

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND



SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION

MAY 8, 2021
ORIENTAL ROOM
Hunt Valley, Maryland



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



**Call Letter for Semi-Annual Meetings,
and
Special Grand Assembly for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
Annual Council of Anointed High Priests**

Companions & Sir Knights

By order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Randolph S. Disney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Charles E. Warns II, and Most Excellent President Randall L. Watson official notice is hereby given for:

**The Semi-Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland,
The Semi-Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland, and
The Semi-Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.
The Special Grand Assembly of The Grand Council for conferral of TIM Degree
The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland**

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave **Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2022 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau & Sword.

Location: Gothic Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

The Grand Council will meet in Grand Assembly on, **Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 10:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2022 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is Tuxedo, Apron & Jewels for Officers, Coat & Tie otherwise. Please wear your Council Apron.

Location: Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

The Grand Chapter will meet in Grand Convocation **Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 1:00 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2021 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is Tuxedo with Red Jacket, Apron & Jewels for Officers, Coat & Tie otherwise. Please wear your Chapter Apron.

Location: Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

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 Kris Brown
Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of KT in MD

**The Special Grand Assembly of The Grand Council for conferral of TIM Degree
April 24, 2021
Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland**

9:00 a.m. - GRAND COUNCIL LAW SCHOOL at 9:00 a.m. **ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED** for TIM-Elects & Candidates for the Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

10:00 a.m. Gothic Room - SPECIAL GRAND ASSEMBLY of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland for the conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree. Attendance is restricted to PTIM's and current TIM's.

The dress is Tux for Officers and Candidate. Please bring your TIM, PTIM, or Grand Council Aprons.
Councils having candidates are especially encouraged to attend for the benefit of the candidates.

**The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland
April 24, 2021
Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland**

1:00 p.m. - GRAND CHAPTER LAW SCHOOL for qualified MEHP's-Elect is **ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED** for the CAHP Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS Set up and Rehearsal (Officers Only)

2:00 p.m. - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS will hold its annual meeting and confer its Degree upon qualified candidates. The Application Form is on the Grand Secretary's page of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (YORKRITEMARYLAND.ORG) No Fee is Required. This meeting is restricted to PHP's and current MEHP's and qualified MEHP's-Elect. The dress is Tux for Candidates and Officers.

No Aprons or jewels are required, Traditionally, Masonic jewels and pins are not worn at this meeting.
Chapters having candidates are especially encouraged to attend for the benefit of the candidates.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

ME Comp Vernon Huebschman
Grand Secretary
Ex Comp Michael Faby
Grand Lecturer
Grand Chapter of Maryland

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

Ex Comp Vernon Huebschman
Excellent Secretary
Council of Anointed High Priests
of Maryland

Grand Chapter Semi-Annual Convocation
May 8, 2021 11:30 a.m.
Oriental Room Hunt Valley, Maryland

Agenda:

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|----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Opening of Grand Chapter | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 1a | Preliminary Conference Report -by Roll-Call | Vernon Huebschman, REG Secty |
| 2 | Reception of Past Grand High Priests | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 3 | Proceedings of 2020 Annual Grand Convocation | William Eppig, AGR Sec |
| 4 | Report of the Grand Secretary | Vernon Huebschman, REG Secty |
| 5 | Report of the Grand Treasurer & Trustees | John Lister, REG Treas. |
| 6 | Report of the Committee on Accounts & Finance | Robert Chase, REGK |
| 7 | Report of the Grand High Priest | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 8 | Final Roll Call - Committee on Conference | Vernon Huebschman, REG Secty |
| 9 | Nominations & Election of Officers for the 2021 – 2022 Capitular Year | Randall Watson, PGHP |
| 10 | Report of the Grand Lecturer & Committee on Work | Michael G. Faby, Grand Lecturer |
| 11 | Report of the Committee on Youth Relations & Scholarships | Cameron Newman, Chairman |
| 12 | Report of the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance | Dennis Ewing, EGCoH, Chairman |
| 13 | Report of the Committee on Time & Place | Robert Chase, REGK 2020 Chair. |
| 14 | Report of the Committee on Sessions Planning & Activities | William Miller EGPS, Chairman |
| 15 | Report of the Committee on the Triennium 2023 | Andrew Martinez, REGS |
| 16 | Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence & Constitution | Randall L. Watson, PGHP |
| 17 | Report of Committee on Awards & Recognition | Randall L. Watson, PGHP |
| 18 | Report of Committee on Grievance | Randall L. Watson, PGHP |
| 19 | Committee on Long Range Planning | Dennis Ewing, EGCoH, Chairman |
| 20 | Committee on Membership | John Mitchell, Chairman |
| 21 | Reports to be received and published, requiring no action | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 22 | Events Committees | Carl Michel, PHP |
| 23 | Unfinished Business from Prior Grand Convocation | John Maclay, PGHP |
| 24 | New Business introduced at this Grand Convocation | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 25 | Introduction of Distinguished Visitors | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 26 | Announcements & Schedule Items | As required |
| 27 | Voluntary Remarks | Companions in attendance |
| 28 | Official Remarks | Distinguished Visitors |
| 29 | Installation of Officers | N/A |
| 30 | Final Remarks: MEGHP | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |
| 31 | Closing of Grand Chapter | Jeffrey L. Dill, MEGHP |

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

1. Opening of Grand Chapter

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, GHP

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Jeffrey L. Dill, called the Grand Chapter to order, with the following Grand Chapter Officers, or substitutes seated:

Grand High Priest: M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill

Grand King: R.E. Comp. Robert W. Chase

Grand Scribe: R.E. Comp. G. Andrew Martinez

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

Assistant Grand Secretary: M.E. William C. Eppig, PGHP

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

Grand Captain of the Host: Ex Comp. Dennis W. Ewing

Grand Principal Sojourner: Ex. Comp. William E. F. Miller III

Grand Royal Arch Captain: Ex. Comp. Christian Mielie (Absent)

Grand Master of the Third Veil: Vacant

Grand Master of the Second Veil: Ex. Comp. John Rafine

Grand Master of the First Veil: Vacant

Grand Chaplain Pro Temp: M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP

Grand Sentinel: Vacant

Grand Lecturer: Ex. Comp. Vacant

Deputy Grand Lecturer: Ex. Comp. Randolph S. Disney (Excused)

The Grand Chaplain Pro Temp offered the opening prayer.

Supreme Architect of the Universe, we invoke thy blessing at this time. May this meeting thus begin in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony. Amen

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

The Grand Chapter was then declared Open in Ample Form at 11:40 a.m.

Full Report of the Committee on Conference: Complete Attendance

Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1: 3	Bruce G. Colburn, PGHP Robert B. Lumbert, PGHP Gordon Munholland	Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No. 7: 1	William Miller
Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17: 0	Not Represented	Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18: 1	Not Represented
Talbot Royal Arch Chapter No. 22: 1	Robert Penny	Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter No. 21: 2	Louis Romeo, Jr. John A. Rafine
		Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23: 0	Not Represented
Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25: 3	John M. Lister, REGTreas George Martinez, REGS Raymond Denmark	Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29: 0	Not Represented
Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28: 8	Jeffrey L. Dill, REGK Randall L. Watson, PGHP William E. Eppig, PGHP Robert W. Chase, REGK Robert Reynolds Vernon Huebschman, PGHP Dennis Ewing William Hare	Carroll Royal Arch Chapter No. 31: 0	Not Represented
		Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36: 1	Clifton Friel, PGHP
James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33: 1	John Austin Carl Swanson	York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44: 1	Stephen Morris
Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42: 2	John Maclay, PGHP Darryl Smith		
Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter, No. 46: 0	Not Represented		*= Non-voting Comp's. #= added by GrScrtty

1a. Preliminary Report on Conference

M. E. Comp. William Eppig, AGr Sec

Attendance of Voting Members was taken by PGHP Vernon H. Huebschman by calling the Roll of all qualified voting members. This was due to issues with social distancing and reducing health risks.

MEGHP,

The register shows the following:

10 Chapters represented of 16.

23 Voting Members present.

1 Non-Voting Member present.

2. Reception of Past Grand High Priests

MEGHP Dill presented and welcomed the following Past Grand High Priest in attendance:

Year Elected	Past Grand High Priest
1996	Clifton R. Friel
2004	Vernon H. Huebschman
2010 – 2011	Robert B. Lumbert
2012	John B. Maclay
2014 - 2015	Randall L. Watson
2018	William C. Eppig
2019	Bruce G. Colburn

Grand Honors were given to the assembled Past Grand High Priests led by the MEGHP and assembled Companions. M.E. Comp. Colburn responded for the assembled PGHP's.

3. Annual Proceedings

M.E. Comp. William Eppig, AGr. Sec.

MEGHP,

The Proceedings of the 2020 Annual Grand Convocation have been available on the Grand Chapter website since November 2020. As the 2020 Proceeding has been available for inspection and review and will continue to be so, I move that they be accepted as posted, subject to further correction should any cause be found.

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

3a. Installation of Darryl Smith

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill. GHP

At this time, MEGHP Dill took this opportunity to Install Comp. Darryl Smith as King of Tuscan Chapter #42. Comp. Smith was unable to attend the Installation of his Chapter, and this was a great opportunity to have the GHP Install him.

By his Installation Comp. Smith became a voting member of the Grand Chapter.

4. Report of the Grand Secretary

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

MEGHP,

This year has been another of constant adjustments and reconfiguring in our local bodies and in the plans for this Grand Chapter. We have lost planned events but continued to learn & improve upon new communication techniques.

IRS 990N: There is a green banner on the gateway page of yorkritemaryland.org that links to the most expeditious route to the IRS 990N submission page. Several Council Secretaries have already expressed their gratitude for this link in making the process. Easier.

This is one of the many improvements to the **Website**: Most of the inquiries I have for information are answered by the question...did you look on the Grand Chapter Website before you contacted me? The website is a fantastic tool and fountain of information. I commend PGHP William Eppig and MEHP-Elect Rafael Rodriguez for their tireless work in taking my vague suggestions for improvement or innovation...and their own ideas for the betterment of the yorkritemaryland.org website... to make it an excellent tool for our Companions, our Officers, and our visitors.

Annual Reports: The Summary of the Annual Reports for 2020 was submitted in its incomplete state. The returns to the General Grand Council were made based on the prior year's ending figures, per the General Grand Chapter's Constitution, and the appropriate fees paid base on that data. One Chapter is still struggling to reconfigure its administrative services. One Chapter is unlikely to salvage itself but there is always hope.

The School for Secretaries, Recorders, and Treasurers: After losing the 2020 edition of this School for our Administrative Officers, and while laboring under the imposing restrictions for meetings which were different in each Maryland Country, we did hold a very successful School in 2021. Comp. Bill Eppig was given the lead on this project as the Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and he together with SK Kris Brown, Grand Secretary of the Grand Commandery, and myself devised a meeting agenda. Comp. Eppig arranged with RE Comp John Lister, and MI Comp. John Rafine to develop the individual segments of the School. To add a new degree of accomplishment...Comp. Bill, working with SK Brown converted the School into a virtual event on a ZOOM platform. The attendance was good. The entire event was recorded and is available to any Companion or Sir Knight who would like to watch the content...all four hours which peeled away so fast because it was so engaging. My deepest congratulation to all involved and especially to ME Comp. Eppig.

During the past year, I have been honored to participate in monthly virtual meetings with General Grand Recorder Stephen Balke, and some of the General Officers. This meeting directly conflicts with my duties as Secretary of Druid Chapter, but they have been accommodating in letting me do my presentations early. There have been two interesting developments that have come out

of this personal association with Steve Balke. First, The General Grand Council will emulate our School for Secretaries, Records & Treasurers at a Special GG Assembly this coming August, with will be held in conjunction with the Grand Encampments meeting in Minneapolis, MN. The second this that Comp Steve helped facilitate a meeting to explore the use of electronic payment systems for assisting in the financial transactions of the Maryland Grand Bodies...initially with an experimental use for the Grand Sessions Registration on a voluntary basis for those willing, and then with the collection of local body dues and assessment from our local member likewise on a voluntary basis for those willing to participate in an electronic transaction. Those participating in the meeting were equally convinced of the security, and the accuracy of the processes to complete transactions and to place the funds in the desired accounts directly without checks or other paper that can be misplaced or undelivered by the USPS. The great hope I have is to accomplish better service, especially to our newer & younger members, and to lessen the burdens on our administrative officers by participating in this process which consolidates several important actions with direct money transfers.

Finally, a suggestion for better branding of the York Rite. For those locations where it is appropriate, I suggest that they begin styling themselves collectively as The York Rite Bodies of that Locale. Like the York Rite Bodies of Salisbury, Denton, Easton, Germantown, Westminster. Frederick, Glen Burnie, Annapolis, Cumberland, and Camp Springs. As these locations have multiple bodies of roughly the same people. Cockeysville is a bit different and less unified. Hopefully, our potential candidates will begin seeing the same kind of unity they envision as is seen in the Scottish Rite. They will eventually learn the separate but equal character of our three bodies as they improve in their knowledge.

At this time M.E Comp. William Eppig, PGHP was asked to give an update on the website and other IT-related information. (see IT report in section 21 of these proceedings)

Respectfully Submitted and with a motion to spread upon the Proceedings,

Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP, Grand Secretary

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Report of the Grand Treasurer

R.E. Comp. John Lister, REGT

MEGHP,

The report of the Grand Treasurer is that the Grand Chapter is in good financial condition the Treasurer's Final Report for 2020 is attached. Although the report for 2020 shows the year being short \$13,258 in income, due to the market falling when the pandemic hit, we spent \$8,257 less than budgeted and we were able to use cash from the investments to help cover the shortage.

The Interim Report for 2021, as of May 5, 2021, is attached.

Also attached is the 2021 Interim Report for the Trustees Reserve Fund. The report shows the status of the account as of March 31, 2021. The value of the account and its investments as of that date was \$489,128.10.

Also attached as a result of the Accounts and Finance committee meeting is the proposed budget for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Lister Grand Treasurer

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to Approve the 2021-2022 Budget. Passed unanimously.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Semi-Annual Report - 2021
11/1/2020 through 5/5/2021 Using 2021 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 3,129.47	\$ 32,800.00	\$ (29,670.53)
_DivInc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
_IntInc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
_Rlzd Gain	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations Received	\$ 245.00	\$ -	\$ 245.00
Council Anointed High Priest	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ (600.00)
Exaltations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Invest Inc	\$ 1,603.97	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (1,996.03)
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ 1,280.50	\$ 14,950.00	\$ (13,669.50)
Transfer Income	\$ -	\$ 12,650.00	\$ (12,650.00)
EXPENSES	\$ 11,335.66	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 22,664.34
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 1,350.00
1.1 - Grand Secretary	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
1.2 - Grand Lecturer	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
1.3 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
1.4 - Grand Sentinel	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
15 - Grand Organist	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2 - Personal Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,850.00
2.1 - Expenses In Out State	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,250.00
2.1.1 - GHP Personal Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
2.1.2 - Grand King Personal Expenses	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
2.1.3 - Grand Scribe Personal Expenses	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
2.2 - Expenses N. E. Region	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
2.3 - Regional Meetings	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2.4 - Degree Team Expenses	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
3 - General Grand Chapter	\$ 4,973.63	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 3,626.37
3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	\$ 3,513.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 987.00
3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	\$ 1,460.63	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,539.37
3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3.4 - Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 - Office Expenses	\$ 1,571.80	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 3,178.20
4.01 - Office Supplies	\$ 192.67	\$ 450.00	\$ 257.33
4.02 - Printing Ritual Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.03 - Printing Annual Proceedings	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4.04 - Postage and Delivery Expense	\$ 182.28	\$ 400.00	\$ 217.72
4.05 - Past GHP Jewel and Engraving	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4.07 - Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.08 - Membership Program	\$ 1,046.75	\$ 500.00	\$ (546.75)
4.10 - Equipment Fund	\$ 57.50	\$ 650.00	\$ 592.50
4.11 - Dues Cards	\$ 37.10	\$ 400.00	\$ 362.90
4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 90.00
4.13 - Awards	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Other 4 - Office Expenses	\$ 45.50	\$ -	\$ (45.50)

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11/1/2020 through 5/5/2021 Using 2021 Grand Chapter

5 - Service Contracts	\$ 1,840.23	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,759.77
5.1 - Office Rent	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5.3 - Insurance	\$ 1,360.23	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,139.77
5.4 - Web Site	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5.5 - Council Anointed High Priests	\$ 480.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 120.00
6 - Grand Sessions	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
6.1 - Hotel Guest Rooms & Svcs	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6.3 - Distinguished Guests Meals & Enter	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
7 - Charity	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
7.1 - Masonic Youth	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
7.2 - RARA	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
7.3 - Grand Lodge	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
7.4 - Scholarships	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Final Report - 2020
11/1/2019 through 10/31/2020 Using 2020 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 19,540.26	\$ 32,800.00	\$ (13,259.74)
Council of Anointed High Priests	\$ 390.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (210.00)
Donations Received	\$ 1,710.00	\$ -	\$ 1,710.00
Exaltations	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (740.00)
Invest Inc	\$ 3,792.76	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 192.76
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ 13,387.50	\$ 14,950.00	\$ (1,562.50)
Transfer Income	\$ -	\$ 12,650.00	\$ (12,650.00)
EXPENSES	\$ 21,742.72	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 8,257.28
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 150.00
1.1 - Grand Secretary	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1.2 - Grand Lecturer	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
1.3 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
1.4 - Grand Sentinel	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
15 - Grand Organist	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2 - Personal Expenses	\$ 3,397.50	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 2,202.50
2.1 - Expenses In Out State	\$ 3,397.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 602.50
2.1.1 - GHP Personal Expenses	\$ 3,147.50	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 352.50
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
2.3 - Regional Meetings	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2.4 - Degree Team Expenses	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
3 - General Grand Chapter	\$ 7,515.51	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 1,084.49
3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	\$ 3,573.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 927.00
3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	\$ 3,942.51	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 57.49
3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3.4 -Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 - Office Expenses	\$ 5,237.75	\$ 4,750.00	\$ (487.75)
4.01 - Office Supplies	\$ 1,026.52	\$ 450.00	\$ (576.52)
4.02 - Printing Ritual Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.03 - Printing Annual Proceedings	\$ 40.17	\$ 500.00	\$ 459.83
4.04 - Postage and Delivery Expense	\$ 232.19	\$ 400.00	\$ 167.81
4.05 - Past GHP Jewel and Engraving	\$ 883.20	\$ 800.00	\$ (83.20)
4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	\$ 347.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 153.00
4.07 - Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.08 - Membership Program	\$ 378.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 121.05
4.10 - Equipment Fund	\$ 1,483.99	\$ 650.00	\$ (833.99)
4.11 - Dues Cards	\$ 66.08	\$ 400.00	\$ 333.92
4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 364.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (264.00)
4.13 - Awards	\$ 415.65	\$ 350.00	\$ (65.65)

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11/1/2019 through 10/31/2020 Using 2020 Grand Chapter

5 - Service Contracts	\$ 1,891.96	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,708.04
5.1 - Office Rent	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5.3 - Insurance	\$ 1,411.96	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,088.04
5.4 - Web Site	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5.5 - Council Anointed High Priests	\$ 480.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 120.00
6 - Grand Sessions	\$ 1,899.06	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 200.94
6.1 - Hotel Guest Rooms & Svcs	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6.3 - Distinguished Guests Meals & Enter	\$ 1,899.06	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (99.06)
7 - Charity	\$ 300.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
7.1 - Masonic Youth	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
7.2 - RARA	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
7.3 - Grand Lodge	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -

Grand Chapter RAM D Ross VanSant Fund Final Report 2020

11/1/2019 through 10/31/2020 Using 2020 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 5,510.73	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,910.73
Invest Inc	\$ 3,792.76	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 192.76
Interst Inc	\$ 7.97	\$ -	\$ 7.97
Donations Received	\$ 1,710.00	\$ -	\$ 1,710.00
EXPENSES	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (550.00)
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 250.00
Other 7 - Charity	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ (800.00)

Printed: 5/3/2021

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MD Trustees Reserve Fund 2020-21

	Total Value Last Period	Credits / Debits	Change in Value	Total Value this Period
November-20	\$ 417,733.58	\$ 863.85	\$ 27,402.89	\$ 446,000.32
December-20	\$ 446,000.32	\$ 1,198.91	\$ 10,932.67	\$ 458,131.90
January-21	\$ 458,131.90	\$ 78.63	\$ (1,377.90)	\$ 456,832.63
February-21	\$ 456,832.63	\$ 1,038.84	\$ 10,208.85	\$ 468,080.32
March-21	\$ 468,080.32	\$ 1,237.02	\$ 19,810.76	\$ 489,128.10
April-21	\$ 489,128.10	\$ (76,365.79)	\$ (412,762.31)	\$ -
May-21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
June-21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
July-21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
August-21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
September-21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
October-21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Value as of November 1, 2020	\$ 417,733.58
Value as of March 31, 2021	\$ 489,128.10
Total Gains (Realized & Unrealized)	\$ 71,394.52
	17.09%

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John Maclay	2021-2024
John Rafine	2020-2023
Randall Watson	2019-2022

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11/1/2020 through 5/5/2021 Using 2021 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 3,129.47	\$ 32,800.00	\$ (29,670.53)
_DivInc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
_IntInc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
_Rlzd Gain	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations Received	\$ 245.00	\$ -	\$ 245.00
Council Anointed High Priest	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ (600.00)
Exaltations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Invest Inc	\$ 1,603.97	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (1,996.03)
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ 1,280.50	\$ 14,950.00	\$ (13,669.50)
Transfer Income	\$ -	\$ 12,650.00	\$ (12,650.00)
EXPENSES	\$ 11,335.66	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 22,664.34
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 1,350.00
1.1 - Grand Secretary	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
1.2 - Grand Lecturer	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
1.3 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
1.4 - Grand Sentinel	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
15 - Grand Organist	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2 - Personal Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,850.00
2.1 - Expenses In Out State	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,250.00
2.1.1 - GHP Personal Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
2.1.2 - Grand King Personal Expenses	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
2.1.3 - Grand Scribe Personal Expenses	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
2.2 - Expenses N. E. Region	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
2.3 - Regional Meetings	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2.4 - Degree Team Expenses	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
3 - General Grand Chapter	\$ 4,973.63	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 3,626.37
3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	\$ 3,513.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 987.00
3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	\$ 1,460.63	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,539.37
3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3.4 - Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 - Office Expenses	\$ 1,571.80	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 3,178.20
4.01 - Office Supplies	\$ 192.67	\$ 450.00	\$ 257.33
4.02 - Printing Ritual Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.03 - Printing Annual Proceedings	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4.04 - Postage and Delivery Expense	\$ 182.28	\$ 400.00	\$ 217.72
4.05 - Past GHP Jewel and Engraving	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4.07 - Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.08 - Membership Program	\$ 1,046.75	\$ 500.00	\$ (546.75)
4.10 - Equipment Fund	\$ 57.50	\$ 650.00	\$ 592.50
4.11 - Dues Cards	\$ 37.10	\$ 400.00	\$ 362.90
4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 90.00
4.13 - Awards	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Other 4 - Office Expenses	\$ 45.50	\$ -	\$ (45.50)

6. Report on Committee of Accounts and Finance

R.E. Comp. Robert Chase, REGK

The accounts and finance consisting of myself, REGS Andrew Martinez, and REGT John Lister and were told that our finances are in good shape and that we are continuing to see growth.

Companion Lister presented his budget, and I asked the convocation to approve and accept the budget.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Chase, REGK

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

MEGHP Jeffrey L. Dill calls on Ex. Comp, Robert Chase, Grand King, to assume the east to preside over the meeting to deliver the Report of the Grand High Priest.

7. Report of the Grand High Priest

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, GHP

Companions,

First, I would like to welcome you to the Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Officers and I appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to be with us today. Also, I would like to thank those who are serving the Grand Chapter this year by taking an appointed office or serving on a committee.

This will probably be a short report since the Grand Chapter has not been very active since the Grand Convocation in October. We all know that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions that have been put in place by the State of Maryland, local governments, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland or “old normal” is long gone for now, and we really haven’t figured out what the “new normal” is. We have learned to reach each other by other means than a face-to-face meeting. I would like to thank MEPGHP Bruce Colburn for continuing to hold a bi-weekly

Zoom meeting for any Royal Arch Mason. As with in-person meetings, these seem to be the same faces. But we have companions join us from all over the East Coast.

On October 18, 2020, I was able to attend the Job’s Daughters of DelMar festive board in honor of the organization's 100th anniversary, hosted by the Grand Lodge. Even with social distancing it was well attended, and everyone had a good time and good food. There were more than

several old connections made by those attending. On November 20, 2020, I attended the Grand Master's Banquet and was able to hear MWPGM Naegele's "swan song".

Presenting Worshipful Masters pins has become a Grand Chapter tradition which despite the pandemic situation we were still able to do. Approximately 26 Companions from around the state presented 84 installed Worshipful Masters a square 21 pin. I would like to thank all that participated and made this a success again this year. Special thank you to PGHP Randy Watson for coordinating this task.

Out of state travel of, course has been limited this year. Most jurisdictions have held Zoom meetings in lieu of in-person Grand Convocations. I personally am looking forward to being able to hold ours this year as in years past (fingers crossed).

The Council of Anointed High Priest held their Convocation a few Saturdays ago on April 24, 2021, where 4 new High Priest were Anointed, Consecrated, and Set Apart.

While there may not have seemed to be any outward work of the Grand Chapter, there has been plenty of "behind the scenes" work done over the last 6 months. I had the pleasure of appointing MEPGHP William Eppig as Assistant Grand Secretary. Bill has been working with MEPGHP and Grand Secretary Vernon Huebschman these last months in order to have someone available and knowledgeable enough to take over this role, should the Grand Secretary choose to retire from

office. Knowing ME Companion Eppig for as many years as I have (and working with him professionally at one time) I know that Bill will be up for the job. I can only imagine how many emails Bill has received from Vernon over the last months, I am sure it is probably double of those I have. While taking on this responsibility, ME Companion Eppig has also been updating the York Rite website. ME Companion Eppig has had the assistants of Companion Rafael Rodriguez updating the forms on the website to make them more user-friendly.

May seems to be turning out to be a busy month. I have already been asked to preside over several Chapter Installations and I am looking forward to doing so. Most are new High priests.

Plans for the second half. I hope to make it to many of the Chapters for a Grand Visitation, although I know most may not be meeting in the coming months. I have talked with the members of the events committee with the hopes of having some group activity that we all could enjoy. Then there is the King's Bowling Tournament. Our REGK Companion Chase seems to have gotten

off easy this year, so it truly must be good to be the King. Although, Companion Chase has expressed interest in having the bowling sometime in the near future.

Again companions, thank you for attending today and for all that you do for Maryland York Rite.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey L. Dill
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

M.E. Comp. Dill Resumed in the East to continue with the meeting.

8. Committee on Conference, Final Report

M.E. Comp. William C. Eppig

With the Installation of Comp. Smith, a change has been made in the initial report.
The number of voting Companions present: 24
The number of non-voting Companions: 0

9. Nominations and Elections:

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

MEGHP Dill invited M.E. Comp Randall L. Watson, PGHP to preside over the nominations and Elections of the Officers of the Grand Chapter for the 2021 – 2020 Capitular Year. The following nominations were made:

R.E. Comp. Robert Chase - Most Excellent Grand High Priest
R.E. Comp. Andrew Martinez - Right Excellent Grand King
R.E. Comp. Dennis Ewing - Right Excellent Grand Scribe
R.E. Comp. John M. Lister - Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
M.E. Comp. William Eppig - Right Excellent Grand Secretary

The outgoing Trustee was identified as MEGHP John Maclay. He was re-nominated to an additional term.

There were no further nominations the ballot was declared closed.

Since all nominations were unopposed, the Grand Secretary was ordered to declare all Companions duly elected for the 2021-2022 Capitular year.

10. Report of the Committee of Work

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill. GHP

On behalf of R.E. Comp. Michael Faby, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Maryland

Companions, R.E. Comp. Faby, as of this date May 8, 2021, has tendered his resignation as Grand Lecturer.

I, as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, has accepted this resignation and on behalf of the Grand Chapter thank him for the work that he has done as Grand Lecturer over the past years. At the beginning of my term, I appointed two Deputy Grand Lecturers, Companions Disney, and Eppig to help Companion Faby carry out the duties of making sure that the ritual work of Maryland's Chapters was at a standard that would make an impression upon those joining the York Rite. Since these two companions are serving in other important roles of the York Rite, I have decided not to appoint either to the position of Grand Lecturer. And the position will remain vacant until such time as my successor shall appoint one.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey L. Dill
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

11. Youth and Scholarships Report

Comp. Cameron Newman, Chairman

Most Excellent Sir and Companion,

Herein is the Report of the D. Ross Vansant Scholarship. Before I begin, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter through this committee. I also would like to congratulate you on the arduous task of leading our Grand Chapter still through these trying times.

The committee has received four (4) scholarship applications this year. All four had a relation to a Royal Arch Mason, however, only two were or active members of the Masonic Youth groups. We also had one reapplicant.

Sophie Foster
500 Sunwood Ct., Reisterstown, MD 21136
College Attending: Washington College
Masonic Youth Group: Job's Daughters
RAC Relation: Thomas Foster, Druid #28

Natalie Kinnear
20420 Cabana Dr., Germantown, MD 20876
College Attending: Towson University
Masonic Youth Group: N/A
RAC Relation: James Kinnear, James F. Allen #33

Caroline Woodring
1204 2nd Rd., Middle River, MD 21220
College Attending: Notre Dame of Maryland University
Masonic Youth Group: Job's Daughter
RAC Relation: William Woodring, Adoniran #21

Aisa Wrights (Reapplicant)
506 Rose Hill Ave., Cumberland, MD 21502
College Attending: Allegany College of Maryland
Masonic Youth Group: N/A
RAC Relation: Billy Joe Wrights, Salem #18

The Committee recommends that each recipient receives at least an \$800.00 scholarship. If the Grand Treasurer and Elective Grand Officers feel and note that more money is available, we are in agreement.

Fraternally submitted, Cameron B. Newman, Chairman

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

R.E. Comp John Lister, Grand Treasurer informed the body that the Scholarship fund had finances to award the scholarship recipients \$1000.00 ea. For a total of \$4000.00.

M.E. Comp. Randall Watson, PGHP made a motion to award the Scholarship recipients \$1000.00 ea. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

11a – Hershey Park

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

Comp. Watson made the following announcement:

Limited time & quantity — \$15 Hershey Park Tickets Available
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Grand York Rite of Maryland prepaid for tickets to use for the 2021 Hershey Park Masonic Youth Trip.

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS – this year we cannot take a bus or go in one group. We are SELLING tickets to be used by each Chapter, to organize their own outings.

Tickets are the same as years prior, \$15 per ticket, young or old. Tickets must be used BY 6/30/21, and online reservations are required prior to visit.

12. Report of the R.A.R.A. Committee

R.E. Comp. Andrew Martinez, REGS

No Report

13. Report of Time and Place Committee

R.E. Comp. Robert Chase, EGK

The following information was presented from the Duns Manor Hotel in Ocean City Maryland for Consideration for York Rite Session 2022. The offer was accepted by the Grand Council Semi-Annual held earlier in the morning.

Thank you for considering the Dunes Manor Hotel for your meeting. It would be our pleasure to host your group. We do have availability for the dates you have requested, and I have prepared the following proposal for consideration:

Available Room Types:

Hotel Double Queen Room \$109.00

Hotel Deluxe King \$119.00

Hotel Deluxe Double Queen \$119.00

Hotel Accessible Two Dbl Beds \$99.00

Hotel One King Bed \$109.00

Rates are subject to 11% occupancy tax. A cutoff date of 30 days prior to arrival is our property standard for reservations.

Meeting Space / Schedule of Events Meeting Space / Schedule of Events

Friday, October 28, 2022

1:00pm – 5:00pm Registration Main Lobby L-Shaped

2:00pm – 5:30pm Hospitality Suite 1

2:00pm – 6:00pm Meeting Verrazano Room Theater Style Complimentary

6:00pm – 7:00pm Reception Genesar Flow Complimentary

7:00pm – 9:00pm Group Dinner Genesar Ballroom Dinner Buffet Min. \$1,000.00

Saturday, October 29, 2022

8:30am – 12:00pm Meeting Verrazano Room Theater Style Complimentary

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch/Men Victorian Room North As a group Min. \$1,000.00

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch/Women Victorian Room South As a group

1:00pm – 5:00pm Meeting Verrazano Room Theater Style Complimentary
6:30pm – 10:00pm Awards Banquet & Cash Bar Genesar Ballroom Rounds Min \$2,000.00
10:00pm – 12:00am Hospitality Suite 1

Concessions / Other Information:

In appreciation for your patronage the hotel is pleased to offer the following concessions:

Complimentary Hospitality Suite with 30 paid guest rooms.

3 Complimentary upgrades to VIP.

Complimentary meeting space

Complimentary in-house A/V (Handheld Microphones, Lapel Microphones, projector, screen, and all appropriate cables. A value of up to \$1,000.

Complimentary welcome reception with beer, wine, passed, and stationary hors d'oeuvres.

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. It was accepted unanimously.

M.E. Comp. Randall Watson then moved that the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City in October 2022.

The Motion was seconded and after discussion, passed unanimously.

14. Report of Sessions Planning and Activities

E. Comp. William Miller

There is little to report at this time. The Sessions are scheduled for the weekend of October 23, 2021, at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City Maryland. Fees and arrangements that were agreed to for the 2020 Sessions will remain in effect for 2021.

Most Excellent King Chase has provided me with copies of all correspondence he used for the 2019 Sessions and they will be updated and mailed at a more appropriate date.

I have spoken with Mr. Wajih Allam, Sales manager for the Dunes and a new contract is not needed. September 22, 2021, is the cutoff date to report attendance.

If current Covid rules remain in effect:

- a) Self-served buffets will not be allowed, however, staff served buffets may be an option.
- b) The capacity for the meeting room will be 60 – 70 persons but opening the dining will allow additional attendance for the banquet.
- c) Mask must be whenever in the facility other than when eating or drinking.

I will again be contacting the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Commander requesting they designate someone to assist with the Sessions as my experience is very limited.

I also plan on again visiting the Dunes Manor Hotel to address further issues such as menu options and to better familiarize myself with the facility. Hopefully, other committee members can also attend.

Respectfully,
William Miller, EGPS

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

15. 2023 Triennium Report

R.E. Comp. G. Andrew Martinez, REGS

After consulting with more knowledgeable Brethren, while nothing is published as yet, it has come to light that the 2023 Triennium will be under the direction of the General Grand Council, however, the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will share the time and events. Branson, Missouri is being considered for the location. Timeframe for the event is usually August or September. More information will be provided to our Grand Chapter as it comes to light.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Andrew Martinez, EGS

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

16. Report of Jurisprudence & Constitution

M.E. Comp. Randall L Watson, PGHP

MEGHP and Companions,

One issue has been referred to your Committee on Jurisprudence & Constitution: concerning the status and standing of a Companion who has not fully completed the ritual certification requirements, but is certified by the Grand Lecturer with the understanding that he will complete the ritual presentation for full certification during his term of office, and he is then elected and installed as High Priest of his Chapter; but who then does not further complete the ritual certification to the satisfaction of the Grand Lecturer.

This issue had been addressed several years ago in this, and the other Grand York Rite Bodies, so the Chairman did not have to assemble the full Committee to address the question. Comments on the several aspects are as follows:

Question #1 – The Companion didn’t complete his certification in the Work, so shouldn’t his installation as High Priest be retroactively considered invalid, therefore he didn’t “officially” serve as High Priest?

Article XII – Subordinate Chapters

Section 5: ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (May 2016)

(b) Qualifications for High Priest.

(1) To be nominated for election to High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland, a Companion must have the following qualifications:

b. He must be certified by the Grand Lecturer as meeting the current standards for Ritual proficiency.

1. A Companion must have exemplified the following as the presiding officer, without assistance of written material, and with minimal corrections:

i. Opening & Closing of Chapter

ii. One of the following combinations:

1) The Mark Master Degree and the Most Excellent Master Degree.

2) The Past Master Degree and the Royal Arch Degree.

3) The Mark Master, Past Master, and either the Principal Sojourner or Captain of the Host in the Royal Arch Degree.

4) Any other pattern of Exemplification will require prior approval and dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

Response #1 – No; there is no provision for a conditional certification for Ritual proficiency. The Grand Lecturer can only certify that a Companion meets the Ritual proficiency certification, or that he does not. Only the MEGHP can issue a dispensation to this requirement. No dispensation was issued, so the Companion has been fully certified by the Grand Lecturer as meeting the current standards for Ritual proficiency.

Question #2 – Is the Companion eligible to be appointed as a Grand Chapter officer?

Article IX – Elections of Grand Officers to be Installed.

Section 3: No Companion can be installed as an officer of this Grand Chapter unless he shall be a High Priest or Past High Priest and at the time a member of some Chapter under this jurisdiction.

Response #2 – Yes; during his first term of office as an installed High Priest, the Companion is eligible to serve as an appointed Grand Chapter officer. He continues to be eligible as a Past High Priest (see the response to question #3).

Question #3 – Is the Companion a Past High Priest once he completes a term of office?

When the Grand Chapter Constitution doesn't address an issue, we go to the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Constitution for guidance.

Grand Lodge Constitution – Article III – Membership of Grand Lodge

Section 1. Membership

The Grand Lodge shall consist of:

- D. Past Masters who have presided at least one full term over a Maryland Lodge. A Past Master who has so presided shall be a permanent member of Grand Lodge; and

Response #3 – Yes; once he has completed a term in office, the Companion is a Past High Priest.

Question #4 – Since the Companion has not completed the certification during the first year, must he step out of office or can he be re-elected as High Priest?

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6. Any Past Master elected to serve as Worshipful Master for a subsequent term will not be required to be re-certified with their ritualistic work ...

Response #4 – As noted in the response to question #1, the Companion has already been fully certified by the Grand Lecturer, and there is no time limit in the Grand Chapter where the certification expires. Also, under the guidance of the Grand Lodge, a Past High Priest does not have to re-certify in the ritualistic work.

Conclusion:

The underlying point of Law is that the Grand Chapter of Maryland does not have the status or concept of a High Priest who is only "Acting", "Interim" or otherwise serving in some lower classification in a conditional manner – if he is installed to the office, he is a High Priest. Once he serves a full term, he is a Past High Priest and entitled to all the rights and privileges as such, including being a permanent voting member of the Grand Chapter.

This report for the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation is respectfully submitted for the Committee on Jurisprudence and Constitution,

Randall Watson, MEPGHP, Chairman

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

17. Report of Awards and Recognition

M.E. Comp. Randall L Watson, PGHP

Report to be given at the Annual Convocation in October 2021

18. Report on Grievance

M.E. Comp. Randall L Watson, PGHP

No Report

19. Report of Long-Range Committee

E. Comp. Dennis Ewing, EGCoH, Chairman

Thought long and hard about this presentation and it did not take long for me to realize that the year of 2020 and the restrictions placed on not only us but all of the Masonic bodies throughout the state made a report of this nature impossible to deliver to this body unless I was willing to try a paint an unrealistic picture of how everything will return to normal and how everything will be perfect and throw up a lot of smoke screens and wishful thinking.

Whether we want to admit it or not any long-range thoughts and expectations of this Grand Chapter can and should be tabled until we can fix the short-range situation that we currently find ourselves in. Of the 16 chapters listed in the Grand Chapter Directory:

1. How many have actually met over the past year either in person or by zoom?
2. How many chapters have provided information to the Grand Chapter website for any activity, degree work, or just general information that they are actually going to have a scheduled meeting? I know that Mt Vernon Chapter does, and I personally thank you for providing this information to all York rite members about the activities of your chapter on the website.
3. How many chapters have contacted any of the local lodges to ask for a few moments to speak about York Rite masonry over the past several years? I personally attend many lodges throughout the course of a year for various reasons, but I never pass up an opportunity to ask the worshipful master prior to his meeting if he would allow me to make a few comments about York Rite Masonry.
4. How many High Priests have made contact with the Grand Chapter to see if they could provide assistance in helping to prepare their elected officers for the next position? I know that 2 chapters have, and I am personally working with Excellent King Darryl Smith of Tuscan Chapter and Excellent King Lou Romeo of Adoniram Chapter If the chapters will ask, the Grand Chapter will respond.
5. But does the Grand Chapter provide an avenue for all chapters to send their officers, for ritual work without them having to ask?
6. How many of our York Rite Bodies are willing to allow elected and appointed officers to read out of a book during degree work?

7. How many chapters do their best to always open and close in shortened versions and not requiring their officers to learn their work?
8. How many chapters provide the local councils with updates as to when a member has received the royal arch degree so that the council can reach out and get this candidate scheduled for the cryptic degrees?
9. When the Most Excellent High Priest schedules a visitation how many of us Grand Line Officers actually show up? Difficult for us as an overseeing body to instill in our chapters that we really do care and are concerned for their stability and progress when 2 or 3 officers show up.
10. If a chapter called up this Monday and asked the Grand Line to do a Royal Arch Degree how many of the current officers on this Grand Line could actually do the requirements of their stations?
11. How many photos are sent to the Grand Chapter after a degree has been done so that all who on could see what is going on in our chapters?
12. How often does our Grand Secretary have to spend hours upon hours chasing down information that he should have already received?

I wish that I had the answers to these questions and many more that I did not ask but the status of this subordinate body cannot continue to function in the manner that we are currently working under unless all are held accountable for its future success.

There are many men sitting in this assembly that have seen and been a part of York Rite masonry for many, many, many years, and I am sure it pains a few of them to see apathy that has begun to settle in and our willingness to just let it happen and just not care.

The chapters of this body need to reevaluate themselves and decide on the stability of their chapter, if they can provide an outlet for master masons to further their Masonic education and if not are they willing to make inquiries into the possibility of a merger thus providing the opportunity of a stronger chapter.

I guess it now becomes time to provide smoke screens and wishful thinking. Next year at this time, hopefully, I will be here providing to this body a report that will include a successful regrowth, a rededication, and re-stabilization on all our parts over the past year and the hope of suggesting a long-range plan or two for posterity.

Most Excellent High Priest I humbly submit this report.

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

20. Report of Membership Committee

Comp. John Mitchell, Chairman

No Report

21. Reports to be Received and Published requiring no action

The IT Modernization Committee has been appointed in order to bring the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch and the Maryland York Rite bodies up to date in the leverage of readily available technology. The committee is looking at several projects to utilize the available technologies which, once implemented, will place the Maryland York Rite in a position where information can be made available to the individual chapters, as well as the membership, whenever needed.

During the first six months of the appointment of the IT Modernization committee, the work was focused on updating several forms to enhance the communications between the memberships, the individual chapters, and the Grand Chapter. Some of the work included converting the

Petition for the York Rite into a fillable pdf form. Additionally, the Chapter and Council Annual Report Forms were updated and made available online.

The IT Modernization committee continues to work on ways to improve and lessen, to the greatest extent possible, the workloads of the secretaries/recorders. The latest improvement has been to the new petition forms which have been uploaded to the Grand Secretary's/Grand Recorder's pages. The new petition form now consists of three pages, one for each of the York Rite bodies (Chapter, Council & Commandery). The petitioner only needs to enter his personal information on the first page (the Chapter page) and this information gets replicated to the petitions for Council and Commandery. Also, space previously used to manually enter the name of the chapter has been converted to a drop-down selection box. This will allow the petitioner to select the name of the chapter where the petition will be submitted. This selection will then be replicated to the other two pages (Council and Chapter). By making this change, each Royal Arch body has its own copy of the petition for their records.

Another improvement that was made was the creation of a "Petition for Affiliation" form. This new form is also available on the Maryland York Rite website. The Petition for Affiliation follows the same concept as the "Petition for Membership" where the selection of Chapter/Council/Commandery is made by a drop-down selection box. A section was added for companions outside the Maryland Jurisdiction that desire to affiliate to one of the bodies in Maryland.

Finally, the applications for the Council of Anointed High Priest and Thrice Illustrious Master have been converted to fillable forms and are available on the Grand Secretary's and Grand Recorder's sections of the Maryland York Rite website.

The members of the IT Modernization committee respectfully submit this report and request that it be accepted and added to the proceedings of the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch 2021.

Respectfully Submitted, Companion Rafael A. Rodriguez - IT Modernization Committee

22. Events Committee Report

Comp. Carl Michel, Chairman

MEGHP,

The Committee thanks you for the opportunity to work with you and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Due to COVID restrictions, most activities were not held. This is in part due to limitations of attendees, limitations on venues.

As COVID restrictions are lifted and the vaccines are administered throughout the Jurisdiction by our Healthcare workers, we expect to be able to begin holding events. The Committee will work with the MEGHP to plan events that will be safe and inviting for our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Comp. Carl Michel, Jr., PHP

23. Report on Unfinished Business

M.E. Comp. John B. Maclay, Jr., PGHP

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland
Semi-Annual Grand Convocation, May 8, 2021

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

The Committee is unaware of any unfinished business for this Convocation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John B. Maclay, Jr., PGHP, Chair
Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP, REGS
Clifton R. Friel, PGHP

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

24. New Business Introduced at this Grand Convocation

R.E. Comp. Vernon Huebschman reported that the Council of Anointed High Priest sole funding comes from the Grand Chapter and since the Council expenses have been increasing and the number of active Chapters is decreasing, he made the following motion:

That the Grand Chapter funding of the Council of Anointed High Priest be increased to \$600.00. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

During the discussion of the original motion, a friendly amendment was made to that motion by Comp. Austin, raising the Chapters contribution from \$30.00 to \$50.00, to help cover the \$600.00 Grand Chapter funding and was seconded.

During the discussion of the friendly amendment, the body was reminded that the Chapter contribution is a fee and is set in the Constitution. Any changes to the fee need to be made as a Constitutional Amendment.

The friendly amendment was withdrawn reintroduce as a Constitutional Amendment. It was seconded and after discussion, the Constitutional Amendment failed on a unanimous vote. Since it was a Constitutional Amendment, it carries over to the Annual in October.

Since this was an important issue, the Grand High Priest appointed a committee consisting of Companions, Watson, Huebschman, Eppig, and Austin. They were directed to adjust the Amendment increasing the fee to \$50.00 fairly and equitably.

M.E. Comp. Bruce Colburn, PGHP announce the HP Piscataway Chapter, No. 46 approached him on the prospect of merging with Concordia # 1. They will be looking into it and will keep the Grand Chapter informed.

MEGHP Dill granted dispensation to Adoniram Chapter #21 to Install Louis Romeo, Jr. as High Priest this term due to unforeseen circumstances.

25. Introduction of Distinguished Visitors

MEGHP Jeffrey Dill asked the E. Grand Capt. Of the Host to present the following Distinguished visitor West of the alter for introductions:

Comp. William C. Hare, Jr., R.I. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland.

SK. John Austin, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland.

MEGHP Jeffrey Dill welcomed our distinguished visitors and thanked them for their support and attendance. A hearty welcome was given by all the companions in attendance.

Both guests thank everyone for the warm welcome and SK Austin took this opportunity to invite everyone to the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Commandery in September and Comp. Hare updated everyone on MIGM Disney health.

26. Announcements and Scheduled items

R.E. Comp. Robert Chase reported that the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional will be hosted by the jurisdiction of Delaware and will be held on September 18, 2021. It will be held in Newport, Delaware, and begins at 9am. Maryland is tentatively scheduled to confer to Past Master's Degree.

M.E. Comp. Bruce Colburn reminded everyone that he is still hosting the bi-weekly Zoom meeting on Wednesday. Information and reminders are posted on the Facebook page.

M.E. Comp. Huebschman reminded everyone of the passing of MEPGHP Patrick A. Curtis in January 2021 and MEPGHP Marion F. Rickard, Jr. in March 2021.

27. Voluntary Remarks

M.E. Comp Cliff Friel reminisced about his Installation as GHP 25 years ago and other memories throughout the years.

Comp. Ray Denmark informed everyone that Mt. Vernon Chapter's 150-anniversary is this year and more information to be announced.

Comp. Louis Romeo, Jr. thank the MEGHP for the dispensation he granted.

R.E. Grand King Robert Chase thank everyone for his election and their trust in him and reviewed some of his goals for the year.

M.E. Comp. William Eppig expressed his thanks for his election and looks forward to his time as Grand Secretary.

28. Official Remarks Distinguished Guests

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, GHP

None in attendance.

29. Installation

Grand Chapter Installation will be held in October 2021.

30. Final Remarks of the Grand High Priest

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, GHP

M.E. Comp Jeffrey Dill Congratulated R.E. GK Robert Chase and Eppig on their election and wished him all the best next year. He thanked everyone for their attendance today and reviewed the rest of the year.

31. Closing of the Grand Chapter

M.E. Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, GHP

The Grand Capt. Of the Host conducted The Grand Chaplain Pro Temp for closing prayer.

MEGHP Dill asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of PGHP Curtis and Rickard who passed away this year before the prayer.

Our heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of meeting together. We thank you for seeing this meeting has gone well and accomplished much. Remember in our hearts PGHP Patrick Curtis and PGHP Marion Rickard. We miss them very much and wish to carry on in their legacy as we continue into the future. Now may the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular masons and may the virtues of our heavenly father cement us. Amen.

The MEGHP directed that the Lights be broken and then declared the Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland closed at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ME Comp. William C. Eppig, PGHP
Assistant Grand Secretary



Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland

Founded May 27, 1824

May 8, 2021

Comp. Randall L. Watson
Most Excellent President

Comp. Randolph S. Disney
Excellent Vice President

Comp. A. Dean Burt III, P.P.
Excellent Chaplain

Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman
Excellent Secretary/Treasurer

Comp. Robert B. Lumbert
Excellent Master of Ceremonies

Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas
Excellent Conductor

Comp. Christian Jensen - ABS
Comp. Robert M. Penny, PP
Excellent Herald Pro Temp

Comp. William C. Eppig - ABS
Comp. Christopher J. Miele
Excellent Steward Pro Temp

Comp. John B. Maclay
Excellent Sentinel

Annual Conventions
The Last Saturday in May

Minutes on the scheduled April 24, 2021 Convocation

The 197th Annual Convention of the Council of Anointed High Priest of Maryland was opened at 2:00 p.m. in Due Form by Most Excellent President Randall L. Watson, who then lead the Pledge of Allegiance the Flag of our Country. The Opening Prayer, and all other prayers, was offered by Ex. Chaplain Dean Burt III. Ex Comp. Christian Jensen was absent in his practice of medicine. M.E. P. P. Robert M. Penny was the replacement for this council. Comp. William C. Eppig was also absent; his replacement was Comp. Christian R. Miele. A motion was made by Comp. Burt that the as the minutes of 2019 had been printed in the 2019Semi-Annual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, that the minutes be accepted as printed. Seconded by Ex. Vice President Disney and approved unanimously. There were twenty-one Companions, and four Candidates present.

Ex Master of Ceremonies Randolph S. Disney read the names of:

Comp. Glynn Bridge, MEHP-Elect - Chesapeake RAC No. 18
Comp. Rafael Rodriguez, MEHP-Elect Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25
Comp. Dennis W. Ewing, PHP Adoniram RAC No. 21
Comp. John P. Mitchell, MEHP, Druid RAC No. 28

as candidates for this Council. The Secretary called a Roll Call Ballot which was unanimous. The Most Excellent President proceeded to confer the Degree upon all candidates. Following the conferral, Ex. Chaplain Burt presented our new members with their Bibles and admonished them with his memorable words of caution and inspiration. The new members then signed the Bylaws. Their words of gratitude were simple and sincere.

During the preceding year, there were fifteen members lost to death, whose names are affixed to the succeeding page. Ex Chaplain Burt offered a prayer in their memory. The Most Excellent President greeted REGK Robert W. Chase and REGS G. Andrew Martinez, MIGM Randolph S. Disney, and RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas. The CAHP was honored by the presence of MWPGM's Kenneth G. Wyvill, Jr. and Richard P. Naegele. The Excellent Secretary called the Roll of Past Presidents, finding the following present: Alexander Dean Burt III, Gordon A. Davids, Clifton R. Friel, Richard P. Naegele, and

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Robert M. Penny. The ME President extended his thanks for the assistance of all the Past Presidents and greeted those present.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that since the 2019 Council deposits were made for \$480.00 (2019) and \$480.00 (2020) as support from the Grand Chapter RAM of Md. Also, a donation of \$100 from a single Comp. of the CAHP. Expenditure were:

CHK #	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
506	4/16/19	K.Nusinov	\$742.00	Jewel Refurbish & Mold
507	4/27/19	SJP Jr. Library	\$200.00	Donation 2018 & 2019
508	4/27/19	GLMD- MMH	\$200.00	Donation 2018 & 2019
509	VOID			
510	4/15/2021	GG Chapter RAM Intl	\$258.21	10 CAHP Presentation Bibles
511	4.26/2021	Vernon Huebschman		K.Nusinov- New Jewel/Watson
512	4/26/2021	GLMD-mmh	\$100.00	Donation 2021
513	4/26/2021	SJP Jr. Library	\$100.00	Donation 2021

The Treasurer explained the need for enhanced funding due to a decrease in the number of Chapters and lack of returned jewels.

The M.E. President moved that all elected officers and appointed officers, except for the Sentinel and Secretary/Treasurer, be advanced one chair for the coming year; seconded by Ex. Comp. Maclay and passed unanimously. Ex. Comp. Burt, P.P. then installed all the officers except Ex. Comp. Christian Jensen and William C. Eppig. Ex Comp. Christopher R. Miele entered the line as the new Excellent Steward.

Most Excellent President offered his thanks for his years in the distinguished President's chair, expressed his thanks for the cooperation of his Line, and offered his best wishes to ME Comp. Randolph S. Disney. M.E.PP Warson expressed his thanks for a special gavel made by ME PP Dean Burt from applewood which was used in the days ceremonies.

Comp. Faby objected to one of the line officers for the record, and the ME President stated he was satisfied that the Companion has been duly Anointed, Consecrated, and Set Apart, and had been duly installed as MEHP in his Chapter, so the objection was held without merit.

There being no further business to claim the attention of this Council of Anointed High Priests, Most Excellent President Watson closed the Council in due form.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon H. Huebschman

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<u>FNAME</u>	<u>Mid</u>	<u>LNAME</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>CHTITLE</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>COTITLE</u>	<u>DIED</u>
Norris	E.	Cartwright, Sr.	Chesapeake	PHP	Giblim	PTIM	7/22/2019
Howard	Edison	Culver, Jr.	Concordia	PHP	Concordia	PTIM	1/16/2021
Partick	Arthur	Curtis, PM	York	PGHP	York	MIPGM/TIM	2/13/2021
Walter	Lowell	Hagen	James F Allen	PHP	King Solomon	PTIM	3/25/2020
Howard	Milton	Higgins	Talbot	PHP	Jeshua	PTIM	1/24/2021
Harvey	Lee	Hogamier	Ithiel	PHP	Palestine	PTIM	7/21/2019
Charles	Ronald	Liller	Salem	PHP			6/16/2020
Harry	I.	Miller, Jr.	York	PHP	York	PTIM	5/24/2020
William	Keith	Parsons	Edenton	PHP	Adoniram	PTIM	12/18/2020
Stephen	Joseph	Ponzillo, III	Druid	PGHP	Hiram	MIPGM	2/17/2020
Charles	Edward	Vannoy	York	PHP	York	PTIM	6/25/2019
William	Butler	Van Sant	York	PHP	York	PTIM	9/30/2020
Charles	W.	Wagner, Jr.	Concordia	PHP	Concordia	PTIM	4/7/2020
Carl	David	Walbeck	Edenton	PHP	Adoniram		11/17/2020
Paul	J.	Sparaco, Jr.	Tuscan	PHP	Hiram		7/11/2020