

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

Donations to our charity RARA unfortunately were down this year by 16%. Total contributions were \$16,957.25. Even more disappointing was the fact that only 21 out of our 31 chapters or 67% contributed when over the past several years we had worked up to almost 100% participation. Also, only 11 out of 31 chapters or 35% were at 100% when again in the past we had almost all chapters at 100%. Even so Florida was first in donations by far in the Eastern section of the country and ranked third overall of all jurisdictions.

I can only think of two reasons for this. First, I think that Covid-19 has finally caught up with us. After two years we are weary and still trying to get our lives in order and have less time and energy to give to outside causes. Second, obviously the change in the award schedule, making 100% participation \$5 per man instead of \$1 per man is a tremendous increase, especially for chapters with large memberships.

Anyway this is the new reality and we need to look to new and better ways to raise money for RARA. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) are significant life challenges for the individuals affected and Autism Speaks and The Hearing Health Foundation, which are giving multiple research grants to study and treat these problems, depend on the funds we raise for them.

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$1.00 per member:

- Monroe No. 15
- Keystone No. 20
- Lakeland/Winter Haven No. 29
- Lake City No. 38
- Clearwater No. 45

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$2.00 per member:

- Florida No. 1
- Halifax No. 5
- Jacksonville No. 12

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$3.00 per member:

- Gainesville No. 2
- Joppa No. 28
- Crestview No. 40

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$4.00 per member:

- St. Augustine No. 17

The following chapters donated or had donated in its name a minimum of \$6.00 per member:

- Eureka No. 7
- Eustis No. 33

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$8.00 per member:

- Mt. Horeb No. 6

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$11.00 per member:

- Tampa/Cushing No. 3
- Highlands No. 64

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$12.00 per member:

- Sarasota No. 35

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$13.00 per member:

- Jericho No. 11

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$18.00 per member:

- Melbourne No. 59

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$19.00 per member:

- Surf No. 57

Contributions were received from the following organizations and individuals: (over \$100)

- Winter Park Lodge No. 239 -----\$250
- Robert Eisenhardt -----\$500
- Richard Brooks -----\$100
- John B. Phelps York Rite College No. 31 -----\$100
- Order of the High Priesthood -----\$746
- Henry Jehan -----\$100
- A.J. Ahrens -----\$700
- Ed Mayfield -----\$100
- Otto Thiergart -----\$500
- Jerry Miller -----\$500
- Robert St. John -----\$1000
- James Robertson -----\$700
- Robert Phillips -----\$100
- Steve Steele -----\$1000

The following chapters have contributed 100% for a number of consecutive years. (Number of years in parentheses)

- Crestview No. 40 (18)
- Eureka No. 7 (25)

- Eustis No. 33 (6)
- Gainesville No. 2 (29)
- Highlands No. 64 (6)
- Jericho No. 11 (4)
- Melbourne No. 59 (9)
- Mt Horeb No. 6 (23)
- Sarasota No. 35 (34)
- Surf No. 57 (9)
- Tampa/Cushing No. 3 (4)

Remember gifts are tax deductible as we are a 501 (c) 3 organization. Individuals may contribute directly by check, by workplace giving with matching funds, or by smile.Amazon, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of your total purchase to the charity of your choice. And your Chapter gets the credit. Another new idea which I liked a lot was the use of a challenge donation, whereby a companion makes a large donation and challenges his companions to match it. Also please consider RARA in your estate planning. All donations should be sent to me directly and I will forward them on so that you and your chapter will get the proper credit. If I have omitted giving credit to anyone or made mistakes I apologize in advance, as I try to keep as accurate records as I can so as not to offend anyone or group. If corrections need to be made please contact me. I wish to thank Most Excellent James F. Robertson for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, RAM of Florida

Deputy General Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons International Southeast Region

State Chairman RARA