



Proceedings of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
Maryland

Annual Grand Convocation
Held on Saturday, October 27, 2018

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 2018 Annual Grand Convocation

Grand Chapter Annual Convocation

October 27, 2018 1:00 p.m

Grand Lodge of Maryland

Oriental Room

Cockeysville, MD

Agenda:

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| 1 | Opening of Grand Chapter/ Preliminary Report of Conference | Patrick A. Curtis, MEGHP |
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| 24 | Introduction of Distinguished Visitors | Patrick A. Curtis, MEGHP |
| 25 | Announcements & Schedule Items | As required |
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| 27 | Official Remarks | R.E. Comp. Mark Irwin, DDGGHP |
| | | R.E. Comp. Teko Foley, REGG Scribe |
| | | MWGM Kostas Vourvoulas |
| 27 | Installation of Officers | Installing MEPGHP |
| 28 | Final Remarks: MEGHP | William C. Eppig MEGHP |
| 29 | Closing of Grand Chapter | William C. Eppig MEGHP |

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

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**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Maryland**

**Call Letter for Annual Meetings Location:
Grand Lodge of Maryland, Freemason Hall, Gothic Room. 304 International
Circle, Cockeysville, MD.**

Companions & Sir Knights

By order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Comp. Patrick A. Curtis. Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, and Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Spyridon G. Treklas, official notice is hereby given for:

**The-Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland,
The Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland, and
The Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.**

The Grand Council will meet in Grand Assembly, **Friday, October 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include reports as necessary and Installation of 2018 – 2019 Officers.

Dress is Tuxedo, Apron & Jewels for Officers; Coat & Tie otherwise

Location: Grand Lodge of Maryland, Freemason Hall, Oriental Room (Lower Level)

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave **Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include all Officer and Committee Reports as necessary. Open Installation of Officers to follow immediately at 11:00 a.m.

Dress is Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau & Sword.

Location: Grand Lodge of Maryland, Freemason Hall, Gothic Room (Lower Level)

The Grand Chapter will meet in Grand Convocation **Monday, October 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include all Officer and Committee Reports as necessary. Dress is Tuxedo, Apron & Jewels for Officers; Coat & Tie otherwise. Please wear your Chapter Apron.

Location: Grand Lodge of Maryland, Freemason Hall, Oriental Room (Lower Level)

Please see enclosed Agenda and Registration information for specifics

Fraternally & Respectfully,

ME Comp Vernon H Huebschman
Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Maryland

RI Comp. Vernon H.
Huebschman
Grand Recorder
Grand Council of Maryland

SK Thomas M. Heimiller, REPGC
Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of KT in MD

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1. Opening of Grand Chapter

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. Raymond Denmark	Grand Chaplain
Ex Comp. G. Andrew Martinez	Grand Captain of the Host
Ex. Comp. Thomas Marraffa	Grand Principal Sojourner
Ex. Comp. John Austin	Grand Royal Arch Captain
M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert	Grand Master of the Third Veil
Ex. Comp. Michael G. Faby	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Ex. Comp. Robert M. Penny	Grand Master of the First Veil
Ex. Comp. William Baldwin	Grand Sentinel
M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Grand Lecturer
Ex. Comp. Randolph S. Disney	Deputy Grand Lecturer
Ex. Comp. Michael G. Faby	Deputy Grand Lecturer

The Grand Chaplain, Comp. Raymond Denmark, offered the opening prayer.

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

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

39 Voting Members present.

6 Non-Voting Members present.

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2. Reception of The Past Grand Officers

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. John Maclay	Past Grand High Priest 2012
M.E. Comp. Richard P. Naegle	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. PGHP Friel responded for the Past Grand High Priests.

MEGHP,

Your Past Grand High Priests thank you for the Grand Honors. We appreciate your hard work and travels in the past year, and if we can help you in the future, please call on us.

3. Semi-Annual Proceedings

M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MEGHP,

The Proceedings of the 2018 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 2018. 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

4. Report of the Grand Secretary

M.E. Comp Vernon H. Huebschman

MEGHP

Annual Reports.

As of this writing, all Maryland Chapters but one have now submitted their Annual Reports to the Grand Chapter. I have hypothecated a Report based on verbal information supplied by the MEHP and confirmed by the Chapter Secretary, indicating no changes from the prior year's report. More than one third of the Chapters made errors in calculating the amount due to the Grand Chapter, and have been contacted to make good the errors. This year the Report Forms were developed by a professional firm, and supplied with an ADOBE utility for direct entry of all data. Five of the reports were down-loaded and filled by hand. I am grateful for the 12 of 19 Chapters which completed their returns and had them to the Grand Secretary prior to September 30th.

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St. Johns RAC No. 19

By action of the Grand Chapter at the Semi-Annual Convocation of 2018, the merger of St Johns RAC No. 19, with all its memberships, paraphernalia, and assets became official as of September 1, 2018. The final Annual Report of the St. Johns was received and the per Capita Assessment and the CAHP Assessment was deposited in due course. The entire final active membership was added to Adoniram RAC No. 21, and the 2019 Dues Cards reflect these actions.

Grand Lodge Members Management System

Chapters are reminded that all petitions are to be vetted through the Grand Secretary to verify in the Grand Lodge Membership Management System that all petitioners are

- Residents of the State of Maryland, otherwise a Waiver of the Resident State is Required.
- A Mason in good standing in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, or if a resident of another state a current dues card or certificate of good standing is required.
- If a Mason Raised in Maryland, the petitioner has successfully exemplified the Catechism of the Master Mason Degree before proceeding on to other Masonic organizations, as required in the Grand Lodge Constitution.

This verification is request three days prior to BALLOTING on petitioners.

Council of Anointed High Priests

The CAHP will hold its annual Council on Saturday April 27, 2019 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. Law School will be conducted by Comp. Michael G. Faby, the Grand Lecturer.

School for Secretaries & Recorders

On February 17, 2018 a School for Secretaries & Recorders was held at the Grand Lodge Building at Bonnie Blink. The attendance was heartening, though those most in need of instruction did not attend. It is my intention to attempt another school on a similar weekend in February 2019. The topic will be narrower, dealing with the use of technology in managing our local and statewide Chapters and Council. We will deal with the purchasing and maintenance of Computers, recommended types of software for word processing, Record keeping, bookkeeping, electronic communicating. If you find you are uncomfortable with this topic, you are exactly the one who should attend.

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York Rite Office

In early August I was called to a meeting with the Grand Recorder and Assistant Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery to discuss the conditions in the York Rite Offices. Let me state that I have never had a key to this office in my entire tenure, and have entered only with those who did have their own access. When I arrived I found that the office was being abated for mold by the application of an encapsulating paint, and several overcoats of a high quality latex paint. The condition of the stored material were discussed among those present, and it was agreed to develop a plan to provide new metal shelving to encircle the office and line the closet area. We took dimensions and observed the best depths for each section of shelving. I worked through that night to develop a chart of 72" metal shelving units all of the same construction but differing depths and widths to accommodate the wall sections available and the architecture of the room. I also provided information on AMAZON part numbers and prices for the exact units which could be ordered and delivered to the Grand Lodge Building without shipping costs in AMAZON PRIME which I was told was available for the purpose. The estimate for the total number of all shelves and one similar cart unit was \$1,570.00 which was to be divided evenly among the three Grand Bodies. All materials for other organizations was to be removed, and the best of my knowledge has been. Most of the existing furniture was no longer functional, so it was to be disposed of...except a large table which could function as a conference table and work surface for those wishing to work in the office, which the incoming Grand Recorder of Commandery indicated he intended. I have followed up on this project, but I have no information as of this writing to indicate that any action has been taken. As this report is written prior to the Report of the Grand Recorder in the Grand Commandery there may be new information from the Grand Conclave held earlier today.

Expenses of the 2017 Grand Session

The Shared and special expenses of the 2017 Grand Sessions for the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council invited guests for meals, and the shared expenses for the accommodations was not produced in time to close out the 2017 Budget Year for the Semi-Annual Convocation in May 2018. This information has still not been received by the Grand Chapter or Grand Council. The Grand Commandery has had the management responsibilities for the Grand Sessions. This issue was discussed in late September of 2018, but given the preparations for this year's York Rite Sessions the reckoning of these costs were to be dealt with after the 2018 Sessions. This is reported here to inform the membership that because ours is a Cash Accounting system, we will incur a double expenditure for this line item in the 2018 -2019 budget.

MEGHP, I have enjoyed working with you during your tenure as Grand High Priest. You were MIGM when I presided in Hiram Council, and you were the REGC when I first entered the Grand Commandery Line. On each occasion, you brought a management plan, and the energy to follow it

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through. We knew what you wanted, and we could plan accordingly. It was a joy. During your service as MEGHP, you have been beset by illnesses and accidents...but have still preformed your duties and provided leadership to the equal of any of your predecessors. Thank you for the time you have given me, and the direction and guidance you have generously shared. I wish rest and recovery of all your strength...and look forward to whatever you choose to do next.

Submitted respectfully

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

I move the acceptance of this report, that it may be spread upon the Proceeding of this Grand Convocation.

Seconded by PGHP Randall Watson, passed unanimously.

5. Report of the Grand Treasurer R.E. Comp. John M Lister

MEGHP,

The report of the Grand Treasurer is that the Grand Chapter is in good condition. The Treasurer's interim report for 2018, as of October 26, 2018 is attached. There is a number of expenses and transactions to occur before close out of the Capitular year.

Also attached is the 2018 interim report for the D. Ross Vansant Fund and the Trustees Reserve Fund.

The Trustees report attached show the status of the account as of September 30, 2018. The value of the account and its investments as of that date was \$386,813.18.

I move that this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Second by PGHP Huebschman; passed unanimously.

The exhibits for this report are attached to the Grand Secretary's Binder for this year.

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6. Committee on Accounts & Finance

R.E. Comp William C. Eppig

MEGHP

On April 14, 2018, this committee met and planned a budget for the coming Capitular. This budget was proposed and passed at the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation. This committee will meet again in the future to review the Final Report for 2017 -2018 and work on the 2019 – 2020 Budget. I move this report be approved and spread upon the Proceedings; seconded by the Grand Secretary and passed.

7. Report of the Grand High Priest

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

Companions, I welcome each of you to the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Most Worshipful Grand Master Kostas Vourvoulas, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Maryland, Right Excellent Brother Richard Naegle; Right Excellent Brother Mark Irwin, Deputy Grand High Priest Northeast Region, Most Excellent David A. Grindle, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Right Excellent Harold Kahn, Associate General Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter; Right Excellent Paul Huck, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York; Sovereign Grand Inspector General Brother Marlin Mills, and Most Excellent Grand High Priests – Joe Broce (VA), and Peter Bruscoe (DC), as well as other Distinguished Guests. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to be with us this afternoon. We are also pleased to see the excellent turnout of the Most Excellent High Priests, Excellent Grand Kings and 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 afternoon, I thank you for your help the past two years. I am sure our incoming Grand High Priest will appreciate your continued assistance in furthering the advancement of this Grand Chapter.

We are deeply saddened to report, on May 20th, our Senior Past Grand High Priest, MEPGHP Bennie G. Owens (Mt Harmony Chapter #25) was called home by our Savior. He is now with his beloved wife Ruth. Brother Owens will be sorely missed throughout Maryland Masonry, but more particularly in this Grand Chapter as well as his home Chapter. He spent many hours assisting all of us in all aspects of the craft -- teaching many of the finer points of our ritual, as

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well as teaching the subtle points needed to produce good administrative management. Please join me in a moment of silent prayer for Companion Owens. I ask that you Keep his family in your prayers

DECEASED COMPANIONS

This past year thirty-three (33) Companions laid down their working tools to enter that Eternal Lodge above. There were an additional seventeen (17) deaths listed on this year's reports that were not reported in the year in which they occurred, for a final total of 50.

Among the deceased were:

Two (2) Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters (Bennie G. Owens, 2001-02 and B. Hope Harrison, 1989-90).

Bennie was an 82-year member of the DeMolay. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1973 and was installed as Worshipful Master of Annapolis Lodge # 89 in 1979. He became a four-star member of the York Rite, serving as MEGHP (1973, MIGM (1989 and REGC.

In addition to these two stalwarts of Masonry, we lost three (3) Past High Priests (Gordan John Turner, Tuscan Chapter No. 42; Roy Edward Haugh, Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25; and Harvey Eugene Hale, Tuscan Chapter No 42.

Sadly, it should be noted sixty-five (65) Past Masters also entered the Eternal Lodge above. Brethren please join me in a moment of silent prayer for these Companions.

GRAND VISITATIONS

The Grand Line and I made eleven joint Grand Visitations with Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Lumbert and his Grand Line. It made for interesting evenings as we laid out what we hoped the Chapters and Councils would work into their respective meetings.

Of the Grand Visitations made, all of them were successful in that they resulted in multiple exchanges of worthwhile information. Among the points discussed were better communications to the members of the Chapter, and, involving newly exalted members in the work of the Chapter to include degree work. Where Chapter and Councils meet jointly Most Illustrious Grand Master Lumbert requested the presiding officers insure the Chapters and Councils shared equal time with respect to the time used by them

OTHER FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

The following provides a list of many of the activities I attended this past year. I will not read them at this time as they will be printed in the proceeding. They included four (4) Grand Lodge functions: The Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, the MWGM's Regional Meeting at Upper Marlboro, and Harvest Home. Other duties made it impossible for me to make the MWGM annual Banquet.

Four (4) Out-of-State York Rite Grand Chapter's sessions: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

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Twenty-three (23) Masonic Lodge Installations in January with MWGM Kostas Vourvoulas and his Grand Line.

Four (4) other Masonic functions: a Table Lodge at my home Lodge, Camp Springs No. 227, the Grand Council Table Lodge in the Gothic Room at the Grand Lodge, the second Joint Masonic Table Lodge held by James F. Allen and Pentalpha Lodge this past month, and the Grand Chapter Multi-Jurisdictional Festival in the District of Columbia. All three events were well attended and enjoyed by all. A hearty congratulation to all those companions who helped arrange four outstanding events.

Two (2) Youth Group functions: Maryland Rainbow Grand Assembly at Hunt Valley and the installation ceremony for the Grand Chapter of Maryland, Job's Daughters International where I served as their Assistant Installing Officer. Regretfully, I missed the DeMolay State Convocation installation of the State Master Councilor for the Order of the DeMolay in August

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

The requirement for Chapters to demonstrate their proficiency in both the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees was continued. I added the requirement that 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

In October 2016, 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. I continued that practice this past year. It included:

- 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;

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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.

The 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, was continued.

MERGER OF CHAPTERS

This year St. John Chapter No. 19 merged with Adoniram Chapter No. 21. All aspects of the merger was successfully accomplished by September. Ithiel Chapter is taking steps for possible merger with Druid Chapter No. 28. Meetings are ongoing to determine if such a merger will be accomplished.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

It was brought to our attention that Chapter needed to take steps to insure funds belonging to them were deposited in their own checking account. For those York Rite Bodies wanting to have their members submit one check for their dues is possible, however, action must be taken that insures funds due each body (Chapter, Council and Commandery) is transferred to a separate checking account for each body. Each body needs to insure they are responsible for filing their 990-N with the IRS.

COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIEST

This year the Council of Anointed High Priests met on Saturday, April 29th. Two newly elected High Priests were Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to the Order of High Priesthood. Companions, you both are to be congratulated on having this high honor conferred upon you. We 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.

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 Phoenix Chapter # 7. I would ask that the current holder of the Banner, meet me and the Most Excellent High Priest of Phoenix Chapter west of the Altar.

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 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:

- Ian Hogola, Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23;
- George Andrew Martinez, Mt. Vernon Royal Chapter No. 25.
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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 2018 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.

- William Eppig, Druid Chapter No. 28

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I must 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. She put up my many nights away from home. My dear, you are my sweetheart, my best friend, and have always been there in all my accomplishments.

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. Vernon, your dedication to your position as Grand Secretary, and my being able to turn to you for continued advice were welcomed and deeply appreciated.

MEPGHP Randy Watson, although you had moved on to other duties, 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. Your never hesitated in your willingness to again take upon yourself handling the registration for this Grand Session. It is truly appreciated by us all.

Companions, this ends my second term as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Maryland. 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 has 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.

My particular thanks to REGK Bill Eppig and REGS Bruce Colburn for their continued 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 watching their continued efforts as they further the cause of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland. In closing, all I can say is "That's all Folks."

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

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8. Committee on Conference, Final Report

Comp. William Baldwin

The total number of Chapters was 15 of 18.

The number of voting Companions present: 37

The number of non-voting Companions: 18

9. Nominations and Elections

M.E. Comp. Patrick A. Curtis

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.

10. Report of the Committee on Work

M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MEGHP,

The Second Edition of the 2016 Ritual has been repeatedly scrubbed for corrections and is being repaginated with an eye to correcting the Table of Contents. Our new Grand Lecturer, Comp. Michael Faby will see to the final printing order and distribution to the Chapter in Spring of 2019.

Thank for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter of Maryland for the last six years. I will retire from the role of Chairman of this Committee after this meeting. During that time we have produced a new Ritual Book which is vastly improved in both organization and content over its preceding editions. We have added floor directions, and improved floor diagrams, Prologues for all four Degrees, and a new Memorial Service for Chapter Companions. The Installation Service is also included in the new Ritual. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully submitted,

M.E. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman,

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11. 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.

11.1 Youth Relations & D Ross Vansant Scholarship

Comp. Carl A. Michel.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Curtis,

Your Youth Committee would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. We are very happy to assist with fostering the relationship between our Masonic Youth Groups and this Grand Chapter as well as working with the D. Ross Vansant Scholarships. This year many of your Grand Officers, Chapter Officers and members continued to visit our Masonic Youth group events showing the Grand Chapter's support and understanding of the importance of these valuable youth groups. We are continually impressed by the programs and commitment of the Advisors along with the participation and growth of their members. Because of the lack of entries for our D. Ross Vansant Scholarships this past year, there were only 4 recipients. The Grand Chapter should be proud of the scholarships awarded this year as the submissions were very well balanced and worthy of our support. We would recommend looking into ways of promoting this valuable tool to assist the future leaders of tomorrow to ease their higher education burdens. We look forward to continuing this important aspect of the Grand Chapter, promoting and assisting our Masonic Youth Groups and reviewing scholarship submissions.

Faternally submitted,

Comp. Carl A. Michel, Jr., PHP Druid R. A. Chapter N

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12. Royal Arch Research Assistance

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

MEGHP,

The R.A.R.A. program was brought up at all Grand visitations I attended the past year, along with a separate slide presentation done at Adoniram. This slide presentation can be made available to any Chapter wishing to have it.

Certificates are designed for contributions of \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00.

A \$1000.00 dollar contribution receives a very impressive lapel pin with a keystone in the center. Additional contributions of \$500.00 add a small diamond to the pin. Certificates and pins are awarded to both individual donors and donating organizations. Donations are IRS deductible.

Other than the pin, a greater incentive might be that the research you have funded in part might very well have brought a better life to someone who was affected with CAPD, an important learning disability.

The annual reports included in the sessions reports show the individual Chapter donations. These go from a high of 696 dollars, to a low of zero. Sadly, there were nine chapters who did not contribute this year.

It is highly recommended that all Chapters include a line on their dues form for including an RARA donation. These collected donations can then be sent as a separate check when annual assessments are mailed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce G. Colburn, REGScribHP,

13. Time & Place

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

MEGHP,

This report was submitted and approved at the Semi-Annual meeting in May.

Annual Session Dates: Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 24th, 2019

Location: Live Casino

Hotel: The Live Lofts Hotel
3159 New Ridge Road
Hanover, MD 21076

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14. Sessions Committee

R.E. Comp. William C. Eppig

MEGHP,

We have a total of 93 registered to attend some part of the sessions: 56 Companions and SK's and 37 Ladies.

The numbers registered for each item are"

53 – Men's Lunch (we had 47 last year for the combined Lunch) – we exceeded the 20 person minimum.

19 – Ladies Program (22 last year)

87 – Saturday Banquet (we had 91 last year).

Attendance is down from last year and may be due to the centralized location. I know a number commuted to the sessions meetings.

The Hotel bill has been paid by the Grand Recorder and will be billing each body for their portion of the cost of the invited guests and Ladies program.

I thank all who helped with this year's sessions, a big thank you to you, to PGHP Randy Watson for his assistance with registration, and the ladies of the Westminster Beausceant for their assistance once again this year.

Respectfully,

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

15. Triennium

The 2020 Triennium will be held in September in Louisville, Kentucky.

16. 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.

17. Awards and Recognition

The awards are noted in the MEGHP's Report to this Grand Convocation.

18. Committee on Grievance

There is no cause of action received in the last six months.

19. Long Range Planning Committee

There was no written report submitted for this Grand Session.

20. Membership Committee

There was no written Report submitted for this Grand Session.

21. Reports not requiring Actions

Report Multi- Jurisdiction Festival

The 2018 Muti-Jurisdictional Festival was held on September 29, 2018 at the DC Scottish Rite at 2800 16th St. (this is the DC Scottish Rite building not the House of the Temple) and is hosted by the Grand Chapter of DC.

Maryland was will represented and presented the Mark Master Degree. We Thank all who participated and attend this event.

Next year's event will be held in Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,
William Eppig, REGK

22. Unfinished Business

There was no business left unresolved from the prior Grand Session.

23. New Business

24. Distinguished Visitors & Remarks

REGGS Teko Foley brought the Greeting of the MEGGHP, James Hodge and compliment the Grand Chapter on a aggressive year of action. The MWGM Gus Vourvoulas challenged the York Rite to extend its reach into the local Lodges by being present and active

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25. Installation of Officers for 2018 – 2019 M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo III

The 2018 – 2019 Officers were install by M.E. Comp. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III

Grand High Priest:	William C. Eppig
Grand King;	Bruce G. Colburn
Grand Scribe:	Jeffrey L. Dill
Grand Treasurer:	John M. Lister
Grand Secretary:	Vernon H. Huebschman
Grand Captain of the Host:	G. Andrew Martinez
Grand Principal Sojourner	Robert W. Chase
Grand Royal Arch Captain	J. Jacob Todd, Jr.
Grand Master of the Third Veil	William Miller
Grand Master of the Second Veil	R. Joseph White
Grand Master of the First Veil	Robert England
Grand Lecturer	Michael G. Faby
Deputy Grand Lecturer	Randolph S. Disney
Deputy Grand Lecturer	Dennis Ewing

Respectfully submitted,

ME Comp. Vernon Huebschman, PGHP
Grand Secretary

Appendix 1:

Report of the Chapters as of August 31, 2017

Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1 IRS 990N Confirmed	1206 Stehlik Drive Odenton, MD 21113	Meets 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm Except June, July, & August
HP: Bruce G. Colburn, REGS	EK: Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP	ES: James J. Morgan
Secty: Frederick A. Spicer	Membership: 83	
Past High Priests:	Bruce Colburn Charles McLaughlin Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP Don Taylor	Howard Culver James J. Morgan Frederick A. Spicer
Exaltations: Gregory Tausch William Schatzman Ricky D. Smith Donald E. Norris Michael W. Gosnay Gregory Munholland	Deaths: Werner Rug Demit:	Suspended: Anthony Paolini Terry Castle Kuriakos Mavoukas Christopher Vollmerhausen Reed H Cole Matthew Hovatter Frank Hombert

Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No.7 IRS 990N Confirmed	Aberdeen Masonic Temple Aberdeen, MD	Meets 4 th Wednesdays 7:30 pm
HP: Michael G. Faby	EK: Ales A. Rodriguez	Gregory Gelder
Secty: Barry D. Noe	Membership: 59	
Past High Priests, as reported: *Plural members from other Chapters	William E. Lautenschlager Michael G. Faby Richard P. Naegele, PGHP* William E. Miller III	Arthur Gordon Richard H. Westermeyer Frederick A. Spicer* Henry C. McDonald*
Exalted: Stephen Hall Adam Stoddard Demits: James Hart	Suspensions: Edwin Nejus Jeffrey Fayer	Deaths & Demits:

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Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17 IRS 990 Confirmed	110 N. Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801	Meets 2 nd Thursday 7:30 p.m.
HP: Arthur H. Tawes, Jr.	EK: Glynn Bridge	ES: Michael Youse
Secty: Franklin H. Williams	Membership: 58	
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
Exalted: Raymond A. Dore David F. Long Phillip Oneschuk Reinstated: David F. McManus Howard D. Quillen Clarence N. Tyler	Demitted: Norris A Cartwright Jr. Deaths: Edward A. Evans	Suspended: Henry L. Guy

Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18 NO IRS Confirmation	15 Greene Street Cumberland, MD 21502	Meets 3 rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. September – June
HP: Robert W. Hamilton, PHP	EK: Patrick A. Stangler	ES: Samuel J. Lane
Secty: Robert W. Hamilton	Membership: 104	
Past High Priests, as reported in previous years	Robert W. Hamilton Kenneth A. Robertson	John M. Greer
Exaltations: David J. Curry Raymond O'Neil James M. Snider Aaron V. Lea	Deaths: Ralph M. Buser, Jr. John J. Kifer Suspensions : Charles W. Taylor	<i>Affiliation:</i> <i>Rev Jack R. George</i>

St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter No. 19	3 Shipping Place Dundalk, MD 21222	Chapter Merged with Adoniram RAC No. 21 as of 9/1/2018
HP: Vernon Huebschman, PGHP	EK: Vacant	Scribe: Vacant
Secty: Edward A. Foreman PGHP	Membership: 59	
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
Exaltations:	Suspensions: None Demits: None	Deaths:

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Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter No. 21 IRS 990N Confirmed	304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030	Meets Third Wednesdays September – May 10:30 a.m.
HP: Edward A. Foreman Jr. PGHP	Robert C. Chandler	ES: Kristopher Johannssen
Secty: Charles J. Malinowski	Membership: 19	
Past High Priests: Ronald Aughenbaugh Dennis W. Ewing	Edward A. Foreman, Jr. PGHP*	Teddy R. Barkley, Jr.* John B. Grieve*
Exaltations: None	Suspensions : Earl E. Ihle, Jr. George Moralis Robert A. Phelps, Sr. Dennis Shipley	Deaths: Phillip E. Plitt

Talbot Royal Arch Chapter No. 22 IRS 990N Confirmed	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	Membership: 35	
Past High Priests:	Howard M. Higgins	Darryl W. McCaslin Robert M. Penny
Exaltations: David L. McQuay William A. Murphy Warren W. Prender	Deaths: B. Hope Harrison, MWPGM Thomas S. Klinger Daniel F Pritchett Demits: Maurice E. Newman III	Suspensions: Roger Johnson Nicholas B. Willoughby Larry M. Allebach

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Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23 IRS 990N Confirmed	6816 Blentlinger Road Frederick, MD 21702	Meets Second Tuesday 7:30 pm
HP: Ian Hongola	EK: Al Letle	ES: David Tallant
Secty: Dennis Brekhus	Membership: 84	
Past High Priests:	Russell Brewer, PGHP Kenneth T. Crampton Howard W. Graham	George W. Shumard James M. King
Exaltations: Christopher W. Bickel Robert C. Harrod Koon Wes Lam Irvin W. Riley Charles Shaffer David Hahn	Demits: Ronald S. Maston Bradley J. Pitt	Suspensions: Charles A. Simms

Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25 IRS 990N Confirmation	162 Conduit Street Annapolis, MD 21401	Meets Second Monday
HP: Raymond H. Denmark	EK: Paul Balassa	ES: Robert G. Hight
Secty: Randolph S. Disney	Membership: 74	
Past High Priests:	Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr. Leland Linder G. Scott Romanoski James L. Knighton Gordon A. Davids James Conboy S. Dirk Wiker	Edward Matthias Carl Seaman Randolph S. Disney Jimmie Trowbridge Marc Owens John M. Lister Carl Seaman
Exaltations: James A. Julley Mariyon I. Kulev Demit: Stanley D. Smith Deaths: Bennie G. Owens, PGHP Roy G. Haugh James E. McMurtry III	Suspensions: Charles B. Morris Princewell Okories Curtis M Page Alfred C. Phelps William A. Price Thomas Priester Robert E. Schurr Stanley E. Stepnitz Robert W. Stevens Danny J. Thomas Wayne M. Wilson Keith D. Williams	Jacob Holzeschul Charles Hill Richard Hall Clifford Falkemer Ronald Jame Michael KereKesh Robert E. Martin William Malory Daniel S. Miller Robert H. Shiflet Adam. M Linder Russell D. Mark Daniel T. Smith

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Ithiel Royal Arch Chapter No. 27	11735 Whitehall Road Chewsville, MD 21721	Meets First Wednesdays, 7:30pm
HP: R. Joseph White, PHP	EK: Joel Klomoski	ES: Terry L. Smith
Secty: Terry L. Smith	Membership: 44	
Past High Priests	Jodie C. Arnold Delancy L. Catlett C. Franklin Ebersole Harvey L. Hogamier Joel D. Klimoski	Richard P. Marshall George M. Morse, Jr. Marion F. Richard, Jr. PGHP R. Joseph White
Demits" Gary W. Freeman Thomas P. Murphy Scott R. Paddack	Deaths: Terry L. Smith Richard P. McDonald Sr Neil P. Elkins William H. McClean, Sr.	Suspensions: Lance R. Nigh Marvin Prince Timothy A. Snouffer

Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 IRS 990N Confirmed	Oriental Room, Freemason Hall 304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030	Meets Second Thursdays, 7:30pm
HP: Robert W. Reynolds	EK: John P. Mitchell	ES: William C. Hare, Jr.
Secty: Vernon H. Huebschman PGHP	Membership: 172	
Druid RAC No. 28 Continued Past High Priests:	Teddy R. Barkley Jeffrey L. Dill William C. Eppig REGS Robert C. Heinze Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP Henry C. McDonald, Jr. Carl A. Michel	Richard P. Naegele, PGHP Stephen J. Ponzillo, III PGHP Randall L. Watson, PGHP Robert E. Young Michael G. Faby Robert W. Chase
Exaltations: Marcellino A Baal Romer E. Danato Albert Casas John J. Braddock	Deaths" Harley Fickus George Popp Ernest F. Clark Clyde F. Kemper	Deaths: George Matthews Robert Novak Paul Thomas Kenneth Anders

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Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29 IRS 990N Confirmed	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	Membership: 19	
Past High Priests:	Wallace E. Dodson Robert H. McWilliams, PGScr	David A. Tibbetts Robert L. Willey T. George Wittstadt
	Deaths:	Suspensions: None

Carroll Royal Arch No. 31	46 Monroe Street Westminster	Meets Fourth Monday; 7:30 pm
HP: William J. Baldwin, r.	EK: Michael Robbins	ES: Jeffery L. Disney
Secty: William J. Baldwin, Jr.	Membership: 58	
Past High Priest:	William J. Baldwin, Jr.	
Deaths Robert M. Bare Russell J. Gosnell Kenneth W. Krouse Ralph W. Tieman	Demits Timothy E. Bennett John A. Layman Philip Lindemeyr Kenneth E. Pickett Jeffery N. Zumbrun John R. Thomas	Suspended: Eric Woolman

James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33	Pentalpha Lodge Germantown, MD	Meets Fourth Wednesday; Third Wed. in Nov. & Dec.; 7:30pm
HP: John Austin	EK: James Kinneear	ES: Charlton Howard III
Secty: Jeffrey Alderdice	Membership: 40	
Past High Priests:	John Austin Jeffrey G. Bodie Kris D. Brown Walter L. Hagen	Don Holliday Arthur Sellars Royce A. Watson, PGHP
Reinstated: Jeff Bodie Gordon Brunner George Geralis Don Holliday George Matthew	Suspensions : Allen Alvarez Charles Bradshar Lee Brobst Juan Caceres Robert Cole Pierre Guajard	Thomas Graham Chris Rivera James Rutherford Ward Taylor James Knight Donald Wood Demit : David Holland

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Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36 IRS 990N Confirmed	114 Market Street Denton, MD 21622	Meets First Tuesday in September, December, March
HP: Clifton R. Friel, PGHP	EK: Thomas Velvin, Jr	ES: Robert Sparks
Secty: Christian E. Jensen	Membership: 82	
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
Suspensions: Gregory Eigenbrude Edgar Kauffman Theodore Landskroener Wayne Wiley James Williamson	Death: George . Wilson, St.	Demits John Kolditz Michael Lewis

Baltimore Royal Arch Chapter No. 40 IRS 990N Confirmed	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	Membership: 54	
Past High Priests:	Ronald L. Aughenbaugh, PHP Harold Jolle	Thomas Peterson David W. Theilman
Reinstatement:	Died: Daniel Bathgate	Suspension:

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Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42 IRS 990N Confirmed	507 W.Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204	Meets First Tuesdays
HP: John Grieve	EK: Vacant	ES: Charles W. Hampton
Secty: John B. Maclay PGHP	Membership: 104	
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
Exaltations: William S. Schulte Suspended Ian M. Berkley Joshua R. Jakobi Mark H. Juliam J. Stevens Smith	Deaths Gordon J. Turner Harvey Yale Demits: Antonius DeLange Robert C. Fentermacher	Deaths: William H. Bostian James S. Carson Richard O. Cook Francis B. Howard Wilbur B. Jensen Robert L. Murphy Maynard W. Geisler

York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44 IRS 990N Confirmed	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.	Membership: 69	
Past High Priests: 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
Exaltations: William B. Minoarovich Mark E. Wooten Demit:	Deaths: James G. Howcroft Edward E. Howard Robert J. Ratliff Lawrence Stotsbury	Suspensions: Brian D. Carroll Bruce E. Wilson

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Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter No. 46 NO IRS 990N Confirmation	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	Membership: 20	
Past High Priests: • Plural	Randall L. Watson, PGHP* Arthur F. Hebbeler William Grubb	
Exaltations:	Demit :	Deaths



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland

John Lister, Grand Treasurer
42 Quarter Horse Dr.
Capon Bridge, WV 26711

October 26, 2018

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Patrick A. Curtis

MEGHP,

The report of the Grand Treasurer is that the Grand Chapter is in good financial condition the Treasurers Interim Report for 2018, as of October 26, 2017, is attached. There are a number of expenses and transactions to occur before close out of the capitular year.

Also attached is the 2018 Interim Report for the D. Ross VanSant Fund, and the Trustees Reserve Fund.

The Trustees report attached shows the status of the account as of September 30, 2018. The value of the account and its investments as of that date was \$386,813.13.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Lister
Grand Treasurer

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Interim Report - 2018 11/1/2017 through 10/26/2017 Using 2018 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 20,769.31	\$ 30,100.00	\$ (9,570.69)
Council Anointed Hig Priests	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 240.00
_DivInc	\$ 444.08	\$ -	\$ 444.08
_IntInc	\$ 29.22	\$ -	\$ 29.22
Exaltations	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (820.00)
Invest Inc	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (3,600.00)
Per Capita	\$ 11,656.75	\$ 15,400.00	\$ (3,743.25)
Transfer Income	\$ 8,219.26	\$ 10,100.00	\$ (1,880.74)
EXPENSES	\$ 21,499.86	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 10,100.14
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ (25.00)
1.1 - Grand Secretary	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -
1.2 - Grand Lecturer	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
1.3 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
1.4 - Grand Sentinel	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ (25.00)
2 - Personal Expenses	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,125.00
2.1 - Expenses In Out State	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
2.1.1 - GHP Personal Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
2.1.2 - Grand King Personal Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
2.1.3 - Grand Scribe Personal Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
2.2 - Expenses N. E. Region	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
2.4 - Degree Team Expenses	\$ 375.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (125.00)
3 - General Grand Chapter	\$ 6,143.88	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 3,456.12
3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	\$ 2,416.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,084.00
3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	\$ 3,627.88	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,372.12
3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
3.4 -Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 - Office Expenses	\$ 3,586.61	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 3,013.39
4.01 - Office Supplies	\$ 216.02	\$ 450.00	\$ 233.98
4.02 - Printing Visitation Booklet	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
4.03 - Printing Annual Proceedings	\$ 1,632.42	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 67.58
4.04 - Postage and Delivery Expense	\$ 62.16	\$ 400.00	\$ 337.84
4.05 - Past GHP Jewel and Engraving	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	\$ 340.84	\$ 500.00	\$ 159.16
4.07 - Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.08 - Membership Program	\$ 647.50	\$ 500.00	\$ (147.50)
4.10 - Equipment Fund	\$ 129.90	\$ 650.00	\$ 520.10
4.11 - Dues Cards	\$ 182.77	\$ 400.00	\$ 217.23
4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 175.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (75.00)
4.13 - Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
5 - Service Contracts	\$ 4,294.37	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 305.63
5.1 - Office Rent	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5.3 - Insurance	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 112.00
5.4 - Web Site	\$ 366.37	\$ 100.00	\$ (266.37)
5.5 - Council Anointed High Priests	\$ 540.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 60.00

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6 - Grand Sessions	\$	300.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,500.00
6.1 - Hotel Guest Rooms & Svcs	\$	-	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
6.2 - Luncheons (Members & Ladies)	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	(300.00)
6.3 - Distinguished Guests Meals & Enter	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
7 - Charity	\$	275.00	\$	700.00	\$	425.00
7.1 - Masonic Youth	\$	75.00	\$	500.00	\$	425.00
7.2 - RARA	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-
7.3 - Grand Lodge	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-

Grand Chapter RAM D Ross VanSant Fund Interim Report 2018

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Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 3,150.59	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (349.41)
Invest Inc	\$ 3,150.59	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (349.41)
Donations Received	\$ 2,340.00	\$ -	\$ 2,340.00
_IntInc	\$ 4.19	\$ -	\$ 4.19
EXPENSES	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (175.00)
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ (175.00)
Scholarships	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -

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Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7
Current Budget - Year To Date						
11/1/2017 through 9/24/2018 Using 2018 Grand Chapter						
Category	11/1/2017 Actual	- Budget	9/24/2018 Difference	Anticipated Expenses		
INCOME	4,728.17	30,100.00	-25,371.83			
_Dhmc	3,309.12	0.00	3,309.12			
_Infnc	28.05	0.00	28.05			
Donations Received	40.00	0.00	40.00			
Exaltions	10.00	1,000.00	-990.00			
Invest Inc	0.00	3,600.00	-3,600.00			
Per Capita	1,341.00	15,400.00	-14,059.00			
Transfer Income	0.00	10,100.00	-10,100.00			
EXPENSES	17,356.35	30,100.00	12,743.75			
Uncategorized	100.00	0.00	-100.00			
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	1,400.00	2,800.00	1,400.00			
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items:1.1 - Grand Secretary	875.00	1,750.00	875.00	\$ 875.00		
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items:1.2 - Grand Lecturer	125.00	250.00	125.00	\$ 125.00		
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items:1.3 - Grand Treasurer	400.00	800.00	400.00	\$ 400.00		
2 - Personal Expenses	2,075.00	5,500.00	3,425.00			
2 - Personal Expenses:2.1 - Expenses in Our State	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00			
2 - Personal Expenses:2.1 - Expenses in Our State:2.1.1 - GHP Personal Expenses	1,750.00	3,500.00	1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00		
2 - Personal Expenses:2.1 - Expenses in Our State:2.1.2 - Grand King Personal Expenses	125.00	250.00	125.00	\$ 125.00		
2 - Personal Expenses:2.1 - Expenses in Our State:2.1.3 - Grand Scribe Personal Expenses	125.00	250.00	125.00	\$ 125.00		
2 - Personal Expenses:2.2 - Expenses N. E. Region	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00		
2 - Personal Expenses:2.4 - Degree Team Expenses	75.00	250.00	175.00			
3 - General Grand Chapter	6,143.88	9,600.00	3,456.12			
3 - General Grand Chapter:3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	2,416.00	4,500.00	2,084.00			
3 - General Grand Chapter:3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	3,627.88	5,000.00	1,372.12	\$ 1,000.00		
3 - General Grand Chapter:3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00			
4 - Office Expenses	2,968.00	5,100.00	2,132.00			
4 - Office Expenses:4.01 - Office Supplies	216.02	450.00	233.98	\$ 200.00		
4 - Office Expenses:4.02 - Printing Visitation Booklet	0.00	300.00	300.00			
4 - Office Expenses:4.03 - Printing Annual Proceedings	1,632.42	200.00	-1,432.42			
4 - Office Expenses:4.04 - Postage and Delivery Expense	62.16	400.00	337.84			
4 - Office Expenses:4.05 - Rest GHP Jewel and Engraving	0.00	800.00	800.00	\$ 800.00		
4 - Office Expenses:4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	0.00	500.00	500.00	\$ 500.00		
4 - Office Expenses:4.07 - Memorials	0.00	100.00	100.00			

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4 - Office Expenses:4.08 - Membership Program	377.50	500.00	122.50		
4 - Office Expenses:4.10 - Equipment Fund	129.90	650.00	520.10	\$	500.00
4 - Office Expenses:4.11 - Dues Cards	0.00	400.00	400.00	\$	400.00
4 - Office Expenses:4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	350.00	100.00	-250.00		
4 - Office Expenses:4.13 - Awards	200.00	700.00	500.00		
5 - Service Contracts	4,294.37	4,600.00	305.63		
5 - Service Contracts:5.1 - Office Rent	0.00	400.00	400.00		
5 - Service Contracts:5.3 - Insurance	3,388.00	3,500.00	112.00		
5 - Service Contracts:5.4 - Web Site	366.37	100.00	-266.37		
5 - Service Contracts:5.5 - Council Anointed High Priests	540.00	600.00	60.00		
6 - Grand Sessions	300.00	1,800.00	1,500.00		
6 - Grand Sessions:6.1 - Hotel Guest Rooms & Svcs	0.00	300.00	300.00		
6 - Grand Sessions:6.2 - Luncheons (Members & Ladies)	300.00	0.00	-300.00		
6 - Grand Sessions:6.3 - Distinguished Guests Meals & Enter	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		
7 - Charity	75.00	700.00	625.00		
7 - Charity:7.1 - Masonic Youth	75.00	500.00	425.00	\$	400.00
7 - Charity:7.2 - RARA	0.00	100.00	100.00	\$	100.00
7 - Charity:7.3 - Grand Lodge	0.00	100.00	100.00	\$	100.00
Net Difference:	-12,628.08	0.00	-12,628.08	\$	8,650.00

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MD Trustees Reserve Fund 2017-18

	Total Value Last Period	Credits / Debits	Change in Value	Total Value this Period
November-16	\$ 360,903.80	\$ 778.84	\$ 5,748.18	\$ 367,430.82
December-16	\$ 367,430.82	\$ 996.81	\$ 5,516.31	\$ 373,943.94
January-17	\$ 373,943.94	\$ 181.66	\$ 4,820.42	\$ 378,946.02
February-17	\$ 378,946.02	\$ 966.30	\$ (17,326.03)	\$ 362,586.29
March-17	\$ 362,586.29	\$ 1,021.89	\$ (3,571.30)	\$ 360,036.88
April-17	\$ 360,036.88	\$ 185.52	\$ 4,185.20	\$ 364,407.60
May-17	\$ 364,407.60	\$ 977.55	\$ 7,875.83	\$ 373,260.98
June-17	\$ 373,260.98	\$ 964.61	\$ (3,736.85)	\$ 370,488.74
July-17	\$ 370,488.74	\$ 252.45	\$ 8,855.60	\$ 379,596.79
August-17	\$ 379,596.79	\$ 1,004.72	\$ 3,321.85	\$ 383,923.36
September-17	\$ 383,923.36	\$ 982.36	\$ 1,907.41	\$ 386,813.13
October-17	\$ 386,813.13			\$ 386,813.13

Value as of November 1, 2017	\$ 360,903.80
Value as of September 30, 2018	\$ 386,813.13
Total Gains (Realized & Unrealized)	\$ 25,909.33
	7.18%

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeffry L. Dill	2018-2020
Robert Lubert	2016-2018
Stephen J Ponzillo III	2017-2019

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland

“Trustees Committee”

October 26, 2018

Since the report at the Semi-Annual in May the Reserve was up and down in value twice and as of September 30, 2018 settled at the value shown below. Overall during the past year from November 2017 to September 2018 the value of the fund has increased approximately 15%.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, “Reserve Account” (633-115782-529) balance as of 30 September 2018 was \$386,813.18. Breakdown of funds:

Cash	\$ 71,387.41
Common Stocks	\$222,110.40
Closed End Funds	\$ 30,894.00
Mutual Funds	\$ 62,421.32

For the Committee,

Stephen J. Ponzillo III, PGHP

Jeffry L. Dill,

Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP