

Long Range Plan for Royal Arch in Maryland Final October 2018

1. Mark Master and Past Master degrees **MUST** be done from memory, **NO** books to be used. (Not to include prayers, etc. meant to be read) The candidates are coming from a blue lodge that does degrees from memory, and our impression must be as sincere as theirs. For many Master Masons, this is their first look at an appendant Masonic body and their first impression of the York Rite. (2 YEARS)

All Chapter degrees must be done without books. (3 YEARS)

The Grand Lecturer will be work with the Chapters to accomplish this section.

2. Every Chapter should have a link to either a web page or a facebook page, listed on the Grand Chapter web site. This web page or facebook page must have a contact person listed. (2 YEAR)

Links are been add to the Chapter Locator Page on Yorkritemd.org

3. The Grand Chapter should assign a standing committee (with an assigned budget) to have the responsibility of arranging at least one social event each year (dance, bus trip, bull roast, crab feast, etc.) sponsored by the Grand Chapter, for members and guests.

(2 YEARS) **DONE**

Events Committee has been appointed for 2018-18. Two events have been scheduled.

4. The Grand Chapter needs to work closely with every Chapter that is having less than 12 members active, and less than 100 total members, to bring their numbers to that minimum functioning size. (3 YEARS)

Membership Committees 2018-19 has been assigned to address

5. There needs to be an individual presentation available to be given in every lodge, at the time a new Master Mason **stands proficiency**, making him aware of the York Rite. Every Master Mason in Maryland SHOULD also be a Royal Arch Mason, as this makes him a more informed Blue Lodge member, and does not interfere with his Blue Lodge activities. This is the best way to strengthen his interest in the following York Rite bodies.

While “The Peculiar Stone” and other team presentations have been available for several years, there is a lack of people able to get together and give them. For this reason, there needs to be an individual presentation written and documented, and ALL Grand Chapter officers should be required to be familiar with it and available for presenting it in Blue Lodges. (1 YEAR)

Membership Committee for 2018-19 has been assigned this task

An Informational Pamphlet is available on the website since April 2018 for use by our members.

6. Currently, all of our Grand Chapter officers are required to be Past High Priests. This, in some cases, restricts us from rewarding and making use of many active, enthusiastic members who have not attained that office yet. While all elected positions in the Grand Line should still meet this requirement, and should certainly be considered first when appointing Grand officers, we should research the possibility of removing this restriction for appointed officers. Standing Kings and Scribes are members of the Grand Chapter, and as such should be entitled to hold an appointed position. (2 YEARS)

Constitution Committee 2018-19 has been assigned this task