

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND



SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION

MAY 12, 2022
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. Robert W. Chase, Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Randolph S. Disney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK John H. Austin, and Most Excellent President Randolph S. Disney, 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 Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland**

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave **Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 10:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2023 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 7, 2022, at 10:30 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2023 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 **Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2023 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 William C. Eppig
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 K.T. in
M.D.

The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland
April 30, 2022
Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland

9:00 am - GRAND CHAPTER LAW SCHOOL for qualified MEHP's-Elect is **ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED** for the C.A.H.P. Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

9:00 am – 10:00 am - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS Set up and Rehearsal (Officers Only)

10:00 am - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS will hold its annual meeting and confer its Degree upon qualified candidates. This meeting is restricted to PHP's and current M.E.H.P.'s, and qualified MEHP's-Elect. The Application Form is on the Grand Secretary's page of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (YORKRITEMARYLAND.ORG). No Fee is Required. 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.

The Grand Council for conferral of T.I.M. Degree May 7, 2022, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink Cockeysville, Maryland.

8:30 am - Law School

9:15 am - T.I.M. Degree

The Association of Past Commanders in Maryland will meet on May 14, 2022, at Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink Cockeysville, Maryland, following the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

ME Comp William C.
Eppig Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of
Maryland

Ex Comp Dennis Ewing
Grand Lecturer

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

M.I.P.G.M. Randall L.
Watson
Grand Lecturer

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

SK Kris Brown
Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery
of K.T. in MD

**Grand Chapter Semi-Annual Convocation
May 12, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Oriental Room Hunt Valley, Maryland**

Agenda:

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| 1 Opening of Grand Chapter | Robert Chase, MEGHP |
| 1a Preliminary Conference Report -by Roll-Call | William Eppig, R.E.G. Secty |
| 2 Reception of Past Grand High Priests | Robert Chase, MEGHP |
| 3 Proceedings of 2020 Annual Grand Convocation | William Eppig, R.E.G. Secty |
| 4 Report of the Grand Secretary | William Eppig, REG Secty |
| 5 Report of the Grand Treasurer & Trustees | John Lister, R.E.G. Treas. |
| 6 Report of the Committee on Accounts & Finance | Andrew Martinez, R.E.G.K. |
| 7 Report of the Grand High Priest | Robert Chase, M.E.G.H.P. |
| 8 Final Roll Call - Committee on Conference | William Eppig, R.E.G. Secty |
| 9 Nominations & Election of Officers for the 2022 – 2023 Capitular Year | John Maclay, P.G.H.P. |
| 10 Report of the Grand Lecturer & Committee on Work | Dennis Ewing, Grand Lecturer |
| 11 Report of the Committee on Youth Relations & Scholarships | Richard Naegle, P.G.H.P. Chair. |
| 12 Report of the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance | Andrew Martinez, R.E.G.K., Chair. |
| 13 Report of the Committee on Time & Place | Andrew Martinez, R.E.G.K. Chair. |
| 14 Report of the Committee on Sessions Planning & Activities | William Miller E.G.P.S., Chairman |
| 15 Report of the Committee on the Triennium 2023 | Dennis Ewing, REGS |
| 16 Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence & Constitution | Randall L. Watson, P.G.H.P. |
| 17 Report of Committed on Awards & Recognition | Randall L. Watson, P.G.H.P. |
| 18 Report of Committee on Grievance | Randall L. Watson, P.G.H.P. |
| 19 Committee on Long Range Planning
Chairman | Robert Chase, M.E.G.H.P., |
| 20 Committee on Membership | Andrew Martinez, REGK, Chair. |
| 21 Reports to be received and published, requiring no action | Robert Chase, MEGHP |
| 22 Events Committee | Carl Michel, PHP, Chair. |
| 23 Unfinished Business from Prior Grand Convocation | John Maclay, PGHP |
| 24 New Business introduced at this Grand Convocation | Robert Chase, MEGHP |
| 25 Introduction of Distinguished Visitors | Robert Chase, 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 | Robert Chase, MEGHP |
| 31 Closing of Grand Chapter | Robert Chase, MEGHP |

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

1. Opening of Grand Chapter

M.E. Comp. Robert W. Chase, G.H.P.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Robert W. Chase, called the Grand Chapter to order, with the following Grand Chapter Officers or substitutes seated:

Grand High Priest: M.E. Robert W. Chase

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

Grand Scribe: R.E. Comp. Dennis W. Ewing

Grand Secretary: M.E. Comp. William C. Eppig, P.G.H.P.

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

Grand Captain of the Host: Ex Comp. Rafael Rodriquez

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

Grand Royal Arch Captain: Vacant

Grand Master of the Third Veil: Vacant

Grand Master of the Second Veil: Ex. Comp. Randolph Disney

Grand Master of the First Veil: Ex. Comp. Robert Reynolds

Grand Chaplain: Ex. Comp. A. Dean Burt

Grand Sentinel: Ex. Comp. Darryl Smith

Grand Lecturer: Ex. Comp. Dennis W. Ewing

Deputy Grand Lecturer: Ex. Comp. Randolph S. Disney

The Grand Chaplain offered the opening prayer.

The M.E.G.H.P. led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed that the Lights be set.

The Grand Chapter was then declared Open in Ample Form at 7:15 pm.

Full Report of the Committee on Conference: Complete Attendance

Concordia Royal Arch Chapter No.1: 3	Bruce G. Colburn, P.G.H.P. Robert B. Lumbert, P.G.H.P. 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.
		Enoch Royal Arch Chapter No. 23: 0	Not Represented
Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25: 3	John M. Lister, REGTreas George Martinez, R.E.G.K. Randolph Disney Rafael Rodriquez	Hayward Royal Arch Chapter No. 29: 0	Not Represented
Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28: 8	Randall L. Watson, P.G.H.P. William E. Eppig, P.G.H.P. Robert W. Chase, G.H.P. Robert Reynolds Dennis Ewing, REGS George Christoff Joseph White	Carroll Royal Arch Chapter No. 31: 0	William Baldwin, Jr.
		Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36: 1	Dean Burt Vernon Huebschman, PGHP
James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33: 1	John Austin	York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44: 1	Not Represented
Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42: 2	Darryl Smith Benard Zinkgraf		
Piscataway Royal Arch Chapter, No. 46: 0	Not Represented		*= Non-voting Comp's. #= added by GrScrt'y

1a. Preliminary Report on Conference

M. E. Comp. William Eppig, Gr Sec

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

M.E.G.H.P.,

The register shows the following:

8 Chapters represented of 16.

20 Voting Members were present.

4 Non-Voting members were present.

2. Reception of Past Grand High Priests

M.E.G.H.P. Chase 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
2020	Jeffrey L. Dill

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

3. Annual Proceedings

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

M.E.G.H.P.,

The Proceedings of the 2021 Annual Grand Convocation have been available on the Grand Chapter website since November 2021. As the 2021 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.

**4. Report of the Grand Secretary
P.G.H.P.**

M.E. Comp. William C. Eppig,

M.E.G.H.P.,

Being my first year as Grand Secretary, it still has been a learning experience, and I thank all those I have asked for advice over the last six months.

I.R.S. 990N: There is a yellow banner on the gateway page of yorkritemaryland.org that links to the most expeditious route to the I.R.S. 990N submission page. Though the I.R.S. requires this form to be completed every two years, The Grand Chapter needs them completed every year. Yearly filing helps prevent a failure to report, primarily if a change in secretaries occurs. If this happens, you may lose your tax status and E.I.N. #.

Annual Reports: The Summary of the Annual Reports for 2021 was submitted in its incomplete state. The returns to the General Grand Chapter were made based on the prior year's ending figures, per the General Grand Chapter's Constitution, and the appropriate fees paid based on that data. One Chapter was declared dormant at last year's session, and another has cleared all past fees and has been declared current early this year. The submission deadline is September 30 of each year, but earlier submission is always appreciated. Please double check your addition on the final page, and write separate checks where needed.

Dormancy: If financial accounts are not attended to in a three-year period in Maryland, the accounts will be declared dormant, and the funds escheated to the State of Maryland. The funds can be recovered, but this is another unpleasant process. You must visit your institution or have a dialog with your investment officer that constitutes your active management of the money to avoid this situation. Please note that Certificates of Deposit rolling over do not constitute proper attention to the fund.

The School for Secretaries, Recorders, and Treasurers: The 2022 school did not occur due to officer changes and two precentors not being available. We will begin planning a school for 2023.

Award replenishment: After an inventory of R.E.D. and WHITE TAUs and G.H.P. AWARDS, we will need to reorder them to have them available for presentation. A quote from the manufacturer has been received, and an order will be placed after the Semi. These awards are a great way to recognize companions that work hard for their chapters.

Membership Management System: To update and make membership management easier, not only for the Grand Secretary but also for the Chapter Secretaries. I was given permission to inquire about an external management system. The best know is Grandview, which The Grand Lodge of Maryland uses. Numerous Grand Chapters and Councils also use it.

I contacted Grandview to inquire and get an estimate. The Grand Chapter and Council share the current database, and we like to keep it in one system. Grand View can only provide Two separate systems and at a separate cost for each. However, they have received the same request from others and are working on a system to combine two databases into one system. They will let me know when this is accomplished. The base cost per year would be \$1 per member.

Respectfully Submitted and move acceptance of this report.

William C. Eppig, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary

The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Report of the Grand Treasurer

R.E. Comp. John Lister, R.E.G.T.

M.E.G.H.P.,

The report of the Grand Treasurer is that the Grand Chapter is in good financial condition. The Treasurer's Final Report for 2021 is attached. Although the report shows the year being short \$6,792 in income, we spent \$9,001 less than budgeted and stayed in the black. Also attached is the 2021 report of the Trustees Reserve Fund with a balance of \$524,211.

The Interim Treasurers Report for 2022, as of May 10, 2022, is attached, along with the 2022 Interim Report for the Trustees Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund report shows the status of the account as of April 30, 2022. The value of the account and its investments as of that date was \$487,959.49. It should be noted that in April, the value of our investments dropped \$25,915 or 5%. The geo-political environment and world events have caused a lot of market volatility. One day the NASDAQ had its best day since 2020 and was up 3%, the next day was its worst since 2020, was down 5%. In one day, some of these companies lost billions of dollars, but nothing changed in the fundamentals of these companies, the market will stabilize. The best advice for long term investing is still stay the course.

Also attached because of the Accounts and Finance committee meeting is the proposed budget for 2023.

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 2022-2023 Budget, passed unanimously.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Final Report - 2021

11/1/2020 through 10/31/2021 Using 2021 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 26,007.50	\$ 32,800.00	\$ (6,792.50)
Council of Anointed High Priests	\$ 330.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (270.00)
Donations Received	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Exaltations	\$ 220.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (780.00)
Invest Inc	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (3,600.00)
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ 12,807.50	\$ 14,950.00	\$ (2,142.50)
Transfer Income	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 12,650.00	\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 20,998.96	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 9,001.04
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ (450.00)
1.1 - Grand Secretary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
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	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
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
2.3 - Regional Meetings	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2.4 - Degree Team Expenses	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
3 - General Grand Chapter	\$ 6,548.01	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 2,051.99
3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	\$ 3,513.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 987.00
3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	\$ 2,935.01	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,064.99
3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
3.4 -Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 - Office Expenses	\$ 3,810.72	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 939.28
4.01 - Office Supplies	\$ 415.23	\$ 450.00	\$ 34.77
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	\$ 21.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 778.80
4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	\$ 374.68	\$ 500.00	\$ 125.32
4.07 - Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.08 - Membership Program	\$ 1,817.78	\$ 500.00	\$ (1,317.78)
4.10 - Equipment Fund	\$ 380.17	\$ 650.00	\$ 269.83
4.11 - Dues Cards	\$ 178.88	\$ 400.00	\$ 221.12
4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 240.50	\$ 100.00	\$ (140.50)
4.13 - Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 150.00

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11/1/2020 through 10/31/2021 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	\$ 1,526.46	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 573.54
6.1 - Hotel Guest Rooms & Svcs	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6.3 - Distinguished Guests Meals & Enter	\$ 1,526.46	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 273.54
7 - Charity	\$ 800.00	\$ 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	\$ -

Grand Chapter RAM D Ross VanSant Fund Final Report 2021

11/1/2020 through 10/31/2021 Using 2021 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 5,030.26	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,430.26
Invest Inc	\$ 3,240.42	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (359.58)
Interst Inc	\$ 0.84	\$ -	\$ 0.84
Donations Received	\$ 1,789.00	\$ -	\$ 1,789.00
EXPENSES	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (175.00)
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ (175.00)
Scholarships	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Other 7 - Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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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	\$ 78.63	\$ 16,033.24	\$ 505,239.97
May-21	\$ 505,239.97	\$ 1,038.91	\$ 5,626.37	\$ 511,905.25
June-21	\$ 511,905.25	\$ 1,222.09	\$ 1,385.65	\$ 514,512.99
July-21	\$ 514,512.99	\$ 678.67	\$ 6,865.10	\$ 522,056.76
August-21	\$ 522,056.76	\$ 1,107.00	\$ 11,786.18	\$ 534,949.94
September-21	\$ 534,949.94	\$ (11,375.65)	\$ (26,829.44)	\$ 496,744.85
October-21	\$ 496,744.85	\$ 78.54	\$ 27,388.07	\$ 524,211.46

Value as of November 1, 2020	\$ 417,733.58
Value as of September 30, 2021	\$ 496,744.85
Total Gains (Realized & Unrealized)	\$ 79,011.27
	18.91%

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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11/1/2021 through 5/10/2022 Using 2022 Grand Chapter

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$ 4,397.96	\$ 31,400.00	\$ (27,002.04)
_DivInc	\$ 1,596.91	\$ -	\$ 1,596.91
_IntInc	\$ 2.05	\$ -	\$ 2.05
_Rlzd Gain	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations Received	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Council Anointed High Priest	\$ 90.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (510.00)
Exaltations	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (930.00)
Invest Inc	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (3,600.00)
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ 2,514.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ (11,286.00)
Transfer Income	\$ -	\$ 12,400.00	\$ (12,400.00)
EXPENSES	\$ 12,194.51	\$ 31,400.00	\$ 19,205.49
1 - Grand Officers and Related Items	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 1,850.00
1.1 - Grand Secretary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
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
1.5 - Grand Organist	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2 - Personal Expenses	\$ 1,948.36	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 3,651.64
2.1 - Expenses In Out State	\$ 1,948.36	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,051.64
2.1.1 - GHP Personal Expenses	\$ 1,698.36	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,801.64
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	\$ 4,878.63	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 1,821.37
3.1 - Dues General Grand Chapter	\$ 3,458.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 142.00
3.2 - Royal Arch Magazine for Members	\$ 1,420.63	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,579.37
3.3 - RAM Editor Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3.4 - Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 - Office Expenses	\$ 1,446.18	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 3,103.82
4.01 - Office Supplies	\$ 231.95	\$ 450.00	\$ 218.05
4.02 - Printing Ritual Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.03 - Printing Annual Proceedings	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4.04 - Postage and Delivery Expense	\$ 231.27	\$ 400.00	\$ 168.73
4.05 - Past GHP Jewel and Engraving	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.06 - GHP Apron & Case	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4.07 - Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
4.08 - Membership Program	\$ 971.71	\$ 500.00	\$ (471.71)
4.10 - Equipment Fund	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
4.11 - Dues Cards	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
4.12 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 11.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 88.75
4.13 - Awards	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Other 4 - Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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5 - Service Contracts	\$ 2,221.34	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 1,878.66
5.1 - Office Rent	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5.3 - Insurance	\$ 1,978.34	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 21.66
5.4 - Web Site	\$ 153.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 947.00
5.5 - Council Anointed High Priests	\$ 90.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 510.00
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

Printed: 5/8/2022

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MD Trustees Reserve Fund 2021-22

	Total Value Last Period	Credits / Debits	Change in Value	Total Value this Period
November-21	\$ 524,211.46	\$ 883.85	\$ (13,371.33)	\$ 511,723.98
December-21	\$ 511,723.98	\$ 1,401.41	\$ 18,486.01	\$ 531,611.40
January-22	\$ 531,611.40	\$ 78.57	\$ (25,154.66)	\$ 506,535.31
February-22	\$ 506,535.31	\$ 1,058.45	\$ (13,994.87)	\$ 493,598.89
March-22	\$ 493,598.89	\$ 1,339.31	\$ 18,841.12	\$ 513,779.32
April-22	\$ 513,779.32	\$ 95.98	\$ (25,915.81)	\$ 487,959.49
May-22				
June-22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
July-22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
August-22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
September-22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
October-22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Value as of November 1, 2020	\$ 524,211.46
Value as of April 30, 2021	\$ 487,959.49
Total Gains (Realized & Unrealized)	\$ (36,251.97)
	-6.92%

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland 2022
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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland			
2023 BUDGET PREPARATION			
Acct #	Description	Current Budget Nov 1 - Oct 31 2021-2022	Proposed Budget Nov 1 - Oct 31 2022-2023
1.0	Grand Officers Expenses & Related Items		
1.1	Grand Secretary	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
1.2	Grand Lecturer	\$ 400	\$ 400
1.3	Grand Treasurer	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
1.4	Grand Sentinel	\$ 50	\$ 50
1.5	Grand Organist	\$ 100	\$ 100
	Sub-Total	\$ 3,550	\$ 3,550
2.0	Personal Expenses		
2.1	Expenses GHP I/O State	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
	Expenses Grand King	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Expenses Grand Scribe	\$ 250	\$ 250
2.2	Expenses N.E. Region	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
2.3	Regional Meetings	\$ -	\$ -
2.3.1	Grand Lecturer Instruction Mtgs	\$ 100	\$ 100
2.4	Degree Team Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 250
	sub-Total	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600
3.0	General Grand Chapter		
3.1	Dues General Grand Chapter (PC)	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
3.2	Royal Arch Mag for Members	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
3.3	RAM Editor Expense	\$ 100	\$ 100
3.4	Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,800
	Sub Total	\$ 6,700	\$ 11,500
4.0	Office Expenses		
4.1	Office Supplies	\$ 450	\$ 450
4.2	Printing: Proceedings	\$ 500	\$ 500
4.3	Printing: Ritual Books	\$ -	\$ -
4.4	Postage	\$ 400	\$ 400
4.5	Past GHP Jewel & Engraving	\$ 100	\$ 100
4.6	GHP Apron & Case	\$ 500	\$ 500
4.7	Memorials	\$ 100	\$ 100
4.8	Membership Program	\$ 500	\$ 500
4.10	Equipment Fund	\$ 650	\$ 650
4.11	Dues Cards	\$ 400	\$ 400
4.12	Miscellaneous	\$ 100	\$ 100
4.13	Awards	\$ 350	\$ 350
	SubTotal	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050
5.0	Service Contracts		
5.1	Office Rent	\$ 400	\$ 400
5.2	Telephones		
5.3	Insurance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
5.4	Social Media	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
5.5	Council Anointed High Priests	\$ 600	\$ 600
	Sub-Total	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,100

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland			
	2023 BUDGET PREPARATION		
Acct #	Description	Current Budget Nov 1 - Oct 31 2021-2022	Proposed Budget Nov 1 - Oct 31 2022-2023
6.0	Grand Sessions		
6.1	Hotel: Guest Rooms & Svcs	\$ 300	\$ 300
6.3	Distinguished Guests:Meals & Entertainment	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
	Sub-Total	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
7.0	Charity		
7.1	Masonic Youth	\$ 600	\$ 600
7.2	RARA	\$ 100	\$ 100
7.3	Grand Lodge	\$ 100	\$ 100
7.4	Scholarships	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	Sub-Total	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800
	Grand Total	\$ 30,900	\$ 35,700
	Income		
	Council Anointed High Priests	\$ 600	\$ 600
	Per Capita	\$ 13,800	\$ 13,800
	Investments	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
	Transfers	\$ 12,400	\$ 16,700
	Exaltations	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Total Income	\$ 31,400	\$ 35,700
	1200 x \$11.50 =	\$ 11.50	
		\$ 2.50	RAGMAG
		\$ 9.00	
		\$ 3.00	GGC PER CAPITA
		\$ 6.00	MD GCRA

6. Report on Committee of Accounts and Finance **R.E. Comp. Andrew Martinez, R.E.G.K.**

The Accounts and Finance Committee reviewed the finances of the Grand Chapter with R.E.G.T. John Lister and found that our finances are in good shape and aligning with what has been budgeted. Companion Lister presented his budget for the upcoming year, and I ask the Convocation to approve and accept the budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Andrew Martinez, REGK

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

M.E.G.H.P. Robert W. Chase calls on Ex. Comp, Andrew Martinez, 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. Robert W. Chase, G.H.P.**

My message will be short right now. I believe there is progress being made, although it is a small movement, it is movement. What I mean by that is that after our installations, the Grand Chapter of Masons Maryland will have seven new High Priests, who I'm told are truly proficient. It happened because of the dedication of our Grand Lectures, Dennis Ewing and Randy Disney. So a hearty thank you for the work you guys have done.

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

M.E. Comp. Chase resumed in the East to continue with the meeting.

8. Committee on Conference, Final Report **M.E. Comp. William C. Eppig**

The register shows the following:

- 9 Chapters represented of 16.
- 23 Voting Members were present.
- 4 Non-Voting members were present.

9. Nominations and Elections:

M.E. Comp. Robert Chase, G.H.P.

M.E.G.H.P. Chase presided over the nominations and Elections of the Officers of the Grand Chapter for the 2022 – 2023 Capitular Year. Comp. Huebschman made the following nominations.

R.E. Comp. G. Andrew Martinez Most Excellent Grand High Priest

R.E. Comp. Dennis Ewing Right Excellent Grand King

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

M.E. Comp. William C. Eppig Right Excellent Grand Secretary

There being no further nominations, the ballot was closed, and the Grand Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above Companions.

The outgoing Trustee was identified as M.E.G.H.P. Randall Watson. P.G.H.P. Watson was re-nominated to an additional three-year term. There were no further nominations. The ballot was declared closed, and the Grand Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for P.G.H.P. Watson.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Grand Scribe. P.G.H.P. Huebschman nominated PHP Robert Miller of Phoenix R.A.C. No. 7, seconded by P.G.H.P. Colburn. PHP Rafael Rodriguez of Mt. Vernon R.A.C. No. 25 was nominated by P.G.H.P. Watson and seconded by PHP Austin.

Ballots were distributed. Comp. Reynolds and Smith were selected as the judges and reported that twenty-three ballots were cast. Comp. Rafael Rodriguez received the majority of ballots cast and was declared the Grand Scribe-elect for the 2022-2023 year.

10. Report of the Committee of Work

R.E. Comp. Dennis Ewing, REGS

Verbal report given; no written report received.

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

11. Youth and Scholarships Report

ME. Comp. Richard Naegele, P.G.H.P.

Your Committee for the D. Ross Van Sant Scholarship submits the following report. The amount available for scholarships this year is \$4,000.00, according to the Grand Treasurer. No monies for this have gone through the Committee, so we are unaware of actual donations.

The following submitted application for 2022 Scholarships:

Aisa Wrights

506 Rose Hill Ave.

Cumberland, MD 21502

Affiliation: Daughter of Billy Joes Wrights Member Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18

Frostburg State University

Cameron B. Newman

7360 Eden Brook Dr. Apt. 728

Columbia, MD 21046

Affiliation: Member Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28; Sr DeMolay Cumberland Chapter

Loyola University

Natalie Kinnear

20420 Cabana Dr.

Germantown, MD 20876

Affiliation: Daughter of James Kinnear Member of James F. Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 33

Towson University

Madison McKay

407 Washington St.

Cumberland, MD 21502

Affiliation: Granddaughter of William Courtney Member Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 18;

Cumberland Assembly Rainbow for Girls

Appalachian Bible College

Each is well qualified with excellent G.P.A.'s. The Committee recommends that each recipient receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter and thank all who donated for the betterment of our youth.

Fraternally,

Richard P. Naegele, MEPGHP

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 the finances to award the scholarship recipients \$1000.00 ea. For a total of \$4000.00.

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

Comp. Eppig asked for clarification on how the Scholarship money is determined and should we announce a specific amount. The Grand Treasurer explain the process, and currently, we budget \$4000.00 towards the Scholarship. We can adjust every year, but now it seems to work for the number of scholarships received.

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

R.E. Comp. Andrew Martinez, REGS

The R.A.R.A. Committee has put forth the following program for the remainder of 2022 to conclude before the October Annual Sessions:

R.A.R.A. Go for the Gold 2022!

This program is designed to help all of our Chapters achieve collective greatness in helping contribute to the Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) program. Donations to this cause have been declining in recent years, and where Maryland used to be amongst the leading nationwide donors, we are now down to contributing about a 10th of the donation numbers of just a few years ago. Your Chapter's participation is critical in helping solve the problem this valuable research program is trying to cure.

Starting in 2022, the Go for the Gold program will challenge our Maryland Chapters to donate at one of three levels:

Bronze - is a contribution from your Chapter of a donation of \$1 per member.

Silver - is a contribution from your Chapter of a donation of \$3 per member.

Gold - is a contribution from your Chapter of a donation of \$5 per member.

The Go for the Gold Challenge is a challenge for all Chapters to contribute at the Gold level. By doing so we will increase our recent annual donations by 400%, however participation at any donation level shows that Maryland is united in helping fund this worthy cause and put Maryland back on track as being one of the top national sponsors.

Please send your Chapter's donation to the Maryland Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons by **October 14, 2022**. Together we can battle Central Auditory Processing Disorder (C.A.P.D.) as One Maryland Royal Arch!

Notification of this program will go out in The Keystone, and a follow-on communication will be sent to each of the Chapters.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Andrew Martinez, REGK

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

13. Report of Time and Place Committee

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

After holding a series of Zoom meetings (March 29, April 20, April 29, and May 3) in conjunction with members of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, the following option for the 2023 Annual Grand Sessions, October 27-29, 2023, is the front-runner:

Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center
5400 Holiday Drive
Frederick, MD 21703

Notice will be sent to all York Rite membership once the details have been finalized.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Andrew Martinez, REGK

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

M.E. Comp. Vernon Huebschman moved that the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Frederick in October 2023.

The Motion was seconded and, after discussion, passed unanimously.

Comp. Huebschman made a motion to change the procedures on invited quests to the Annual Grand Session from other Jurisdictions. Currently, only the High Priest is invited, and substitutions are not accepted. The motion was to allow an elected Grand Dias Officer and wife to attend if the G.H.P. is unable and receive the same courtesies.

The Motion was seconded and, after discussion, passed.

14. Report of Sessions Planning and Activities

E. Comp. William Miller

Other than to report that the 2022 Sessions will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland, from October 28 through October 30, there is little to report at this time.

Mr. Allam of the Dunes Manor was contacted to assure our contract was still valid since the Dunes was recently sold. We are still good.

An email has been sent to all eight members of the Session Committee highlighting some areas that it is believed the Committee could improve. These areas included registration, the hospitality suite, and the Ladies' Program. Additionally, all members were asked to notify the Chair if they planned on not attending this year's Sessions and to let him know as soon as possible.

To do:

A new banquet menu will need to be obtained from the Dunes so that options for the luncheon and banquet can be selected.

Addresses need to be obtained for the dignitaries invited by the Sessions Committee and invitations sent out once the meals and cost are determined.

Last year each body was to identify three individuals to assist with the hospitality suite. This should be done again.

Assignment of tasks

Faternally,
William Miller, R.E.G.P.S.

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

15. 2023 Triennium Report

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

None currently. No information was given by the General Grand Chapter

16. Report of Jurisprudence & Constitution

M.E. Comp. Randall L Watson, PGHP

M.E.G.H.P. and Companions,

No issues have been referred to your Committee on Jurisprudence & Constitution since the Annual Grand Convocation.

17. Report of Awards and Recognition

M.E. Comp. Randall L Watson, P.G.H.P.

M.E.G.H.P. and Companions,

The committee report will be submitted at the Annual Grand Convocation in October.

Randall Watson, M.E.P.G.H.P.
Chairman

18. Report on Grievance

M.E. Comp. Randall L Watson, P.G.H.P.

M.E.G.H.P. and Companions,

One issue was referred to your Committee on Grievance on May 4, 2022, regarding Concordia Chapter #1. The issue is not yet resolved and will be addressed in the committee report to be submitted at the Annual Grand Convocation in October.

Randall Watson, M.E.P.G.H.P.
Chairman

9. Report of Long-Range Committee

M.E. Comp. Robert W. Chase, G.H.P.

One of the things that I felt we needed to reincarnate, if you will, is the service awards for our 25 and 50-year York Rite Companions. All of us have sat in our lodges and watched as our Bothers are recognized for the achievement, so I thought, why doesn't the Royal Arch. So based on information, I was able to gather service awards that may have been given before, but it has been some time ago. The other thing I hope to do is get some sort of school started to help those companions who wish to learn parts of our degrees. Right now, the number who can do Degree is quite small and consists of Companions who are constantly called on to support the Chapters. So, I hope we start coming up with new ritualists.

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

20. Report of Membership Committee

RE. Andrew Martinez, R.E.G.K.

To date, our membership seems to be doing very well, and there were seven (7) new Most Excellent High Priests created this year. This bodes well for our Chapters doing their own work to bring new members into the York Rite. Chapters, for the most part, are strong, and those that need assistance are actively being addressed by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Lecturers have been busy assisting those Chapters, and our membership growth looks positive. An updated

membership trend report will be delivered at the Annual Session in October 2022 once the annual reporting has been collated.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Andrew Martinez, REGK

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

**21. Reports to be Received and Published requiring no action Comp. Robert Chase,
M.E.G.H.P.**

None

22. Events Committee Report Comp. Carl Michel, Chairman

As requested, we are looking into a bowling event for the Jurisdiction. The last bowling event, in conjunction with Maryland DeMolay, was well received and we look to expand on it. The current date range we are looking into is the month of September. As you have recommended, we are researching the availability of bowling establishments to hold a Duck Pin event. This uniquely Baltimore sport, we trust, will attract a larger portion of our Grand Chapter members and their families.

We are looking at a bowling alley in the Parkville area on Harford Rd., not too far off the Baltimore Beltway. As plans come together with the exact date, time, and cost, the membership will be informed. With your permission, we will extend the invitation to other Masons, their families and the Youth Groups.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter and stand ready to work on future events as their recommendations are made.

Fraternally submitted,
Carl A. Michel, Jr, PHP

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

23. Report on Unfinished Business

M.E. Comp. John B. Maclay, Jr., P.G.H.P.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

The Committee has identified one item of unfinished business for this Convocation:
The disposition of Piscataway Chapter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John B. Maclay, Jr., P.G.H.P., Chair

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

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported that he declared Piscataway Chapter closed after an unsuccessful attempt to merge Piscataway Chapter with Concordia Chapter.

The Grand Secretary will send a letter to the members of Piscataway and inform them that they will have until August 31 to decide what Chapter they would like to be affiliated. Since the Chapter was closed, members would be considered unaffiliated and impact membership in other bodies. The G.H.P. will delay this action until August, allowing them to transfer membership and remain in good standing. To prevent suspension, they will be required to pay the 2023 dues to the new Chapter.

All assets will be turned over and become the property of the Grand Chapter. At this time, Piscataway Chapter Financial accounts have been closed, and according to Art Hebbeler, a check will be sent from the bank to him, and he will forward it to the Grand Secretary.

24. New Business Introduced at this Grand Convocation

G.H.P. Chase reported on the Multi-Jurisdictional for 2022, which will be held on October 22, 2022, in Newport, DE, at 9 am. Degrees are presented by the following Jurisdictions. And the G.H.P. will set the team for Maryland.

M.D. - Mark Master
DC - Past Master
VA - Most Excellent Master
DE - Royal Arch

Comp. John Austin reported on the actions of the York Rite College. The College voted to help sponsor the Lady's program for the 2022 York Rite Annual Session. They will make a \$500.00 and

recommended the Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery do the same. Knowing Budgets have been set, he recommends it to be done for the 2023 session and beyond.

He also suggested that the Annual York Rite Session weekend be open to other York Rite Bodies. For example, York Rite College, Past Commanders Assoc., and others could schedule one of their annual meetings at the session, which would help increase attendance.

RE. Grand King Martinez presented letters of acknowledgments from the General Grand Chapter R.A.R.A. Committee to those Chapters that made donations the Past Year.

26. Announcements and Scheduled items

M.E.G.H.P. Chase announced the Royal Arch Degree is scheduled for Chesapeake Chapter on May 26, 2022.

27. Voluntary Remarks

Comp. John Thomas's wife is in the hospital with influenza and hopes to be home soon.

Comp. Miller announced Phoenix Chapter's installation on the 25th.

28. Official Remarks Distinguished Guests

M.E. Comp. Robert W. Chase, G.H.P.

M.E.G.H.P. Robert Chase sked the following Distinguished visitor West of the alter for introductions:

Comp. Randolph S. Disney, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland.

S.K. John Austin, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland.

M.E.G.H.P. Robert Chase welcomed our distinguished visitors and thanked them for their support and attendance. Grand Honors were given by all the companions in attendance.

29. Installation

Grand Chapter Installation will be held in October 2022.

30. Final Remarks of the Grand High Priest

ME. Comp. Robert W, Chase, G.H.P.

M.E. Robert Chase, G.H.P. thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe drive home.

31. Closing of the Grand Chapter

M.E. Comp. Robert W. Chase, G.H.P.

The Grand Chaplain offered a closing prayer.

The M.E.G.H.P. directed that the Lights be broken and then declared the Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland closed at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wil C. Eppig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wil" and last name "Eppig" clearly distinguishable.

M.E. Comp. William C. Eppig, P.G.H.P.
Assistant Grand Secretary



Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland

Founded May 27, 1824

May 12, 2022

Comp. Randolph S. Disney
Most Excellent President

Comp. Robert B. Lumbert
Excellent Vice President

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

Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman
Excellent Secretary

Comp. John M. Lister
Excellent Treasurer

Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas
Excellent Master of Ceremonies

Comp. Christian E. Jensen
Excellent Conductor

Comp. William C. Eppig
Excellent Herald

Minutes on the scheduled April 30, 2022 Convocation

The 198th Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priest of Maryland was opened at 10:00 am in Due Form by Most Excellent President Randolph S. Disney, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country. The Opening Prayer, and all other prayers, was offered by Ex. Chaplain Dean Burt III. Ex Comp. Christian Miele was absent without notice. M.E. P. P. Robert M. Penny was the replacement for this Convocation. All other officers were present and prepared for their work. A motion was made by Comp. Huebschman that as the minutes of the 2021 Convocation had been printed in the 2021 Semi-Annual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, that the minutes be accepted as printed. Seconded by Ex. Vice President Lumbert and approved unanimously. There were nineteen Companions, and six Candidates present. One Candidate was Absent and excused due to a meeting with the Grand Master of Virginia this date.

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

Comp. Gordon A. Munholland – Concordia RAC No. 1 (ABS)

Comp. Bradley Thomas – Phoenix R.A.C. No. 7

Comp. Louis P. Romeo Jr. – Adoniram RAC No. 21

Comp. Michael W. Shrank – Enoch RAC No. 23

Comp. James A. Jolley – Mt Vernon R.A.C. No. 25

Comp. James Kinnear – James F Allen R.A.C. No. 33

Comp. Darryl Smith – Tuscan R.A.C. No. 42

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 present. 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 seven 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 M.E.G.H.P. Robert W. Chase and R.E.G.K. G. Andrew Martinez, M.I.G.M. Randolph S. Disney, and R.I.G.P.C.W. Spyridon G. Treklas; and R.E.G.C. SK John Austin.

The Excellent Secretary called the Roll of Past Presidents, finding the following present: Alexander Dean Burt III, Robert M. Penny, and Randall L. Watson. The ME President extended his thanks for the assistance of all the Past Presidents and greeted those present.

Expenditures were as noted with a motion by the Ex. Secretary, seconded by the Ex Vice President and passed:

Warrant Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
22-01	4/30/22	Vernon Huebschman	\$ 116.55	New Canopy
22-02	4/30/22	Vernon Huebschman	\$ 52.99	Side Curtains for Canopy
22-03	4/30/22	Vernon Huebschman	\$ 36.66	150 Registration Cards
22-04	4/30/22	Grand Lodge of MD	\$ 100.00	Annual Donation for MMH
22-05	4/30/22	Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Library & Museum	\$ 100.00	Annual Donation

The Secretary reported that the following matter was accomplished during the past year...

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland 2022 Semi-Annual Convocation

Comp. Christian
Miele- A.B.S.
Comp. Robert M.
Penny
Excellent Steward
Pro Temp

Comp. John B.
Maclay
Excellent Sentinel

Annual Conventions The Last Saturday in May

A motion was made by Ex Comp Huebschman that this Council of Anointed High Priest coordinate with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland to transfer all funds in the existing M&T checking account to the Grand Chapter's investment account, and that the Secretary/Treasurer shall be authorized to close the M&T checking account at his earliest convenience, and when the funds are made available in a suitable final check, to deposit the balance with THE GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS of MARYLAND, seconded by Ex Comp. Randall L. Watson and passed unanimously.

On October 14, 2021, the Operating Account held at M&T Bank was closed at the Denton Branch, and a Cashier's Check in the amount of \$ 7,933.43 was made payable to the GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS of MARYLAND. The Check was transmitted to the Grand Treasurer RE Comp. John M. Lister for deposit in the Grand Chapter investment funds.

The Ex. President declared a special election open for the office of Treasurer. Ex Secretary Vernon H. Huebschman nominated RE Comp. John M. Lister for the office. There being no further nominations, the M.E. President declared Comp. Lister duly elected and proceeded to install Comp. Lister as Treasurer with full authority to invest all funds, and to pay out such disbursements as voted upon by this Council or later approved by the M.E. President between meetings. The Treasurer then reported that the above-mentioned check was received and deposited, and would now begin accumulating interest and growth in principal as part of the Grand Chapter's fund.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of RAM of M.D., the annual assessment per Chapter paid to this Council of Anointed High Priests was raised from \$30 to \$40 to compensate for the two merging Chapters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon H. Huebschman
Excellent Secretary

Name	Title	Chapter	Date of Death Reported
George Wagner	PHP	Adoniram RAC No. 21	12/1/2021
Harold Jolle	PHP	Concordia RAC No. 1	4/21/2021
Marion Rickard	PGHP	Druid RAC No. 28	3/30/2021
Howard Culver, Jr.	PHP	Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25	1/16/21
William Parsons	PHP	Edenton RAC No. 36	12/18/2020
Millard Keller Jr.	PHP	Tuscan RAC No. 42	11/17/2020
William Pindell, Jr.	PHP	York RAC No. 44	8/23/2003