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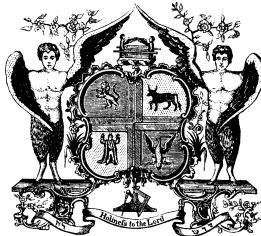
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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS**



**OF
FLORIDA
2022-2023**



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Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons
Of
FLORIDA**



ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIXTH
ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

John I. Gray
Presiding

Henry A. Adams
Elected

Held at Lake Mary, FL

May 21, 2023, A.I. 2553

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

John I. Gray

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

2022-2023



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MASONIC HISTORY

BLUE LODGE INITIATED

10/10/1985 PASSED

02/20/1986

RAISED 04/24/1986 Omega Lodge No. 380, Ft Walton Beach, FL

PLURAL MEMBER 04/01/2003 Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, Baker, FL

LODGE Elected & APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Warden Beaver Creek Lodge No.230 in 2005
Elected Worshipful Master Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, 2006 / 2020
- Senior Deacon Omega Lodge No. 380 in 2007 Elected Senior Warden Omega Lodge No. 380 in 2008
 - Elected Worshipful Master, Omega Lodge No. 380, 2009
- Senior Deacon Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, in 2011
- Elected Junior Warden, Omega Lodge No. 380, 2012
 - * Elected Senior Warden Omega Lodge No. 380, 2013
- Senior Deacon Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, 2014
 - Elected Junior Warden Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, 2015 / 2021 / 2022

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

District Deputy Grand Master District 3, in 2010 for Most Worshipful J. Dick Martinez

President Masonic Association District 3, 2009

District Chairman F A –100, 2009

District Instructor District 3, in 2008 for Past M.:.W.:. Joe A. Fleites

District Chairman for Masonic Education 2007 District
 Chairman Wardens Workshop 2006, 2007
 Secretary / Treasurer Masonic Widows Fund Association
 District 3 2007 thru 2009

ZONE APPOINTMENTS

- **Committee on Work Zone 1, Chairman** 2011 / 2012 / 2013

Masonic Education

Master Mason Exam 1 completed on 03/15/2005- 2006-2007-2008

Master Mason Exam 2 completed on 06/15/2005-2006-2007-2008

Master Mason Exam 3 completed on 09/25/2005-2006-2007-2008

Lodge Officers Correspondence Module 1 completed on 05/19/2006

Lodge Officers Correspondence Module 2 completed on 07/13/2006

Lodge Officers Correspondence Module 3 completed on 07/31/2006

WHITE PROFICIENCY CARD on 10/19/2006

BLUE PROFICIENCY CARD awarded on 10/04/2007

1st Place Award of 1000 points in the Fellow Craft Lecture Competition during the– 2007 Grand Lodge Communication

GOLD PROFICIENCY CARD Awarded 04/29/2009

- 2nd Place Award in the Enter Apprentice Lecture Competition, May 2009

- Purple Proficiency Card, Lodge Officers Education, awarded on July 18, 2011

Honorary Member in Ten of the Lodges in District 3.

Continues to confer all three Masonic Degrees and delivers all three Masonic Degree Lectures. Assists all Lodges of the 3rd Masonic District and other Districts in Masonic Degree Work. Teaches and Performs District Schools of Instruction, and Degree Catechism.

Awarded as the Mason of the Year 2007 for the 3rd Masonic District Masonic Association.

Participated in the Tri- State and Bi- State Degrees with Lodges from Camden and Dickson Tennessee, also Florida, and Alabama during the past Ten years.

- Member of the **Florida Lodge of Research** since 2009

Masonic Leadership Training Grand Lodge of Florida

completed October 5, 2019

York Rite: York Rite Degrees were conferred April 2005 Ft

Walton Beach Surf Chapter No.57 R.A.M.,

Gulf Council No. 29, R. & S. M., St. Elmo

Commandery No. 42, K.T.

.2006 Chapter- King

Council- Principal Conductor of the Work

Commandery- Captain General

2007 Chapter- High Priest

Council- Deputy Master

Commandery- Captain General 2008

Council- Illustrious Master

2008- District Deputy Grand High Priest

10th District

Demitted to Crestview Bodies 2009

2009 Crestview Commandery No.25 – Generalissimo 2010

Crestview Commandery No.25 – Commander

Crestview Chapter 40 and Council 33 – Chaplain Elected

Treasure for Crestview York Rite Bodies 2011 & 2012 & 2014
& 2015 & 19

2011- District Deputy Grand Commander 10th District 2012

&2013 - Deputy Inspector General and District 10 Instructor

- Grand Commandery

2013 - R. I. District Deputy Grand Master - Grand Council 2013

– Grand Chapter Committee on Work and District 10 District
Instructor - Grand Chapter

2014 – State Inspector General and District Leader District 10-
Grand Commandery

Elected Recorder for Crestview Council No. 33, 2014 / 15

/ 16 / 17 / 18

2014 - Installed Grand Chapter Sentinel 2014/15/16/17/18/

19 / 20 Grand Chapter RAM, State Chairman Committee on
Work

2015/16/17/18 / 19 / 20- State Inspector General, Grand
Commandery of Florida

2015 to 2021 – Installed Grand Officer, and State Chairman
Committee on Work RAM

2020 / 21 / 22 Chairman Committee on Work Grand Council

2022 – Installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch
Masons of Florida Honorary Member of Pensacola and Master
Ritualist

Assist in York Rite Festival Degrees in the Chapter as Degree
Master Most Excellent Master, parts as Sr. Warden and Lecture in
the Mark Master, and Principal Sojourner & 2nd Veil, Royal Arch
Degree and in the Council Royal Master Degree role of Hiram's
circumambulation and Confer as King Solomon, and Commandery
as Sovereign Master & Prince Master of the Palace in the Illustrious
Order of the Red Cross also Prelate in both the Order of Malta and
Order of the Temple, with the Pensacola York Rite bodies. / Plural
member Fort Walton Beach York Rite's

32 Degree Scottish Rite, Valley of Pensacola, October 2008

Participates in the Scottish Rite 11th Degree EUL of the
Twelve
and the 30th Degree Knight Kadosh.

**Knight Masons - Drexel P. Caldwell 108, Constituted
December 10, 2011**

Knighted and Assigned - Senior Knight 2011/2012 2012
Degree Master of The Knight of the Sword Degree
& Jr. Warden for The Knight of the East and West Degree
Elected Excellent Chief – 2013
Awarded the Knight Commander of Zerubbabel Jewel 2013
Appointed North Florida Superintendent 2017 /18
/19/20/21/22

York Rite Collage, Joseph P. LeSuer No. 80 Knighted, April,
2009

2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 Degree part as, Knight
Commander.

Installed - 2013, Sentinel, 2014, Marshal, 2015, Preceptor,
2016 Primate, Chancellor 2017, Deputy Governor 2018,
Governor 2019

2014, Received, York Rite Sovereign Collage of North America Service Award
Received the Order of the Purple Cross July 2021

K Y C H, Panama City Priory No. 72, Knighted, March, 2011, 2013, 2013 and 2014 Delivered the Degree Commandery Lecture.
Installed Herald 2015, Orator 2016, Prelate 2017, Warder 2018, Deputy Prior 2019
Installed Prior February 15, 2020

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest- Ordained member 2014, Installed Outer Guard 2017, Inner Guard 2018, First Pillar 2019 2nd- Pillar 2020-5th Pillar 2021

Order of the Amaranth: Joined Silver Sands Court #69 July 1986, Ft Walton Beach
Demitted to Community Court #56 in May, 1988 Baker, Fl. Plural Member Silver Sands # 69
Royal Patron 1992, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, 14, 15, 16, 17

Amaranth Grand Court Offices ELECTED GRAND ROYAL PATRON 2017 / 2018

Deputy Grand Royal Patron 2001, 2005, 2006
Assistant Grand Lecture 2003, 2004, 2013 & 2014
2009 Grand Representative to Alabama 2010 Representative to British Columbia
2011 Grand Sword Bearer- 2012 Grand Warder- 2015 Grand Prelate
2013 Jurisprudence Committee
2014 Fraternal Relations & Dispensations and Charters Committee & Youth Committee 2018 / 2019 / 2021
Elected Commissioner of Appeals
Installed – Grand Lecture stated of Florida

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Minutes of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida -
176th Annual Convocation
Monday, May 22, 2023

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida was opened by Crestview Chapter No. 40 in full form at 7:30 am on Monday, May 22, 2023, at The Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary located in Lake Mary, Florida.

The Grand Chapter officers were escorted in. Most Excellent John I. Gray Grand High Priest was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. MEGHP Gray asked the Grand Officers to take their stations, all Grand Chapter Officers introduced.

MEGHP Gray declared Crestview Chapter No. 40 closed, and the 176th Grand Chapter Convocation opened for business.

Introductions: (done by the Distinguished Guest Committee)

Most Illustrious Gene Lance Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters of Florida and Right Eminent Sheldon Arpad Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida were introduced, given Grand Honors, and escorted to the East.

Past Grand High Priests of Florida were escorted in and given Grand Honors.

Grand High Priest of recognized jurisdictions were escorted in and given Grand Honors.

Past Grand High Priests of recognized jurisdictions were escorted in and given Grand Honors.

General Grand Chapter of RAM International:
James Hodge – Past General Grand High Priest
Sheldon Arpad – General Grand Principal Sojourner
Harry V. Eisenberg Deputy General Southeast Region
were escorted in and given Grand Honors.

Superintendents of Red Cross of Constantine and Grand Council of Knight Masons, USA were escorted in and introduced.

MEGHP John I. Gray recognized all Silver and Bronze medal recipients and given a hearty public welcome.

Roll Call of Grand Chapter RAM of Florida – Grand Officers, District Deputy

Grand High Priests, District Instructors, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests of Florida and Grand Representatives was conducted by the Grand Secretary.

Preliminary Returns and Credentials report was presented by Companion A.W. Thurman, motion made to accept report the preliminary returns and credentials report, motion seconded, motion carried. The Grand Secretary certified there was a quorum present.

The Grand Secretary made a motion that the minutes of the 175th Grand Convocation be accepted as printed and distributed in the 2021-2022 proceedings, motion seconded, motion carried.

MEGHP John Gray asked for a motion to be made that all out of state visitors that are not currently honorary members of the Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida be made honorary members. Motion made, motion seconded, motion carried.

A motion was made to accept all pre-printed reports that were distributed in the convention packet, motion seconded, motion carried.

MEGHP John Gray passed the gavel to RE Henry Adams, Grand King and presented his report. Motion made to accept the MEGHP report, motion seconded, motion carried.

RE Glenn Chandler, Snr., MEPGHP, Grand Historian presented his lecture/report.

RE Robert St. John, Jr., Grand Treasurer presented his preliminary report. Motion was made to accept the Grand Treasurers report, motion seconded, motion carried.

RE Corey Kosciuszko, Grand Scribe presented the Religious Affirmation report. Motion was made to accept the Religious Affirmation report, motion seconded, discussion, motion carried.

RE Henry Adams, Grand King presented the proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 year. Motion was made to accept the proposed budget for 2023-2024, motion seconded, motion carried.

RE Robert St. John, Jr., Grand Treasurer presented an addendum to the Investment Committee Report. Motion was made to accept the addendum, motion seconded, motion carried.

Excellent Companion Charles Jordan presented the Committee on Work report. 3 white proficiency cards were presented, 1 Purple proficiency card was presented. Motion was made to accept the Committee on Work report. Motion seconded; motion carried.

Harry Eisenberg, MEPGHP presented an addendum to the Royal Arch Research Assistance report and short video about Auditory Processing Disorder. Motion was made to accept the RARA report, seconded, motion carried.

Harry Eisenberg, MEPGHP presented the Constitution Review report. Motion was made to accept the Constitution Review report, motion seconded, motion carried.

John Gray Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented two emergency resolutions:

- 1.) To allow all Chapter dispensations to be sent electronically instead of mailing three copies. Motion made, motion seconded, discussion, motion carried by 2/3 vote to accept emergency resolution.
- 2.) Current Grand High Priest to appoint a current Grand Chapter Companion as the assistant Grand Secretary. Motion made, motion seconded, discussion, motion carried by 2/3 vote to accept emergency resolution.

John Wermann, MEPGHP presented the preliminary Jurisprudence report. Motion was made to accept the preliminary Jurisprudence report, motion seconded, motion carried.

John Wermann, MEPGHP presented the following resolutions:

2023-01: Article XII, Section 10. Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary to attend the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence meeting. Motion made to accept resolution 2023-01, motion seconded, motion carried.

2023-02: Article XII, Section 4. Grand Chapter Committees. No. 6 Jurisprudence

Make Grand Secretary and Ex-Officio member of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence committee. Motion made to accept resolution 2023-02, motion seconded, motion carried.

Emergency Resolution 2: Current Grand High Priest to appoint a current Grand Chapter Companion as Assistant Grand Secretary. Discussion, motion made to accept resolution 2023-03, motion seconded, motion carried.

Emergency Resolution 1: Allow local Secretaries to email dispensations and by-laws to Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary as opposed to mailing hard copies. Discussion, motion made to accept 2023-04, motion seconded, motion passed.

John Gray, MEGHP presented awards for the 2022-2023 year:

General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal: Charles R. Jordan

Gold Key:

Richard Edgar Coles IV	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.
Wiley Willoughby	Dana Oldenburg
Alan Cox	Anthony Pickren
Sam Duckworth	Donald Rice
Paul Ippolito	Carson Walters
Larry Kent	Edward Mayfield, Jr.

Grand Representatives:

Central America	Paul Ritchie
Italy	John Kraniou
Nebraska	Kenneth Hinton
Nevada	James Draeving
New Mexico	Donald Rice
North Carolina	Joshua Schutts
Ontario, Canada	Richard Bradley
Pennsylvania	Richard Allen
Vermont	Robert L. Taylor

Four Veils Award:

Keystone Chapter No. 20	HP: Ramon Ramirez
Sarasota Chapter No. 35	HP: Todd Meschelle
Surf Chapter No. 57	HP: Donald Rice

Grand High Priest Award (Crystal Chalice): Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6

Final Returns and Credentials report was presented by Companion A.W. Thurman. All Chapters were represented except for:

- Palm Beach No. 24 – no representation
- Lakeland Chapter No. 29 – no representation

Total Companions are eligible to vote: 155. A motion made to accept the final returns and credentials report, motion seconded, motion carried.

The floor was opened for 2023-2024 Election of Officers. The following were nominated and elected by a unanimous ballot:

Tellers assigned by John Gray, Most Excellent Grand High Priest were John Wermann, MEPGHP, Gene Lance, MIGM, Darryl D'Angina, MEPGHP.

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest: Henry A. Adams
- Grand King: Corey D. Kosciuszko
- Grand Scribe: Charles G. Harper II
- Grand Treasurer: Robert C. St. John, Jr.
- Grand Secretary: Carl E. Gilmore

RE Henry Adams reviewed the list of 2023-2024 line officers, district deputies and district instructors. Installation will start at 1:00 pm in the ballroom.

RE Henry Adams presented the time and place report for 2024 grand convocation: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary in Lake Mary, Florida.

Harry Eisenberg, MEGHP, Deputy General Southeast Region (GGCRAMI) gave remarks on behalf of the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests of Florida.

James Hodge, MEPGGHP gave remarks on behalf of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

John Gray, Most Excellent Grand High Priest closed the 176th Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, to the Grand Officers, District Deputy's, District Instructors, Chapter Members and Distinguished guest and Visitors, welcome to Lake Mary and the 176th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. We welcome you and are honored with your presence here today the 22nd day of May 2023.

Necrology:

It is with sadness that I report that three of our Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests were called to Him who made us. MEGHP H. Warren Almand, Jr. (1996) whose Memorial Services I was able to attend, MEGHP William Norrie (1991), and MEGHP William Buck (1993). They will be missed. I also want to remember our deceased Grand Secretary Richard Brooks, who passed on July 29th, 2023, and Right Excellent James R. McHenry who passed on March 20th 2023. They were True Masons and friends of mine. James was the Royal Arch Captain in 2021-2022 and had to drop out of the Grand line due to medical problems with his lungs, which he battled till his death.

Visitation and Installations:

14 Chapters were scheduled to be visited and 8 Chapters were visited:

- Surf # 57
- Jackson #32
- Mt. Horeb # 6
- Eustis # 33
- Florida # 1
- Indian River # 27
- Eureka # 7
- Lakeland # 29

Two visits were canceled for By-Law change and wrong Body meeting night:

- James Yeager # 62
- Clearwater # 45

Four Visits were canceled for medical procedures I had to undergo:

- Tampa-Cushing # 3
- Highlands # 64
- St. Petersburg # 31
- Keystone # 20

One visit was canceled because they were unable to form a quorum. Later however, it was rescheduled.

I Installed Officers at two Chapters:

- Monroe # 15 at Sanford
- Bay County # 39 at Panama City

I visited 3 Festivals:

- Tampa - District 3
- Stuart - District 6
- Crestview - District 10

I attended and/or gave a speech on the workings and use of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Florida to The Grand Court Order of the Amaranth at Daytona Beach, Rainbow Girls Assembly at St. Augustine, DeMolay Conclave at Jacksonville, The Social Order of the Beauceant in Atlanta, and The Order of the Eastern Star at St. Augustine.

State of the Craft and Recommendations:

As my theme is Dedication, the result of my observation of our Chapters is that more effort is needed to improve our ritual work and the drive for Membership. We have tried to push Proficiency Cards, especially for Opening and Closing (White Card), to be used to improve memory work and fluid openings at our convocations; and also, to improve our degree work. It is obvious that good performance of our degrees can impress our candidates and help with retention of the companions wanting to perform good work. The use of our Mentor's Manual will help the Candidates with our history and the function of our Chapters.

Rulings and Decisions:

- Question Number 1: on the qualification of who can be elected as the High Priest of a Chapter. The Constitution Article XIV, the member must service as the Scribe, King, or Past High Priest, can only be Elected to the station of High Priest.
- Question Number 2: Jurisdiction as per Constitution Article II, that the legal jurisdiction authority is the boundaries of the State of Florida, and the other is within municipality which is a single government or city; as of
now we do not have more than one Chapter in any municipality, I suggest that a Resolution be place to change the wording from Municipality to District if it is felt that notification would be needed to know who is moving to Chapters outside its own area.
- Question Number 3: The use of wine in a Table Chapter: Ritualistic Ceremony of an Antient Craft Table Chapter Convocation, paragraph 13. It is highly recommended to use only table wines with an alcohol content of no more than 12% by volume. Fortified wines should not be present. If the Table Chapter is conducted in a building owned by a Florida Blue Lodge, and wine is not permitted, then an appropriate non- alcoholic beverage must take its place.
- Question Number 4: Per Capita is in the constitution and should be strictly adhered too. The MMS monitor if it be the secretary or an assigned member, his duties is to update the system with deceased, demitted, NPD and new candidates, in which the fiscal year for the Chapters is December 27th thru December 27th at that time the Per Capita is figured so all entries must be entered before the 27th of December. Three Chapters seem as though they had a problem getting the annual report and payment in on time. It was understood that problems did arise with the lateness; however, each could have lost their voting privilege so in the future you must get the annual report & payment in on time.

Membership: With the help of ME Richard Wolf and others a letter was produced with a QR code which brings up the York Rite Video which can be shown to the candidate and family. Hopefully, you will find one in your Convention Packet. I want to thank my membership Committee M.E. James “Robbie” Roberson, R.E. Henry Adams, and Illustrious Tom Olsen for promoting and encouraging companions to

go out and get candidates for our festivals. We have grown 156 number of members this year; however, our retention of members with the loss of NPDs & death does not increase our numbers.

I want to thank all those who assisted me this year even though not mentioned. A special thanks to R.E. Charles “Chas” Jordan for his work on the Degree Procedures as Chairman Committee on Work, and the assistance on procuring the keys & administrative items for the Grand Secretary’s Office. M.I./R.E. Carl Gilmore for stepping up to fill the Grand Chapter Secretary office after the passing of R.E. Richard Brooks and his advice when asked. Also, M.E. John Wermann for is assistance and advice in my duties as the Grand High Priest. To R.E./M.I. Paul Friend on his encouragement to have Festivals throughout the State and promoting York Rite Masonry.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Directives:

Directive No. 1 – Religious Affirmation

Directive No. 2 - Printing of the Ritual Procedures Booklet for review.

Proclamations:

Proclamation 1 - Memorial Day / July 4th Independent Day / Flag Day

Proclamation 2 –for Veterans Day / Thanksgiving Day / Christmas Holidays / New Years Day

Executive Orders:

Executive Order No. 1 – use of Appendix D till the Procedures are complete.

Executive Order No. 2 – Appointment of the Grand Secretary R E Carl Gilmore due to the death of Richard Brooks.

Executive Order No. 3 – Short form opening for Royal Arch degree work and Officer Installation Call meeting

Executive Order No. 4 – Draping the Altar for the passing of H. Warren Almand Past Most Excellent GHP 2003

Executive Order No. 5 - Draping the Altar for the passing of William Norrie Past Most Excellent GHP 1991

Executive Order No. 6 - Draping the Altar for the passing of William Buck Past Most Excellent GHP 1993

Chapter Warrants 2022-1 THRU 2022-11

- 2022-01 Office Expense & Salary total \$4,478.75 1st Quarter
 2022-02 GHP Apron & Jewel Past GHP \$330.00
 2022-03 Per Capita General Grand RAM Int. \$8,190.00
 2022-04 South East Conference Expense 4 Officers \$834.00
 2022-05 District Depute 10 each @ \$200 each District Meeting
 Expense \$1,000.00
 2022-06 Awards Jewelry \$667.00
- 2022-07 Charity youth DeMolay & Rainbow
 2022-08 Office Expense and Salaries \$6,028.75 2nd Quarter
 2022-09 Office Expense and Salaries \$ 6,028.75 3rd Quarter
 2022-10 Proceedings 1/3 Chapter Share
 2022-11 Office Expense and Salaries \$6,028.75 4th Quarter
 2022-12 1/3 Liability Insurance Chapter
 2022-13 Corporate State Tax Annual Report
 2022-14 Charity RARA & Officers allowance
 2022- 15 Apron's & Case
 2022- 16 Quarter Allowance Grand Treasurer & Secretary
 2022-17 Youth Charity, Rainbow Girls / Job Daughters /DeMolay

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS:

- Gainesville No. 2 Cancel June meeting Granted
 Gainesville No. 2 Convocation Special Antient Craft Table Chapter
 August 16th 2022 Granted
 Clearwater No. 45 Special Election to replace Secretary due to death
 Granted
 Jacksonville No. 12 Special Election to replace Secretary due to health
 reasons Granted
 Eustis No. 33 Convocation Special Antient Craft Table Chapter
 December 2nd 2022 Granted
 St. Petersburg No. 31 Move Election of Officers to January 6th 2023
 Convocation Granted
 Clearwater No.45 Move Election of Officers to January 4th 2023
 Convocation Granted
 Putnam No. 9 Called Convocation for installation of Officers January
 19th 2023 Granted
 St. Augustine 17 Move the Installation of Officers to Palatka Lodge #34
 on January 19th 2023 Granted
 Eureka 7 Called Convocation for the purpose of Balloting on candidates
 for the Tampa Festival Granted

By-Law Amendments:

Nassau 49 Move the Meeting to the 2nd Thursday of Odd months Approved
 Jacksonville 12 Move the Meeting to the 1st Thursday of the month except July & August when Dark Approved

St. Petersburg 31 Chapter meeting held 1st Friday each month starting at 7:30pm, January, March, September, November, to follow the Council meeting the months of Feb, April, June, October, and December Approved

Putnam 9 change Convocation to the first Wednesday of the same months. Approved

Awards:

Crystal Chalice: 1

Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze): 1

Four Veils:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>High Priest</u>
Keystone No. 20	Ramon Ramirez
Sarasota No. 35	Todd Meschelle
Surf No. 57	Donald Rice

Gold Key: 12

Grand Representative Appointments:

Central America	Paul Ritchie
Italy	John Kraniou
Nebraska	Kenneth Hinton
Nevada	James Draeving
New Mexico	Donald Rice
North Carolina	Joshua Schutts
Ontario, Canada	Richard Bradley
Pennsylvania	Richard Allen
Vermont	Robert L. Taylor

Fraternally,

John I. Gray

Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2022-2023

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

Grand Chapter Awards 2022-2023

Bronze Distinguished Service Medal

Charles “Chas” R. Jordan

1952	Leroy J. Shellburg	1953	Charles G Oldather
1954	Nathan G Stout	1955	J W Nelson
1956	James R McCoy	1957	Frederick D McDonald
1958	C Shellie Matthews	1959	John E Marley
1960	Joseph B Johnson	1961	Frank L Miller
1962	Reuel Daniel	1963	Paul W Chapman
1964	Gilbert A Williams	1965	J T Williams
1966	Noah M Early	1967	J Van Loy
1968	Walter S Brady	1969	Joseph J Johnson
1970	Wallace P Dix	1971	Glenn E Pletcher
1972	Orville W Cassady	1973	James K May
1974	Franklin C Smith	1975	Theodore E Windhorst
1976	Harold F Enter	1977	Frank J Busbey
1978	Charles B Finney	1979	Ralph A Jones, Jr.
1980	C Allen Pattinson	1981	Warren H Conken
1982	Wallace C Stich	1983	Arthur J Wissler, Jr
1984	Lloyd C Huffstetler	1985	Willis M Lewis
1986	Howard P Bennett	1987	George A Chipouras
1988	Roy R Wright	1989	Charles E Palmour
1990	Lawrence L Howell	1991	E N Robbie Robinson
1992	John M Mallory	1993	William E Eubanks
1994	Frederick M Morris	1995	Ralph G Weed
1996	Quinnie Williams, Sr	1997	J D Moffitt
1998	Charles B Curry	1999	Wilbur R Allen
2000	Michael A Padron, Jr	2001	Burt A Maguire
2002	George T Collier	2003	Harry R Davis
2004	Robert L Gilliland	2005	Wilmer T Atwell
2006	Paul W Friend	2007	David A Aponte
2008	Wayne Y Thigpen	2009	Ernest R Spradling
2010	Corbin P Elliott	2011	Ralph Vaughn
2012	Jack C Maulden	2013	Not awarded
2014	Carl E. Gilmore	2015	John I. Gray

2016	Rusty M. Ludlam	2017	Henry A. Adams
2018	James F. Robertson	2019	Glenn Chandler, Snr.
2020	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr	2021	Gary Roane
2022	Robert L.T. Phillips		

Gold Medal Recipients

1963	L. Gordon Cooper, Jr.	2000	Vernon H. Miller
2015	John H. Glenn, Jr.		

Silver Medal Recipients

1987	Marvin W. Gerhard
2007	Steven Q. Steele
2021	Henry A. Adams

Silver Medal

Harry V. Eisenberg
Received at 2023 Triennial

Ephraim Kirby Award

Carl E. Gilmore

Ephraim Kirby Recipients

2014	Steven Q. Steele	2017	John F. Wermann
2015	Donald T. Harriott	2019	Dayle L. Schrock
2016	Glenn Chandler, Snr.	2021	Harry V. Eisenberg

Gold Key Awards:

E. Richard Coles IV	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.
Alan Cox	Dana Oldenburg
Sam Duckworth	Anthony Pickren
Paul Ippolito	Donald Rice
Larry Kent	Carson Walters
Edward Mayfield, Jr.	Wiley Willoughby II

Grand High Priest Award
Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6

1989	James Yeager # 62	1990	Tampa Cushing # 3
1991	Indian River # 27	1992	Eureka # 7
1993	Putnam # 9	1994	Putnam # 9
1995	James Yeager # 62	1996	Eden # 63
1997	Mt Horeb # 6	1998	St. Petersburg # 31
1999	Challenger # 66	2000	Mt Horeb # 6
2001	Nassau # 49	2002	Lakeland # 29
2003	Palm Beach # 24	2004	Jacksonville # 12
2005	Tampa/Cushing # 3	2006	Tampa/Cushing # 3
2007	Jacksonville # 12	2008	*
2009	Ocala # 13	2010	Jericho # 11
2011	St Petersburg # 31	2012	Nassau # 49
2013	*	2014	*
2015	Eureka # 7	2016	Nassau # 49
2017	Highlands # 64	2018	Sarasota # 35
2019	Jacksonville # 12	2020	Joppa # 28
2021	Not awarded	2022	Sarasota # 35

*Information not available

Four Veils Award

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Sarasota No. 35	Todd Meschelle
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North Carolina	Joshua Schutts
Ontario, Canada	Richard Bradley
Pennsylvania	Richard Allen
Vermont	Robert L. Taylor

General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award

(Presented at the banquet)

Valerie Tooma-Gray

Roll Call

<i>Grand Line Officers</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
M EX GRAND HIGH PRIEST	JOHN I. GRAY	X
R EX GRAND KING	HENRY A. ADAMS	X
R EX GRAND SCRIBE	COREY KOSCUSZKO	X
R EX GRAND SECRETARY	CARL GILMORE	X
R EX GRAND TREASURER	ROBERT ST. JOHN	X
EX GRAND CHAPLAIN	DOUGLAS KNOWLES	
EX GRAND ASST CHAPLAIN	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
EX GRAND HISTORIAN	GLENN CHANDLER, SNR	X
EX GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	CHALES HARPER II	X
EX GRAND PRINIPAL SOJOURNER	GARRY PAXINOS	X
EX GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	JEFFREY SKLET	X
EX GRAND MASTER OF 3 RD VEIL	KENNETH TUTOR	X
EX GRAND MASTER OF 2 ND VEIL	JOSHUA SCHUTTS	X
EX GRAND MASTER OF 1 ST VEIL	JOHN DONOHOO	X
EX GRAND SENTINEL	ROBERT L. TAYLOR	X
EX GRAND ORGANIST	DANA OLDENBURG	X

<i>District Deputies</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
DISTRICT 1	CARLOS CORREA	
DISTRICT 2	JEFFREY T. LAWRENCE	X
DISTRICT 3	CHARLES R. JORDAN	X
DISTRICT 4	A RANDOLPH CHANCEY	X
DISTRICT 5	LARRY D. DUFF	X
DISTRICT 6	FRANK E. KIEFER	X
DISTRICT 7	KENNETH E. HINTON, JR.	X
DISTRICT 8	BRIAN R. POOLE	X
DISTRICT 9	ADRIAN P. DILLON	
DISTRICT 10	JEFFERY W. MEISTER, SR.	X

<i>District Instructors</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
DISTRICT 1	SCOTT A. SCHWARTZBERG	
DISTRICT 2	BRIAN K. JOHNSEN	X
DISTRICT 3	GARY R. ROANE	X
DISTRICT 4	JERRY M. SNELL	X
DISTRICT 5	NELSON BONET	X
DISTRICT 6	STEPEHN C. NELSON	X
DISTRICT 7	DAVID S. GREGORY	X
DISTRICT 8	RICHARD V. MCGLEW	X
DISTRICT 9	JOHN A. KRANIOU	X
DISTRICT 10	WILLIAM R. PAULCHEK, SR	X

<u><i>MEPGHP</i></u>	<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Present</i></u>
1983	WILLIAM A. COGBURN	
1986	GARY BRENT CULL	
1993	WILLIAM L. BUCK, JR.	
1996	HARVEY L. WARD, SR.	
2001	WAYNE E. PARKS	
2002	STEVEN Q. STEELE	X
2004	GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.	X
2005	WILLIAM F. WYLLIE	
2006	MICHAEL A. PADRON, JR.	
2009	DARRYL A. D'ANGINA	X
2011	ROBERT G. KIRKPATRICK	
2012 & 2013	JOHN F. WERMANN	X
2014	WILLIAM R. JACOBS	X
2015	RICHARD A. WOLFE	X
2016	C. ROBERT COOPER	
2017	RONALD C. NEWTON	X
2018	HARRY V. EISENBERG	X
2019	JAMES A. GREEN	X
2020	ARTHUR J. AHRENS III	X
2021	JAMES F. ROBERTSON	X
Honorary	RICHARD A. AGSTER	X

<u>Grand Reps.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
ALABAMA	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
ALASKA	STEVEN Q. STEELE	X
ALBERTA, CAN.	DAYLE SCHROCK	X
ARGENTINA	JOHN PICKFORD	
ARIZONA	JAMES F. ROBERTSON	X
ARKANSAS	JOHN I. GRAY	X
AUSTRIA	CHARLES CICERO	
BELGIUM	ERIC COLE	X
BRAZIL	EDWARD MAYFIELD	X
CALIFORNIA	JAMES A. GREEN	X
CNTRL AMERICA	PAUL RITCHIE	X
COLORADO	RICHARD WOLFE	X
CONNECTICUT	THOMAS OLSEN	X
CROATIA	STEPHEN C. NELSON	
CYPRUS	STANELY HUDSON	
DELAWARE	C. ALLAN WALLS	
D.C.	HENRY ADAMS	X
FINLAND	ROBERT ST. JOHN	X
FRANCE	ERIC KLIENBACH	X
GEORGIA	ARTHUR J. LAROSE	X
GERMANY	JOHN LEWIS	X
GREECE	GARRY PAXINOS	X
HAWAII	BEN GAILLARD	X
IDAHO	RODGER CRAIG	
ILLINOIS	CHARLES BAILEY	X
INDIA	DAVID FELTY	
INDIANA	EDWARD SMALLWOOD	X
IOWA	DENNIS BARBARISI	X
IRELAND	GLENN CHANDLER	X
ISRAEL	HARRY V. EISENBERG	X
ITALY	JOHN KRANIOU	X
KENTUCKY	JAMES MASON	
LOUISIANA	RONALD C. NEWTON	X
MAINE	DEMETRIOS KIRKILES	X
MANITOBA, CAN.	BRETT GORDON	X
MASSACHUSETTS	SCOTT SCHWARTZBERG	
MEXICO	SHELDON ARPAD	X
MICHIGAN	CORBIN ELLIOTT	
MINNESOTA	ERIK ANDERSEN	X
MISSISSIPPI	CARL GILMORE	X

MISSOURI	LARRY GILLESPIE	X
MONTANA	EARL RAY	X
NEBRASKA	KENNETH HINTON	X
NEVADA	JAMES DRAEVING	X
NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA	ROBERT STEARNS	
NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA	RONALD NAUMOWICZ	X
NEW HAMPSHIRE	JAMES DICKENSON	
NEW JERSEY	DAVID ROSENTHAL	
NEW MEXICO	DONALD RICE	
NEW S. WALES	ANTHONY GRIFFON	X
NEW YORK	WILLIAM THOMAS	
NEW ZEALAND	JAMES RECORD	
N. CAROLINA	JOSHUA SCHUTTS	X
NORTH DAKOTA	DARRYL A. D'ANGINA	X
NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA	JEFFREY LAWRENCE	X
OHIO	COREY KOSCIUSZKO	X
OKLAHOMA	CHARLES HOLLINGER	X
ONTARIO, CANADA	RICHARD BRADLEY	X
OREGON	ADAM BRYAN	
PANAMA	WADE ATCHISON	
PENNSYLVANIA	RICHARD ALLEN	X
PHILIPPINES	TONY GAGARIN	
PORTUGAL	JOHN POWELL	
QUEBEC, CANADA	THOMAS RAWSTHORNE	
RHODE ISLAND	BENJAMIN HOLLAND	
ROMANIA	JAMES HOGG	X
SASKATCHAWAN, CANADA	THOMAS METCALFE	X
SCOTLAND	ROBERT ST.JOHN	X

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	TODD MESCHELLE	X
SOUTH CAROLINA	WILLIAM JACOBS	X
SOUTH DAKOTA	RUSTY LUDLAM	
SPAIN	CHARLES HARPER II	X
TENNESSEE	JOHN WERMANN	X
TEXAS	GENE LANCE	X
TOGO	ROBERT EISENHARDT	X
UTAH	CHARLES SIPES	
VENEZUELA	DANA OLDENBURG	X
VERMONT	ROBERT L. TAYLOR	X
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA	WILLIAM ELLIS	X
VIRGINIA	ARTHUR J. AHRENS III	X
WASHINGTON	JOHN DREWETT	
WEST AUSTRALIA	JACK MAULDEN	
WEST VIRGINIA	E. RANDY SPRADLING	X
WISCONSIN	RONALD PARKS	
WYOMING		

Grand Treasurer Report

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest exceeded his budget during this term by a small amount (\$874.99) but should be commended for overall good management of resources. Again, this year, it was not necessary to use any of the Administrative Fund earnings, so those assets remained invested. Unfortunately, the downturn in the market did impact the overall financial status of the Grand Chapter, but since we didn't draw from the Administrative Fund, the impact has been deferred. Looking at the Grand Chapter accounts from a cashflow perspective, the income and expenses were almost balanced; we spent \$3,824.22 more than we received. As noted last year, the per capita income received during this term is reflected in cashflow but doesn't give a true picture of income since it is carried forward as income for the 2024-2025 budget.

I have attached the May 31, 2023, Balance Sheet; the 1 June 2022-31 May 2023 Income Expense Summary Report; and the 2022-2023 Approved Budget versus Actual Report.

A few notes on entries are necessary. Incorrect Payee Income reflects income due to the Grand Chapter that was paid to a different account and then transferred from those accounts to the Grand Chapter checking account. The insurance refund was paid to the Grand Chapter, but two thirds of that amount was passed to the Grand Commandery and the Grand Council (see Sundry expenditures). One registration for the Order of High Priesthood was paid to the Chapter and then transferred to ME Comp Harry Eisenberg for deposit into the Order's checking account (see Sundry expenditures). Finally, reimbursement income was received from members who chose to purchase a replacement Gold Key award. On the expenditure side, the MEGHP donated \$350 more than was budgeted and had more distinguished guest expenses at the 2023 convention than planned (\$670.77 extra).

Approved Budget 2022-2023

40000 INCOME			Actual
40000	Annual Per Capita	\$ 36,868.00	\$ 36,868.00
40001	Per Capita Interest		
40010	Exaltations		
40011	Other Interest		\$ 4.74
40012	Other Income:Admin Invest. Fund Allowance	\$ 10,474.00	
40012	Other Income:Incorrect Payee		\$ 1,246.50
40012	Other Income:Order of High Priesthood		\$ 40.00
40012	Other Income:Donations		
40012	Other Income:Reimbursement		\$ 210.00
40012	Other Income:Insurance Refund		\$ 59.00
40020	Annual Convention	TBD	\$ 2,436.05
40021	Grand Office Return	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,640.30
40030	Ritual Sales		
	Total Income	\$ 54,342.00	\$ 45,504.59

10010 ALLOWANCES

10011	Grand High Priest	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
10012	Grand King	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
10013	Grand Secretary	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
10014	Jewel Apron & Case	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 464.00
10015	Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
10016	Grand Scribe	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	Total Allowances	\$ 12,450.00	\$ 11,914.00

10020 CHARITIES

10022	Youth Charities:DeMolay	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.00
10022	Youth Charities:Rainbow	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.00
10022	Youth Charities:Job's Daughters	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
10023	Masonic Home	\$ 100.00	
10024	Donation to GHP Charity (RARA)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	Total Charities	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,750.00

10030 MEETINGS

10031	Triennial	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10032	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10033	Summer Assembly	\$ 250.00	
10034	GHP SE Conference	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
10035	Grand King SE Conference	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
10036	Grand Scribe SE Conference	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
10037	Grand Secretary SE Conference	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
	Total Meetings	\$ 3,084.00	\$ 2,834.00

10040 GRAND CONVOCATION

10040	Distinguished Visitors	\$ 500.00	
	Total Grand Convocation	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,170.77

10050 OFFICE EXPENSES

10051	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	
10052	Postage	\$ 600.00	
10053	Rent	\$ 4,000.00	
10054	Telephone	\$ 800.00	
10055	MMS	\$ 600.00	
10056	Computer Expenses	\$ 150.00	
10057	Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00	
10058	Storage	\$ 460.00	
10059	Equipment Replacement	\$ 500.00	
10059a	Bond	\$ 155.00	
	Total Office Expenses	\$ 7,915.00	\$ 7,915.00

10060 PRINTING

10061	General Printing Expense	\$	500.00	
10062	Proceedings	\$	1,000.00	\$ 793.23
10065	Copier Maintenance	\$	100.00	
10066	Printing Expenses			
	Total Printing	\$	1,600.00	\$ 793.23

10070 SALARYS, STIPENDS & PAYROLL TAXES

10073	Office Manager	\$	9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
10074	Office Temporary Help	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Total Salaries, Stipends & Payroll Tax	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

10080 TAXES

10081	Florida Corporation Tax	\$	61.25	\$ 61.25
10082	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$	9,000.00	\$ 8,190.00
	Total Taxes	\$	9,061.25	\$ 8,251.25

10090 SUNDRY

10091	Education & Training	\$	350.00	
10092	Awards	\$	950.00	\$ 667.00
10093	Membership Services	\$	-	
10095	Insurance	\$	50.00	\$ 870.00
10096	Contingencies	\$	2,070.00	\$ 135.00
10096	Contingencies:DI Apron Cases			
10090	Transfer to Correct Payee			\$ 79.33
10099	Web Hosting	\$	200.00	
	Total Sundry	\$	3,620.00	\$ 1,751.33

10100 Miscellaneous

10102	Bank Service Charges	\$	25.00	
10110	Reserves	\$	4,786.75	
	Total Miscellaneous	\$	4,811.75	\$ -

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 54,342.00 \$ 46,379.58

40050 Carryover Funds (To 2023-2024 Budget for 2022-2023 expenses) \$ (874.99)

Income Statement 6/1/2022-5/31/2023**INCOME**

40000 Annual per Capita	\$32,748.00
40011 Other Interest	\$4.74
40012A Other Income	
Incorrect Payee	\$1,246.50
Insurance Refund	\$59.00
Order Of High Priesthood	\$40.00
Reimbursement	\$210.00
TOTAL 40012A Other Income	\$1,555.50
40014 Grand Office -Unused Expenses	\$4,640.30
40020 Annual Convention Income	\$2,436.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$41,384.59

EXPENSES

10010 Allowances	
10011 Grand High Priest	\$3,000.00
10012 Grand King	\$1,500.00
10013 Grand Secretary	\$4,200.00
10014 Jewel, Apron & Case	\$464.00
10015 Grand Treasurer	\$2,000.00
10016 Grand Scribe	\$750.00
TOTAL 10010 Allowances	\$11,914.00
10020 Charities	
10022 Youth Charities	\$1,350.00
10024 Donation to GHP Charity	\$400.00
TOTAL 10020 Charities	\$1,750.00
10030 Meetings	
10031 Triennial	\$1,000.00
10032 District Meetings	\$1,000.00
10034 GHP SE Conference	\$250.00
10035 Grand King SE Conference	\$250.00
10036 Grand Scribe SE Conference	\$250.00
10037 Gr. Sec'y SE Conf.	\$84.00
TOTAL 10030 Meetings	\$2,834.00
10050 Office Expenses	\$7,915.00
10060 Printing	

10062 Proceedings		\$793.23
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TOTAL 10060 Printing		\$793.23
10070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes 10073 Office Manager		\$9,000.00
10074 Office Temp Help		\$1,000.00
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TOTAL 10070 Salaries, Stipends, P...		\$10,000.00
10080 Taxes		
10081 Florida Corp. Tax		\$61.25
10082 Gen. Grand Chapter per Ca...		\$8,190.00
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TOTAL 10080 Taxes		\$8,251.25
10090 Sundry		
10092 Awards		\$667.00
10095 Insurance		\$870.00
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10096 Contingencies		\$135.00
10100 Incorrect Payee	\$79.33	
TOTAL 10090 Sundry	\$1,751.33	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,208.81	
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OVERALL TOTAL		\$-3,824.22

Balance Sheet (as of 5/31/2023)

Bank Accounts		
Life-Perpetual Checking		\$3,893.78
MidFla Grand Chapter Checking		\$29,205.59
MidFla Grand Chapter Savings		\$44,117.73
TOTAL Bank Accounts		\$77,217.10
Asset Accounts		
Admin. Fund Investment Acct	\$	521,983.17
Life-Perp Fund Investment Acct.	\$	465,873.01
TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$	987,856.18
Liability Accounts		
40040 Triennial Fund	\$	(7,334.00)
40050 Carryover Funds	\$	(6,253.27)
40051 Collected Advance Per ...	\$	(36,272.50)
40054 Collected Per Capita for ...	\$	(33,939.00)
40059 Equip. Replacement Fund	\$	(828.19)
40060 Charity Fund	\$	(550.35)
40070 Endowment Fund	\$	(600.00)
Bank Acct -Life-Perpetual	\$	(3,893.78)
Inv. Admin Acct 5-31-2019	\$	(431,134.32)
Inv. Admin- Unrealized Gain-Loss	\$	(90,848.85)
Inv. Life-Perp Acct of 5-31-2019	\$	(379,020.60)
Inv. Life-Perp Unrealized Gain-...	\$	(84,182.41)
TOTAL Liability Accounts	\$	(1,074,857.27)
OVERALL TOTAL		(\$9,783.99)

Convention:

The 2023 Grand York Rite Convention was successful from a financial point of view. The Program Ad Booklet was a significant contributor to income: Sales of ads totaled \$8,380.00 and printing costs were \$1,809.88. I wish to thank the committee for the hard work raising interest in placing ads. The Orlando Marriott Lake Mary did an excellent job supporting the convention. The banquet was well done, we repeated the breakfast buffet option and added a lunch buffet option with prepaid tickets; both ran smoothly and seemed to be well received. The excess of income versus expenses was distributed to the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery: Chapter - \$4,383.41, Council - \$4383.40, and Commandery - \$4383.41.

INCOME/EXPENSE STATEMENT
GRAND YORK RITE CONVENTION ACCOUNT
2023

INCOME	AMOUNT
40021 Convention Registration	12,361.68
40022 Convention Meals	5,500.00
40023 Convention Program Ads	8,380.00
40026 Other Income	6,415.16
TOTAL INCOME	32,656.84
EXPENSES	
50041 Convention Site Billing	4,390.40
50042 Convention Program Ad Printing	1,809.88
50043 Convention Refunds (Business)	260.00
50045 Convention Food	10,675.12
50046 Convention Sundry	1,126.22
50050 Distribution to Grand Bodies	13,150.22
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,411.84
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 1,245.00

Life/Perpetual:

During this term, the Life Perpetual account received \$21,469 in new membership contributions; \$6,120 for Chapter, \$9,704 for Commandery, and \$5645 for Council and an additional \$30 in Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor Certificate purchases. An additional \$11,000 was withdrawn from the Life Perpetual Investment account to cover the payout expenses; \$4,000 from Chapter, \$3,000 from Council, and \$4,000 from Commandery. I intentionally made this year's withdrawal as small as possible due to the downturn in the financial markets. There was an adjustment of \$2020 added as income for payouts that were never cashed. The KTEF funds passed through the account and were forwarded to the Grand Encampment. The difference in KTEF income and payout was a result of fixing the record of 20 members who had made payments, but whose payments had not been sent to the Grand Encampment. This year's payouts were: Grand Chapter - \$16,619.76; Grand Council - \$15,590.10; and Grand Commandery - \$18,622.98. I anticipate needing to make a withdrawal from the investment accounts to fund the 2024 payouts.

<u>Grand Chapter Perpetual Payout 2023</u>	
Chapter	Amount
Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 R.A.M.	-\$901.74
Gainesville Chapter No. 2 R.A.M.	-\$135.00
Keystone Chapter No. 20 R.A.M.	-\$660.76
Palm Beach Chapter No. 24 R.A.M.	-\$244.50
Indian River Chapter No.27 R.A.M.	-\$159.14
Joppa Chapter No.28 R.A.M.	-\$648.47
Lakeland-Winter Haven Chapter No.29 R.A.M.	-\$550.48
Tampa-Cushing Chapter No.3 R.A.M.	-\$888.99
VOIDJackson Chapter No.32 R.A.M.	\$0.00
Sarasota Chapter No.35 R.A.M.	-\$475.67
Clearwater Chapter No. 45 R.A.M.	-\$346.34
Halifax Chapter No. 5 R.A.M.	-\$389.72
Surf Chapter No. 57 R.A.M.	-\$135.00
Highlands Chapter No 64	-\$24.00
Plant City Chapter No. 16 R.A.M.	-\$237.85

Saint Petersburg Chapter No. 31 R.A.M.	-\$442.84
Mount Horeb Chapter No.6 R.A.M.	-\$787.83
Florida Chapter No. 1 R.A.M.	-\$317.65
Bay County Chapter No.39 R.A.M.	-\$120.00
James Yeager Chapter No.62 R.A.M.	-\$75.08
Nassau Chapter No.49	-\$25.00
Putnam Chapter No.9 R.A.M.	-\$87.99
Crestview Chapter No. 40 R.A.M.	-\$242.81
Saint Augustine Chapter No. 17 R.A.M.	-\$247.20
Lake City Chapter No. 38 R.A.M.	-\$67.57
Eureka Chapter No. 7 R.A.M.	-\$333.30
Jericho Chapter No. 11 R.A.M.	-\$5,246.35
Eustis Chapter No. 33 R.A.M.	-\$482.57
Melbourne Chapter No.59 R.A.M.	-\$291.24
Monroe Chapter No. 15 R.A.M.	-\$241.11
Poinciana Chapter No. 50 R.A.M.	-\$134.09
Jackson Chapter No.32 R.A.M.	-\$88.80
Total Payout	-\$15,029.09

LIFE AND PERPEUTAL EXEPNSE STATEMENT
FY 2023

INCOME	AMOUNT
Chapter Appl Fee	\$6,120.00
Commandery Appl Fee	\$9,704.00
Council Appl Fee	\$5,645.00
Eye Foundation	\$30.00
Other Income (Business)	\$13,020.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,519.00
EXPENSES	
Chapter Annual Pay Out	\$15,029.09
Commandery Annual Payout	\$16,897.56
Commandery Eye Fdn Payout	\$630.00
Council Annual Payout	\$14,031.71
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$46,588.36
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$12,069.36

I wish to thank the Grand Chapter Convocation delegates for re-electing me as Grand Treasurer. I will continue to serve and am honored by the confidence the Companions have entrusted in me to manage the finances of this organization.

Fraternally,
 Robert C St John, Jr, KYGCH
 Grand Treasurer

GRAND SECRETARY REPORT

To the Delegates of the 2023 Grand York Rite Convention:

This is the report of the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the fiscal year of June 1, 2022, through May 30, 2023.

At the beginning of the year the Grand Secretary/Recorder was Richard Brooks, whose life came to an end on July 31, 2022, at only 64 years of age. His faithful work in that time included preparing the annual reports to the General Grand Chapter and Council and to the Grand Encampment. However, because he did not have any clerical staff beyond himself, when he died there were many physical and digital loose ends to be found, identified and work completed.

In mid-August, Carl Gilmore was appointed by the Grand Presiding Officers to fill the role of Grand Secretary/Recorder. He undertook the work and hired back the two office assistants who had previously served in the Office and with their diligent efforts found and identified many of those loose ends mentioned above and completed the necessary tasks.

This work included cleaning out the storage unit which was rented some 9 years earlier when Howard Gardner took office and whose rental rate had climbed to \$1,800 per year. The outdated records and cabinets, as well as those in the Office itself, were reviewed and discarded where appropriate. Finally, the paraphernalia from defunct bodies which had been turned over to the Grand Office in the past were advertised to the local Bodies and distributed as requests came in.

The result is that the Office became more organized and has successfully completed within the Constitutional time and budgetary mileposts all of the required tasks, with one exception. The exception is that the Proceedings, while properly completed, was 1 month late in being distributed. Since the work was 2 and ½ months late in starting, producing, and distributing the Proceedings by the 1st of November was deemed exemplary.

Dues cards with individual members' names preprinted for the Chapter Secretaries and the Council Recorders were produced locally at a savings of around \$2,000 compared with the outside vendor of the

preceding year. This service is intended to make things easier for the local Secretary/Recorders and feedback is both desirable and requested from the membership as to its helpfulness.

Proposed Grand Commandery Resolutions were posted on the GYR website in November 2022, with notice to the Recorders. The same was done for proposed Resolutions for Grand Chapter and Grand Council following their cut off dates in February and March 2023.

Per capita statements were sent out in a timely fashion just after the start of 2023. Collection of payments from the local Bodies was faithfully made and turned over to the Grand Treasurer with reports provided to the Grand Presiding Officers from mid-February on.

Following the change of Officers in local Bodies at the start of 2023, a new Directory, a document of some 60 pages, was assembled and produced. Each of the Delegates here at the Convention should have received a copy at check in.

In February of 2023 a joint meeting of all Committee members was held for the purpose of both Audit and next year's Budgeting. The results of both sets of Committees is published separately. However, the books were found to be properly kept and expenses valid.

Flyers for the Convention Souvenir program were distributed, payments were received and faithfully turned over to the Grand Treasurer.

Similarly, registration documents for the Convention were produced and distributed. Registration and payments were received and recorded, with payments turned over to the Grand Treasurer. Paper booklets showing proposed Resolutions, Budgets and Committee reports were produced and distributed at registration.

Based upon registration, arrangements for meals, event schedule and meeting room assignments were made with the Hotel and published to the local Bodies.

Throughout the year, assistance was rendered to the Grand Presiding Officers, to the local Secretaries and Recorders and to Members, as needed with respect to MMS, change of local Officers, purchase of Rituals, Perpetual Membership, Dispensations and Changes of Bylaws, etc.

In addition, the book of Past Grand Commanders of Florida, first published in Florida some 22 years ago, is being updated to include through the present Grand Commander and when finished will be published on the GYR website, with the permission of the Grand Commander. Thus, all members will have free access to this important facet of our history.

Finally, as the fiscal year comes to its conclusion, the expenses of the Grand York Rite Office are within the Budget approved by the Craft in May of 2022 and in fact were 9% below budget allowances.

Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CE Gilmore". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

*Carl E. Gilmore, KYGCH
Grand Secretary/Recorder*

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
<i>Auditing</i>	Corey Kosciuszko	O. Ben Geiger	Ron Naumowicz
<i>Benevolence</i>	Ken Tutor		
<i>Charters, Dispensations & By-Laws</i>	William Jacobs		
<i>Constitution Review</i>	Harry V Eisenberg	John F Wermann	Jeff Sklet
<i>Distinguished Guests</i>	John F Wermann		
<i>Grand High Priest Charity (RARA)</i>	Harry V Eisenberg	ALL DDGHP	John Gray
<i>Grand Convention Souvenir Program</i>	John Lewis	ALL DDGHP	
<i>Masonic Relations & Blue Lodge Reps.</i>	Charles Harper	ALL DDI	
<i>Membership</i>	James Robertson	Thomas Olsen	Henry Adams
<i>Budget & Finance</i>	Henry Adams	Thomas Olsen Rusty Ludlam	Robert C. St John Grand Recorder BOTH ex-officio
<i>Committee On Work</i>	Chas Jordan	Thomas Metcalfe	Corey Kosciuszko
<i>Convention Board</i>	Gene Lance	John Gray Sheldon Arpad	Ex Officio: Carl Gilmore Robert St. John
<i>Investment</i>	Robert St John	Wm. Lee Popham	
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	John F Wermann	William Jacobs Darryl D'Angina	James Robertson Glenn E Chandler Snr
<i>Registration, Returns & Credentials</i>	Grand Secretary		
<i>Legal Advisor</i>	Dennis Barbarisi		
<i>Youth</i>	Arthur J Ahrens		
<i>Necrology</i>	Ken Tutor		
<i>Thanks</i>	Garry Paxinos		
<i>Unfinished Business</i>	James F Robertson		
<i>Education</i>	John Donohoo	ALL DDGHP	
<i>Printing</i>	Grand Secretary		
<i>Triennial</i>	John Gray		

Audit

The records of the Grand Treasurer for the period of the 2022-2023 Capitular year were examined by Ron Naumowicz and myself at the Grand York Rite Office in Tampa on Saturday, February 18th, 2023.

A thorough review of each warrant and the related entries into the financial records of the Grand Chapter was completed. All checks and EFT transactions were accounted for in a review of the bank statements. The Grand Treasurer's records were found to be a true and accurate accounting of the Grand Chapter's funds.

As a recommendation as more transactions move from check to EFT which do not produce a cancelled check to easily compare to the warrant a printout for each EFT transaction would make it easier to match the warrant to the electronic funds transaction.

The committee would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to server the Grand Chapter in its capacity this year.

Fraternally Submitted,
Corey D. Kosciuszko
Grand Scribe

Benevolence

There were no requests for assistance reported to the Grand York Rite or directly to me.

Local chapters may have had requests from their Companions, widows or orphans. Our chapters continues supporting their communities, local charities and RARA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth Tutor
Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Benevolence Committee Chairman

BUDGET and FINANCE

The Budget for the Most Excellent John Gray was approved by the Craft during the 2022 Florida Grand York Rite Convention. The budget was largely based on the previous years budgets and expenses and income reflected their in. All monies expended fell within the budgets dictated. Much of the travel was completed as in a normal Capitular year.

This Committee was not called upon nor were any issues brought forth that required this committees attention. The Committee would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest John Gray, for appointing us to this important committee, for the year 2022-2023.

Fraternally,
Henry A Adams, Chairman
Thomas Olsen
Rusty Ludlum

Charters, Dispensations & By-Laws

Nothing to report for the 2022-2023 Capitular year.
Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Jacobs, MEPGHP, Chairman

Committee on Work Report

Committee on Work and District Instructors Activity Reports:
District Instructors reported over 19 district schools of instruction performed this year. Areas covered in these schools included:

- Peculiar Stone
- Chapter Opening and Closing
- Reception of Dignitaries
- Appropriate Chapter Room Setup
- And more!

These schools were well received by those Districts that participated. Unfortunately, not every district presented a school of instruction in the previous year, and incoming instructors are reminded that this is required as per the Constitution for the District Deputy Grand High

Priests and District Instructors to implement during the program year.

Reports on Fervency & Zeal Presentations:

Three (3) Fervency & Zeal Presentations were recorded in this year:

- Clearwater Chapter No. 45, RAM to Brotherhood Lodge in Brooksville, Florida
- Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, RAM to Pace Lodge
- Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, RAM to Cantonment Lodge

Questions proposed to the Committee on Work:

Question: When, specifically, should companions come to the Sign of Fidelity, maintain the sign, and then drop said sign as it relates to the altar and bible? [Is it done when the officer is reverently walking toward the altar and maintained through opening or closing, and then dropped when he has completed his backward reverential steps before returning to his place? Does it begin when he kneels, is maintained through opening/closing, and then dropped once he rises to his feet? Or does it begin when the pages of the bible are opened, maintained through the placement of implements, and then dropped at some point thereafter (rising to feet, reverential backward steps, etc.)

Response: The Committee on Work has reviewed this question and responds that the sign of fidelity must be held once Principal Sojourner advances to the altar and as he backs away from it. Once he hits the marching line that is behind the altar, the sign should be discontinued. To put it another way, when Principal Sojourner enters the “Altar’s Space”, the sign of fidelity should be given.

Florida Chapter Ritual Manual:

For the past twelve months, the Committee on Work has been diligently working to develop a consolidated Ritual Manual for the Chapter degrees and ceremonies performed by Constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Florida. This document includes all the ceremonies previously included in the Appendix D document, the red book published by the General Grand Chapter, Fervency & Zeal, Peculiar Stone, the Essentials, and the Key Lecture. This consolidated manual will be reviewed for potential

distribution by the outgoing and incoming Grand High Priest for use by the Grand Chapter. The committee chairman thanks all members of the Committee for their diligent work in developing this document and especially Excellent Companion Josh Schutts who led the development of the final version and its design.

Proficiency Cards Issued at Grand Convention:

White Proficiency Cards (Opening and Closing of Chapter):

- Jeffrey Meister, Sr.
- Todd Connor
- Raymond Brownlee

Purple Proficiency Card (Key and Apron Lecture of the Royal Arch Degree):

- Anton Geral Eastman

On behalf of our committee members Companions Rusty Ludlam, Corey Kosciuszko, Joshua Schutts, Thomas Metcalfe, and myself, I want to thank M.E. Comp. John Gray, Grand High Priest for this appointment and the ability to serve the Grand Chapter for this year.

Fraternally Submitted,
Charles R. (Chas) Jordan, KYCH – Chairman
Rusty Ludlam, KYCH
Corey Kosciuszko, KYCH
Joshua Schutts, Ph.D.
Thomas Metcalfe, KYCH

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

There were two proposed resolutions both dealing with the Grand Secretary. One having him be an ex-officio member of the Jurisprudence Committee, and the second adding this as one of his duties so he attends the Jurisprudence Committee meeting.

It was felt this was necessary as actions needed to be taken by him frequently arise at this meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to chair this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Eisenberg, PGHP, Chairman
Jeff Sklet
John Wermann, PGHP

Distinguished Guests

At this our 176th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M.: E.: John I. Gray had the privilege to receive and introduce to the Companions present many special guests and dignitaries. Some of these most special persons are listed below:

The following Most Excellent past Grand High Priests Richard S. Agster, Arthur J. Ahrens III, Glenn E. Chandler, Darryl D'Angina, James A. Green, Ronald C. Newton, James "Robby" F. Robertson, William R. Jacobs, John F. Wermann, Steven Q. Steele (also Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Alaska), Richard Wolfe. Carl E. Gilmore Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master serving as Grand Secretary/Recorder, Robert St John Most Illustrious Past Grand Master and current Grand Treasurer all representing Florida.

M.:E.: James H. Hodge Past General Grand High Priest, M.:E.: Harry V. Eisenberg Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of Florida and Deputy General Grand High Priest Southeast Region, M.:E.: John F. Wermann Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of Florida and Ambassador near Florida all representing the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Walter D. Waddell Jr. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Mark Bradley Grand Secretary Recorder both representing Georgia, James Hogg Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Alaska, there were 2 past Grand Masters, William J. Thomas of Indiana, Edward E. Smith Jr. Of New York. There were representatives from the General Grand Council, Grand Encampment, several other States, and Washington DC.

It was the presence of these most honored guests that added to the success of our 176th Grand Chapter Convocation. This Committee thanks them for their tireless efforts to improve Masonry in general and the York Rite in particular.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we thank you for the honor to serve you and the craft on this most prestigious Committee and the opportunity to represent you to these outstanding Companions.

Zealously,

John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC, KTCH
Committee Chairman
Arthur J. "AJ" Ahrens III, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
Committee Co-Chairman

Education

It is clear that the effects of the COVID pandemic continue to impact the attendance at our chapter meetings; however, those who attend are met friendly smiling faces, a warm hand shake, and a greeting of how good it is to see you.

Our District Deputy Grand High Priests report that education programs are offered at nearly all stated meeting. Several are using education programs offered by the General Grand Chapter using laptop computers and projectors. The General Grand Chapter Capitular Learning Center is the source of many YouTube videos and courses that our chapters in Florida are using on a regular basis. In addition to historical content, the series of courses offered include Capitular Degree Overview, Advanced Leadership and Governance, annual program planning, membership development, and chapter branding concepts.

Additionally, the Peculiar Stone Skit is being used not only as a membership development tool, but serves to provide a bit of education and background leading up to the Mark Master Degree. Such programs offer camaraderie among the companions involved in the skit, and provide a better understanding as candidates embark upon the journey of reaching the long sought capstone of Freemasonry.

I wish to express my gratitude MEC John Gray for his leadership in promoting education in our jurisdiction and continuing his support of the General Grand Chapter and its offerings.

Fraternally,

John H. Donohoo, Chairman, GM1V

THE GRAND HISTORIANS LECTURE

~ Arks in Capitular Masonry ~

Compiled by Glenn E. Chandler, Snr., MEPGHP

Ex. Grand Historian for Grand Chapter RAM of FLA 2022-2023

May 22, 2023, A.D., 2553 A.I.

In the Royal Arch Degree there are three arks of Masonry symbolized in the passing of the veils. The Second Veil has the Ark of Refuge or Safety, said to have been constructed by **Shem, Ham, and Japheth** under the supervision of Noah at the time of the flood, or as it is usually known, Noah's Ark; The Third Veil has the Ark of the Covenant, constructed by **Moses, Aholiab and Bezaleel**. And the Fourth Veil has the Substitute Ark brought to light by **Jeshua, Zerubbabel, and Haggai**. Also known as the Ark of Deposit, which is assumed to have been present at the building of the second Temple. It was a representation of the original Ark of the Covenant, and although the Shekinah, the divine glory of Israel, had vanished, yet this Ark was still a symbol of Divine presence and guidance, and it is this Ark that is associated with the legends of the Royal Arch and Select Master Degrees.

An additional ark that is mentioned in our Volume of Sacred Law is Moses' Ark, which was a basket-like structure of leaves and sticks, with pitch and tar to make it watertight. The baby Moses was set adrift in the reeds of the Nile by his mother at the age of three months. **According to Josephus**, the Jewish Historian, his birth was foretold to Pharaoh by Egyptian magicians and to his father in a dream.

I have always been curious about the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth being mentioned along with the 2nd Veil. Neither Noah or his sons have a place in the Capitular Ritual that we currently use.

In the past we have talked about the Shekinah and the Sanctum Sanctorum, but we have not revealed much about the moving of the Ark of the Covenant

to Solomon's Temple as well as the Dedication of the same. In the seventh month of the year 977 B.C., the glorious day of Dedication arrived. The time was the Feast of the Tabernacle. Israel sent forth her thousands, The Ark was brought from its resting place and the great procession began its march to the Temple, with Solomon leading the procession. First were the twelve Princes of the Tribes, then came the Elders, seventy in number. Then the Priests, sounding their silver trumpets, followed by the Levites bearing the sacred Ark of the Covenant, and all the Holy Vessels that had been in the tent at Mount

Ophel. The distance traveled was about half a mile. The procession moved with great deliberation and at every six paces an ox and a fatling were sacrificed. The course was strewn with sacrificial blood, rendering the ground moist, says **Josephus**, from the sacrifices and drink offerings. The scriptures say the sheep and oxen sacrificed could not be numbered.

With these elaborate and solemn ceremonies, the Ark was brought to the Temple and conveyed by the Priests to its resting place in the Holy of Holies at its western side between the wings of the Cherubim. The vast concourse of people assembled in the great courts. The Priests came forth from the Holy Place, and the Levites which were singers arrayed in white robes, with cymbals, psalters, and harps, stood on the east side of the Altar and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding trumpets, and they praised the Lord saying: "For He is good, for his mercy endureth forever." Then was the House of the Lord filled with a cloud so that the priests could not stand to minister for the glory of the Lord had filled the House.

Solomon then addressed the congregation and when he had finished, he ascended the brazen scaffold and, kneeling, stretched forth his hands in prayer, invoking God's blessing upon his people Israel. And when Solomon had made an end of praying, behold, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices; the Shekinah of the Eternal filled the Temple, and the voice of his thunders told the faithful that their labors were approved. This magnificent structure was founded in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon, on the second day of the month **Zif**, (April-May) being the second month of the sacred year. **Josephus informs us** that, although more than seven years were occupied in building it, yet during the whole term, it did not rain in the daytime, that the workmen might not be obstructed in their labor. Thus, were fulfilled the hopes of the devout Israelites, and thus was given to the world a profound religious symbolism that shall endure throughout all coming time.

Of all the degrees in Freemasonry, the Most Excellent Master is the only one that deals with the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. In other degrees we find the characters working on the Temple, repairing it, and planning for it, but the Most Excellent Master Degree is the only one carrying the story of its completion and dedication. The degree is considered mostly an American creation by historians. Capitular Masonry in England and Scarlet Masonry in Ireland do not make use of this degree. I recently discovered that author Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey made a pilgrimage to the Grand Chapter of Florida's Annual Convocation during the month of January in 1852. On

Wednesday, the fourteenth he installed the Grand Chapter Officers and afterwards, exemplified the Degree of Most Excellent Master in its entirety.

Of course, he did this by himself as he was a know it all that knew it all when it came to Freemasonry. An unanswered question is whether Floridian Companions were already using the degree or just not performing it accurately. How impressive it must have been to attend a School of Instruction done by Dr. Mackey! I highly recommend that you checkout his 1858 volume of Monitorial Instructions titled “The Book of the Chapter.”

Regarding the Ark of the Covenant, it is surprising that there is no mention of it in the Florida Adopted Work or Monitorial Lectures for the Symbolic Lodge. After all, the Temple was built as permanent resting place for the Ark of the Covenant.

In closing, it seems appropriate to use the “Charge to the Chapter” written by Dr. Mackey to be used at the conclusion of the Installation of Chapter Officers.

Companions: May your Chapter become beautiful as the temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as its most holy place. May your *offerings* of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approval of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support: may you be endowed with every good and perfect gift, while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the veil of heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal. So mote it be.

Companions, thank you for your attention.

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Homecoming

On April 29th, 2023, District No. 2 and No. 3 hosted a Grand York Rite Homecoming in honor of the elected leaders of all three York Rite Bodies:

Most Excellent John I Gray Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

Most Illustrious Gene A. Lance Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

Right Eminent Sheldon Arpad Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida

This honoring was held at Niram Lodge No. 188 in St Petersburg Florida. There was much fellowship, and a wonderful dinner was served.

Companion and Sir Knight, John Donohoo, DDGC of District 1. Gave an interesting and entertaining paper which was enjoyed by all. Our Grand Secretary/ Recorder Carl E. Gilmore was the Master of Ceremonies introducing all special guests. The honorees of the night were introduced and given the opportunity to make comments. It was a great night for York Rite Masonry.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, we thank you for the opportunity to serve both you and our Companions.

Zealously;

John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC, KTCH

Grand Marshall Committee Chairman

Jonas Seda, DDGC

Grand Sentinel, Committee-Co-Chairman

Charles "Chuck" Bailey KYCH, Committee Co-Chairman

Jurisprudence

The following final report is being presented for the consideration of all Companions Royal Arch Masons in the Grand jurisdiction of Florida.

The Committee met on Sunday May 21st, 2023 at the Orlando Marriott in Lake Mary Florida to consider the actions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M.:E.:John I. Gray, during his term of office. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Committee Chairman M.:E.: John F. Wermann. Committee members in attendance were My Self as Chairman, William "Billy" Jacobs, Darryl D'Angina, James "Robby" Robertson, Glen Chandler

There were also seven interested Companions observing.

Prior to the business of the Jurisprudence Committee, Rt. Ex. Charles “Chas” Jordan presented a new Florida Chapter of RAM ritual manual. This manual was created by the Committee on Work by consolidating the hard cover red book, soft cover red book, and other ritual manuals being editing as necessary. This new ritual manual contains all the ritual work for the four Royal Arch Degrees. Long form and short form opening and closing of Chapters, Table Chapters and all items in the Royal Arch that requires a ritual in Florida. This is to be presented to the craft at the Mondays session of the Grand Convocation.

The Jurisprudence Committee received many documents generated by M.E. John Gray including Dispensations, Executive Orders, Ruling and Decisions, Warrants, Proclamations and By-Law change requests. We were also charged with reviewing all proposed resolutions forms. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest asked the Committee Chairman to review the Ruling and decision No. 4 issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest’s Preliminary yearend report was received in April 2023 and found to be in order.

There were nine requests for Dispensations. All were in proper form and all of a routine nature. These dispensations, as were all requests made to the MEGHP, processed expeditiously and properly.

There were six Executive Orders issued. These Executive Orders were found to be with-in the scope and authority of the Most Excellent Grand High priest.

There were two Directives issued and found to be with-in the scope and authority of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Seventeen Grand Chapter warrants were issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. All paid expenses were within the approved budget. It is anticipated that the Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida will have surplus at years end.

There were several special communications and proclamations issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to the Companions, reminding them to hold special observance for Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of

July, Flag Day and Thanksgiving. These were found to be in order.

There were four By-Law changes requested and were of a routine nature and were correctly approved.

There were four ruling and decisions issued where the Most Excellent Grand High Priest requested to interpret the Constitution and issued his findings, which was properly done and in accordance with the Constitution.

The committee received two completed single/joint Resolution forms. These Submissions were received timely and processed and distributed as per regulations. Finding them to be in proper form the Jurisprudence Committee will recommend adoption for purposes of balloting. -

There was a discussion concerning the need to place emergency legislation on the floor to allow the Most Excellent Grand High Priest the authority to appoint an assistant Secretary for the Grand Secretary's Office. Reviewing the intolerable situation, the Office went through last year with the unexpected death of our Grand Secretary Richard Brooks. There is a real need for someone to learn all the inner workings of the Grand Office with an eye on them taking charge when our current Secretary, Carl E. Gilmore, retires. The proper mechanics for this motion were discussed so all would be in order and within our Constitution when brought up on the floor for a vote by our Companions.

Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest was most active, traveling many miles, crisscrossing the State of Florida and much of the country. He made more than fourteen official visits representing the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida in a stellar manner.

Most Excellent John I Gray did indeed have an exceptional year representing the Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida. We applaud all of his tireless efforts and dedication to the York Rite of Florida.

The Committee does make a recommendation that all Grand Line Officers both appointed and elected attend all Jurisprudence Committee Meetings in the future.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you and all our Companions.

Zealously and Fraternally;

Darryl D'Angina, Committeeman
Glenn Chandler, Committeeman
William "Billy" Jacobs, Committeeman
James "Robby" Robertson, Committeeman

INVESTMENT

The investments under the oversight of the Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Edward Jones & Co., and presently total \$979,954 as of 31 March 2023, down from \$1,069,599 a year ago. This represents a (08.38%) NET decrease in Grand Chapter invested assets, - after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and after the losses suffered during the past year. There are two major portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2023, the total value was \$524,216 – vs. \$558,292 a year ago, for a decrease of (\$34,076), after the decline in values experienced during the past year. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2022, the total value of this account was \$501,004, vs. \$594,157 at 31 December 2021, for a decrease of (\$93,153), or an (15.67%) investment loss. While our governing documents allow 75% of any annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, the 2022 unrealized losses will preclude our funds from being available for charitable and necessary operating expenditures during 2023.

The original primary goal of the Administrative Account was to put the Grand Chapter in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita dues increases in the future, as this Fund grew. Instead, the funds have been allowed to accumulate. During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account.

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2023, the total value was \$455,739 – vs. \$511,307 a year ago, for a decrease of (\$55,568), after the decline in values

experienced during 2022, and after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual

payments to constituent Chapters. This account has a target investment mix of 50% equities, and 50% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2022, the total value of this account was \$426,666, vs. \$516,434 at 31 December 2021, for a decrease of \$89,768, or a (17.38%) NET investment loss in value, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank the Most Excellent John I. Gray, MEGHP, for allowing us to serve the Grand Chapter this past year.

Courteously and Fraternaly,
RE Grand Treasurer Robert C St John, Jr, Chairman
Wm. Lee Popham Sr., PHP

Legal

While I have had the pleasure of being able to communicate regularly with M. Ex. Companion John I. Gray, perhaps fortuitously, there have been no situations that have arisen wherein he has required any extensive assistance from the Committee.

Therefore, in regard to legal issues, as in other areas, the Grand Chapter has had a successful year.

I wish to thank our M. Ex. Grand High Priest, John I. Gray, for honoring me by appointing me as Chairman of the Grand Chapter's Legal Committee, and giving me the prospect of serving the Grand Chapter.

I remain,
Respectfully & Fraternaly Submitted
Dennis A. Barbarisi
Chairman Legal Committee

MASONIC RELATIONS AND BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Upon our initiation and introduction into Freemasonry within the symbolic lodge, we are taught there is no higher degree than that of the 3rd Degree Master Mason. Even though Royal Arch Masonry is the completion of the 3rd Degree, it should never be considered as a replacement.

In early Freemasonry, the Royal Arch was once considered a part of Blue Lodge masonry. The 2nd Veil in the Royal Arch reminds us of that bond between Ancient Craft Masonry (Blue Lodge) and that of the Royal Arch. This intimate connection should remind all Royal Arch Masons at each opening of a chapter that the Royal Arch is the true extension of the Blue Lodge. Royal Arch Masons must remain dedicated to their Symbolic Lodges while continuing their travels in the York Rite. The true essence of successful membership within the York Rite begins at his inception, as a man begins his journey as an Entered Apprentice. As the initiate walks from the darkness of the outer world, he is educated by his catechism instructor on the principle tenants of freemasonry. It is at this time, in the beginning of the education process, that Royal Arch Masons should introduce themselves and stress the importance of the Royal Arch and its connection to the Ancient Craft. If possible, each Royal Arch Mason should strive to become catechism instructors thereby ensuring each candidates education is complete. Florida Symbolic Lodges are required to have education presented at least once a month. Royal Arch Masons should strive to take this opportunity from the Worshipful Master to educate the craft on the importance and benefits of becoming a York Rite Mason. Royal Arch Masons should emulate the 3rd Veil during their presentations showing the true light, fervency and zeal, and meaning of brotherhood of being a Royal Arch Mason.

I humbly challenge each Royal Arch Mason to integrate himself within the education process of the Blue Lodge so he can make a positive impact on a fellow Brother, becoming mentors, thus inspiring the next generation of Royal Arch Masons.

Zealously submitted,
Excellent Companion
Charles (Chuck) G. Harper II, Chairman
Grand Captain of the Host

Membership

During the current 2022 year the new companions greeted totaled 171. The membership year extends from December 28, 2021 to December 27, 2022. We are starting off the 2023 year with 171 new companions.

Concerns are still apparent in that several secretaries are still not accurately reporting their deaths, suspensions, demits and new members to the Grand Secretary. This makes it difficult to keep accurate numbers.

Beginning Number from 2021	2,782
Total Number Exalted	171
Total Number Affiliated	18
Total Number Reinstated	25
Total Number Add Adjusted	--
 Gain	 214
 Total Number of Deaths	 25
Total Number of Suspended	121
Total Number of Demitted 108	
Total Number Loss Adjusted	--
 Loss	 254
 Net Loss	 (40)
 Final Number 2022	 2,742

Zealously,
James F. Robertson, MEPGHP
Committee Chairman

Necrology

Let us pause for a few moments during this grand convocation to remember and pay tribute to our Companions who have laid down their earthly working tools and passed to the Grand Master Builder this past year. Ninety-four of our Companions have made that eternal step into the great unknown in the trust and faith of our Creator with a firm belief in the glorious Resurrection. Among them were:

- Most Excellent H. Warren Almand, Jr., Past Grand High Priest in 2003;
- Most Excellent William L. Buck, Jr., Past Grant High Priest in 1993;
- Most Excellent William G. Norrie, Past Grant High Priest in 1991; and
- Companion Richard C. Brooks, Grand Secretary for 2022/2023.

Words cannot adequately describe our feeling of loss and mourning for these departed Companions, but their memory will remain a part of our lives

Alas my brothers, you were all good and faithful, enter now into the Joy of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Tutor

Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Necrology Committee Chairman

Order of High Priesthood

The order was performed on the following 18 eligible Candidates:

James E Draeving	Ramon Ramirez
Joseph A. Schoonover	Vassiki Sanogo
Thomas Simpson	Carlos Crispin
Michael D. Sever	Luis Quesada
R. Dean Sever	Mike Leebove
Andrew J. Olshavsky	William Sundquist
Travis Elmore	Juan R. Damas
Harry Bonet	Kieffer W. Lindsey, Jr.
Ronald Hicks	Ray Brownlee

A total of \$880 was collected at registration and transferred to the Order of High Priesthood Organization.

No other report was received from the Organization Secretary.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Total contributions were \$137,143.70 for the 2022-23 year. This was due to several bequests from deceased brothers. This shows the importance of estate planning. This was especially great in lieu of the poor economic conditions in our country, most noticeably the collapse of the stock market. Twenty-five of our thirty-one chapters contributed or 80%. There is no reason that every chapter should not contribute something, no matter how small. With the new standard of \$5/member, 14 chapters were at 100%, or 45%. As we get used to the new standards hopefully more chapters will strive to attain this goal. Even so Florida was first in donations by far in the Eastern section of the country and now ranks second overall of all jurisdictions internationally. We should be proud of this.

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. RARA has committed to \$320,000 between the two charities so we have our work cut out for us.

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

- Keystone No. 20
- Indian River No. 27
- Lakeland/Winter Haven No. 29

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

- Florida No. 1
- Putnam No. 9
- Joppa No. 28
- St. Petersburg No. 31

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

- Surf No. 57

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

- Tampa/Cushing No. 3

The following chapters donated or had donated in its name a minimum of \$5.00 per member:

- Jacksonville No. 12
- St. Augustine No. 17
- Eustis No. 33
- Sarasota No. 35
- Poinciana No. 50

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

- Monroe No. 15

The following chapters donated or had donated in its name a minimum of \$7.00 per member:

- Crestview No. 40

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

- Gainesville No. 2

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$10.00 per member:

- Halifax No. 5
- Mt. Horeb No. 6

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

- Jericho No. 11

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$17.00 per member:

- Eureka No. 7

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$31.00 per member:

- Melbourne

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$1,201.00 per member:

- Clearwater No. 45

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

- Winter Park Lodge No. 239-----\$250
- W.A. Bessenet III, Council 363 AMD-----\$200
- John B. Phelps Y.R. College #31-----\$100
- Grand Chapter of Florida-----\$400
- Order of the High Priesthood-----\$1,003
- Robert Eisenhardt-----\$100
- Richard Brooks-----\$115,298
- John Gray-----\$200
- Harry Eisenberg-----\$800
- Ed Mayfield -----\$500
- James Robertson-----\$200
- Matt Green-----\$500
- Paul Mast-----\$100
- Allen Sorbie-----\$100
- Raymond Patrick Jacob-----\$100
- Charles Harper-----\$1,000

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

- Crestview No. 40 (19)
- Eureka No. 7 (26)
- Gainesville No. 2 (30)
- Jericho No. 11 (5)
- Melbourne No. 59 (10)
- Mt Horeb No. 6 (24)
- Sarasota No. 35 (35)
- Eustis No. 33 (7)

Remember gifts are tax deductible as we are a 501 (c) 3 organization. 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 John Gray for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.
Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, RAM of Florida, State RARA
Chairman
Deputy General Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons Intl SE Region
Brett Gordon, Ph.D.
Joshua Schutts, Ph.D.

Registration, Returns & Credentials

The final report of the Registration, Returns & Credentials committee is as follows:

- 1.) All Chapters have paid their per capita.
- 2.) All Chapters are entitled to vote except the following Chapters, who did not pay their per capita in a timely manner: None
- 3.) All Chapter are represented by either their presence or proxy of a duly elected dais officer, except the following Chapters:
 - Palm Beach Chapter No. 24
 - Lakeland Chapter No. 29
- 4.) The number of Companions eligible to vote is 155, who have been issued cards to indicate such.

MEGHP, this concluded the final report of the Registration, Returns & Credentials Committee. I move the report be accepted and a copy filed with the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,
A.W. Thurman, Chairman
Ronald Naumowicz
Joshua Schutts
Frank Kiefer
Eric Klienbach
Stephen Nelson
Jonas Seda
Gene Sims
Jeff Sklet

<u><i>Royal Arch Masons of Florida (Local Chapters) - Dais Officers and Secretary for 2023</i></u>					
<u><i>Chapter Name</i></u>	<u><i>Chapter No.</i></u>	<u><i>Secretary</i></u>	<u><i>High Priest</i></u>	<u><i>King</i></u>	<u><i>Scribe</i></u>
Florida	1	John Kraniou	Keiffer Lindsey, Jr.	Adrian Dillon	Neils Hesse
Gainesville	2	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.	Vassiki Sanogo	Eric Evangelista	Hillary Cowart, Jr.
Tampa/Cushing	3	Robert St. John, Jr.	Paul Ippolito	Stephn Jacobsen	Peter Cavalli
Halifax	5	Damon Sansom	Paul Foege	Matthew Spence	Bern Spönenburgh
Mt. Horeb	6	William Jacobs, MEPGHP	James Draeving	Robert Ritchie	Bruce Cox
Eureka	7	Manuel Lozada	Jerry Clark	Jose Fernandez	Bobby White, Jr.
Putnam	9	George Preston, Jr.	Michael Leebove	Paul Mast	David Hinton
Jericho	11	Carlos Correa	Luis Quesada	Elicear Mesa	Hector Mirable
Jacksonville	12	Stephen Urban	Jimmy Dorsey	Luis Rios	Mark Balester
Monroe	15	Henry Jehan, Jr.	Carlos Crispin	Edward Ghiglieri	Alexander Ghiglieri
Plant City	16	Larry Gillespie	Jerry Snell, Jr.	Richard Burton	David Anderson
St. Augustine	17	Robert Gagnon	Edward Smallwood	Richard Aeh	Robert Owens
Keystone	20	Garry Paxinos	Harry Bonet	Ken Rodriguez	Alexandru Mirea
Palm Beach	24	Nicholas Harvey	Aldo Vargas	Thomas Krumenacker	Eric Figueroa
Indian River	27	Richard Wolfe, MEPGHP	Andrew Olshavsky	Philip Catchpole	James Joyner
Joppa	28	Paul Friend	Joseph Schoonover	Preston Croslyn	Larry Johnson
Lakeland	29	John Ellis	Anthony Pickren	Thomas Romanishin	William Wyllie
St. Petersburg	31	Donald Harriott	R. Dean Sever	Bruce Ward	Michael Sever
Jackson	32	Jeffery Baxter	Randall Tyre	Charles Sipes	Steven Matthews
Eustis	33	Edward Mayfield, Jr.	Ronald Hicks	Richard Koenig	Randall Brocius
Sarasota	35	John Wermann, MEPGHP	E. Edgar Coles IV	Douglas Dobbs	Paul Ritchie
Lake City	38	Rusty Ludlam	Gregory Lopez	Jasper Lowder	Robert Stewart, Jr.
Bay County	39	Richard Allen, Jr.	Gary Snyder	Woodrow James, Jr.	Bryan Johnson
Crestview	40	John White	Wiley Willoughby II	William Kohnen	Timothy Kennedy
Clearwater	45	Brian Campbell	Dana Oldenburg	Cory Underwood	Jeffrey Mutz
Nassau	49	R. Carl Thorwart	Charles Norwood	Robert Coleman III	Grover Childress, Jr.
Poinciana	50	Eduardo Sanchez	Raymond Brownlee	Adam Saucier	Joseph Setaro
Surf	57	John Lewis	Andrew Fuss	Gordon Harris	James Snow
Melbourne	59	Dayle Schrock	Joseph Crum	Matthew Green	George Goddard
James Yeager	62	Ronald George	Christopher Lanham, Jr.	Ronald Eigenmann, Jr.	Nelson Bruce
Highlands	64	A. Randy Chancey	Thomas Simpson	Kenneth Barefield	Bermon Pritt, Jr.

Religious Affirmation

Per Directive No. 1 ordered on June 10th, 2022, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed all chapters in Florida to hold a religious affirmation day in October or November if needed and to report the same to the RE Grand Scribe by December 15th.

During this year 23% of our chapters reported their religious affirmation event. Three of these were held at a lodge building while the other four were held at a church. These Chapters combined had a total of 106 Royal Arch Masons and family members present.

I sincerely believe these numbers are much higher, but without a report submitted to the Grand Scribe per the directive, I can only report the facts that I have.

I would like to thank the Chapters who submitted their reports in a timely manner and remembered our motto. "Holiness To The Lord".

Respectfully Submitted,
Corey D. Kosciuszko
Grand Scribe

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

The committee thanks our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John Gray; our Most Illustrious Grand Master Gene Lance; and our Right Eminent Grand Commander Sheldon Arpad for the honor to serve our fellow Companions and Sir Knights on this committee.

Happily, most of our ads this year came from our York Rite Bodies and York Rite organizations throughout the state. Their support and creativity are greatly appreciated. We also received a number of youth group ads and support from our vendors.

We also had a great response to Gold Supporter sponsorships from our brothers across the state.

Breakdown of the 2023 Program:

Full Page Ads	30	\$200	\$6,000
Half Page Ads	11	\$125	\$1,375
Quarter Page Ads	4	\$65	\$260
Gold Supporters	63	\$5	\$315
Youth Groups Ads	7	\$0	\$0
Back Cover Ad	1	\$500	\$500
		Estimated Total Revenue:	\$8,450
		Cost of Souvenir Program:	\$1,680
		Estimated Revenue to Grand York Rite for Convention:	\$6,770

Thank you again to all the organizations that supported the Souvenir Program again in 2023!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
 Chas Jordan, KYCH, Souvenir Program Chairman
 John Lewis & Gary Roane, Souvenir Program Committeemen

Table at Grand Lodge

I am reporting on our York Rite information and greeting table that we provided at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida Grand Communication, on May 28th, 29th and 30th, 2023. We had the privilege of having a York Rite table at Grand Lodge. This table was very well received by all. With the assistance of Companion/ Sir Knights Damon Samson, Al Kimble, Carlos Crispin and Roland Yates, we feel this was a success for the York Rite and the Blue Lodge Brothers.

We communicated and distributed Numerous York Rite information such as what is the York Rite, how to obtain membership, degrees and orders that will be conferred, we gave them information on where their nearest York Rite Body is located, meeting dates, upcoming festivals, dues and history. We spoke with dues paying members that have desires to get back involved, members that want to get reinstated. We collected names and information from possible candidates to distribute to their nearest York Rite Body.

We had numerous visits from Blue Lodge and York rite Grand Line Officers. We believe this all went well and hope that this will continue next year.

Fraternally with Brotherly Love,
Companion/Sir Knight
Michael Leebove, Grand Council DDGM

Thanks

No Report Submitted

Triennial

The 2023 Triennial August 12th thru 15th will be held at Branson Missouri, the 72nd General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Triennial 2023, will be August 15th.

There is a Schedule set for Registrations and Tours which can be found on the GGCRAMI web site. Hotel reservations are encouraged to be made NLT July 12, 2023.

Fraternally
John I. Gray, MEGHP RAM of Florida

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for 2022-2023.

Zealously,

James F. Robertson, MEPGHP

Chairman

Youth

Job's Daughters (<https://jobsdaughtersinternational.org>) – There is (according to their web site) a Bethel No. 18 in St. Petersburg. A UD Bethel has been instituted in the Clermont area. Young women from ages 8 – 9 can be a Jobie-to-be, from ages 10 – 19 are Job's daughters.

Rainbow Girls (<http://www.fliorg.org>) – There are multiple Assemblies in Florida. Young woman ages 8 – 10 are pledges, ages 11 – 20 are Rainbow girls.

Masonic affiliation is not required to join either Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters. Both organizations are wonderful organizations to help with Leadership, self-confidence and making life-long friends.

Job's and Rainbow on becoming a Majority member (generally at age 20) are eligible to join the Order of Eastern Star (or with a Masonic affiliation).

Order of DeMolay (<https://beademolay.org/>) – There are many Chapters throughout the state. Young men from age 9 – 11 are called Squiers, 12 – 12 are members and from 17 – 12 can join Priories and become Knights.

Being a member of DeMolay and then joining the Masonic fraternity allows them to continue to assist in DeMolay and become advisors.

DeMolay is a wonderful organization teaching young men, leadership, volunteerism and organization among other skills.

These youth organizations are wonderous groups that help teach young people skills that are extremely useful in life. The lessons learned are invaluable and formative in their character building.

Zealously submitted,

Arthur J. Ahrens, III, MEGHP, Chairman

***Past Presiding Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Florida***

MEPGHP of Florida

1847	Thomas Douglas *	1848	John P Duval *
1849	Issac H Bronson *	1850	Harry R Taylor*
1851	R A Shine*	1852	Thomas Brown*
1853	Samuel Boardman*	1854	J Wayels Baker*
1855	J Wayels Baker*	1856	Thomas Hayward*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	1858	Thomas Hayward*
1859	D P Holland*	1860	Thomas Y Henry*
1861	George F Baltzell*	1862	George F Baltzell*
1863	George F Baltzell*	1864	George F Baltzell*
1865	David Jones*	1866	David Jones*
1867	David Jones*	1868	James Ellenwood*
1869	D C Dawkins*	1870	D C Dawkins*
1871	D C Dawkins*	1872	William Morrill*
1873	Michael Bowes*	1874	Michael Bowes*
1875	Henry W Long*	1876	John S Driggs*
1877	John S Driggs*	1878	Enos Wasgate*
1879	Robert J Perry*	1880	Robert J Perry*
1881	William A McLean*	1882	William A McLean*
1883	George S Hallmark*	1884	William E Anderson*
1885	William E Anderson*	1886	Angus Patterson*
1887	Angus Patterson*	1888	Marcus Endel*
1889	Marcus Endel*	1890	J W Boyd*
1891	T S Wilmarth*	1892	Irving E Webster*
1893	Silas B Wright*	1894	William M MacIntosh*
1895	John H Stevens*	1896	William H Jewell*

1897	Warren Tyler*	1898	Wilbur T Webster*
1899	James Carnell*	1900	E E Haskell*
1901	A M Cushman*	1902	J R Wetherell*
1903	T G Hutchinson*	1904	Louis C Massey*
1905	Olin S Wright*	1906	Joseph R Keller*
1907	William S Ware*	1908	John H Weddell*
1909	Samuel Pasco*	1910	T Picton Warlow*
1911	F B Stoneman*	1912	Robert McClellan*
1913	H N Sweeting*	1914	John M Cadwell*
1915	Will C Andress*	1916	William R O'Neal*
1917	D B Palmer*	1918	Charles H Ketchum*
1919	W V Carter*	1920	Henry O Snow*
1921	John L Hall*	1922	Ralph J Kishpaugh*
1923	Ely P Hubbell*	1924	Earl L Wirt*
1925	T T Todd*	1926	E L Shear*
1927	Carey B Fish*	1928	Riley J McMaster*
1929	John Pasco*	1930	Stafford Caldwell*
1931	Alex B Steuart*	1932	William B Greer*
1933	R P Buckmaster*	1934	Archie Aitchison*
1935	George A Dame*	1936	Cleveland R Home*
1937	J Lloyd Head*	1938	John B Phelps*
1939	Jessie C Clark*	1940	Dorsey H Rutter*
1941	Frederic A Riegel*	1942	William L Marshall*
1943	J E Herring*	1944	George A Lambe*
1945	George A Lambe*	1946	Harry R Thompson*
1947	Loren L Dilger*	1948	David M Winans*
1949	Leslie C Bortle*	1950	Carl H Papier*
1951	Orville A Clark*	1952	Richard Houghton*
1953	Wilbur W Masters, Jr.*	1954	Thomas E Dickenson*
1955	A C Blount*	1956	Herman J Wendland*

1957	William J Abram*	1958	Charles W Arnold*
1959	J Robert Moore*	1960	L Earl Curry*
1961	James A Winfield*	1962	Ray H Schmidt*
1963	Martin N Gerhard*	1964	Henry A Brosnahan*
1965	Roy R Wright, Jr.*	1966	Lofin D Chiles*
1967	Russell W Houston*/ James W MacDonald*	1968	Harold L Beals*
1969	Floyd M Crippen*	1970	William J Hofheinz*
1971	Walter Winchester*	1972	Woodrow W Cash*
1973	Edward H Baxter*	1974	Earl G Nicholson*
1975	Richard I Lanier*	1976	James W Oder*
1977	Joseph C LeSuer*	1978	Duane B Young*
1979	J Fred Wilson*	1980	Henry C Bengel*
1981	Thomas E McGowan*	1982	Wendell D Harrington*
1983	William A Cogburn	1984	Franklin C Smith*
1985	Floyd Zeigler*	1986	Gary Brent Cull
1987	J Russell Hammond*	1988	Vernon H Miller*
1989	R Earl Shiver*	1990	Russell W Wells*
1991	William G Norrie*	1992	Ewell J Langdale, Jr.*
1993	William L Buck, Jr.*	1994	William O Walker*
1995	Harry R Davis	1996	Harvey L Ward, Sr.
1997	Frederick R Young*	1998	Leslie H Scott, Jr.*
1999	David C Wilkinson*	2000	Virgil P Brown, Jr.*
2001	Wayne E Parks	2002	Steven Q Steele
2003	H Warren Almand, Jr.*	2004	Glenn E Chandler, Sr.
2005	William F Wylie	2006	Michael A Padron, Jr.
2007	Daniel E Dale*	2008	James P Rudman*
2009	Darryl A. D'Angina	2010	Anthony J Marotta, Jr.**
2011	Robert G Kirkpatrick	2012	John G. Allen * / John F Wermann
2013	John F Wermann	2014	William R Jacobs

2015	Richard A Wolfe	2015	Luther Bodiford ++*
2016	Charles Robert Cooper	2016	Richard S Agster ++
2017	Ronald C Newton	2018	Harry V Eisenberg
2019	James A. Green	2020	Arthur J. Ahrens
2021	James F. Robertson		

*Denotes Deceased

++ Denotes Honorary

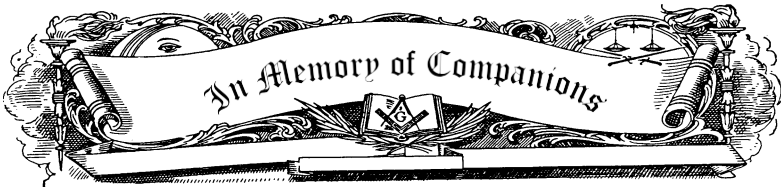
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At the 1967 Election of Officers, a motion was made and carried by unanimous ballot that Russell Wilson Houston be elected ME Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. After ME Companion Houston was installed, he called for another election and RE Companion James Wesley MacDonald, Grand King, was elected ME Grand High Priest.

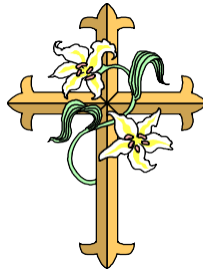
ME Companion John Garland Allen, MEGHP, died in office, June 23, 2012. RE Companion John Francis Wermann, Grand King, was installed as ME Grand High Priest on June 23, 2012 and served the remainder of the 2012-13 term. ME Companion Wermann was re- elected and served as MEGHP for the 2013-2014 term.

<u>Defunct Chapter Listing</u>						
CHAPTER	NO	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
ST. JOHNS	4	1884	2007			MERGED WITH HALIFAX # 5, DEC. 2007
DADE CITY	8					
KISSIMMEE	10			1936		
OCALA	13		2018			
INVERNESS	14			1936		
MANATEE RIVER	18		2018			MERGED WITH SARASOTA 35
LAKE BUTLER	19		1969			MERGED WITH LAKE CITY # 38, Dec. 1969
ISLAND	21			1918		
THOMAS BROWN	22	1871				
CHIPLEY	23		1932			
JEFFERSON	26			1966		
GADSDEN	30		1967			MERGED WITH FLORIDA # 1 IN 1967
LEESBURG	34		1991			
ARCADIA	36			1932		
WALTON	37		1928			
PROVIDENCE	38			1939		
BAY COUNTY	39			1933	1945	
WINTER HAVEN	41	1922				
HIGHLANDS	42		1978			MERGED WITH WINTER HAVEN #41. 1978
MELBOURNE UNION	43			1936		
PERRY	44			1933		
OKEECHOBEE	46		1932			
DADE (Homestead)	47		1930			
DUVAL	48	1922	2017			CONSOLIDATED WITH JAX #12
NASSAU	49	1901		1935	1943	

(Fernandina)						
NEW SMYRNA	51			1936		
ORANGE (Winter Garden)	52	1930	1930			
DELRAY	53		1932			
MD CUSHING	54		1967			MERGED WITH TAMPA #3 IN 1967, BECAME TAMPA-CUSHING NO. 3
HILL CITY	55		1971			MERGED WITH DADE CITY #8, DEC. 1971
ST. JOSEPH	56		1981			MERGED WITH BAY COUNTY #39 IN 1981.
HIRAM (Miami Shores)	58			1959		U.D. in 1954, (1959 Proc)
SHOWN AS # 60	60		1965			MERGING WITH #11 in 1965.
CANAVERAL	62		1967			MERGED WITH INDIAN RIVER #27 1967
EDEN	63	1986				
CHALLENGER	66	1998				
EVERGLADE	67	2006	2018			
ISLAND	65		2021			



*Of this and other Grand Jurisdictions who have passed
on to the Eternal Reward in
2022-2023*



*Most Excellent William G. Norrie, Past Grand High Priest
1991*

*Most Excellent William L. Buck, Past Grand High Priest
1993*

*Most Excellent H. Warren Almand, Jr., Past Grand High Priest
2003*

*Right Excellent Richard C. Brooks, Grand Secretary
2021-2022*

We Fraternaly Dedicate This Page

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Henry A. Adams

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

2023-2024



Henry A. Adams Resume:

Masonic Organizations:

SE Department Commander, Grand Encampment KT of USA,
2015-2018

Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Encampment, 2015

Grand Masters Advisory Committee, 2018-

Jurisdictional Deputy for the Honors College, 2015-present

Grand York Rite Body of Tennessee, Honorary Member 2013

Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Honorary Member, 28 March, 2018

Grand York Rite of the District of Columbia, Honorary
Membership, 2015

Grand Representative, Grand Chapter, 2014

Grand York Rite Body of Mississippi, Honorary Member 2013

Grand York Rite Body of Georgia, Honorary Member 2013

KYCH, Honorary Member, 2016

Grand York Rite Body of Louisiana, Honorary Member 2012-2015

Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina, Honorary Member, 15
March 2010

Anchorage York Rite Bodies, Life Member February 2012

Anchorage Lodge #17, Life Member 15 December 2011

Anchorage KYCH, Priory 63, Life Member, 1 March 2018

Anchorage York Rite College, March 7, 2019

Anchorage Council, AMD #444, 2023

Grand Representative from FL to Alaska, (Grand Commandery)
2014

Grand York Rite Body of North Carolina, Honorary Membership
2011

Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Honorary Membership, 28 March
2018

Grand York Rite Body of Alabama, Honorary Membership 22
February 2010

Grand Commandery of Delaware, Honorary Membership, 10
March, 2018

Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Honorary Membership, 17 Sept
2018

Grand Commandery of Virginia, Honorary Membership, 4 May
2018

Grand York Rite of Florida, 1999

Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Florida, 2014

Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter RAM of FL, 22 May 2023

Cocoa York Rite Bodies, 27 January 2010

Lawtey York Rite Bodies, 2009

Melbourne York Rite Bodies 2002
Chapter, Perpetual Member 2005
High Priest 2005 and 2007
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 2014
Council, Perpetual Member 2006
Illustrious Master 2006 and 2010
Commandery, Perpetual Member 2004
Eminent Commander 2004 and 2009, 2016
DDGC 2005
Pensacola Commandery No. 1, 2013, Honorary Member
Springtime Commandery, Clearwater, Honorary Member, 25 Sept
2014
Miami York Rite Bodies 2000
KYCH, Miami Priory #10, Life Member 21 April 2012, Prior,
2018-19
Prelate, 2015-2016
General Grand Chapter, RAM,
Chairman, Committee on General Purposes, 2017-2020, 2020-2023
Chairman, Sub-Committee on Constitution, 2017-2020
Regional Representative, RARA, Eastern US, 2019-
Triennial Registration Committee, 2020
Grand Chapter of FL- Bronze Award for Distinguished Service,
2018
Silver Award for Distinguished Service, GGCRAMINC, 21 Nov
2020
Grand General Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, Life
Member 15 May 2008
General Grand Chapter, RAM,
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Grand General Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, Life
Member 15 May 2008
General Grand Council,
General Grand Council, Life member, 2013

Blue Lodge, 2000

Beach Lodge #354, Perpetual Member 2005

Worshipful Master 2006

West Broward Lodge 1999, EA 1 November 1999, Fellow craft 6

March 2000, raised 1 May 2000,

demitted 2006.

Scottish Rite, 2000

Scottish Rite, Valley of Miami 2000, demitted to Valley of Orlando 2006

Knights of St Andrews 2010

Other Masonic Organizations:

Allied Masonic Degrees, Space Coast Council 366, 2008

Sovereign Master 2011-2012, Installed Sovereign Master 11 February 2011, AMD Week

Knight Commander, Red Branch of Erie, AMD Week, 15 Feb 2014

Grand Cross, Red Branch of Erie, 2021

Appointed: Honorary Past Grand Sr Deacon, Grand Council, AMD, 15 Feb, 2014

Appointed Grand Superintendent, North FL, 22 Feb 2019 until

Noble Order of Muscovites, 9 Feb, 2018, Masonic Week 2018

Wilber W. Masters Council #322, Honorary Membership, 20 March 2021

North Central Florida Council, #423, Honorary Membership, 21 July, 2021

Knight Grand Cross, Red Branch of Erie, Grand AMD, June, 2021

AMD, Grade 4, 11 Feb 22, AMD Masonic Week

AMD Masonic Week- Washington DC, Registration Committee, 2006 to present

Azan Shrine, Melbourne, FL 2002, Demitted 20 Dec 2018

Legion of Honor, Commander 2005

FSA-LOH, Commander 2011

Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon, Crusader Chapel, Orlando, FL 4 February 2012, Worthy Master in 2021

Provincial Grand Cellarer, 8 July 2017, Reappointed 10 Feb 2021,

Grand Prior, KC (Appointed) 20 May 2022

Fide et Veritas Chapel, #35, Honorary Member, 26 March, 2022

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Tabernacle A, Anchorage, Alaska 2 March 2012, demitted to Spirit of Truth, 2012,

Crestview, FL Spirit of Truth Tabernacle #71 1 December 2012, V E

Preceptor, 4 Dec 2021

Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Grand York Rite Conclave, Lake Mary,

FL 3 May 2004, Life Member

Knight Masons,

Cocoa, Member 2008, Excellent Chief, 2015-2016

Jacksonville, Plural Member, 24 July 2021

Masonic Order of the Bath, AMD Week, Alexandria, VA, Life

Member 13 February 2009

Masonic Order of the 4 Black Llamas, 14 July 2013, Maggie Valley(Tenn)

Masonic Society, AMD Week, Alexandria, VA 9 February 2012

Masonic Society Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Forderatis, FL 27

April 2008, Grade 8 (91217)

Celebrant, 21 May 2016, Secretary. 21 May 2018, Grade IX, Nov 2019

National Sojourners Chapter 366, FL 28 January 2002, Perpetual Member, President 2005 & 2015

Operatives, AMD Week, England, Alexandria, VA, 6 Feb. 2012, Grade 5: 13 Feb. 2022

Order of Athelstan,

AMD Week, Alexandria, VA 6 February 2012, Monroe, NC

FL Court #131, Ft Myers, FL, Past Sovereign Master, 5 Jan 2019

Order of High Priesthood, Grand York Rite Conclave, Lake Mary, FL, Life Member 2006

Secretary, 2022

Order of the Cork, Life Member, AMD Week, Alexandria, VA 12 February 2010

Order of the Anointed Kings, Life Member 14 May 2007

Order of the Silver Trawl, Grand York Rite Conclave, Lake Mary, FL, Life Member 2006

Red Cross of Constantine,

Labarum Conclave, FL 2009, Sovereign, 2022

Miami Conclave, FL 2015

Royal & Imperial Order of the Galluses of Alaska 2 March 2012

Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord (UK), AMD Week, Alexandria, VA, 13 February 2009, 2nd, 3rd, President 2010, 4th Grade(Councilor)

Royal Order of Scotland, Washington DC, 2006

Royal Society of Knights Occidental, AMD Week, Alexandria, VA 11 February 2011, AMD Week

Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor , AMD Week, Alexandria, VA 12 February 2011

York Rite College,

John Bridges Phelps #31, 14 May 2005, Governor, 2020

Appointments:

Grand Representative for Alaska, (Grand Commandery) 2013-Present

Grand Representative to District of Columbia, (Grand Chapter) 2014-Present

Grand Representative to Rhode Island, (Grand Council) 2014-present

Grand AMD, Masonic Week Program Committee 2011-Present

Honorary Grand Sr Deacon, Grand Council, AMD, Feb 20, 2014

Military Organizations:

Military Order of the World Wars:

Miami Chapter, Perpetual Member 1996-2020

Chapter Commander 1998-2000

Region VI Commander 2001

Council of Region Commanders, Chairman 2001

Space Coast-Indian River Chapter, Perpetual Member

Commander 2002 and 2012- present

National Headquarters Staff

Vice Commander in Chief 2002 and 2003

General Staff at Large 2004 and 2005

General Staff Emeritus 2007 to present

Youth Leadership Foundation of Florida:

Instructor 2002 to present

Assistant Director 2006 to 2023

President 2006-2023

Director, FIT Leadership Conference 2006 to 2017

Reserve Officers Associate, Life member 1965

President, Miami Chapter 2000

Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Buenos Aires

2003 to present, Priory of St Joan of Arc

National Military Intelligence Association, Life Member 1992

Association of Foreign Intelligence Officers, Life Member 2001

Military Officers Association of America, Life Member 2001

Association of the United States Army, Life Member 2008

Special Forces Association, Decade Member, Life Member 1975

JFK/Special Warfare Center Memorial Museum Association, Life
Member 2008

Brevard Veterans Council, Life Member 2005

82nd Airborne Association, Life Member 1970

Scottish American Military Society, Life Member 8 August 2002

Combat Medic Association, Life Member, 18 February 2002

Civil Affairs Association, Life Member 1998

Officer Candidate School Association, Life Member 2005

Industrial College of the Armed Forces Association, Life Member 1989

Other Organizations:

National Eagle Scout Association, Life Member 1956

Order of the Arrow, Vigil member

Community:

Code Enforcement Board, Indialantic, FL 2006-present, Chairman 2013
to present

Liberty Bell Museum, Member 2005

Education:

Graduated, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, MEd in Guidance and Counseling 1970

Graduated, University of Miami, BA in History 1965

Graduated, Command and General Staff College, US Army, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Graduated, Industrial War College, Washington, DC 1996

Graduated, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL 1989

Grand Chapter Approved Budget 2023-2024		
40000 INCOME		
40000	Annual Per Capita	\$ 36,270.00
40001	Per Capita Interest	
40010	Exaltations	
40011	Other Interest	
40012	Other Income:Admin Invest. Fund Allowance	\$ 10,895.00
40012	Other Income:Incorrect Payee	
40012	Other Income:Order of High Priesthood	
40012	Other Income:Donations	
40012	Other Income:Reimbursement	
40012	Other Income:Insurance Refund	
40024	Annual Convention	\$ 2,500.00
40021	Grand Office Return	
40030	Ritual Sales	
40050	Carryover Funds	
Total Income		\$ 49,665.00
10010 ALLOWANCES		
10011	Grand High Priest	\$ 3,000.00
10012	Grand King	\$ 1,500.00
10013	Grand Secretary	\$ 4,200.00
10014	Jewel Apron & Case	\$ 1,000.00
10015	Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00
10016	Grand Scribe	\$ 750.00
Total Allowances		\$ 12,450.00

10020 CHARITIES		
10022	Youth Charities:DeMolay	\$ 300.00
10022	Youth Charities:Rainbow	\$ 300.00
10022	Youth Charities:Job's Daughters	
10023	Masonic Home	\$ 100.00
10024	Donation to GHP Charity (RARA)	\$ 400.00
Total Charities		\$ 1,100.00
10030 MEETINGS		
10031	Triennial	\$ 1,000.00
10032	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
10033	Summer Assembly	\$ 250.00
10034	GHP SE Conference	\$ 250.00
10035	Grand King SE Conference	\$ 250.00
10036	Grand Scribe SE Conference	\$ 250.00
10037	Grand Secretary SE Conference	\$ 84.00
Total Meetings		\$ 3,084.00
10040 GRAND CONVOCATION		
10044	Distinguished Visitors	\$ 500.00
Total Grand Convocation		\$ 500.00
10050 OFFICE EXPENSES		
10051	Office Supplies	
10052	Postage	
10053	Rent	
10054	Telephone	
10055	MMS	
10056	Computer Expenses	
10057	Computer Maintenance	
10058	Storage	
10059	Equipment Replacement	
10059a	Bond	
Total Office Expenses		\$ 8,000.00

10060 PRINTING		
10061	General Printing Expense	\$ 200.00
10062	Proceedings	\$ 800.00
10065	Copier Maintenance	\$ 100.00
10066	Printing Expenses	
Total Printing		\$ 1,100.00
10070 SALARYS & STIPENDS		
10073	Clerical Help	\$ 12,000.00
Total Salaries & Stipends		\$ 12,000.00
10080 TAXES		
10081	Florida Corporation Tax	\$ 61.25
10082	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$ 8,500.00
Total Taxes		\$ 8,561.25
10090 SUNDRY		
10091	Education & Training	\$ 350.00
10092	Awards	\$ 950.00
10093	Membership Services	\$ -
10095	Insurance	\$ 870.00
10096	Contingencies	\$ 300.00
10096	Contingencies:DI Apron Cases	
10090	Transfer to Correct Payee	
10099	Web Hosting	\$ 200.00
Total Sundry		\$ 2,670.00
10100 Miscellaneous		
10102	Bank Service Charges	
10110	Reserves	\$ 199.75
Total Miscellaneous		\$ 199.75
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 49,665.00

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<i>Benevolence</i>	<i>Brian Poole</i>	<i>Joshua Schutts</i>	
<i>Budget & Finance</i>	<i>Corey Kosciuszko</i>	<i>Anthony Griffon</i>	<i>Carl Gilmore</i> <i>(Ex-Officio)</i> <i>Robert St. John</i> <i>(Ex-Officio)</i>
<i>Charters, Dispensations & By-Laws</i>	<i>Paul Friend</i>	<i>Darryl D'Angina</i>	<i>Kenneth Tutor</i>
<i>Committee on Work</i>	<i>Chas Jordan</i>	<i>Corey Kosciuszko</i>	<i>John Gray</i> <i>Thomas Metcalfe</i>
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<i>Convention Manager</i>	<i>Carl Gilmore</i>		
<i>Distinguished Guests</i>	<i>Steven Steele</i>		
<i>Education</i>	<i>Thomas Metcalfe</i>	<i>Glenn Chandler, Snr.</i>	<i>All D.I.s'</i>
<i>Grand High Priest Charity (RARA)</i>	<i>Harry Eisenberg</i>		
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