

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons | 2014 Annual Grand Convocation

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland Annual Grand Convocation

Grand Lodge of Maryland

Cockeysville, Maryland

October 25, 2014

9:30 a.m.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion, Richard P. Naegele, with the following officers in their respective places and stations:

M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegele	Grand High Priest
R.E. Comp. Randall L. Watson	Grand King
R.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis	Grand Scribe
Absent¹	Grand Treasurer
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Grand Secretary
Ex. Comp. Arthur F. Hebbeler, III	Grand Chaplain
Ex. Comp. William C. Eppig^{*2}	Grand Captain of the Hosts
Ex. Comp. Gordon A. Davids	Grand Principal Sojourner
Ex. Comp. Henry C. McDonald, Jr. *³	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Ex. Comp. John Austin	Grand Master of the Third Veil
Ex. Comp. Bruce G. Colburn	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Ex. Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas	Grand Master of the First Veil
Ex. Comp. James H. Morgan	Grand Sentinel
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Grand Lecturer
M.E. Comp. Robert E. Young	Grand Organist

*Pro Temp

Absent Officers:

1. John M. Lister;
2. Robert W. Hamilton;
3. Carl L. Michel, Jr.

OPENING PRAYER

Ex. Comp. Arthur F. Hebbeler, III, Grand Chaplain

Grand Architect of the Universe, we invoke Thy blessing at this time. And ask Your guidance as we begin this annual gathering. Guide our Grand High Priest and his officers and the members of this Grand Chapter in our deliberations. Watch over those who are unable to be with us. May the work which we accomplish bring glory to Your Name, and honor to this Fraternity. Amen

So mote it be!

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Pledge of Allegiance, led by M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegele; follow by the first verse of the National Anthem.

RECEPTION OF VISITING MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIESTS and DISTINGUISHED VISTORS:

The following guests were received and greeted during the general reception of dignitaries prior to the opening, and presented each visiting MEGHP with a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Maryland:

Jurisdiction	Visiting Grand High Priests
Maryland, PHA	M.E. Comp. Richard Johnson, MEGHP
Connecticut	M.E. Comp. Charles D. O'Neill, MEGHP
Delaware	M.E. Comp. Lionel Hunter, MEGHP
District of Columbia	M.E. Comp. Philip Palmer, MEGHP
Virginia	M.E. Comp. Howard Coleman, MEPGHP
New York	R.E. Comp. Raymond Roche`, REG Scribe
General Grand Council	M.P. Comp. Lawrence Weaver, MPGGM
Grand Encampment	S.K. David Goodwin, MEGM
General Grand Chapter	R.E. Comp. Steven Tiner, GG Scribe
General Grand Chapter	R.E. Comp. Gene Fricks, DDGGHP
Scottish Rite of MD	Comp. & Bro. Marvin L. Mills, SGIG
Grand Lodge of MD	Comp &.Bro. Gerald Piepiora, MWGM

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A Memorial Service was conducted by Comp. Arthur F. Hebbeler, Grand Chaplain for all departed York Rite Masons. Particular note was taken of the passing of R.E. Comp. Donald M. Miller, Past Grand Treasurer and MIPGM, And Comp. Frank Olah, both Bronze Medal recipients.

Remarks by Comp. Robert E. Young PHP.

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Comp. James J. Morgan, Jr. PHP

Preliminary Report: 12 Chapters Represented with 32 Voting Members

Final Report: The Committee reported that 15 of 19 Chapters were represented with Thirty-two (32) voting Companions, and six (6) non-voting Companions. MEGHP Naegele expressed his sincere gratitude for the presence of so many interested Companions.

Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1	<i>Bruce G. Colburn, MEHP</i> Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP James J. Morgan, Jr. PHP Frederick A. Spicer PHP	Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No. 7	Arthur Gordon, PHP <i>Henry C. McDonald, Jr MEHP</i> (Robert C. Candler)
Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17	James Massey, King <i>J. Jacob Todd, MEHP</i>	Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18	No Representative
St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter No. 19	Vernon Huebschman, MEHP James B. Coker PHP John A. Rafine PHP (Louis Romeo)	Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter No. 21	Louis F. Bandell, Jr. PGHP MEHP
Talbot Royal Arch Chapter No. 22	No Representative	Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23	Dennis Brekhus, ES Howard Graham, PHP
Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25	Gordon A. Davids PHP <i>Randolph Disney, MEHP</i> Roy Haugh PHP Bennie G. Owens, PGHP	Ithiel Royal Arch Chapter No. 27	No Representative
Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28	Jeffrey L. Dill PHP William E. Eppig PHP <i>Michael G. Faby, MEHP</i> Richard P. Naegele, MEGHP Stephen J. Ponzillo, III PGHP Richard Reccardi PHP Randall L. Watson, REGS, (John L. Thomas)	Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29	<i>Christian H. Jensen, MEHP</i>
Carroll Royal Arch Chapter No. 31	William Baldwin PHP	James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33	John Austin PHP <i>Michael Brolly, MEHP</i> Kris Brown PHP (Thomas Marraffa)
Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36	Clifton R. Friel, PGHP MEHP	Baltimore Royal Arch Chapter No. 40	<i>Ronald G. Aughenbaugh MEHP</i> (Richard Ortt)
Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42	W. Michael Boughman PHP John B. Maclay Jr. MEGHP <i>Paul Sparaco, Jr., MEHP</i>	York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44	<i>Patrick A. Curtis, GCoH MEHP</i>
Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter, 46	<i>Arthur F. Hebbeler, III MEHP</i> William Grubb, King (Thomas Binaut, Secretary) (Calvin Price)		(xxx)= Non-voting Comp's.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION - M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP

Motion was made by Comp. William C. Eppig to accept the Proceedings as posted to the Grand Chapter Website for the past six month, Second by R. E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis, REGS. Passed Unanimously.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

M. E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

IRS:

Thanks to the Chapters that have complied with the request for a copy of the Form 990 Confirmation to be submitted with the Annual Report.

The Grand Chapter is requested annually to supply the current list of subordinate bodies with contact information and current EIN's. With the number of Chapters that have been issued new EIN's I have asked our Chapter Secretaries to provide a confirmation of the most current EIN and contact person.

Maryland has two Chapters that are working on the restoration of their Tax Exempt Status. This is not a pleasant procedure, and it is also expensive. All MEHP's are requested to verify that their Secretary has completed the brief IRS 990 Form each year.

Waivers of Territorial Jurisdiction among our Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

The Grand Chapter of Maryland has issued 2 Waivers of Territorial Jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter of Washington, DC. Specifically related to the Multi-Jurisdictional Festival. As there have appeared to be some lapses in the protocol regarding Waivers of Territorial Jurisdiction among our neighboring Grand Chapter, Maryland will be issuing letters to the neighboring jurisdictions to clarify the procedure regarding acting upon Brothers who are residents of Maryland. And as the duties of Freemasonry are reciprocal, Maryland Chapters are reminded they may not act upon Brothers resident in other states without contacting the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, who will, in turn, may the necessary contact with his counterpart in the respective jurisdiction. This can be done in a day or two... but please don't wait to the last minute.

Report of the Grand Secretary (Continued)

Annual Reports:

This has not been our best year in getting these reports in a timely fashion, and with useful information. This may be because we have had an unusual turn-over in Secretaries. Two of our Secretaries, Comp. Bob Madel of Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25 and Comp. Gerald Dawson, Sr. of Chesapeake RAC No. 17 passed away over the summer. These were beloved friends, Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights and wonder men who shouldered the work of keeping their Chapter moving forward.

The Annual Reports are a snapshot of the Chapter on August 31st of each year, but the work of preparing the report can begin with the last meeting in the Spring. The Forms are available on the Grand Secretary's Page on the Website. By June most Chapters know who has been Exalted, who has died, demitted or suspended. I strongly urge all Secretaries to begin the Annual Report over the Summer months, and make any final modification immediately after September 1st.

The Annual Reports of constituent Chapters will close on August 31, 2015, and is due to the Grand Secretary by October 1, 2015 with all data supplied and all payments made to the Grand Chapter for Exaltations at \$10.00 per new member, and the Annual Per Capita Fee totaling \$9.50 per Companion on the books as of August 31st. (\$5.00 Grand Chapter Assessment, \$2.50 RARA per member assessment, and \$1.00 General Grand Chapter Assessment for 2015; \$2.00 for 2016 & 2017; and \$3.00 for 2018 and thereafter) Necessarily, Chapter should make adjustments in their dues bills to fund the coming increases

In the pass-through assessments. The dues bill for 2016 should reflect the first \$1 increase, with the second \$1 increase beginning with the 2018 dues bills. This is based on the recent summary provided by our General Grand Secretary, M.E. Comp. Larry Gray.

Royal Arch Mason Magazine:

The never- ending uphill struggle to keep the Royal Arch Mason Magazine list up to date continues with the help of our Secretaries. I will be happy to include anyone after they have received their Mark Master Degree if you will supply me the necessary contact information by email.

Membership:

The Summary Report of Membership rolls up the details of the changes in membership status from each of the reporting Chapters. At the Semi-Annual Convocation in May 2014, the Grand Chapter determined that Plural Member would not be subject to multiple Grand Chapter Assessments. This Action required culling out those members who have joined a second or third Chapter in Maryland. This has been complicated and confusing process for some. When you study the Summary Report, please focus on the Additions by Exaltations and Reinstatements, and the Deductions by Death, Demit,

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and Suspension...all the rest is corrections and cleansing of the report of Plural Members so we do not double count our Companions in our reporting the General Grand Chapter.

Companions who become elected officers in their Plural Chapters have their Mother Chapter reset to the Chapter where they hold office...or the highest office. Because the Grand Chapter has a "One Man – One Vote" rule for voting, it is necessary to determine where the Companions highest duty resides. This rule currently affects M.E. Companions Bandell and Huebschman, Comp. McDonald, and Comp. Chris Jensen.

Thank you to all the Secretaries for their generous support of their Chapters, and all the officers who give so freely of their time, energy, and dedication to make our Chapter prosper.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

M.E. Comp. Vernon Huebschman, PGHP

Grand Secretary / Grand Lecturer

Motion to accept by M.E. Comp. Ponzillo, Seconded by M.E. Comp. Bandell, Passed Unanimously

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Returns of Constituent Chapters
Summary Report of the Grand Secretary

August 31, 2014

Chapter	Per Capita Paid	Exaltation Fee	Membership 8/31/12	Exaltations	Affiliations	Reinstatement	Corrections	Total Added	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions	Members	Corrections	Total Less	Membership 8/31/14	Dues Remitted	RARA	D.R Vansant Scholarship	IRS 990 confirmation
Concordia RAC No. 1	\$969.00	30.00	116	3	0	1	0	4	0	2	4	0	0	6	114	0	\$122.00	\$0.00	Yes
Phoenix RAC No. 7	\$731.00	\$70.00	80	7	0	0	0	7	0	1	10	0	0	1	76	0	\$65.00	0	No
Chesapeake RAC No. 17	\$637.50	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	75	0	0	0	
Salem RAC No. 18	\$969.00	\$100.00	99	10	0	0	0	10	5	0	1	0	0	6	103	1	0	0	
St. Johns RAC No. 19	\$561.00	\$10.00	74	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	5	0	0	7	68	2	\$40.00	\$33.00	
Adoniram RAC No. 21	\$153.00	\$10.00	30	1	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	14	0	15	20	3	\$21.00	\$21.00	Yes
Talbot RAC No. 22	289.00	20.00	33	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	0	\$25.00	\$34.00	Yes
Enoch RAC No. 23	\$782.00	\$20.00	98	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	8	92	0	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25	\$1,173.00	\$70.00	133	7	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	139	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ithiel RAC No. 27	\$544.00	\$0.00	75	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	11	64	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	Yes
Druid RAC No. 28	\$1,615.00	\$200.00	188	20	1	0	0	21	12	0	0	7	0	19	190	0	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	Yes

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Hayward RAC No. 29	\$110.50	\$20.00	12	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	14	3	\$0.00	\$50.00	Yes
Carroll RAC No. 31*	\$650.50	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	3	0	0	
James F. Allen RAC No. 33	\$484.50	\$30.00	53	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	53	6	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Edenton RAC No. 36	\$748.00	\$30.00	90	3	2	0	0	5	2	0	2	0	3	7	88	0	\$204.00	\$200.00	Pending
Baltimore RAC No. 40	\$535.50	\$0.00	71	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	7	64	1	\$55.00	40.00	
Tuscan RAC No. 42	\$943.50	\$10.00	132	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	7	13	0	22	111	0	\$111.00	\$111.00	
York RAC No. 44	\$739.50	\$0.00	101	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	0	7	95	8	\$95.00	0	
Piscataway RAC 46	\$59.50	\$30.00	14	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	9	0	9	9	0	\$50.00	\$50.00	yes
TOTAL	\$12,695.00	\$640.00	1568	65	10	2	0	77	37	16	28	45	13	139	1496	28	\$1237.00	\$1,495.00	

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Report of the Grand Treasurer

R.E. Comp John M. Lister, Delivered by VHH

MEGHP,

The report of the Grand Treasurer is that the Grand Chapter is in good financial condition. The Treasurer's interim report for 2014, as of Oct. 22, 2014 is available on request.

A couple of notes, although the budgeted income from the Per Capita collected fell short of the budget the Transfer income will exceed the budget by \$471, as additional funds are received. Meanwhile, the expenses authorized at the Semi-Annual have caused some categories to exceed the budgeted amounts, it is hoped that our share of expenses for the Annual Convocation will be reduced as well as other accounts, saving funds to cover the authorized expenditure.

The Trustees report show the status of the investment account as of September 30, 2014. The value of the account and its investments as of that date was \$294, 676.43 for an overall increase during the last year of 8%

Fraternally,

R.E. Comp. John M. Lister
Grand Treasurer

Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest

M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegele, MEGHP

Companions,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 217th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. A special welcome to MWGM Companion Gerald E. Piepiora. I personally wish to thank you for your continued support of the York Rite and all bodies in Maryland Masonry.

R.E. Companion Steve Tiner REGGS of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International and M.E. Companion Edmund D. Harrison, MEPGGHP, Honorary member of this Grand Chapter and Honorary Past High Priest of Druid Chapter No. 28. We welcome you both to Maryland and hope you enjoy your stay with us. Companion Steve I know this is your first out of state visit as our new general Grand Scribe. I hope we are able to meet your expectations and enjoy a long and harmonious relationship as you progress through the line. Companion Ted, you have been a great friend to Maryland through the years and we hope it will long continue into the future.

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A warm greeting also to Companion Marlin Mills, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Maryland Scottish Rite. Companion Mills has been very generous in offer assistance from the Scottish Rite whenever needed. It show the true harmony in Maryland among all of it masonic bodies and I thank him for this.

I also wish to welcome all of our visitors from sister jurisdictions. We hope you find your stay pleasurable and offer all the hospitality possible in the “land of pleasant living”.

I wish to also welcome the MEPGHP of Maryland to their Grand Chapter. I hope that my stewardship this past year has met with favor to each of you.

Would the MEHP of Maryland Chapters please rise. You are the true backbone to this Grand Chapter. You each do what you can in your local Chapter to make the Grand Chapter successful. To this group would the Maryland Companions please rise. You are the laborers in the vineyards of Royal Arch Masonry. You are truly workmen that need not be ashamed.

Necrology

As the leaves of autumn begin to turn colors and fall, we must pause a moment in remembrance of our fallen Companions. Among the reported thirty members were some very hardworking Companions who dedicated their time to York Rite masonry. Past High Priests Olah and Harmsen were known to me personally. Frank was always in Dundalk when you arrived at St. John’s Chapter. He always greeted you whenever you crossed paths. Companion Walter I grew to know better while he was at the homes. We spoke often on my visits there and he was always ready with an outstretched hand of friendship. Two faithful and dedicated secretaries were also lost this year. They worked tirelessly on updating the records and keeping their Chapters in order. Companions Madel and Dawson will be tough acts to follow. The Grand Chapter also suffered a loss with the passing of Past Grand Treasurer and PHP of Druid Chapter Donald M. Miller. Companion Don was truly dedicated to masonry and the York Rite. He worked hard to oversee the investments of this Grand Chapter for many years. He also was one of the few that kept Druid together in its bleaker days. He along with the others will be missed. The service held earlier will paid tribute to all but I would like a moment of silence in their memory.

Highlights of the Year

This year has passed by rapidly. It seems only yesterday the installation of officers was held. At the Semi-Annual Convocation I reviewed what I saw as the status of each Chapter based on visitations and knowledge from others there is no need to revisit this other than to say I believe the Grand Chapter is a little better off today than when I took over twelve months ago.

My focus for the year was to implement aspects of the long range plan adopted several years ago. Using this as a guide will benefit the Grand Chapter and help strengthen the York Rite.

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Participation

I have seen an increase in Companions, especially newer ones, at many meetings and events of the Chapters. Talbot Chapter is an example of where finding something to spark interest will bring out the Companions. I have been told by their High Priest their average attendance has quadrupled from previous years. A lot more work needs to be done in this area to help reach the goal of 50% growth.

To assist with encouragement we presented White Tau awards to many Companions. This is given to those who participate in ritual, attend meetings and visitation to other chapters and have been members for two years or less. Recipients of this honor please stand. I thank you for the initiative and dedication you have taken in your Chapters. You are why we are here.

Sessions

We hope that by moving the sessions around the state will allow for greater participation by the membership. Last year we were in Columbia, this year at Grand Lodge and next year will be in Ocean City.

Ritual

This has been a concern for many years to bring the ritual work back to each of the individual chapters. To do this I implemented a requirement that each Chapter exemplify or confer the Mark Master Degree. Most of them have done so and I thank them for the hard work and dedication that put in to make this happen.

I am also very pleased to see six new High Priests installed earlier this year. This is the most in a few years and shows that things are improving. Those Companions have shown dedication to the work to make this dream a reality.

Membership

While the numbers are still coming in, I am aware that more degree work was held throughout the state than in recent years. This shows the continued growth and activeness of the Chapters and is a great sign for the future of the craft.

Education

This is the one area where we are lacking. The Grand Lodge has done an outstanding job training new Masters but we in the York Rite have fallen down on the job. Many jurisdictions have taken the lead, especially New York Grand Chapter. They have developed many programs to build leaders and educate the Companions. This program has been made available for others to use. I am hoping we in Maryland will take advantage of these resources and nurture our own.

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Festival for the Child

I wish to thank those Chapters, Councils and Commanderies that helped support this worthy event. It was designed to bring together the major bodies in Masonry to raise funds for their Charities which support children. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Kathy Florian and the young men of George Fleming Moore DeMolay Chapter. They helped assemble over a dozen raffle baskets that raised over \$2,000 for the York Rite Charities of RARA, CMMRF and KTEF. The monies have been sent to all three Charities. You will meet many of these individuals during lunch and I hope you thank them.

Prince Hall Recognition

This is probably the greatest accomplishment of the term. Having reached mutual recognition with the York Rite bodies Prince Hall was a highlight for me personally. Working with Brothers and Companions for months was a true pleasure. A special thank you for making this a reality needs to go to MWGMs Gerald Piepiora and Melvin Thorpe for their vision and guidance. Also MEGHP Johnson, MIGM Charles, and REGC Williams for this assistance and support. The chair for Prince Hall was Companion Leon Stanley, REPGC. His dedication to the craft is only surpassed by his brotherly love for his fellow man.

Recommendations

1. That all incoming Grand High Priests present a written plan prior to installation of their program and goals for the year. This should be presented to an assemblage of Past Grand High Priests prior to installation for guidance they may offer.
2. That each local Chapter formulate a strategic or long range plan to focus the chapter for the future.
3. The Grand Chapter adopted the leadership program developed by the Grand Chapter of New York and have a leadership training session next summer.
4. The Long Range planning committee meet at least semi-annually to review progress and recommend changes as needed. Also to have the Grand Council and Grand Commandery to share in this plan and adopted it at their respective sessions.
5. Recently it was brought to my attention that we no longer have festivals in the state to allow those with time constraints the opportunity to join the York Rite. While this is a plus for the local body's ability to confer the degrees, it does disenfranchise those brethren who would like to take the next steps but are unable to do so because of time commitments. This should be looked into for future planning by local bodies or the Grand Bodies.

Acknowledgements

First and foremost to The Grand Architect of the Universe without whom nothing is possible.

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Individuals have helped through out my entire Masonic career to date and to each I owe a debt of gratitude. To name them would take too long and I know I would miss many. Some are no longer with us but there advice and guidance will never be forgotten.

I must single out three individuals for special mention. The first is Companion Carl Michel, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host. His dedication to Masonry is an inspiration to all. This individual, though going through some personal situations, still found time to dedicate to this Grand Chapter. He is a friend and Brother and I thank him for his work and support.

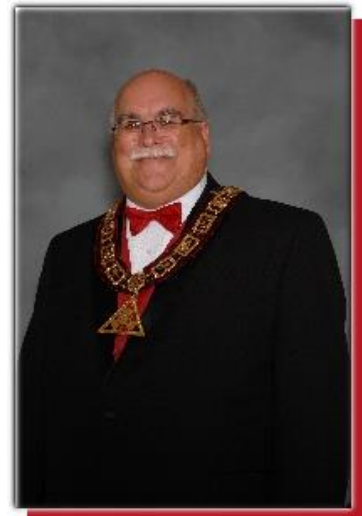
RE Companion Randall Watson, REGK has been a valued friend and advisor on this journey. He is there to offer his opinion and assistance when called for. In DeMolay it is said that Jacques DeMolay had his Geoffrey de Charney (Guy of Auvergne) so to the MEGHP has his REGK. Randy I will be there to support you during your tenure and offer advice when asked (and sometimes when not). Just remember "it is good to be the King", but even better to be the Grand High Priest.

ME Companion Vernon Huebschman, REG Secretary. What can be said about this individual? He is the most dedicated member of this Grand Chapter. He carries the spirit in his heart. Those that have served before me and have worked with Vernon know of his help and assistance to the Grand High Priest. Companion Vernon thank you is not enough so I am asking the Grand Chapter to rise and pay you back the only way I know how by giving you Grand Honors.

I must thank the Companions of Maryland for their support this year. I know you will continue that same support to my successor.

Finally to my family for their support in all aspects of my life. They have been there to do whatever is needed and continue to offer their support. I love them and cannot thank them enough.

Fraternally,
Richard P. Naegele
Grand High Priest 2014



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Awards Presented 2014

White Tau

Calvin Helmick #1
Arthur Gordon #7
Alex Rodriguez #7
William Wickham #7
Gerald Dawson #17
Jacob Todd #17
John Greer #18
Dennis Ewing #21
James King #23
Kevin Drabczyk #23
Alan Smith #23
Robert Morris #23
Gary Kennedy #23
George Martinez #25
Gerald Kendle #27
David Ente #28
Ross Abraham #28
Romaine Tweedy #33
Donald Himes #44
Thomas Binaut #46
Calvin Price #46

Triple Tau

Barry Noe #7
Paul David Shipley #18
Howard Graham #23
Charles Kennedy #23

MEGHP Award

Edmund D. Harrison, MEGGHP
Leon Stanley (PHA)
Robert Penny

Breast Plate Awards

Arthur Gordon #7
John Greer #18
Vernon Huebschman #19
Howard Graham #23
Michael Faby #28
Randall Watson #46

Bronze Medal

Howard Graham #23

Ephram Kirby Awards

Vernon Huebschman, Custodian
Bennie Owens
Louis Bandell, Jr.
Stephen J. Ponzillo, III

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Travels Grand High Priest
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November

4 GV James F Allen Chapter #33
5 GV Tuscan #42
6 GV Ithiel #27
8 GV York #44
11 GV Enoch #23
12 GV Concordia #1, Mt. Vernon #25, Baltimore #40
13 GV and Chartering Piscataway #46
14 GV Druid #28
15 Grand Master's Banquet
16 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
19 GV Salem #18
20 GV Adoniram #21; St. John's #19
25 GV Carroll #31
26 GV Chesapeake #17
27 GV Phoenix #7

December

3 GV Talbot #22, Hayward #29, Edenton #36
6 – 14 Cruise from Baltimore to Bahamas
15 York Rite Religious Service @ Masonic Homes (Grand Chapter Host)

January

1 – 31 Thirty One installations with Grand Lodge
WM Pin presentations made

February

14 – 19 Conference of Grand Masters of North America – Baltimore

March

6-7 Grand Session New York
7-8 Grand Sessions Delaware
14-15 Rainbow Sessions
15 Grand Sessions District of Columbia
19 Visit Adoniram Chapter #21

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April

- 1 Visitation to Tuscan Chapter #42
- 9 Visitation to Piscataway Chapter #46
- 25 – 26 Grand Sessions Maine
- 27-30 Grand Sessions OES of Maryland
- 29 Boumi Shrine Master Mason Night

May

- 8 Semi Annual Assembly Grand Council
- 9-10 Job's Daughters Sessions
- 12 Semi Annual Convocation Grand Chapter
- 17 Semi Annual Communication Grand Lodge
- 21 St. John's Chapter #19 Installation
- 23 Visitation to Chesapeake Chapter #17 Mark Master Degree/ Installation
- 28 Visitation to Phoenix Chapter #7 Installation

June

- 3 Visitation to Edenton Chapter #36 Mark Master Degree
- 26 Hershey Park
- 27 Visitation to Enoch Chapter #23 Installation 50 year pin presentations

July

- 17 – 20 DeMolay Conclave
- 25 – 30 Rainbow Supreme Session Baltimore

August

- 11 Visitation to Edenton Chapter #36 Mark / Past Master Degree
- 18 Visitation to Edenton Chapter #36 Most Excellent Master Degree
- 25 Visitation to Edenton Chapter #36 Royal Arch Degree

September

- 3 Visitation to Ithiel Chapter #27
- 22 Visitation to Carroll Chapter #31
- 26 – 30 General Grand Chapter/ Council Sessions Buffalo

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October

8 Visitation to Piscataway Chapter #46

13 Visitation to Mt. Vernon Chapter #25

15 Visitation to Adoniram Chapter # 21 Mark Master Degree

22 Visitation to Phoenix Chapter #7

Report on the 2014 Triennium

R.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis, REGS

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIUM COMMITTEE

The joint 69th General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International Triennial Convocation and the 45th General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International Triennial Assemble was held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo Niagara, New York from the 25th of September to the 30th of September. Several excellent tours were available for the Companions on the 25th, 26th, and 27th. There was a total of eight Companions representing Maryland for the Grand Chapter Convocation. They included MEGHP Richard P. Naegele, REGK Randy Watson, REGS Patrick Curtis, REGSecretary Vernon Huebschman, Past Grand High Priests Robert Lumbert and Louis Bandell, and Companions Jeffrey Dill and Sept Panzer. Richard Eppler, a member of Maryland's York Right College but who now resides in Connecticut, was also in attendance. MIGM James Coker, REGDM Jeffrey Dill, REGPCWI John Rafine and MIPGM Ronald Aughenbaugh representing the Grand Council of Maryland also were present.

Several outstanding functions were held. On the evening of the 26th, Columbian Council No. 1 conferred the Super Excellent Master Degree, the following evening Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 conferred the Royal Arch Degree and held a Table Lodge. On Sunday morning a Triennial Parade was held from the hotel to the Historic Erie Canal where a "Wedding of the Waters" Reenactment Ceremony was held. Those in attendance stated it was really something to see. That afternoon they held the Opening Ceremony of the Triennial with the Parade of the Flags, in which the flags of all the Grand Chapters, internationally are brought into the meeting room.

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Edmund D. Harrison presided in an exemplary manner over the Convocation. During the meeting our Grand Secretary, Companion Huebschman, was asked to represent the North American Chapters. Companion Panzer was honored to be asked to address the body. He spoke on the need for Chapters to actively engage the younger members coming into our Chapters, and not just continue to use the same old members for everything.

Fraternally,
John B. Maclay, Jr. PGHP
Robert Lumbert, PGHP

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Patrick A. Curtis, Chairman

Executive Summary of 2014 Triennium

**M.E. Comp. Larry E. Gray, MEPGGHP
General Grand Secretary**

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL.

69TH TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION

September 29, 2014

Buffalo, NY

The Triennial Convocation was opened by the Officers of the Grand Chapter of New York and received the officers of the General Grand Chapter. Then they relinquished their stations to the General Grand Chapter Officers and the meeting was presided over by Edmund D. "Ted" Harrison, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest.

Distinguished guests were received from various Masonic bodies of the US and from Australia and Scotland.

Preliminary reports of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen were adopted as printed in the Advanced Proceedings.

The budget of \$ 545,900.00 for 2014 – 2017 Triennium was adopted.

The following resolution was submitted and was approved by an overwhelming majority.

RESOLUTION ___2014-B_____

TO: The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

Whereas the costs of all operations continue to rise, including taxes, printing, removal of monies from the Sustaining Fund Income and corpus and a multiplicity of other reasons beyond our control, it is necessary to seek a per capita increase stretched over two separate trienniums.

Therefore, be it resolved that Paragraph 2 and 3 of the Standing Regulations of the Constitution and Standing Regulations of The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International be amended to read:

2. Subordinate Chapters of the General Grand Chapter (those chapters who are not part of a Grand Chapter) shall pay into the Treasury \$5.00 annually for each Royal Arch Mason on its rolls at the date of their preceding Annual Report. Exaltation fees will be discontinued.

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3. Grand Chapters whose jurisdiction falls on the North American Continent shall pay annually, and within ninety (90) days after their Annual Convocation, into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinate Chapters at the date of their preceding annual reports. All other Grand Chapters whose jurisdiction shall fall outside of North America shall pay annually and within ninety (90) days after their Grand Convocation, into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of eight dollars US (\$8.00) for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinate chapters at the date of their preceding annual report. (\$1.00 for North American Grand Chapters and \$4.00 increase for other Grand Chapters will take effect on January 1, 2016. Additionally, \$1.00 for North American Grand Chapters and \$2.00 for other Grand Chapters will take effect on January 1, 2018.)

Respectfully submitted,

Louis E. Bartrand

Note:	<u>Year</u>	<u>North America</u>	<u>All Others</u>
Per capita	2014-2015	\$1.00	\$4.00
	2016-2017	\$2.00	\$8.00
	2018-	\$3.00	\$10.00

A resolution to discontinue the Perpetual Life Membership Fund was defeated.

An emergency resolution to increase the fees for various Charters was defeated and will lay over until the 70th General Grand Convocation.

They were many awards presented to various Companions for service to the General Grand Chapter.

Louis E. Bartrand of Washington was elected Most Excellent General Grand High Priest.

James H. Hodge of Indiana was elected Right Excellent General Grand King.

Steven G. Tiner of Arkansas was elected Right Excellent General Grand Scribe.

Jerrold A. Wohlfarth of California was elected Right Excellent General Grand Treasurer.

Larry E. Gray, PGGHP, of Indiana was re-elected Right Excellent Secretary.

Bobby J. Kitchen of North Carolina was elected General Grand Trustee

The officers and Ambassadors were installed by Edmund D. Harrison, Past General Grand High Priest.

A complete list of officers for 2014 – 2017 is listed on the website at www.yorkrite.org

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The 70th Triennial Convocation will be held in Portland Oregon on August 25-30.

Report on the Doings of Grand Officers **M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, PGHP**

The report of the MEGHP are contained within his report.

Report on Correspondence **M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP**

No Correspondence was submitted to the Committee for review.

Report on Accounts & Finance

The Annual Report is submitted at the Semi-Annual Convocation in May.

Report of Fraternal Relations Committee **M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

The Grand Chapter received a request for recognition from the Grand Chapter, Prince Hall affiliate, of Washington (state). Since the Grand Lodge of Maryland does not recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, we are unable to comply with this request. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were so informed.

On September 4, 2014, a ceremony was held in Grand Lodge in which the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Maryland mutually recognized their Prince Hall counterparts.

At the Triennium session of the General Grand Chapter on September 29, 2014, charters were granted to Grand Chapters in the following countries: Cyprus, Gabon, Madagascar and Mauritius. Also, a Grand Chapter was chartered to unite Chapters in the Central American countries. It was also announced that the charters of Austria and Togo have been re-issued. However, the charter of Germany has been arrested.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lumbert, PGHP, Chairman

Report on Grievance

M. E. Comp. Bennie G. Owens, PGHP

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No issues have arisen that required the attention of this Committee or this Grand Convocation

Report on Time & Place

R.E. Comp. Randall L. Watson, REGK

Action for the 2015 was taken at the 2014 Semi-annual Grand Convocation. The Committee reported that certain beneficial were negotiated with the Grand Hotel, for savings to the overall cost.

Report of the Grand Chaplain

Ex. Comp. Arthur F. Hebbeler, III, Gr Chaplain

Companions, the Grand Chapter has approved for use a new Royal Arch Memorial Service. It is simple, yet meaningful. As Grand Chaplain, I recommend its use, and it ideally should be used at the funeral home on the evening prior to any services of the late Companion's clergy. When other Masonic honors are provided, the Chapter service should precede the Knights Templar service, if provided, and the Lodge service. Please contact the Grand Secretary to receive a copy of the service.

Our York Rite Memorial Service this weekend will remember those who have laid down their working tools during the past year. Please see the Grand Secretary's report for the list of names we remember this year. Among those we remember as General Grand Chapter Bronze Award recipients, Excellent Companion Frank Olah, PHP, and Right Excellent Comp. Donald M. Miller, Past Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

The Rev. Arthur F. Hebbeler III, MEHP
Grand Chaplain

REPORT ON WORK

M. E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

Royal Arch Memorial Service:

The Committee on Work submitted a Royal Arch Memorial Service to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation for its consideration, and upon motion duly made and seconded it passed unanimously. The text of this service will be incorporated into the coming revision of the Grand Chapter of Maryland Ritual Book.

Division of the Lecture of the Royal Arch Degree:

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Chapters may at the discretion of the MEHP, divide the work in the Royal Arch Degree, beginning with the explanation of the Signs and continuing to the end. The work may be divided among the MEHP, EK, and ES as they are seated in the East. For the purposes of Exemplifying the Degree, it is the responsibility of a rising officer to deliver all the work shown in the Ritual Books belonging to the High Priest.

Revision and Corrections to the Maryland Ritual Book

The present red wire-bound Ritual Book has served this Grand Chapter for almost fifteen years. During this time there have been additions and revisions to the content. Specifically, the Grand Chapter was approved full form openings & closings for the three subordinate Degrees of the Chapter. Also, the text of Installation of Officers has been amended, but is not commonly available in the Ritual Books. We have also approved a Chapter Memorial Service which needs to be permanently recorded.

There are also some items which may be useful to consider. The Apron Lecture from the General Grand Chapter's Ritual would be an interesting addition to ponder. There were some revisions done about a decade ago to speed up the Royal Arch Degree...some things shortened, some used a part of prologue, some made optional at the MEHP's discretion. To the end of bringing these items, the Committee on Work will undertake the preparation of a New Revised Maryland Ritual. The first task will be transcribe the existing text to a universally accessible electronic format, such as Microsoft WORD. Once this is done, we can address the possible changes to be considered. Once the final configuration is reached the document will be in a format that can be given to a publisher to edit into a useful book.

Respectfully submitted,

M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP
Committee on Work, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

This has been another encouraging year for the state of the Ritual Work.

- Fourteen of eighteen Chapters had new members this year.
- Four Chapters installed new High Priests
- Several Chapters have accepted the Grand Lecturer's request to work one-on-one with their Lines to improve the quality of degree work.
- The requirements for a new Most Excellent High Priest are
 - Must be a current or past Excellent King or Excellent Scribe
 - Must exemplify the presiding officer of one of the following combinations:
 - Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees, or...
 - Past Master and Royal Arch Degree, or....

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- Mark Master, Past Master, and either the Captain of the Host or Principal Sojourner from the Royal Arch.
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- The Chapter Secretary must request a dispensation from the MEGHP for the candidate not having exemplified all four degrees, as stated in the Constitution, which must be done PRIOR to elections.
- ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD AT THE MARCH CONVOCATION.
- Properly elected Companions must present themselves to the Council of Anointed High Priests to receive the instructions of that Degree. The fee shall be paid by the Chapter. A member of the Chapter should be present with the candidate.
- The MEHP-Elect and his Line shall be installed per the requirements of the Grand Chapter Constitution, and the Chapter's Bylaws. Note this exception for the Installation of a Past High Priest: The Chapter may hold its Installation prior to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation if convenient for the Chapter's schedule, only if the MEHP-Elect is a Past High Priest or the current High Priest.
- It is the province of the Grand High Priest to install the officers of all Chapters. If a Chapter has a particular desire to have a certain Past Grand High Priest, current elected Grand Chapter Officer, or a Past High Priest perform the Installation, it may do so with the consent of the MEGHP, using the appropriate and approved Installation Ceremony.
- The Chapter Secretary should report the Installation of Officers to the Grand Secretary so that correct information can be posted to the Grand Chapter Officers and to the Grand Chapter Website.
- All Companions selected for the Committee on Work bear the title and authority of the rank of Deputy Grand Lecturer, to be available for instruction, guidance, and certification.

Concerning Degree Work:

- Chapters are reminded that if opening on a lower Degree, the full form Opening must be used, including the Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and closed accordingly.
- Candidates elected to receive the four Degrees of the Chapter must do within the Chapter which has elected them to membership, excepting only when at the discretion of the MEHP, a written request to confer Work by Courtesy is made to another Chapter. The requesting Chapter is expected to supply an escorting Companion for the candidate, and in the case of the Mark Master Degree... must supply a Mark Card and Penny with the escort. The escort will also carry a report to be signed by the MEHP or Secretary of the conferring Chapter that the Candidate(s) were present and did receive the Degree(s) requested in writing. Chapters conferring the work by Courtesy have no responsibility to report to requesting Chapters, but may do so if they wish.

2014 – 2015 Special Project for Constituent Chapters

Each Chapter is asked to examine the condition of its paraphernalia used in the conferral of all Degrees. Each item used should be clean, well-maintained, safe, and presentable. The MEHP is asked to report

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to the Grand Lecturer when the inspection occurs and what the plan is for any repairs or replacement of worn equipment. Not all corrective actions have to be done, but a plan is expected. Special focus is expected for the condition the Obstacles, and the safety of their use in the conferral of each degree. The Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers will be available to respond to questions regarding condition, if there is a question. The condition of all Chapter equipment is ultimately the responsibility of the MEHP, and the improper use of any equipment in worn or unsafe condition is strictly forbidden.

Recommendations for subsequent action the 2015 Semi-Annual Grand Convocation:

Finally, within the body of this report, the Grand Lecturer offers for consideration the following options be granted to the Most Excellent High Priest of each to act upon his discretion as circumstances are appropriate, with action to be determined at the 2015 Semi-Annual Grand Convocation:

1. Cable-tows will be optional, and may be used only if they are in good condition, without wear or deteriorate leather parts.
2. Hoodwinks or blindfolds will be optional in the Royal Arch Degree, and if used each candidate must have one Companion conducting him as he moves about the room until the proper moment when the blindfolds are to be removed.
3. Cable-tows used to lead candidates are no longer appropriate for hoodwinked candidates.
4. The use of swords in the Opening of Chapter, in the MEM Degree, and the RA Degree may be eliminated at the discretion of the MEHP, based on local circumstances and the abilities of the Companions in the Chairs.
5. The General Grand Chapter "Apron Lecture" may be inserted into the Royal Arch Lecture at the point when the Candidates are invested with the Apron.
6. The obstacles in the Royal Arch Degree may be arranged so that the Candidate pass over all three in a single circuit, but all the text of the Ritual must be given before and after each obstacle. Again, the use of this provision would be at the discretion of the MEHP, and based upon the space available in each Chapter Room.
7. The use of the Attitude of Reverence during all Scripture readings, all Prayers, and the attending of the Great Lights shall be a permanent and universal practice of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

Each Chapter is encouraged to develop a plan to advance its interested Companions through the chairs in each of the degree. The Grand Lecturer and his Assistants will be ready to help whenever the Chapter wants to rehearse and develop their skills.

Respectfully,

M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP

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Grand Lecturer

Report on Awards

M. E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP

The Committee on Awards applauds the distribution of the state-wide awards to our new members. The MEGHP fully lists the Awards presented during his term of office, which is truly impressive in its depth and breadth of the jurisdiction. The selection of Ex. Comp. Howard Graham to receive the Bronze Medal bespeaks the heart-felt admiration of all those who watched his unflinching resolve to preserve the Royal Arch in Frederick.

As the Custodian of the Ephraim Kirby Award in Maryland for the time being, it was a pleasure to nominate three of the easiest and most obvious choices one could be called upon to make. The nominations were presented to the MEGHP to be sure there was no conflict in action or intent. This award is intended for past grand presiding officer, though not necessarily of Grand Chapter, who continue in diligent service to the Masonic Family in our state. For 2014, Maryland was allowed to present three names to the General Grand High Priest. In 2015, the number will be two, and in 2016 and beyond, the number will be a single nomination. The 2014 Nominations fell upon three Past Grand High Priests who are examples of never-ending service to the Craft:

Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests

Bennie G. Owens

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III

Louis F. Bandell, Jr.

Report on Jurisprudence & Report on the Constitution

M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, PGHP

Dear Most Excellent Sir:

The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the several dispensations and other decisions related to your service. We find them in accord with the Constitution and the time honored traditions of your office.

On another matter, we believe a thorough study of our Constitution is in order. We recommend a committee be formed to undertake this task. Once completed and possible changes are approved, we believe it should be made available to all Companions. The means for this distribution should be determined at future sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally for the Committee,

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III
M.E.P.G.H.P.

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It was noted that the Grand Chapter Constitution is available to all on the Website's Grand Secretary Page. Subsequent to this Annual Grand Convocation all successful amendments were edited into the Constitution and presented to the webmaster for replacement of the old copy.

Report on Youth & Scholarships

Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, PHP

The Report of the Committee and the actions necessary were taken at the Semi-Annual Convocation.

REPORT OF THE RARA COMMITTEE

As all of you know, the General Grand Chapter and all of its subordinate Grand Chapters are supporting research in Central Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD) through the Royal Arch Research Assistance Foundation. Its work is centered on a research component in CAPD at the University of Connecticut, the Hearing Health Foundation in New York City, and Autism Speaks. I am pleased to report, thanks to the contributions of eleven (11) Royal Arch Chapters in Maryland, our Grand Secretary, Companion Huebschman forwarded one thousand, two hundred and fifty-six dollars twenty two (\$1256.00) to Most Excellent Companion Larry E. Gray, PGGHP, General Grand Secretary. On behalf of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I congratulate every Chapter who donated money for this excellent Charity.

In addition, I wish to congratulate Companion Terry Royce and his wife Nancy. Through their hard work, the Southern Maryland York Rite picnic collected four hundred and sixty nine dollars (\$469.00) which was forwarded directly to Autism Speaks.

At the beginning of the year, our MEGHP raised the idea of having a state-wide walk for raising funds for RARA and Autism Speaks. I extend a grateful thanks to those Companions who sought to have this occur. Would the following Companions: Dennis Brekhus, Robert Penny, Henry McDonald and Terry Royce please stand. Companions I asked these four Brothers to set up sites in the four sectors of the state - Western, Eastern, Northern and Southern respectively. Unfortunately, we determined the cost of such an effort was prohibitive.

My recommendation therefore is if we are to proceed on such an effort in the future we contact the Autism Speaks offices in Baltimore and Washington DC about participating with them

Fraternally,
W. Michael Boughman,
David Theilman,
Robert Penny,
Robert W. Hamilton,
Gordon A. Davids
Patrick A. Curtis, Chairman

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Report on Long Range Planning

R.E. Comp. Randall L. Watson, REGK

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

The Maryland York Rite Long Range Plan was created from several meetings between the interested elected officers of all three bodies. It was adopted by the Grand Chapter at the 2012 Annual Convocation.

Goal: To increase membership and participation in local and Grand Bodies by 50% and have competent well trained leaders in management and ritual by 2020.

Benchmark Membership Goals for the Grand Chapter:

Year	Target	Actual	Variance
2011	Baseline	1,593	-
2012	1,658	1,538	-120
2013	1,723	1,574	-149
2014	1,788		
2015	1,853		
2016	1,918		
2017	1,983		
2018	2,048		
2019	2,115		
2020	2,180		

The initial drop in membership from the 2011 benchmark to the 2012 actual membership was partially due to scrutiny in cleaning up Chapter records and dropping NPD and previously deceased members. We did achieve an increase in 2013 over 2012, but it was less than the targeted 65 per year increase.

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Several of the specific strategies in the long range plan have been implemented, such as the standardization of initiation fees for all Chapters and the establishment of a ritual requirement for all Chapters to certify in the Mark Master Degree in 2014.

All Chapters will be required in 2015 to demonstrate that they have maintained proficiency in conferring the Mark Master Degree. In 2016, Chapters will also have to demonstrate proficiency in conferring the Past Master Degree.

This year, the Grand Chapter obtained and distributed copies of “The Peculiar Stone” for use in making presentations to Lodges in addition to the “Fervency and Zeal” program.

The Grand Chapter has also obtained copies of the “Capitular Development Course” developed in New York for adaption to Maryland for the enlightenment and interest of membership as well as development of potential officers at the Chapter and Grand levels.

Respectfully submitted:

Randall L. Watson
R.E. Grand King

Report on Membership

Comp. Bruce Colburn, MEHP

No report from this committer for this Convocation.

Report on the Multi-Jurisdictional Festival

R.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis, REGS

On September 20, the Grand Chapters of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia gathered at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria Virginia to confer the Royal Arch Degrees on a combined 53 candidates. Maryland was responsible for the conferral of the Most Excellent Master Degree. Virginia began the day with the conferral of the Mark Master Degree followed by Delaware conferring the Past Master Degree. The District of Columbia ended the affair that afternoon with the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree.

Members from Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25 (Annapolis) and York Chapter No. 44 (Camp Springs) made up the cast for the degree. Randy Disney (Mt Vernon) presided as Right Worshipful Master, Gerald Poe (York) served as Senior Warden, James Cloud (York) as Master of Ceremonies, Patrick Curtis (York) as Senior Deacon, and Kenyatta Galbreath (York Chapter) as Junior Deacon. Three of the candidates were

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from York Chapter -- George Baxter, Brian Carroll and Ed Howard. Right Worshipful Vernon Huebschman brought a candidate from New York, Companion Mischa Zobolin, who needed to be received and greeted as a Most Excellent Master.

I am proud to say the Maryland Degree team did an excellent job in the conferral of the Degree. We received many congratulations from the other attendees at the festival. Companion Disney as the Right Worshipful Master did an outstanding job. He received a hearty round of applause for the lecture.

Bruce G. Colburn
Spyridon G. Treklas
Patrick A. Curtis, Chairman

Report of the Trustees

Given at the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation on May , 2014

Reception of the Past Grand High Priests and Past Elected Grand Officers

The Roll of Surviving Past Grand Officers was called (**Bold PRESENT**) (*Absent*)

<i>M.E. Comp. Carl J. Wisner</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1963</i>
M.E. Comp. Bennie G. Owens	Past Grand High Priest, 1973
<i>M.E. Comp. Luther J. Bell</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1981</i>
<i>M.E. Comp. Russell S. Brewer</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1983</i>
<i>M.E. Comp. Richard D. Parker</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1984</i>
<i>M.E. Comp. Edward A. Foreman, Jr.</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1986</i>
<i>M.E. Comp. Marion F. Rickard, Jr.</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1988</i>
<i>M.E. Comp. Urban T Peters</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1994</i>
M.E. Comp. Clifton R. Friel	Past Grand High Priest, 1996
<i>M.E. Comp. Robert B. Malwitz</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 1999</i>
<i>M.E. Comp. Royce A. Watson</i>	<i>Past Grand High Priest, 2002</i>
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Past Grand High Priest, 2004
M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III	Past Grand High Priest, 2006
M.E. Comp. Louis F. Bandell, Jr.	Past Grand High Priest, 2008, 2009
M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lambert	Past Grand High Priest, 2010, 2011
M.E. Comp. John B. Maclay, Jr.	Past Grand High Priest, 2012
<i>R.E. Comp. Robert H. McWilliams</i>	<i>Past Grand Scribe</i>

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M.E. Comp. Bennie G. Owens was selected unanimously by the Past Grand High Priests present to respond for all PHP present:

The Grand Representatives and Grand Inspectors were acknowledged and thanked for their service.

The MEGHP greeted and extended his thanks to all the twelve MEHP's present.

Report on Unfinished Business

M.E. Comp. John B. Maclay

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed Amendment No. 3 has been withdrawn.

A motion was made to take up the Proposed Amendment No. 6, which was seconded. M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert PGHP asked about due notice for this Proposed Amendment. Discussion lead to an opinion from M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, PGHP, Chairman of Jurisprudence, that the appearance of the proposed amendment in the Semi-Annual Proceedings, and those Proceedings being on the Grand Chapter Website, did not constitute proper notification. Having been carried over, and failing to have proper notification, the Proposed Amendment was deemed unfit for action, and as it had carried over from the previous Semi-Annual Grand Convocation, it was declared as a failed proposed amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new Business to come upon the floor.

M.E. Grand High Priest Naegele then set the Grand Chapter of Maryland at recess, to come on again for the purpose of the Installation of the 2015 Grand Chapter Line at 4:00 P.M.

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M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegele, as Installing Grand High Priest; assisted by M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo III, as Installing Grand Captain of the Host proceeded to install the following officers.

M. E. Comp. Randall L. Watson	Druid Chapter	Grand High Priest
R. E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis	York Chapter	Grand King
R. E. Comp. William C. Eppig	Druid Chapter	Grand Scribe
R. E. Comp. John M. Lister	Mt. Vernon Chapter	Grand Treasurer (Absent)
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	St. Johns Chapter	Grand Secretary
Ex. Comp. Bruce. G. Colburn	Concordia Chapter	Grand Captain of the Host
Ex. Comp. Arthur F. Hebbeler, III	Piscataway Chapter	Grand Chaplain
Ex Comp. Robert W. Hamilton	Salem Chapter	Grand Principal Sojourner (Absent)
Ex. Comp. John H. Austin	James F. Allen Chapter	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Ex. Comp. Robert M. Penny	Talbot Chapter	Grand Master of the Third Veil (Absent)
Ex. Comp. W. Michael Boughman	Tuscan Chapter	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Ex. Comp. Richard Reccardi	Druid Chapter	Grand Master of the First Veil
Ex. Comp. William C. Baldwin, Jr.	Carroll Chapter	Grand Sentinel
Ex. Comp. Robert E. Young	Druid Chapter	Grand Organist

Grand Inspectors;

Name	Ch.- No.	Assigned Chapter
Ex. Comp. Henry C. McDonald, Jr.	7	President of the Board of G.I.'s
Ex. Comp. Harvey Yale		Phoenix RAC No. 7
Ex. Comp. James B. Coker	19	James F. Allen RAC No. 33
Ex. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill	28	St Johns RAC No. 19; Tuscan RAC No. 42
Ex. Comp. Kris Brown	33	Enoch RAC No. 23; York RAC No. 44
Ex. Comp. Richard Reccardi	28	Concordia RAC No. 1; Baltimore RAC No. 40
Ex. Comp. Robert M. Penny	22	Chesapeake RAC No. 17; Edenton RAC No. 36; Hayward RAC No. 29
Ex Comp. W. Michael Boughman	42	Adoniram RAC No. 21; Druid RAC No. 28
Ex. Comp. David A Tibbets	29	Talbot RAC No. 22; Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25
Ex. Comp. William C. Eppig	28	Carroll RAC No. 33; Piscataway RAC No. 46
Ex. Comp. Robert W. Hamilton	18	Salem RAC No. 18; Ithiel RAC No. 27
Ex. Comp. William E. Lautenschlager	19	At-Large

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Remarks of the Incoming Grand High Priest

Companions,

Thank you for your trust and the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter for the upcoming term.

I'd like to start by commenting on something that many of you have heard before, but want to point it out to those who haven't previously attended a function where I have been installed as the presiding officer. When I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in October of 1979 in Nanticoke Lodge #172 over on the Eastern Shore, the Worshipful Master stated that it was the Lodge's custom to present a Masonic bible to their newly raised members. He told me that the bible on the altar was mine, and that I could take it after the meeting closed. He also informed me that since I had come through as a single candidate and not part of a class, that they had used that bible on the altar at both of the previous meetings when I had been initiated as an Entered Apprentice and passed to the degree of Fellowcraft; and so, I had taken all three Obligations of masonry on that bible. Since that time, I have used this bible to take the oath of office every time I have been installed as the presiding officer of a masonic or masonic-related body, starting with Grand Commander of the Maryland DeMolay Court of Chevaliers, and including Patron of my Eastern Star Chapter. This has a great deal of significance and meaning for me, and I just wanted to share it with the Companions and guests.

Moving beyond my personal focus, I'd like to share some of the things that the Companions can expect in the upcoming term.

The Grand Chapter adopted the Long Range Plan – and it is my intention to follow it. The Grand Chapter will also work with the other Bodies for their development and adoption, so it will truly be a shared and united York Rite Long Range Plan. Without entering into a lengthy dissertation, I'll touch upon a few points of the Long Range Plan:

Ritual: For 2014, MEGHP Richard Naegele set a requirement that each Chapter must demonstrate proficiency in conferring or exemplifying the Mark Master Degree. For 2015, this requirement is repeated to make sure that now that the Chapters have demonstrated the ability to confer the Mark Master Degree; that they don't lose it. In going forward, the recommendation for 2016 is that the Chapters will again certify on the Mark Master, but also add the Past Master Degree.

Education: The educational program, "The Capitular Development Course", developed by New York under MEGHP Piers Vaughn has been adopted by the General Grand Chapter for adaptation beyond just the Grand Chapter of New York. We were able to obtain copies of the book for this program at the General Grand Triennial, and plan to adapt it for Maryland.

Membership: Under MEGHP Louis Bandell, the "Fervency and Zeal" program was adapted for presentation in Maryland. For the first couple of years, we actively managed it, and were able to

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have presentations done at Lodges throughout the State. Once the newness wore off, we shifted our tactics to responding to requests for the program; but those requests have been decreasing. Last year, MEGHP Naegele brought back “The Peculiar Stone” and put out a call for volunteers to learn the parts to establish conferral teams, but there haven’t been many “takers”. This term, we’re going back to active management of these programs – I’ve asked PGHP Naegele to coordinate the recruitment of Companions to learn the various parts of both programs, with the hope that we will be at least two or three deep on each part – that way we should be able to put together a team when needed despite the casts’ conflicting schedules. We will also actively approach Masters and other groups about the possibility of presenting one of these programs instead of waiting for them to ask us.

For an organizational enhancement, I’ve asked Companion Henry McDonald, as the president of the Board of Grand Inspectors, to get together with the Grand Inspectors and put together a Manual, because the role of Grand Inspector for the Chapters is different from what it is for Lodges – for one thing, there isn’t a requirement to take up the “Word”. This Manual doesn’t have to be a huge document; but by taking the best practices of the existing Grand Inspectors, we can share them with all of the Grand Inspectors and standardize what we do. It will also serve as a learning tool and reference for future Grand Inspectors when they are first appointed.

Finally, I wish to express thanks to each of you for being here with us today, and for all your support and service for York Rite Masonry.

And now, there being no further business to come before this Grand Convocation...

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, and waiving all other forms and ceremonies, I now declare the Grand Chapter of Maryland closed.

So ordered Grand Secretary!

Appendix 1: Report of the Chapters:

Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1	1206 Stehlik Drive Odenton, MD 21113	Meets 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm Except June, July, & August
HP: Bruce Colburn	EK: James J. Morgan, PHP	ES: Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP
Secty: Frederick A. Spicer	Membership: 114	
Past High Priests:	Bruce Colburn Charles McLaughlin Charles E. Neimann Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP	Howard Culver James J. Morgan Frederick A. Spicer Charles Wagner
Exaltations: Robert G. Padgett John G. Stoneham Juvart T. Mingledorph III	Re-instatements: Roy Rapp, PHP Demitted: Jack F. Weaver Charles L. Mitchell, Sr.	Suspended: Roger S. Brown Edwin Durham Charles L. Mitchell Jr. William C. Kin Deaths: None

Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No.7	Aberdeen Masonic Temple Aberdeen, MD	Meets 4 th Wednesdays 7:30 pm
HP: Henry C. McDonald, Jr. PHP	EK: Michael G. Faby, PHP	ES: William Miller,
Secty: Jerry R. Arnold	Membership: 76	
Past High Priests, as reported	William E. Lautenschlager Louis F. Bandell, Jr. PGHP Edward A. Foreman, PGHP Richard P. Naegele, REGK	George O. Wagner James E. McGrady Richard H. Westermeyer Frederick A. Spicer
Exalted: Ernest L. Anderson Don Craze J. Stephen Fayer Bryon Hardaker	William Ivey Robert Pudmericky Richard Thurfield	Suspensions: <i>Ten, not identified in report</i> Deaths: None Demits: James Logan Davis III

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Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17	110 N. Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801	Meets 2 nd & 4 th Fridays 7:30 p.m.
HP: Joel Jacob Todd	EK: James Albert Massey	ES: George Shipman Fowler
Secty: Gerald R. Dawson, Sr.	Membership: 82	
Past High Priests, as reported	Norris E. Cartwright, Sr. Alonzo Conley Ralph P. Hooper Arthur H. Tawes, Jr.	Thomas R. Cobbs Charles R. Dashiell, Jr. Dale E. Venable (information from 2013)
Exalted: John D. McKenzie Edward A. Welch	Demitted: David A. Insley, PHP	Deaths & Suspensions: None (Comp. Dawson died after a brief illness in September)

Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18	15 Greene Street Cumberland, MD 21502	Meets 3 rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. September – June
HP: John M. Greer	EK: Kevin H. Mallow	ES: Lawrence E. Croop
Secty: Robert W. Hamilton	Membership: 103	
Past High Priests, as reported	Robert W. Hamilton Kenneth A. Robertson	C. Ronald Liller Allen D. Shirk
Exaltations: 10 <i>Details not supplied in report</i>	Deaths: 5	Demits: 1 Suspensions: 0

St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter No. 19	3 Shipping Place Dundalk, MD 21222	Meets 3 rd Wednesday, 7:30 September – June
HP: Vernon Huebschman, PGHP	EK James B. Coker, PHP	ES William Lautenschlager, PHP
Secty: Edward Foreman J. PGHP	Membership: 68	
Past High Priests reported	Luther J. Bell PGHP Edward A. Foreman, Jr. PGHP Richard Reccardi Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP	James B. Coker William E. Lautenschlager John A. Rafine George O. Wagner
Exaltations: David Christopher Dietz Deaths: Frank Olah, PHP Charles Faist	Suspensions: George W. Elbon James Frederick II Robert Ivey Jason Sentz William Seuse	Demits: 1

Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter	304 International Circle	Meets Third Wednesdays
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No. 21	Cockeysville, MD 21030	September – May 10:30 a.m.
HP: Louis F. Bandell, Jr. PGHP	EK: Teddy R. Barkley, Jr. PHP	ES: W. Neal Siebold
Secty: John B. Maclay, MEGHP	Membership: 21	
Past High Priests:	Louis F. Bandell, Jr. PGHP Edward A. Foreman, Jr. PGHP Clifton R. Friel, PGHP Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP Bennie G. Owens, PGHP Carl J. Wisner, PGHP John B. Maclay, Jr. MEGHP	Teddy R. Barkley, Jr. John B. Grieve Robert C. Heinze Spyridon G. Treklas Richard H. Uren Ronald L. Aughenbaugh Patrick A. Curtis, REGS
Exaltations: Dennis W. Ewing	Affiliation: Ronald L. Aughenbaugh, PHP Robert C. Candler Patrick A. Curtis, REGS Charles J. Malinowski	Deaths: Ray C Strayer

Talbot Royal Arch Chapter No. 22	114 N. Washington Street Easton, MD 21601	Meets Second Thursday of Jan, April, June, Oct.
HP: Robert M. Penny, PM	EK: Michael S. Bauman	ES: Vacant
Secty: Robert M. Penny, PM	Membership: 34	
Past High Priests:	Howard M. Higgins	Darryl W. McCaslin Robert M. Penny
Exaltation & Affiliations: James Mac Hudson Kevin Brent Middleton	Deaths: Walter J. Harmsen, Jr. PHP	Suspensions: Charles Boutin Donald K. Dyott, Jr.
Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23	6816 Blentlinger Road Frederick, MD 21702	Meets Second Tuesday 7:30 pm
HP: James M. King	EK: Alan Smith	ES: David Duffy
Secty: Dennis A. Brekhus	Membership: 92	
Past High Priests:	Russell Brewer, PGHP Kenneth T. Crampton Howard W. Graham	George W. Shumard
Exaltations: David R. Duffy Ronald S. Maston	Deaths: David Eugene Dom Richard W. Rinehart Roland William Green	Suspension: Clyde C. Wachter, Jr. Richard E. Lohr Michael S. Glennie John A. Routzahn PHP Edward Lulie

Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25	162 Conduit Street Annapolis, MD 21401	Meets Second Monday
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HP: Randolph Disney	EK: S. Dirk Wiker	ES: G. Andrew Martinez
Secty: Vacant	Membership: 139	
Past High Priests:	Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr. Leland Linder G. Scott Romanoski James L. Knighton G. Neill Kinnamon Bennie G. Owens, PGHP James Conboy John M. Lister, REG Treas.	Roy Haugh Edward Matthias Carl Seaman Alexander Buinickas Jimmie Trowbridge Marc Owens Randolph S. Disney Gordon A. Davids
Exaltations:	Paul Cipriano Balassa Steven Hoffman Bruce Alan Lanier	Peter Scott Lord August Richard Bartlemayer Charles Samuel Jacquette Robert Gordon Hight
Demits: None	Suspensions: None	Deaths: Robert Emmett Madel

Ithiel Royal Arch Chapter No. 27	54 S. Potomac Street Hagerstown, MD 21740	Meets First Wednesdays, 7:30pm
HP:	EK: Gerald T. Kendle	ES: Timothy A. Snouffer
Secty: Terry L. Smith	Membership: 64	
Past High Priests	Jodie C. Arnold Delancy L. Catlett C. Franklin Ebersole Harvey L. Hogamier Joel D. Klimoski Sheldon P. Lawson	David W. Litton, Jr. Richard P. Marshall George M. Morse, Jr. Mark F. Pryor, Jr. Marion F. Richard, Jr. PGHP R. Joseph White
Exaltations: None Demits: Bradley D. Ammons Benjamin F. Elkins Merle S. Elliott	Walter C. Frazee John A. Hottinger William G. Walker Jr.	Deaths: Charles A. Gibney, Jr. Edwin J. Carl Ralph W. Poe Wolford M. Staley Joel W. Thomas.

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Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28	Oriental Room, Freemason Hall 304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030	Meets Second Thursdays, 7:00/7:30pm alternating with Hiram Council R&SM
HP: Michael G. Faby	EK: Henry C. McDonald, Jr. PHP	ES: Robert W. Chase
Secty: Vernon H. Huebschman PGHP	Membership: 190	
Past High Priests:	Teddy R. Barkley Jeffrey L. Dill William C. Eppig Michael G. Faby Robert C. Heinze Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP Henry C. McDonald, Jr.	Carl A. Michel Richard P. Naegele, MEGHP Stephen J. Ponzillo, III PGHP Richard Reccardi Randall L. Watson, REGK Robert E. Young
Exaltations: Raymond W. Beares Robert D'Antonio John Charles Biondo Konstantinos Chistoforakis Harvey Davidoff Iain Densmore	Shane T. Collison Frederick Allen Eklund IV Donald Frye Michael Neubeck Frank Hampton David Lewis Sepp Panzer	David Smith Bill Martin Matthew Spencer Gordon M. Stick IV Allen Thrift Mathew Valenti Peter Andrew Wakefield Affiliated: Michel Rashad
Deaths: George Carl White James W. Caraway Samuel Young Joseph J. Doerfler	Harvey Groner Kenneth Short Nickolas Karaveda Donald M. Miller PG Treas. Martin John Miller III Lester G. Pyle	Gilbert Schmidt Henry Schoen Suspension: None Demits: None

Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29	439 Race Street Cambridge, MD 21613	Meets Second & Fourth Mondays; 7:30 pm
HP: Christian E. Jensen	EK Wallace E. Dodson, PHP	ES: David A. Tibbetts, PHP
Secty: Robert H McWilliams, PGS	Membership: 13	
Past High Priests:	Wallace E. Dodson Robert H. McWilliams, PGScr	David A. Tibbetts Robert L. Willey T. George Wittstadt
Exaltations: Brad Thomas Dickinson Aaron Wallace Tilley	Affiliations: Christian E. Jensen	Deaths, Suspension & Demits: None

Carroll Royal Arch No. 31	46 Monroe Street Westminster	Meets Fourth Monday; 7:30 pm
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HP: Louis F. Bandell, Jr. PGHP	EK: Carl J. Wisner, PGHP	ES: William J. Baldwin, Jr.
Secty: William J. Baldwin, Jr.	Membership: 87	
Past High Priest:	William J. Baldwin, Jr. Louis F. Bandell, Jr., PGHP Philip Lindemeyer	John R. Thomas Carl J. Wisner, PGHP
		Died:

James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33	612 Great Falls Road Rockville, MD 20805	Meets Fourth Wednesday; Third Wed. in Nov. & Dec.; 7:30pm
HP: Michael T. Brolly	EK: Richard H. Ground	ES: James E. Kinnear
Secty: Thomas A Marraffa, Jr.	Membership: 66 (by computation & Data supplied)	
Past High Priests:	John Austin Jeffrey G. Bodie Michael Brolly Kris D. Brown Robert Burrows Lee Brobst Walter L. Hagen	Don Holliday Richard Parker, PGHP William K. Parsons Arthur Sellars Robert Vitarelli Royce A. Watson, PGHP
Exalted: Jack B. Richard, Jr. (Report shows 3 Exaltations)	Deaths, Demits, Suspensions: None	

Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36	114 Market Street Denton, MD 21622	Meets First Tuesday in September, December, March
HP: Clifton R. Friel, PGHP	EK: Vacant	ES: Vacant
Secty: Christian E. Jensen	Membership: 88	
Past High Priests:	Frank D. Bradley Lester L. Branson A Dean Burt III Eugene D Racz, PG Secty	Wayne M. Spicher Carl D. Walbeck Clifton R. Friel, PGHP William K. Parsons
Exaltations: Kevin Middleton Purnell T. Batchelor Aaron Bramble James J. Dixon	Death: Lee Edward James Arnold William Jensen	Demits & Suspensions: None

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Baltimore Royal Arch Chapter No. 40	1206 Stehlik Drive Odenton, MD 21113	Meets Second & Fourth Tuesdays; 7:30 pm
HP: Ronald L Aughenbaugh, PHP	EK: David W. Theilman, PHP	ES: Vacant
Secty: John F. Siegert, Jr. PHP	Membership: 64	
Past High Priests:	Ronald L. Aughenbaugh, PHP August U. Bohmer Harold Jolle	Walter G. Nooe, Jr. John F. Siegert, Jr. David W. Theilman
Exaltations:	Deaths: Robert Lee Feezer Leon Lineburg Bruce R. Baird	Demit: Bernard Pietruski Suspension: Lawrence J. Ament Robert L. Yingling George S. Wareheim

Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42	507 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204	Meets First Tuesdays
HP: Paul J. Sparaco, Sr.	EK: John B. Grieve, PHP	ES: Gordon Turner, PHP
Secty: Spyridon G. Treklas, PHP	Membership: 124	
Past High Priests: James W. Anderson W. Michael Boughman Robert L. Bush Richard A. Eppler, PhD.	John B. Grieve Fred S. Hurt M. Wade Keller, Jr. John B. Maclay, Jr. MEGHP Spyridon G. Treklas	Gordon J. Turner Richard H. Uren Chester A. Walk Harvey E. Yale
Exaltations: Michael J. Wallace	Demit: William G. Fellows, PHP	Deaths: James W. Anderson Robert C. Fenstermacher Suspension: Philip H. Curran William H. Bastion John R Brooks Robert C. Deal

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York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44	6311 Old Branch Avenue Camp Springs, MD 20748	Meets Second Friday; 7:30 pm
HP: Patrick A. Curtis, GCoH	EK: Ronald F. Perkins, PHP	ES: James W. Cloud, Jr.
Secty: Patrick A. Curtis, GCoH	Membership: 95	
Past High Priests: Larry O Bowen Donald Cheville Patrick A. Curtis, GCoH Otis Hamlette Donald Higgins	Mark E. Irwin Charles W. Lloyd Robert B. Malwitz, PGHP Harry Miller, Jr. Urban T. Peters, PGHP Ronald M. Rhine	Charles B. Van Sant Darrel T. Verner
Exaltations: None Reinstatements: Andrew Griffith	Deaths: Morris Heinzen Fritze W. Hintze	Demit: Gregory Clapp Otis Hamlette Suspensions: Earl C. Center John Edward Collins William Yeargan

Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter No. 46	6 Ingleside Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228	Meets Second Wednesdays; 7:30 pm
HP: Arthur F. Hebbeler, III	EK: William F. Grubb, Jr.	ES: Dwight R. Barnthouse
Secty: Thomas L. Binaut	Membership: 18	
Past High Priests:	Randall L. Watson, REGS	
Exaltations: Ira T. Williams, Jr. M. Ricky Amegashie Glenn A. Snyder	Affiliations: Walter Powers Benesch	Deaths, Demits, Suspension: None