

PRE-PRINTED REPORTS  
OF THE  
**GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF MINNESOTA**



**One Hundred Sixty Second  
Annual Convocation**

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn  
St. Cloud, MN

*David J. Dumonceaux, Grand High Priest*

**June 27  
A.D.2024 ~ A.L.6024**

**2023-2024 Minnesota Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons Officer Line**

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David Dumonceaux

**Grand King**

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**Grand Lecturer / Gr CEO**

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## RULES OF ORDER

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



## **DAVID JOHN DUMONCEAUX, GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2023-2024**

David John Dumonceaux was born on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1964, Easter Sunday, in Madison Wisconsin. He moved with his parents, at the age of 4, to central Minnesota. He attended St. Johns Preparatory School and graduated from St. John's University in 1986 with a BA in German and a minor of Computer Science. He worked in the computer industry for 12 years. After a short hiatus, he started a career in construction. He started out in the residential market building houses with his wife Carol. He switched over to the commercial market and is now the Senior VA Project Manager at Command and Control Construction LLC. He wed the love of his life, Carol Ann, on October 12, 2012. They purchased and currently reside on the family farm where Carol was raised. They have no children together. David has 2 from a previous marriage. They have 1 dog, Finn, a Dachshund, who is their "child" now.

David was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He was Master of Corner Stone Lodge #99 in Fergus Falls in 2015 and is currently the Senior Deacon, Treasurer and Co-LEO for Corner Stone #99. He is also a member of Perham Lodge #157 and is currently the Senior Warden.

He was appointed a District Representative for the Grand Lodge of MN in 2016 and served for 9 years.

He joined the York Rite of Fergus Falls in 2013. He was exalted and Greeted in 2013 and was knighted in 2014. He has served as High Priest (2017), Illustrious Master (2018-2019), Eminent Commander (2016-2017) of the York Rite Bodies in Fergus Falls.

He has received the Distinguished Service Medal -Bronze and is a Knight of the Royal Arch. He has received the Cryptic Mason of the year award and is a Thrice illustrious Master. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple award. He has received the KYCH degree and currently holds 2 grand quadrants.

He was appointed to the Grand Commandery Line in 2016 by REGC Jim Luchsinger. He was Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of MN in 2022-2023.

He was appointed to the Grand Chapter line in 2017 by GHP Joseph Anderson. He is currently the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of MN.

He was appointed to the Grand Council Line in 2021 by MIGM Brian Dimatteo. He is currently the Grand Steward.

David is also active in many of the appendant bodies and chair degrees. He is the Worthy Patron of Golden Rod Chapter #61 and a Past President of Birak Shine Club and the Birak Kar Kor. He is a member of AMD, Knight Masons, UCCofE, HRAKTP Past Commanders Association, Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Order of the Silver Trowel, order of Past High Priests, and Lotus. He will join the York Rite College in the fall.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

Most Excellent Companions, Right Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and Companions all:

It has been my honor and privilege to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as the Grand High Priest for 2023-2024. As I was contemplating writing this report, I started wondering how I could best express my sincerest gratitude to the Companions of MN, and how humbling this experience has been. I reviewed my travels, dispensations granted, and the other duties, obligations, and requirements of the office with which I was tasked, and realized that, when looking back on this year, it was a successful, fulfilling and rewarding term as Grand High Priest. It was also an enormous amount of work! I looked back to my report as the Grand King to see if I had done what I said I was going to do. Hindsight is always 20/20. I said I would not have a controversial agenda. Royal Arch Masonry in MN would keep moving forward, and we as Grand Chapter would put more of a focus on education. This I believe we have done. I believed that if you provide relevant and meaningful education, on a consistent basis, the membership "issue" would fix itself. I believe we are turning the corner. Thank you to the Companions of MN for pushing forward and making this long journey to more understanding, a positive worthwhile and meaningful experience this year for all of us.

Highlights of my term were:

- a) Attendance at the General Grand Chapter Triennial. I was afforded the extreme honor and privilege of carrying the flag of Minnesota in the flag parade during the opening ceremonies of the Triennial. I kind of felt like I was in the Olympics. If you ever get a chance to go to a Triennial, I highly suggest it.
- b) We had a successful Royal Arch festival. 36 new Royal Arch Masons were exalted. There were a few hiccups during the festival, but overall, it was a very successful day. The Grand Officers had a good debrief session and many good suggestions were received.
- c) Watching several chapters start to come back to life or continue to expand. Our traveling charter on the iron range seems to be working. Iron Range Chapter #70 continues to grow with a large showing at the Royal Arch Festival. They are starting to put on their own degrees. Fairmont Chapter #50 is becoming active. They have held elections and are now meeting regularly. They are practicing for the Mark Master degree in their chapter. Thank you to the Companions from that area.
- d) I was able to travel to many of the chapters in the northern and central parts of the state before my health and my work had me slow down for a bit. I am hoping to finish strong in this last month of my term.
- e) I was able to travel to many the North Central Grand York Rite Sessions. It is always a pleasure to meet new Companions and renew the friendships that have been made over the years. Watching their officers progress through the lines and observe firsthand their enthusiasm for the York Rite in their state is a distinct pleasure for me.
- f) Promoting Royal Arch Masonry. Talking about RAM is one of my purest pleasures. Seeing the excitement generated and that sheer pleasure when they are exalted to the sublime degree of the Royal Arch. The enlightenment found is palpable.

- g) Watching the York Rite emissary program get its wings and start to take flight. Thank you to MEC Jim Luchsinger and his committee for making this happen.

Lowlights of my term were:

- a) Winona Chapter #5 merging with Halcyon Chapter #8. While it is a good thing that these companions still have a place to go, it saddens me to see old chapters, like this, have to give up their charter. We do what we can to survive.
- b) Watching several of the chapters in our state struggle with their membership and not being able to open a convocation.
- c) Receiving a request from Northern Chapter #82 of Thief River Falls to merge with another chapter. The closest chapter to them is Fergus Falls #27.

My Companions, my work as Grand High Priest is almost completed. I want to thank all the Grand Officers who accompanied me on this journey, worked doing the business of the Grand Chapter of MN and diligently promoting Capitular Masonry around the state and in their own lodges. Should tradition prevail, I want to wish Right Excellent Companion Micheal Hilgert all the best in his upcoming year. Lastly, I want to thank MEC Joseph Anderson for his year as Grand Secretary/Treasurer. MEC Joe, your outstanding service, diligence, patience, counsel, friendship, and willingness to serve has made my time as the Grand High Priest of MN truly excellent and I it most appreciated.

Again Companions, it has been my pleasure to serve as the Grand High Priest for the 2023-2024 Capitular Year. May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless each one of you and keep you until that glorious day when we are each summoned to attend that supreme Convocation in the heavens.

Holiness to the Lord!

*David J. Dumonceaux*

David J Dumonceaux  
Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of MN

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

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

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024, is attached. We ending the term with a net gain of \$1,297.99. We had a good turnout with the interest from the Life Membership program and interest in the RBC Investment fund that was deposited. There were three Chapters that did not pay their annual per-capita at the time this report. Among those, only one Chapter did not turn in a report. Pretty good year.

The Trustees allocated Life Membership earnings of \$14,450.96 for 2023 which is up slightly from the previous year. The distribution process to the Chapters was modified a few years ago. In the past, the Chapters had to pay per capita on all members. Later they would receive the per capita for the life members from the earnings distribution. This placed a financial burden on some Chapters. Now the Chapters only pay per capita on regular members. The per capita for life members is deducted from the life member earnings before the distribution to the Chapters. This process is appreciated by the Chapters. The Grand Chapter is authorized to take 5% of the earnings for administrative costs of the Life Membership Program. That amounts to \$722.55 this year. We did not take that fee but left it to be distributed to the Chapters. The earnings are allocated to the Chapters based on the amount of funds they have in the program. If there is not enough allocated to the Chapter to cover the Life Member per capita, the Chapter is not penalized and the Grand Chapter does not receive the full amount of Life Member per capita. See the attached charts for the allocation and distribution of these funds.

See the Finance Committee Report for the proposed budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 3, 2024, and found to be in good order. See attached report.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer



**EXPENSES GRAND CHAPTER  
JUNE 1, 2023 - MAY 31, 2024**

EXPENSE	COST
OFFICE RENT	\$2,538.00
2023 TRIENNIAL STIPEND GHP	\$900.00
2023 TRIENNIAL STIPEND GR KING	\$900.00
2023 TRIENNIAL STIPEND GR SCRIBE	\$900.00
CHARITY (JD AND DEMOLAY)	\$1,000.00
GHP YEARLY STIPEND	\$3,000.00
GRAND KING YEARLY STIPEND	\$800.00
GRAND SCRIBE YEARLY STIPEND	\$500.00
STIPEND GRAND SECY/TREAS	\$7,200.00
RA MAGAZINE (DELIVERED QRTLY)	\$2,744.38
RITUAL PRINTING	\$650.00
GRAND OFFICER BADGES	\$104.44
KNIGHT OF THE RA BADGES	\$48.00
PGHP BADGES	\$98.39
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL	\$3,636.00
GENERAL GRAND MM PACKETS	\$150.00
MAILING	\$19.78
DUES CARD PRINTING	\$362.00
CHECK PRINTING	\$68.09
INTERNET WEBSITE	\$400.00
NORTON SOFTWARE	\$166.00
BANK CHARGE	\$35.00
INSURANCE BOND (YEAR)	\$1,273.70
GHP APRON HILGERT (PINWORLD)	\$437.50
PGHP JEWEL DUMONCEAUX (PINWORLD)	\$320.00
LIFE MEMBER ALLOCATION	\$13,927.23
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$42,178.51</b>

**INCOME GRAND CHAPTER  
JUNE 1, 2023 - MAY 31.2024**

INCOME	DEPOSIT
RITUALS	\$1,570.00
CHARITY FUND	\$1,000.00
DUES CARDS	\$240.00
EXALTATIONS	\$615.00
RBC TRANSFER	\$2,700.00
KNIGHT of the ROYAL ARCH	\$40.00
MARK MASTER BOOKS	\$290.00
RBC TRANSFER (GGC Annual +)	\$6,000.00
PGHP BADGES REIMBURSEMENT	\$70.00
CRYPTIC COUNCIL RENT REIMBURSEMENT	\$844.54
RBC TRANSFER (LM Interest)	\$14,450.96
CHAPTER PER CAPITA COLLECTED	\$15,625.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$43,445.50</b>
PROFIT/LOSS TOTAL	<b>\$1,266.99</b>

# LIFE MEMBERS EARNINGS ALLOCATION

	2023 INTEREST BEARING										2023 Y/E TOTALS
	TOTAL 2022	base\$days	q1	q2	q3	add\$days	2023 total\$days	2023 Allocation	q4	TOT23	
#1	81,743.35	29,427,606.00	1,434.67	350.00	289,740.60	29,717,346.60	\$3,288.46	1,784.67	83,528.02		
#2	0.00	0.00	1,314.68		236,642.40	236,642.40	\$0.00	1,314.68	1,314.68		
#5	3,023.87	1,088,593.20	1,314.68		236,642.40	1,325,235.60	\$146.65	1,314.68	4,338.55		
#8	6,260.90	2,253,924.00	657.34		118,321.20	2,372,245.20	\$262.51	657.34	6,918.24		
#9	35,356.00	12,728,160.00	1,314.68		236,642.40	12,964,802.40	\$1,434.66	1,314.68	36,670.68		
#10	16,901.00	6,084,360.00	750.00		439,142.40	6,523,502.40	\$721.88	2,064.68	18,965.68		
#14	8,477.30	3,051,828.00			0.00	3,051,828.00	\$337.71	0.00	8,477.30		
#15	32,480.72	11,693,059.20	657.34		118,321.20	12,156,073.20	\$1,293.93	0.00	32,480.72		
#20	33,438.20	12,037,752.00			0.00	12,037,752.00	\$1,345.16	657.34	34,095.54		
#22	15,151.05	5,454,378.00			0.00	5,454,378.00	\$603.57	0.00	15,151.05		
#27	8,774.90	3,158,964.00	1,972.01		354,961.80	3,513,925.80	\$388.84	1,972.01	10,746.91		
#28	4,489.80	1,616,328.00	1,972.01		354,961.80	1,971,289.80	\$218.14	1,972.01	6,461.81		
#33	7,929.20	2,854,512.00	1,972.01		354,961.80	3,209,473.80	\$355.15	1,972.01	9,901.21		
#50	7,051.60	2,538,576.00	1,972.01		354,961.80	2,893,537.80	\$320.19	1,972.01	9,023.61		
#52	0.00	0.00	657.34		118,321.20	118,321.20	\$0.00	657.34	657.34		
#53	11,892.30	4,281,228.00	657.34		118,321.20	4,399,549.20	\$488.84	657.34	12,549.64		
#60	44,884.10	16,158,276.00	1,972.01		354,961.80	16,513,237.80	\$1,827.32	1,972.01	46,856.11		
#70	1,743.80	627,768.00	1,314.68		236,642.40	864,410.40	\$95.65	1,314.68	3,058.48		
#82	6,475.20	2,331,072.00			0.00	2,331,072.00	\$257.95	0.00	6,475.20		
#86	6,360.95	2,289,942.00	1,972.01		354,961.80	2,644,903.80	\$292.68	1,972.01	8,332.96		
#87	2,196.52	790,747.20	1,972.01		354,961.80	1,145,709.00	\$126.78	1,972.01	4,168.53		
#101	3,091.70	1,113,012.00			0.00	1,113,012.00	\$123.16	0.00	3,091.70		
#133											
#38	1,204.00	433,440.00	-1,204.00		-216,720.00	216,720.00	\$23.98	-1,204.00	0.00		
#41	1,816.40	653,904.00	-1,816.40		-326,952.00	326,952.00	\$36.18	-1,816.40	0.00		
#48	8,930.50	3,214,980.00	-8,930.50		-1,607,490.00	1,607,490.00	\$177.88	-8,930.50	0.00		
#90	4,950.60	1,782,216.00	-4,950.60		-891,108.00	891,108.00	\$98.61	-4,950.60	0.00		
#96	7,420.00	2,671,200.00	-7,420.00		-1,335,600.00	1,335,600.00	\$147.79	-7,420.00	0.00		
	\$362,043.96	130,335,825.60	750.00	120.00	255,600.00	130,591,425.60	\$14,450.96	0.00	1,220.00	\$363,263.96	

FORMULAS    \$ x 360    \$ x 270    \$ x 180    \$ x 90    Total \$    Sum \$ x days    SUM \$DAYS x FACTOR    \$    \$ In 2023    cum \$

2022 factor    0.0001106578    DIST \$SUM \$DAYS    3.98%

# LIFE MEMBER EARNINGS DISTRIBUTION

1	A	B	C	E	F	G	H	I
2			<b>Total Members</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
3								
4	MINNESOTA	#1	206	82	124	2976	3288.46	312.46
5	VERMILLION	#2	16	14	2	48		(48.00)
6	WINONA	#5	18	15	3	72	146.65	74.65
7	HALCYON	#8	40	27	13	312	262.51	(49.49)
8	ST JOHNS	#9	116	75	41	984	1434.66	450.66
9	ST CLOUD	#10	96	62	34	816	721.88	(94.12)
10	AUSTIN	#14	14	6	8	192	337.71	145.71
11	OWATONNA	#15	69	34	35	840	1293.93	453.93
12	KEYSTONE	#20	106	65	41	984	1345.16	361.16
13	ST PETER	#22	67	55	12	288	603.57	315.57
14	FERGUS FALLS	#27	51	40	11	264	388.84	124.84
15	LIVING ARCH	#28	19	8	11	264	218.14	(45.86)
16	CORINTHIAN	#33	56	46	10	240	355.15	115.15
17	FAIRMONT	#50	45	21	24	576	320.19	(255.81)
18	SHEKINAH	#52	52	52	0	0		0.00
19	ARK	#53	40	27	13	312	486.84	174.84
20	COLUMBIAN	#60	104	74	30	720	1827.32	1107.32
21	IRON RANGE	#70	20	19	1	24	95.65	71.65
22	NORTHERN	#82	17	2	15	360	257.95	(102.05)
23	ALEXANDRIA	#86	24	14	10	240	292.68	52.68
24	RUSH CITY	#87	18	13	5	120	126.78	6.78
25	KITSON	#101	17	8	9	216	123.16	(92.84)
26	KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133 UD	38	0	38	912		(912.00)
27			1249	759	490	11760	13927.23	

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES

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

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota present the following report of the Investment, Charity, and Life Membership Funds of the Grand Chapter for the 2022-year.

	2022	2023
<b>INVESTMENT</b>		
Balance on Hand 1/1/2023	242,995.47	246,613.74
Addition King Solomon Chapter Trust Act GF 22	1,311.20	GF 2022
Subtraction * Triennial-Operating	0.00	900.00 (23)
Subtraction * General Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00 DIS 12/15/23
Subtotal	238,306.67	237,913.74
Balance for Interest	237,506.05	237,913.74
Interest Income for 2023	9,107.69	9,475.90
<b>INTEREST INCOME DISTRIBUTED</b>		
Triennial Fund 900 per year (2023) (900)	Bal – 2700 NO TRANSFER	900.00 (23)
King Solomon Trust Income	0.00	0.00
Balance of Interest for 2023	9,107.69	8,575.90
Balance on Hand 12/31/23**	246,613.74	245,589.64
<b>CHARITY</b>		
Balance on Hand 1/1/2023	26311.24	26311.24
Additions	0.00	0.00
Subtractions	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	26,311.24	26,311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	26,311.24	26,311.24
Interest Income	1,008.96	1,047.70
Interest Income Distributed	1,008.96	1,047.70
Balance on Hand 12/31/23	26,311.24	26,311.24
<b>LIFE</b>		
Balance 1/1/23	362,043.96	362,043.96
Additions	0.00	750 1 QTR - 4 QTR 60 2 QTR
Subtractions	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	362,043.96	362,853.96
Balance for Interest	362,043.96	362,853.96
Interest Income	13,883.35	14,450.96
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	13,883.35	14,450.96
Balance on Hand 12/31/23	362,043.96	362,853.96

\*Operating Expense

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

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

\*\*\*\*K.S. Transfer to General Fund 2022

Income Distribution for 2022	24,000.00
Income Distribution for 2023	24,976.00

	Balance for Interest	Interest 23	Balance of 12/31/23
Investment Fund	237,913.74	9,475.90	245,589.64
Charity	26,311.24	1,047.70	26,311.24
Life Membership	362,853.96	14,450.96	362,853.96
Total 2023	627,078.44	24,976.00	634,754.84

Based on the Balance for Interest for 2023 of \$627,078.44 with an interest income of \$24,976. The rate of return was 3.98% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/2023 Statement of Account listing your portfolio of stocks, shares, and % of holdings.

The following figures are presented to show you the progress of our funds during the past five years of the economic conditions. Our investment fund has been able to hold a good investment income return and when some funds are maturing this amount is being placed in US Gov Secured Money market For security until our world and market become safe to invest due to world war action and political turmoil, the coronavirus apprehension in investing but our assets were secure and investment income was maintained. Our Life Membership fund is invested in secure funds that draw less interest, but our portfolio is secure. With low interest rates, securities have been prime investments, causing lower interest return. This fluctuation is being controlled using a portion of funds in a fixed return. We feel our broker is competently handling our funds. The rate of return, if figured on the total investment fund of \$634,754.84 is 3.95 %. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of \$404,017.02 would be 6.01%. We are confident that our investments and counsel are in good condition.

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

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

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

ASSET ALLOCATION SUMMARY		CURRENT VALUE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash & Cash Alternatives	\$30,553.31	8%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equity	57,347.02	14%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Income	168,929.58	42%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Assets	147,187.11	36%
	<b>Current account value</b>	<b>\$404,017.02</b>	<b>100%</b>

  

ACTIVITY SUMMARY		210'014'20	24'300'05	2405'03
<b>Total account value last statement</b>		<b>\$392,196.43</b>		
<b>Cash activity</b>				
	Beginning balance	31,274.47	88,200.00	1,411.15
	Money coming into your account			10,000.00
	Interest		20.34	
	Dividends		840.96	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>861.30</b>	
<b>Money going out of your account</b>				
	Funds to purchase securities		-386.44	2,111.70
	Fees		-1.25	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-387.69</b>	
	<b>Ending balance</b>		<b>30,553.31</b>	
	<b>Net change cash activity</b>			<b>\$473.61</b>
<b>Change in security value</b>				
	Beginning value of priced securities	362,116.73		
	Securities purchased		386.44	
	Change in value of priced securities		10,960.54	
	<b>Ending value of priced securities</b>		<b>373,463.71</b>	
	<b>Net change in securities value</b>			<b>\$11,346.98</b>
	<b>Total account value as of December 31, 2023</b>			<b>\$404,017.02</b>

  

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

  

GAIN/LOSS SUMMARY		THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
	Total realized gain or loss	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Short-term gain or loss	0.00	0.00
	Long-term gain or loss	0.00	0.00
	<b>Unrealized gain or loss</b>		<b>-\$7,877.88</b>

The report of investment funds is verification of investment funds. It is the practice of the trustees that no funds are to be handled by the trustees. All money is transferred or dispersed

through the Secretary/Treasurer accounts. All jewels and materials are in the Grand Secretary's office for safekeeping.

#### Investment Funds:

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

#### Triennial Fund:

This is a request for funds for delegates to the triennial representing Minnesota. It is a yearly amount of \$900/\$300 per delegate. Since this is an expense and not an income each year \$900 is deducted from the interest to show an annual deduction instead of a large sum every 3 years. It is more fiscally responsible. This year, 3 officers attended the triennial, so 2700 was deposited. This will be in trust for next triennial.

#### Charity Fund:

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

#### Life Membership:

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

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



Any matters that are of a constitutional or regulation nature are transferred to the jurisdiction committee for a ruling. We find the Grand Chapter to be in good condition and in good hands. The trustees try to be fiscally responsible for dispersing or establishing needs of the Grand Chapter to make sound financial policy.

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

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

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## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

The Finance Committee has reviewed the 06/01/23 – 05/31/24 Budget and the Profit and Loss Statement of 06/01/22 – 05/31/23.

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

We move the acceptance of the 23-34 Budget as presented and the profit and loss statement of the Grand Chapter and that they be passed and printed in the proceedings.

# 2024 - 2025 GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET

## INCOME

### INVESTMENTS

Life Members	*	\$14,500.00
Charity	*	\$1,000.00
General	**	\$6,000.00
Triennial	***	\$2,700.00

### OPERATIONS

Per Capita	\$15,500.00
Charter Fees	\$200.00
CC Rent Reimb	\$844.00
Exaltations	\$615.00
Indigent Credits	-\$150.00
Other	\$1,800.00

**TOTAL INCOME** \$43,009.00

## EXPENSES

Awards	\$100.00
Charities (JD, DeMolay)	\$1,000.00
General Grand PC Annual	\$3,650.00
Grand Session	\$1,000.00
Insurance/bonding	\$1,274.00
GHP Apron	\$438.00
Outgoing GHP Jewel	\$320.00
LM Distribution	\$13,900.00

## OFFICE OPERATIONS

Softwear	\$170.00
Printing	\$300.00
Telephone/Internet	\$0.00
Rent	\$2,538.00
Postage	\$150.00
Supplies	\$100.00
Web Site	\$400.00

## OFFICE EXPENSES

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

**OTHERS**

RA Magazine		\$3,200.00
Other		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$42,990.00</b>

<b>GAIN/LOSS</b>		<b>\$19.00</b>
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\* Income and distribution are no expense to Grand Chapter as they are just pass-through funds distributing Interest Income from the Charity Fund and the Life Membership Fund.

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

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

Finance Committee

Gary H Johnson, PGHP

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Thanks to the help of the Chapter Secretaries for keeping great records and all of the hard work that goes into keeping your data and doing the research it takes to keep it updated. All in al, as in all other Masonic bodies, membership dropped again this year but less impactful from last year. We had a net loss of 95 companions in 2023. Unfortunately, we had more deaths than exaltations. BUT exaltations are up from years past at 41 new Companions. The summary for the year is:

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>1/1/2023</b>		<b>1249</b>	
GAINS[+]		LOSSES[-]	
EXALTED	41	WITHDREW	89
JOINED	51	STRICKEN	17
RESTORED	3	SUSPENDED	23
		DEATHS	61
TOTAL	95	TOTAL	190
NET		-95	
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>12/31/2023</b>		<b>1154</b>	

I am very pleased to say that only one chapter did not turn in their report. I presumed no changes from 2022 so that is how I entered it.

We experienced a new change in our data system, moving into the Masonic Membership Systems (MMS). Many Secretaries, who are Recorders of their Commandery, are familiar with the system so the transition has not been too bad. The data transfer was the real challenge, finding members entered twice or some not at all. Digging into paper records has been necessary to enter the proper date records and many many more need to be done by our Secretaries to get the records as accurate as we can.

Of the 11 Indigents listed, 3 are Active Duty Military whose per capita dues are waived.

I have attached detailed gains and losses and reported Exaltations and Deaths by Chapter. On the Reported Deaths, if you know of any name spellings or dates that are incorrect, please advise so they can be correct in the Proceedings.

For the Secretaries, we will continue with our spreadsheets for this year, just to make sure it all matches up. 2025 will be the year when we hope to rely on the MMS.

Two Cahpters merged into another last year: Winona 5 merged into Halcyon 8 amd Living Arch 28 merged into Fairmont 50. Thank you to those awesome Secretaries for their diligence in the merge. It is a pleasure to work with you.

It has been a working curve as a first year Grand Secretary but it is coming along. Especially with the assist of our Junior Past Grand Treas/Secretary MEC Gary Odegard. He has made the transition much easier with his great knowledge. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Secretary and I hope that you give me the honor to continue in this position I have done some research in the GYR office into past honorees of our awards and honors (KRA, Triple Tau, etc). I will have lists of these in the 162<sup>nd</sup> Grand Chapter proceedings book and post online.

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



**REPORTED EXALTATIONS****2023**

MINNESOTA	#1	5	William H. Burg	03/03/23
			Benjamin T. Dickhausen	03/03/23
			Eric C. Frey	03/03/23
			Scott W. Rich	03/03/23
			Reed L. Schrankler	03/03/23
VERMILLION	#2	0		
WINONA	#5	0	Merged with Halcyon #8	
HALCYON	#8	2	Jon Kelly	02/04/23
			Russell Winbush	02/04/23
ST JOHNS	#9	5	Timothy Peterson	02/04/23
			Tyler Ecklund-Kouba	02/04/23
			Robert Davis	02/04/23
			Leonard Pearce	02/04/23
			Tyler Davis	02/04/23
ST CLOUD	#10	3	Brian Jacobson	02/04/23
			Michael Yankovic	02/04/23
			Gary Vant	02/12/22
AUSTIN	#14	0		
OWATONNA	#15	1	Dylan Callahan	05/17/23
KEYSTONE	#20	1	David Wahlberg	04/18/23
ST PETER	#22	1	Michael Finstad	02/04/23
FERGUS FALLS	#27	6	Benjamin Freese	02/04/23
			Matthew Britton	02/04/23
			James Chandler	02/04/23
			Zachary Jamenez	02/04/23
			Andy Zabel	02/04/23
			Douglas Steele	02/04/23
LIVING ARCH	#28	0	Merged with Fairmont #50	
CORINTHIAN	#33	4	Christopher Farzad	02/04/23
			John Machaby	02/04/23
			James Ferris	02/04/23
			Albert Brown, Jr.	02/04/23
FAIRMONT	#50	4	Ryan Gronewald	02/04/23
			Erik Murphy	02/04/23
			Cody Sargent	02/04/23
			James Turner	02/04/23
SHEKINAH	#52	4	Kevin Millard	02/04/23
			Dale Wucher	02/04/23
			David Troy	02/04/23
			Elias Rocha	02/04/23
ARK	#53	0		
COLUMBIAN	#60	2	Jay Caughley	02/04/23
			Michael Miller	02/04/23
IRON RANGE	#70	3	Alex Cook	02/04/23
			Richard Helms, Sr	02/04/23
			Richard Helms, Jr	02/04/23
NORTHERN	#82	0		
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0		
RUSH CITY	#87	0		
KITTSOON	#101	0		

**REPORTED DEATHS**

**2023**

MINNESOTA	#1	9	Leonard O. Hislop	03/19/23	Richard Gilchrist	11/02/23
			Kenneth F. Hochule	09/15/23	Gerald Schlaeppi	07/01/22
			Carl A. Kuhmeyer	03/19/23	Donald Erfourth	05/09/19
			Dean N. Strand	02/01/23	Robert Eckstrom	12/09/23
			Larry Wert	07/30/21		
VERMILLION	#2	0				
WINONA	#5	0	Merged with Halcyon #8			
HALCYON	#8	0				
ST JOHNS	#9	10	Robert Marshall	12/28/22	John Hallberg Jones	06/05/23
			Henry Gyllenblad	04/03/23	Jack Lindgren	12/06/23
			David Culbert	05/25/23	William King	11/15/16
			Kenneth Benson	07/19/23	Ronald Rud	11/28/17
			William Johnson	04/20/12	Frank Schneider II	07/03/21
			Russell Jahn	02/13/13	Alvin Swanson	06/28/22
ST CLOUD	#10	7	Harvey Nicholson	04/03/21	John Borg	02/21/21
			Willis Roberts	01/02/20	August Turner	01/08/22
			Leonard Masee	03/31/22	John Gilbertson	11/04/23
			Allen Hilstrom	??		
AUSTIN	#14	2	Glen Gaddis	12/23/23	Lawrence Hanson	01/12/23
OWATONNA	#15	9	Wayne Bellrichard	03/16/23	Charles Markowitz	09/29/21
			Harold Berg	05/13/20	John Matz	08/22/23
			Charles Fairchild	09/11/22	Derald Morfitt	02/14/23
			Norman Kohlmeyer	03/14/23	Donald Scheid	09/15/17
			Charles Stearns	05/10/23		
KEYSTONE	#20	2	Arthur Martin, Sr.	02/22/23	Frank Gustafson	08/07/23
ST PETER	#22	4	Richard Bolin	11/02/22	Archie Ostberg	08/18/23
			Donald Hess	09/14/23	Henry Peters	10/15/23
FERGUS FALLS	#27	4	Ken Grewe	05/29/23	Garrett Magee, III	12/31/23
			Stan Morrill	05/19/23	Benny Peterson	08/21/23
LIVING ARCH	#28		Merged with Fairmont #50			
CORINTHIAN	#33	0				
FAIRMONT	#50	3	Verne Long	03/21/22	G. Willis Reed	01/06/23
			John Boosalis	12/18/19		
SHEKINAH	#52	0				
ARK	#53	2	Joseph Pollick	03/21/23	John Muzdakis	??
COLUMBIAN	#60	7	Gerald Asplund	06/12/23	Charles Berger	04/20/23
			Thomas Fjelde	05/08/23	Robert Johnson	10/12/23
			Thomas MacLeod	10/03/23	Raymond Schaeffer	04/28/23
			John Thuirer	03/06/23		
IRON RANGE	#70	0				
NORTHERN	#82	2	Doran Horner	01/21/22	James Goldesberry	12/31/23
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0				
RUSH CITY	#87	0				
KITTSOON	#101	0				

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## STANLEY D. MORRILL, PAST GRAND HIGH PREIST ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA 1992-1993



Worshipful Brother Stanley D Morrill  
Born: 7/6/1924, Died 5/19/2023  
98 Years Old, Member of Corner Stone No. 99

WB Stan received his Degrees at Corner Stone Lodge #99  
03/15/1966 Initiated an Entered Apprentice  
04/05/1966 Passed to a Fellowcraft  
05/3/1966 Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason

Offices held:  
Worshipful Master: (1988)  
Treasurer: (1989-1996, 2000-2003 and 2005)

Awards  
Hiram Award (06/01/1993)  
45-Year Service Award (02/19/2011)  
50-Year Service Award (03/11/2016)  
57 years of Service to Corner Stone No. 99

Royal Arch Masons:  
Exalted to the sublime degree of the Royal Arch (4/1/1967).  
Excellent High Priest: Fergus Falls Chapter #27 (1970, 1972).  
Recorder/Treasurer: Fergus Falls Chapter #17  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest of RAM of MN (1992-1993)  
Life Member: Fergus Falls Chapter #27  
Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of RAM (1982-)

Cryptic Masons:  
Member Minneapolis Council #2 (3/1/1968)  
Charter Member of Alpha #8 (1979)  
Illustrious Master: Alpha Council #8 (1978)



Recorder/Treasurer: Alpha Council #8  
Life Member: Alpha #8  
Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN (1988-1989)  
Deputy General Grand Master: North Central Region of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.  
Grand Recorder: Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN  
Served 4 terms on the General Grand Council Finance Committee.  
Thrice Illustrious Master (4/29/1983) Also a member in Illinois

Knights Templar:  
Order of the Temple (2/26/1968)  
Eminent Commander: Palestine Commandery #14 (1972,1975)  
Recorder / Treasurer: Palestine Commandery #14.  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of KT of MN, (1983-1984)  
Life Member: Palestine #14

Other Memberships:  
Order of the Eastern Star, Member Golden Rod #61 (Initiated 2-15-67), Secretary: Golden Rod #61, York Rite College No. 39 , Governor (June 1979), Wild Prairie Rose York Rite College (Fargo), Member (March 2005), Governor (2007-2008), Allied Masonic Degrees, Charter Member (4/29/1989). Knight Masons, Charter Member (7/30/1988)  
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (City of Justice Tabernacle), Charter Member (3/24/1984), Very Eminent Preceptor (11/14/1987 – 10/29/1988). Order of High Priesthood (1972), Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH) (5/20/1989), Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers (MN Chapter 79), Charter Member. Grand Treasurer Grand Council of Universal Craftsmen council of Engineers International, (2004-2013)

**Although Bill Hubbard, HPGGrSc, passed in early 2024 we would like to honor him at this time**



William Tunnicliff Hubbard was born July 1, 1936, in Little Falls, N.Y. to William J. and Vera (Tunnicliff) Hubbard. And passed on Thursday March 14, 2024, He attended Herkimer NY schools and worked in his grandfather's "Hubbard Heel Co." factory. He graduated in 1954 from Herkimer HS and went to Syracuse University in Utica, NY for 2 years. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1956 serving 4 years including duty overseas in Japan, Guam and Puerto Rico. He was in the Navy Seabees Reserves "construction battalion" for another 23 years after that. William married for the first time in 1955 to Vera L. Riggs and they had 2 daughters - Deborah Jean and Roxane Lynn. They were later divorced. His 2nd marriage was on October 7, 1962 to Virta A. Haponski in Herkimer, NY. They had two children - Michele and William and also raised Virta's son Robert. They moved from N.Y to Florida in 1966 where Bill was employed at Pratt and

Whittney until joining IBM in 1967 in Boca Raton,FL before transferring to IBM Rochester,MN in 1972. He retired from IBM in 1995 and a few years later, was rehired part time for another 10 years.

He was an active member at Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester, MN, from 1972-2008 and then transferred to Stewartville UMC. Bill was heavily involved in the Masonic Fraternity while living in New York and was raised to Master Mason on April 19, 1966, at the Herkimer Masonic Lodge No. 423 in Herkimer,NY. After moving to Minnesota, he affiliated with Stewartville Masonic Lodge No. 203 and served as the Lodge Master for 4 years. He received the highly esteemed HIRAM award in 2006 and was chosen as Stewartville "Mason of the Year" in 1990, 1992 and 1998. Bill was currently a member of Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 and Austin Fidelity Lodge No. 39. He held memberships in the Order of the Eastern Star in MN, and currently in Austin, MN. He served as the first ever Grand Organist in the Grand Chapter, "Order of the Eastern Star" in MN and the York Rite bodies of Minnesota for many years. He was a member in the York Rite and an honorary Past Grand Scribe. A member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester and was a member of the Osman Shrine Temple in St Paul, and the Rochester Area Shrine Club. He participated in over 600 parades with the Rochester Dragon Patrol, of which he was a charter member, helping raise monies for the Shriners Children's Hospitals and Clinics. He was president of the Dragon Patrol three times, was selected as "Dragon of the Year" in 2012 and was also active in the Austin Oriental Band. He received the highest degree available in the Scottish Rite, the 33rd Degree, for lifelong service to the Brotherhood. He played Santa Claus at numerous Local Charity related events including Hy-Vee 37th St. North with Virta. He picked up many litter bags with fellow Masons and Shriners in fall and spring along MN roadways and placed Flags for Veterans in local cemeteries for Veterans Day.

PRAYERS TO OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS AND COMFORT TO THEIR FAMILIES

## **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

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

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

We have reviewed the Grand High Priest activities, dispensations and the actions of the Grand Chapter and find them in compliance with Masonic Rules and Regulations. We look forward to the session.

Fraternally submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Sean Gardiner  
Marvin Schendel



The titles by which the officers and ~~past officers~~ of this Grand Chapter shall be addressed are as follows:

~~Grand High Priest and all Past Grand High Priests - "Most Excellent," Grand King, Past Grand Kings, Grand Scribe, Past Grand Scribes, Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Secretaries - "Right Excellent," and all other officers - "Excellent".~~ All Past Officers not currently in Grand Office shall be addressed as "Companion".

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

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11above.)

The titles by which the officers of this Grand Chapter shall be addressed are as follows:

Grand High Priest - "Most Excellent," Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary - "Right Excellent," and all other officers - "Excellent." All Past Officers not currently in Grand Office shall be addressed as "Companion".

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed): For hundreds of years, it was the custom of the craft for past officers to relinquish their honorifics once out of office. They returned to "Brother John Smith, PGM" or "Companion John Smith, PGHP". It wasn't until the mid 1900's that we elected to retain those honorifics as a status symbol. This would be a return to the practice of all Companions being equal. While officers are temporarily elevated by their peers, they return to their peers when completing their term of office. For the ritual states there is no higher honor than to be called Brother.

This would remove Honorifics from all but current officers. Past officers can still be addressed as Companion John Smith, PGHP. This does not remove the Companion's service as an officer, nor any of the rights from that service. Past Officers would still be able to wear their past regalia (aprons, jewels, and collars).

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than one member of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

____R. Sean Gardiner____		____PGHP____
____	Printed Name	Signature
Body	No.	Office
_____		
____	Printed Name	Signature
Body	No.	Office
_____		
____	Printed Name	Signature
Body	No.	Office

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



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

DATE: 03/30/2024

15. York Rite Code to be changed: ( X ) Chapter/ ( ) Council/ ( ) Commandery

16. PORTION to be changed: ( ) Constitution/ ( ) Bylaws/ ( X ) Regulations

17. ARTICLE NUMBER: IX ARTICLE NAME: Life Membership

18. SECTION NUMBER: 1 SECTION NAME (if any):

19. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):

20. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: 1

21. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:

22. REGULATION NUMBER:

(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)

23. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date may purchase a life membership and be thereby relieved from the further payments of dues, subject to the provision set forth in this section.

24. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

25. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

The Grand Chapter offer a Life Membership Program, at the discretion of the Grand Chapter. Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date may purchase a life membership, when offered, and be thereby relieved from the further payments of dues, subject to the provision set forth in this section.

1. The Grand Chapter may halt new purchases of the Life Membership Program by a 2/3 vote of the Grand Chapter Officers when not in Grand Convocation.
2. The Grand Chapter may reinstate purchases of the Life Membership Program by a 2/3 vote of the Grand Chapter Officers when not in Grand Convocation.

3. When in Grand Convocation the voting members of the Grand Chapter may reinstate the purchases of the Life Membership Program, if currently halted, by a 2/3 vote of those eligible to vote.

(Renumerate Sections 1 – 14.)

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

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11above.)

27. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

The Life Membership Program prices have not kept up with current actuarial tables and is not earning the initially project revenues causing reduced revenues to the Grand Chapter affecting budgets and offerings.

28. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than one member of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

	R. Sean Gardiner		PGHP	Grand
Chapter				
	Printed Name		Signature	Office
Body	No.			
	Printed Name		Signature	Office
Body	No.			
	Printed Name		Signature	Office
Body	No.			

**We, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, presents the following resolution as follows:**

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Brazil has propogated and performed the Cryptic degrees in an irregular manner.

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Brazil continues to violate the sovereignty of Recognized and Regular Grand York Rite bodies in Brazil.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota revokes recognition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Brazil and it's companions.

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

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

### **Awards to be presented at the 162<sup>nd</sup> Grand Convocation:**

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

Reed Endersbe – St John's #9  
Michael Hilgert – St John's #9  
David Dumonceaux – Fergus Falls #27  
Brian Dimatteo – Shekinah #52

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

Joe Anderson – St John's #9 / Shekinah #52 3 stars  
Alan Mackenzie – Keystone #20 1 star  
R. James Luchsinger – Columbian #60 1 star  
Verl Raap – Columbian #60 1 star  
Philip Bodle – Iron Range #70 / Keystone #20 2 stars

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

Scott Giannone – Fergus Falls #27 / Alexandria #86  
Reverend Ryan Stout – Fergus Falls #27  
Rick Vance – Corinthian #33  
James Zelinski-Feeney – Columbian #60

#### **EXALTATION AWARDS**

Small Chapter (<50): None  
Large Chapter (>50): Fergus Falls #27 (6)

Respectfully Submitted  
Marvin W. Schendel, PGHP  
Chairman



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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Marvin W. Schendel, PGHP  
Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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

A partial Financial Review Committee met at the office of the Grand Treasurer on MONDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 AM. At that time; I reviewed the financial records of 2023-2024 and they were found to be in good order.

Fraternally;

Hugh Swift, Jr.; PGHP  
Chairman  
Financial Review Committee

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

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



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

Joseph Anderson  
Robert Anderson, Jr.  
Clinton Christensen  
James Edgar  
W. David Emery  
R. Sean Gardiner  
Joe Gonzalez  
Thomas Hendrickson  
Michael Hilgert  
Clifford Isley  
Gary Johnson  
Peter Laudert  
Carl Lidstrom  
R. James Luchsinger  
Gary Odegard  
Steve Partridge  
Marvin Schendel  
Loren Schroeder

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



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



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Perpetual Life

P. O. Box 34307

Little Rock, AR 72203-4037

## **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES**

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

JE Turner, Jr. PGHP, Chairman

Charles Marston, PGHP

Carl Lidstrom, PGHP

R. James Luchsinger, PGHP

W. David Emery, PGHP

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

The Chapter and individual contributions turned in to the RARA program from July 2023 – May 2024 had a grand total \$1,795.66. Minnesota had a 2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (year end) investment of \$141,700 in regular and \$12,365 in Memorial. Please do not forget about this very worthwhile philanthropy set up by the General Grand Chapter. Please watch the videos on the [ggcrami.org/rara](http://ggcrami.org/rara) website for insight and video. The Grand Chapter would like if every Chapter would contribute at least \$1 per member during their annual meeting. Thank you to all of those who donate.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND KING**

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

Most Excellent Companion, Past Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and Companions all. I hereby submit this report of the Grand King for the year 2023-2024.

I was able to attend the York Rite Grand Sessions for South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. North Dakota's Grand Session is planned for this July.

Once again, I was able to participate in the North Central Conference's Emerging Leaders program in Sioux Falls, SD. I highly encourage all Companions to attend these Emerging Leaders programs. There are a total of 3 courses (1 per year) and are not your typical leadership sessions. I look forward to attending my final session this October.

I continue to be active in my home Chapters serving as Secretary/Treasurer for St Cloud #10 and Treasurer for St John's #9.

It shocks me that even large Chapters having well over 80 members, my own included, can barely open. All it takes is a minimum of 6 Companions to open a Chapter and still there is not enough to open. This next year, the Awards Committee will be charged with creating a new award for Chapters that have the highest percentage of reengagement of Companions. The purpose is to have the Chapters reach out to the Companions that haven't been to a meeting in a while and invite them back. However, the Chapter should already have in place a reason for the Companions to want to stay engaged. Education, decent ritual/degree work, and comradery are at the top of list of what our Companions want from a Chapter. No one should be expected to drive 2-3 hours round trip to attend a business meeting that only lasts 30 minutes. The Membership Committee has been working diligently to establish these objectives throughout the State.

It was a privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and the Companions of the State as your Grand King. I look forward to serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota for the ensuing year with the consent of the Minnesota Companions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A Hilgert  
Grand King  
Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE**

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

It has been a joy to serve you as your Grand Scribe this term. It has been a trying one but I really thank you for your support, prayers and well wishes. I continued traveling, especially in the South area, putting on nearly 1,000 miles. Helping out with installations. Meeting with the Lodges and telling them about the advantages of having a Royal Arch Chapter as a part of your Lodge residence.

I attending a very enjoyable and enlightening Triennial in Branson, Missouri. It was great to see a larger number of Companions from Minnesota.

The Royal Arch Tristate is still on for Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul.

I look forward to continuous service to the Companions of Minnesota.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Morse  
Grand Scribe  
Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch of Minnesota

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

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

Thank you for another great year in York Rite Masonry. I has been an honor to serve as a Grand Officer for the Companions of Minnesota. In my time in office, I have enjoyed fellowship with Companions from around Minnesota and other states.

The year started off with a great celebration at the York Rite Picnic in July. I hope everyone has a chance to make it out this summer. During my term, I was a regular attendee at the joint Grand York Rite officer meetings. In addition to Chapter visitations, I had the privilege of participating in the Fairmount Chapter No. 50 officer installation.

The One Day to Royal Arch, hosted by St. John Chapter No. 9, saw another great turnout as we exalted many new Companions. Thank you to all the Companions who turned out to make that day an incredible success!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. Wood  
Grand Captain of the Host

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

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

My Companions,

During the 2023-2024 term, I visited a few different chapters and Many Masonic Lodges to promote Royal Arch Masonry, which I feel was well received. It was quite enjoyable to be invited to discuss Royal Arch with Brothers who are interested in continuing their Masonic Journey.

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

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

I regularly attended both of my Chapters, Keystone #20 and Iron Range #70. I also continue to serve as Secretary of Iron Range Chapter and help Keystone Chapter as needed, which I am proud to say has really started to catch on and not require too much assistance with running the Chapter.

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

Fraternally,

EC Philip T. Bodle  
Grand Principle Sojourner  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN**

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

This year has been a busy one for the Grand Officers and again, I am grateful that the Grand High Priest has appointed me as Royal Arch Captain. Over the course of this year, I attended most of the meetings of the Grand Chapter with a few unavoidable misses when circumstances prevented my attendance. I attended the One Day to Royal Arch festival at the Minneapolis Scottish rite and attended meetings of Chapters wherever possible. In short, it has been a busy year.

My thanks to the Chapter Officers for their warm greetings, and to those who performed parts at the One Day to Royal Arch. It is one of the ultimate pleasures to be able to do ritual work during these festivals, and I recommend taking a part to any Companion who is so disposed. Also, we often have a shortage of Chapters willing or able to do the work during the festivals, so if you have time or can gather the Companions, see if there are parts to be had in the festival.

I am looking forward to the Grand York Rite Session and seeing you all at that session.

Fraternally  
Brian K Dimatteo, Grand Royal Arch Captain



## **REPORT OF THE MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL**

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

Companions,

On my travels I have become quite impressed with the success that St. Johns #9 has had this year. I've had the privilege of sitting on the sidelines of their stated meetings several times. Their attendance at their stated meetings has increased and they seem to always have a petitioner.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, I presented the Most Excellent Master lecture for Minnesota Chapter #1 and their candidates. The Chapter takes pride in their ability to perform their own work.

Although our One Day Festival was a success, we do need some assistance. We always need Companions for degree work. Find a role or lecture that you will have fun with and let us know. If you're up for a challenge, we could use one or two Companions to learn the Long Journey.

This concludes my report.

Ex. Companion Christopher Wendover  
Master of the Third Veil

## **REPORT OF THE MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL**

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

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

As an officer of this Grand Chapter, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the Companions of this jurisdiction to get better familiarized with our Minnesota Constitutions, Rules, and Regulations. I have had many conversations regarding the health of some of the Chapters as a District Officer and feel as though I have a better understanding of some of the Chapters outside of my own. I was able to participate in the joint Grand York Rite bodies meetings held bi-monthly, participated in the One-Day to Chapter festival, and remained active in my chapter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

## **REPORT OF THE MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL**

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

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as a Grand Officer for the 2023-2024 term. As this was my first year in the Grand Line, it was a year of learning for me. I was interested in discovering how the Grand Line functions and enjoyed attending the Grand York Rite meetings.

In January, I completed my term as High Priest of Shekinah #52. I had the opportunity to participate in two of the degrees at the One Day to Royal Arch and took pleasure in helping to bring new Companions into the Royal Arch. I was able to attend convocations at several Chapters. It was a treat to visit Chapters that were new to me, to see Masonic buildings that I hadn't previously visited, and especially to interact with the Companions.

I look forward to the upcoming year and will do my best to continue to support our Grand Chapter as we endeavor to bring Capitular Masonry to the Brethren of Minnesota.

Yours in Service,

Ty Schmidt  
Grand Master of the First Veil

## Grand Chapter Committees 2023-24

### **Annual Grand Convocation (5)**

Chair: Joe Anderson, PGHP  
Co-Chair: Michael Powles  
Michael Hilgert, GK  
Ed Morse, GSCR

### **Appeals & Grievances (5)**

Chair: James Turner, PGHP  
Co-Chair: Charles Marston, PGHP  
Carl Lidstrom, PGHP  
R, James Luchsinger, PGHP  
W, David Emery, PGHP

### **Capitular Education (3)**

Chair: R. James Luchsinger, GrCEO  
Co-Chair: Chris Wendover, GM3V  
James Zelinski-Feeney, GLEC

### **Chapter Recognition and Awards**

Chair: Marvin Schendel, PGHP  
Co-Chair: W. Dave Emery, PGHP  
Joe Anderson, PGHP  
Alan Mackenzie, PGHP

### **Credentials (3)**

Chair: Joe Anderson, PGHP, Secy/Treas.  
Co-Chair: Michael Powles  
Scott Wood, GCH

### **District Officers (5):**

Chair: Scott Wood, GCH  
Co-Chair: Brian DiMatteo, GRAC  
Chris Wendover, GM3V  
Clint Christensen, GM2V  
Ty Schmidt, GM1V  
Doug Pamp  
Glen Larson

### **Finance (3)**

Chair: Joe Anderson, PGHP, Secy/Treas.  
Co-Chair: Mike Hilgert, GK  
Ed Morse, GSCR

### **Financial Review**

Chair: Gary Johnson, PGHP  
Co-Chair: Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP  
Alan Mackenzie, PGHP

### **Foreign Correspondence (2)**

Chair: R. James Luchsinger, MEGHP  
L. Greg Schultz, PGHP

### **Jurisprudence (5)**

Chair: R. Sean Gardiner, PGHP  
Co-Chair: Marvin Schendel, PGHP  
Gary Johnson, PGHP, Trustee #1  
L. Greg Schultz, PGHP, Trustee #2  
Gary Odegard, PGHP, Trustee #3

### **Membership Committee (4)**

Chair: Chris Wendover, GM3V  
Co-Chair: Clint Christensen, GM2V  
Ty Schmidt, GM1V  
Bill Gunther, GSen

### **Nominations (3)**

Chair: Alan Mackenzie, PGHP  
Co-Chair: R. Sean Gardiner, PGHP  
Carl Lidstrom, PGHP

### **RARA / Charity (3)**

Chair: Brian DiMatteo, GRAC  
Co-Chair: Philip Bodle, GPS  
Bill Gunther Jr. GSen

# Grand Chapter Committees 2023-24

## **Souvenir Program Booklet (2)**

Chair: Joe Anderson, PGHP

David Dumonceaux, GHP

## **State of the Rite (3)**

Chair: Marvin Schendel, PGHP

Co-Chair: Ed Morse, GSCR

Scott Wood, GCH

## **York Rite Membership (1)**

R. James Luchsinger, PGHP

## **Web Site Relations**

Chair: R. Sean Gardiner, PGHP

Co-Chair: Marv Schendel, PGHP

Scott Giannone - Keystone Editor

