri Chapter No. 0 unless he is a Master Mason in good standing in a recognized, chartered Lodge of Master Masons.

10. No person may remain a member of Missouri Chapter No. 0 longer than five years after which he shall either immediately affiliate with another Chapter or request a demit. The five-year time period may be extended by the Grand High Priest upon majority vote approval of the Grand Chapter.

11. (a) Missouri Chapter No. 0 shall be empowered to hold the Charter of any Chapter whose membership is incapable of performing all of the work ordinarily expected of an active Chapter or may not completely satisfy the Code of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri but does not wish to surrender its Charter or have its Charter arrested by the Grand Chapter. The Charter would not necessarily have to be removed from the Chapter's current meeting place.

(b) Such Chapter will still be allowed to hold regular meetings, receive and induct candidates, and elect officers (except Secretary and Treasurer) however, its administrative functions, i.e. files and records maintenance, funds handling, etc., will become the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer appointed by the Grand High Priest. The Chapter may have business sessions and make decisions regarding fund raising, donations, etc.

(c) A Chapter falling under this section may reclaim its Charter at any future period by demonstrating to the Grand Chapter that it is once again capable of handling its own affairs.

(d) Such Chapter shall provide a list of current members and officers to the appointed Secretary when requesting to fall under this section.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The legislation is intended to provide a repository and serve as a holding entity for Chapters that are not quite able to satisfy the requirements of our law. There are existing Chapters in the jurisdiction that have much difficulty opening meetings because of the lack of a quorum. And, even though current law permits visitors to count for the quorum, it is sometimes difficult for those visitors to attend due to other commitments and distance to travel. By not arresting the Charter, such Chapters would be allowed to continue business not necessarily having a quorum.

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

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

Administrative: *

Shall Charter No. 108 be restored to West Plains Chapter U. D.?

*Since this does not involve a change to the Constitution or By-laws of the Grand Chapter, prior notice was not required.

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

Move that the complete report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received, approved and printed in the final Proceedings.

Fraternally and respectfully,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

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, on behalf of the Committee on Finance as its Chairman, I am proud to submit the following proposed budget for the 2016-2017 Capitular year. This budget is a result of a long and ultimately successful meeting on April 2, 2016 of the Committee on Finance and ratified by the officers of the Grand Chapter on April 13, 2016.

This budget, to balance, will require a one-time transfer from the Unrestricted Fund \$3300.00 and is based on the following key estimates; first, income based on 2000 per capita paying Royal Arch Masons out of the estimated 2871 on the rolls. There are an estimated 2781 members, however, due to remittances, endowed and 50 year members on which per capita is not paid, they therefore cannot be counted as income of the Grand Chapter. The membership income accounts are therefore reflective of that fact, and second, to relate to that income position expenses had to be pared to address that reality. Accordingly, significant reductions of necessity were made and, at the instance of the Grand Secretary, a signal, appropriate and highly necessary change was made to the manner of payment to the Grand Secretary. Heretofore a flat salary was budgeted, now due to the realities of the day, it will be \$2.00 per member on the rolls of the Grand Chapter based on the previous year's annual return statistical report, and calculated as of March 31 from those returns. The committee commends the Grand Secretary for both the realization and the recommendation.

With the \$3,000.00 shortfall this year and projected losses next year of 7%, our projected per capita income for 2017-2018 will be \$35,280.00. With no further room to cut expenses, this will leave us with a projected deficit budget in 2017-2018 of another \$10,500.00. Although it should be realistically suggested that another \$5.00 per capita increase should be presented from the floor this year to account for the future 2017-2018 budget shortfall, with the knowledge that we just had a \$5.00 increase, the committee did not feel that another increase would be supported at this time, however necessary and urgent it is now.

In short, facing the realities of our current situation is what your Committee on Finance was required by the business necessity of budgeting to do and it did its duty. We commend it to you with our best wishes and efforts.

2016-2017 Grand Chapter Budget	
Income	
Per Capita, Membership (2,000 @ \$19.60)	\$ 39,200.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ 3,200.00
Exaltation Fees (75 @ \$10.00)	\$ 750.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 510.00
Transfer from General Fund Special Account	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 46,910.00
Salaries and Allowances	
Grand High Priest Expense	\$ 3,500.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine Editor Expense	\$ 50.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Secretary Salary	\$ 5,800.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 7,500.00
Employment Taxes	\$ 1,500.00
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00
Audit Committee	\$ 500.00
Ritual Committee	\$ 750.00
Education Committee	\$ 200.00
Office Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Printing Services	\$ 500.00
Office Rent	\$ 2,400.00
Storage Rent	\$ 1,100.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (2,000 @ \$2.00)	\$ 4,000.00
Annual Convocation	\$ 2,500.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Past Grand High Priest Regalia	\$ 100.00
Royal Arch Magazine	\$ 10,000.00
Triennial Fund (2,871 @ \$0.07)	\$ 201.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	\$ 500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund (2,000 @ \$0.10)	\$ 200.00
YRIS Support	\$ 100.00
Web Master	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 46,901.00

Total Income	\$ 46,910.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 46,901.00
Balance	\$ 9.00

Fraternally submitted,
David L. Leirer
Jerry Miles
Ron Barrett
John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE/INVESTMENT

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

The Investment Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri met on February 4, 2016 at the Lone Star Steak House in Columbia, Missouri.

Present: John Siscel, E. Allen Kohler, Donald Trabue and Gail Turner. John Siscel called the meeting to order.

(A) The Grand Treasurer, Donald Trabue distributed copies of detailed information for the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, Foundation Fund, Palmyra Fund, Supply Fund, Triennial Fund, Leadership Fund and Proceedings Fund. Balances shown were as of January 31, 2016.

(B) The Grand Treasurer reported that following the directive from the last committee meeting he had made contact with Central Bank of Jefferson City as to how their Investor Services could assist with Grand Chapter funds. Following their review of his existing practices with these funds, he received assurances that their returns with the same investment guidelines would be similar to what we had now. There would be a fee for their services.

(C) The Committee reviewed the current practices of the Grand Treasurer and found his procedures to continue to be clearly defined, well justified, and appropriate. He also assured the committee that he remained comfortable handling the investments and had taken steps recommended for contingency planning and safekeeping of Grand Chapter records.

(D) The Grand Treasurer reported that he is now storing offsite a digital copy of the financial files with an appointed assistant for access and safe keeping.

(E) It was recognized that all funds except for the Foundation Fund had a diversified mix of investments, which the Grand Treasurer justified with references to the mandate for adequate income for budgeted annual draws (equities do not guarantee an income), and with the generally accepted strategy of keeping equities within 50% of overall fund balances.

(F) It is the recommendation of this committee that annual resolutions be obtained from each York Rite Masonic Body of Missouri being represented by the Grand Chapter (as well as the Grand York Rite itself) naming the current officers authorized to represent and manage the financial affairs for and on behalf of their respective Body (organization).

No further business appearing the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Siscel, III, Chairman
E. Allen Kohler
Donald Trabue
Gail Turner

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016

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, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

General Fund

Total Assets, General Fund, June 1, 2015

			\$ 39,273.65
Receipts:	Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 25,120.75	
	Interest Earned	\$ 9.87	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Income	\$ (46.74)	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	\$ (1,181.57)	
		<u>\$ 23,902.31</u>	
Total Receipts:		\$ 23,902.31	
Disbursements:	Jefferson Act. #xx8915	\$ 13,977.19	
	Jefferson Act. #xx4544	\$ 26,527.73	
	Jefferson Act. #xx3929	\$ 274.06	
		<u>\$ 40,778.98</u>	
Total Disbursements:		\$ 40,778.98	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ (16,876.67)</u>	
<u>Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2016</u>			\$ 22,396.98

Statement of Assets- General Fund, March 31, 2016

Interest Checking Account #xx8915, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 498.10		
Interest Checking Act. #xx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 943.67		
Interest Checking Act. #xx4325, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 23.07		
Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 11,697.03		
Business Investment Act.#xxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 208.20		
Investors Services (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 9,026.91		
	<u>\$ 22,396.98</u>		
<u>Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2016</u>			\$ 22,396.98

General Fund (Special Account)

Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), June 1, 2015

			\$ 171,409.00
Receipts:	Interest Earned	\$ 774.06	
	Increase in Market Value, etc., American Balanced Fund	\$ 1,478.12	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	\$ (1,815.18)	
		<u>\$ 437.00</u>	
Total Receipts:		\$ 437.00	
Total Disbursements:		<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 437.00</u>	
<u>Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2016</u>			\$ 171,846.00

Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 41.08		
Business Investment Act.#xxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 206.08		
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$ 57,273.58		
Investors Services (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 29,205.39		
CD#xx8053, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 10/10/16	\$ 53,359.64		
CD#xxx3677, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%,Matures 10/3/18	\$ 10,377.94		
CD #xxx0630, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 1/15/19	\$ 21,382.29		
	<u>\$ 171,846.00</u>		
<u>Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2016</u>			\$ 171,846.00

Endowed Membership Fund

Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, June 1, 2015			\$ 143,253.28
Receipts:	Memberships (15)	\$ 6,440.00	
	Voided Distribution Checks	\$ 11.10	
	Interest Earned	\$ 550.29	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. American Income Fund	\$ 255.78	
	Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	\$ 600.12	
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Total Receipts:		\$ 7,857.29	
Disbursements:		\$ -	
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Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 7,857.29	
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2016			\$ 151,110.57

Statement of Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 9,472.90	
Business Investment Act.#xx0211, Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 2,103.75	
American-Income (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 50,466.11	
American-Balanced (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 23,253.21	
CD#xxx3915,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 7/6/2016	\$ 30,607.79	
CD#xxx4225,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 11/2/17	\$ 20,200.64	
CD#xxx5605,Providence Bank-Jefferson Ctiy,1.21%,Matures 10/21/18	\$ 15,006.17	
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Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2016		\$ 151,110.57

Foundation Fund

Total Assets, Foundation Fund, June 1, 2015			\$ 144,220.64
Receipts:	Grand Secretary, Etc.	\$ 253.00	
	Interest Earned	\$ 1,386.06	
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Total Receipts:		\$ 1,639.06	
Disbursements:		\$ 600.00	
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Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 1,039.06	
Balance, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2015			\$ 145,259.70

Statement of Assets, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 1,142.42	
Business Investment Act.#xxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 1,082.88	
CD#xxx3920,Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 7/6/2016	\$ 25,506.51	
CD#xx6139, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 12/23/2016	\$ 51,815.06	
CD#xx7546,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 1/3/2017	\$ 32,507.78	
CD#xx9633,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City,1.25%,Matures 3/22/19	\$ 33,205.05	
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Total Assets, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2016		\$ 145,259.70

Palmyra Fund

Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, June 1, 2015			\$ 6,660.44
Receipts:	American-Income Fund(Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)Increase in Market Value, etc.	\$ 16.96	
	Interest Earned	\$ 2.39	
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Total Receipts:		\$ 19.35	
Disbursements:		\$ 2,259.26	
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Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ (2,239.91)	
Balance, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2016			\$ 4,420.53

Statement of Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 2,117.41	
Business Investment Act.#xxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 129.38	
American-Income (Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$ 2,173.74	
<u>Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 4,420.53

Supply Fund**Total Assets, Supply Fund, June 1, 2015**

		\$ 17,716.11
Receipts: Inventory Sales	\$ 1,121.16	
Interest Earned	\$ 5.03	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Income	\$ 65.69	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	\$ 307.34	
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,499.22	
Disbursements:	\$ 2,265.13	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ (765.91)	
<u>Balance, Supply Fund March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 16,950.20

Statement of Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 7,987.38	
Investors Services (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 5,307.34	
American-Income (Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$ 3,655.48	
<u>Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 16,950.20

Triennial Fund**Total Assets, Triennial Fund, June 1, 2015**

		\$ 0.07
Receipts:	\$ -	
Disbursements:	\$ -	
<u>Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 0.07

Statement of Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 0.07	
<u>Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 0.07

Leadership Fund**Total Assets, Leadership Fund, June 1, 2015**

		\$ 482.33
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 203.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.62	
Total Receipts:	\$ 203.62	
Disbursements:	\$ -	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ 203.62	
<u>Balance, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 685.95

Statement of Assets, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 685.95	
<u>Total Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 685.95

Proceedings Fund

Total Assets, Proceedings Fund, June 1, 2015

Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 2.50	\$ 3,927.97
Disbursements:	<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ 2.50	
<u>Balance, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 3,930.47

Statement of Assets, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2016

Money Mkt. Act. #xx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.08%	\$ 3,930.47	
<u>Total Assets, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2016</u>		\$ 3,930.47

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2016

\$ 516,600.47

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP, Grand Treasurer

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

REPORTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Companions, much has been done, and there is much yet to do. Following this narrative, you will find the statistical reports of the Grand Secretary's office. It would be of benefit to the grand officers and others to actually review and study these reports as they provide much information as to the overall financial and physical health of the subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Over the years, with the changing of subordinate Secretaries and changes in technology, with what might have once been considered usual and customary communicative protocol, we are experiencing a loss of understanding of Masonic protocol with regard to sending official correspondence to the Office of the Grand High Priest and his committees. Sometimes when things change, some things need to remain the same. Chapter Secretaries are sending requests for Dispensations and By-Laws changes directly to the Grand High Priest or Jurisprudence Committee. We would urge and respectfully request that normalized communications be reinstated – by sending your requests to the Grand Secretary's office wherein they will be appropriately distributed and tracked through to completion. We find this necessary when documenting and approving actions to be properly recorded by all involved.

Unfortunately, we have not tackled the task of reviewing Capitular Commissions and anticipate this moving forward over the next year.

Annual Returns: This year fourteen returns were received late this year: St. Charles Missouri 1; Liberty 3; Springfield 15 (serious health issues); Sedalia 18 (due to extenuating circumstances); Macon 22 (serious health issues); Jefferson City 34; Tyrian 52 (serious health

issues); Meridian Sun 61 (serious health issues); Trenton 66; Oriental-Rabboni 78; Bethany 80; Joplin 91; Triune 93; and East Gate 136. Although not properly recorded on the annual return, one Royal Arch Mason was expelled this year.

Of critical note, on September 5, 2015, each Subordinate Chapter, Grand Officer, District Deputy Grand Officer and Past Grand High Priest was officially informed of the increase in the 2016 Grand Chapter per capita. I am aware of several Chapter Secretaries who either simply failed to read and understand the communication, present it to the officers and members of their Chapters, or ignored it in whole as they did not affect action to increase the annual dues charged and collected beginning January 1, 2016. Grand Chapter per capita for 2016, due with your 2016 Annual Returns will be \$19.60. It is not appropriate for Chapters to attempt to wait to collect 2017 dues in order to be able to pay 2016 per capita. If Chapters are operating this way, you are causing your Chapters serious financial harm and it is entirely inappropriate.

Endowed Members: Some Secretaries seem to voice concern about how Grand Chapter Endowed Memberships and General Grand Chapter Endowments are calculated. Most of these concerns would be alleviated with a simple read-through of the Annual Return Instructions with regard to those items. Our office remains willing and able to address any questions you might have about the completion of the returns.

Audits: I would direct the Grand Officers' (as well as appropriate committees) attention to several items in the statistical reports – Chapters who report no Cash on Hand; no Paraphernalia value; Chapters who show an indebtedness; and Chapters whose dues are extremely low or even less than Grand Chapter per capita. Several Chapters failed to record the amount of their annual dues. DDGHP's should take notice of those Chapters who failed to record any RARA donations and provide education. It would appear that we have lost track of the Penny-a-Day stickers the office provides for these charity donations. Finally, I would refer to the Grand High Priest and appropriate committees the list of Treasurers and Secretaries who are not bonded, and whose Chapters failed to submit an annual audit. We must start reviewing and addressing these statistical reports and what appears to be failures on the part of the Chapters, although we are sure most of these items could be remediated through training and education for the officers by the appropriate Grand Chapter officers.

One final note about Annual Returns and Monthly Reports – Secretaries are reminded to record the full names of members they are reporting. Nicknames and Initials are not acceptable. The Grand Secretary's office would appreciate attention be given to properly recording membership information and work with us to correct both sets of records.

This year, the Grand York Rite web site underwent a complete makeover and background rebuild under the design and engineering of our web master. We also updated our social media notifications. We extend to E.C. Donald MacCormick our most sincere appreciation for his hard work and dedication. Such devotion must not go unrewarded. We encourage everyone to "subscribe" to the Grand York Rite email distribution list and Like us on Facebook so you can receive the timeliest notices. Additionally, the newly revised Calendar of Events is open to

everyone to post their events of import, Official Visits by Grand Officers, and especially degree work which will be moderated and if approved by the committee members, posted usually in less than 24 hours. There are a number of very useful forms and documents located under the Document Library which I would direct everyone to. If you find something missing, let me know and we will bring it up to date and post it for everyone's use.

Monthly Reports: Many Chapter Secretaries are not filling out monthly reports. This next year, updates will be provided monthly to the Grand High Priest and DDGHP's as to those who are not providing these reports. Companions, the timely and accurate submission of Monthly Reports will make your efforts in completing the Annual Returns a breeze. We have created an easy to use form that will be just as useful to you as it is to us. There was one minor fix applied this year thanks to the watchful eye of the Secretary of Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114 and the Secretary of Caldwell Chapter No. 53.

On another and probably sensitive note, the list of missing committee reports in the preliminary proceedings is long and distinguished, not to mention embarrassing and unprofessional. The Grand Secretary's office sets a deadline for the submission of committee reports and other documents which are to be printed in the preliminary proceedings. We are unsure if the committees are functioning but the lack of reporting should be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest for remediation. The result of this lack of submission and of untimely submissions of reports generates much in the way of chaos in preparing for the grand sessions. On another note, it is imperative that the Education Committee for 2016-2017 immediately update the Distinguished Chapter Award Application and provide it to the Grand Secretary's office and the DDGHP's as soon as possible following the Annual Convocation.

On the subject of our storage facilities, due to a renewed working relationship with the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the Missouri Lodge of Research, R.:E.:C.: Hanson and I have started cleaning out the downtown Columbia storage facility. The Missouri Lodge of Research has graciously agreed to store and even properly display some of our historic artifacts and documents. We have already taken one truckload to the Grand Lodge building. Over the next two months, we hope to completely vacate this facility. Then we hope to start migrating storage items from the Columbia Masonic Lodge to the Lodge of Research. Most Worshipful Brother John W.F. Hess has been most accommodating to the Grand York Rite and we wish to thank him and MWB C. Brent Stewart for helping to finally bring all of this together. Hopefully, in the very near future, some of the Grand York Rite's most historic and important documents and items will be on display for all to see.

This year, Debbie Hanson was trained in and is now making full membership database changes as they occur, processing monthly reports and reconciling annual returns from the past several years in an attempt to finally reconcile our membership records with the records of the subordinate chapters. Additionally, we have restored communications with the Royal Arch Mason Magazine membership listing manager and are making changes every day to correct many outstanding deficiencies. This office would not function without her dedication. She is to

be commended for her tireless efforts and her willingness to help us all get things back on track, as well as keep me on track with things I have let slip. I also thank REC Russell S. Hanson for his assistance in continuing the business partnership that the leadership of the Grand York Rite agreed to when we developed the current business plan. I could not do this job without him.

Finally, this year I was able to attend all but one of the Regional York Rite Conferences. It was apparent from the feedback that my attendance was productive and warranted. I appreciate the opportunity to participate and look forward to attending future conferences if invited to participate.

With so many changes in Secretaries and in some cases a loss of institutional knowledge, some have suggested that the Grand Secretary develop a training program which can be given during Regional York Rite Conferences, and possibly even develop a full blown training session at our next grand sessions. This would be a great opportunity for us to share with new (and old) Secretaries background information and guidance in how to maintain membership records, communicate with the grand bodies, communicate with other Chapters, and even potentially provide education and instruction on how to conduct routine administrative functions which have been lost to time or simply not handed down to our most dedicated Companions. We encourage feedback as to your need for such a program.

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

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

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Chapters	44
Number of Members, December 31, 2014	2951
Number Exalted	92
Number Affiliated	4
Number Reinstated	28
Total Gains	124
Number Dimitted	27
Number Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	0
Number Suspended by Lodge	6
Number Suspended by Chapter NPD	104
Number Died	122
Total Losses	259
Total Members, December 31, 2015	2816
Net Loss	135

FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION

Through May 31, 2016

2015-2016 Grand Chapter Budget	2015-2016 Recap	2015-2016 Budget
Income		
Per Capita, Membership	\$ 26,236.17	\$ 37,500.00
Per Capita, Gen Grand Chapter (included above)	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ 3,226.22	\$ 2,800.00
Exaltation Fees	\$ 920.00	\$ 1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 1,065.54	\$ 1,310.00
Emerging Leaders Fund (included in per capita)	\$ -	\$ 224.40
Miscellaneous	\$ 210.00	250.00
Total	\$ 31,657.93	\$ 49,084.40
Salaries and Allowances		
Grand High Priest Honorarium	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine Editor Honorarium	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Secretary Salary	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Employment Taxes	\$ 1,270.66	\$ 1,500.00
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Audit Committee	\$ -	\$ 4,300.00
Ritual Committee	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
Education Committee	\$ 133.20	\$ 400.00
Office Expenses	\$ 3,312.33	\$ 3,000.00
Printing Services	\$ 162.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office Rent	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Storage Rent	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 1,400.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$ 2,391.00	\$ 6,000.00
Annual Convocation	\$ 1,033.06	\$ 3,350.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 834.77	\$ 1,400.00
Past Grand High Priest Regalia	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Royal Arch Magazine	\$ 10,115.02	\$ 11,000.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ -	\$ 224.40
YRIS Support	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Web Master	\$ 690.00	\$ 690.00
Miscellaneous	\$ (3.07)	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 45,510.97	\$ 61,094.40
Total Income	\$ 31,657.93	\$ 49,084.40
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 45,510.97	\$ 61,094.40
Balance	\$ (13,853.04)	\$ (12,010.00)

No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Election of Officers
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles	May 14, 2004	23-7526764	Glenn B. Parker	R. Bruce Hubbard	Taz Meyer	Phillip R. Cary, Jr.	2nd Wed in March
2	Palmyra	at large	September 14, 1848	23-7526765				Kevin B. Sample	N/A
3	Liberty	Liberty	October 16, 1847	43-0968049	Michael E. Lockwood	Dale E. Ahle	David William Cox	Donald E. Gilkerson	3rd Mon in May
5	Bolivar	Bolivar	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	Christopher S. McAntire	Robert F. Marshall	James W. Stewart	James Henry Whitman	3rd Wed in Dec
7	Hannibal	Hannibal	May 24, 1861	23-7526769	Roger McGregor	Carl Barbee	William Snell	Roger McGregor	1st. Tues in Oct
10	Lexington	Lexington	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	Lloyd Lyon	Mark Schroer	Frank Abshier	Gentry Slone	4th Mon in Dec
12	Independence	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	Kenneth R. Nelson, Jr.	Mark A. Dobson	Donald MacCormick	Larry Walters	2nd Thurs in April
14	Mitchell	St. Joseph	May 23, 1849	23-7526774	James D. Jeffers	Patrick C. Squines	Alvin K. Patterson	William W. Mier	1st Wed in Nov.
15	Springfield	Springfield	May 16, 1851	44-0443935	Kevin M. Ritter	Daryl W. Shouse	Clint on Faye Mitchell	Dale Mills, II	4th monday in Mar
17	Columbia	Columbia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	Curtis M. Rickman	Lucas L. Gabel	Kevin B. Sample	Mark A. Bean	2nd Mon in Nov
18	Sedalia	Sedalia	October 10, 1867	23-7526777	Ralph Britz	Frank Bell	Bret Manuel	Troy Bartley	1st Wed in Dec
22	Macon	Macon	May 23, 1854	23-7526780	David A. Hutton	John D. Herndon		Russell D. Kohl	1st Thurs in Nov
25	Bellefontaine	Hazelwood	May 23, 1856	23-7526781	John E. Trower	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	Michael S. Smith	Richard J. Holmes	3rd Mon in March
27	Mexico	Mexico	May 22, 1858	43-0728998	Gene C. Berck	Paul Williams	Zack Hornbuckle	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov
28	Kansas City	Kansas City	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	Donald MacCormick	Richard Riepe	Jeffery Fielder-Bey	Steven M. Anderson	1st Monday in May
30	Lone Star	Chillicothe	May 19, 1859	23-7192094				Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Mon in Dec
32	Rolla	Rolla	May 24, 1866	23-7137509	James B. Stephenson	Kirby A. Moreland	K. Mikeal Holt	Donald H. Vandegriffe	3rd Mon in April
34	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	May 24, 1866	23-7382601	Harold F. Coots	Michael C. Rohman	Jeffrey Scott Stacey	Donald L. Trabue	1st Mon in April
38	Greenfield	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7137510	Gary Mathews	CC McLemore, III	Walter Doyle	John Shoemaker	1st Thur in June
43	Wyoming	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	Henry S. Strohmeyer	Bobby Smith	Jewel Fields	Donald Donovan	1st Mon in March
52	Tyrian	Neosho	October 7, 1869	23-7189747	Rex A. Tilton	William Tilton	Larry Shane McNelly	Glenn Clifton	3rd Mon in March
53	Caldwell	Kirksville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	Seth D. Shumaker	Ashley W. Young	Abdon R. Navarro	Thomas C. Yunick	2nd Thurs in Dec
56	Nevada	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	David L. Grubb	Dale M. Lockwood	Thomas D. Hieber	Gary Jones	2nd Mon in Dec
58	California	California	October 6, 1870	23-7526797	Steve liebe	OPEN		Stephen C. Derendinger	1st Thurs in Sept
61	Meridian Sun	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799				James Ray Leonard	3rd Thurs in Dec
64	Lebanon	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	James E. Portwood	Thomas E. Sams	Richard C. Simons	William E. Brenneman	3rd Thurs in April
66	Trenton	Trenton	October 6, 1870	23-7526801	Otis Scholl	John Robert Fredricks	Michael Greenlee	Otis G. Scholl, Jr.	3rd Thurs in May
75	Wilson	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	Charles J. Ortiz, Jr.	Gordon E. Walton	Johnny Lee Schlenker	Alfred L. Mason	3rd Tues in Dec
78	Oriental-Rabboni	Webster Groves	October 9, 1873	43-0443570	Harry A. Malin	Ryan M. Branson, Sr.	John E. Bayer	Edgar D. Piles	1st Mon in March
80	Bethany	Bethany	October 9, 1873	23-7526812	Clifford W. Addison	Jackson D. Daniel	Randall L. Klingensmith	Danny G. Daniel	3rd Tues in Feb
91	Joplin	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	William J. Sherman	Robert Gilmore	Rodney Trimble	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	1st Tues in Sept
93	Triune	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	Keith B. Walter	Robert A. Mallery	Robert L. Schmidt	Phillip W. Engel	1st Mon in Dec
99	Shelbina	Shelbina	May 3, 1883	23-7526817	Joe. P. Elsen	Jerry L. Miles	Charles Hawkins	Darrel A. Wilham	4th Tues in Dec
102	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645	Bobby Edward White	Charles Patrick Sullivan	Ted William Harrison	Aaron E. Rose	3rd Wed in June
110	Vincil	Springfield	May 10, 1888	44-0506699	Gary Mathews	Clark McLemore	CC McLemore, III	John Shoemaker	1st Thur in June
114	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 27, 1893	23-7526825	Michael Scot Penn	Earnie D. Wilson	Terry A. Yearbrough	Tony J. DePriest	2nd Thurs in Nov
119	Webb City	Webb City	April 27, 1893	45-3334183	Brent Edward Burney	Mark Richard Hagen	Tyler Lloyd Tracy	Kaleb Lloyd Forkner	2nd Wed in Apr
123	Putnam	Unionville	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	Bryan Newman	Chuck Blue	Thomas C. Yunick	Loren D. Lloyd	4th Tues in Dec
129	Uel	Farmington	April 12, 1922	23-7526833	Clifton W. Wofford	Anthony J. Tomlinson	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Ken Ferrari	2nd Tues in June
136	East Gate	Kansas City	April 12, 1922	23-7526839	Jeremy Bledsoe	Steve Anderson	Forrest G. Lowe	Forrest G. Lowe	1st Thurs in June
137	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	Jack R. Triplett	Gerald Reed	David R. Ledgerwood	E. Joe Slater	3rd Fri in Jan
146	Keystone	Mehlville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	Michael Pistotta	Ronald Harteebbon	Walter Sawicki	Thomas T. Herek	2nd Mon in Feb
148	Mt. Nebo	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	David W. Getty	Robert L. Sanders	Charles G. Coy	John L. Erfurd, Jr.	1st Wed in March
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	Kansas City		23-7526847	William Jennens	Scott Filkins	Bradley Fowler	Roy N. Thomas	1st Mon in August

No.	Chapter	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received	01. 2014 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
1	St. Charles Missouri	2nd Wednesday	16-Apr-16	88	7	0	1	8	96	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	92	\$ 70.00
2	Palmyra	N/A		9					9								9	-
3	Liberty	3rd Monday	30-Mar-16	140	1	0	0	1	141	6	0	0	0	0	6	12	129	10.00
5	Bolivar	3rd Wednesday	3-Feb-16	55	0	0	1	1	56	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	53	-
7	Hannibal	1st Tuesday	27-Feb-16	17	0	0	1	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	15	-
10	Lexington	4th Monday	29-Feb-16	72	1	0	0	1	73	1	0	0	0	0	8	15	58	10.00
12	Independence	2nd Thursday	14-Feb-16	128	8	0	0	8	136	1	0	0	0	0	3	7	11	125
14	Michell	1st Wednesday	22-Feb-16	225	3	0	1	4	229	0	0	0	0	0	10	14	215	30.00
15	Springfield	4th Monday	31-Mar-16	158	7	1	3	11	169	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	157	70.00
17	Columbia	2nd Monday	29-Feb-16	133	2	0	0	2	135	0	0	0	0	0	7	20	115	20.00
18	Sedalia	1st Wednesday	21-May-16	44	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	42	-
22	Macon	1st Thursday	5-May-16	17	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	11	-
25	Bellefontaine	3rd Monday	12-Feb-16	22	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	-
27	Mexico	4th Tuesday expt. Dec	10-Feb-16	37	1	0	0	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	35	10.00
28	Kansas City	1st Monday	26-Feb-16	24	1	0	0	1	25	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	22	10.00
30	Lone Star	3rd Monday, quarterly		10					10								10	-
32	Rolla	3rd Monday	29-Feb-16	138	6	0	0	6	144	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	115	60.00
34	Jefferson City	1st Monday	30-Apr-16	77	0	1	0	1	78	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	75	-
38	Greenfield	1st Thursday	22-Feb-16	29	1	0	0	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	10.00
43	Wyoming	1st Monday	1-Mar-16	96	4	1	0	5	101	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	95	40.00
52	Tyrian	3rd Monday	25-May-16	61	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	-
53	Caldwell	2nd Thursday	26-Feb-16	159	7	0	14	21	180	3	0	0	3	10	3	19	161	70.00
56	Nevada	2nd Monday	11-Feb-16	40	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	37	-
58	California	1st Thursday		45					45								45	-
61	Meridian Sun	3rd Thursday	14-May-16	32	3	0	0	3	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30.00
64	Lebanon	3rd Tuesday	20-Feb-16	75	3	0	3	6	81	2	0	0	0	1	8	11	70	30.00
66	Trenton	3rd Thursday	27-Apr-16	46	2	0	0	2	48	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	40	20.00
75	Wilson	3rd Tuesday	1-Mar-16	85	1	1	0	2	87	2	0	0	0	0	5	7	80	10.00
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1st Monday	28-May-16	141	5	0	1	6	147	0	0	0	0	0	11	17	130	50.00
80	Bethany	3rd Tuesday	31-Mar-16	21	3	0	0	3	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	30.00
91	Joplin	1st Tuesday	28-Mar-16	57	1	0	0	1	58	3	0	0	0	0	2	5	53	10.00
93	Triune	1st Monday	14-Mar-16	52	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	47	-
99	Shelbina	4th Tuesday	27-Feb-16	64	3	0	0	3	67	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	63	30.00
102	Orient	3rd Wednesday	29-Feb-16	63	4	0	0	4	67	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	64	40.00
110	Vincil	1st Thursday	19-Feb-16	53	1	0	0	1	54	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	51	10.00
114	Poplar Bluff	2nd Thursday	29-Feb-16	60	3	0	2	5	65	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	61	30.00
119	Webb City	2nd & 4th Wednesday	1-Mar-16	26	2	0	0	2	28	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	26	20.00
123	Putnam	4th Tuesday	1-Mar-16	33	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	32	-
129	Uel	2nd Tuesday	20-Feb-16	96	4	0	0	4	100	1	0	0	0	0	5	10	90	40.00
136	East Gate	3rd Thursday	30-Apr-16	25	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	-
137	Mountain Grove	3rd Friday	22-Feb-16	42	6	0	0	6	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	42	60.00
146	Keystone	2nd Monday	19-Feb-16	51	1	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	50	10.00
148	Mt. Nebo	2nd & 4th Wednesday	29-Feb-16	44	0	0	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	44	-
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	1st Monday	26-Feb-16	61	1	0	0	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	60	10.00
	TOTAL			2951	92	4	28	124	3075	27	0	0	6	104	122	259	2816	\$ 920.00

No.	Chapter	16. Per Capita	17. 2014 Debits	18. Total Per Capita and Fees	19. Remissions, Inability to Pay	19. Credit for Remissions	20. Remissions, 50-year	20. Credit for 50-year Remissions	21. Living Life Members	21. Credit for Life Members	22. General Grand Chapter Perpetual Mbrs	22. General Grand Chapter Credit	23. 2014 Credits	24. Total Credits	25. Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Late Fees
1	St. Charles Missouri	\$ 1,343.20	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,423.20	11	\$ 160.60	13	\$ 189.80	12	\$ 175.20	1	\$ 2.00	\$ -	\$ 527.60	\$ 895.60	\$ 20.00
2	Palmyra	131.40	-	131.40	-	-	-	-	2	29.20	0	-	-	29.20	102.20	-
3	Liberty	1,883.40	-	1,893.40	0	-	12	175.20	24	350.40	0	-	-	525.60	1,367.80	10.00
5	Bolivar	773.80	-	773.80	2	29.20	11	160.60	7	102.20	0	-	-	292.00	481.80	-
7	Hannibal	219.00	-	219.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	219.00	-
10	Lexington	846.80	-	856.80	2	29.20	9	131.40	0	-	0	-	1.00	161.60	695.20	-
12	Independence	1,825.00	10.00	1,915.00	3	43.80	15	219.00	19	277.40	1	2.00	-	542.20	1,372.80	-
14	Mitchell	3,139.00	-	3,169.00	11	160.60	26	379.60	39	569.40	1	2.00	56.40	1,168.00	2,001.00	-
15	Springfield	2,292.20	-	2,362.20	1	14.60	42	613.20	16	233.60	2	4.00	-	865.40	1,496.80	10.00
17	Columbia	1,679.00	-	1,699.00	6	87.60	27	394.20	27	394.20	1	2.00	-	878.00	821.00	-
18	Sedalia	613.20	-	613.20	0	-	0	-	7	102.20	0	-	1.80	104.00	509.20	30.00
22	Macon	160.60	-	160.60	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	160.60	20.00
25	Bellefontaine	321.20	-	321.20	3	43.80	1	14.60	8	116.80	1	2.00	-	177.20	144.00	-
27	Mexico	511.00	-	521.00	0	-	8	116.80	4	58.40	0	-	-	175.20	345.80	-
28	Kansas City	321.20	-	331.20	0	-	7	102.20	0	-	0	-	40.80	143.00	188.20	-
30	Lone Star	146.00	-	146.00	-	-	-	-	1	14.60	0	-	-	14.60	131.40	-
32	Rolla	1,679.00	23.60	1,762.60	4	58.40	10	146.00	29	423.40	1	2.00	-	629.80	1,132.80	-
34	Jefferson City	1,095.00	-	1,095.00	5	73.00	16	233.60	8	116.80	2	4.00	-	427.40	667.60	20.00
38	Greenfield	438.00	-	448.00	2	29.20	3	43.80	9	131.40	0	-	14.50	218.90	229.10	-
43	Wyoming	1,387.00	-	1,427.00	0	-	11	160.60	0	-	0	-	-	160.60	1,266.40	-
52	Tyrian	890.60	50.00	940.60	9	131.40	12	175.20	2	29.20	0	-	-	335.80	604.80	30.00
53	Caldwell	2,350.60	36.00	2,456.60	1	14.60	13	189.80	9	131.40	2	4.00	-	339.80	2,116.80	-
56	Nevada	540.20	-	540.20	0	-	7	102.20	0	-	0	-	-	102.20	438.00	-
58	California	657.00	-	657.00	-	-	-	-	3	43.80	0	-	-	43.80	613.20	-
61	Meridian Sun	511.00	-	541.00	0	-	14	204.40	1	14.60	0	-	-	219.00	322.00	30.00
64	Lebanon	1,022.00	10.00	1,062.00	0	-	8	116.80	4	58.40	2	4.00	-	179.20	882.80	-
66	Trenton	584.00	117.30	721.30	1	14.60	13	189.80	2	29.20	0	-	-	233.60	487.70	20.00
75	Wilson	1,168.00	-	1,178.00	9	131.40	18	262.80	4	58.40	2	4.00	-	456.60	721.40	-
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1,898.00	-	1,948.00	4	58.40	22	321.20	8	116.80	4	8.00	7.00	511.40	1,436.60	30.00
80	Bethany	350.40	-	380.40	0	-	2	29.20	0	-	0	-	-	29.20	351.20	10.00
91	Joplin	773.80	-	783.80	3	43.80	1	14.60	13	189.80	0	-	-	248.20	535.60	10.00
93	Tritone	686.20	-	686.20	0	-	0	-	7	102.20	3	6.00	-	108.20	578.00	10.00
99	Shelbina	919.80	50.00	999.80	2	29.20	15	219.00	1	14.60	0	-	-	262.80	737.00	-
102	Orient	934.40	-	974.40	0	-	0	-	17	248.20	0	-	38.00	286.20	688.20	-
110	Vincel	744.60	-	754.60	2	29.20	17	248.20	31	452.60	0	-	-	730.00	24.60	-
114	Poplar Bluff	890.60	-	920.60	9	131.40	2	29.20	5	73.00	1	2.00	-	235.60	685.00	-
119	Webb City	379.60	-	399.60	6	87.60	1	14.60	2	29.20	12	24.00	-	155.40	244.20	-
123	Putnam	467.20	-	467.20	0	-	2	29.20	3	43.80	0	-	-	73.00	394.20	-
129	Uel	1,314.00	-	1,354.00	9	131.40	7	102.20	13	189.80	2	4.00	138.50	565.90	788.10	-
136	East Gate	365.00	-	365.00	2	29.20	0	-	1	14.60	0	-	-	43.80	321.20	-
137	Mountain Grove	613.20	10.00	683.20	0	-	4	58.40	1	14.60	0	-	-	73.00	610.20	-
146	Keystone	730.00	-	740.00	5	73.00	1	14.60	15	219.00	1	2.00	23.10	331.70	408.30	-
148	Mt. Nebo	642.40	-	642.40	2	29.20	0	-	15	219.00	1	2.00	4.40	254.60	387.80	-
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	876.00	-	886.00	3	43.80	6	87.60	3	43.80	1	2.00	1.00	178.20	707.80	-
	TOTAL	\$41,113.60	\$ 316.90	\$42,350.50	117	\$1,708.20	376	\$5,489.60	372	\$5,431.20	41	\$ 82.00	\$ 326.50	\$ 13,037.50	\$29,313.00	\$ 250.00

No.	Chapter	Total Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2015 Credits	2015 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/15	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters
1	St. Charles Missouri	\$ 915.60	\$ 890.70	\$ -		\$ 890.70		\$ 24.90	\$ 1,156.46	\$ 59,823.38	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 61,489.84
2	Palmyra	102.20	-	-		-		102.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Liberty	1,377.80	1,392.40	-		1,392.40	14.60		2,414.86	44,443.66	-	452.00	4,200.00	43,110.52
5	Bolivar	481.80	379.60	-		379.60		102.20	1,905.28	61,534.76	-	-	-	63,440.04
7	Hannibal	219.00	219.00	-		219.00			766.16	-	-	-	-	766.16
10	Lexington	695.20	622.20	-		622.20		73.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Independence	1,372.80	1,443.20	-		1,443.20	70.40		2,640.28	10,000.00	-	-	-	12,640.28
14	Mitchell	2,001.00	2,001.00	-		2,001.00			6,079.10	65,000.00	2,000.00	420.00	-	71,699.10
15	Springfield	1,506.80	1,471.60	-		1,471.60		35.20	255.96	-	7,000.00	-	-	7,255.96
17	Columbia	821.00	821.00	-		821.00		28.20	2,541.39	-	-	625.00	2,100.00	1,066.39
18	Sedalia	539.20	511.00	-		511.00			-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Macon	180.60	100.00	-		100.00		80.60	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Bellefontaine	144.00	140.00	-		140.00		4.00	747.80	55,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	58,247.80
27	Mexico	345.80	331.20	-		331.20		14.60	98.25	-	-	-	-	98.25
28	Kansas City	188.20	188.20	-		188.20			4,592.79	-	-	-	-	4,592.79
30	Lone Star	131.40	-	-		-		131.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Rolla	1,132.80	1,149.60	-		1,149.60	16.80		1,292.66	23,432.51	-	-	-	24,725.17
34	Jefferson City	687.60	687.60	-		687.60	0.00		4,633.20	19,787.51	5,000.00	-	-	29,420.71
38	Greenfield	229.10	229.10	-		229.10			2,436.56	-	1,000.00	-	-	3,436.56
43	Wyoming	1,266.40	1,266.40	-		1,266.40			1,604.92	2,126.81	-	651.00	1,191.00	3,191.73
52	Tyrian	634.80	-	-		-		634.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Caldwell	2,116.80	2,117.10	-		2,117.10	0.30		3,647.21	-	-	-	1,842.33	1,804.88
56	Nevada	438.00	438.00	-		438.00	0.00		1,200.35	-	500.00	78.00	-	1,778.35
58	California	613.20	-	-		-		613.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
61	Meridian Sun	322.00	322.00	-		322.00		30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
64	Lebanon	882.80	853.60	-		853.60		29.20	3,634.96	-	-	-	-	3,634.96
66	Trenton	507.70	507.70	-		507.70			1,725.01	-	-	625.00	-	2,350.01
75	Wilson	721.40	721.40	-		721.40			1,883.41	-	-	-	-	1,883.41
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1,466.60	1,466.60	-		1,466.60			(551.16)	86,578.05	4,500.00	180.00	-	90,706.89
80	Bethany	361.20	247.00	-		247.00		114.20	232.15	-	-	-	-	232.15
91	Joplin	545.60	545.60	-		545.60	0.00		2,684.00	15,962.00	592.24	264.00	-	19,502.24
93	Triune	588.00	592.60	-		592.60	4.60		829.73	-	-	-	-	829.73
99	Shelbina	737.00	737.00	-		737.00			1,340.91	-	2,500.00	-	-	3,840.91
102	Orient	688.20	565.60	308.60	06-May-16	874.20	186.00		14,095.45	-	-	-	-	14,095.45
110	Vincil	24.60	24.60	-		24.60		0.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
114	Poplar Bluff	685.00	685.00	-		685.00			637.22	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,637.22
119	Webb City	244.20	258.80	-		258.80	14.60		2,215.79	-	1,000.00	-	-	3,215.79
123	Putnam	394.20	394.20	-		394.20			1,275.73	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,375.73
129	Uel	788.10	788.10	-		788.10			6,221.77	-	-	1,112.00	-	7,333.77
136	East Gate	321.20	321.20	-		321.20			600.00	-	-	-	-	600.00
137	Mountain Grove	610.20	610.20	-		610.20	0.00		1,587.62	25,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	29,087.62
146	Keystone	408.30	354.50	-		354.50		53.80	340.30	-	13,000.00	510.00	250.00	13,600.30
148	Mt. Nebo	387.80	387.80	-		387.80			335.26	-	-	-	-	335.26
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	707.80	707.80	-		707.80			5,355.83	-	-	-	-	5,355.83
	TOTAL	\$29,563.00	\$27,490.20	\$308.60		\$27,798.80	\$ 307.30	\$ 2,071.50	\$ 82,457.21	\$ 468,688.68	\$ 50,392.24	\$5,027.00	\$ 11,183.33	\$ 595,381.80

No.	Chapter	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited
1	St. Charles Missouri	\$ 55.00	\$ 128.00	No	No	No
2	Palmyra	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Liberty	22.60	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Bolivar	15.00	8.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Hannibal	25.00	-	No	No	Yes
10	Lexington	-	-	No	No	Yes
12	Independence	29.00	1,188.75	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	Mitchell	20.00	29.20	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Springfield	-	137.10	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Columbia	25.00	95.00	No	No	Yes
18	Sedalia	25.00	-	No	No	No
22	Macon	-	-	-	-	-
25	Bellefontaine	8.00	-	No	No	Yes
27	Mexico	35.00	21.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	Kansas City	34.00	-	No	No	Yes
30	Lone Star	-	-	-	-	-
32	Rolla	23.00	-	No	No	Yes
34	Jefferson City	25.00	32.85	No	No	Yes
38	Greenfield	26.65	65.70	No	No	Yes
43	Wyoming	19.00	-	No	No	Yes
52	Tyrian	-	-	No	No	No
53	Caldwell	27.00	61.75	No	No	Yes
56	Nevada	26.00	14.60	No	No	Yes
58	California	-	-	-	-	-
61	Meridian Sun	-	-	No	No	No
64	Lebanon	30.00	-	No	No	Yes
66	Trenton	25.00	-	No	No	No
75	Wilson	32.00	33.25	No	No	Yes
78	Oriental-Rabboni	65.00	60.40	No	No	Yes
80	Bethany	16.00	-	No	No	No
91	Joplin	24.00	35.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
93	Triune	26.00	425.00	No	No	Yes
99	Shelbina	24.00	-	No	No	Yes
102	Orient	30.60	-	Yes	Yes	No
110	Vincel	28.00	-	No	No	Yes
114	Poplar Bluff	23.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
119	Webb City	120.00	-	No	No	Yes
123	Putnam	23.00	91.25	No	No	Yes
129	Uel	28.00	53.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
136	East Gate	25.00	-	No	No	No
137	Mountain Grove	15.00	-	No	No	Yes
146	Keystone	34.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
148	Mt. Nebo	36.00	-	No	No	Yes
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	56.00	32.85	No	No	Yes
	TOTAL	\$1,100.85	\$2,514.00			

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Companions, the Committee on Education would like to thank MEC Loren D. Lloyd 2015-2016 for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter as members of this committee.

The Chapter Officers Manuals were sent to the Chapters that were not represented at the last Grand Session. As a result, all Chapters within this jurisdiction should have this manual in its possession and should be aware of its contents. We also started work on a manual that delineates the duties of the District Deputy Grand High Priests. After a time, it was discovered that this document was available in the archives of the Grand Chapter. It was requested that the existing document be re-activated and placed in the Grand Chapter document library. Work that had been completed was then placed in the archives for use at a later date.

There were no changes made to the Distinguished Chapter Award Form for the 2016-2017 year at the present time. All chapters are reminded that parts of the DCA are mandatory, and must be completed on or before the dates listed in order for the award to be considered.

Distinguished Chapter Award winner for 2014-2015

Gold Level 1000 points and up:

Wyoming No. 43

Ronald L. Beatty

1595 points

Distinguished Chapter Award winners for 2015-2016 are as follows:

Bronze Level 600-799 points

Bellefontaine No. 25	John E. Trower	725 points
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Silver Level 800-999 points

Mitchell No. 14	Larry Chambers	930 points
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Gold Level 1000 points and up

Springfield No. 15	Kevin M. Ritter	1055 points
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Kansas City No. 28	Donald MacCormick	1150 points
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Independence No. 12	Kenneth R. Nelson	1220 points
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Harry D Brown No. 284	William Jennens	1225 points
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Jefferson No. 34	J Scott Stacey	1270 points
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Keystone No. 146	Michael J. Pisciotta	1381 points
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Uel No. 129	Clifton W. Wofford	1450 points
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St. Charles No. 1	Glenn B. Parker	2360 points
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We would like to congratulate these chapters for their efforts to further the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,
David L. Leirer, Chairman
Kyle R. Palacios
Mark Schmidt

W. Larry Wilson
Lee L. Francis
Aaron Shoemaker

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

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

Companions: On April 20, 2016 your committee on Returns of Chapters obtained the information in this report. We DID NOT physically examine the returns, but received the information from Debbie Hanson, Grand Secretary's Assistant.

Of the 44 Chapters there were 32 annual returns turned into the Grand Secretary's office. Most of the returns were completed neatly and on time. A few left some information incomplete such as the amount of dues or the timing of meetings. A few neglected to include the last page which contains information about an audit and signatures. One Chapter mailed in the recapitulation sheet and check ONLY. This is not acceptable and will return the sheet and HOLD the check. All late returns will be assessed penalties when received.

This year there were several new Secretaries who took over the job. There were a couple who had surgery and that kept them from getting returns in on time.

At the beginning of the year there were 2937 members. There are 299 members with 50 or more years of membership.

There is 372 endowed, and 126 had remitted dues.

It is difficult to make a report with nearly 30% of Chapters delinquent in filing their returns.

Fraternally submitted

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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Ronald L. Barrett, Chairman

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Greetings: The Chair of the Audit Committee was made privy to the findings of the Investment Committee chaired by the most notable Grand King, Right Excellent Companion John W. Siscel III. It is most obvious that the Investment Committee has previously received suitable instruction and passed a satisfactory proficiency from the Audit Committee. That indicated by the comments made by the Grand King which we, with permission, admittedly plagiarize and see fit to include in this report:

The Committee reviewed the current practices of the Grand Treasurer and found his procedures to continue to be clearly defined, well justified, and appropriate. He also assured the committee that he remained comfortable handling the investments and had taken steps recommended for contingency planning and safekeeping of Grand Chapter records.

The Grand Treasurer reported that he is now storing offsite a digital copy of the financial files with an appointed assistant for access and safe keeping.

It was recognized that all funds except for the Foundation Fund had a diversified mix of investments, which the Grand Treasurer justified with references to the mandate for adequate income for budgeted annual draws (equities do not guarantee an income), and with the generally accepted strategy of keeping equities within 50% of overall fund balances.

The Audit Committee, after due and diligent similar reviews conducted over the years, has come to the same conclusions many, many times. This Committee has, from time to time, observed minor infractions of reporting. These have included funds improperly credited to an incorrect account, transposed figures, warrants not documented or improperly documented, etc., none of which affected the money line to any significant degree and which were immediately and without objection corrected.

This Committee's direction in this and previous examinations, as explicitly stated, was always, the creditability of the office holders of the Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Grand Treasurer and not a specific dollars and cents review although much of that occurred as well. This review was no exception.

In previous times it was occasionally appropriate to step on toes, sometimes with force. Over time, a pattern of mutual trust, respect and agreement developed between the Offices and the Committee whereby this Committee was taught protocol and procedure that has transcended time and served to allow understanding of processes.

We would be most remiss if we did not recognize the new plan, that being, offering those records and files necessary to an audit to be available in a protected online atmosphere thereby eliminating, for the most part, extensive and in some cases expensive travel and lengthy and sometimes boring meetings. While not quite as good as an in person power point presentation could be, it is useful and satisfactory. Inclusion of instructional material was a big boon.

To reiterate a previous finding of this Committee, it is recognized that the policies, practices, protocols, logging and documentation of the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer do not follow any recognized generally accepted accounting procedures, but, those processes utilized accomplish the same mission. The bottom line is one will be very hard pressed to locate any evidence of fraud or embezzlement or other misuse of funds by these named officers.

Unfortunately, not every member of this Committee contributed to its review or this response. That demonstrates a general lack of accountability and leadership on their part and should be a modicum of concern for the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

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Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

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

Companions: This year we had fifteen (15) new companions that took out endowed membership. As of this writing we have a total of 612 endowed members. This gives us a total value of \$136,856.62 for the year. We currently have 395 living and 217 deceased endowed members.

I want to commend Companion Trabue on his vigilance in watching the funds of this Grand Chapter making sure that we continue to have a growth in this fund. As you can see, we have 217 deceased endowed members, therefore these deceased Companions are caring on a legacy for their Chapter after they are dead and gone. Companions, would you consider supplying your Chapter with funds to carry on your legacy after you are gone?

Sometime this year, there was bad information being given out concerning the costs for becoming an Endowed Member. It is a minimum charge of \$300.00 or 20 time your dues. Add nothing and take nothing away. If your secretary has problems calculating your cost to be an Endowed member, please call and I will help work you through it.

Fraternally submitted,
Walter W. Doyle, PGHP, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARCH CLASS

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Jerry Bradford, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSOURI/ILLINOIS JOINT ROYAL ARCH CLASS

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John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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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

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Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

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Ronald L. Barrett, Chairman