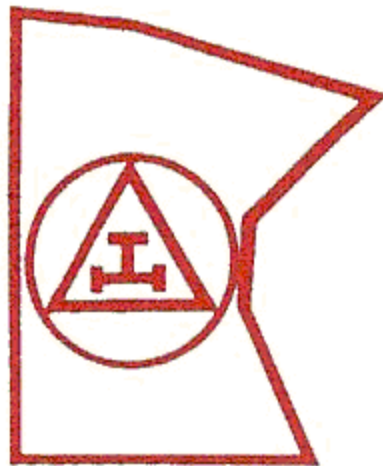


PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF MINNESOTA**



AT THE

One Hundred Sixtieth  
Annual Convocation

June 24, 2022

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Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota  
11501 Masonic Home Drive  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

# MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons:

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

Royal Arch Masons:

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

Order of High Priesthood:

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

Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masters:

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

Knights Templar:

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

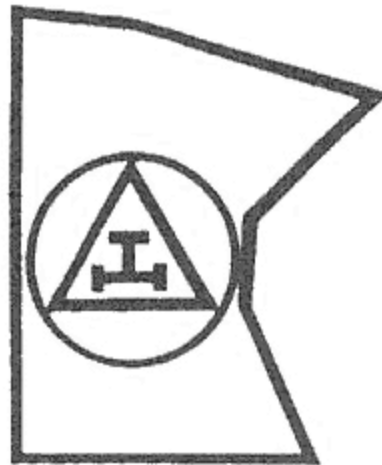
Scottish Rite:

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

## RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons:	Add 4,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2022 plus 4,000 = 6022
Royal Arch Masons:	Add 530 years to the Common Era Thus, 2022 plus 530 = 2552
Order of High Priesthood:	Add 1,913 years to the Common Era Thus, 2022 plus 1,913 = 3935
Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masons	Add 1,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2022 plus 1,000 = 3022
Knights Templar:	Subtract 1,118 years from the Common Era Thus, 2022 minus 1,118 = 904
Scottish Rite:	Add 3,760 years to the Common Era Thus, 2022 plus 3,760 = 5782

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ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

R. Sean Gardiner – Grand High Priest  
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

ELECTED

Alan Mackenzie – Grand High Priest  
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

## RULES OF ORDER

1. The M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: shall take the chair, at the hour to which the Grand Chapter shall convene.
2. During the hours of business, the members are required to keep their seats, and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall, or absent himself from the service of the Grand Chapter, unless he has permission, or be sick and unable to attend.
3. When the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:, or presiding officer, rises, all debate shall cease, and silence shall be observed.
4. When a member is about to speak, he shall rise from his seat, go to the closest microphone, state his name and Chapter Name and Number and respectfully address the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:.
5. The M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: shall decide all questions of order.
6. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, without permission of the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:.
7. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless excused by the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:; but no member shall vote on a question in the result of which he is personally interested.
8. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and no debate had thereon until it is stated by the Chair.
9. Every motion, at the desire of the Chair or Grand Secretary, shall be reduced to writing, with the mover's name endorsed thereon.
10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, or to amend which several motions shall have precedence in order here mentioned. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.
11. Any member may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends questions so distinct that one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the Grand Chapter; a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.
12. No report shall be received from any of the committees of the Grand Chapter, unless the same be reduced to writing. – *As amended 1870, page 181*
13. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the Grand Chapter, without special leave.
14. These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, may be altered, or amended at any Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by a vote of the majority of the members present.

# SYNOPSIS

## 160th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 160th Annual Grand Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of MINNESOTA** was held at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Minnesota, Friday, June 24, 2022. The Convocation was held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, Most Excellent Companion R. Sean Gardiner, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Representing the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International was the General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks and the North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest MEC Marvin W. Schendel. Herbert E. Cook was a visiting Grand High Priest from South Dakota. Visiting Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; Daniel Marr of Nebraska, Stan Schwellenbach of South Dakota, Jeffrey N. Nelson of North Dakota and James S. McNeely IV of Connecticut. Other visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Zachary Steele, Grand Captain of the Host of North Dakota

Seventeen (17) of twenty-two (22) Chapters answered the roll call with Winona No. 5, Living Arch No. 28, Fairmont No. 50, Northern No.82 and Rush City No. 87 being absent. There were six (6) High Priests, twenty-two (22) PHPs, and ten (10) PGHPs registered. Total balloting companions registered for the convocation numbered sixty (60); an additional eighteen (18) companions from other jurisdictions and guests were present for a grand total of seventy-eight (78).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2021, was 1,279, a net loss of 101 over the previous year. Twelve (12) companions were exalted last year with sixty-nine (69) deaths reported. Two Chapters had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2021; Rush City No. 87 and Overseers No. 103. Mt Nebo Chapter No. 39 merged into St Cloud Chapter No. 10 and Marshall Chapter No. 65 merged into Fairmont Chapter No. 50.

Upon recommendation of the Chapters Committee, there was a motion to change Overseers Chapter No. 103 to its original name and number, Vermillion Chapter No. 2. There was also a motion to change Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 back to its original name and number of Shekinah No. 52. Both motions passed. The new Charters were signed and presented to the members present.

The following Minnesota Grand Chapter Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Grand High Priest – Alan Mackenzie (20); Grand King – David J. Dumonceaux (27); Grand Scribe – Michael A. Hilgert (10); Grand Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53); Grand Captain of the Host – Ed L. Morse (1, 53) and Grand Trustee (2025) – L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – W. David Emery, PGHP (52); Grand Principal Sojourner – Scott F. Wood (9); Grand Royal Arch Captain – Philip T. Bodle (20, 70); Grand Master of the Veils; 3rd Veil – Gerald E. Zierdt (33); 2nd Veil – Brian K. Dimatteo (52); 1<sup>st</sup> Veil – Trent B. Gilbertson (52); Grand Sentinel – Christopher A. Wendover (60); Grand Lecturer – James

Zelinski-Feeney (60); Grand Chapter Education Officer – R. James Luchsinger, PGHP (60) and Grand Organist - William T. Hubbard (8). PGHP L. Greg Schultz (15) was Installing Officer.

Peter Laudert (1) and Justin Whirley (70) received the Knight of the Royal Arch Award. The Knight of the Royal Arch Awards will be presented on November 12. There were no Triple Tau awards due primarily to the COVID shutdowns. Minnesota Chapter No. 1 won the large chapter membership award with 10 Exaltations. The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for Distinguished Service from the General Grand Chapter was EC Todd Jovonovich (1).

The Grand Chapter will hold its 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 22, 23 and 24, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Gary A. Odegard, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer/Secretary

R. Sean Gardiner  
Grand High Priest



R. Sean Gardiner  
GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
2021 - 2022



# R. Sean Gardiner Grand High Priest 2021 - 2022

Dakota Lodge No. 7., Hastings, MN

- Past Master (2011)
- Hiram Award (2012)

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, St. Paul, MN

Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota (2020)

Quator Coronati Correspondence Circle

St. Paul Valley, St. Paul, MN, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

- St. Paul Valley Fellow (2010 – 2012)
- Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (2013)
- Past Excellent Master of Knights of St. Andrew (2011 - 2012)
- Past Wise Master of the Chapter Rose Croix (2019 – 2021)

Minnesota Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., St. Paul, MN

- Past High Priest (2013)

Vermillion Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Hastings, MN

- Past High Priest (2009 – 2012)

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

- Grand High Priest (2021-2022)
- Knight of the Royal Arch (2013)

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

- Technology Committee Lead (2020)
- Triennial Committee (2020)

St. Paul Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons, St. Paul, MN

- Past Illustrious Master (2013)

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

- Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (2021-2022)
- Ish Sodi (2016)
- Cryptic Mason of the Year (2016)

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

- Assistant General Grand Recorder (2021-2023)
- Order of the Secret Vault, GGCCMI (2021)

Damascus Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, St. Paul, MN

- Past Commander (2014 – 2015)
- Meritorious Service Award (2010)

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

- Past Grand Commander (2020-2021)
- Knight Commander of the Temple (2018)

Grand College of Rites

Minnesota Council No. 34, Knight Masons, MN

Minnesota York Rite College No. 39, YRSC, MN

North Star MN College, MSRICF, MN

Johnny E. Nelson Council No. 252, AMD, MN

- Past Puissant Sovereign (2018 - 2019)
- Knight Commander, Red Branch of Eri
- Royal Order of the Scarlet Cord IV Grade

Royal Order of Scotland

Minnesota Council No. 79, Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers, MN

- Past Worthy Chief (2017)
- Chairman of Jurisprudence UCC of E International

Noble Stone Court No. 104, Order of Athelstan

- Worshipful Master elect (2022 - 2023)

St. Olaf Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

City of Justice Tabernacle LXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Minnesota Priory No. 24, Knights of the York Cross of Honour

- Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honour

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood for MN

- Past Most Excellent President (2017 – 2018)

Minnesota Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters

- Past Thrice Illustrious Master (2019 – 2020)

Knight Crusader of the Temple, MN

Past Commanders Association, MN

Minnesota Preceptory No. 16, Yeomen of York

Holy Grail Conclave No. 27, Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors

Trinity Chapel No. 2, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon

Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor

Osman Shrine, St. Paul, MN

- Past Potentate (2021)

Texotcatl Teocalli No. 1886, St. Paul, MN, Order of Quetzalcoatl

- Past Camaxtli (2018)
- Order of Knights, Eagles, and Tigers (2015)

Central II Forrest No. 208, Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Crusader Chapter, St. Paul, MN, Demolay

- Chapter Advisor (2008 - 2009)

# GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

**2021-2022**

## **ELECTED**

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	R. Sean Gardiner (1/103)
GRAND KING	▲	Alan Mackenzie (20)
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	David J. Dumonceaux (27)
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	Michael Hilgert (9/10)
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Gary A. Odegard, PGHP (53)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2022]		L. Greg Schultz, PGHP (15)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2023]		Ronald A. Miles, PGHP (9)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2024]		Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101)

## **APPOINTED**

GRAND CHAPLAIN		John E. Helcl, II (1/103)
GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	▲	Ed L. Morse (1/53)
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	▲	Scott F. Wood (9)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	▲	Philip T. Bodle (20/70)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	Gerald E. Zierdt (33)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Brian K. Dimatteo (104)
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	Trent B. Gilbertson (104)
GRAND LECTURER		Christopher A. Wendover (60)
GRAND CHAPTER ED. OFFICER		R. James Luchsinger, II (60)
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)

▲ = advancing line

# GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [ 160th ]

June 24, 2022

## OPENING

The ritualistic opening was performed by Minnesota Chapter No. 1 with the following Companions participating:

High Priest	Terry Christiansen
King	Kay Moss
Scribe	Conrad Jackson
Captain of the Host	Eric Thiem
Chaplain	John Helcl, II
Principal Sojourner	Jeff Hagen
Royal Arch Captain	James McNeely, IV
Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil	Sean Novack
Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil	Ty Schmidt
Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil	Clint Christensen
Sentinel	Michael Mudrey, Jr.

The Captain of the Host escorted the Grand Chapter Officers into the Hall. The Grand High Priest, R. Sean Gardiner, was introduced, given the Grand Honors and escorted to the East.

The Grand High Priest, R. Sean Gardiner, declared the 160<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Convocation called to labor. He introduced the Minnesota Chapter No. 1 degree team and dismissed them.

The Grand High Priest then asked the Minnesota Past Grand High Priests to stand and be recognized as their names were read off.

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Ten (10) Minnesota Past Grand High Priests were present:

Gary H. Johnson – 1978  
Robert R. Anderson, Jr. - 1994  
Charles R. Marston - 2007  
Gary A. Odegard – 2011  
Marvin W. Schendel – 2014  
L. Greg Schultz – 2015  
Joseph J. Anderson – 2017  
W. David Emery – 2018  
R. James Luchsinger, II – 2019  
Carl F. Lidstrom - 2020

The Grand High Priest then asked the Companions to join him in giving these Past Most Excellent Companions the Grand Honors.

## **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

The Grand Captain of the Host then escorted the Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, MEC Marvin W. Schendel, and the General Grand Scribe, MEC Chadwick Burks, to the East and were introduced and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand Chaplain then gave an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

## **INITIAL CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Initial report of the Credentials Committee was requested. A Roll Call of Chapters indicated that seventeen (17) Chapters were present of the twenty-two (22) Minnesota Chapters. The following Chapters did not answer the Roll Call:

Winona No. 5, Living Arch No. 28, Fairmont No. 50, Northern No. 82 and Rush City 87.

GHP Gardiner declared that a constitutional quorum was present and that the 160th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was open for the transaction of business.

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

## **READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 159th CONVOCATION**

MEC Gardiner asked the Grand Secretary for a reading of the minutes of the last Grand Convocation. Grand Secretary Odegard responded: "Inasmuch as the Proceedings of the 159th Grand Convocation have been published and distributed, and that such Proceedings contain matter that may be considered as the minutes of the last Grand Convocation, I recommend that the named publication be accepted as the minutes of the 159th Grand Convocation without a reading thereof". The GHP so ordered.

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

The preliminary credentials report was requested. The Grand Secretary reported that Sixty (60) ballots had been issued.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee Report was given by PGHP Greg Schultz. The committee placed the following names in nomination for the offices of:

- Grand High Priest – Alan Mackenzie
- Grand King – David J. Dumonceaux
- Grand Scribe – Michael A. Hilgert
- Treasurer/Secretary – Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
- Grand Captain of the Host – Ed L. Morse
- Trustee [ 2025 ] – L. Greg Schultz, PGHP

Grand High Priest Gardiner appointed the following Tellers:

- James McNeely IV, Chairman
- Charles Marston
- Joe Anderson

MEC James McNeely, IV, asked for permission to speak. He was granted permission. James McNeely spoke on running for General Grand Scribe at the next Triennial. MEC Greg Schultz moved that the Grand Chapter of Minnesota endorse James McNeely for General Grand Scribe. The motion was seconded by Carl Lidstrom and passed by unanimous decision.

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

# GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

M.:E.: Companion R. Sean Gardiner

Greetings Companions. It has been my greatest honor in traveling throughout Minnesota visiting our Chapters and Companions. This year of revival has been a welcomed reprieve from the vexations and consternations of the past. To quote Walt Disney, "We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we're curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." We have been moving forward, giving it our all, and enjoying the journey.

The strength of our Chapters is built on the foundation left by our predecessors and the conviction of our companions. Our predecessors built up our craft, building and growing Royal Arch Masonry to span the furthest corners of the state. Our companions exhibited incredible strength in adapting to the rapidly changing times. "Change is vital, improvement the logical form of change.", J.C. Penney. Our companions stepped up into new ways to meet, fundraise, and enjoy each other's fellowship. The companions continue to pull our newest lessons into how we manage the craft. Lessons that taught us patience and perseverance. Lessons that taught us improved inclusion and fellowship. "Inspiration is needed in geometry, just as in poetry", Brother Alexander Pushkin. Minnesota Chapter No. 1 was already nationally recognized for the Retreat they hosted annually. Other Masonic Bodies, outside the Royal Arch, are emulating the model set forth and incorporating similar retreats for their members.

It hasn't only been the longstanding Chapters rising to the occasion, but our newest chapters have led in new ways to fundraise and grow our membership. Shekinah Chapter has a history of innovative and successful fundraising, starting with their Renaissance Fest efforts and continuing with their recent meatloaf dinner.

None of these activities would have been possible but for our combined strength. Brother J. C. Penney has said, "Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." And "The best teamwork comes from men who are working independently toward on goal in unison". Both of these quotes showcase the importance of all of us working together to achieve our goals in our Chapters. Our companions have not only bonded together for their own Chapter but have continuously ventured out to support other Chapters. This is usually in the form of ritual assistance but has also been shown by supporting each other's fundraisers.

As I look to the future, I am reminded of the motto of a friend. REPGC Patrick Sullivan taught me the value of "TEMPLE". To Teach and Educate our members, Master and Perform our ritual, Lead and Excel the York Rite into tomorrow.

There are many ways we can Teach and Educate. We should present education at our Chapters. The most common request from our companions is for more light. Let us share of our knowledge and partake in the knowledge of others in presentations at our Chapters. Let us teach and educate our Companions, so that they can help others build their Masonic edifice. We can all share our knowledge when visiting our neighboring Lodges and presenting on the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Royal Arch degree is one of the oldest degrees in all of Masonry. What better way of honoring that heritage than by Mastering our ritual. Let us give our new companions the experience they crave and deserve by Performing it with a high level of proficiency. I understand the prolonged level of commitment this will take, but it begins with the first step, the desire to try. Masonry didn't become what it is in a single day, nor have any of us, it has been years of work.



Let us take up this work and Master our ritual. "No man can climb the ladder of success without first placing his foot on the bottom rung.", Brother J.C. Penney.

"Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.", Brother Harry S. Truman. We can Lead and Excel in many ways and by many methods. One method your Grand Chapter Officers have taken is to make improvements in our Constitution to ease the burden of running a Chapter. There were several improvements made over the last several years, but the officers are not resting, there will be resolutions made in the future to continue improving our methods of operating.

The Grand King and Grand Royal Arch Captain have also worked diligently to dissolve King Solomon Chapter. This dissolution will move companions from King Solomon to other active Chapters around the state. Giving all companions an opportunity to participate in a fully functioning Chapter. This does not prevent those Chapters that had folded into King Solomon from being reestablished by Companions in the future. Our constitution allows for the rechartering of Chapters that fulfill all the requirements and qualifications. This is exhibited in the opportunity to reissue two Charters this Grand Convocation. Both Vermillion Chapter and Shekinah Chapter have met all the constitutional requirements and prerequisites to request their reissued Charters. I strongly encourage our Companions to honor their tireless hard work by granting their requests at this Grand Session.

We can also excel by partnering with the St Paul Valley of the Scottish Rite for Rite Night this fall. Expressing the value of continuing the Masonic Journey and the fellowship that exists between us all. It is planned to be an evening of education on all of Masonry and its value to us all.

"I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest." Brother Theodore Roosevelt. During my visitations, I have been inspired by the various Traveling Trophies given by the Lodges. The trophies range from gavels to banners. The trophies are won by attending during a degree, or by having your candidates prove up in the other Lodge. They are also won by furthest distance traveled or most brothers attending. Chapters could devise their own Traveling Trophies to encourage visitations, both to other Chapters and to your own. "I could never resist the call of the trail", Brother Buffalo Bill Cody.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all the courtesies and gracious hospitality shown to the office I held during my visits. All the Companions that have and are serving in your Chapter and Grand Chapter, are doing so out of a love for our craft. Your continued support encourages them and others to make this great sacrifice with renewed energy and vigor. I think back on the leaders when I first became a Royal Arch Mason. Their dedication, patience, and guidance filled my journey with light and brotherly love. I often took the lessons I learned in Chapter back to my Lodge. We dedicated ourselves to learning and performing the ritual at a high level. We reveled in our fellowship with the same passion and fervor. Our Post Meeting Symposiums were evenings of legend. Many Excellent Companions; taught, guided, and continue to support me in my journey. I thank them all for the investment in my development and growth. As you reflect on those that inspired your journey, remember their sacrifice. Please continue encouraging and supporting your fellow companions. "The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even from mouth to ear. For the real secret of Masonry is spoken to your heart and from it to the heart of your brother. Never the language made for tongue may speak it, it is uttered only in the eye in those manifestations of that love which a man has for his friend, which passeth all other loves." Brother William Howard Taft.

As the Tyler so eloquently shared with us, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again". Until we meet again.

Respectfully Submitted  
Companion Sean Gardiner

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022, is attached. You will notice that we had a net operating loss of \$718.00. This was primarily due to overestimating the Per Capita and not receiving reports or income from 4 Chapters.

The Trustees allocated Life Membership earnings of \$14,671.69 for 2021 which is up from the previous year. The distribution process to the Chapters was modified three years ago. In the past, the Chapters had to pay per capita on all members. Later they would receive the per capita for the life members from the earnings distribution. This placed a financial burden on some Chapters. Now the Chapters only pay per capita on regular members. The per capita for life members is deducted from the life member earnings before the distribution to the Chapters. This process is appreciated by the Chapters. The Grand Chapter is authorized to take 5% of the earnings for administrative costs of the Life Membership Program. That amounts to \$733.58 this year. We did not take that fee but left it to be distributed to the Chapters. This fee would have balanced the budget. The earnings are allocated to the Chapters based on the amount of funds they have in the program. If there is not enough allocated to the Chapter to cover the Life Member per capita, the Chapter is not penalized and the Grand Chapter does not receive the full amount of Life Member per capita. See the attached charts for the allocation and distribution of these funds.

See the Finance Committee Report for the proposed budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 7, 2022, and found to be in good order. See attached report.

I thank the Companions for the trust they have bestowed on me. I hope to continue refining the processes and to providing a service to the Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary A. Odegard, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer

June 2021 through May 2022  
Profit & Loss

	Jun '21 - May 22
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	
CHARITY FUND	1,011.84
INVESTMENT FUND	4,000.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	14,671.69
<b>Total INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	19,683.53
<b>OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	17,625.27
CHARTER FEES	200.00
EXALTATIONS	165.00
INDIGENT CREDITS	-140.00
<b>INVENTORY SALES</b>	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	256.88
<b>Total INVENTORY SALES</b>	256.88
LM ENROLLMENTS	2,655.00
<b>Total OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	20,762.15
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
DONATIONS	0.00
OTHER INCOME	278.49
<b>Total OTHER INCOME</b>	278.49
<b>Total Income</b>	40,724.17
<b>Gross Profit</b>	40,724.17
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>GRAND CHAPTER</b>	
AWARDS	-40.00

<b>CHARITY &amp; DONATIONS</b>	
<b>YOUTH GROUPS</b>	1,000.00
<b>Total CHARITY &amp; DONATIONS</b>	1,000.00
<b>GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA</b>	3,993.00
<b>GRAND SESSION</b>	
<b>COMPS</b>	382.99
<b>PGHP APRON/JEWEL</b>	577.00
<b>Total GRAND SESSION</b>	959.99
<b>INSURANCE/BONDING</b>	1,275.47
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIPS</b>	
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION</b>	14,038.09
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT</b>	2,655.00
<b>Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS</b>	16,693.09
<b>Total GRAND CHAPTER</b>	23,881.55
<b>OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>	
<b>GENERAL PRINTING</b>	316.02
<b>OCCUPANCY</b>	1,755.70
<b>POSTAGE/SHIPPING</b>	49.08
<b>SOFTWARE</b>	91.05
<b>WEB SITE/INTERNET</b>	450.00
<b>Total OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>	2,661.85
<b>OFFICER'S EXPENSES</b>	
<b>GRAND HIGH PRIEST</b>	3,000.00
<b>GRAND KING</b>	800.00
<b>GRAND SCRIBE</b>	500.00
<b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>	6,000.00
<b>GRAND TREASURER</b>	1,200.00
<b>Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES</b>	11,500.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	
<b>BANK FEES</b>	-49.99
<b>LATE FEES</b>	-25.00
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	
<b>RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION</b>	3,473.76
<b>Total PUBLICATIONS</b>	3,473.76
<b>Total OTHER EXPENSES</b>	3,398.77
<b>Total Expense</b>	41,442.17
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-718.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-718.00</b>



LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

Life Membership Distribution		#####	Regular	Life	LM*\$14	2021	2021
		Members	Members	Members	Members	Allocation	Distribution
MINNESOTA	#1	226	95	131	1834	3273.09	1439.09
WINONA	#5	19	15	4	56	123.63	67.63
HALCYON	#8	48	33	15	210	255.97	45.97
ST JOHNS	#9	107	61	46	644	1445.51	801.51
ST CLOUD	#10	75	41	34	476	690.99	214.99
AUSTIN	#14	15	7	8	112	346.59	234.59
OWATONNA	#15	90	47	43	602	1193.25	591.25
KEYSTONE	#20	123	73	50	700	1305.77	605.77
ST PETER	#22	77	60	17	238	619.44	381.44
FERGUS FALLS	#27	57	44	13	182	358.76	176.76
LIVING ARCH	#28	27	16	11	154	183.56	29.56
CORINTHIAN	#33	53	43	10	140	324.18	184.18
MT NEBO	#39	21	14	7	98	134.70	36.70
FAIRMONT	#50	17	11	6	84	63.63	(20.37)
ARK	#53	41	25	16	224	486.21	262.21
COLUMBIAN	#60	109	73	36	504	1835.06	1331.06
MARSHALL	#65	29	11	18	252	224.67	(27.33)
IRON RANGE	#70	20	19	1	14	71.29	57.29
NORTHERN	#82	17	2	15	210	264.73	54.73
ALEXANDRIA	#86	29	14	15	210	260.06	50.06
RUSH CITY	#87	19	14	5	70	89.80	19.80
KITTSON	#101	18	8	10	140	126.40	(13.60)
OVERSEERS	#103	14	14	0	0	0.00	0.00
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	54	54	0	0	0.00	0.00
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133 UD	75	15	60	840	994.40	154.40
		1380	809	571	7994	14671.69	

There was a motion by Odegard to approve the report by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.

# GRAND TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota present the following report of the Investment, Charity, and Life Membership Funds of the Grand Chapter for the 2021-year.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>INVESTMENT</u></b>		
Balance on Hand 1/1/2021	226726.19	236180.05
Addition King Solomon Chapter Trust Act	1209.53	1209.53
Subtraction * Triennial-Operating	0.00	0.00
Subtraction * General Fund	0.00	4000.00
Subtotal	227935.66	233491.25
Balance for Interest	227935.66	233431.53
Interest Income for 21	8286.34	9612.49
<b><u>INTEREST INCOME DISTRIBUTED</u></b>		
Triennial Fund 900 per year (2021) (900)	00.00	Bal – 2700 No Transfer
King Solomon Trust Income	42.01	51.05 Bal 1/1/22 – 1250.68
Balance of Interest for 2021	8244.33	9561.44
Balance on Hand 12/31/21**	236180.05	242995.47
<b><u>CHARITY</u></b>		
Balance on Hand 1/1/2021	26311.24	26311.24
Additions		
Subtractions		
Subtotal	26311.24	26311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	26311.24	26311.24
Interest Income	957.48	1011.84
Interest Income Distributed	957.48	1011.84
Balance on Hand 12/31/21	26311.24	26311.24
<b><u>LIFE</u></b>		
Balance 1/1/21	356388.96	357263.96
Additions	875.00	2125.00 1 <sup>st</sup> qtr 2655.00 4 <sup>th</sup> qtr
Subtractions		
Subtotal	357263.96	362043.96
Balance for Interest	356826.46	360052.71
Interest Income	12971.56	14671.69
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	12971.56	14671.69
Balance on Hand 12/31/21	357263.96	362043.96

\*\* This is average quarterly income for interest distribution

\*Operating Expense

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

Income Distribution for 2020	21674.84	
Income Distribution for 2021		25296.02

		Balance for Interest	Interest	Balance of 12/31/21
Investment Fund		233431.53	9612.49	242995.47
Charity		26311.24	1011.84	26311.29
Life Membership	360052.71	14671.69	362043.96	
Totals for 21	619795.48	25296.02	631350.67	

Based on the Balance for Interest for 2021 of \$619795.48 with an interest income of \$25296.02. The rate of return was 4.08% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/21 Statement of Account listing your portfolio of stocks, shares, and % of holdings.

The following figures are presented to show you the progress of our funds during the past five years of the economic conditions. Our investment fund has been able to hold a good investment income return and when some funds are maturing this amount is being placed in US Gov Secured Money market For security until our world and market become safe to invest world war action and political turmoil. The coronavirus apprehension in investing but our assets were secure and investment income was maintained. Our life membership fund is invested in secure funds that draw less interest. But our portfolio is secure. With low interest rates, securities have been prime investments, causing lower interest return. This fluctuation is being controlled using a portion of funds in a fixed return. We feel our broker is competently handling our funds. The rate of return, if figured on the total investment fund of \$631350.67 is 4.01%. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of \$369437.20 would be 6.01%. We are confident that our investments and counsel are in good condition.

	Total Investments	Income
12/31/16	409154.37	26137.29
12/31/17	416706.94	24782.43
12/31/18	327527.29	27552.59
12/31/19	377918.55	21674.84
12/31/20	369437.20	22215.38
12/31/21	443798.55	25296.02

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

Below is our December 31 statement for verification of our investment funds. We have been investing in above-average interest or dividends for income and still maintain Grade A. Funds verified by EC Ron Jensen and MEC Hugh Swift. All are in order.





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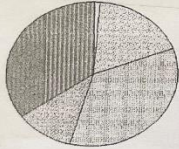
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**YOUR INFORMATION**

**ASSET ALLOCATION SUMMARY**



	CURRENT VALUE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> RBC Insured Deposits	\$3,657.82	1%
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash and money market	78,717.46	18%
<input type="checkbox"/> US equities	156,535.34	35%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxable fixed income	49,144.26	11%
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed assets	155,743.67	35%
<b>Current account value</b>	<b>\$443,798.55</b>	<b>100%</b>

Mutual funds are included in the above categories. Funds that invest in more than one category are reported as "Mixed Assets."  
The cash and money market figure is net of debits including any RBC Express Credit (margin) debit, if applicable.

Deposits in the RBC Insured Deposits are not covered by SIPC. Please see Asset Detail beginning on page 4 for more information.

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE / RISK TOLERANCE**

The investment objective for this account is: Aggressive Growth / Aggressive Income  
The risk tolerance for this account is: High Risk  
Please see "About Your Investment Objective / Profile and Risk Tolerances" on page 2 for further information.

**GAIN/LOSS SUMMARY**

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Total realized gain or loss	\$0.00	\$59,638.38
Short-term gain or loss	0.00	5,699.40
Long-term gain or loss	0.00	53,938.98
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021		
Unrealized gain or loss		\$45,112.57

**ACCOUNT STATEMENT**

DECEMBER 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

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Account number:  
7R4-15186  
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**ACCOUNT VALUE SUMMARY**

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Beginning account value	\$432,109.23	\$369,437.20
Deposits	2,655.00	4,780.00
Return of principal	0.00	4,620.09
Withdrawals	0.00	-17,966.54
Taxable income	4,816.13	15,017.22
Change in asset value	4,218.19	67,910.58
Ending account value	\$443,798.55	\$443,798.55

**ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

Total account value last statement	\$432,109.23
<b>Cash activity</b>	
Beginning balance	158,553.57
<b>Money coming into your account</b>	
Deposits	2,655.00
Interest	0.02
Dividends	1,432.78
Capital gains	3,383.33
Total	7,471.13
<b>Money going out of your account</b>	
Funds to purchase securities	-83,649.42
Total	-83,649.42
Ending balance	82,375.28
Net change cash activity	-\$76,178.29
<b>Change in security value</b>	
Beginning value of priced securities	273,555.66
Securities purchased	83,649.42
Change in value of priced securities	4,218.19
Ending value of priced securities	361,423.27
Net change in securities value	\$87,867.61
Total account value as of December 31, 2021	\$443,798.55

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

Investment Funds:

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

Triennial Fund:

This is a request for funds for delegates to the triennial representing Minnesota. It is a yearly amount of \$900/\$300 per delegate. Since this is an expense and not an income each year \$900 is deducted from the interest to show an annual deduction instead of a large sum every 3 years. It is more fiscally responsible. This year, no one attended the triennial, so there was no additional money set-aside for delegates. This will be in trust for next triennial.

Our investments and resources are financially solvent and in good condition. Our broker has followed the proposed handling of funds that maintain a good return but with a conservative level of risk. Our brokers have a working knowledge of our needs and dispersal of funds. We have an excellent relationship with their service and ability. To better serve a portfolio in bonds and stocks with grade A quality, our broker changed his brokerage dealer to IAA, Internal Assets Advisory. Our clearinghouse is IBC. Due to untimely validation of ownership, our transfer was delayed causing money flow delayed. This was reflected in an increase in income from 2020 year. Our new brokerage firm is Financial Advantage Wealth Management LLC of Fargo, ND. They are Richard Engen, President and Jeff Wallgren, Investment Executive. Our new group has a station in the twin cities, which makes handling legal papers much easier and faster

for the trustees and secretary/treasurer. I have met with them and been assured by their proposals and information that they know and understand our goals and institution. Any matters that are of a constitutional or regulation nature are transferred to the jurisdiction committee for a ruling. We find the Grand Chapter to be in good condition and in good hands.

MEC Gary H Johnson PGHP  
MEC Ronald Miles PGHP  
MEC L Greg Schultz PGHP

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to accept the Trustee' report by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Budget**

**6/1/22-5/31/23**

**Income**

INVESTMENTS

Life Members *	15000
Charity *	1200
General **	<u>6000</u>
	22200

OPERATIONS

Per Capita	16954
Dues (KS 133)	0
Chapter Fees	210
Exaltations	750
Indigent Credits	-182
Other	<u>250</u>
	<u>17982</u>

**TOTAL INCOME**

40182

**EXPENSES**

GRAND CHAPTER

Awards	100
Charities *	1200
GGC Per Capita	3798
Grand Session	1000
Insurance/Bonding	1275
LM Distribution *	<u>15000</u>
	22373

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Equipment	0
Printing	300
Telephone/Internet	0
Rent	1756
Postage	200
Supplies	200
Web sites	<u>200</u>
	2656

OFFICER EXPENSES

GHP	3000
GK	800
GSC	500
GS/T	7200
Others	<u>250</u>
	11750

Other

RAM Magazine	3475
Other	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>3475</u></b>
	<b>40254</b>

*GAIN/(LOSS)* (72)

\* Income and distribution are no expense to Grand Chapter as they are just pass-through funds distributing Interest Income from the Charity Fund and the Life Membership Fund.

\*\* This is drawing money from the Investment Fund

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to accept the budget report by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

M.:E.:Companion Gary A. Odegard

Thanks to the help of the Chapter Secretaries, the database is getting better each year. Membership dropped again this year. We had a net loss of 71 companions in 2020 and a net loss of 101 in 2021. Unfortunately, we had far more deaths than exaltations. 34 of the joins and withdrawals are due to Mt Nebo No. 39 and some of the King Solomon No. 133 merging into Owatonna No. 15 and Marshall No. 65 merging into Fairmont No. 50. After years of no meetings, no annual reports and no per capita paid, Mt. Nebo and Marshall have been closed. The summary for the year is:

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>1/1/2021</b>		<b>1380</b>	
GAINS[+]		LOSSES[-]	
EXALTED	12	WITHDREW	76
JOINED	71	STRICKEN	31
RESTORED	2	SUSPENDED	10
		DEATHS	69
TOTAL	85	TOTAL	186
	NET	-101	-7.3%
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>12/31/2021</b>		<b>1279</b>	

Last year there were 4 Chapters which did not submit annual reports. This year there are also 4 Chapters. They are St Peter No. 22, Mt Nebo No. 39, Fairmont No. 50 and Marshall No.65.

Of the 13 Indigents listed, 5 are Active Duty Military whose per capita dues are waived. I have attached detailed gains and losses and reported Exaltations and Deaths by Chapter. If you know of any name spellings or dates that are incorrect, please advise so they can be correct in the Proceedings.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary A. Odegard, PGHP  
Grand Secretary

There was a motion to accept the Secretary's Report by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.



## REPORTED EXALTATIONS 2021

MINNESOTA	#1	10	David B Allison	10/08/21	Lloyd D Cheney
			Andrew R Hermes	10/08/21	Shannon G Krecklau
			Rodolfo Landeros	10/08/21	Larry G Lucht
			Adam C Martin	10/08/21	Bryan D Pope
			Justus M Pope	10/08/21	Brent A Reichow
WINONA	#5	0			
HALCYON	#8	0			
ST JOHNS	#9	0			
ST CLOUD	#10	0			
AUSTIN	#14	0			
OWATONNA	#15	0			
KEYSTONE	#20	0			
ST PETER	#22	2	Jose Castro-Reyes	02/01/20	James P Decker
FERGUS FALLS	#27	0			
LIVING ARCH	#28	0			
CORINTHIAN	#33	0			
FAIRMONT	#50	0			
ARK	#53	0			
COLUMBIAN	#60	0			
MARSHALL	#65	0			
IRON RANGE	#70	0			
NORTHERN	#82	0			
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0			
RUSH CITY	#87	0			
KITTSOON	#101	0			
OVERSEERS	#103	0			
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	0			
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133				

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REPORTED DEATHS		2021				
MINNESOTA	#1	10	Charles Fruhstuck	09/26/12	L Lafayette Hassie	11/26/18
			Edimand C Gilbertson	01/04/21	Forrest L Sexson	01/25/21
			Robert A Beales	03/10/21	Harland L Thomesen	05/25/21
			Donald J Drum	06/01/21	Charles J Luman	06/26/21
			Russell K Amling	07/01/21	Bruce G Moore	07/27/21
WINONA	#5	1	Lemont Brenno	12/01/21		
HALCYON	#8	0				
ST JOHNS	#9	1	Willis C Saxton	02/06/21		
ST CLOUD	#10	5	Ralph N Starkka	03/09/16	Wayne R Thiesse	09/11/18
			Alan D Klein	12/04/19	Stanley L Marple	02/20/20
			Charles W Extrand	06/23/20		
AUSTIN	#14	0				
OWATONNA	#15	8	Robert Peterson	02/27/20	Charles Borneman	03/21/20
			Ray Hahn	10/12/20	Gary Durner	01/06/21
			Jerald Loper	02/01/21	Donald Rippentrop	02/01/21
			Henry Lewer	03/20/21	Charles Baltos	06/25/21
KEYSTONE	#20	8	Wayne G Johnson	07/08/18	William P Pearson	06/05/20
			Thomas C Swentkofske	06/02/21	Robert Edwards	12/28/20
			Clifford H Grindy	05/04/21	Fred O Wilson	06/06/21
			Elton M Kleinendorst	08/05/21	George M Downs	10/04/21
ST PETER	#22	7	Carrol D Cady	03/15/17	Joseph M Dobie	04/29/17
			James W Sommers	03/02/18	Richard R Pedersen	06/17/18
			Harry L Johnson	06/24/18	Russel K Amling	07/01/21
			Jens C Mikkelsen	08/08/21		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	1	Russell Duncan	02/24/21		
LIVING ARCH	#28	0				
CORINTHIAN	#33	0				
FAIRMONT	#50	0				
ARK	#53	4	Harold J Panuska	05/29/20	Walter W Haselhuhn	09/15/20
			Stanley K Singleton	01/27/21	Dexter C Pehle	02/16/21
COLUMBIAN	#60	5	Charles D Gunder	12/28/19	John E Werner Jr	08/17/20
			Eb W Revbeck	09/28/20	Lawrence E Leeder	06/10/21
			John P Wingard	06/10/21		
IRON RANGE	#70	0				
NORTHERN	#82	0				
ALEXANDRIA	#86	3	Abner Jacobson	05/07/19	Orrin Erickson	07/16/21
			Newman Olson	12/18/21		
RUSH CITY	#87	0				
KITTSOON	#101	1	Peter Sinclair	01/31/21		
OVERSEERS	#103	0				
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	0				
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133	15	Jerome Bergeson	07/07/14	Richard L Duroe	06/02/16
			Mornall Elliot	11/05/16	Wallace R Pikal	03/02/17
			Larry M Overson	07/19/19	Maurice R McNeil	10/17/19
			Myron E Wigen III	02/01/20	Jon D Wigen	02/03/20
			John G Letnes	02/08/20	Phillip R Jordahl	04/04/20
			Milton A Brinkman	05/13/20	Roger K Olson	01/26/21
			Robert E Briggs	04/26/21	Leo E Luettjohann	08/26/21
			Jerry W Thompson	12/01/21		
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## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The jurisprudence committee is responsible to review the actions and business of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Officers and subordinate Chapters. They are to make sure that correct work and actions were taken according to the constitution and regulations and that all actions are in compliance with the Minnesota Grand Lodge.

The Grand High Priest is to submit his actions dispensations and appointments well within his power. We also express thanks and appreciation to MEC Carl F Lidstrom and officers for their work in complying with the Grand Lodge, State of Minnesota and Health requirements during the Corona Pandemic, that the royal arch was able to remain viable in correspondence and activity and also keeping members safe. Direction was relayed to local chapters for their compliance. This has created new ways to go about Masonic work and business with zoom and other methods. Our Grand Lodge has contracted with a firm to assist in continuing this method through Internet and other communications and records.

Request for explanation of proxy voting  
Article II Section 1

*Section 1. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of a Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Master of the First Veil Grand Sentinel, and all Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, and Past High Priests of the subordinate chapter of this jurisdiction who at the time are members of subordinate chapters of this jurisdiction, together with High Priests, Kings, and Scribes and Secretaries for the time being, of the several subordinate chapters or the proxies of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes appointed by them, respectively, from among eligible voting members of their chapters.*

This is a list of members that can have 1 vote. In case of tie the Grand High Priest can cast another one vote.

Article IV Sec 5

*Section 5. Every member of, and representative to, the Grand Chapter, present at an annual or special convocation, shall be entitled to cast one vote upon all questions: Provided, that in case of the election of officers, or when the ayes and nays are called, if a High Priest, King or Scribe is not present representing his Chapter in person or by proxy, his vote may be cast by the senior office of the chapter who is present; or, if no Dias Officer is present, and none has appointed a proxy, their remaining three available votes may be claimed by the chapter Senior Past High Priest among those who may be present; or in the absence of all chapter Past High Priests, by the Chapter Secretary. Neither an absent chapter Secretary nor an absent chapter Past High Priest may appoint a proxy to cast his vote, as such. Be it further provided, that in all cases of a tie aye and nay vote, the Grand High Priest may cast another one vote.*

You must be a Senior Voting member of Grand Chapter to vote at Grand Chapter by proxy or even in a subordinate chapter.

Article V Section 4

*Section 4. Each Officer, to be eligible to hold office in the Grand Chapter, must be a member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction and all, except the Grand Chaplain, a present or past High Priest.*

Each companion, to be eligible to hold office in Grand Chapter, must be a member of a chapter in the jurisdictions and except for Grand Chaplain a present or past High Priest.

We have not received any requests for assistance except proxy votes.

There are no resolutions to be voted on as was information requested on constitution of regulation procedure.

This is an important request that if there is any action that is in question, please request the jurisprudence committee to supply procedure or practices before you act, it's better to start right then to have to correct. Remember all of our rules are under Grand Lodge regulations.

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to accept the Jurisprudence Report by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.

# CHAPTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

MEC R. Sean Gardiner

During the year, the Grand High Priest received requests from Overseers Chapter No. 103 and Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 to change their name to their original name and number. After working with the Chapters Committee, the Grand High Priest issued dispensations to change Overseers Chapter No. 103 to Vermillion Chapter No. 2 UD and to change Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 to Shekinah Chapter No. 52 UD. MEC Gardiner stated that he would entertain a motion to change both permanently. There was a motion by REC Alan Mackenzie, seconded by Phil Bodle, to make both changes. The motion passed. Grand High Priest Gardiner then signed both new Charters. They were attested by Grand Secretary Odegard. GHP Gardiner then invited all of the Companions from Vermillion Chapter No. 2 and Shekinah Chapter No. 52 to come forward and receive their new Charters.

Grand High Priest Gardiner reminded the companions that the ballot box was open and then declared a twenty-minute recess.

## RECESS

Grand High Priest Gardiner rapped the session to order and declared the 160th Convocation at labor.

The Grand High Priest inquired if all, who were entitled to, had voted. He declared the ballot box closed and directed the tellers to take charge of the ballot box.

# AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

## Membership Awards

The Chapters have been grouped into Large and Small Chapters with large Chapters having 50 or more Companions. The awards are based on the largest percentage of new Exaltations to total membership at the beginning of the year. This year's winners are:

Minnesota Chapter No. 1 – Large Chapter Award – 10 Exaltations

There were no small Chapter exaltations due to COVID.

Each Chapter receives an Altar Cloth to be used for one year before it is passed on to the next winner.

## Triple Tau Awards

The Triple Tau Award is presented to any Companion who is the top line signer on 5 petitions for degrees and the candidates complete all of the degrees. For each additional 3 petitions for the degrees who become Royal Arch Masons, the top line signer will receive a Star Device to be attached to his Triple Tau Award. Due primarily to COVID, there were no winners this year.

## Knight of the Royal Arch Awards

Companions for this award are nominated by their Chapter for Meritorious Service to their Chapter. The Grand Chapter selects up to 4 Companions each year for this award from the nominations. This year's awards go to:

...Peter Laudert – Minnesota Chapter No. 1

...Justin Whirley – Iron Range Chapter No. 70

In the past, the recipients received a certificate, a sash or jewel, and a handshake. The Grand Chapter thought they should receive more recognition than that. Brian Dimatteo and Jim Luchsinger wrote an Investiture Ceremony for the Knight of the Royal Arch Award. These new recipients will be invested and dubbed with the award at a public ceremony on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Bronze and Kirby Awards

These last 2 awards are presented at the Banquet. Each of these last 2 awards are given to only 1 Companion per year per Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for Distinguished Service goes to Todd Jovonovich of Minnesota Chapter No. 1. The Ephraim Kirby Award goes to a Past Grand High Priest who has continued to serve this Grand Chapter or Masonry in a significant manner after his term in office. The Ephraim Kirby Award goes to Charles Marston of St Peter Chapter No. 22.

The Grand High Priest then recognized the presiding officers and members of several appendant Masonic Bodies. He also recognized all Companions who have served in the military, all youth leaders and Chapter Officers.

The Grand Secretary then moved that all remaining Reports not yet presented be approved by acclamation and be included in the Proceedings. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

# TELLERS REPORT

James McNeely, IV, Chair of the Tellers, reported that a vast majority of the ballots were cast for:

Alan Mackenzie as Grand High Priest  
David J. Dumonceaux as Grand King  
Michael A. Hilgert as Grand Scribe  
Gary A. Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary  
Ed L. Morse as Grand Captain of the Host  
L. Greg Schultz as Grand Trustee [2025]

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

## APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022-2023

Grand High Priest Gardiner called on the Grand High Priest Elect Alan Mackenzie to announce his appointments. The 2022-2023 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Chaplain	W. David Emery
Grand Principal Sojourner	Scott F. Wood
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Philip T. Bodle
Grand Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil	Gerald E. Zierdt
Grand Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil	Brian K. Dimatteo
Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil	Trent B. Gilbertson
Grand Sentinel	Christopher A. Wendover
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Grand Lecturer	James Zelinski-Feeney
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## FINAL JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

MEC Gary H. Johnson

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

# GENERAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GHP Gardiner introduced Most Excellent Companion Marvin Schendel, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest, to make a few remarks.

GHP Gardiner then introduced General Grand Scribe Chadwick B. Burks. He brought greetings from GGHP Steven G. Tiner and explained several General Grand programs.

GHP Gardiner inquired of the Grand Secretary and the Jurisprudence Committee if there was any unattended to business, both indicated that there was no further business.

The GHP then called upon the Grand Chaplain to give a parting prayer for the Companions.

The Grand High Priest declared the Convocation at recess until the Installation of Officers.

The following reports were not presented but are printed in these proceedings:

## REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

To: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Member of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

The Financial Review Committee met at the home of the Grand Treasurer on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. At that time, we reviewed the financial records, and they were found to be in good order.

Fraternally.

Hugh C. Swift, Jr.; PGHP  
Chairman  
Ronald L. Jensen, PHP

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND KING**

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

It was good to attend meetings in person this year. I attended all Grand Chapter meetings by ZOOM and in person as able. I continue to be active in my home chapter serving as secretary.

I was able to visit many Chapters during the year and it is good to see degree work being done by the Chapters. I participated in the South Dakota Grand Session, the North Central Conference and the Nebraska Grand Session. I was able to attend and participate in the One Day to Chapter, it was a fantastic day and great to see so many new Companions

It was a privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and the companions of the state. I look forward to serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the next year. I served on a committee to distribute the membership of King Solomon's chapter throughout the Chapters of the state.

It was an honor to serve the Companions of Minnesota and represent the Grand Chapter, I look forward to serving in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Mackenzie (20)  
Grand King

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE**

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

Most Excellent Companion, Past Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and Companions all. I hereby submit this report of the Grand Scribe for the year 2021-2022.

This past year has been a year of renewal in my mind. I attended many Chapter Convocations via zoom. Opening back up from the trials and tribulations of Covid and trying to reconnect in person with our Companions has been difficult but has been met with enthusiasm and moderate success. Our One Day to Chapter had a wonderful turnout with 36 new members being exalted. I attend this event and participated by performing parts in the ritual. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and was happy to contribute but a small part, to making this day the success that it was. Thanks to all who were involved with the setup, ritual, and teardown. My only comment is that we have mandatory practices, so that the experience for the candidates is enhanced and that they are not idle or waiting during this day. Our Chapters are returning to in person convocations and are putting on the degrees. This is the renewal that I was speaking of. Are we 100% yet? NO. But with the continued diligence of the Grand Officers and the Companions of Minnesota, we can get there. Companions; Let us keep up this noble work of rebuilding this Temple to our Lord, without the hope of fee or reward.

I have attended all Grand officer's meetings this year either in person or via zoom. I have traveled to several chapters and brought the greetings of MEC Sean to our Companions.

I have enjoyed my year as Grand Scribe and am looking forward to serving as your Grand King for the ensuing year should tradition prevail.

Fraternally

David J Dumonceaux  
Excellent Grand Scribe  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, MN

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER**

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

My territory roughly covers from Rochester to the Iowa border and from Wisconsin to South Dakota.

I am in contact with my Chapters multiple times weekly and usually daily.

Rochester and Winona open and meet on a regular basis. They have a plan for fall recruitment. The rest of my territory is in the building mode. Fairmont has 2 new members and 6 new petitions for Lodge. We are building Fairmont into a regional center. Worthington has had an influx from the Hispanic community at the factory there. We have received positive indications of interest which hopefully will turn into petitions. I am also the District Rep for King Solomon #133 which is a holding group. We are in the process of assigning those members to another Chapter close to them.

I have been to one out of state Grand Convocation this last year. My goal is to attend all Central States convocations. I am also the Minnesota Rep for Utah and have volunteered for Texas.

I have frequented other Chapters outside my territory. Most notably Anoka Shekinah No.104, St. Johns No.9, Minnesota No.1 and Ark No.53.

I take pleasure in serving the companions of my district and look for more success this next year.

Ed Morse  
District # 5  
Grand Principal Sojourner



## REPORT OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

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

What a great year it was for York Rite Masonry! I have been afforded many opportunities to get to know fellow Companions from Minnesota and other states around the country, as we began gathering in person once again.

In addition to regular attendance at our Grand Chapter officer's meetings and attending Chapter meetings, I have engaged in the following:

On February 12th, we celebrated the return of the One Day to Royal Arch hosted by St. Johns Chapter No. 9. We had a huge turnout that day and exalted many Companions. Many thanks to all the Companions that turned out to make that day an incredible experience for all.

On March 12th, I had the privilege to attend the East Central York Rite Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This was my first opportunity to participate in a conference outside of our jurisdiction, and it was great getting to know Companions from around the country. There was a great discussion on engagement within Chapters, and I hope to be able to share what I learned with Minnesota Chapters in the coming months.

I look forward to the upcoming year. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to continue my service to the Companions of Minnesota.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Scott F. Wood  
Grand Royal Arch Captain

## REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> VEIL

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

During the 2021-2022 term, I visited a few different chapters and many Masonic Lodges to promote Royal Arch Masonry, which I feel was well received. It was quite enjoyable to be invited to discuss Royal Arch with Brothers who are interested in continuing their Masonic Journey.

I regularly attended Grand Chapter Meetings and Events as able to with occasional absences due to work and medical issues.

I attended and participated in the One Day to Royal Arch this year which was a wonderful experience.

I regularly attended both of my Chapters, Keystone No.20 and Iron Range No.70. I also continue to serve as High Priest of Keystone No. 20 and help with Iron Range Chapter as needed, which I am proud to say has really started to catch on and not require too much assistance with running the Chapter.

I have truly enjoyed serving the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota and look forward to serving the Companions of our great state for many years to come.

Fraternally,

EC Philip T. Bodle  
Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SENTINEL

TO: The most excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Of Minnesota.

It was an honor and privilege to serve you as a Grand Officer. This year I served on a special committee for the dissolution of King Solomons Chapter which was an important undertaking. I also attended regular chapter meetings of both St Johns No. 9 and Shekinah No.52 UD. In addition, here are a few notable meetings I was able to attend during my term.

Regular attendance at monthly Grand Chapter Officer meetings.

August 8, 2021	Mark Master Degree, St. Cloud Chapter a. I gave the Historical Lecture for the degree.
October 11, 2021	Past Master Degree, St Johns No. 9.
November 24, 2021	Elections and stated meeting, Shekinah No. 52UD
December 13, 2021	Officer Installation and Chapter meeting, St Johns Chapter No. 9
January 27, 2022	Officer Installation and Chapter meeting, Shekinah Chapter No 52UD
February 12, 2022	One Day to Chapter a. Junior Warden for Mark Master Degree b. Sentinel for Royal Arch Mason Degree
May 9, 2022	Peculiar Stone Degree Presentation, St Johns Chapter No. 9

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Trent B. Gilbertson  
Grand Sentinel

# INSTALLATION OF

## 2022-2023 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Friday, June 24th, 2022. At the appointed time the Installing Grand Officer, Most Excellent Companion L. Greg Schultz, PGHP, assumed the East and introduced the assisting installing officers:

Installing Grand Captain of the Host	MEC R. Sean Gardiner, PGHP
Installing Grand Secretary	MEC Marvin W. Schendel PGHP
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP
Installing Organist	REC William T. Hubbard

The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers:

### 2022-2023 Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest	Alan Mackenzie
Grand King	David J. Dumonceaux
Grand Scribe	Michael A. Hilgert
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Captain of the Host	Ed L. Morse
Grand Chaplain	W. David Emery
Grand Principal Sojourner	Scott F. Wood
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The officers were obligated by Installing Grand Officer Schultz. Installing Grand Chaplain Anderson offered a prayer.

Alan Mackenzie was presented for installation. His duties as Grand High Priest were explained, and he was invested with the Jewel of his office. Then he was presented with the Constitution and the Grand Gavel and informed that he could now preside if he so chose. He declined for the time being.

The other officers were obligated by Installing Officer Schultz.

The remaining officers were each presented in order of election/appointment. Each was instructed in their duties and presented with the jewel of office.

The Installing Grand Officer offered the following:

*“May this Grand Chapter become as beautiful as the Temple,  
peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as the Most Holy Place.*

*May we be endowed with every good and perfect gift  
while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally,  
may we be admitted to the full enjoyment of life eternal.”*

The Installing Grand Marshal made the proclamation followed by the benediction by the Installing Grand Chaplain.

The new Grand High Priest Mackenzie received the gavel and rose to give his remarks and thanked the Installing Grand Officers for a great job.

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

