

PRE-PRINTED REPORTS  
OF THE

# GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA



## One Hundred Sixty Second Annual Convocation

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn  
St. Cloud, MN

*Michael A. Hilgetx, Grand High Priest*

**June 26**  
**A.D.2025 ~ A.L.6025**

# **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS OF 2024 - 2025**

## **GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Michael A. Hilgert

## **GRAND KING**

Ed L. Morse

## **GRAND SCRIBE**

Scott F. Wood

## **GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY**

Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP

## **GRAND CHAPLAIN**

W. David Emery

## **GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST**

Philip T. Bodle

## **GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER**

Brian K. Dimatteo

## **GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN**

Christopher A. Wendover

## **GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL**

Clinton J. Christensen

## **GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL**

Tyren A. Schmidt

## **GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL**

William Gunther, Jr.

## **GRAND SENTINEL**

Anthony J. Heimer

## **GRAND LECTURER**

James P. Zelinski-Feeney

## **GRAND CHAPTER EDUCATION OFFICER**

R. James Luchsinger, II PGHP

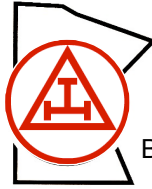
## **GRAND ORGANIST**

Justin A. Brown

## 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.

*June 25 Registration 4 pm - 5:30pm PGHP Dinner 6 pm - 7 pm*



## **JUNE 26 GRAND CHAPTER**

**7:00 am - 8:30 am**

Breakfast Buffet - Senate/Congress

**7:15 am - 8:45 am**

Registration - Sunwood Hallway

**8:15 am - 8:45 am**

Grand Opening and Welcome  
Sunwood/State

**8:45 am - 11:30 am**

### **163rd GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**

**Sunwood/State**

**9:00 am - 11:30 am**

Hospitality Room - Husky 2nd Floor  
Silent Auction Open - Hospitality Room

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Illinois Regalia - University A

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

Joint Lunch - Senate/Congress

**1:30 pm - 2:15 pm**

2025 - 2026 Grand Chapter Installation  
Sunwood/State

**2:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

Hospitality Room - Husky

**2:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

Ladies' Program - OFF SITE

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Order of High Priesthood - University B

**3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

Registration - Sunwood Hallway

**6:00 pm - 7:10 pm**

Dinner and Memorial

Senate/Congress

**7:10 pm - 8:30 pm**

Knight of the Royal Arch Ceremony and Awards

Sunwood/State

**9:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

Hospitality Room Open - Husky

**9:00 pm**

High Rollers - Outdoor Patio



## **MICHAEL ALAN HILGERT, GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2024-2025**

**To: The Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.**

Michael Alan Hilgert was born on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1963, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He first lived in Osseo Minnesota (now Maple Grove), then moved to Wayzata at age seven, then on to Brooklyn Park where he graduated from Park Center Sr High with honors in 1981. He was in the VICA program at Park Center allowing him to begin his computer career at Prudential Insurance company in their mainframe data center. In 1985 he joined Target Stores as a Computer Operator and was promoted several times to Performance Analyst. In 1999, he moved to a lake home on Sugar Lake in Wright County. At that time, he accepted a work from home position at IBM Global Services where he was responsible for maintaining the mainframe service level objectives for Xcel Energy and the country of Mexico. In 2001, he created a Home Health Care company and started a Group Home for medically fragile individuals with his soon-to-be wife (now ex-wife). His duties include (but are not limited to) billing, payroll, administration the 401k, bookkeeping, negotiating client service agreements, overseeing maintenance, and other tasks as they come up. He terminated his position with IBM in 2003 when his company formally started providing services. In 2023 he purchased a farmstead outside of Huron, SD where he currently resides. He has 3 doggos (all Labs). He still maintains a home in Minnesota and commutes back and forth as necessary – about 4 ½ hours each way.

He joined Nelson Lodge No. 135 and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He was installed as Master of Nelson Lodge No. 135 on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He also has held the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and LEO at Nelson.

He was appointed a District Representative for the Grand Lodge of MN in 2015 and served until 2018. He was then again appointed in 2020 and served until 2022 when he moved his residence to South Dakota.

He joined St. Johns Chapter No 9 in 2011 and became High Priest in 2014. He currently serves as St. Johns' Treasurer. He is also a member of St. Cloud Chapter No 10 where he was installed as High Priest on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He currently serves as St. Cloud's Secretary and Treasurer. He joined Minneapolis Council No 2 in 2011 and Zabud Council No 10 in 2015 where he became Zabud's Illustrious Master in 2017. He joined Zion Commandery and was Knighted September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He served as Eminent Commander 2017-2018. He is also a member of Nazarene Commandery No 24 and serves as their Recorder and Treasurer.

He was appointed to the Grand Chapter line at the Grand Session in 2014 by Companion Marvin Schendel, PGHP. Regrettably he had to step out of the Grand Chapter line due to health issues with his then wife (now ex-wife) in 2018. He was appointed Grand Chaplin for the 2018-2019 session. He rejoined the Grand Chapter line and was appointed Grand Captain of the Host by Companion Carl Lidstrom, PGHP at the 2021 Grand Session. He currently is the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, he affiliated with the 3 York Rite bodies in Mitchell South Dakota.

He served as a Grand Guard of the Grand Commandery from 2015 until 2019. He joined the Grand Honor Guard on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and continues to serve when called upon. He was elected Grand Treasurer for the Grand Commandery on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and currently holds that position.

He is also a member of the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite and received his 32<sup>nd</sup> degree on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. He is a member of the Knights of St. Andrew. He served as Double Eagle for Nelson Lodge from 2013-2015 where his status changed to emeritus due to his Grand Lodge duties.

He became a Shriner on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and joined Zuhrah Shrine's Rod and Gun Unit where he served as President from 2019-2021. He is also a member of the St Cloud Shrine Club and Osman Go-Karts.

He has received the Triple Tau award, the Knight of the Royal Arch award, and the Gold Shield award.

He is also a member of other various Masonic bodies: Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Knight Crusaders of the Cross, York Rite College, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of

Constantine, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest, Order of Athelstan, Past Commanders Association, Circle of Elders, York Rite Emissary, and Hi-Twelve

Other groups he's a member of: Lotus, Turtles, Order of High Rollers, Order of the NAIL, and The Extraordinarily Secret Order of the Itinerant Masonic Jackasses (charter member).

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## **REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

**To: The Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.**

Right Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and Companions all,

It has been my honor and privilege to have represented the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota as the Grand High Priest during my 2024-2025 term. First and foremost, I would like to thank Companion Marv Schendel, PGHP, for appointing me to the progressive line back in 2014. My journey was a little longer than I had originally anticipated. Due to family health reasons, I had to make the difficult decision to drop out of the Grand Chapter progressive line in 2018. I cannot stress the importance of self-sacrifice to ensure the success of the craft. Dedication and commitment to an Office that you have sworn an oath should not be taken lightly. In 2020, life changes allowed me to rejoin the Grand Chapter line, and I cannot thank Companion Carl Lidstrom, PGHP, enough for giving me the opportunity to continue my journey.

I was able to visit almost every Chapter in the State and would like to thank all the High Priests, Secretaries and Companions for the warm receptions and all the hospitality they offered. I am truly grateful. Due to the inclement weather, I missed going to Halcyon Chapter but still plan on a road trip next time they rotate to their Chapter cycle. I highly encourage all Companions to visit a Chapter other than your own. It is amazing what you can learn and the friendships you can form.

It was an eye-opening experience visiting the Chapters throughout the State. Some of the Chapters functioned like well-oiled machines, while others – not so much. For those Chapters struggling, if there are 6 or more Companions at your meeting, I would highly encourage putting on your aprons and, at a minimum, open on the optional Six Man Opening. Ritual is an important part of what we, as Masons, are all about. That new Companion that just joined your Chapter may

be expecting it. The “old guys” may not show up because the entire meaning of what we do is lost – our zeal and dedication.

I attended South Dakota, North Dakota, and Iowa’s Grand York Rite Sessions. I was not able to attend Nebraska’s Session this year as it overlapped with Minnesota’s Grand Lodge Session. I also attended the North Central Department Conference in Sioux Falls South Dakota and would encourage all Companions to make the trip this year on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

This year’s Royal Arch One Day Festival was a huge success. We were able to exalt 21 new Companions, and I felt the work was performed extremely well. I’d like to thank the cast of all 4 degrees. With a special thank you to Companion James Zelinski-Feeney for coordinating and providing the educational pieces between the degrees.

As many of you know, at last year’s York Rite Grand Session, I had my hair cut into a mullet to raise awareness for the Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) and Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD). The objective of the mullet was twofold. First was to start a dialogue, such as “what’s up with the hair? The second was the mullet itself. We, as Masons, should always wish to project a decent, moral, and business-like appearance; However, we still need to remember to have a little fun and let our hair down occasionally. This was my theme for the year. We cannot expect our Companions to drive 2-3 hours round trip for a 30 minute business meeting. There needs to be something that makes them want to come back. To feel fulfilled. We can still be all business, but there needs to be fun too. Please, do not just have a 30 minute business meeting and kick everyone out because you have to lock up. Education/enlightenment, decent ritual/degree work, and comradery should be components of every meeting. Everyone leaving that meeting should feel that their time was well spent.

My “Mega Mullet” goal was to raise \$6,000 for RARA. I added a donation incentive that if I received a single donation of \$250 or more, I would match that donation (up to a total of \$3,000). I am happy to report that, with the assistance of Minnesota Chapter #1, St Johns Chapter #9, numerous other Masonic bodies, and individual contributions, the Mega Mullet campaign was able to raise \$6,880.00 for RARA.

For my official duties,

- I granted 6 dispensations for Chapters to move their Stated meetings to different dates.
- I approved the merger of Norther Chapter #82 with Fergus Falls #27.
- I granted dispensation for St Johns Chapter #9 to host the Royal Arch One Day Festival.
- I declared all candidates that submitted a petition on the morning of the Royal Arch One Day Festival eligible to receive the Royal Arch degrees on that day.
- I approved Halcyon Chapter #8 bylaw changes.

I would like to thank all the Grand Officers for all the work they did this year. Especially our Grand Secretary, Companion Joe Anderson, PGHP. He truly deserved the Work Horse Award he was presented last year. His continued dedication to the craft and almost immediate response to any question or request I had made of him, made my term so much easier than I thought it would be. At this year’s awards banquet, I was going to present the Work Horse Award to Companion Michael Powles this year. His years of behind the scenes efforts of registration, venue selection, meals, coordination between the 3 bodies, credentials and all the other aspects of putting on a successful session ensured our Grand York Rite Sessions ran flawlessly. However, our Companion Michael went to the Celestial Lodge on March 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. In his memory, the Work Horse Award has been renamed to the Michael C Powles Work Horse Award. A member of his family will be accepting the award on his behalf. Companion Michael will truly be missed.

In closing, I pray that the upcoming elected and appointed Grand Officers have a successful year and guide, challenge, and improve our York Rite Body, our Chapter, and that the Body acts as a great beacon that its light shines brightly causing a resurgence for all to come to its brightness.

Holiness to the Lord,

*Michael A Hilgert*

Michael A Hilgert, Grand High Priest 2024-2025  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

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## **REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

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

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2025 is attached. We ending the term with a net gain of \$3,139. We had a good turnout with the interest from the Life Membership program and interest in the RBC Investment fund that was deposited. There were three Chapters that did not pay their annual per-capita at the time this report. Among those, only two Chapters did not, officially, turn in a report. Pretty good year. I have used my stipend to pay for any office expenses to save the Grand Chapter any other expenses. We did incorporate the data entry and labor charges to get the MMS off the ground and we (Grand Chapter and Council) did not want to give each Chapter/ Council the burden of dues card printing costs. All this is covered with the our 2023 per capita raise. The Chapter host for the Chapter degrees one day was assessed a building usage fee and the Grand Officers voted to pay that fee.

The Trustees allocated Life Membership earnings of \$15,080 for 2024 which is up slightly from the previous year. The distribution process to the Chapters was modified a few 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 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 2025-26 fiscal year.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 9, 2025, and found to be in good order. See attached report.

I thank the Companions for the trust they have bestowed on me as their Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer

## EXPENSES GRAND CHAPTER JUNE 1, 2024 - MAY 31, 2025

EXPENSE	COST
BANK CHARGE	\$35.00
CHAPTER ONE DAY BUILDING RENTAL	\$300.00
CHARITY (JD AND DEMOLAY)	\$1,000.00
CHARITY FUND DISBURSEMENT	\$3,000.00
CHECK PRINTING	\$91.30
DUES CARD PRINTING	\$915.77
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL	\$3,375.00
GENERAL GRAND MM PACKETS	\$271.26
GHP APRON (PINWORLD)	\$440.00
GHP YEARLY STIPEND	\$3,000.00
GRAND KING YEARLY STIPEND	\$800.00
GRAND OFFICER BADGES	\$12.00
GRAND SCRIBE YEARLY STIPEND	\$500.00
GRAND SECY/TREAS YEARLY STIPEND	\$7,200.00
GYRS VIP REIMBURSEMENT	\$482.00
INSURANCE BOND (YEAR)	\$1,250.72
INTERNET WEBSITE	\$400.00
KNIGHT OF THE RA BADGES	\$48.00
LIFE MEMBER ALLOCATION	\$15,080.00
MAILING	\$0.00
MMS ONE TIME SET UP	\$2,612.48
OFFICE RENT	\$2,538.00
PGHP JEWEL (PINWORLD)	\$320.00
RA MAGAZINE (DELIVERED QRTLY)	\$3,494.39
ZOOM USAGE SIGN UP YEARLY	\$174.30
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$47,340.22</b>

# INCOME GRAND CHAPTER JUNE 1, 2024 - MAY 31.2025

INCOME	DEPOSIT
CHAPTER PER CAPITA COLLECTED	\$18,228.00
CHARITY FUND TRANSFER	\$4,000.00
CRYPTIC COUNCIL RENT REIMBURSEMENT	\$871.27
DUES CARDS (Paid thru Per Capita)	\$0.00
EXALTATIONS	\$420.00
KNIGHT of the ROYAL ARCH	\$40.00
MARK MASTER BOOKS	\$290.00
RA TRI STATE DISBURSEMENT FUND	\$490.17
RBC TRANSFER	\$5,000.00
RBC TRANSFER (LM Interest)	\$15,080.00
RBC TRANSFER (GGC Annual +)	\$6,000.00
RITUALS	\$60.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$50,479.44</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,139.22</b>

LIFE MEMBERS EARNINGS ALLOCATION

2024 INTEREST BEARING										2024 Y/E TOTALS			
	TOTAL 2023	base\$days	q1	q2	q3	add\$days	2024 total\$days	2024 Allocation	q4	TOT24	2024 Y/E	TOTALS	
#1	83,528.02	30,070,087.20	1,920.00			518,400.00	30,588,487.20	\$3,521.47		1,920.00		85,448.02	
#2	1,314.68	473,284.80				0.00	473,284.80	\$0.00		0.00		1,314.68	
#5	4,338.55	1,561,878.00				0.00	0.00	\$0.00	-4,338.55	-4,338.55	0.00	0.00	Merged onto #8
#8	6,918.24	2,490,566.40				0.00	4,052,444.40	\$466.53	4,338.55	4,338.55	0.00	11,256.79	
#9	36,670.68	13,201,444.80				0.00	13,201,444.80	\$1,519.80		0.00		36,670.68	
#10	18,965.68	6,827,644.80				0.00	6,827,644.80	\$786.03		0.00		18,965.68	
#14	8,477.30	3,051,828.00				0.00	3,051,828.00	\$351.34		0.00		8,477.30	
#15	32,480.72	11,693,059.20				0.00	11,693,059.20	\$1,346.15		0.00		32,480.72	
#20	34,095.54	12,274,394.40				0.00	12,274,394.40	\$1,413.08		0.00		34,095.54	
#22	15,151.05	5,454,378.00	500.00			135,000.00	5,589,378.00	\$643.47		500.00		15,651.05	
#27	10,746.91	3,868,887.60				0.00	6,199,959.60	\$713.76	6,475.20	6,475.20		17,222.11	
#33	9,901.21	3,564,435.60				0.00	3,564,435.60	\$410.35		0.00		9,901.21	
#50	9,023.61	3,248,499.60				0.00	5,574,751.20	\$641.79	6,461.81	6,461.81		15,485.42	
#52	657.34	236,642.40				0.00	236,642.40	\$0.00		0.00		657.34	
#53	12,549.64	4,517,870.40				0.00	4,517,870.40	\$520.12		0.00		12,549.64	
#60	46,856.11	16,868,199.60				0.00	16,868,199.60	\$1,941.93		0.00		46,856.11	
#70	3,058.48	1,101,052.80				0.00	1,101,052.80	\$126.76		0.00		3,058.48	
#82	6,475.20	2,331,072.00				0.00	0.00	\$0.00	-6,475.20	-6,475.20	0.00	0.00	Merged in #27
#86	8,332.96	2,999,865.60				0.00	2,999,865.60	\$345.36		0.00		8,332.96	
#87	4,168.53	1,500,670.80				0.00	1,500,670.80	\$172.76		0.00		4,168.53	
#101	3,091.70	1,113,012.00				0.00	1,113,012.00	\$128.13		0.00		3,091.70	
	\$362,043.96	130,335,825.60	2,420.00	0.00	0.00	653,400.00	130,989,225.60	\$15,080.00	6,461.81	8,881.81		\$370,925.77	
FORMULAS		\$ x 360	\$ x 270	\$ x 180	\$ x 90	Total \$	Sum \$ x days	SUM \$DAYS x FACTOR	\$	\$ in 2024		cum \$	
		2022 factor		0.0001151240		DIST \$SUM \$DAYS		4.07%					

# LIFE MEMBER EARNINGS DISTRIBUTION

	A	B	C	E	F	G	H	I
1	<b>Life Membership Distribution</b>		12/31/24					
2			<b>Total</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Life</b>	<b>LM*\$24</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
3			<b>Members</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Members</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
4	MINNESOTA	#1	188	79	109	2616	3521.47	905.47
5	VERMILLION	#2	18	16	2	48	0.00	(48.00)
6	HALCYON	#8	51	37	14	336	466.53	130.53
7	ST JOHNS	#9	111	81	30	720	1519.80	799.80
8	ST CLOUD	#10	65	32	33	792	786.03	(5.97)
9	AUSTIN	#14	9	5	4	96	351.34	255.34
10	OWATONNA	#15	50	26	24	576	1346.15	770.15
11	KEYSTONE	#20	103	69	34	816	1413.08	597.08
12	ST PETER	#22	64	52	12	288	643.47	355.47
13	FERGUS FALLS	#27	66	47	19	456	713.76	257.76
14	CORINTHIAN	#33	58	48	10	240	410.35	170.35
15	FAIRMONT	#50	64	32	32	768	641.79	(126.21)
16	SHEKINAH	#52	51	50	1	24	0.00	(24.00)
17	ARK	#53	38	24	14	336	520.12	184.12
18	COLUMBIAN	#60	85	57	28	672	1941.93	1269.93
19	IRON RANGE	#70	28	27	1	24	126.76	102.76
20	ALEXANDRIA	#86	24	15	9	216	345.36	129.36
21	RUSH CITY	#87	16	10	6	144	172.76	28.76
22	KITTSON	#101	13	5	8	192	128.13	(63.87)
23			1102	712	390	9360	15048.83	

# TRUSTEES REPORT

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

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 2024 - year.

	2023	2024
<b>INVESTMENT</b>		
Balance on Hand 1/1/2024	246,613.74	245,589.64
Addition King Solomon Chapter Trust Act GF 22	GF 2022	CLOSED
Subtraction * Triennial-Operating 2024	900.00 (23)	900.00 (24)
Subtraction * General Fund	6,000.00 DIS 12/15/2023	6,000.00 DIS 12/15/24
Subtotal	237,913.74	238,684.64
Balance for Interest	237,913.74	238,684.64
Interest Income for 2024	9,475.90	9,880.00
<b>INTEREST INCOME DISTRIBUTED</b>		
Triennial Fund 900 per year (2023) (900) (2024 – 1800)	900.00 (23)	900.00 (24)
King Solomon Trust Income	0.00	0.00
Balance of Interest for 2024	8,575.90	8,980.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/24**	245,589.64	247,664.64
<b>CHARITY</b>		
Balance on Hand 1/1/2024	26311.24	26311.24
Additions	0.00	0.00
Subtractions DIS 3-25	0.00	3,000.00
Subtotal	26,311.24	23,311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	26,311.24	23,311.24
Interest Income	1,047.70	1,040.00
Interest Income Distributed	1,047.70	1,040.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/24	26,311.24	23,311.24
<b>LIFE</b>		
Balance 1/1/24	362,043.96	362,853.96
Additions	750 1 QTR – 4 QTR 60 2 QTR	1 QTR – 1920.00 500.00
Subtractions	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	362,853.96	364,463.96

Balance for Interest	362,853.96	364,463.96
Interest Income	14,450.96	15,080.00
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	14,450.96	15,080.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/24	362,853.96	364,463.96

\*\*DIS = Money Distributed

\*Operating Expense

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

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

Income Distribution for 2023	24,976.00
Income Distribution for 2024	26,000.00

	Balance for Interest	Interest 24	Balance of 12/31/24
Investment Fund	238,689.64	9,880.00	247,664.64
Charity	26,311.24	1,040.00	23,311.24
Life Membership	364,463.96	15,080.00	364,463.96
Total 2024	626,464.84	26,000.00	635,439.84

Based on the Balance for Interest for 2024 of \$626,464.84 with an interest income of \$6,000.00. The rate of return was 3.04% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/2024 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 Government Secured Money Market for security until our world and market become safe to invest due to 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 \$635,439.84 is 3.95 %. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of \$422,829.80 would be 6.65%. We are confident that our investments and counsel are in good condition.

	Total Investments	Income
12/31/2017	416,706.94	24,782.43
12/31/2018	327,527.29	27,552.59
12/31/2019	377,918.55	21,674.84
12/31/2020	369,437.20	22,215.38
12/31/2021	443,798.55	25,296.22
12/31/2022	391,379.51	24,000.00
12/31/2023	404,017.02	24,976.00
12/31/2024	422,829.80	26,000.00

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 for the Masonic Home at 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 Joe Anderson. His countless hours and assistance from Past Secretary/Treasurer Gary Odegard have put our Royal Arch in good graces. Thank-you  
Charles Schwab

Account Number  
2725-9432

Statement Period  
December 1-31, 2024

### Account Summary

Ending Account Value as of 12/31  
**\$422,829.80**

Beginning Account Value as of 12/01  
**\$426,665.15**

	This Statement	YTD
Beginning Value	<b>\$426,665.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Deposits	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,160.30</b>
Withdrawals	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Dividends and Interest	<b>11,265.51</b>	<b>11,462.16</b>
Transfer of Securities	<b>0.00</b>	<b>413,689.32</b>
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation)	<b>(14,884.86)</b>	<b>(6,213.98)</b>
Expenses	<b>(216.00)</b>	<b>(268.00)</b>
Ending Value	<b>\$422,829.80</b>	<b>\$422,829.80</b>

Account Ending Value reflects the market value of your cash and investments. It does not include pending transactions, unpriced securities or assets held outside Schwab's custody



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## A Message About Your Account

### CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

If your total payments of interest and interest dividends on federally tax-exempt non-California municipal bonds were \$10 or greater and you or your Partnership had a California address as of 12/31, Schwab will report this information to the California Franchise Tax Board each tax year, per state statute. (1223-3L20)

## Positions - Summary

Beginning Value as of 12/01	+	Transfer of Securities(In/Out)	+	Dividends Reinvested	+	Cash Activity	+	Change in Market Value	=	Ending Value as of 12/31
\$426,665.15		\$0.00		(\$8,833.85)		\$11,049.51		(\$6,051.01)		\$422,829.80

## Cash and Cash Investments

Type	Symbol	Description	Quantity	Price(\$)	Beginning Balance(\$)	Ending Balance(\$)	Change in Period Balance(\$)	Pending/Unsettled Cash(\$)	Interest/ Yield Rate
Bank Sweep		SCHWAB PREMIER BANK XZ			4,304.95	6,520.74	2,215.79		0.05%
Total Cash and Cash Investments					\$4,304.95	\$6,520.74	\$2,215.79		

## Positions - Fixed Income

Symbol/ CUSIP	Description	Maturity Coupon Date	Quantity/Par	Price(\$)	Market Value(\$)	Accrued Income(\$)
91282CHDE	US TREASUR NT	4.25% 05/31/25	110,000.0000	99.96875	109,965.63	410.99
9128285N6	US TREASU NT	2.875% 11/30/25	56,000.0000	98.75000	55,300.00	141.54
Total Fixed Income					165,265.63	\$552.53

Accrued Income represents the interest that would be received if the fixed income investment was sold prior to the coupon payment. Yield to Maturity is the annualized rate of return earned if held until maturity date.



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Positions

Security Type	Symbol	Description	Quantity	Price(\$)	Market Value(\$)
Equities	SQFTP	PRESIDIO PRO 9.375% PFD PFD SER D	1,000.0000	14,208.20	14,208.20
ETF	IWS	ISHARES RUSSELL MID CAP	250.0000	129,340.00	32,335.00
Mutual Fund	JBALX	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED	3,731.9890	45,760.00	170,775.82
Other Assets		GUUGENHEIM FUNDS DISTR	2,335.0000	14,443.00	33,724.41
Total Positions					\$251,043.43

Transactions - Summary

Beginning Cash* as of 12/01	Deposits	Withdrawals	Purchases	Sales/Redemptions	Dividends/Interest	Expenses	Ending Cash* as of 12/31
\$4,304.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$63,833.72)	\$55,000.00	\$11,265.51	(\$216.00)	\$6,520.74

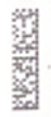
Other Activity \$0.00

\* Cash (includes any cash debit balance) held in your account plus the value of any cash invested in a sweep money fund.

Transaction Details

Date	Category	Action	Symbol/ CUSIP	Description	Quantity	Price/Rate per Share(s)	Charged/ Interest(s)	Notes
12/02	Interest	Bond Interest	9128285N6	US TREASU NT 2.875%11/25				HRP, 001
	Interest	Bond Interest	91282CHD6	US TREASUR NT 4.25%05/25				HRP, 001
	Expense	Advisor Fee *		MGMTFEE TO ADVISOR				HRP, 001
12/05	Redemption	Full Redemption	912797LF2	US TREASURY BILXXX **MATURED** Treasury Bill Interest \$1,356.27				HRP, 001
	Other Activity	Redemption	912797LF2	US TREASURY BILXXX **MATURED**				HRP, 001
12/06	Purchase		91282CHD6	US TREASUR NT 4.25%05/25				HRP, 001
				05/31/25				HRP, 001
12/10	Purchase	Reinvested Shares	JBALX	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED	165.2430	46.8400		HRP, 001

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Transaction Details (continued)

Date	Category	Action	Symbol/ CUSIP	Description	Quantity	Price/Rate per Share(\$)	Charges/ Interest(\$)	Amount(\$)
12/10	Purchase	Reinvested Shares	JBALX	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED I	23.3540	46.8400	(1,093.88)	
	Dividend	LT Cap Gain Rein	JBALX	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED			7,739.97	
	Dividend	Div For Reinvest	JBALX	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED			1,093.88	
12/16	Interest	Bank Interest *Z		BANK INT 111624-121524			0.57	
	Dividend	Non-Qualified Div	SOFTP	PRESIDIO PRO 9.375% PFD			195.31	
12/20	Dividend	Cash Dividend	IWS	ISHARES RUSSELL MID CAP			145.05	
12/26	Dividend	Cash Dividend		GUGGENHEIM FUNDS DISTR *			116.98	
<b>Total Transactions</b>								<b>\$2,215.79</b>

Date column represents the Settlement/Process date for each transaction.

Bank Sweep Activity

Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
12/01	Beginning Balance *Z	\$4,304.95	12/17	BANK CREDIT FROM BROKERAGE *X	195.31
12/03	BANK CREDIT FROM BROKERAGE *X	1,757.75	12/20	BANK CREDIT FROM BROKERAGE *X	145.05
12/05	BANK CREDIT FROM BROKERAGE *X	\$5,000.00	12/27	BANK CREDIT FROM BROKERAGE *X	116.98
12/06	BANK TRANSFER TO BROKERAGE	(54,999.87)	12/31	Ending Balance *Z	\$6,520.74
12/15	BANK INTEREST - SCHWAB PREMIER BANK *Z	0.57	12/31	Interest Rate *Z	0.05%

\* Your interest period was 11/16/24 - 12/15/24. Z

Endnotes For Your Account

- Dividends paid on this security will be automatically reinvested.
- You authorize Schwab to debit your account to pay investment management fees per the authorization you granted in your Account Application. Schwab does not review or monitor like-kind fee payments. Contact your Investment Manager if you have questions.
- Bank Sweep deposits are held at FDIC-insured Program Banks, which are listed in the Cash Features Disclosure Statement.

For the Bank Sweep and Bank Sweep for Benefit Plans features, interest is paid for a period that differs from the Statement Period. Balances include interest paid as indicated on your statement by Schwab or one or more of its Program Banks. These balances do not include interest that may have accrued during the Statement Period after interest is paid. The interest paid may include interest that accrued in the prior Statement Period.

Other investment funds that we have used.

Portfolio Analysis 03/31/2025

RBC 1099 2024

LPL closed - reimbursed 274.38 in May 2025

IAA 2024

IAA 1099 2024

James Henderson 2024

Above 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.

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:

Last year the King Solomon Chapter operating under authority of the Grand Chapter was terminated. Funds that were held by the Grand Chapter in case these chapters wanted to consolidate or become active was held in King Solomon trust so they could be financially able to exist if they reactivated in these funds that are listed in trustees report in the King Solomon's trust. As they also were able to be invested and increase in value and be accountable. Because of termination this item was closed and all funds were returned to the General Fund as they were under the control of Grand Chapter. All funds and material became the property of the Grand Chapter as the consolidating body.

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, 3 officers attended the triennial, so 2700 was deposited. This will be in trust for next triennial.

Charity Fund:

This fund has been capped at \$26,311.24. All interest has been used for charitable purposes. This is under the direction of the GHP or his committee.

Life Membership:

This is proposed membership that was established to assist delinquent members. The formula because of the new system of records has to be revised for age and payment factor. All money is deposited in Life Membership Fund.

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 to be 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. The trustees try to be fiscally responsible for dispersing or establishing needs of the Grand Chapter to make sound financial policy.

We find the Grand Chapter to be in good condition and in good hands. We also want to remind companions that if additional programs as expenses are necessary it can only be achieved by increasing per capita. We draw attention to the budget report, which is our guide of the income that is needed to cover our expenses. Any proposals or matters that are of a constitutional or regulation nature are transferred to the jurisprudence committee for a ruling.

MEC Gary H Johnson PGHP  
MEC Gary Odegard PGHP  
MEC L Greg Schultz PGHP

We move to accept the Trustee report by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.

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## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest officers and members of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest officers and members of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

The Finance committee has reviewed the 06/01/2024 – 05/31/2025 Budget and Profit and Loss Statement of 06/01/2023 – 05/31/2024.

We find they are all in order and germane. The use of the Investment Fund interest earnings is acceptable as it is used for the approved activities of the Grand Chapter. Only the amount needed is transferred which is on the budget and is approved at Grand Session so no money is transferred that has not been approved.

We move the acceptance of the 25-26 Budget as presented and the profit and loss statement of the Grand Chapter and that they be passed and printed in the proceedings.

## 2025 - 2026 GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET

### INCOME

#### INVESTMENTS

LIFE MEMBERS	*	\$15,000.00
CHARITY	*	\$1,000.00
GENERAL	**	\$6,000.00
TRIENNIAL	***	\$2,700.00

#### OPERATIONS

PER CAPITA		\$18,000.00
CHARTER FEES		\$190.00
OFFICE RENT REIMBURSEMENT		\$870.00
EXALTATIONS		\$615.00
OTHER		\$1,800.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$46,175.00</b>
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### EXPENSES

AWARDS		\$100.00
CHARITIES (JD, DeMolay)		\$1,000.00
GENERAL GRAND ANNUAL		\$3,650.00
GHP APRON		\$440.00
GRAND SESSION		\$1,000.00
INSURANCE/BOND		\$1,274.00
LM DISTRIBUTION		\$15,000.00
MMS DUES CARDS		\$915.00
OUTGOING PGHP JEWEL		\$320.00

#### OFFICE OPERATIONS

SOFTWARE		\$170.00
PRINTING		\$150.00
PHONE/INTERNET		\$0.00
RENT		\$2,538.00
ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION		\$175.00
SUPPLIES		\$100.00
WINDOWS 365		\$100.00
WEB SITE		\$400.00

#### OFFICE EXPENSES

GHP		\$3,000.00
GK		\$800.00
GSc		\$500.00
GS/T		\$7,200.00
OTHERS		\$250.00
TRIENNIAL	***	\$2,700.00

#### OTHERS

RA MAGAZINE		\$3,200.00
OTHER		\$1,000.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$45,982.00</b>
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<b>GAIN/LOSS</b>		<b>\$193.00</b>
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\* 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.

\*\*\* Each year \$300.00 is set aside for each of the top three Officers so that there is \$900.00 for each of the top three Officers to attend the Triennial if they so desire. These funds can only be used by the three designated participants.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grand Chapter Finance Committee

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Thanks to the help of the Chapter Secretaries for keeping great records and all of the hard work that goes into keeping your data and doing the research it takes to keep it updated. All in all, as in all other Masonic bodies, membership dropped again this year but less impactful from last year. We had a net loss of 114 companions in 2024. Unfortunately, we had more deaths than exaltations, which, unfortunately, is usually the case. The summary for the year is:

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>1/1/2024</b>		<b>1141</b>	
GAINS[+]		LOSSES[-]	
EXALTED	28	WITHDREW	23
JOINED	44	STRICKEN	43
RESTORED	5	SUSPENDED	2
		DEATHS	48
TOTAL	77	TOTAL	116

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**12/31/2024** **1102**

I am very pleased to say that only two chapter's did not turn in their report. I presumed no changes from 2024 so that is how I entered it.

I believe that our new data system has treaded us well and will be a benefit for us as we move on to a cleaner information system and data entry. Many Secretaries, who are Records of their Commandery, are familiar with the system so the transition has not been too bad. The data transfer into the merging Chapter's has been seamless thanks to the help of the headquarters team. Digging into paper records has been necessary to enter the proper date records and many many more need to be done by our Secretaries to get the records as accurate as we can. We do need to fix the default entries of the 1/1/1900.

I have attached detailed gains and losses and reported Exaltations and Deaths by Chapter.

For the Secretaries, we will continue with our spreadsheets for this year, just to make sure it all matches up. I trust that the Secretaries will keep the MMS updated so that we can rely on the MMS data for our 2025 annual returns.

There was a request from Kittson Chapter #101 to merge into Fergus Falls Chapter .

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Grand Secretary. A special shout out to all of the Chapter secretaries and their hard work and perseverance in keeping their Chapters thriving and all the Companions joining in.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP  
Grand Treas/Secretary MNGRAM

## **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

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

The Jurisprudence committee thanks the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. It has been a pleasure working with the Grand High Priest and his officers this year.

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. We look forward to the session.

Fraternally submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Sean Gardiner  
Marvin Schendel

## 2024 CHAPTERS ANNUAL TALLY

### TALLYS FROM THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORTS

#	CHAPTER	PLUS					MINUS					2024 End #		LIFE #	Indigents
		2024 Start #	EXALTATIONS	AFILIATIONS	RESTORED	GAINS	DEMITS	NPD	PREREQ.	DEATHS	LOSSES				
1	Minnesota	197	5	0	2	7	0	1	0	15	16	188	109	0	0
2	Vermillion	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	0
8	Halcyon	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	51	14	0	0
9	St. Johns	114	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	6	6	111	30	0	0
10	St. Cloud	91	1	1	0	2	5	19	0	4	28	65	33	0	0
14	Austin	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	9	4	0	0
15	Owatonna	54	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	5	50	24	0	0
20	Keystone	106	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	4	103	34	0	0
22	St. Peter	42	2	25	0	27	2	0	0	3	5	64	12	0	0
27	Fergus Falls	54	3	14	1	18	2	3	0	1	6	66	19	0	0
33	Corinthian	62	3	1	1	5	3	3	0	3	9	58	10	1	1
50	Fairmont	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	32	0	0
52	Shekinah	54	2	1	0	3	1	5	0	0	6	51	1	3	0
53	Ark	37	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	38	14	0	0
60	Columbian	101	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	4	16	85	28	0	0
70	Iron Range	22	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0
86	Alexandria	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	24	9	0	0
87	Rush City	18	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	16	6	0	0
101	Kirson	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	13	8	0	0
		1141	28	44	5	77	23	43	2	48	116	1102	390	4	4

# REPORTED DEATHS

2024

MINNESOTA	#1	15	Gerald B. Nelson	3/23/21	Robert Rolfe	5/15/24
			John N. Thordson	9/27/18	David F. Godwin	10/17/12
			James F. Luckey	7/8/21	Leonard W. Schrade	10/18/24
			Thomas G. Gustafson	10/1/15	James E. Stevenson	11/6/22
			Russell K. Amling	7/2/21	Richard L. Wakefield	8/12/22
			David L. McKinnon	8/28/21	George E. Keeton	12/15/18
			Jackie K. Wittern	12/22/20	James G. Awada	1/23/23
			Frank O. Sommerfeldt	1/20/24		
VERMILLION	#2	0				
HALCYON	#8	2	Herbert Milton	3/21/24	Philip Soderberg	11/20/24
ST. JOHNS	#9	6	James Barber	4/26/24	Vryl Norby	8/26/24
			Raymond S. Frandsen	8/19/24	Richard Ohland	6/23/24
			Richard McGinnis	5/1/24	M. Willey Smith	11/29/24
ST. CLOUD	#10	4	Richard M. Dorn	12/25/24	David A. Keller	
			Keith A. Kennedy	10/7/24	William V. Reed	2/25/24
AUSTIN	#14	2	Daniel E. Johnson	9/30/22	John W. Worlien	5/16/24
OWATONNA	#15	0				
KEYSTONE	#20	3	Clarence Blaine	9/3/24	Richard John	2/25/24
			Dale Krog	1/2/24		
ST. PETER	#22	3	Dewayne V. Derksen	3/10/24	Richard O. Niemann	8/10/24
			Paul F. Walker	5/28/24		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	1				
CORINTHIAN	#33	3	Paul F. Walker	5/28/24	Van Miller	12/25/23
			Stanley Larson	12/13/23		
FAIRMONT	#50	0				
SHEKINAH	#52	0				
ARK	#53	1	Ronald Nelson	11/2/24		
COLUMBIAN	#60	4	Neil E. Neddermeyer	10/26/24	William E. Sandvig	1/4/24
			Glenn L. Pletscher	12/4/24	Curtis O. Bymark	12/20/24
IRON RANGE	#70	0				
ALEXANDRIA	#86	1	Dale Graff	1/11/24		
RUSH CITY	#87	1	Dennis Carlson			
KITTSO	#101	2	Dennis Diamond	11/7/24	Richard Hvidsten	2/14/22

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**Let us prayer:**  
**Please give safe passage into your warm embrace**  
**to our departed Companions.**  
**They will be deeply missed.**  
**Please bring comfort to their families.**  
**May we always have very fond memories of them.**

**EXALTATIONS****2024**

MINNESOTA	#1	5	Thomas A. Polzin Scott Meyer Christopher P. Posel	Bradford W. Everling David A. Sheppard
VERMILLION	#2	0		
HALCYON	#8	0		
ST. JOHNS	#9	2	Anthony T. Ware Samuel Waters	
ST. COUD	#10	1	Grant Hagen	
AUSTIN	#14	0		
OWATONNA	#15	1		
KEYSTONE	#20	1	Markus Muller	
ST. PETER	#22	2	Derrick Fountain Bailey Tolzman	
FERGUS FALLS	#27	3	Douglas H. Brown, SR Sean D. Savage Jason R. Schuetzle	
CORINTHIAN	#33	3	Scott Boehning Jason Breunig Jonathan Jarocki	
FAIRMONT	#50	0		
SHEKINAH	#52	2	Terrell S. Brodhead Nathan A. Nielson	
ARK	#53	1	Ian Winchester	
COLUMBIAN	#60	0		
IRON RANGE	#70	5	Greg A. Heyblom Timothy J. Klumpner, Jr Joseph H. Laufeia	Sean M. Ronchetti Logan G. Yretich
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0		
RUSH CITY	#87	2	Jesse Pierce John Swisher	
KITTSO	#101	0		
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## **Grand Chapter / Grand Council Office Rent Sharing**

In the past, the following procedure has been used:

Monthly rent is \$211.50 or \$2538.00 per year.

Cost is calculated based upon the current annual reported memberships to the General Grands.

The Grand Council for 2024 had 577 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1102 Companions for a total of 1679 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 1679 Companions, we get \$1.51 per Companion.

Therefore, rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$871.27

Grand Chapter - \$1,666.73

I hereby submit this into the annual preprints for Grand Chapter and Grand Council  
For acceptance.

Fraternally,  
Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP  
Grand Chapter of MN  
Grand Secretary/Treasurer

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## **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.

A partial Financial Review Committee met at the office of the Grand Treasurer on MONDAY, June 9th @ 9:00 AM. At that time; I reviewed the financial records of 2024-2025 and they were found to be in good order. This review did not include the investment accounts controlled by the trustees.

Fraternally;

Ron Jensen  
Chairman  
Financial Review Committee

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Date Received:

Number:

## Resolution #1

- PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

  
Signature

St. John's #9

Body	No.
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**GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA**  
**FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

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For Grand Secretary/Recorder's  
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Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 3/15/2025                      **Resolution #2**

1. York Rite Code to be changed: ( X ) Chapter/ ( ) Council/ ( ) Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: ( X ) Constitution/ ( ) Bylaws/ ( ) Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: IX                                      ARTICLE NAME: Sunday Meetings
4. SECTION NUMBER: 11                                      SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER:                                      PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED: The convocation of a chapter shall be Stated or Special. Stated Convocations shall be held at the time fixed by its By-Laws, at which all business must be transacted, except the conferring of degrees and ceremonial observances. Special Convocations for work or for ceremonials may be held at the pleasure of the High Priest, but no other business shall be transacted thereat, except the receiving and balloting on petitions. Provided, no convocation for work shall be held on the Sabbath or first day of the week.
10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS: The convocation of a chapter shall be Stated or Special. Stated Convocations shall be held at the time fixed by its By-Laws, at which all business must be transacted, except the conferring of degrees and ceremonial observances. Special Convocations for work or for ceremonials may be held at the pleasure of the High Priest, but no other business shall be transacted thereat, except the receiving and balloting on petitions. ~~Provided, no convocation for work shall be held on the Sabbath or first day of the week.~~
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS: The convocation of a chapter shall be Stated or Special. Stated Convocations shall be held at the time fixed by its By-Laws, at which all business must be transacted, except the conferring of degrees and ceremonial observances. Special Convocations for work or for ceremonials may be held at the pleasure of the High Priest, but no other business shall be transacted thereat, except the receiving and balloting on petitions. No Convocation for work shall be held on the Sunday. A Chapter fundraiser or officer's meeting will be allowed.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

Section 11. The convocation of a chapter shall be Stated or Special. Stated Convocations shall be held at the time fixed by its By-Laws, at which all business must be transacted, except the conferring of degrees and ceremonial observances. Special Convocations for work or for ceremonials may be held at the pleasure of the High Priest, but no other business shall be transacted thereat, except the receiving and balloting on petitions. No Convocation for work shall be held on Sunday. A Chapter fundraiser or officer's meeting will be allowed.

RATIONALE: Getting rid of the word Sabbath to remove any confusion on its meaning and to stress the importance of the day but to allow events because of the availability of our schedules.

PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

Joseph J. Anderson		Grand Treasurer/Secretary	St. John's #9	
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

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## Resolution #3

- PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

Joseph J. Anderson		PGHP Grand Treasurer/Secretary	St. John's #9	
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

**GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA**  
**FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

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**Resolution #4**

1. York Rite Code to be changed: ( X ) Chapter/ ( ) Council/ ( ) Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: ( ) Constitution/ ( ) Bylaws/ ( X ) Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: IX ARTICLE NAME: Life Membership
4. SECTION NUMBER: 1 SECTION NAME (if any): Life Membership
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
8. REGULATION NUMBER:

CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED: No changing to current wording. This will be in addition to Section 1 (one). Section 1 numbers will need to be changed to reflect the addition. 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, etc.

CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS: (adding to Article IX LIFE MEMBERSHIP Section 1)

CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS: (adding to Article IX LIFE MEMBERSHIP Section 1) Begin this addition with 5<sup>th</sup> and change the others to the next number.

ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS: Section 1. 5<sup>th</sup> The purchase of a life membership in this jurisdiction will include the purchase of a General Grand Chapter Perpetual Life membership at its current rate. The Grand Chapter Secretary will fill out the necessary paperwork and send a check, from the Grand Chapter on behalf of the Companion and forward it to the General Grand Chapter Secretary.

RATIONALE: Being that a Companions factor for a life membership (Age x Dues) already includes the Grand Chapter per capita and the General Grand Chapter per capita, it would seem logical that part of that cost goes to the purchase of a General Grand Chapter Perpetual Life Membership. This is just being transparent and putting it in writing.

PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

Joseph J Anderson  
Printed Name

Signature

Grand Treasurer/Secretary  
Office

St. John's #9  
Body

No.

*Proposed resolutions must be received by the Grand Secretary/Recorder by April 15 to be included in the Advanced Proceedings and for distribution to the Jurisprudence Committee and Constituent Bodies.*



Number:

## Resolution #5

1. York Rite Code to be changed: ( X ) Chapter/ ( ) Council/ ( ) Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: ( ) Constitution/ ( ) Bylaws/ ( X ) Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: XI ARTICLE NAME: Membership data system
4. SECTION NUMBER: 28 SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
8. REGULATION NUMBER:

ARTICLE XI: Whatever the current membership data system in use,  
authorized by the Grand York Rite bodies.

**RATIONALE:** There has not been a set of rules on the use of a membership data system since its inception last year into the York Bodies of Minnesota. This lays out the regulations, rules, responsibilities and liabilities on the use of this program.

PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY  
NUMBERS of submitting members

No.

## **Resolution #5**

### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **Whatever the current membership data system in use authorized by the Grand York Rite Bodies**

##### **Section 1.** Current membership data system.

The authorized membership data system authorized by the Grand York Rite Bodies will be the official digital repository of all membership records of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

##### **Section 2.** Use of Data/Content.

Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the membership data system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

##### **Section 3.** Users Must:

- A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.
- B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.
- C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.
- D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.
- E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such.
- F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.
- G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.
- H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

##### **Section 4.** Your Login and Password.

- A. To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Secretary immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However,

you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

**Section 5. High Priest Responsibilities:**

- A. Shall ensure the utilization of the membership data system to manage all membership records of the Chapter in a timely manner.
- B. If necessary: May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a chapter's membership records and will comply with Section 6 Chapter Secretary Responsibilities.
- C. Shall notify the Grand Secretary immediately of any changes to the office of Secretary or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

**Section 6. Chapter Secretary Responsibilities:**

- A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the membership data system administrators and the Grand Secretary's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the system.
- B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all chapter membership records in the data, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.
- C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Chapter.
- D. Secretaries and IT Representatives shall log in to the membership data system no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.
- E. Shall submit to the Grand Secretary a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Secretary by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

**Section 7. Grand Secretary Responsibilities:**

- A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner.
- B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Chapter.
- C. Shall report to the Grand High Priest any deficiencies in utilization of the membership data system by any Chapter.
- D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Chapter immediately following the close of the reporting year.
- E. Shall generate a bill for each Chapter based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Chapter, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with ARTICLE III, Subordinate Chapters, Section 24. Annual Returns., presenting said bill to the Chapter Secretary no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>, of which should be turned in by the Chapter Secretary, with payment, no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Chapter Secretary or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership records.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAPTER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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

### **GRAND CHAPTER AWARD PRESENTATIONS AT THE 163<sup>rd</sup> GRAND CONVOCATION JUNE 26, 2025**

#### **TRIPLE TAU JEWEL (5 PETITIONS)**

Terrance Christiansen - Minnesota #1  
Peter Laudert - Minnesota #1  
Kaye Moss - Minnesota #1

#### **TRIPLE TAU STARS (3 MORE PETITIONS)**

Steve Partridge 1 Star - Owatonna #15  
Monte Miller 1 star - Minnesota #1

#### **KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH**

Todd Mayer - Shekinah #52  
James Turner, Jr. - Minnesota #1  
Ray Hayward - Minnesota #1  
Billy Gubther, Jr. - Fairmont #50

#### **EXALTATION AWARDS**

SMALL CHAPTER (<50): Iron Range #22 (5)  
LARGE CHAPTER (>50): Minnesota #1 (5)

Respectfully Submitted  
Marvin W. Schendel, PGHP  
Chairman



## RECEPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH FROM 2003 TO PRESENT

Alan	Adams	Peter	Laudert
Joseph	Anderson	Steve	Leinen
James	Appenzeller	Carl	Lidstrom
Robert	Beales	Dale	Lillevold
Bruce	Bendal	R. James	Luchsinger
Philip	Bodle	Alan	Mackenzie
Alvin	Bohne	Todd	Mayer
Steven	Braun	Brian	McVean
Clinton	Christensen	Irv	Moser
Terrance	Christiansen	Charles	Munson
Steve	Claybourne	Mike	Paffrath
Brian	Dimatteo	Ralph	Pendegras
David	Dumonceaux	Randall	Poulson
James	Edgar, Sr.	Michael	Powles
W. David	Emery	Terry	Rybarczyk
Stan	Fetters	Steven	Sandberg
R. Sean	Gardiner	Marvin	Schendel
Scott	Gianonne	L. Greg	Schultz
Trent	Gilbertson	Vernon	Schwalbe
Arthur	Goodwin	Ryan	Stout
William	Gunther	James	Turner, Jr.
Ray	Hausch	Rick	Vance
Raymond	Hayward, Jr.	Chrsitopher	Wendover
Anthony	Heimer	Justin	Whirley
Thomas	Hendrickson	Russell	Wolf, Jr.
Michael	Hilgert	John	Worlein
Clifford	Isley	James	Zelinski-Feeney
Allan	Kauppi	Jerry	Zierdt

## TRIPLE TAU AWARDEES AND STARS 2008 TO PRESENT

Anderson	Joseph	****	Macosek	John	
Appenzeller	James		McNeely, IV	James	**
Berglund	Chris		Metzger	Dale	
Bodle	Philip	*****	Miller	Monte	*
Burlingame, Jr.	James		Morris	Roger	
Christensen	Clinton	***	Moser	Erv	**
Christiansen	Terrance		Moss	Kay	
Dimatteo	Brian		Partridge	Steven	**
Dumonceaux	David		Partridge	James	
Emery	W. David	**	Pich	Chris	
Endersbe	Reed		Raap	Verl	**
Frandsen	Raymond	***	Schaffer	Terrance	***
Gardiner	R. Sean	**	Schendel	Marvin	*****
Hayward, Jr.	Raymond	*	Schultz	L. Greg	**
Hilgert	Michael		Senenfelder	Thomas	
Jovonovich	Todd	*	Stitley	John	
Laudert	Peter		Swan	Hobart	
Leinen	Steven		Turner, Jr.	James	**
Luchsinger	R. James	*	Wendover	Christopher	
Mackenzie	Alan	*			



## **LIVING MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS OF MINNESOTA**

David S. Bouscher 1975-1976  
Gary H. Johnson 1978-1979  
Jerry R. Korstad 1988-1989  
Robert R. Anderson, Jr. 1994-1995  
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. 1996-1997  
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. 1998-1999  
Loren R. Schroeder 2002-2003  
Lauren R. Lampi 2004-2005  
Ronald A. Miles 2005-2006  
Charles R. Marston 2007-2008  
James E. Turner, Jr. 2008-2009  
Gary A. Odegard 2011-2012  
James F. Edgar, Sr. 2013-2014  
Marvin W. Schendel 2014-2015  
L. Greg Schultz 2015-2016  
Clifford H. Isley 2016-2017  
Joseph J. Anderson 2017-2018  
W. David Emery 2018-2019  
R. James Luchsinger, II 2019-2020  
Carl F. Lidstrom 2020-2021  
R. Sean Gardiner 2021-2022  
Alan Mackenzie 2022-2023  
David J. Dumonceaux 2023-2024  
Michael A. Hilgert 2024-2025



MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER  
PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS  
IN THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL

Joseph Anderson  
Robert Anderson, Jr.  
Clinton Christensen  
James Edgar, Sr.  
R. Sean Gardiner  
Edward Gerwill  
Thomas Hendrickson  
Michael Hilgert  
Clifford Isley  
Gary Johnson  
Peter Laudert  
Carl Lidstrom  
Gary Odegard  
Steve Partridge  
Marvin Schendel

Any Companion can contribute  
An application is included in the pre-prints



Application for  
Perpetual Life Membership  
in the  
General Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons International



Please print or type

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member in good and regular standing of \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, located in the city of \_\_\_\_\_

in the Grand Jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_ and a member in good standing of

\_\_\_\_\_ Royal Arch Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

located in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Grand Jurisdiction

of \_\_\_\_\_

The sum of **US\$100.00** submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

I understand that, should I forfeit my membership in my lodge or chapter for any reason, that the fees for Perpetual Life Membership are not returnable.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Intl

Perpetual Life

P. O. Box 34307

Little Rock, AR 72203-4037

## **REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE RITE COMMITTEE**

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

The cooperation between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery has been steadily getting stronger over the past several years due to the open communication between the Grand bodies.

We also find that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has also opened up its communication with the rest of the York Rite Bodies.

We have several Companions who are working with the DeMolay and the Jobes Daughters, and the Eastern Star and all of the other Masonic Bodies in Minnesota.

The officers of the three Grand Bodies are traveling more and building a stronger relationship with all of the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies in the State. It is good to see the Grand Bodies acting as one strong unified York Rite.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marvin W. Schendel, PGHP  
Chairman

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## **APPREALS AND GRIEVANCES**

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

We the committee are happy to announce no appeals or grievances have been reported to us this term.

Respectfully Submitted,

JE Turner, Jr. PGHP, Chairman  
Charles Marston, PGHP  
Carl Lidstrom, PGHP  
R. James Luchsinger, PGHP  
W. David Emery, PGHP

## **MINNESOTA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Chapter and individual contributions turned in to the RARA program for Minnesota had a year end, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter investment of \$151,062 in regular and \$12,435 in memorial. Please do not forget about this very worthwhile philanthropy set up by the General Grand Chapter. Please watch the videos on the [ggcrami.org/rara](http://ggcrami.org/rara) website for insight and video. The Grand Chapter would like if every Chapter would contribute at least \$3 per member during your annual budget meeting. Thank you to all of those who donate.

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### **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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Morse  
Grand King  
Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

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### **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

Companions, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you for another year. The work of the Grand Chapter keeps us all busy doing what we love, and I am very grateful to be afforded the opportunity to do so. As I reflect over this past year, I would like to call attention to a few highlights. If you have never been to the York Rite Picnic in July, you are missing out on a fantastic meal and a great opportunity to be with other Masons, friends and family. The food and fellowship are wonderful. In September, I had the opportunity to attend Shekinah Chapter No. 52 and watch their presentation of the Peculiar Stone. If you haven't seen the Peculiar Stone, which is setup as an introduction to the Royal Arch Degrees, you are missing out on a real gem. The short play is written so it can be performed in a variety of settings, and in front of a wide audience. Consider it as an education opportunity at your next Masonic meeting. Shekinah Chapter's performance of the play was top notch and a pleasure to see. I also had the pleasure of seeing Minnesota Chapter No. 1 perform the Royal Arch Degree, and was it awesome! Minnesota No. 1 really does a great job putting on the degrees, and they are an example I feel every Chapter should try to follow. Moving into the fall, a contingency of Companions from Minnesota attended the North Central York Rite Conference in Sioux Falls, SD. It is

a large gathering of Companions from around the region, and is a great place to meet others from the region and learn about the great work they are doing. This conference also offers some of the best leadership training you will find. If you are in you Chapter officer line, or would like to develop your leadership skills, I would strongly encourage you to consider attending the conference and training. Last, but not least, the One Day to Royal Arch in February continued to raise the bar with great work throughout the day. A big thank you to Shekinah Chapter No. 52; Minnesota Chapter No. 1; Fergus Falls Chapter No. 27; and Alexandria Chapter No. 86 for their excellent work! In closing, I look forward to serving each and every one of you for another year, should you allow me to do so. Be well, and please let me, or any of your officers, know how we can best serve your needs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Wood  
Grand Scribe  
Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch of Minnesota

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## **REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST**

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

My Companions,

During the 2024 - 2025 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 # 20 and Iron Range #70. I also continue to serve as Secretary of Iron Range #70 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. They have also started to practice perform degree work.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip T. Bodle  
Grand Captain of the Host  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

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## **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.

Fraternally,

Brian K. Dimatteo  
Grand Principle Sojourner  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

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## **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

Fraternally,

Christopher A. Wendover  
Grand Royal Arch Captain  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

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## **REPORT OF THE MASTERS OF THE VEILS**

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

### **THIRD VEIL**

Greetings Companions. I would first like to sincerely thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest for appointing me to this office. It is truly an honor to serve this Grand Chapter and the Companions of Minnesota. I have had much to learn a lot about the governance of the Grand Chapter this year and it has been a great opportunity to get to better know the other Grand Chapter officers.

As an officer of this Grand Chapter, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the Companions of this jurisdiction to get better familiarized with our Minnesota Constitutions, Rules, and Regulations. I have had many conversations regarding the health of some of the

Chapters as a District Officer and feel as though I have a better understanding of some of the Chapters outside of my own. I was able to participate in the monthly Grand Chapter meetings and participated in the One-Day to Chapter festival, and remained active in my chapter.

I thank every one of you for all that you do for this organization. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clinton J. Christensen  
Grand Master of the Third Veil  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

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## **SECOND VEIL**

It has been my honor and privilege to complete my second year as a Grand Officer during the 2024-2025 term. I have continued to learn the responsibilities and functions of the Grand Officers and have greatly enjoyed working with the other Companions in this line.

In addition to regularly attending Shekinah Chapter, I had the pleasure to visit Iron Range Chapter in Hibbing and Keystone Chapter in Duluth and witnessed some enjoyable degree work. I had been looking forward to participating in the One Day to Royal Arch, but was unable to attend this year. I have one more visit scheduled to Halcyon Chapter prior to our Grand Session. Visiting other Chapters and spending time with the Companions has been one of the best aspects of participating in the line.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Grand Chapter and working to grow York Rite Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Yours in Service,  
Ty Schmidt  
Grand Master of the Second Veil  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

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## **FIRST VEIL**

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

William Gunther, Jr.  
Grand Master of the First Veil  
Grand Chapter 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

This year has flown by and unbelievable that MN Grand York Rite session is already here. As a Grand Chapter officer, I have enjoyed my year as Sentinel raising funds with GEHP Mike Hilgert for RARA.

We continued another year of the MN York Rite picnic with much fellowship in Maple Grove in July.

I wasn't able to visit any other chapters other than my home where we held our annual dinner to benefit Granny's closet.

Cheers to another year companions!

Tony Heimer  
MN Grand Chapter Sentinel

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## **REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER**

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

This year we had 21 new companions brought into the Royal Arch at the one day festival. With excellent work performed by Shekinah #52 doing the Mark Master Degree, Minnesota #1 doing the Past Master Degree, Fergus Falls and Alexandria #86 combined to do the Most Excellent Master Degree and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota doing the Royal Arch Degree.

I was visited only able to visited 2 chapters this year on multiple occasions. St. Johns #9 and Shekinah #52. St. Johns was having education every other month instead of meeting with topics like anti-masonic history and Gerald Ford Jr with his ties to Masonry. Shekinah #52 performed the peculiar stone.

EC James Zelinski-Feeney, PHP, KRA  
Grand Lecture

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## **REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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

RE: Year end report of the Membership Committee for Capitular Year 2025

While not directly improving membership, there is an effort to improve the feeling of honor and value to our future candidates. We have adopted a new three-in-one York Rite petition. This has been approved by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery.

The recommendation is that if it is to be printed out and given to a potential candidate, that it is printed on resume paper or nicer, presented in a matching envelope and in such a manner that the impression to the candidate is meaningful vs. the years old petition that we give them currently.

Further, the petition will be customizable for each YR body with the names and numbers of the bodies and a logo if available.

Lastly, a fillable petition will be uploaded to the MN York Rite website and available for individual YR body websites if they have one.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, PHP, KRA  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

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## **REPORT OF THE DISTRICTS**

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

My Companions,

During the 2024 - 2025 term, I have received reports from the District Officers for Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

Upon review of the reports and discussions from the officers, many of the chapters are doing well and thriving, while others are struggling to open. As we all know, our chapters cannot survive without you there. Some chapters have large number of members on the rolls, but only a few show up, some have small numbers, and are still able to open and perform degree work. I feel moving forward that this committee, more especially the district officers assigned to it, need to find out more details of why or why not chapters are opening, performing degrees, have low attendance.

I recommend that we as a Grand Chapter, restructure the District Officer program. Perhaps have district officers that are not Grand Chapter officers, find those companions out there in the chapters who are willing to help us determine what we as grand officers can do better to assist the chapters, send out surveys to the Companions that don't come to meetings anymore, ask them what they would like to see happen, come up with more educational programs that the district officers can use to engage membership, promote the craft, etc.

We are heading in the right direction I feel, but perhaps there is more we can do, others we can involve, without information coming in, its hard to provide the right information going out.

Fraternally,

Companion Philip T. Bodle, PHP, KYCH  
Chairman – District Officer Committee

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W, David Emery, PGHP

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Ty Schmidt, GM2V  
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    Doug Pamp  
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