

Proceedings of the  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of  
Maryland

Annual Grand Convocation

Held on Saturday, October 28, 2017

# Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons | 2017 Annual Grand Convocation

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GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTER OF MARYLAND

2017 ANNUAL YORK RITE SESSION FOR MARYLAND  
**BEST WESTERN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
451 WMC DRIVE, WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND  
OCTOBER 27 - 29, 2017

August 1, 2017

Greetings,

On behalf of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland, M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine, the Annual Grand Convocation and Annual Grand Assembly are hereby announced. Attendance by all Companions is encouraged, though voting is restricted to members of the respective Grand Bodies. Please encourage all York Rite Masons to attend.

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland** will meet on Saturday morning, October 28, 2017, immediately following the introduction of distinguished guests around 9:00 a.m. At this time, there are no Constitutional amendments to announce for your consideration. The current elected officers will be installed again for the 2017 – 2018 Capitular Year during the meeting.

A men's lunch is offered, which will be served one half hour before the Ladies' lunch in the same location. Please see the registration form included in this mailing.

**The Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland** will meet on Saturday afternoon, October 28, 2017 immediately following the Men's Lunch. At this time, there are no Constitutional Amendments to announce for your consideration. The newly elected officers for the 2017 – 2018 Cryptic Year will be installed after all current business.

The Grand Commandery will issue its own announcement.

The York Rite Sessions Committee will provide schedule and agenda information at Registration, where you will secure all meals tickets and other materials. Please arrive at each meeting in time to sign in with the respective Credentials Committees, and collect the meeting agenda and any reports which may be printed.

The Grand Chapter and Grand Council Semi-Annual Proceeding are headed to the current web site. Please check there for the minutes of these prior meetings.

Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP  
Grand Secretary / Grand Recorder

Grand Chapter / Grand Council

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## Agenda:

- 1 Opening of Grand Chapter/ Preliminary Report of Conference
- 2 Reception of Past Grand High Priests
- 3 Reading of Proceedings of Prior Grand Convocation
- 4 Report of the Grand Secretary
- 5 Report of the Grand Treasurer & Trustees
- 6 Report of the Committee on Accounts & Finance
- 7 Report of the Grand High Priest
- 8 Final Report of the Committee on Conference
- 9 Nominations & Election of Officers for the Next Capitular Year
- 10 Report of the Grand Lecturer & Committee on Work
- 11 Report of the Committee on Youth Relations & Scholarships
- 12 Report of the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance
- 13 Report of the Committee on Time & Place
- 14 Report of the Committee on Sessions Planning & Activities
- 15 Report of the Committee on the Triennium
- 16 Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence & Constitution
- 17 Report of Committed on Awards & Recognition
- 18 Report of Committee on Grievance
- 19 Committee on Long Range Planning
- 20 Committee on Membership
- 21 Unfinished Business from Prior Grand Convocation
- 22 New Business introduced at this Grand Convocation
- 23 Introduction of Distinguished Visitors
- 24 Announcements of Schedule Items
- 25 Other Committees (Doings, Correspondence)
- 26 Voluntary Remarks
- 27 Installation of Officers
- 28 Final Remarks: MEGHP
- 29 Final Remarks: General Grand Officer
- 30 Final Remarks: RWDGM
- 31 Closing of Grand Chapter

The MEGHP may abridge or amend the order of these items at his discretion.

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Executive Summary of the October 28, 2017 Annual Convocation

1. MEGHP Curtis opened in Ample Form, one officer replaced, one absent.
2. The PGHP's were introduced.
3. The Reports of the MEGHP, REG Treasurer, REG Secretary were presented and accepted.
4. The Reports of Jurisprudence, RARA, Membership, Ritual, Long Range Planning and the Grand Lecturer were given. Others were accepted to be included in the Proceedings.
5. The York Rite Website is now being re-developed. Some information is correct, much is not. Reports and forms are still available on the website.
6. The 2017 – 2018 budget goes into effect on November 1, 2017.
7. Conference Committee reported 17 Chapters present with 42 Voting Members present.
8. Time & Place committee report the Cockeyville Radisson Hotel is the site of the 2018 Annual Hotel, with meetings to be held at the Grand Lodge Building in Cockeyville. Work will begin on the 2019 Event Hotel for a report at the 2018 Semi-Annual Meetings.
9. The Grand Chapter Awards were presented in the meeting, and are included in the MEGHP's address. The Bronze Medal recipient, Comp. Arthur Tawes, was absent due other commitments was not able to be present. A "Lifetime Achievement Award" was presented to M.E. Comp. Edward A. Foreman, PGHP. Four MEGHP awards were presented. The Ephraim Kirby Award was presented to PGHP Robert B. Lumbert. The visiting MEGHP's and Mark Irwin were created Honorary Members.
10. There was one visiting MEGHP from West Virginia; The REGGM3V, Mark Irwin was greeted.
11. Jurisprudence Committee reported that all actions taken by the MEGHP were within the customary and constitutional boundaries of his office. All Bylaws amendments were found to be not in conflict with the Grand Chapter Constitution.
12. The Officers elected at the Semi-annual Grand Convocation, and those appointed by the MEGHP were installed by PGHP Stephen J. Ponzillo III.
13. Support of Autism Speaks is temporarily suspended until the General Grand Chapter has worked out some differences in goals and objective.

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The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Patrick A. Curtis, opened the Grand Chapter in Ample Form at 10:00 a.m., with the following Grand Chapter Officers, or substitutes seated:

M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis	Grand High Priest
R.E. Comp. William C. Eppig	Grand King
R.E. Comp. Bruce G. Colburn	Grand Scribe
R.E. Comp. John M. Lister	Grand Treasurer
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Grand Secretary
Comp. Randolph Schoch	Grand Chaplain
Ex Comp. Frederick A. Spicer	Grand Captain of the Host
Ex. Comp. Thomas Marraffa	Grand Principal Sojourner
M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Ex. Comp. Randall L. Watson	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Ex. Comp. Frederick A. Spicer	Grand Master of the First Veil
Ex. Comp. William Baldwin	Grand Sentinel

The Grand Chaplain, Comp. Randolph Schoch, offered the opening prayer:

*Blessed are they that dwell in the house of the Lord. I will sing God's praises forever. We thank you, Adonai, Lord God, for this gathering...this Grand Chapter meeting. We thank You for all who are present and for this beautiful Sabbath Day. We thank you for these distinguished visitors present who have come to be with us this day. We pray that the business of this Grand Chapter is done in a goody manner. And Father be with us now, and those in charge, do their job. We ask this in Thy Name. Amen. Some mote it be.*

The MEGHP led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed that the Lights be set.

The Grand Chapter was then declared Open in Ample Form.

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## Full Report of the Committee on Conference: Complete Attendance

<b>Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1: 4</b>	Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP Bruce Colburn, GrScribe James B. Morgan Frederick A. Spicer	<b>Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No. 7: 2</b>	William Miller, MEHP Henry McDonald#
<b>Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17: 2</b>	Glynn Bridge, EK James Massey, ES	<b>Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18: 2</b>	Robert Hamilton
<b>St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter No. 19 : 4</b>	Vernon Huebschman, PGHP James B. Coker PHP Edward A. Foreman, PGHP John A. Rafine	<b>Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter No. 21</b>	Not Represented
<b>Talbot Royal Arch Chapter No. 22: 1</b>	Robert M. Penny	<b>Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23: 2</b>	Dennis Brekhus James King
<b>Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25: 5</b>	John M. Lister, REGTreas George Martinez, MEHP Bennie G. Owens, PGHP Randolph S. Disney Roy Haugh	<b>Ithiel Royal Arch Chapter No. 27: 0</b>	Not Represented
<b>Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28: 5</b>	Randall L. Watson, PGHP Richard P. Naegele, PGHP Stephen J. Ponzillo III PGHP William E. Eppig REGS Robert W. Chase # Marline Mills* John P. Mitchell* Mark Pearlstein* Robert England*#	<b>Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29: 1</b>	Christopher Jensen MEHP
		<b>Carroll Royal Arch Chapter No. 31: 1</b>	William Baldwin, GSentinel
<b>James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33: 3</b>	John Austin Jeff Alderdice, E Kris Brown# Tom Marraffa*#	<b>Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36: 1</b>	Clifton R. Friel, PGHP
		<b>Baltimore Royal Arch Chapter No. 40: 1</b>	Ronald L. Aughenbaugh #
<b>Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42: 3</b>	Michael Boughman # Richard A. Eppler, PGHP/CT Spyridon G. Treklas	<b>York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44: 2</b>	Patrick A. Curtis, REGK Mark Irwing, PGHP/DE Randall A Schoch, G Chap.*
<b>Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter, No. 46: 1</b>	Arthur F. Hebbeler III		*= Non-voting Comp's. # = added by GrScrty

### Report of the Committee on Conference

Ex. Comp. William Baldwin

#### MEGHP,

The register shows the following:

17 Chapters represented of 19.

39 Voting Members present.

6 Non-Voting Members present.

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## Reception of The Past Grand Officers present;

M.E. Comp. Bennie G. Owens	Past Grand High Priest 1973
M.E. Comp. Edward A. Foreman, Jr	Past Grand High Priest 1986 PDDGGHP
M.E. Comp. Clifton R. Friel	Past Grand High Priest 1996
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Past Grand High Priest 2004 PDDGGHP
M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III	Past Grand High Priest 2006 2008 GGAmD/MD
M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert	Past Grand High Priest 2010 - 2011 GGAmB/MD
M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegele	Past Grand High Priest 2013 2017 GGAmB/MD
M.E. Comp. Randall L. Watson	Past Grand High Priest 2014 - 2015

Grand Honors were given to the assembled Past Grand High Priests led by the MEGHP and assembled Companions. XXX XXX XXX

PGHP Owens was chosen to respond for the Past Grand High Priests:

*MEGHP,*

*On behalf of these young men assembled here as your PGHP's, (I thought I would get a laugh for that) It has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter. It is a pleasure to be here to see our distinguished guests....to be a Mason today. It has been enjoyable and we certainly thank you for all the courtesies you have given us. And we look forward to serving you in the next year, if you are lucky enough to be re-installed...that we may continue to help you to advance Royal Arch Masonry, making it better and better.*

The MEGHP announce that the following Thursday would be PGHP Benny Owens's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, and then led a signing of Happy Birthday for Companion Benny.

## Reading of the Proceedings

**M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman**

MEGHP,

The Proceedings of the 2017 Semi-Annual Grand Convocation have been available on the Grand Chapter website. They include the Minutes of the Council of Anointed High Priests for May 2017. As they have been available for inspection and review, and will continue to be so, I move that they be accepted as posted, subject for further correction should any cause be found.

Seconded by PGHP Watson. Passed unanimously

## Report of the Grand Secretary

MEGHP

### **Annual Reports.**

All Maryland Chapters have now submitted their Annual Reports to the Grand Chapter. Some were presented by the September 30 due. Most were not. A few still owe the Annual fees. This made for a very difficult period in compiling the data usually presented at this Grand Convocation. Perhaps this does hit home for most Companions because the brunt of this burden falls on only one person...the Grand Secretary. The data are assembled into the Annual Summary Report which tracks changes in membership status in each Chapter, and the payments expected and donations made.

### **Grand Lodge Members Management System**

Most of this benefit occurs at the Grand Chapter level, but as each Chapter reports a change in membership status, the Masonic record for each new Companion or reported suspension, demit, or death is verified and the GLMMS number is verified or added to the member's record. Eventually every Companion in a Maryland Chapter and Chapter will have his Blue Lodge Number applied. This number provides a link to the Blue Lodges' best information on contact information and Lodge affiliation. This system does not automatically crosslink to the York Rite Data Base. Each record is verified whenever requested or a change is reported.

### **Database Security**

Having endured the frustrations of more than one problem with access to the York Rite Database, an automatic program has been purchased to backup the entire laptop of the Grand Secretary. Also, a two terabyte memory has been purchased to receive and archive the regular back-up of the laptop. Thumb drives will now only be used for temporary portability of some specific files.

### **Council of Anointed High Priests**

The CAHP will hold its annual Council on Saturday April 28, 2018 immediately following the Grand Chapter Law School around 1:00 p.m. All Candidates for the Anointed High Priest degree, having been elected as MEHP-Elect must present themselves for this Law School. Each Chapter should arrange to pay for their candidates lunch at \$15.00. Law School will be a Lunch Meeting to shorten the entire day for all.

The Grand Secretary/Grand Secretary will attempt to provide a lunch for those staying after the TIM Degree for the CAHP Degree .

MEGHP, thank you for the many conversations and the guidance you have provided throughout this year. Your cooperation and leadership has made my work much easier to accomplish, and the results have been much improved by your interest.

Submitted respectfully

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



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I move the adoption of this report, and that it be spread upon the Proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

M.E. Comp. Vernon Huebschman, PGHP Grand Secretary / Grand Lecturer

Motion to accept by the Grand Secretary, seconded by the REGK: passed unanimously

**Report of the Grand Treasurer**

**R.E. Comp. John M. Lister, REGTreas**

**Report of the Grand High Priest**

**M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis, MEGHP**



### **Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Patrick A. Curtis**

Companions, I welcome each of you to this Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Maryland, Brother Richard Naegele, Right Excellent General Grand Chapter Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil Brother Mark Irwin, Excellent Associate General Grand Chapter Chaplain Brother Harold Kahn, Right Excellent Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York Brother Paul Huck, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Brother Marlin Mills, Distinguished Guests, and all members thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to be with us this morning. I am pleased to see so many of the Most Excellent High Priests, Excellent Grand Kings, Excellent Grand Scribes of the Royal Arch Chapters of Maryland

#### **MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

To our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests who are with us this morning, thank each of you for the help you have given me through the year. I look forward to your continued assistance in furthering the advancement of this Grand Chapter.

It saddens me to report during the first half of my term in office, we lost two stalwarts. MEPGHP Carl J. Wisner (1963) (Carrol Chapter #31) and MEPGHP Luther J. (Buddy Bell) (1981) (St. Johns Chapter # 19). Both were called from labor to rest this past year. We have missed seeing them in their respective Chapters where they worked for many years, assisting in teaching many of the finer points of our ritual, as well as teaching the subtle points needed to produce good administrative management. Please join me in a moment of silent prayer for both of them. Keep their families in your prayers.

#### **DECEASED COMPANIONS**

This past year forty-six (46) Companions laid down their working tools to enter that Eternal Lodge above. Included in them was Companion Robert McWilliams (Hayward Chapter # 29) who was a Past Grand King, Five Past High Priests Thomas Cobbs (Chesapeake Chapter # 17), Louis Ege Sr (Enoch Chapter # 23), Gilbert Kinnamon (Mt. Vernon Chapter # 25), Glenn Wagner (Concordia Chapter #1) and Fred Wells (James F. Allen # 33) also departed;

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I lost two of my Grand Line Officers: Charles Phillips, Captain of the Host, who passed away in February due to medical problems resulting from a stroke and an automobile accident. He was a faithful companion ready to support me in all my efforts as well as supporting James F. Allen at Rockville. John Greer, Principal Sojourner moved to Boston. He was an excellent ritualist and will be sorely missed. I wish the best for him in all his endeavors..

## GRAND VISITATIONS

The Grand Line and I made eighteen of the nineteen planned Chapter Grand Visitations. Regretfully, due to health issues, stemming from my accident in August, I was unable to make the planned visit for Tuscan Chapter No 42. the first Tuesday in October. My apologies to you Companions. I look forward to making that up at your first meeting in November.

Of the Grand Visitations made, all of them were, for the most part, successful. All of them resulted in multiple exchanges of worthwhile information. Among the points discussed were better communications to the members of the Chapter, and Involving the newer members in the work of the Chapter to include degree work,

The Grand Visitations and the date made are listed below.

9 November 2016	York #44		1 March 2017	Chesapeake, Talbot Hayward, Edenton
16 November 2016	Adoniram #21		7 March 2017	Baltimore No. 40
28 November 2016	Carroll # 31		9 March 2017	Druid #28
12 December 2016	Mt. Vernon # 25		13 March 2017	Enoch #23
8 February 2017	Piscataway #46		15 March 2017	St, John's 19
20 February 2017	James F. Allen #33		22 March 2017	Phoenix # 7
21 February 2017	Salem # 18		3 April 2017	Ithiel # 27
28 February 2017	Concordia #1		3 October 2017	Tuscan # 42

## OTHER FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

Five (5) Grand Lodge functions: the MWGM's Annual Banquet, the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, the MWGM's Regional Meeting at Upper Marlboro, and Harvest Home.

Five (5) Out-of-State York Rite Grand Chapter's sessions: Grand Chapter of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons; the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Twenty (20) Masonic Lodge Installations in January with MWGM Kostas Vourvoulas and his Grand Line.

Three (3) other Masonic functions: a Grand Council Table Lodge in the Gothic Room at the Grand Lodge, the James F. Allen and Pentalpha Lodge Joint Masonic Table Lodge just last month, and the Grand Chapter Multi-Jurisdictional Festival. All three events were attended and enjoyed by all. A hearty congratulation to MIGM John Rafine and Excellent M3V John Austin for arranging the table lodges

Two (2) Youth Group functions: Maryland Rainbow Grand Assembly at Hunt Valley. Companion William Eppig represented our Grand Chapter at the formal opening of the Rainbow's Grand Assembly, while I attended the Installation function the following night. I also attended the installation ceremony for the Grand Chapter of Maryland, Job's Daughters International. Regretfully, I missed the DeMolay State Convocation, especially the installation of the State Master Councilor for the Order of the DeMolay

Other functions attended included the Grand Chapter of Maryland, Order of the Eastern Star, Annual Session, as well as the Fourth Annual honoring of Masonic Veterans at Charlotte Hall. In addition, I participated in a conferral of the Fellow Craft Degree on twenty-six (26) Entered Apprentices at the end of September at Centennial Lodge No. 174.

#### **CHAPTER RITUAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

As MEGHP, I continued the requirement for Chapters to demonstrate their proficiency in both the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees. I added the requirement all Chapters be able to demonstrate proficiency in conferring or exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Degree by end of my term in October 2018, to either the Grand Lecturer or the Deputy Grand Lecturers.

#### **DISPENSATIONS**

Upon taking office at the Annual Convocation in October, 2016, I directed the R.E. Grand Secretary to continue to provide Dispensations for certain routine types of requests with my approval without unnecessary delay:

- 1) Cancel a stated Convocation for:
  - Weather and road conditions;
  - Proximity to Holidays; or
  - Schedule conflicts.
- 2) Holding a Special Convocation for Degree conferrals and/or other specified business when meeting in:
  - The Chapter's regular meeting location;
  - The regular meeting location of another Maryland Royal Arch Chapter or Masonic Lodge; or

- A location that has previously been approved and used for a closed Chapter Convocation.
- 3) Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction for a Maryland resident to petition a Chapter in a neighboring jurisdiction when he:
  - 4) Already has established Masonic membership(s) in the other jurisdiction;
  - 5) Resides closer to the petitioned Chapter in the other jurisdiction than he does to the nearest Chapter in Maryland; or
  - 6) Has a family connection to the petitioned Chapter.

I issued a dispensation all Royal Arch members should give the sign of fidelity during the opening and closing prayers of a convocation, also during the giving of obligations.

Special Dispensations were given to James F. Allen Chapter No. 33, Piscataway Chapter No. 46, and Ithiel Chapter No. 27 to move their locations pending approval by this Grand Body. James F. Allen left Montgomery Lodge in Rockville and moved to Pentalpha Lodge in Germantown. Piscataway is moving from its current location (the Odds Fellow Lodge) to Palestine Lodge in Catonsville. Ithiel Chapter No. 27 has moved to the Shrewsville Community Center, pending the purchase of land for building a Masonic Center which will house the Masonic Lodge, the York Rite and the Eastern Star. The first two moves were approved at the Semi-Annual Communication.

#### **EDICTS**

I issued two (2) Edicts. The first dealt with petitions, requiring all Chapter Secretary's to provide the Grand Secretary the necessary pertinent information on any petitioner for the Royal Arch Degrees. This was to enable the Grand Secretary to affirm any candidate for the Degrees was qualified. The second set the number of Royal Arch members required for a Chapter to conduct business, other than the conferral of any of the Capitular Degrees. It was intended to insure the proper number of Chapter members were present for the conferrals.

#### **COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIEST**

This year the Council of Anointed High Priests met on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Two new High Priests-elect: W. Neil Siebold, Adoniram Chapter # 21, and Ian Hongola of Enoch Chapter # 23 were Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to the Order of High Priesthood. Companions, I congratulate you both on having this high honor conferred upon you and wish you well as you lead your Chapters for the coming year. I commend you both for the work you have already accomplished in your Chapters.

#### **AWARDS**

##### **BANNER Award**

The Banner Award is given to the Chapter that our Grand Lecturer believes has done the most outstanding job in doing so. It is a difficult decision as every Chapter in this jurisdiction makes the effort to do outstanding work in the conferral of the ritual. It is my

pleasure to present it to Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28. I would ask that Enoch Chapter, the current holder of the Banner, meet me and the Most Excellent High Priest of Druid Chapter west of the Altar.

**WHITE TAU Award**

This award is given at the request of the Chapter's High Priest to newly exulted members who have joined a Chapter within the last couple of years and have immediately started contributing outstanding work in their Chapters. Eleven (11) White Tau Awards were presented:

- Eight (8) were presented in Enoch Chapter No.23 (David Duffey, Austin Fogle II, Ian Hongola, Gary Kennedy, Al Letle, Alan Smith and David Tallant).
- Three (3) in Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25 (Paul Balassa, Bobby Hight and Valdez Jenkins).

**BREAST PLATE Award**

This award is intended for Most Excellent High Priests who exhibit outstanding qualities in leading their Chapters. It is my pleasure to present this award to the following individuals. Each has worked long in the quarries of York Rite Masonry, supervising the activities of their Chapters. The following Companions are requested to meet me west of the Altar:

- Bill Miller, Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No. 7;
- Dennis Ewing, Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter No. 21;
- Robert Chase, Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28;
- Christian Jensen, Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29; and
- Charles Matulewicz, Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter No. 46.

**MEGHP Award**

Many Brethren toil faithfully in the quarries of Capitular Masonry. It is my distinct pleasure to present this award to the following Companions. Each has done yeoman work this past year, far beyond that which was expected of them. The first one has always been readily willing to do anything I asked of him with respect to furthering the cause of Capitular Masonry. The second one and the third one are two Companions who have faithfully served their Chapters as Secretary for many years. Both have worked hard in keeping the records of their Chapters, compiling the minutes for the Chapter, filing reports with the Grand Secretary, requesting dispensations, and maybe even more important working to insure the efficiency of their Chapters. The fourth one recognizing a communication problem that required constant attention -- keeping members of the Craft up-to-date electronically by posting upcoming Chapter events through the York Rite Server and on Facebook. The following Companions are requested to meet me west of the Altar:

- John Austin, James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33,
- Randolph Disney, Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25,
- Terry Smith, Ithiel Royal Arch Chapter No. 28, and
- Daniel Brewer, York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL**

The influence of this Companion and the significance of his accomplishment upon Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction cannot be overstated or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to Royal Arch Masonry in Maryland. He has long toiled at the local level, working to further the ideals of York Rite Masonry, giving his all to Capitular Masonry. It was my distinct pleasure to forward his nomination to the General Grand Chapter for the Distinguished Service Medal for the 2017 Capitular year. As this award will not be given until the Banquet tonight I request no one tell him of this award so that it will be a total surprise to him.

- Artie Tawes, Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter 17.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Award**

The name of this award speaks for itself. It is given to a Companion who has dedicated his life to working in the quarries of Capitular Masonry. It is impossible to list all the things this Companion has done, otherwise I would be here at least 30 minutes or more. Would the following Companion please meet me west of the Altar:

- Ed Foreman. St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter 19.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

First, I would like to thank my wife, Mary Jo, for all that she has done for me, not only for this past year but more especially for the fifty-four (54) years we have been married. She has been the shining light behind all my activities. Without her support it would have been impossible for me to have accomplished what I have in Masonry. Mary, dear, you are my sweetheart and have always been since that cold evening when we meet on board that train on the way to Chicago in December 1961

Next, I want to thank the members of my Grand Line. All of You have been extremely loyal and fully dedicated in fulfilling obligations and doing what I asked you to do. To Companions Bill and Bruce, both of you have been loyal advisors and I thank each of you for your commitment. I know each of you will continue to provide excellent help as we move forward.

Vernon, your dedication to your position as Grand Secretary, your advice and your suggestions have been deeply appreciated. I look forward to the next year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

MEPGHP Randy Watson, although not an officer in my line, you also have my utmost appreciation for your continued guidance and willingness to continue to work in the quarries of the York Rite and Masonry. You never hesitated in your willingness to take upon yourself handling the registration for this Grand Session. It is truly appreciated by us all.

This ends my first year as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest. As it comes to a close, I thank each one of you for giving me an honor never to be forgot. As I stated at the Semi-Annual in May, it kept me very busy, attending numerous functions on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. It resulted in my traveling many miles, not only in Maryland, but in other states across this wonderful country.



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My particular thanks to REGK Bill Eppig and REGS Bruce Colburn for their work in representing the Grand Chapter at numerous other functions including Lodge Installations and presentations of Master's Pins, Grand Sessions of other jurisdictions, and Masonic Youth sessions. I look forward to our being able to further the cause of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland.

With Fervency and Zeal  
Patrick A. Curtis  
M.E. Grand High Priest

Received with a standing ovations. Motion to accept this report by PGHP Owens ; Seconded by the Grand Secretary and passed unanimously.

**Committee on Conference**

**Ex Comp. William Baldwin**

## FINAL REPORT (Given to verify the Number of Ballots)

Present this information when called for by the MEGHP

Number of Voting Members: 36

Representing 17 constituent Royal Arch Chapters

Non-Voting Members: 6

*Details from the sign-in sheets are shown above in Attendance.*

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**Nominations and Elections**

**M.E. Comp. Randall L. Watson, PGHP**

The annual elections were held at the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation, with all elected positions being successfully filled. There are no position which require action at this Convocation.

**Report of the Committee on Work**

**M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman**

MEGHP,

This Committee has applied itself rigorously to the final stages of the production of the 2016 approved Ritual. This last phase consisted of proof all floor directions and supplemental comment, and updating the glossary. This required many successive re-reading of what has been on the table for three years in process.

The work was released to printer who is now composing the electronic file into a printable text with the instructions its appearance and functionality. One hundred copies are on order. The printer will produce a proof copy for the final review to correct any issues of pagination and coordination with the Table of Contents. When the final corrections are given to the printer, the work will proceed.

Five copies will be given to each Chapter without charge for their use and to invite any further corrective comments. This process will sit open until the MEGHP directs the printing of a second lot to address the general use of the books.

Also, work will begin in earnest for the conversion process to an electronic version to be readied for licensed used by Companions on their electronic devices.

Many Companions have assisted in the process, but without any fear of contradiction, I must commend MEGHP Randall L. Watson for his Homeric efforts to channel his gifts for attention to detail, and his constant patience with the process. He brought this project home in its final phase when the energies of others had waned.

I move the adoption of this report that it may be spread upon the Proceedings.

Respectfully,

M.E. Comp. Vernon Huebschman, PGHP

Seconded by R.E. Comp. Bruce Colburn and passed unanimously

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## Report of the Grand Lecturer

M E Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

All Chapter who wish to advance a Companion to be a new MEHP must accomplish the following:

1. The Candidate must exemplify the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees before the Grand Lecturer, a Deputy Grand Lecturer or authorized substitute.
2. Must be the Scribe or King, or a Past Scribe or Past King (PHP's are already qualified)
3. Must be elected to serve.
4. Must be present on the day of the CAHP for a one hour Law School on the Operation of a Chapter.
5. Must receive the Degree conferred by the CAHP.
6. Must be installed by the MEGHP, or his approved representative.

Respectfully submitted and moved to be spread upon the Proceedings,

Vernon H Huebschman

Grand Lecturer.

## Youth Relations & D Ross Vansant Scholarship

MEGHP Patrick A. Curtis

No report has been submitted for this occasion.

## Royal Arch Research Assistance

R.E. Comp. Bruce G. Colburn, REGS

MEGHP,

## REPORT: ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSOCIATION GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND 2017

The below chart shows Maryland as 6th in total donations within the Eastern Region, with a total of 189,835.37. These results are as of August, 2017.

Dr. Musiek at the University of Arizona continues to lead our Central Auditory Perception Disorders research. There are two web sites available that will help members keep up with what is being done in this area. Once our new website is established, I hope to post those two links.

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RARA Donations Eastern Region	Regular As Of	Memorials Except as Noted	Total Regular Donations	Memorial Donations	
State					
Florida	\$456,909.92	\$25,242.30	\$482,152.22	5th	8th
Georgia	\$431,189.22	\$29,659.40	\$460,848.62	6th	5th
South Carolina	\$246,814.64	\$14,741.01	\$261,555.65	8th	14th
North Carolina	\$199,399.51	\$21,194.01	\$220,593.52	9th	9th
Tennessee	\$187,976.15	\$20,400.25	\$208,376.40	12th	10th
Maryland	\$189,835.37	\$6,402.00	\$196,237.37	10th	
New Jersey	\$165,428.17	\$12,974.25	\$178,402.42	13th	17th
Maine	\$146,245.81	\$13,024.00	\$159,269.81	15th	15th
Alabama	\$125,328.77	\$3,012.00	\$128,340.77	18th	
District of Columbia	\$80,550.08	\$1,455.00	\$82,005.08		
Mississippi	\$60,982.83	\$7,074.00	\$68,056.83		
Vermont	\$37,130.98	\$2,852.25	\$39,983.23		
New Hampshire	\$34,824.84	\$5,000.00	\$39,824.84	158.39	
Connecticut	\$39,433.97	\$300.00	\$39,733.97	90.87	
Delaware	\$34,946.08	\$3,129.00	\$38,075.08		
New York	\$14,839.57	\$1,145.00	\$15,984.57		
Rhode Island	\$12,815.00	\$2,210.00	\$15,025.00		
Pennsylvania	\$3,069.00	\$150.00	\$3,219.00		

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Massachusetts	\$2,921.00	\$75.00	\$2,996.00		
Virginia	\$590.72	\$50.00	640.72		

Respectfully submitted,

R.E. Comp. Bruce Colburn.

## **Time & Place**

**R.E. Comp. William C. Eppig, REGK**

At the Semi-Annual Session in May, the bodies voted to hold the 2018 Session at the Radisson Hotel in Timonium on October 26-28, 2018 with the suggestion to see if possible to hold some or all the meetings at the Grand Lodge. This was suggested due to the cost of the meeting rooms.

We signed the contract and paid the required deposit for the Radisson in June 2017.

We were able to secure the use of Freemasons Hall on Friday afternoon/night and all day Saturday. We also secured the use of the lower level social hall in the main building for lunch.

The tentative plan will be to use the hotel for rooms, breakfast, hospitality room, and Saturday night Banquet. We would use the Grand Lodge for a meeting on Friday afternoon/night. Saturday meetings and lunch. (We will have to decide about dinner on Friday night)

The Time and Place committee will begin looking at locations and hotels for the 2019 session after Session 2017. We are looking for areas that would increase the attendance. We have received a few suggested locations and will look into them.

If anyone has a suggestion for possible location, pass them along. If possible, to help the committee, please make an inquiry and pass any information and contact to the committee.

I like to thank all how served on this year's committee, especially Comp. Robert England who did the personal visit to all the hotels this year.

I move the adoption of this report that it might be spread upon the Proceedings.

Fraternally,

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William Eppig, REGK  
Time & Place Committee

Seconded by REGS Colburn and passed unanimously.

MEGHP

Sessions Committee

R.E. Comp. William C. Eppig

MEGHP,

## **Friday October 27, 2017**

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Hospitality Room open - **Room 128**

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Registration open – **Lobby**

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Grand Commandery Session / Open Installation - **Chambers 1&2**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Dinner - **Ballroom**

9:00 pm – 11:30 pm - Hospitality Open - **Room 128**

## **Saturday October 28, 2017**

7am to 8:30am - Breakfast – **Provided by Hotel**

8:45 am – Guest Assemble – **Chambers 1&2**

9:00 am – Introduction of Guest – Followed by Memorial Service – **Chambers 1&2**

10 am to 12:30pm Hospitality Room open for the ladies - **Room 128**

9:45am to 12:00pm - Grand Chapter Session and Open Installation – **Chambers 1&2**

12:00 pm to 1:30pm - Men’s Lunch – **Ballroom**

12:30 pm to 2:30pm - Ladies Lunch & Program – **Ballroom**

2pm to 5Pm - Grand Council Meeting and Open Installation - **Chambers 1&2**

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2:30pm to 5:00 pm - Hospitality Open for the ladies - **Room 128**

6:30 pm -9:00pm – York Rite Banquet – **Ballroom**

Hospitality Open – ½ Hr. after Banquet Ends – 11:30pm - **Room 128**

## **Sunday October 29, 2017**

7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast - **Provided by Hotel**

9:30 am – 10:00 am – Church Service – **Chambers 1&2**

Respectfully submitted,  
William Eppig, REGK- Chairman

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**Multi Jurisdictional Festival**

**RE Comp. William C. Eppig**

Respectfully submitted,  
William Eppig, REGK – Chairman

**Jurisprudence Committee**

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

The actions taken by the MEGHP, and all dispensations granted, have been within the normal boundaries of his authority, and conform the law as present in the Grand Chapter constitution.

**Triennium Committee**

**RE Comp. Bruce G. Colburn**

The following letter from M.E. Companion Larry E. Gray, General Grand Secretary is offered as an excellent summation of the Triennial Convocation held in Portland, Oregon:

Dear Companion Grand Secretary,

I want to share a few highlights of the 70<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convocation held in Portland, Oregon, on August 29.

James H. Hodge of Indiana was elected General Grand High Priest.

Steven G. Tiner of Arkansas was elected General Grand King

Teko A. Foly of District of Columbia was elected General Grand Scribe

Roderick W. Anderson of Wisconsin was elected General Grand Treasurer

Larry E. Gray of Indiana was re-elected General Grand Secretary

Joe E. Kier of Colorado was elected General Grand Trustee

All other officers are listed on the website.

**Resolutions passed**



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A resolution held over from the 2014 Triennial was passed by the delegates. A fee of \$ 500.00 would be charged for a new Grand Chapter Charter. \$100.00 would be charged for a Dispensation Charter and a \$ 50.00 fee would be charged for a Duplicate Charter.

Resolution 2017-1 was passed which raised the mileage rate to thirty-five cents per mile and the sum of Five Hundred dollars for General Grand Chapter Officers who are not compensated from other sources.

Resolution 2017-2 was a resolution to raise the Perpetual Life Membership Fee from \$ 25.00 to \$250.00. After much discussion a amendment was offered to raise the fee to \$ 100.00. The amendment passed. Perpetual Life Membership Fee is now \$ 100.00.

Resolution 2017-3 was a resolution that dealt with Grand Chapters that wished to withdraw from General Grand Chapter. A motion was made and seconded to lay over the resolution until 2020.

Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-4 Proposal for Associate Membership in the General Grand Chapter. To allow Grand Chapters or Independent Chapters operating under rites not otherwise associated with the American Rite an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of membership in the General Grand Chapter. Such bodies would not have a vote nor would they be eligible to be elected as officers or committee members. Resolution passed.

## Budget

The budget was presented for the 2017-2020 Triennium in the amount of \$ 605,800.00. The budget passed.

## Dispensations Presented

The General Grand High Priest, Louis E. Bartrand, presented Dispensations to the following jurisdictions:

**Jeronin De Rada RAC No.1 in Albania**

**Quito RAC No. 1 in Ecuador**

**Keystone RAC No. 6 in Slovenia**

**Silver Medal:** The following Companions were awarded the Silver Medal at the Grand Banquet.

THOMAS H.	NESBIT	ALABAMA	SOUTHEAST
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MICHEL C.	SABATIER	FRANCE	EUROPE
MANUEL DEL	CASTILLO TRULIN	GC MEXICO	AT LARGE
G. ARTHUR	SHOEMAKER	IDAHO	NORTHWEST *
DONALD L.	GALWAY	MICHIGAN	EAST CENTRAL
RUBEN J.	LEVY	PANAMA	LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL
EVARISTO ARCEO	LEVISTE	PHILIPPINES	FAR EAST *
GEORGE E.	BAUDER	SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CENTRAL
JERROLD A.	WOHLFARTH	CALIFORNIA	AT LARGE
CHRISTIAN FARIAS	SANTOS	BRAZIL	LATIN AMERICA SOUTH
CLYDE H.	SCHOOLFIELD, JR.	OKLAHOMA	SOUTH CENTRAL
MARCUS A.	TRELAINÉ	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NORTHEAST
JAMES H.	KING, JR.	KENTUCKY	AT LARGE
CHARLES E.	WARREN, SR.	UTAH	SOUTHWEST

Note: \* Indicates Companions were in attendance

## Gold Medal

The prestigious Gold Medal as awarded to: Gerard J. Raiola of France.

The General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors and Committee people were installed at the conclusion of the General Grand Chapter Convocation Session.

Special Note: to all Grand Secretaries,

As provided for at the 2014 General Grand Chapter Conclave held in Buffalo, NY

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Effective on January 1, 2018, The per capita for all North American Grand Chapters will be \$ 3.00 per dues paying Companions in your jurisdiction. The per capita for other Grand Jurisdictions will be \$ 10.00 per dues paying Companions in your jurisdiction.

Subordinate Chapters (Chapters who are not part of a Grand Chapter) These are in foreign countries. Per capita is \$5.00 for each Royal Arch Mason on the rolls at the date of their preceding Annual Report.

Fraternally,

Larry E. Gray, PGGHP, General Grand Secretary

Added information from the GG Secretary....Permanent Life Members in Maryland

FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	CHAP_STATE	CHPNMBR
DAVID	COVEL	MD	
ROBERT B.	LUMBERT	MD	001
JOHN	NORVILLE	MD	001
MICHAEL S.	BAUMAN	MD	022
WILLIAM B.	COLBURN, SR.	MD	023
WILLIAM L.	JONES	MD	027
JOEL D	KLIMOSKI	MD	027
EDWIN MAURICE	HENRY	MD	029
ROBERT H.	MCWILLIAMS	MD	029
ROBERT H.	MCWILLIAMS, SR.	MD	029
EUGENE D	RACZ	MD	036
ROBERT B.	MALWITZ	MD	044
T. DARRELL	VERNER	MD	044

**Joint Report of The Committee on Grievance**

**ME Comp Bennie G. Owens  
ME Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo III**

**As of this date there have been no grievance reported to this committee.**

**Bennie G. Owens, PGHP, Chairman.**

**It has been suggested that an explanation of the duties of this committee be suggested.**

**The Purpose and Duties of the Committee on Grievance:**

It is the purpose of this committee to explore and then advise the Grand High Priest and/or the appropriate group on the action of any particular grievance. This grievance could be any of the following

- (a) Between two companions.
- (b) Between a companion and a chapter.
- (c) Between two chapters.
- (d) With our Grand chapter.

It would be the duty of this committee to make the necessary inquiries and report to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary such details as could reconcile this grievance. Many times after proper investigation the problem will be solved and there will be no grievance within Our Grand Chapter. Often the problem really exists outside the jurisdiction of Our Grand Chapter.

None of us are perfect and we all make small mistakes. Isn't it better to solve the problem than to have a trial and find someone guilty of something. Let us protect our fraternity and all of its members.

#### **Long Range Planning**

No report offered for the Semi-Annual.

#### **Membership Committee**

**R.E. Comp. Bruce G. Colburn**

Respectfully submitted by REGS Bruce Colburn who moved that it be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings; seconded by PGHP Watson. Passed unanimously.

#### **Report of the Committee of Electronic Communications Comp. G. Daniel Brewer**

The local website for the Maryland Grand York Rite bodies and subordinate bodies

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(<http://yorkritemd.org>) continues to host the Maryland York rite calendar. The calendar is updated daily with data submitted by the local and Grand bodies of Maryland. The local body information is outdated, however, as local bodies provide this information it is corrected. The contact information remains current, for all bodies, so as to provide prospective members a human contact.

The list server (email group) Marylandyorkrite @ gmailgroups.com continues to provide calendar reminders and other timely notifications to subscribers. There have been 2024 messages sent via the email list and currently there are 185 companions which receive them.


The face book page, <http://facebook.com> (Maryland York Rite), has 185 members, however, this is an open list, therefore total number of viewers is unknown.

The primary focus of this page is for recruitment, however, general information and reminders are posted.

There has been an increase in the number of local Chapters submitting their schedules for posting to the calendar. We would like to see an increase of local chapter submissions, for degree work and regular communications.

I have truly enjoyed being able to provide this small service to our Grand Chapter and being appointed by Most Excellent Companion Randall L. Watson to continue to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grover D. Brewer

Chairman

**Old Business:**

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The report of this committee is that there is no known Old Business to bring before this Grand Convocation, as reported by the Grand Secretary

## **New Business**

<b>Introduction of Distinguished Guests</b>	<b>M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis</b>
<b>Installation of Officers for 2017 – 2018</b>	<b>M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo III, PGHP M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegele, PGHP</b>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis</b>
<b>Closing of the Grand Chapter</b>	<b>M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis, MEGHP</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Comp. &amp; Rabbi Randolph Schoch</b>

Respectfully submitted,

ME Comp. Vernon Huebschman, PGHP  
Grand Secretary

## Appendix 1: Report of the Chapters as of August 31, 2017

<b>Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1</b> <b>IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	1206 Stehlik Drive Odenton, MD 21113	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 pm Except June, July, & August
HP: Bruce G. Colburn, REGS	EK: James J. Morgan, PHP	ES: Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP
Secty: Frederick A. Spicer	<b>Membership: 85</b>	
Past High Priests:	Bruce Colburn Charles McLaughlin Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP Don Taylor	Howard Culver James J. Morgan Frederick A. Spicer
<b>Exaltations:</b> David J. Docimo William A. Ujvani  <b>Reinstated:</b> Peter G. Nielson	<b>Deaths:</b>  <b>Demit:</b> Michael T. Joyner Elwood Ulmer	<b>Suspended:</b> Matthew J. Ratcliff Ethan R. Casey Roy Shrader Morgan M. Jackson, Jr. Leonard T. Bethards Michael Dwonzyk John G. Stoneham

<b>Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No.7</b> <b>IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	Aberdeen Masonic Temple Aberdeen, MD	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7:30 pm
HP: William E Miller III PHP	EK: Ales A. Rodriguez	ES: Michael G. Faby, PHP
Secty: Barry D. Noe	<b>Membership: 58</b>	
Past High Priests, as reported:  *Plural members from other Chapters	William E. Lautenschlager Michael G. Faby Edward A. Foreman, PGHP* Richard P. Naegele, PGHP* William E. Miller III	George O. Wagner Arthur Gordon Richard H. Westermeyer Frederick A. Spicer* Henry C. McDonald*
<b>Exalted: NONE Reported</b>  <b>Demits:</b> William H. Coffman James C. Hart John L. Shriver	<b>Suspensions:</b> Charles O. Wagner Kevin Scheihing Jeffrey S. Fayer George O'Neill Marcos Diaz Alexander Monolea Edwin H. Nejus Timothy Demski	<b>Deaths &amp; Demits:</b> Leroy Fothergill Horace A. Fyle, Sr. Ernest D. Graybeal James J. Swingos Wilbur M. Penley Ronald L. Unger Paul L. Hagert

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<b>Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17</b> <b>IRS 990 Confirmed</b>	110 N. Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:30 p.m.
HP: Arthur H. Tawes, Jr.	EK: James Massey	ES: Michael Youse
Secty: Franklin H. Williams	<b>Membership: 52</b>	
Past High Priests, as reported	Norris E. Cartwright, Sr. Alonzo Conley Arthur H. Tawes, Jr.	J. Jacob Todd Charles R. Dashiell, Jr. Dale E. Venable
<b>Exalted:</b> Franklin H. Williams, Jr.	<b>Demitted: None</b> <b>Deaths:</b> Donald Dayton Marvin Greene Edwin Jones Phillip E. Grier	<b>Suspended:</b> Jason Eade George Fowler Todd Kissiam

<b>Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18</b> <b>NO IRS Confirmation</b>	15 Greene Street Cumberland, MD 21502	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. September – June
HP: Robert W. Hamilton, PHP	EK: Patrick A. Stangler	ES: Samuel J. Lane
Secty: Robert W. Hamilton	<b>Membership: 102</b>	
Past High Priests, as reported in previous years	Robert W. Hamilton Kenneth A. Robertson	John M. Greer
<b>Exaltations:</b> Christopher Atkinson Ronald E. Brown Jeffrey M. Grogg Duane L. Largent Christopher C. Lawson Terry E. Myers, Jr.	<b>Deaths:</b> Troy Campbell  <b>Demits:</b>  None Reported	

<b>St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter No. 19</b>	3 Shipping Place Dundalk, MD 21222	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 September – June
HP: Vernon Huebschman, PGHP	EK: Vacant	Scribe: Vacant
Secty: Edward A. Foreman PGHP	<b>Membership: 59</b>	
Past High Priests reported ^Mother Chapter, Plural other @Plural Chapter, MEHP	Edward A. Foreman, Jr. PGHP^ Vernon Huebschman PGHP@ George O. Wagner	James B. Coker William E. Lautenschlager^ John A. Rafine
<b>Exaltations:</b> Jeffrey Geisbert	<b>Suspensions: None</b> <b>Demits: None</b>	<b>Deaths:</b> Luther J. Bell, PGHP



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<b>Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter No. 21 IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030	Meets Third Wednesdays September – May 10:30 a.m.
HP: W. Neal Sielbold	Robert C. Chandler	ES: Kristopher Johannssen
Secty: Charles J. Malinowski	<b>Membership: 22</b>	
Past High Priests: Ronald Aughenbaugh Dennis W. Ewing	Edward A. Foreman, Jr. PGHP* Clifton R. Friel, PGHP* Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP* Bennie G. Owens, PGHP* John B. Maclay, Jr. PGHP*	Teddy R. Barkley, Jr.* John B. Grieve* Robert C. Heinze* Spyridon G. Treklas*
<b>Exaltations:</b> None		<b>Deaths:</b> Wallace Walker

<b>Talbot Royal Arch Chapter No. 22 IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	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: Darryl W. McCaslin, PHP
Secty: Robert M. Penny, PM	<b>Membership: 40</b>	
Past High Priests:	Howard M. Higgins	Darryl W. McCaslin Robert M. Penny
<b>Exaltations:</b> Alvin J. Eisenrauch	<b>Deaths:</b> <b>None reported</b>	<b>Suspensions:</b> <b>None reported</b>
<b>Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23 IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	6816 Blentlinger Road Frederick, MD 21702	Meets Second Tuesday 7:30 pm
HP: Ian Hongola	EK: Al Letle	ES: David Tallant
Secty: Dennis Brekhus	<b>Membership: 81</b>	
<b>Past High Priests:</b>	Russell Brewer, PGHP Kenneth T. Crampton Howard W. Graham	George W. Shumard James M. King
<b>Exaltations:</b> Gerald Alleva Vance Allen Click Ronald Lee Cool Ian Hongola David Tallant	<b>Deaths:</b> John M Almacy Donald Kaetzel John Justice Howard W. Schildt	<b>Suspensions:</b> John E. Wisner, Jr.

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<b>Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25 IRS 990N Confirmation</b>	162 Conduit Street Annapolis, MD 21401	Meets Second Monday
HP: George A. Marinez PHP	EK: Raymond H. Denmark	ES: Paul C. Balassa
Secty: Randolph S. Disney	<b>Membership: 101</b>	
<b>Past High Priests:</b>	Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr. Leland Linder G. Scott Romanoski James L. Knighton Gordon A. Davids Bennie G. Owens, PGHP James Conboy S. Dirk Wiker	Roy Haugh Edward Matthias Carl Seaman Randolph S. Disney Jimmie Trowbridge Marc Owens John M. Lister Carl Seaman
<b>Exaltations:</b> Norman D. Briggs Valdez Jenkins Bary Gately Ellis Tinsley III  <b>Demit:</b> Frederick A. Graul Richard H Schneider Stanley D. Smith Thomas Hardesty	<b>Deaths:</b> Richard T. Egtvedt Benjamin Conley Gary Pemberton Charles Mitchell, Sr Raymond A. Harrington Earle R. Underwood Leroy Snowden Richard Garrant Eric D. Madison	<b>Suspensions:</b> Matthew Ingalls Roy A. Thrift Charles B. Miller James H. Dodson Robert E. Eck John F. Brooks Harry E. Conway Jimmie Gottwald Ellis H. Stroup Edward V. Matthias
<b>Ithiel Royal Arch Chapter No. 27</b>	11735 Whitehall Road Chewsville, MD 21721	Meets First Wednesdays, 7:30pm
HP: R. Joseph White, PHP	EK: Joel Klomoski	ES: James Bachtell
Secty: Terry L. Smith	<b>Membership: 53</b>	
<b>Past High Priests</b>	Jodie C. Arnold Delancy L. Catlett C. Franklin Ebersole Harvey L. Hogamier Joel D. Klimoski	Richard P. Marshall George M. Morse, Jr. Mark F. Pryor, Jr. Marion F. Richard, Jr. PGHP R. Joseph White
<b>Exaltations:</b>	<b>Deaths:</b> Alvin J. Plummer	<b>Suspensions:</b> Brian Shrader

<b>Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	Oriental Room, Freemason Hall 304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030	Meets Second Thursdays, 7:30pm
HP: Robert William Chase	EK: Robert W. Reynolds	ES: Jose A Pisao
Secty: Vernon H. Huebschman PGHP	<b>Membership: 185</b>	
<b>Druid RAC No. 28 Continued</b>	Teddy R. Barkley	Richard P. Naegele, PGHP

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<b>Past High Priests:</b>	Jeffrey L. Dill William C. Eppig REGS Robert C. Heinze Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP Henry C. McDonald, Jr. Carl A. Michel	Stephen J. Ponzillo, III PGHP Randall L. Watson, PGHP Robert E. Young Michael G. Faby Robert W. Chase
<b>Exaltations:</b> John P. Mitchell George J Christoff Scott G. Lapp Steven A Reall David R. Rehmeyere C. Forest Gwynn Alex Q. Reyes	<b>Dual Members:</b> Jonathan D. Law Thaddeus Vasco	<b>Deaths:</b> John Blevins Joseph R. Sanchez, Sr. Allen Hohman Paul Siegrist Norman Siebert

<b>Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29</b> <b>IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	439 Race Street Cambridge, MD 21613	Fourth Mondays; 7:30 pm
HP: Christopher Jenson, PHP	EK: Jason S. Bell	ES: George Wittstadt
Secty: Wallace Dodson	<b>Membership: 19</b>	
<b>Past High Priests:</b>	Wallace E. Dodson Robert H. McWilliams, PGScr	David A. Tibbetts Robert L. Willey T. George Wittstadt
<b>Exaltations:</b> Todd A. Mielke George L. Phillips George M Phillips William Stephen Robbins Carroll G. Windsor, Jr.	<b>Deaths:</b> Robert McWilliams Edward C. Boston	<b>Suspensions:</b> None

<b>Carroll Royal Arch No. 31</b>	46 Monroe Street Westminster	Meets Fourth Monday; 7:30 pm
HP: Vacant	EK: Michael Robbins	ES: Jeffery L. Disney
Secty: William J. Baldwin, Jr.	<b>Membership: 64</b>	
<b>Past High Priest:</b>	William J. Baldwin, Jr. Philip Lindemeyer	John R. Thomas
<b>Suspended:</b> Clyde Boone	<b>Exalted:</b> Wade Cooney Jr George Little Roger Solarczyk	<b>Died:</b> Carl J. Wisner. PGHP Robert Bare Russell Gosnell Kenneth W. Krouse

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<b>James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33</b>	Pentalpha Lodge Germantown, MD	Meets Fourth Wednesday; Third Wed. in Nov. & Dec.; 7:30pm
HP: John Austin	EK: James Kinnear	ES: Jeffrey Alderdice
Secty: Thomas A Marraffa, Jr.	<b>Membership: 51</b>	
Past High Priests:	John Austin Jeffrey G. Bodie Kris D. Brown Lee Brobst Walter L. Hagen	Don Holliday William K. Parsons Arthur Sellars Royce A. Watson, PGHP
<b>Exalted: None</b>	<b>Suspensions :</b> Joseph Parsons Anil Rao	Demit Richard S. Parker PGHP William Parson PHP

<b>Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36</b> <b>IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	114 Market Street Denton, MD 21622	Meets First Tuesday in September, December, March
HP: Clifton R. Friel, PGHP	EK: Dean Burt PHP	ES: Robert Sparks
Secty: Christian E. Jensen	<b>Membership: 82</b>	
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
<b>Exaltations:</b> <b>Christopher M. Bosley</b>	<b>Death:</b> Charles Moore Clement A. Davidson, Jr. Harry J. Morris	<b>Demits &amp; Suspensions:</b> <b>None</b>

<b>Baltimore Royal Arch Chapter No. 40</b> <b>IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	1206 Stehlik Drive Odenton, MD 21113	Meets Second & Fourth Tuesdays; 7:30 pm
HP: Ronald L Aughenbaugh, PHP	EK: Charles Malinowski	ES: David Theilman
Secty: Ronald L. Aughenbaugh	<b>Membership: 56</b>	
Past High Priests:	Ronald L. Aughenbaugh, PHP Harold Jolle	Thomas Peterson David W. Theilman
<b>Reinstatement:</b>	<b>Died:</b> C. Frederick Muhl Douglas L. Page	<b>Suspension:</b>

<b>Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42</b> <b>IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	507 W.Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204	Meets First Tuesdays
HP: <b>Gordon J Turner PHP</b>	EK: John Grieve PHP	ES: Charles W. Hampton

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Secty: John B. Maclay PGHP	<b>Membership: 118</b>	
Past High Priests: W. Michael Boughman Richard A. Eppler, PGHP/CT Paul Sparaco	John B. Grieve M. Wade Keller, Jr. John B. Maclay, Jr. MEGHP Spyridon G. Treklas	Gordon J. Turner Chester A. Walk Harvey E. Yale
<b>Exaltations:</b> Mbongue S. Labep Robert C. Laws Philip K Lee Joseph C. Martelotta Matthew A. May Medgar L. Reid Phillip Riggins Chad E. Vaugh.	<b>Reinstatement:</b> David Sandy Howell F. Wallace	<b>Deaths:</b> William E. Chell Michael J. Driggs Donald H. Jacobs Richard F. Jordan Walter J. Kulesza Dewey D. Sitzes

<b>York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44 IRS 990N Confirmed</b>	6311 Old Branch Avenue Camp Springs, MD 20748	Meets Second Friday; 7:30 pm
HP: Patrick A. Curtis, GCoH	EK: Randolph Geck	ES: Randolph Schoch
Secty: G. Daniel Brewer.	<b>Membership: 65</b>	
<b>Past High Priests:</b> Larry O Bowen Donald Cheville Patrick A. Curtis, MEGHP S. Brent Morris	Mark E. Irwin, PGHP/DE Charles W. Lloyd Robert B. Malwitz, PGHP Harry Miller, Jr. Urban T. Peters, PGHP Ronald M. Rhine	Charles B. Van Sant Darrel T. Verner Charles Vannoy
<b>Exaltations: None</b>  <b>Demit:</b> <b>Brian Heider</b>	<b>Deaths:</b> <b>Ralph E. Hottle</b> <b>Ronald F. Perkins</b>	<b>Suspensions:</b> Donald Barnhart George Baxter Noyl Odom

<b>Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter No. 46 NO IRS 990N Confirmation</b>	Palestine Lodge 837A Frederick Road Catonsville, MD 21228	Meets Second & Fourth Wednesdays; 7:30 pm
HP: Charles Matulewicz, PHP	EK: Brian Loughney	ES: James L. Fertig
Secty: Arthur F. Hebbeler, PHP	<b>Membership: 20</b>	

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Past High Priests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plural</li></ul>	Randall L. Watson, PGHP* Arthur F. Hebeller William Grubb	
<b>Exaltations:</b>	<b>Demit :</b>	Deaths Calvin H. Price