

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
STATE OF OHIO**

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Grand High Priest

2004-2005

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Most Excellent Companion Justus was born on February 18, 1948 in Circleville, Ohio, the son of Jean W. and Dorothy Justus. He is a graduate of Westfall High School and attended Ohio State University.

He married his high school sweet heart Sharon and their marriage was blessed with three children – Christina (August 1, 1967), Craig (November 25, 1969) and Jason (July 4, 1978.)

He is currently employed as a training specialist for E.I. Dupont Corporation. A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he has taken an active roll in the American Cancer Society and served on the 4H Advisory Committee for Pickaway County.

MASONIC RECORD

SYMBOLIC:

Heber Lodge No 501. Master Mason, 1971; Worshipful Master, 1977; Past President of the 8th Masonic District Association, 1986.

CAPITULAR:

Circleville Chapter No 20; exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, 1974. served as High Priest 1978 and in 1997. Treasurer of the 5th District, 1991 - 1993. Order of High Priesthood, October, 1978. Dual member of Chillicothe Chapter No 4; Member of Dwight Warehime Mark Lodge No 3; Member of Ohio Chapter of Research; Past High Priest of Tabernacle No 2, Apollo Dramatic Chapter. District Education Officer for the 5th District from 1991 – 1993; District Deputy Grand High Priest from 1993-1996. Elected Grand Master of the 1st Veil in October 1997. He was appointed Grand Representative to England, Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. Most Excellent Companion Justus currently serves as Secretary of Ohio Council of Anointed High Priests.

CRYPTIC:

Tyrian Council No.60. Illustrious Master 1990; Council of Anointed King's 1990.

CHIVALRIC:

Scioto Commandery No 35. Eminent Commander 1986.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Valley of Columbus; Assistant Pickaway County Director

DEMOLAY:

Circleville Chapter of DeMolay, Advisory Board since 1984. Recipient of the DeMolay Cross of Honor, Honorary Legion of Honor and Advisors Honor Key

KNIGHT OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOR:

Ohio Priory No. 18 Knight, York Grand Cross of Honor

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES:

Harry E. Sark Council No 186. Sovereign Master, 2002.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE:

Lafayette Conclave, Knight Companion

OTHER MASONIC MEMBERSHIPS:

Heber Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Kilwinning Council No. 62, Knight Masons

Royal Order of Scotland

T.S. Webb No. 194, York Rite College – currently serving as Herald

Alladin Shrine AAONMS: Past Masters, Hillbilly Clan #8 and Kentucky Colonels Units

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:

Pickaway Lodge No 23

Mt. Vernon Chapter No 23

Westgate Chapter No 216

Hillsboro Chapter No 40

Walnut Chapter No 172

Fayette Council #100, R&SM

Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

Grand Chapter of Indiana.

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2004 – 2005**

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 STATE OF OHIO
 At its One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth Annual Convocation
 Held in the city of Wilmington, Ohio
 October 5 and 6, A.D. 2005, A.I. 2535**

The Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio assembled at the Roberts Convention Center in Wilmington, Ohio on October 5, 2005, where the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth Annual Convocation convened at 8:00 A.M.

By Dispensation, Circleville Chapter No. 20, Royal Arch Masons, opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with the following officers in the stations:

- Louis N. McFarland High Priest
- Robert Daub King
- James W. Krinn..... Scribe
- David W. Fouch, Jr Secretary
- Elvin L. Lewis Captain of the Host
- S. Thomas Ramsay Principal Sojourner
- Arthur Long Royal Arch Captain
- J. Eric Adams Master of the Third Veil
- H. A. Leo Genders Master of the Second Veil
- Paul M. Dunkle Master of the First Veil
- John Wronski Guard

The Grand Officers were received and introduced by Right Excellent Companion Ralph Curtiss, Grand Marshal, and accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry. Most Excellent Companion Jean W. Justus was then presented at the Altar and accorded Grand Honors and conducted to the East, where the gavel of authority was presented to him by High Priest Louis N. McFarland. He thanked the officers of his home Chapter for the opening and requested the following Grand Officers to take their stations vacated by the officers of Circleville Chapter:

- Jean W. Justus Grand High Priest
- Kermit V. Zimmerman Grand King
- James M. McDonald Grand Scribe
- Charles J. McCarty..... Grand Treasurer
- Dale G. Ray, Jr. Grand Secretary
- Garis E. Pugh Grand Captain of the Host
- Robert C. Draye Grand Principal Sojourner
- Donald L. Losasso Grand Royal Arch Captain
- Steven J. Oliver..... Grand Master of the Third Veil
- James W. Himmelright..... Grand Master of the Second Veil
- George M. Shell Grand Master of the First Veil
- F. Raymond Sharritts..... Grand Chaplain and Necrologist
- James C. Pace Grand Guard

Ralph M. Curtiss	Grand Marshal
Norman G. Lincoln.....	Grand Historian
Glen L. Opp.....	Grand Fraternal Correspondent
Robert L. Jordon.....	Grand Musician
George Hall	Grand Parliamentarian

CREDENTIALS, 1st PARTIAL REPORT

The Committee on Credentials is pleased to report that there are present and registered a sufficient number of representatives from the several constituent chapters of this Grand Chapter to constitute a quorum under Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, which is thirty (30) or more chartered chapters, and that all Grand Officers are present. There are also present at this 189th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter a large number of distinguished representatives from this and other jurisdictions, to all of whom is extended a most cordial and fraternal welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Ex. Comp. Ward L. Weber, P.D.D.G.H.P., Chairman Credentials Committee

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

At the direction of the Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Companion Ralph M. Curtiss, Grand Marshal, made the following proclamation:

"By order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio I now declare this 189th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio duly opened in ample form for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it."

The Grand High Priest then directed the Companions to come to order and give their attention to Rt. Ex. Companion F. Raymond Sharritts, Grand Chaplain, who offered the following invocation:

INVOCATION

“Companions, let us pray. Supreme High Priest of heaven and earth, enlighten us with the knowledge of his truth and grant that the members of this Convocation may be endued with wisdom to understand the mysteries of our Holy Order. We invite you to discern our thoughts and place upon our hearts the will to be faithful to our obligations to you, and to our companions. Give us clear and creative minds as we address the tasks of the day. We ask your blessing upon us as we pass the mantle of responsibility to new leadership. We thank you for your faithful presence during this past year - in our times of sadness; and in the loss of dear friends; and in the great joys you have brought to us. Truly our lives have been enriched.

Dear Father of our future, we depend upon your Grace. Blend our thoughts with your thoughts so that our work together will reflect your splendor.
Amen”

Comments on the Altar by Grand High Priest Justus

Most Excellent Companion Justus made the following comments about the Altar being used at the Grand Convocation:

“The altar, you see before us was made in 1985. It comes from the 8th Masonic District, made by Worshipful Brother Chick Dais. He is no longer with us and was an outstanding woodworker. If you ever have the opportunity to visit Cedarville Lodge, he made the altar for that Lodge. The altar you see before us was made for Most Worshipful Brother Robert See when he was Grand Master from the Eighth Masonic District. I have hauled that Altar around the entire state of Ohio, because during his year I was president of the district. It's been to dedications, rededications and other special events and we have brought it here today. If you get the opportunity stop and look at it. It's a beautiful piece of work.

Also, for its significance, we're using red, white, and blue candles to remember our servicemen and women who are in Iraq defending our country.”

INTRODUCTIONS

Distinguished Masons and guests were then presented in groups, each group being accorded a hearty welcome and the Grand Honors of Masonry.

Past Grand High Priests of Ohio were presented by Grand Marshal Ralph Curtiss:

William M. Berry	1980
Charles Karth	1983
Joe E. Worthington	1988
Dale G. Ray, Jr.	1993
Jerry C. Crawford	1994
John W. Purdy	1995
Arthur E. Ross	1996
Wayne S. Dill	1997
Terry B. Meyers	1998
Robert D. Crabbs	1999
Charles J. McCarty	2000
Chester W. Hammond	2001
Alan D. Hart	2002
John R. Gartrell	2003
Steven A. Duncan	2004

District Deputies Grand High Priests were presented by Right Excellent Companion Ralph Curtiss, Grand Marshal:

District 1	Kenneth L. Crouch	District 10	Robert D. Blankenhorn, Jr.
2	James V. Terry	11	Don R. Forquer
3	Harold E. Daniels Jr.		Raymond J. McMahon
	Ire H. Saxton	12	Vacant

	James M. Frazier	13	C. Brooks Harper
4	Norman LoBell, Jr	14	Floyd E. Wymer
	Wing Fun Chow	15	Richard W. Allen
	Robert F. Benton	16	Robert J. Trigg
5	R. Keith O'Dell		Johnny F. Manis
6	John R. Hartsock	17	Irvin F. Miner
7	Harold K. Stimmel, Jr.	18	Michael R. Zigler (absent)
8	James E. Barnes, Jr.	19	Marvin D. Rader
9	John W. Hooper	20	Robert W. Thomas

District Education Officers were presented by Most Excellent Companion Wayne S. Dill, Chairman of the Education committee:

District 3	H. Jeffery Shaw	14	William E. Channell
	John C. Watkins	15	Richard A. Swoyer
	Larry E. Fisher	16	Kenneth R. Hershman
5	David W. Fouch, Jr	16	Neal W. Beck
9	Larry R. Hess	17	George W. King, Jr.
10	Darrell Porter	18	Glenn R. Greenamyier
13	Larry E. Byrd	20	Robert Y. Cornell

Officers of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Ohio were introduced by Most Excellent Companion John R. Gartrell:

M. Ill. Companion Howard L. Lambert	Grand Master
Rt. Ill. Companion James V. Parker IV	Deputy Grand Master
Rt. Ill. Companion Bobby G. Campbell	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
M. Ill. Companion Merlyn E. Meredith,	Grand Recorder, Past Grand Master
Rt. Ill. Companion Fred A. Boggs	Grand Captain of the Guard
Rt. Ill. Companion William E. Laughlin	Grand Conductor of Council
Rt. Ill. Companion Pat C. Lively	Grand Steward
Rt. Ill. Companion William Eagle	Grand Sentinel
Rt. Ill. Companion Burke Cumbie	Grand Chaplain
Rt. Ill. Companion Leonard Johnson	Inspector of the 2 nd Arch
Rt. Ill. Companion Robert Rhinehart	Inspector of the 7 th Arch
Illustrious Companion Q.V. Resse	Grand Photographer
Ill. Companion James Zemancik	Fourth Arch Adjutant
Ill. Companion James Richards	Seventh Arch Adjutant
Ill. Companion Richard Hamlon	Eighth Arch Adjutant
Rt. Ill. Companion James Lambert	Grand Aide
M. Ill. Companion Beecher W. Vaughn	Past Grand Master
M. Ill. Companion Robert Rettig	(Immediate) Past Grand Master

Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio were introduced by Most Excellent Companion Alan D. Hart:

Sir Kt. Arthur D. Michael	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Kt. Donald Shoemaker	Grand Aide to the Grand Commander
Sir Kt. David Snyder, Sr.	Very Eminent Dep. Grand Commander
Sir Kt. Bruce D. Basil	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Sir Kt. George W. Davidson	Past Grand Commander
Sir Kt. Wilfrid A. Grose	Past Grand Commander
Sir Kt. Richard Meacham	Past Grand Commander
Sir Kt. Franklin Boner	Past Grand Commander

Sir Kt. Burch E. Zehner	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Sir Kt. S. Thomas Ramsey	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Kt. Paul Dunkle	Eminent Grand Musician
Sir Kt. Lynn B. Alexander	3 rd Division Commander
Sir Kt. James A. Shaw	4 th Division Commander
Sir Kt. David Rich	9 th Division Commander
Sir Kt. S. Gene Peeper	10 th Division Commander
Sir Kt. Robert Oldfather	Deputy Division Commander, 2nd Div.

Officers of Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights York Cross of Honor were presented by Most Excellent Companion Arthur E. Ross:

Knight Richard Groves	Eminent Prior
Knight Vernon Rinehart	Deputy Prior
Knight Alan D. Hart	Warder
Knight David C. Shoemaker	Prelate
Knight Robert A. Wise	Orator
Knight Pat C. Lively	Herald
Knight Dennis Wilhelm	1 st District Deputy Prior
Knight Paul Dunkle	Musician
Knight Alfred Johnson	Past Eminent Prior
Knight Merlyn Meredith	Past Eminent Prior
Knight David Snyder	Past Eminent Prior
Knight Edward Howard	Past Eminent Prior

Representative of the Sovereign York Rite College of North America was presented by Most Excellent Companion Arthur E. Ross:

Rt. Eminently Distinguished Brother Louis S. Van Slyck Grand Governor in Ohio

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio were introduced by Most Excellent Companion Joe E. Worthington:

Rt. Worshipful Brother Norman J. Mick	Dist. Deputy Grand Master, 1 st Dist.
Rt. Worshipful Brother Richard Scheider	Dist. Deputy Grand Master, 11 th Dist.

Representative of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Ohio was introduced by Most Excellent Companion Steven A. Duncan:

Illustrious Brother Neil M. Smalley, 33rd Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Ohio

The Companions of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of the State of Ohio were presented by Most Excellent Companion Chester W. Hammond:

M. Ex. Comp. George W. King	Grand High Priest
M. Ex. Comp. William Smith	Past Grand High Priest
M. Ex. Comp. Harold Truss	Past Grand High Priest
Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles V. Williams, III	Deputy Grand High Priest
Rt. Ex. Comp. Harper Trentman, Jr.	Grand Scribe
Rt. Ex. Comp. Harlon Jackson	Grand Secretary
Rt. Ex. Comp. William C. Parker	Chief Administrative Assistant

Most Excellent Companion Robert D. Crabbs presented the following out-of-state visitors:

Illinois

M. Ex. Comp. J. Donald Satterlee, Sr. Past Grand High Priest

Indiana

Stephen T. Oathout Grand Principal Sojourner

Michigan

M. Ex. Comp. Paul C. Howell Gr. Secretary, Past Grand High Priest

Rt. Ex. Comp. Larry A. Inscho Grand Master of the 3rd Veil

M. Ex. Comp. James J. "Jerry" Vann Past Grand High Priest

Rt. Ex. Comp. Joe Medved District Dep. Instructor, Dist. 11

Pennsylvania

M. Ex. Comp. Howard E. Dobmeier Grand High Priest

South Carolina

Rt. Ex. Comp. Norman Nietzel Grand Master of the 2nd Veil

Supreme Grand Chapter of England

Ex. Comp. Brian W. Price Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah of Yorkshire

Deputy Grand Master Michael A. Himes introduced

Most Excellent Companion Terry B. Meyers then presented Excellent Companion Michael A. Himes, (*a special honor for M. Ex. Comp. Meyers as both he and Ex. Comp. Himes are from the small village of Cleves, located in southwest Ohio*) a Knight, York Cross of Honor and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio who was representing Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, Grand Master of Masons. Excellent Companion Himes was conducted to the East, extended Grand Honors and given a seat of honor next to the Grand High Priest.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

The flag of the United States of America was presented by Sir Knights of the Fourth Division, Knights Templar of Ohio. The tribute to the Flag of the U.S.A. was given.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Companions were lead in singing *The Star Spangled Banner* and the Canadian National Anthem *Oh Canada* by Past Grand High Priest William Berry.

Grand High Priest Justus thanked the Sir Knights for their assistance in the opening festivities, and they retired.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED TO RECESS

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mr. Danny W. Mongold, Director of Human Resources for the city of Wilmington, Ohio, was conducted to the podium and gave the address of welcome which was received with a warm round of applause.

“ Good morning. Welcome to Clinton County and the great city of Wilmington, Ohio. We are honored to have you. Thank you for coming. I am representing the mayor, who at the last minute had a city emergency. I am here on his behalf. He did make a proclamation and at this time I would like to read it to you. It says,

‘Whereas the citizens of Wilmington and Clinton County welcome the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the state of Ohio to the Roberts Convention Center for their One hundred and eighty-ninth Grand Communication,

And whereas, Royal Arch Masons believe in one God and respect for each other. One of the most fascinating aspects of Royal Arch Masons has always been how so many men, from so many walks of life, can meet together in peace, never had any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other Brother.

And whereas, Freemasonry is dedicated to the brotherhood of man, under the fatherhood of God and uses the tools of ancient craftsmen symbolically in a system of instruction, designed to build character and moral values in its members. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Its bonds of friendship, compassion and brotherly love have survived even the most adversative political, military, and religious conflicts through the centuries. Freemasonry is a fraternity which encourages its members to practice the faith of their personal acceptance. Masonry teaches that each person, through self-improvement and helping others, has an obligation to make a difference for good in the world,

And whereas, Royal Arch Masonry is a logical step for all Master Mason to take,

And whereas, it is said that while Ohio is the ‘Heart of it All,’ here in the USA - Royal Arch Masonry - the heart of Masonic knowledge,

And in witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Wilmington, Ohio, to be affixed this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord, 2005’. Signed by David Raizk, Mayor, City of Wilmington.

Again, thank you for being here.”

Response by Grand King Kermit V. Zimmerman

“Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Illustrious Deputy for Ohio, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions, and Honorable Danny Mongold:

As a thirty-three year resident of Clinton County and the greater Wilmington area, it gives me particular pleasure to respond to your welcome at this 189th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio being held in your city, Wilmington, Ohio. Wilmington, established in 1810, and the seat of Clinton County, is a small city with its roots firmly set in the rich agricultural heritage of the area yet, with its eyes looking forward to change and growth in the future.

Located in the center of Ohio's golden triangle, being a less than an hour's drive away from three major metropolitan cities – Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus, Wilmington has become a major attraction for businesses such as R&L Transfer, located just across I-71; ABX Air Inc., and DHL International Freight. Boasting a national weather service office, Wilmington has nationally competitive companies in a vast array of industries including plastics, wood composites, computer products, automotive, pharmaceuticals, tools, and packaging, while at the same time, it retains its small-town charm with unique, special, and approachable historic attributes. Wilmington - home to the Southern State Community College; Wilmington College and their 2004 NCAA, Division III women's national champion basketball team. Wilmington - home to the Clinton County fair; the Clinton County Corn Festival and the Banana Split Festival celebrating the first banana split, created just downtown by Ernest Hazzard in 1907.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio is most pleased to be meeting here in the Roberts Convention Center. In a time of critical need, the management and staff of this outstanding facility bent over backwards and have gone the extra mile to accommodate our grand convocation with our particular needs. We thank them and the companions of the fifth district, as well as those of the third, fourth, and eleventh districts for their gracious hospitality and hard work to ensure that this 189th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio is successful and one to remember.

Mr. Mongold, we thank you for being here with us this morning to bring the warm greetings of Wilmington, Ohio, the city dubbed by Cincinnati Magazine as the most livable neighborhood of 181 surrounding cities and towns. We look forward to a pleasant stay and to returning again in the future.

Thank you”

The welcoming address and response were both received with a warm round of applause. Grand High Priest Justus then asked that Edieann Didham, Past President and C.E.O. of the Adopt America Network be conducted to the podium by Past Grand High Priest Robert Crabbs.

COMMENTS FROM EDIEANN DIDHAM Past President and C.E.O. of Adopt America

“It is with such great pleasure that I bring greetings to the Grand High Priest, the Grand Officers and to all the assembled Companions here today. How very wonderful it is to be here and to be with you as you begin another grand chapter. God bless.

I bring you the greetings from your charity - the Adopt American Network, from our board members and our hard-working staff and our volunteer adoption specialist, and of course, most importantly, from all the children and families that together we have helped.

It was just a few short years ago when we started our journey together and it is a journey motivated by the best of Masonic ideals - to help the least fortunate children of American society. It is a journey to give aid and assistance; to help these children find adoptive parents and real homes. When I came to you with a call from Adopt America Network for your help, it was a plea to heed the thousands desperate and forgotten

children in foster care today and you did not hesitate, you did not falter. The Royal Arch Masons joined in a journey that is literally a miracle for each child. A miracle begins when we help that child make the transition from a frightened, uncertain life in foster care into the life of a beloved child within a loving home with adoptive parents. I wish you could see the miracle unfold as a child who's scared, insecure, and untrusting comes to his or her new home and grows into a happy and loving, well-adjusted boy or girl.

I would very much like to share with you one of these stories today. This is a story of Heather. Heather is a little girl who was born and was spending her childhood in Ohio and then was adopted by a family here in Ohio. You know, today it's not easy to grow up. There are so many things that confront a child in American society – peer-pressure, drugs, gangs. Our society is troubled in many ways, and when you are a child on your own; a child drifting in foster care, I imagine how difficult it is to grow up without the guidance of parents, of a church, of a community. A community that has to expect nations for you, that sets a structure, that teaches you values. So many children today in the foster care system are lacking the very things that have made Masons the kind of man they are and that have developed our society into the strong country that we have.

Heather is a child who was drifting through foster care. She was a child who had suffered a great deal of abuse and neglect at the hands of her biological family, and she had been moving through a series of foster care homes so that some of her precious years of childhood had been ones of movement; of moving from one home to yet another home. But she had a dream. She really wanted her own permanent family and she hadn't given up hope yet, although she was ten years old and her time was running out. Karen and Eric, husband and wife who live in Perrysburg Ohio already had three biological children. But they also knew that they could provide the stability and the love that a child like Heather so sorely needed. After coming to Adopt America, Karen and Eric attended parent training courses that were offered to them free during the winter of 2001 and they completed the home study that spring. Then they were ready to start looking for their child and they eagerly met with our adoption specialists. While sometimes it takes a long time, Karen and Eric reach their goal very quickly, and in August 2001, with the help of Adopt America, they were chosen as the family for Heather by a children's service unit of the in the eastern side of the state. Karen and Eric were excited about bringing Heather into their home and with us helping them negotiate in the paperwork and all the arrangements we were able to bring together home in simply a month. She arrived in her new home in about September of the year, and finally in eight months passing, she was finalized. On May 13, 2002, Heather joined the family of Karen and Eric and went to the finalization at the local courthouse.

When I asked Karen about the adoption process and she replied that after all the time it took them to make up their minds and get started with the process, she was so surprised how fast the placement occurred and how quickly they were chosen for Heather. Everything worked pretty smoothly and during the eight months placement when they went through that kind of family changes and adjustments that occur when you introduce a new child into the home, Heather learned to adjust to her new brother and two sisters, and she learned the rules of the house. She learned that living with a family required

some things from her and her brothers and sisters also learned that it took some understanding and excepting of their new sister and the siblings began to work well together. Now, three years after her adoption, Heather has really settled into the family and every body belongs to each other and it is truly a successful adoption.

I asked the adoptive mom Karen about Heather's change because Heather had been a very, very insecure child and she had been through so many bad things I was wondering if she was truly happy. She said that Heather is looking forward to a well-adjusted teenage year; she is doing so well in school; she has so many friends because Heather knows she is now a part of a real family. Now she knows that she is ours forever.

I chose this is a story to share with you, out of all the stories that have happened since we have been working together, because Heather's story coincides with the period of time the Royal Arch Masons were starting the partnership with Adopt America. In fact, at the first of Adopt America Christmas party 2002, after we were working together and the first red-jacketed Royal Arch Masons showed up to become the Christmas elves that year, Heather was there with her mother and father and her new brother and sisters. In fact, it was two red-jacketed Royal Arch Mason companions that presented Heather her first Christmas gift as an adopted daughter in this family.

Heather is one child, but every child that we have helped together has been part of this Masonic miracle. I stand here before you so very proud of what you have accomplished for the children of America. What you have committed to do for these children together, what we have already done, and what all you are going to do in the years to come.

Royal Arch Masons are becoming some of our very best spokesperson. Like your Masonic Brother Dave Thomas of Wendy's International who knew the importance of homes and family for American children, you are effectively becoming ambassadors and are telling the story of adoption and the need for parents who will adopt these waiting children throughout each of your own communities. Some of you have already planned and participated in adoption recruitment events at your Lodges, and some of you have shared adoption awareness information within Masonic, church, and civic events in your communities. Many of you have spent hours helping with your Chapter and district fundraising activities, and that's generated dollars to help defray adoption related expenses and moving these children out of foster care and into permanent homes with new adoptive parents. Some of you have even come to visit your charity headquarters in Toledo, and others of you have taken a day and shared a day with our families and children at our adoption recruitment event in the summertime. Perhaps your district has arranged for a speaker from Adopt America or maybe you hosted a family at one of your events. You may be one of the Companions who sent a check to the Royal Arch Foundation, or maybe you mailed in a bag recycled aluminum tabs to help us with our fundraising or maybe you were one who donated an item for the Adopt America dinner auctions. Or perhaps you were the Mason told someone at your church about adoption and then had them call Adopt America or to look at our website www.adoptamericanetwork.org. Whatever you did, every Royal Arch Mason is a partner with Adopt America and every companion's help is needed to help the children who are waiting, to go home.

Adopt America Network is recognized across the nation as an outstanding non-profit adoption organization and, of the few, it is Adopt America that successfully works across state boundaries to find homes for waiting children across the United States. We are also acknowledged as the experts in finding homes for the hardest to place children - the children who are the oldest, and the most severely abused, and the most mentally, physically and emotionally challenged. We also are noted for dealing with very large sibling groups and not separating them; in finding families who can adopt 4, 5, 6, and even ten children at a time. And the good news grows as Royal arch Masons and Adopt America continue to work together.

Since you became involved with Adopt America, we have placed more than 200 children every year in adoptive homes and each year that number gets bigger and bigger. With your support, we've been able to interest more families in adopting children, not only here in Ohio but across the whole United States. We will get calls that say my Masonic brother told me about your organization. Can you help me, I live in Arizona? Or my wife and I thought about adopting and now that the Royal Arch Masons are supporting your organization, would you send me a packet of information and help us get into classes?

With your help we've been able to raise our placement goal every year for the last three years. This year our placement goal was set at 235 placements. By this time last month, we were well on our way to surpassing it. We are 44% ahead of projections so it looks like we will easily surpass our annual goal this year and I promise you, this will be the largest number of children ever going home, ever placed by Adopt America in one year, and it's because of your help. What you have done, please don't underestimate. It has been incredibly helpful and vitally important in sending home, probably fifty more children than we would have been able to do on our own.

We have taken the first very important steps together on our journey, but this is just the first small part of our journey together. For now we share a mission, founded in love and duty and with a genuine concern for the future of all of America's children and their families. We have both made a commitment to give these children a good life and I am so honored to share this commitment with the Royal Arch Masons. Thank you so much you and God bless each of you."

Edieann's comments were received with a standing ovation. She was thanked by Most Excellent Companion Justus for her presentation and retired from the Chapter room escorted by Foundation President Robert Crabbs. Weakened by treatments for cancer, she returned to her hotel room to rest in order to be able to attend the Grand Banquet that evening. Her attendance at our Grand Chapter was extremely difficult and a testimony to her commitment to both the Adopt America Network and to Royal Arch Masonry.

Grand Chapter called from Recess to Labor

Most Excellent Companion Justus directed the Grand Scribe to call the 189th Grand Convocation from recess to Labor. Once back in session, he called upon Deputy Grand Master Michael Himes for comments.

**GREETINGS FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER of OHIO,
Right Worshipful Brother Michael A. Himes**

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Distinguished East, and Companions all, good morning.

It is certainly an honor and a pleasure for me to be here and to represent the Grand Lodge of Ohio and our Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, whose theme for this year is “One Moment in Time” and I don’t know of any theme that we had in my tenure as a Mason that has been more universal in its applications to all the bodies of Masonry. For each of us can remember those special moments in time that we have in our Lodges, in our Chapters, Councils, Commanderys, DeMolay, Eastern Stars, whatever branch we may belong to and these have become a part of our memories and will always be with us as long as we continue to participate in this great organization. But we must also remember that the Grand Architect has limited each of us to a certain number of moments. We must use these moments wisely. The moments that have preceded us are now gone. We can look to them as lessons to learn by. Lets not dwell on them. Let us look to the future. Let us try to make these coming moments in time as memorable as those in the past have been and let us work towards the betterment of Capitular Masonry, and in general, the whole Masonic fraternity.

Again it's my pleasure to be here. I look forward to an exciting session; to an exciting Capitular year. I thank you for the hospitality and hope to greet many of you during the day and as we continue through the session.

Most Excellent, thank you for this opportunity.”

Right Worshipful Brother Himes’ comments were received with a hearty round of applause.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

Most Excellent Companion Dale G. Ray, Grand Secretary announced that several visiting Grand High Priests of other jurisdictions, being in attendance should be accorded honorary membership in our Grand Chapter. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Companions to present honorary memberships to:

M. Ex. Comp. George Smith, Grand High Priest, Ohio Prince Hall Grand Chapter

M. Ex. Comp. J. Donald Satterlee, Sr., Past Grand High Priest, Illinois

M. Ex. Comp. James J. Vann, Sr., Past Grand High Priest, Michigan

These three Companions were conducted west of the Altar and presented certificates acknowledging this honor by Grand High Priest Justus, assisted by Grand Secretary Ray.

EXPLANATION OF BALLOT

At this time, Most Excellent Companion Justus directed all tellers to report to their Chairman. Rt. Excellent Companion James Pace, Grand Guard, explained the voting procedure to the delegates.

Grand High Priest Justus then declared the ballot open for election of officers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the One Hundred Eighty Eighth Annual Convocation, held in Dayton, Ohio on October 6 & 7, 2004 be approved as printed and distributed. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**REPORT OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME
Dale G. Ray, President of the Board of Trustees**

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I now bring you the report of the Ohio Masonic Home committee. The Ohio Masonic home is our oldest and largest Masonic charity and now consists of four operating subsidiaries that provide nursing care, assisted living and retirement living communities and additionally, a benevolent endowment foundation that provides money management and hopefully, financial growth services for our endowment fund. We are presently located on three campuses. Our newest service is called Masonic Senior Services, which provides services to the Mason in his home. This reflects the growing trend in senior health services to provide stay-at-home services as long as possible.

My most pleasant duty today is to introduce our chief executive officer who's going to speak to us for the first time. He has been with us for a year now and actually hit the ground running. It is my pleasure to introduce David Bannerman, our new Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Masonic Home. He was born in Avon Lake, Ohio; received an undergraduate degree in social work from Ohio State University and a master's degree in healthcare management administration from Central Michigan University. He has worked in child welfare; started the Epilepsy Association of Western Ohio; he has been in a long-term care since 1984 where he was administrator of the Brethren Home. He was Vice-President of the Brethren Retirement Community, and he has worked for Ohio PRS, where he ran their Swan Creek facility in Toledo. He is married to Anita and are the parent of two children. In fact it was his father-in-law that got him into Masonry.

The search committee was very proud to have someone of this capability recommend as our chief executive officer and is also a Mason! What more could you ask for?

I ask you all to mark your calendar for November 10, because Dave will be installed as Master of Huber Heights Lodge. His outstanding attribute is his dedication to his profession and to the service of others. Our motto is Care, Concern, and Compassion and Dave is certainly leading us in that path.

Most Excellent, it is my pleasure to introduce David Bannerman, CEO of the Ohio Masonic Home who is present at your altar.”

Companion David Bannerman was conducted to the East, greeted by Grand High Priest Justus and gave the following comments:

**COMMENTS FROM DAVID BANNERMAN
C.E.O. of the Ohio Masonic Home**

“Right Worshipful Brother Himes, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Justus, Past Grand High Priests, Right Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and Companions, Brethren and friends - I'm a lucky guy. I have a job I love, working for one of the oldest retirement communities in Ohio; working to give great service to my fellow Companions and brethren. How many of you think that you're my age or older? Would you please rise? Certainly there are some of you who think you're older than I, so if you are, please rise. Now I know there's a few more!

My wife Anita is glad that I'm old enough that we can share the benefits of living in one of the Ohio Masonic Home communities. Her age alone, would not qualify for her to participate in the Ohio Masonic Home lifestyle. She likes the feeling that she is living in a safe environment, surrounded by beautiful grounds. We enjoy the wonderful relationships with our neighbors and we join in all the activities of our choosing. I want to invite you to join us. That's right. I want you to come to live in my neighborhood.

Now, you pay your way as you go. You don't have to sell the farm to live in our Masonic community. We stopped the practice of asset surrender ten years ago. I want to repeat that - we stopped the process of asset surrender ten years ago. You now pay as you go. Now we did keep on doing two things - we make great friends and we give service with care, concern and compassion. For 112 years, we've never asked anyone to leave because they cannot pay. If you are a Mason in good standing for five years, you are eligible for financial assistance if you run out of funds.

Every morning when I walk into my office building and I climb the grand staircase, I am reminded, by the donation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, of the work of the good Samaritan. Its a beautiful stained glass depiction of the work that we do.

Did you know that you can add at least two years to your life if you moved our retirement communities? It's proven that a supportive and years to your life expectancy, We have a variety of living choices - Browning Masonic Community in Waterville, Ohio, which is just a few miles from Toledo on the banks of the Maumee River. We are across the river from some of the best walleye fishing in the state of Ohio. Our Western Reserve Masonic Community is in Medina at the intersections of Interstate 71 and State Route 18. We also invite you to our original home in Springfield.

In my first year I have learned that we operate one of the most financially strong retirement communities in Ohio. Our strength is built upon the wise investment of the donations that we have gathered over the years. We borrowed money a few years ago to modernize our campuses and just recently reaffirmed our bond rating from Standard & Poor's. Our bond is rated AA- . That means we are a better investment than General Motors or most of the airlines. I want to repeat that's an AA- rating. There are thousands of retirement communities across the country. There is only one - the Ohio Masonic Home, which is the only retirement community in America with a bond rating that high that is not supported by a hospital. We are supported by Brothers, and Companions and Masons all. The strongest in America!

Our foundation, created with gifts, legacies and bequests gathered over the years, is obligated to take care of those who can live on our campuses now. To continue our ability to care for those whose funds become exhausted, we need your support to carry out the mission. The Masonic Home serves Masons, their wives, widows, and members of related Masonic bodies and non-Masons. Periodically, we reach out in other ways. Currently we have three nurses who just returned from providing mass shelter care on behalf of the Red Cross in the Gulf States. We will continue to send work teams throughout the next year to help rebuild lives, homes, and families in the South. Our residents and employees are donating funds to the relief effort. As directed by the Grand Lodge, those funds are being given to the Masonic Service Association for relief. Our board has decided, that because so many residents and employees want to support, that we will match those funds going to this relief effort in the south

Beyond responding to current needs, one of my direct responsibilities is to develop a map for the future. You know that we served children at one time, including training them in an industrial school. We also had a hospital when we needed it, but we converted it to a nursing home when the needs of our companions and brothers changed. As we look to the future we expect to meet our needs in different ways. Many of our Companions did not want to move to Springfield so we now have our homes in Waterville and Medina. What you may want in retirement may be different from our retirement choices offered in the past. One example of how we are changing is by adding additional services, but not with bricks and sticks, but with Masonic Senior Services. As Dale mentioned, this is a new program, enabling companions and their wives or widows to stay in their homes longer. Our Masonic Senior Services staff is now located in Cincinnati, in the Dayton-Springfield area, and in Akron-Medina- Cleveland areas and in Toledo. And they work with families to take advantages of existing community-based services and resources. We can serve more Brethren, in more locations, at a lower cost. Often we help a family during a crisis and that assistance allows everyone time to make more reasonable decisions. If you know of someone in the Masonic Senior Services locations that can benefit from our help, you can look in the *Beacon* for contact information or you can call my office at 937-525-3009, or you can see me after this meeting.

You may know that Most Excellent Companion Bill Berry completed his work in December as a longtime trustee and Chairman of our board of trustees. His leadership is reflected in the outstanding reputation we have within the long-term care industry.

I don't know if you know that two of your most precious friends, Most Excellent Companion Earl Gifford, longtime secretary, and his wife Sally moved to the Masonic Home in Springfield last year. With Earls passing earlier this year into the Celestial Lodge above, we lost a friend, a resident, and former Chairman of our Board. Sally is here and continues to enjoy living with us and is keeping herself busy on campus. Grand Guard Emeritus, Dewey A. McClure, is also with us as is Most Excellent Companion Charles Karth and his wife Marjorie. I am glad that we are neighbors.

As is true in most Masonic families, everyone gets in on the act. Toni Duncan, wife of a junior Past Grand High Priest Steve Duncan, is a Masonic Healthcare board member.

I am pleased that the Grand Chapter is so ably represented on the Ohio Masonic Home board of trustees by our Companions Richard Barchent was also serves on the board of our endowment foundation; Most Excellent Companion Wayne Dill is on our parent board as well as on the board at the Browning Masonic Community. And, of course, the new chairman of the board of the Ohio Masonic Home is Most Excellent Companion Dale G. Ray, Jr., Their service is a hallmark of how well our board, made up of representatives from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, and Ohio Council of Deliberation of the Scottish Rite, come together, in what I understand to be the only body in Ohio where all the bodies work together for a common cause, and they fulfill the Masonic values of “who best can work and best agree.”

You can be confident that the work of the Ohio Masonic Home, serving Masons and those who benefit from our Masonic values throughout Ohio, will continue well into the future.

Most Excellent Companion Justus, I want to thank you for the courtesies extended to me and wish to you a successful and enjoyable 189th Grand Convocation.

Companion Bannerman’s comments were received with a hearty round of applause.

Ballot declared closed

All Companions, having cast ballots, Most Excellent Companion Justus declared the ballot closed and the tellers were instructed to count the ballots and report forthwith.

ROLL CALL of GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, near the Grand Chapter of Ohio was called. They formed lines west of the Altar and received Grand Honors and the thanks of Grand High Priest Justus. He asked each representative to convey his fraternal greetings and his best wishes to the jurisdictions they each represent. All representatives were present (or excused) with the exception of: California, Canada (Province of Ontario), France, France (Grand Mark Lodge), Greece, Israel, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, Portugal, South Carolina and West Virginia..

COMMENTS FROM GEORGE W. KING

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio

“Right Worshipful Brother Himes, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Justus, all the other Grand Chapter Officers, Companions all. I believe it still good morning. Yes, good morning.

I am pleased to be here to bring you greetings from the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio, Royal arch Masons. I am especially happy that we have been

gathering together to work out, or work together I should say, for the benefit of all Masons and their appendent bodies.

I thank the Grand Chapter for all the amenities that they have given me since I've been here. I am proud that I was able to attend this time, because the Most Excellent Grand High Priest already alluded to the fact that the last time he saw me I was under the weather - I was really under the weather at the time.

I hope, and I will formally invite you to attend our grand session in April in Dayton. We will be at the Hope Hotel and we will provide you formal words and hope that as many of you can attend.

Thank you again, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I appreciate everything.

Most Excellent Companion Kings comments were received with a round of applause.

**ANNUAL ADDRESS of the MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
October 5, 2005**

Good morning Companions!

I welcome you to the 189th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. We are gathered in the Holiday Inn Roberts Convention Centre Complex in Wilmington, Ohio. Sharon and I want to express a special thank you to the staff of the Holiday Inn Convention Centre for their courtesies and hospitality in making this transition as easy as possible in moving our Convention to their facility due to the closure of our formal location. The entire staff has been very professional and great to work with; we commend you and appreciate everything you have done to make our stay in your facility a memorable one.

To the distinguished visitors, we are honored by your presence and I do hope your stay with us is pleasant and enjoyable. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for being here at our Grand Convocation. Welcome!

If you have any problems at our convocation, see the Grand King; he can handle any situation.

Do you remember in Dayton, Ohio just a short year ago, it seems like only yesterday, you honored me by electing me as your Grand High Priest and I pledged to you my faith and trust that I would lead this Grand Chapter. I hope the record will show, even when difficult decisions had to be made, I fulfilled those promises. My Companions, I am here today to express, most humbly, my thank you for that opportunity. My Lady Sharon and myself will cherish those special "moments" and "memories", traveling across this state of Ohio for the years to come.

To the Grand Chapter Officers, District Deputies Grand High Priests, Past Grand High Priests, District Educational Officers and Companions we welcome you and thank you for your support, hospitality and friendship throughout the year, without you, this year would have not been possible. You are the Greatest! Thank you.

To the Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, Most Illustrious Companion Robert R. Rettig, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur

D. Michael, Jr. and their Ladies, thank you for your friendship. I know when Sharon and I have the time to stop and reflect, we will look back on those moments together with fondness of our time spent together as Friends, Brothers, and Companions. Welcome!

Before I give you an accounting of the activities as your Grand High Priest, we must pause and reflect on those who have gone on before us; filled with the memories of those special people who have touched our lives. We will now have the Necrology report from Right Excellent Companion, F. Ray Sharritts, Grand Chaplain and Necrologist.

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

Rt. Ex. Comp. Raymond Sharritts, Grand Chaplain

“When the Psalmists of old came to those experiences of life that overwhelmed them, often they looked for symbols and most often they looked to the hills; and as they looked to the hills, they raised their arms up as we do in our Blue Lodge. And as they looked to the hills, they realized that here was a symbol of the presence of God and the faithfulness of God. And the Psalmist said to us, ‘I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help’.

As we come to this time of remembering those great giants of our fraternity who have died this past year. This is a most important and significant time (*audio lost*). He has blessed us and that he has touched us. We have experienced the deaths of some who have journeyed with us and touched us in very unique and special ways. We have learned from them the importance of life and that life is a gift and that we cannot control or number the days that we have. We must take the gift that God gives us and we must use it, and we must somehow anchor our faith as the hills about us. It's good to remember that as we are here in Wilmington in the southwestern part of the state because we are constantly surrounded by the rolling hills. The great glaciers stopped. If you travel between Wilmington and Washington Courthouse, you'll see where the glacier stopped as it moved its way into this part of the state and you'll see the beautiful rolling hill and that constant reminder as the Psalmist spoke to us. That powerful image of God's presence and the realization of the gift that God gives us.

It seems for me now, almost a lifetime ago, I remember the student church where I served in the Catskills. It was a very small congregation, so small that they could not afford a full-time pastor. I was placed there as a student. Every Sunday I would travel from New Jersey up into the lower part of New York State. Travel into the beautiful hills and into this small community. All around this little church was the most beautiful garden that I've ever seen in my life. There was an eighty-year-old gentleman who lived about a block away from the church. He tended this flower garden. Every day he would come and he would work. And I marveled at the commitment at the commitment that he made to this. And I wonder why he did this. We didn't have the money to pay him. No one really appreciated most of the time what he was doing but the flowers simply made this little, simple white church come alive.

One afternoon in early autumn I sit down with him and I asked him, ‘Why do you do this?’ ‘Why do you spend your days working in the soil and working with these flowers?’ No one really pays too much attention to the beautiful work that you do and why do you

do this?' He simply smiled and said, 'I must keep my life full of the right things.' Now at twenty-five, I didn't really understand what he was saying to me. But at my present age I now understand what he was saying. I must keep my life full of the right things. As long as God gave him health and gave him life, he needed to be doing things to enrich other people's lives. He needed to do that little extra thing in which he found the secrets of holy living. Isn't that what our life as Master Masons is all about? To learn to be upright and just men; to learn to sow; to control the passions of our lives; that we make a difference in other person's lives. As we too fill our lives with the right things, they have an affect on fashioning the life within us and the lives of those about us.

The other evening as we gathered as a grand family and we read the names of the Past Grand High Priest who had died and the companions who had died this past year and we celebrated the uniqueness of their careers and what they have done for us. It's like my eighty-year-old friend - a life filled with righteousness, and with good things. As we come to this time of remembering each year, we must always re-focus ourselves and realize the gift and the opportunities that God gives us.

What are you doing with your life? What does it mean to be a Royal arch Mason? What difference are you making? What happens to you that makes you different from everybody else that you need and that you know? We learn in these everyday experiences of giving, of living and dying, that as our inner life develops, as our own personal temple is erected in our Masonic terminology, that the square is there forming who we are; that the plumb line is measuring us; that the rule is affecting us; and the foundation is laid. A fabric is there that cannot crumble and cannot be destroyed. Our lives are filled with the right things. And when we shall die and go to that eternal life and fill our appropriate stations, our companions shall again find their places and assume their stations of labor, and as they speak of us, they shall speak of our greatness. They shall speak of us as people who filled their lives with the right things of life. They shall speak with fond memories and cherish the gifts that we bring.

This is the precious gift that God brings to us - this is the blessedness of being a child of God and of being a Master Mason.

Let us pray:

'Great Architect of the Universe, we humbly lift up each of our friends, our brothers, our Companions from each of our Chapters, our Lodges, who have died this past year. We reluctantly offer them again into your hands. We pray that you will receive them; that they will hear your blessing of - 'Well done good and faithful servant.' And within our hearts and within our memories, we will find there, that blessing. That our lives have been enriched because they have labored with us; they have given us that witness of what it means to be a Master Mason; a Companion; one who has committed his life to being just and upright and truly a child of God'.

Amen"

IN MEMORIAM

2004-2005

Other Grand Jurisdictions

Alabama

Joseph D. Bracken, PGHP, PGM, PIGM & PGC, Died November 27, 2004

Arkansas

Jack Sharp, PGHP, PIGM, & GCGen, Died October 8, 2004

Kansas

K. Maynard Curtis, PGHP 1978 & PGIM 1972, Died June 9, 2005

Massachusetts

Charles A. Cross, PGHP 1967-1969, Died March 26, 2004

Quebec, Canada

Anthony J. Calderisi, Past Gr. First Principal, Died August 4, 2005

Rhode Island

Earl S. Palmer, Jr., PGHP 2000 & PGIM 1993, Died October 8, 2004

Earl S. Downey, PGHP 1990, Died November 2004

C. Leigh Kingsford, PGHP 1973 & PGIM 1967, Died November 9, 2004

South Carolina

Everette T. Deitz, PGHP 1986 & Hon..PGIM 1996, Died October 8, 2004

H. Dwight McAlister, Hon. PGHP 1991, PGM 1964, PGIM 1976 & Hon.
PGC 1977, Died March 24, 2005

David S. Hucks, Jr., PGHP 1982, Died May 23, 2005

Texas

J. T. Mabry, PGHP 1983, Died November 11, 2004

B. C. Courtney, PGHP 1999 & PIGM 1993, Died May 3, 2005

Wyoming

Milton Bowers, Gr. King & PGIM, Died October 2004

In Memoriam - Ohio

Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

James A. Getty, PGHP 1974-1975, Died March 18, 2005

Earl C. Gifford, PGHP 1980-1981, Died March 26, 2005

Dwight L. Kane, PGHP 1971 – 72, Died January 30, 2005

Robert J. Maxwell, PGHP 1990-1991, Died November 18, 2004

Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Prince Hall

Thomas J. Harriel, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, Died June 13, 2005

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar

Sylvester L. Maust, Past Gr. Commander 1997-1998, Died March 12, 2005

Appointments

Immediately following my installation as Grand High Priest, in accordance with the requirement of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, I made the following appointments of Grand Officers:

Grand Chaplain and Necrologist	R.E.C. F. Raymond Sharritts
Grand Guard	R.E.C. James C. Pace
Grand Guard Emeritus	R.E.C. Dewey A. McClure
Grand Marshall	R.E.C. Ralph M. Curtiss
Grand Historian	R.E.C. Norman G. Lincoln
Grand Fraternal Correspondent	R.E.C. Glen L. Opp
Grand Musician	R.E.C. Robert L. Jordan
Grand Parliamentarian	R.E.C. George Hall

As prescribed by Section 25.01 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws, I appointed the required standing committees and other committees to serve our Grand Chapter. I appointed twenty-five District Deputies Grand High Priest to represent me in the Capitular Districts and twenty-five District Educational Officers to serve in the respective Capitular Districts. There are only nineteen Capitular Districts this Capitular year because of the suspension of the 12th Capitular District. The remaining Chapters were merged into the 5th and 13th Capitular Districts respectively. A complete listing of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, District Educational Officers and committees were included in Bulletin No. 1 and will be included in the printed proceedings of this annual Grand Chapter. I also appointed R.E.C. George Hall as Grand Parliamentarian, his service to the Grand Chapter has been invaluable and my recommendation is for this appointment to continue.

It was also my pleasure to appoint Companion Richard P. Barchent, Jr. to a three-year term as a trustee on the Ohio Masonic Home Board due to the retirement of M. Ex. Comp. William M. Berry starting January 1, 2005. Companion Barchent joins two other dedicated Most Excellent Companions, Wayne S. Dill and Dale G. Ray, Jr. I would also commend both these Brothers for their service of performing the duties required of them as members of the Board of Trustees. M.E.C. Dale G. Ray is also serving as the President of the Board. When you see these Companions, be sure to thank them for their contributions and service to this Grand Chapter.

In addition, I appointed Excellent Companion Thomas D. Branscomb and Excellent Companion Robert Daub as Grand Aids to the Grand High Priest. Both these Companions are very supportive of all Masonic Bodies in the central Ohio area.

On September 9, 2005 I appointed Right Excellent Companion Ronald L. Craft as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Second District subsequent to the resignation of Right Excellent Companion James V. Terry due to severe health problems. On September 9, 2005, I presented Right Excellent Companion Terry with his Past District Deputy's Jewel at his home. It was a very emotional experience and was most

appreciated by Right Excellent Companion Terry, who later passed away on September 13, 2005.

Grand Representatives

This year I accepted the resignations of four Grand Representatives and I want to thank those Companions for their service to the Grand Chapter and Capitular Masonry. They are as follows:

Alfred T. Johnson	Illinois
Jean W. Justus, Jr.	England, Mark Masters Lodge
Anthony Caito, Jr.	Alberta, Canada
John W. Purdy	Kansas

Two Grand Representatives went on to their eternal rest during this year and they are as follows:

Earl C. Gifford	Saskatchewan, Canada
Robert J. Maxwell	Connecticut

It was my pleasure to recommend the following Grand Representatives from Sister Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Some recommendations were approved and while several are still under consideration. They are as follows:

Jean W. Justus, Jr.	Illinois
Paul M. Dunkle	England, Mark Masters Lodge
James C. Pace	Alberta, Canada
Ralph M. Curtiss	Saskatchewan, Canada
R. Keith O'Dell	Kansas
Wing Fun Chow	Connecticut

Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, near our Sister Jurisdictions, upon recommendation by their Grand High Priest, was appointed by me. He is:

Thomas L. Cumberland	Mississippi
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Depositories

North Akron Savings Bank was designated as the depository for the General Funds and other funds for the Grand Chapter pursuant to sections 11.02 and 11.03 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws.

Surety Bonds

In conformance to sections 11.01 and 13.02 of this Grand Chapter, surety bonds for the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are in force with the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$25,000.00 each. This same policy provides coverage for each elected Secretary and Treasurers of our constituent Chapters in the amount of \$10,000.00 each

Safety Deposit Box

The safety deposit box at First Merit Bank, Barberton Branch, was examined on June 10, 2005 and a listing made of all certificate of deposits contained therein. These conformed to the list in the records of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. The box

also contained the original handwritten and typewritten ritual, microfilmed copies of Annual Returns, four P.G.H.P. jewels, and two old style P.G.H.P. jewels, and records of the Grand Chapter. This action conforms to the requirements of section 11.03 of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

Dispensations

A listing of the dispensations granted to chapters appears in "Appendix A" in the proceedings.

By-Laws Approved

The following chapters submitted changes to their By-Laws this year and were approved by the Grand High Priest. They are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
October 20, 2004	To Cuyahoga Falls Chapter No. 225 amendments to By-Laws, election and installation of officers and appointed
October 20, 2004	To Tuscarawas Chapter No. 38 amendments to By-Laws election and installation of officers and appointed
December 16, 2004	To Shelby Chapter No. 178 amendments to By-Laws, election and installation of officers and appointed
December 31, 2004	To East Palestine Chapter No. 204 amendments to By-Laws, elective officers and appointed
January 2, 2005	To Logan Chapter No. 75 amendments to By-Laws, elective officers and appointed
February 16, 2005	To Covenant-Thatcher Chapter No. 222 - amendments to By-Laws, fees
February 28, 2005	To King Cyrus Chapter No. 207 - amendments to By-Laws to change meeting night, fees
July 8, 2005	To Greenville Chapter No. 77- complete By-Laws change
July 8, 2005	To Summit-Baker Chapter No. 74 - complete By-Laws change.

There were additional requests submitted that did not require approval of the Grand High Priest.

Proxies Issued

Proxies were authorized and issued to the following Companions to be my personal representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, representing me at various functions that I could not attend

November 15, 2005	To REC Kermit V. Zimmerman, Grand King, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in December, 2004.
February 7, 2005	To EC Nelson C. McLarkey, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Chapter of Germany in February, 2005.
February 7, 2005	To REC Curtis M. Jackson, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma in April, 2005.

February 14, 2005	To EC John C. Watkins, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Grand Chapter of North Carolina in April, 2005.
February 26, 2005	To REC Richard P. Williams, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in March, 2005.
May 20, 2005	To REC Robert J. Dray Grand Principal Sojourner, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Chapter of Vermont in June, 2005.
June 7, 2005	To REC Robert W. Thomas and Lady Donna, to bring fraternal greetings at the Grand Chapter of Amaranth in Ohio, 2005.
August 8, 2005	To REC Donald R. Forquer, DDGHP 11th District to bring fraternal greetings at Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, Ontario, Canada in August, 2005.

Chapter Mergers and Consolidations

As your Grand High Priest, it is one of my responsibilities to merge or consolidate chapters when all avenues have been exhausted. The Grand Chapter Code specifies all necessary procedures that must be followed before a decision can be made by the Grand High Priest. Grand Chapter will assist any chapter, upon request, to prevent mergers and the loss of membership. I do want to wish all merging Chapters prosperity and complete success.

The following are the mergers completed this Capitular year:

November 30, 2004	Thatcher Chapter No. 101 into Covenant Chapter No. 222
November 8, 2004	Baker Chapter No. 139 into Summit Chapter No. 74
June 1, 2005	Port Lawrence Chapter No. 176 into Toledo Chapter No. 161

Dedications and Rededications

During this Capitular year several Chapters celebrated anniversaries and one Chapter moved to a new location. I would like to thank all these Chapters for their time and effort in planning, organizing, and celebrating their milestones in service to this Grand Chapter. The Grand Officers are to be commended for their time, effort and dedication in attending these ceremonies. The miles traveled by the Grand Officers and their ladies was very much appreciated by this Grand High Priest. Thank you. The following is a list of Dedications and Rededications:

November 14, 2004	Lafayette Chapter No. 60
December 12, 2004	Shelby Chapter No. 178
April 30, 2005	Marion Chapter No. 62
June 11, 2005	East Palestine Chapter No. 204 Dedication

I would like to extend my congratulations to East Palestine Chapter No. 204 for moving into their new Capitular Apartments at Allen Masonic Lodge. The Grand Chapter of Ohio wishes them success in their new location.

Grand Officers Meetings

The Grand Chapter Officers met four times during this Capitular year. These meetings allowed for various committees to meet, conduct any business, address any

issues presented and distribute the materials for this Capitular year. The Grand Officers meetings were held on the following dates:

August 14, 2004	Delaware Masonic Temple
October 30, 2004	Chillicothe Comfort Inn
February 12, 2005	Delaware Masonic Temple
April 10, 2005	Delaware Masonic Temple

Youth Organizations

I had the pleasure of attending the annual Sessions of the Job's Daughters and the Rainbow for Girls. Due to the change of date of the DeMolay Conclave, I was unable to attend because of a previous commitment. It was very well represented by Right Excellent Companion Kermit V. Zimmerman, Grand King, who gave a good report. There were also several other Grand Chapter Officers in attendance at the conclave and I thank you for your support.

All donations to the youth organizations were presented and I want to thank Grand Chapter for their continued support of all our youth organizations. Remember Companions, the youth of today is the future of tomorrow and they need our encouragement, support in monetary contributions as well as our personal involvement. Support our youth today!

Service Awards

Service award presentations were a highlight of this past year. I had the opportunity to present 25, 50, 60 and even 65 year pins throughout the state of Ohio. The comments made by the Companions on their years of dedicated service to the Fraternity and to Masonry were very encouraging to this Grand High Priest. Many Chapters planned a special service and awards night that I was able to attend to assist in making those presentations. To all of the Chapters and their secretaries, thank you for the extra efforts in honoring these well-deserved Companions.

Royal Arch Charities

Ohio Masonic Homes: It was my pleasure to be invited to attend the quarterly meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Homes these past two years. It was also my pleasure to appoint Companion Richard P. Barchent, Jr. to a three year term as a trustee due to the retirement of Most Excellent Companion William M. Berry from the Board of Trustees. Most Excellent Companion Dale G. Ray, Jr., the new President of the board and Most Excellent Companion Wayne S. Dill are also appointed members from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Companions, we have three Masonic Homes throughout the state. They are: the Masonic Home in Springfield, the Browning Masonic Community in Waterville and the Western Reserve Community in Medina. Each of these facilities is very impressive and I have had the opportunity to visit each. Every Mason should visit one of these facilities to see our Masonic philosophy at work each and every day of the year. Companions, the Ohio Masonic Home is a very special charity. I pray that you will continue to donate and support these homes.

Royal Arch Foundation

In 2002 the Royal Arch Foundation was approved through legislation at this Grand Chapter. The “Adopt America Network” located in Toledo, Ohio was chosen by the Board of Trustees to support for at least a three-year period. Their goal of finding permanent homes for special needs and older children have gone beyond all expectations. Our Foundation President, M. Ex. Comp. Robert D. Crabbs has been doing an exemplary job, as have all the board members of the Foundation. We commend them for their dedication and service to this Grand Chapter. If you have an opportunity to attend any of the sponsored events of the “Adopt America Network”, please do so, and pledge them your support. The service they provide to the children and their families will make you understand why we need to support this very worthwhile charity.

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) continues with business as usual at the Able Planet Research Center. This Center offers in depth testing of the central auditory nervous system functions by an audiologist certified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. The center’s goal is to provide comprehensive central auditory processing information and individualized management. They can be contacted at Able Planet, Inc. 2900 South College, Suite 3B, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525. As the Grand Chapter of Ohio continues to be one of the largest contributors, I would like to say thank you to all of the Companions of the state for their continued support of this charity.

Visitations

While traveling around this state making visitations at Chapters, I usually came unannounced. I received many unusual comments and some very strange expressions on the faces of the Companions of whom I visited. I was always received with friendliness and great hospitality. I did manage to visit all nineteen Capitular Districts at least once and other districts several times. Most of my visits were for inspections, receptions, service pins presentations and for a Chapter Table Lodge in the eleventh Capitular District.

The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, held in Cleveland, Ohio was attended by me and several of the Grand Chapter Officers. We were well received and the courtesies and hospitality was exceptional. I brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Ohio and extended an invitation for representatives from the Prince Hall to attend our 189th Grand Convocation in Wilmington, Ohio so we might extend our fraternal greetings to their representatives.

To my traveling Companions, Thomas D. Branscomb, James C. Pace, Ralph M. Curtiss, Don and Theda Losasso who made sure I had company traveling to the different functions, I give to you a great big Thank You. You made the trips very special memories. But most especially to my Lady Sharon, who traveled with me to receptions, inspections, and all the special occasions; you were my chief navigator and I was in very good company.

I would also extend my fraternal greetings and congratulations on a successful year to Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; Most Illustrious Companion Robert R. Rettig, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio; and Sir Knight Arthur D. Michael, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Ohio. Sharon and I enjoyed getting to know these Companions and their ladies as we traveled across this state. It has been an honor to serve with you.

A detailed list of my visitations appears in "Appendix B" in the proceedings.

Recommendations:

1. Continue the York Rite Long Range Planning Committee. There are some very good recommendations coming from that committee.
2. Support our Chapter's philanthropies: The Ohio Masonic Homes, The Royal Arch Foundation, and Royal Arch Research Assistance.
3. Recommend that the Committee on Charters and Dispensations work more directly with Chapters considering a merger or consolidation, to address issues that could prevent the loss of a chapter and membership.
4. Increase support and participation with all Masonic Youth Organizations.
5. Increase the use and upgrade the Grand Chapter's Web Site to promote Capitular Masonry in Ohio and maintain for functional uses.
6. Establish, through legislation in the Grand Chapter of Ohio, a Chapter No. 0 for the purpose of a Grand Master's One-Day Class to be held in Ohio in conjunction with York Rite Masonry; that new Master Masons could receive the first degree of Capitular Masonry and those new members names, addresses, and any additional information would be forwarded to Chapters listed on the petitions; that the new members may choose a Chapter in their area. This Chapter (0) would be a holding and information chapter only.
7. Obtain tax exempt status for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio organization.

Appreciation:

The greatest compliment you may bestow upon anyone is a thank you for the giving of their time to mentor you through a difficult task. Although a labor of love may not be termed a task or difficult, there are many, who through their actions of encouragement and guidance, started my Masonic journey in 1970. To the Brethren of Heber Lodge No. 501 - Thank you for your confidence and support; to the Fifth Capitular District and all the Companions of the district - Thank you for all your support throughout the many years as I advanced through the Grand Chapter line and as your District Deputy Grand High Priest; to each of the Chapters of the Fifth District - Thank you. You were there to support me when called upon to assist. To the Companions of Circleville Chapter No. 20 who has made my year as Grand High Priest a pleasant memory for the years to come. Also, to my other Masonic affiliations for being part of my year as Grand High Priest and not making too many demands of my time for this year - thank you.

To the Grand Officers, District Deputies Grand High Priest, District Educational Officers and Past Grand High Priests who have elevated Capitular Masonry in Ohio to the next level, I say Thank you. No Grand High Priest could ask for any more support. Your friendships hold a special place in our hearts. God Bless all of you. You are the greatest!

To all the Ladies and Companions throughout the State of Ohio - for the hospitality and friendship. Thank-you. To Right Excellent George Hall, Grand Parliamentarian, for his advice, guidance, dedication and friendship. Sharon and I appreciate all the help you have provided to us this year. Thank-you.

To Most Excellent Companion Dale G. Ray, Jr. and Jackie - Thank you for all the work you do for Grand Chapter and your friendship. Those chicken dinners are the best.

To my wife and life partner of almost thirty-nine years, Sharon- you have been there by my side every step of the way, supporting me, encouraging me, keeping me humble, and pointing me in the right direction on our travels across the state this year. You are my Navigator and the Love of my Life; I Love You and thank you for sharing your life with me.

Conclusion

Companions, time passes ever so slowly on a warm summer days, sitting under a shade tree with a cool drink. Tomorrow, it will be time to pass on the leadership of this Grand Chapter. I know you will support Right Excellent Companion Kermit V. Zimmerman, the Grand King, as you have supported me. The circle is complete and the time is here. I have the utmost respect for Right Excellent Companion Zimmerman as our friendship goes back many years in service to the Masonic Fraternity and the 8th Masonic District.

The Friendships we have made traveling for this Grand Chapter will last a lifetime for Sharon and me. Thank you for sharing your time with us.

The Circle of Unity Starts with You. May the Circle of God's Love embrace you and your loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean W. Justus, Jr.
Grand High Priest

The report of the Grand High Priest was received with a standing ovation. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted, approved, and referred to the Committee on Topical Reference for division and reference. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Appendix A (Dispensations Granted)
2004-2005**

Date	Purpose
Oct. 13, 2004	To <u>Port Lawrence Chapter No. 176</u> to hold a special election October 25, 2004 to elect a new secretary.
Oct. 17, 2004	To <u>Wakeman Chapter No. 177</u> to hold joint inspection (All-degree Day) November 6, 2004.
Oct. 17, 2004	To <u>P.B. Morgan Chapter No. 233</u> to hold joint inspection (All-Degree Day) November 6, 2004 in Oberlin Masonic Temple
Oct. 17, 2004	To <u>Corwin-Webb Chapter No. 205</u> to relocate to the Cleveland Masonic Center, 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Nov. 5, 2004	To <u>Wauseon Chapter No. 111</u> to hold a special election to elect a High Priest on November 17, 2004.
Nov. 17, 2004	To <u>Xenia Chapter No. 36</u> to hold Mark Master Degree at the annual Inspection December 4, 2004 no special meeting called.
Dec. 10, 2004	To <u>Lancaster Chapter No. 11</u> to hold business meetings in lower level of Lancaster Masonic Temple from January 25, 2005 through March 23, 2005 for heating cost. All Degree Work to be in dedicated apartments.
Jan. 1, 2005	To <u>East Palestine Chapter No. 204</u> to hold Stated Meetings and Degree Conferrals at the Allen Masonic Lodge, Columbiana, Ohio.
Feb. 1, 2005	To <u>Wakeman Chapter No. 177</u> to confer the Most Excellent Master Degree at Oberlin Chapter Inspection on February 10, 2005.
Feb. 16, 2005	To <u>Hiram Chapter No. 18</u> to hold a special Election on March 1, 2005 to elect a Scribe.
Feb. 22, 2005	To <u>North West Chapter No. 45</u> to participate in Tri-State (Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio) in Angola, Indiana on February 26, 2005
April 1, 2005	To <u>Star Chapter No. 126</u> to hold Stated Meetings and degree conferrals at Mechanicsburg Masonic Temple, North Main St., Mechanicsburg, OH.
April 7, 2005	To <u>North West York Rite Festival</u> to hold a York Rite Festival on May 5, 2005 Findlay, Ohio.
April 14, 2005	To <u>Crystal Chapter No. 157</u> to hold a special Election by April 30, 2005 to elect a Principal Sojourner.
April 16, 2005	To <u>Mid Ohio York Rite Festival</u> to hold a York Rite Festival on April 16, 2005 Mansfield, Ohio.
April 28, 2005	To <u>Unity Chapter No. 16</u> to hold a Outdoor Mark Master degree on May 14, 2005 at Piqa, Ohio.
April 28, 2005	To <u>Third Capitular District</u> to hold a Joint Installation in Hamilton, Ohio on June, 25, 2005.
May 9, 2005	To <u>Crestline Chapter No.88</u> for permission for Ex. Companion E.J.Toy to serve as High Priest for 2005- 2006 Capitular year.
May 20, 2005	To <u>Tuscarawas Chapter No. 38</u> to Permission for Ex. Comp. William T. McGuire to serve as High Priest for 2005, 2006 Capitular year.
May 26, 2005	To <u>Central Ohio York Rite Festival</u> to hold a York Rite Festival on June 4, 2005 in Chillicothe, Ohio.
June 29, 2005	To <u>Silver Creek Chapter No. 144</u> to hold an Outdoor Mark Master Degree on September 19, 2005 at Shalersville, Ohio

- July 4, 2005 To **Sixteenth Capitular District** to participate in the Annual Fourth of July Parade in Cleveland, Ohio.
- July 8, 2005 To **Adoniram Chapter No. 73** to change Stated meeting night from September through December 2005.
- July 8, 2005 To **Oberlin Chapter No. 219** to hold a special election on July 18, 2005 for election and installation of officers.
- August 21, 2005 To **Alliance Chapter No. 83** to hold a special election, September 26, 2005.
- August 24, 2005 To **Circleville Chapter No. 20** to open the 189th Annual Grand Convocation of The Grand Chapter of the State of Ohio.

Appendix B (Visitations)

October 6, 2004	Grand Chapter Of Ohio	Dayton, Ohio
October 11, 2004	Grand Commandery of Ohio	Girard, Ohio
October 12, 2004	Grand Commandery of Ohio Drill Competition	Girard, Ohio
October 15, 2004	Grand Lodge of Ohio	Cleveland, Ohio
October 16, 2004	Grand Lodge of Ohio	Cleveland, Ohio
October 22, 2004	Steven A. Duncan White Hat Ceremony	Clarksville, Ohio
October 24, 2004	Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day	Circleville, Ohio
October 29, 2004	Grand Chapter Officers/ PGHP Dinner	Chillicothe, Ohio
October 30, 2004	Grand Chapter 5 District GHP Reception	Chillicothe, Ohio
October 31, 2004	Stated -Circleville Chapter No.20	Circleville, Ohio
November 1, 2005	Stated -Tyrian No. 60, Royal Master	Circleville, Ohio
November 5, 2005	Inspection Athens Chapter No.39	Athens, Ohio
November 6, 2005	Rededication Pickaway No.23	Circleville, Ohio
November 6, 2005	Ohio Prior No. 18 Annual Meeting	Cincinnati, Ohio
November 8, 2005	Inspection Summit Chapter No.74	Cleveland, Ohio
November 9, 2005	Inspection Logan Chapter No.75	Logan, Ohio
November 10, 2005	Inspection West Gate Chapter No.216	Columbus, Ohio
November 11, 2005	Inspection Hillsboro Chapter No.40	Hillsboro, Ohio
November 12, 2005	Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus	Columbus, Ohio
November 13, 2005	Grand Chapter DEO School.	Delaware, Ohio
November 14, 2005	Rededication Lafayette Chapter No.60	Bellefontaine, Ohio
November 14, 2005	Installation, Arthur E. Reuber DEO 6 th Dist.	Bellefontaine, Ohio
November 14, 2005	Presentation 50 year Award	Bellefontaine, Ohio
November 14, 2005	Presentation 60 year Award	Bellefontaine, Ohio
November 17, 2005	Inspection Shelby Chapter No.178	Shelby, Ohio
November 17, 2005	Presented Grand Rep. Jewel, MEC Crabbs	Shelby, Ohio
November 18, 2005	Masonic Service REC Bickelhaupt PDDGP	Waverly, Ohio
November 20, 2005	Grand Commander Banquet	Steubenville, Ohio
November 22, 2005	Masonic Home Board Meeting	Springfield, Ohio
November 22, 2005	Inspection Warren Chapter No.6	Newark, Ohio
November 27, 2005	White Shrine Annual Banquet	Columbus, Ohio
November 29, 2005	Insp. Walnut Chapter No.172	Canal Winchester, Ohio
November 30, 2005	Inspection Lancaster Chapter No.11	Lancaster, Ohio
December 1, 2005	Inspection Shawnee Chapter No.237	Springfield, Ohio
December 3, 2005	Inspection Trowel Chapter No.70	Jackson, Ohio
December 4, 2005	Inspection Xenia Chapter No.36	Xenia, Ohio
December 5, 2005	Reception Eminent Prior Groves	Bellefontaine, Ohio
December 6, 2005	Circleville Chapter No.20 Two 50 yr. Pres.	Circleville, Ohio

December 7, 2005		
Ohio		
December 9, 2005	Inspection Marysville Chapter No.68	Marysville, Ohio
December 11, 2005	Inspection Chillicothe Chapter No.4	Chillicothe, Ohio
December 12, 2005	Rededication Shelby Chapter No.178	Shelby, Ohio
December 14, 2005	Inspection Horeb Chapter No.3	Westerville, Ohio
December 14, 2005	Inspection Horeb Chapter No.3	Westerville, Ohio
December 16, 2005	Inspection Portage Chapter No.202	Westerville, Ohio
January 8, 2005	York Rite Cooperation Mtg.	Columbus, Ohio
January 12, 2005	Inspection Mariemont Chapter No.234	Mariemont, Ohio
January 13, 2005	Stated-Scioto Commandery No.35	Circleville, Ohio
January 15, 2005	Inspection Ensawocsa Chapter No.89	Defiance, Ohio
January 22, 2005	Reception MIC. Rettig	Defiance, Ohio
January 28, 2005	Reception Louis VanSlyck	Columbus, Ohio
January 29, 2005	Inspection Circleville Chapter No.20	Circleville, Ohio
January 29, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-20 th Dist.	Concord, Ohio
February 8, 2005	Stated-Heber No. 501	Williamsport, Ohio
February 12, 2005	Grand Chapter Grand Family Meeting	Delaware, Ohio
February 17, 2005	Inspection Ohio Chapter No.12	Columbus, Ohio
February 22, 2005	Reception Gr. Chapter Eastern Star	Columbus, Ohio
February 24, 2005	Inspection Oak Harbor Chapter No.162	Oak Harbor, Ohio
February 28, 2005	Ohio Masonic Home Board	Springfield, Ohio
March 3, 2005	Stated-Orient Lodge No.321	Waverly, Ohio
March 5, 2005	Inspection Blanchester Chapter No.153	Blanchester, Ohio
March 6, 2005	Memorial Service M.Ex.Comp. Dwight Kane	Lancaster, Ohio
March 8, 2005	Inspection Findlay Chapter No.58	Findlay, Ohio
March 9, 2005	Pickaway Scottish Rite Dinner	Circleville, Ohio
March 10, 2005	Lafayette Conclave Order of Red Cross	Athens, Ohio
March 12, 2005	Ohio Priory No.18	Xenia, Ohio
March 18, 2005	LOH DeMolay Priory	Columbus, Ohio
March 18, 2005	4 th Capitular District Dinner	Cincinnati, Ohio
March 19, 2005	Inspection North Bend Mark Lodge	Cincinnati, Ohio
March 19, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception- 4 th Dist .	Cincinnati, Ohio
March 20, 2005	Breakfast 4 th District Officers Assn.	Cincinnati, Ohio
March 22, 2005	Memorial Service MEC James A. Getty	Elyria, Ohio
March 23, 2005	Maundy Memorial, Valley of Toledo	Toledo, Ohio
March 29, 2005	Memorial Service M.Ex.Comp. Earl C. Gifford	Marietta, Ohio
March 30, 2005	Inspection Dwight Warehime Mark Lodge	Pleasant City, Ohio
April 2, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-9 th Dist.	Norwalk, Ohio
April 5, 2005	Planning Meeting Grand Chaplain	Lancaster, Ohio
April 7, 2005	Blanchester Eastern Star	Blanchester, Ohio
April 9, 2005	Grand Master One Day Class	Rio Grande, Ohio
April 10, 2005	Grand Officers Mtg.-Finance Committee Mtg.	Delaware, Ohio
April 11, 2005	Dare Program Westfall School	Williamsport, Ohio
April 16, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-15 th Dist.	Bellaire, Ohio
April 23, 2005	Grand Chapter RAM Prince Hall	Cleveland, Ohio
April 23, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-11 th Dist.	Columbus, Ohio
April 26, 2006	Grand Chapter RAM Indiana	Indianapolis, Ind.
April 27, 2006	Grand Chapter RAM Indiana	Indianapolis, Ind.
April 29, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-10 th Dist.	Mansfield, Ohio
April 30, 2005	Rededication Marion Chapter No.62	Marion, Ohio
April 30, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-7 th Dist.	Marion, Ohio

May 4, 2005 Ohio	Grand High Priest Reception-13 th Dist.	Athens,
May 7, 2005	Northwest York Rite Festival	Findlay, Ohio
May 7, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-19 th Dist.	East Liverpool, Ohio
May 9, 2005	Inspection Corwin-Webb No. 205	Cleveland, Ohio
May 14, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-18 th Dist.	Alliance, Ohio
May 15, 2005	Alan & Naundice Hart 50 th Wedd. Avr	Newcomerstown, Ohio
May 18, 2005	Yellow Dog Degree Pickaway Lodge No.23	Circleville, Ohio
May 19, 2005	Table Chapter York Temple Chapter No.155	Westerville, Ohio
May 19, 2005	Presented 60 Year Service Award-11 th Dist.	Westerville, Ohio
May 20, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-14 th Dist.	Coshocton, Ohio
May 20, 2005	Presented 4-50 Service Awards-14 th Dist.	Coshocton, Ohio
May 21, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-6 th Dist.	Bellefontaine, Ohio
May 22, 2005	York Rite Long Range Planning Mtg.	Mansfield, Ohio
May 23, 2005	Masonic Home Board Meeting	Waterville, Ohio
May 26, 2005	Lafayette Conclave Order of Red Cross	Athens, Ohio
May 29, 2005	5 th District Royal Arch School	Chillicothe, Ohio
June 3, 2005	Ohio Council of Deliberation	Youngtown, Ohio
June 4, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-17 th Dist.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
June 5, 2005	Ohio Masonic Home Day	Springfield, Ohio
June 6, 2005	Stated-Circleville No. 20 Install Officers	Circleville, Ohio
June 10, 2005	Examined Deposit Box Gr. Chapter	Barberton, Ohio
June 11, 2005	Dedication East Liverpool Chapter No.204	Columbina, Ohio
June 13, 2005	Presented 65 Year Award Walnut No.172	C. Winchester, Ohio
June 14, 2005	Stated-Chillicothe No.4 Install Officers	Chillicothe, Ohio
June 16, 2005	Ohio Grand Assembly Job's Daughters	Columbus, Ohio
June 17, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-2 th Dist.	Spencerville, Ohio
June 18, 2005	Grand High Priest Reception-1 st -8 th Dist	Waterville, Ohio
June 25, 2005	3 rd District Joint Installation	Hamilton, Ohio
July 3, 2005	Supreme Council Amarth, Inc.	Columbus, Ohio
July 7, 2005	Ohio Grand Assembly Rainbow Girls	Gambier, Ohio
July 9, 2005	Ohio Lodge Research-New York Research	Cleveland, Ohio
July 16, 2005	Grand King's School-5 th , 13 th , & 14 th Dist.	Logan, Ohio
July 28, 2005	Grand Chapter RAM Illinois	Springfield, Ill.
August 7, 2005	York Rite Picnic Ohio Masonic Home	Springfield, Ohio
August 15, 2005	Grand Chapter Ram Michigan	Bay City, MI.
August 20, 2005	Secretaries-Recorders Mtg.	Delaware, Ohio
August 20, 2005	Annual Masons Day Cincinnati Reds	Cincinnati, Ohio
August 25, 2005	Valley Of Columbus Quadant Mtg.	Circleville, Ohio

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOPICAL REFERENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your Committee on Topical Reference to which was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for division and reference respectfully recommends:

1. That the portion of the report of the Grand High Priest that refers to deceased Companions be referred to the Necrologist.
2. That those portions of the report which refer to Appointments, Safety Deposit Box , Surety Bond, State of the Rite and Visitation be approved.

3. That the portion of the report on the Grand Officers and Deputies be approved.
4. That the portion of the report on Dedications and Re-Dedications be approved.
5. That the portion of the report on Youth Organizations be referred to the Committee on Organizations.
6. That those portions of the Report on the Ohio Masonic Home, Royal Arch Research and the Royal Arch Foundation be referred to the Committee on Charity and Benevolence.
7. That the portion of the report on Recommendations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
8. That the portion pertaining to Appreciation and Conclusion be approved.
9. That the portion of the report on Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
10. That the portion of the report on Proxies be approved.
11. That the portion of the report on Uniform Code of By-Laws and Amendments be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
12. That those portions of the report not covered herein be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted,

Garis E. Pugh, Grand Captain of Host, Chairman

Wing Fun Chow, DDGHP 4th Dist.

John R. Hartsock, DDGHP 6th Dist.

R. Keith O'Dell, DDGHP 5th Dist.

Ire H. Saxton, DDGHP 3rd Dist.

James V. Terry, DDGHP 2ⁿ Dist.

REPORT OF ELECTION

Rt. Excellent Companion James C. Pace, Chairman of the Tellers Committee, reported that the balloting has resulted in the election of the following Grand Officers:

Rt. Ex. Comp. Kermit V. Zimmerman	Grand High Priest
Rt. Ex. Comp. James M. McDonald	Grand King
Rt. Ex. Comp. Garis E. Pugh	Grand Scribe
M. Ex. Comp. Charles McCarty	Grand Treasurer
M. Ex. Comp. Dale G. Ray, Jr.	Grand Secretary
Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert C. Draye	Grand Captain of the Host
Rt. Ex. Comp. Donald L. Losasso	Grand Principal Sojourner
Rt. Ex. Comp. Steven J. Oliver	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Rt. Ex. Comp. James W. Himmelright	Grand Master of the Third Veil
Rt. Ex. Comp. George M. Shell	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert W. Thomas	Grand Master of the First Veil

ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTION – Kermit V. Zimmerman

Rt. Excellent Companion Kermit V. Zimmerman accepted the election to the position of Grand High Priest with the following remarks:

“Eight years ago, this day wasn't even a small blip on the radar screen. Over the course of the past seven years, it seemed as though this day would never arrive. Here it is

and with it has come a rush of emotions - ranging all the way from pure excitement to nervous panic.

Over the course of the past seven years you have annually granted me your vote of confidence and support. In return, I have pledged to work for you in this Grand Chapter with fervency and zeal. Today you have given me the ultimate vote of confidence and I thank all of you for your continuing trust and support. I thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to indulge my passion - Royal Arch Masonry. Heaven help me - I love it so!

To the companions of my District – the friendly fourth district. Most Excellent Companion Terry B. Meyers I am so glad to see you. To my Chapter, Blanchester Chester No. 153, I can't thank you enough for your unwavering loyalty and encouragement. You know, I seem to have a penchant for getting you guys into some trying situations in the past, but you've never failed to rise to the occasion; you've never failed to come through; and you always made me proud to be counted among your number.

To my wife Sue. For those of you that know her, it's been her understanding and her sacrifice that has made this all possible. Without her by my side I would be nowhere; I would be nothing. And it's her love that allows me to be a Royal Arch Mason. It's her love that makes me want to be a better man.

To all the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, there is no other way that I can think of for me to repay the confidence that you have shown in me than to do this job to the very best of my ability and with fervor and zeal.

Most Excellent Companion Justus, it's a honor and a pleasure for me to accept the position of Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

Thank you Companions.”

With the permission of the Grand High Priest, Rt. Excellent Companion Zimmerman received a delegation of Companions from the 4th Capitular district, who approached the East. Rt. Ex. Companion Robert Benton, the senior Deputy of the district then made the following comments:

“I don't know how you say this in frog talk – we will call you Most Excellent in about twenty-four hours. The fourth Capitular district is so proud of you. I don't know what it was when his family named him Kermit. But evidently there was a nice princess walking around and came over kissed him and turned him into a prince. He has been a prince! He has served this Grand Chapter and will continue to serve this Grand Chapter for many years. We in the fourth district, and I know this whole state of Ohio, are extremely proud of our newly elected, and he will soon be installed as Grand High Priest – my friend for years.

You know there's a saying ‘fine as frog hair’, but if you look real close up there, it's awfully fine!

Right Excellent Companion Kermit, it's my pleasure on behalf of the Companions of the fourth Capitular district to present you with this with our congratulations. I hope you

wear it cause we know you've been a little ragged looking after traveling around the state for past eight years.”

Rt. Ex. Companion Zimmerman was presented with a new red blazer from the Companions. He expressed his deep appreciation for their gift and their support.

Following the presentation to Right Excellent Companion Zimmerman, the remaining elected officers were each asked if he accepted his respective station and each answered in the affirmative. Rt. Ex. Companion Zimmerman announced his appointments for the following year:

- R.E.C. Raymond Sharritts, Grand Chaplain & Necrologist
- R.E.C. Donald W. Owens, Grand Guard
- R.E.C. Dewey A. McClure, Grand Guard, Emeritus
- R.E.C. Terry J. Margeson, Grand Marshal
- R.E.C. Norman G. Lincoln, Grand Historian
- R.E.C. Glen L. Opp, Grand Fraternal Correspondent
- R.E.C. Robert L. Jordon, Grand Musician
- E.C. George Hall, Grand Parliamentarian

Right Excellent Companion Zimmerman announced the installation of Grand Officers would take place on Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. with the ladies present.

COMMENTS FROM ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER NEIL M. SMALLEY Deputy for Ohio, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Grand Chapter Officers, distinguished guests and Companions.

It is my personal pleasure to bring you warm fraternal greetings from the Council of Deliberation and the thirty-second degree Masons from the state of Ohio as a member of the family of Freemasonry. Any family needs to know its ancestry and the family of Freemasonry is no exception. I would urge you, for example, to read Mark A. Tabberts recent history of our fraternal family – *‘American of Freemasons, Three Centuries of Building Communities*. It was published in conjunction with the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts. Of special importance in such research is examination of the myths and misunderstandings that cast shadows on our family's life. Like any family, we have had our rebels, but they are hardly representative of what we are. I won't spoil this story with any more details partly because my time is limited and we need to explore what it means to be a fraternal family. There are strong parallels with our own personal family experiences. Our parents and grandparents were the leaders and we were asked to respect their experience and wisdom - not that was always perfect. We have chosen leaders, putting on their shoulders the responsibility to make decisions. In turn, they asked us to respect those decisions and, just as in our own families, to bring any disagreements to the table for study and negotiation. But once the matter has been considered and democratically discussed, then it is our part to follow cheerfully and

wholeheartedly in the chosen path. Well, at least I hope that's how your families handle matters most of the time.

One valuable insight into family and fraternal life was offered by the poet Robert Frost. 'The greatest thing in family', he said, "was to take a hint when a hint was intended.' I suspect that there is a hint or two here about for me to get off my soapbox and shut up and I will take that hint.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I thank you and the officers of this Grand Chapter for the for the very warm hospitality and the courtesies extended to me and wish for you a most successful and rewarding convocation."

Companion Smalley's comments were received with a warm round of applause.

RESOLUTION - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Be it resolved by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the state of Ohio that the Distinguished Service Award be named the Earl C. Gifford Distinguished Service Award.

Whereas, for the years of outstanding service and leadership to this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary, educational services to the Companions by Most Excellent Companion Earl C. Gifford, to the constituent Chapters across the state, that this resolution be adopted at the 189th convocation of the Grand Chapter, assembled in the city of Wilmington, Ohio on this 5th day of October, 2005, A.I. 2535.

Submitted by:

Rt. Ex. Comp. Kermit V. Zimmerman, Grand King
Rt. Ex. Comp. James McDonald, Grand Scribe
M. Ex. Comp. Jean W. Justus, Grand High Priest

A motion was made and supported to adopt this resolution. The motion to adopt was passed by a unanimous voice vote by the delegates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Excellent Companion John W. Purdy, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Finance committee presented the budget for 2005 -2006. He commented that few Deputies submitted expense reports, thus providing the Grand Chapter with significant savings (he expressed his appreciation to the deputies for their donation); that the per-capita increase approved the previous year had generated needed funding; and that in spite of an un-budgeted \$5000.00 expenditure in support of the Grand Lodge's One Day Grand Master's class, that we ended the year were well under our projected budget.

He presented the budget for the upcoming year. He moved for the adoption of the following budget for 2005 - 2006. The motion was supported and approved by the voting delegates.

BUDGET FOR 2005-2006

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2005 – 2006 BUDGET, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE GRAND TREASURER OR GRAND
SECRETARY AS LISTED IN THESE PROCEEDINGS**

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

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2005 – 2006 GRAND TREASURERS REPORT, PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE GRAND TREASURER,
OR THE GRAND SECRETARY AS LISTED IN THESE PROCEEDINGS**

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Accomplishing the work in the Grand Secretary’s Office is still a challenge. Our schedule continues to be seven days a week and ten to twelve hours a day.

Some of the work is becoming easier, but some tasks continue to be time-consuming and even growing, as we slowly get used to doing them and get more organized in the approach to each task.

The work is still enjoyable, though. New challenges come across our desks daily. Jacqueline and I hope that the fifth year will be a charm and that the operation will smooth out. We hope that the fifth year will also be fruitful in getting caught up on Annual Proceedings. Work has started on this major project and we are confident that this will be the year to make a major impact on this project.

Annual Returns

We again printed all Annual Returns in the office, once the information was received from the constituent chapter secretaries. This year twelve Chapters were fined for late returns or late payment of fees. The Committee on Constituent Returns levied the fines. As badly as the Grand Chapter needs funds, we do not want to get it this way. It makes us very sad to collect these fines and we encourage the Secretaries to get their returns in early next year.

Dues Cards

Dues cards were again printed in the Grand Secretary's office. Constituent Chapter Secretaries must give us accurate names, etc. to put on the cards. We again added "Past High Priest" on the dues cards of our Past High Priests.

Membership

	2004	2005
158 Chapters reporting		
Membership at beginning of year	22,494	21,447
Exalted.....	398	370
Admitted.....	64	57
Reinstated	37	51
Withdrawn	175	255
Died	793	773
Suspended or Expelled	578	510
Membership at end of year	21,447	20,386
NET LOSS.....	1,047	1,061
(by percent).....	4.65%	4.94%
Chapters showing gain		16
Chapters showing loss		134
Chapters showing no change		8
Chapters having no exaltation		42
Chapters having no reinstatements		123
Chapters having no suspensions		57
Exalted most candidates:	Hillsboro #40	16
	Warren #6	10

	Mahoning #10	10
	Xenia #36	10
Exalted most candidates (continued)	York-Temple #155	10
	Norwood #193	10
Showing largest numerical gain:	Eaton #22	6
	Union #5	5
	Delta #179	5
Showing 10.0% or more net gain:	None	
	Marshall #47	5.45%
	Union #15	5.24%
Suspended 20 or more members:	Chillicothe #4	37
	Norwood #193	29
Showing greatest loss:	Chillicothe #4	48
	Norwood #193	32
Showing greatest % loss:	Cincinnati #2	20.13%
	Sidney #130	19.23%
District with Gain	None	
District with greatest loss:	Dist. #11	-107
District with Gain %:	None	
District with greatest % loss:	Dist. #2	- 7.93%

Receipts, General Fund and Permanent Fund

THE INFORMATION CONCERNING RECEIPTS TO THE

GENERAL FUND AND PERMANENT FUND ARE NOT INCLUDED

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GRAND SECRETARY AS LISTED IN THESE PROCEEDINGS.

Note: This is an increase of \$40,783.51 from 2003-2004. This is the result of the increase in per capita and a slight improvement in interest rates. While expenses also increased, this is the first time in four years that the Grand Chapter ended the year with a net gain rather than a net loss. We can begin to regain the losses of the last few years.

Ohio Masonic Home

Your Grand Chapter contributed twenty-five cents per member to the operating funds of our Ohio Masonic Home as specified by our Code, amounting to \$5361.75. In addition, as in each of the last 25 years, your Grand Chapter donated \$1500.00 over and above its legal requirement to the operating funds of the Home. Your Grand Chapter

continues to strongly endorse and support our Masonic Home, encouraging our individual members to do the same.

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Contributions to Royal Arch Research Assistance in Ohio from Aug. 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005 totaled \$6,178.35. Money forwarded since that time will be reported next year. Total money contributed from Ohio since the inception of the philanthropy according to our figures is \$455,671. We are pleased to note that 22 Chapters earned 100% Certificates by contributing at least \$1.00 per member during the year, and we warmly congratulate these Chapters. They are listed in the report of the RARA Chairman.

We strongly urge continued support to this very worthwhile endeavor, and ask that chapters continue to send their contributions through the Grand Secretary's office (checks made out to Royal Arch Research Assistance) so that we can assist in seeing proper credit is given to our Chapters and Companions for their efforts.

Audit

The report of the review of our financial records by Tenney, Bailey & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, of Marietta, Ohio is at the desk of the Grand Secretary for viewing by anyone who may wish to examine it in detail. This review includes the records of both the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary for the year 2004-2005.

50, 60 and 65 Year Pins

One hundred thirty-four 50-year pins were reported presented during the 2004-2005 year. As of Sept. 1 another 261 pins have been sent out over the last 2-3 years for which no report of presentation has been received. 401 other Companions are shown by our records to now be eligible, including the ones during the 2005-2006 year. We urge our Secretaries and our District Deputies to follow up on this and try to get these awards to the Companions deserving them.

Twenty-four 60-year pins were reported presented during the year. As of Sept. another fifty-five are out, not yet reported. 138 more companions are eligible.

Five 65-year pins were reported presented during the year.

The procedure for requesting presentation of any of these pins is as follows: **The local Secretary must initiate the request**, since he has the best chance of knowing the location and status of the Companion. Just a note or call to the Grand Secretary's office giving us the name and location of the Companion is all that is needed. If our records confirm his eligibility, and he lives in the local area of his Chapter, we send the pin promptly to the District Deputy, along with the report sheet to be completed and returned to the Grand Secretary's office. A presentation card signed by the Grand High Priest accompanies the pins.

If the Companion lives out of the state or area, and assistance is needed in arranging a presentation, we must have the Companion's address so that we can send it to him or make arrangements with Royal Arch Masons in that area. Up-to-date address is very important.

Available from Grand Secretary's Office

The following materials are available for the use of our constituent chapters:

1. *Chapter Management Manuals, 1998 version.* Every Chapter should have at least three copies. Price is \$8.00 each.
2. The excellent promotional film *Saga of the Holy Royal Arch.* This is available at no cost other than return postage. Advance reservations are needed. The film is now also available in video, and the videos can be purchased for \$15.00 each including shipping from the General Grand Secretary's office, PO Box 489, Danville, KY 40423-0489. The phone is 606-236-0757.
3. *An Unheard Cry* is a new video about R.A.R.A., also available from the General Grand Secretary's office for \$23.00 each including shipping. They also still have *The Lonely World*, in both 16 mm film and video, explaining the research work of Royal Arch Research Assistance.
4. Musical tapes for use with the Most Excellent Master Degree, produced by Apollo Dramatic Chapter. These can be borrowed for a \$10.00 deposit (and you are permitted to make your own copy), or purchased for \$10.00.
5. *Manual of Suggestions for Chapter Officers*, 1984 edition. Every Chapter officer should have one. Price is \$1.00 each.
6. Codes. Up-to-date copies of our Grand Chapter Code are available at \$10.50 each, cover included; or for \$7.00 each for contents only. Postage is extra.
7. Many educational pamphlets. See the Price List your Secretary has.
8. The excellent 2-volume Selby-Walker history of the first 150 years of our Grand Chapter.
9. Back issues of Proceedings of the Ohio Chapter of Research (containing Masonic papers and articles).
10. Various forms for chapter use.
11. York Rite materials, including petitions for degrees (every Chapter should be using these), promotional leaflets, *The York Rite of Freemasonry* by Speidel, York Rite passports.

Price lists have again been sent to all Chapter Secretaries.

Appreciation

Thanks again to the secretaries of the Chapters of this state for the many hours of dedicated effort they spend in maintaining the records and operating the monetary and membership business of their chapters. For most there is little "pay" except for the knowledge that they are doing something worthwhile that needs doing. We appreciate their cooperation with our office.

Fraternally submitted,

Dale G. Ray, Jr., Grand Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grand High Priest Justus announced the school for Kings, Scribes and Companions would be held at 2:00PM under the direction of Grand King Kermit V. Zimmerman and Grand Scribe James McDonald. He further announced that the Order of High Priesthood

would be conferred beginning at 2:30P.M. All current and Past High Priests, not yet members, were encouraged to submit a petition and receive this most impressive work. Our out-of-state visitors were invited to attend.

The Grand Secretary announced the names of twelve Chapters that had not yet registered and suggested that the deputies contact a representative of the Chapter to ensure their attendance on Thursday.

Recess at the Close of the First Day

Most Excellent Companion Justus called the Grand Chapter from Labor to Refreshment until 8:30A.M. on Thursday, October 6, 2005.

Benediction by Rt. Ex. Companion Raymond Sharritts

“Companions, let us pray. God is great and God is good. In this day, we have been in His presence and experienced His joy. And as we stopped in the middle of the day to refresh ourselves; to share in a common meal, we ask for His blessing upon us in the breaking of bread and in the fellowship of the table. That as we share our food and of ourselves, we might experience God's refreshment and renewal. May he be with us and bless us in his name.

Amen.”

GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET

Approximately 310 Royal Arch Masons and their ladies attended the Annual Banquet on Wednesday evening. Among those attending were Miss Whitney Truthan, Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow in Ohio, accompanied by her mother; Mrs, Janince F. Morris, Supreme Deputy for Rainbow; Miss Jessica Schollenberger Miss Ohio Jobs Daughter; Miss Amanda Monte, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters of Ohio; Mrs. Sherri Ligoti, Grand Guardian; Mr. Kelly Hoffman Associate Grand Guardian; Edward A. Jones, State Master Councilor of Ohio DeMolay; H. Jeffery Shaw, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Ohio; Joann M. Hastings, Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, and her husband; and Merlyn E. Meredith, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Ohio and many other Ohio and out-of-state guests.

EARL C. GIFFORD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Most Excellent Companion Justus, at the Grand Banquet presented the Grand Chapter's Distinguished Service Award to the following deserving Companions:

Thomas D. Branscomb, born March 14, 1948, in Columbus Ohio is an electrician for the Ohio State University. Thomas is a Past Master of Groveport Lodge No. 240, Past High Priest of Ohio Chapter No. 12 (five times), Past Illustrious Master of Columbus Council No. 8 (2 times), and a Past Commander of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 (2 times). He received his KYCH in 1995 in Ohio Priory No. 18. He served as president of the 11th Capitular district Officers Association and the 5th Arch Officers Association. He also is a member of Alladin Shrine (Medical Unit), the Royal Order of Scotland, Allied Masonic Degrees, York Rite College, Knight Masons and the Valley of Columbus,

AASR, where he received a special merit award in 1994. He served as aide to the Grand High Priest for the 2004 - 2005 year.

Thomas volunteers as a medical adviser for the annual Mother's Day weekend bicycle run from Columbus to Portsmouth. He is a member of Thurman Ave. Methodist Church, where he has been active in church affairs for many years. His Chapter recommended him for his continued service during difficult times and the leadership that he displayed to revitalize the Chapter. He still portrays several major parts, and quietly takes on many tasks without asking for recognition.

James R. Burgoon, born on January 2, 1930 in Westerville Ohio is director of finance at Franklin University. J. Richard is a Past Master of Blendon Lodge No 339 (3 times), Past High Priest of Horeb Chapter No. 3, Past Illustrious Master of Zabud Council No. 99 and a member of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1. He is a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Columbus and received the 33rd degree in 1992. He graduated from Franklin University in 1959 with a BS in business administration.

Richard and his wife Joanne attend the Church of the Savior, United Methodist in Westerville. He has served the church as an usher for over forty years and also serves on the finance committee. He was in the U.S. Army for two years, spending most of the time in Munich Germany. He serves his brethren in any capacity he is asked. He volunteers his service without being asked and completes tasks in an exemplary manner. He is highly respected among his brethren because he lives up to his Masonic obligations. He has used his professional experience to help his Masonic bodies remain as financially sound as possible. His peers affectionately call him "Whispering Burgoon" because of his booming voice and ritualistic talents.

Harry S. McClarran, born April 18, 1948 in Wooster, Ohio. He is a Past Master of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, Past High Priest and current Scribe of Wooster Chapter No. 27, and a member of Wooster Council No. 13 and Wooster Commandery No. 48. He is a dual member of Crawford Council and Shannon Council, Knight Masons. He was a substitute teacher for one year and is retired from the city of Wooster Water Pollution Control Plant. Harry is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster and a former deacon. Harry received a BA degree in Sociology from Salem College and MA in History from Marshall University.

Harry has been heavily involved in state and national historic organizations. He has written countless articles and papers that have been published. He has been called the driving force in his Chapter, serving as an officer every year since 1981. He serves on district and regional degree teams at festivals and assists other Chapters. His dedication and achievements are especially impressive since he is legally blind.

Jerry K. Ross, born August 20, 1940 in Cincinnati, Ohio is a Past Master of Edenton Lodge 332 (2 times), Past High Priest of Blanchester Chapter No. 153, Past Illustrious Master of Blanchester Council No. 114 and Past Commander of Wilmington Commander No. 37. He is also a member of the Valley of Cincinnati AASR and is a Past Patron of Wilmington Chapter, OES (7 times). He is a KYCH, and a past Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a retired welder. He and his wife Barbara are members of the Newtonsville United Methodist Church, where he has served as trustee and assistant Sunday school teacher.

Service has been a way of life for Jerry. He is always calling other members to remind them of meetings and provides transportation when needed. His most distinguished service has been to those most in need. He helps support the work of the Blue Creek Battered Women's Shelter in Adams County, often hauling donated household items, clothing, toys, and other items to the shelter. Last year, he provided stuffed animals to the children of eighty-five families through his donation collection efforts. This year, his efforts helped provide fifty-eight families at Easter with Easter baskets.

TH URSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

The Grand Chapter was called from Refreshment to Labor by Grand High Priest Jean W. Justus at 8:30A.M. in the Roberts Convention Center, Wilmington, Ohio.

Invocation by Rt. Excellent Companion Raymond Sharritts

“Companions, let us pray. We thank you Lord for all the wisdom of the past; for the devoted labors of teachers and friends who have prized truth of all else; for the disciples of clear thinking. Grant us grace as we begin this day, to continue in that passion for the truth. Teach us to care more for honesty and for than systems or for the skill debate. Give us open minds as we explore the future of this Grand Chapter and our ability to lead and to grow. Enable us as keepers of the Master’s Word to sense your presence that we may be found worthy. Place your mark on us and upon the work of this day.

Amen”

Request by Grand Chaplain Sharritts

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and I would request that we place the name of Thomas J. Harriel in the necrology report. Right Excellent Companion Harriel was the secretary of the Grand Chapter of Prince Hall Royal Arch Masons in Ohio and he died following their session this year. He was especially helpful for us as we started to come together and to work. He had been a very close personal friend to several of us and after a series of heart surgeries, died suddenly.

I request that his name be added to our necrology report this year as an act of respect.”

A motion was then made, seconded, and approved by the Companions to add M. Ex. Comp. Harriel’s name to the necrology report.

REPORT of the YORK RITE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Our Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Jean W. Justus, Jr., created this committee for the purpose of planning for the future of not only our Grand Chapter but also Grand Council and Grand Commandery. This committee has held several meetings

this past year and has come up with some ideas that we believe would be helpful to all of the bodies in the future. The two main issues that were discussed were finances and membership. I will not list all of the ideas presented, but will furnish the ones that we think are the most significant.

FINANCES

1. Money could be saved by having Grand Chapter and Grand Council go to a One-day session. Due to their drill competition, this would not work for Commandery.
2. Having one Grand Banquet for all bodies could save money.
3. Having the Grand Sessions for all bodies in one city, preferably near the center of the state, would save money for the Grand Bodies and also the Companions and Sir Knights who attend these sessions.
4. Along with this, we would only need one roster to list the offices of each Grand Body. In fact, putting the Roster and Annual reports on a CD could save more money.
5. The elimination of the Grand High Priest's Banquet was discussed, but the current Grand Officers were not in favor of this. It may be in the future that some change may be needed to continue this banquet.

MEMBERSHIP

1. At the meeting that was held immediately following the Grand Family meeting of August 13, 2005, we were advised that there would be another Grand Master's One Day Class some time in 2007. The good news is that we think we will be allowed to put on a York Rite Degree following the three Blue Lodge Degrees. This is wonderful news and will be a great opportunity for us to present the York Rite Story and get them started in the York Rite. How well we follow up on this will determine our future.
2. One-Day York Rite Festivals will have to be set up shortly following the One Day Class, so we can do the rest of the York Rite Degrees. This will have to be well coordinated by all three bodies.
3. We certainly support any other festivals that are being held at various times and places during the year.
4. We encourage the use of Degree Teams to confer the degrees when the bodies do not have enough qualified members to confer a degree properly.
5. We encourage personal contact as the best way to get a delinquent member to pay his dues. We think that personal contact is the best way to encourage a suspended member to be reinstated, and maybe become active again.

The committee believes that for this to be a "true" York Rite Long Range Planning Committee, we must have the cooperation of Council and Commandery. We will invite the incoming presiding officers of Council and Commandery to ask their Long Range committees to work with us to achieve the goals that will keep our York Rite moving forward in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan D. Hart, PGHP-Chairman

Wayne S. Dill, PGHP

Robert D. Crabbs, PGHP

Donald W. Owens, PDDGHP 4th Dist.

Johnny F. Manis, DDGHP 16th Dist.

Robert W. Thomas DDGHP 20th

Roger Gaul, PGIM, R&SM Ohio

Jim Buckingham PGIM, R&SM Ohio

Richard Speer Gr. Capt..Gen..Gr.Commandery

S.Thomas Ramsay, G. Std Bearer Gr. Commandery

REPORT of the MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your committee on Membership Development officially submits the following report for 2005. Our membership numbers continue to drop even though there was another Grand Master's Class. The Grand Chapter membership declined from 21,447 to 20,387. This is a loss of 1,061 or - 4.94%. Last year, it was thought that the number of losses was inflated because of Chapters purging their members of non-paying Companions to help lower the increased per capita paid to Grand Chapter. This does not appear to be the case as the percentage of loss increased this past year. Yet as discouraging as this number is, it is even more discouraging that we only exalted 370, or 28 less than in 2004. One District reported only 3 exaltations with several reporting less than 5 District wide. Rather than go into a detailed account of the statistical details, we refer you to the Red Roster. A detailed breakdown by District and individual Chapter is contained there for review.

Companions, the members of this Committee have been reappointed for the next Capitular year and, hopefully, will continue to learn from the mistakes of the past years.

There are over 100,000 Symbolic Lodge members that are not Royal Arch Masons including over 2400 from the last Grand Master's class. We must continue to look at All Master Masons as potential Royal Arch Masons. We must have personal contact with these Master Masons by attending Symbolic Lodge and speaking on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry and by visiting Brothers that do not regularly attend their Symbolic Lodge.

Over the next year, this Committee will be working with Committees from Grand Council and Grand Commandery in an attempt to educate Master Masons in the blessings of being a York Rite Mason.

Finally, we must all remember that the exalting of a candidate is only the beginning of the journey. Getting the new Companion involved with the activities of the Chapter and District is the only way that he will understand and appreciate Royal Arch Masonry. Only in this way will the new Companion understand why we are Royal Arch Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Membership Development

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Ohio:

Dr. Joan Burleigh, the director of R.A.R.A., reports that Royal Arch Research Assistance has a new home. With administrative changes having taken place at Colorado State University during the last several years, and them insisting that 45% of the funds contributed to R.A.R.A. go to their Research Department for administrative cost, the university was looking at R.A.R.A. in a different light. Also, the Board of Directors of R.A.R.A. had been reviewing their status with the university.

As a result of the above mentioned actions, Dr. Joan Burleigh retired as the Director of R.A.R.A. at Colorado State University. The Board of Directors of R.A.R.A. decided to move the Research Center from Colorado State University to Able Kids Foundation, which is also located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Dr. Joan Burleigh will continue as the Director of R.A.R.A. at Able Kids Foundation.

The purpose of Able Planet is to design, develop and propagate new technologies that address the functional limitations of auditory challenges and disabilities. By addressing these limitations, we will alter the course of everyday living and enhance the quality of human life.

The Able Kids Foundation, through working with a variety of local international organizations is bringing Able Planet headphones and telephones to schools and programs for children with all levels of hearing loss around the world. The children are then afforded the opportunity for increased participation in computer labs, listening centers and music programs.

Several individuals and chapters have made contributions in memory of Past Grand High Priests, for which this committee is very grateful. This committee is also thankful for the very fine contributions made by this Grand Chapter and also by the 3rd Capitular District Association.

The total collection for R.A.R.A. this year is in excess of \$6,000.00.

The following chapters have contributed at least \$1.00 per member:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| (5) East Liverpool #100 | (2) Wilmington #63 |
| (9) New Lisbon #92 | (5) Toronto #221 |
| (3) Golden Rule #167 | (21) Twin Valley #240 |
| (13) Salem #94 | (18) Athens #39 |
| (70) Haley #136 | (19) Cambridge #53 |
| (10) Toledo #107 | (17) Horace W. Wright #240 |
| P.B. Morgan #233 | (14) Seneca #42 |
| (9) Covenant #222 | (11) Bellaire #107 |
| (9) Youngstown #93 | Dwight Warehime, M.L. #3 |
| (8) Thatcher #101 | Wakeman #177 |

Companions, as stated in an earlier bulletin, the Research Center is still receiving many requests for central auditory processing disorder evaluations. They can be contacted at Able Planet, Inc., 2900 South College, Suite 3B, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525. Their telephone number is 970-282-7777.

Our Grand King, Right Excellent Companion Kermit V. Zimmerman, at the Regional Schools this summer, stated that he attended the East Central Regional Conference of the General Grand Chapter in February and pledged to them our continuing support of this

philanthropy. He further stated, “R.A.R.A. remains one of the few ties that we have to General Grand Chapter. It is a tie that, I firmly believe, should not be severed.”

This committee believes that as long as individuals are being identified and evaluated as having central auditory processing disorders, this Grand Chapter needs to continue its support to R.A.R.A. and help these individuals lead more normal-like lives

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Gartrell, PGHP.

Arthur T. Reeves, PGHP

Irvin F. Miner, DDGHP, 17th Dist

R. Keith O’Dell, DDGHP, 5th Dist.

Michael R. Zigler, DDGHP, 18th Dist.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The selection committee for the Distinguished Service Award met on June 15, 2005, at Delaware Lodge. The applications for seven Companions were reviewed and ranked according to the following criteria:

- (a.) Their Masonic biography
- (b.) Civic accomplishments
- (c.) Distinguished service and how well this was substantiated
- (d.) The preparation and appearance of the application

While all the applicants, no doubt, deserve the award and are held in high esteem among their Companions, only four may be selected.

The following awards were presented for the 2004 – 2005 Capitular Year:

<u>District</u>	<u>Most Outstanding Chapter</u>	<u>Most Improved Chapter</u>
1	None Given	None Given
2	Van Wert No. 71	St. Marys No.51
3		
4	Morrow No. 143	Norwood No.193
5	Hillsboro No. 40	Trowel No.70
6	Shawnee No. 237	Marysville No.99
7	Marion No.62	Seneca No.42
8		
9	Sandusky No. 72	None reported
10	Shelby No. 178	Bucyrus No.160
11	Horace W. Wright No. 226	York Temple No.155
13	Athens No. 39	Rufus Putnam No.108
14	Cambridge No. 53	Nugen No.124
15	Cadiz No.171	Bellaire No. 107
16	Covenent-ThatcherNo.222	Heights No.206
17	PortageNo.202	None reported
18	Hiram No. 18	Minerva No.123
19	Youngstown No. 93	Ashlar No.213
20	Painesville No. 46	Conneaut No. 76

<u>District</u>	<u>Outstanding High Priest</u>	<u>Sojourner Award</u>
1	None given	None given
2	Richard Miller No. 71	Curtis E. Copeland No. 183
3		
4	Bill Taylor No.143	Milford Chapter No. 35
5	Robert Daub No. 20	Hillsboro Chapter No. 40
6	Garis E. Pugh No. 60	Marysville Chapter No. 99
7	Lewis E. Shuherk No. 58	Marion Chapter No. 62
8		
9	Robert W. Reardon No. 72	Wakeman Chapter No. 177
10	Ricky Hilty, No. 27	Shelby Chapter No. 178
11	Max A. Bauman No. 3	Community Chapter No. 227
13	Timothy M. Reid, Sr., No. 102	Rufus Putnam Chap. No.108
14	David E. Schroder, No. 9	None reported
15	William K. McCrea, No. 173	Toronto Chapter No. 221
16	Charles J. McCarty ,No. 189	Harlan L. Baus No. 206
17	David R. Swartz, No. 225	Cuyahoga Falls ChapNo.225
18	William T. McGuire, No. 38	Canton Chapter No. 84
19	Edward M. Morrison, Sr., No. 212	Not awarded
20	Alan R. Nichols, No. 46	Painesville Chapter No. 46

<u>District</u>	<u>Workhorse Award</u>
1	None given
2	Robert L. Patterson, Wapakoneta.No.183
3	
4	Richard D. Hall, Milford No. 35
5	Dave Fouch, Circleville.No.20
6	Martin R. Trent, Lafayette No.60
7	James Hall, Sr., Carey No.159
8	
9	Ed O'Brien, Wakeman No. 177
10	Harry S. McClaren No. 28
11	Irvel Gardner, No. 155
12	
13	Daniel. C. Arnold, Pomeroy No. 80
14	William. E. Channell, Cambridge No. 53
15	Donald J. Moore, Toronto No.. 221
16	David G. Weimer, No. 206
17	Donald G. Cooley
18	David G. Decker, Hiram No. 18
19	Timothy Johnson, No. 93
20	Estel D. Mathews, Western Reserve, No. 8

The following awards will be presented at Grand Chapter to various chapters and individuals for outstanding accomplishments this past year. Star Awards are given to chapters that had 3% or more net gain. The York Rite Plaque Award is given to individuals that were the top line signer on at least five petitions, during the past year, for all three York Rite Bodies. Awards of Distinction will be presented to Chapters that had a net gain or breakeven in membership this year.

The following individuals and chapters qualified for these awards this year:

STAR AWARD (for 3% or more net gain)

Chapter	Gain	%
Marshall #47	3	5.46%
Union #15	5	5.26%
Eaton #22	6	5.00%
Delta #179	5	5.00%
Price Hill #164	3	3.75%
New Carlisle #57	4	3.10%

YORK RITE PLAQUE AWARDS

L. Lester Bower	5 petitions	Hillsboro #40
R. Keith O'Dell	5 petitions	Hillsboro #40

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>District</u>
Eaton #22	126	6	1	3
Union #15	100	5	1	15
Delta #179	105	5	1	4
New Carlisle #57	133	4	1	6
Marshall #47	58	3	1	9
Price Hill #164	83	3	1	4
Portage #202	138	3	2	17
Mahoning #10	150	2	1	19
Berea #134	95	2	1	16
Cadiz #171	85	2	1	15
Wakeman #177	80	2	5	9
Lafayette #60	136	1	1	6
Wilmington #63	86	1	1	3
Marysville #99	59	1	1	6
Crystal #157	128	1	1	8
Mt. Moriah #230	167	1	1	3
Warren #6	214	0	1	14
Hiram #18	145	0	1	18
Trowel #70	57	0	3	5

Clyde #90	45	0	1	9
Salem #94	80	0	1	19
Willis #131	79	0	2	4
Morrow #143	58	0	1	4
King Cyrus #207	66	0	1	10
North Bend Mark Lodge #1	194	2	8	4

ADDRESS BY JIM S. DEYO

Grand Master, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Ohio

“Good morning Brethren:

Grand High Priest, in the essence of time, I made my remarks last night. I know you have a busy schedule and I bring you greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Thank you for all your support you have given this past year and I wish for you the very best in the coming year.

Thank you.”

Most Worshipful Brother Deyo’s comments were received with a hearty round of applause.

PRESENTATION OF YORK RITE AWARDS

Companions R. Keith O’Dell and L. Lester Bower, both members of Hillsboro Chapter No. 40, being in attendance were conducted west of the Altar where Grand High Priest Justus, assisted by Grand Secretary Dale G. Ray, presented each a York Rite Plaque as reward for having obtained 5 petitions in Chapter, 5 in Council and 5 in Commandery. They were then given a round of applause.

PRESENTATION OF STAR AWARDS AND AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Grand Secretary Dale Ray read the names of the Chapters eligible to receive Star Awards for 3% or more net gain in membership and Awards of Distinction for a gain / no loss in membership. (The Chapters are listed in the annual report of the Award Committee.) Representatives of each Chapter gathered in front of the dais where Grand High Priest Justus presented them a certificate of recognition. They were then given a hearty round of applause by the delegates.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Most Excellent Companion John W. Purdy, chairman of the Grand Chapter’s annual golf tournament presented the trophy to the winning foursome, captained by Excellent Companion John Donahoo, Past High Priest of Milford Chapter.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH FOUNDATION

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

In the year 2001, the Officers of this Grand Chapter began the task of forming a Royal Arch Foundation for the purpose of collecting and dispersing money collected for Charity purposes. The foundation was laid for the formation of the constitution and by-laws for this Foundation with the efforts of many Royal Arch Companions. In the year 2002, this Royal Arch Foundation was formed and received a 501 C (3) classification from the IRS to work as a Charitable Foundation. The Officers of the Foundation interviewed several worthy Charities to support and upon agreement by the Officers of the Foundation and the support of the members of the 2002 Grand Chapter convocation, the Adopt America Network was chosen for a 3-year trial period. The Royal Arch Masons in the State of Ohio overwhelmingly voted at the 2002 Convocation to support the Adopt America Network and to this day have contributed over \$50,000.00 for their support. We as Officers of the Foundation are grateful for this support.

The 3-year commitment has come to a close at this Grand Convocation and I ask for your commitment to continue this support of the Adopt America Network for another 3 years. The Royal Arch Foundation will continue to work hard to promote the Adopt America Network and to see that every child has a loving and caring family and home. No child should be left behind. No child should be left to face a life without a family or a home. No child should have to bear the burden of abuse, mental, physical or sexual. Every child deserves to be wanted, needed, loved and cared for by a family; every child needs a home.

We as Royal Arch Masons and through the Royal Arch Foundation will do our part to give every needy child a loving and caring home. The Grand Chapter of Ohio has a rewards program ranging from Certificates for 100% Participation to lapel pins representing different levels of contribution to the Royal Arch Foundation.

In July, the officers of the Foundation met and discussed the formation of an Endowment Fund for the Royal Arch Foundation. The purpose was to have a place for someone to donate money or estates to the Royal Arch Foundation without attachment to a specific charity. The Board, for the purpose of investments and leadership, appointed a committee of 3 financial trustees who are knowledgeable in investments and fundraising. Respectfully submitted:

MEC Robert D. Crabbs President, Royal Arch Foundation

MEC Wayne S. Dill 1st Vice Pres., Royal Arch Foundation

REC Garis E. Pugh 2nd Vice Pres., Royal Arch Foundation

TrusteesFinancial Trustees

REC James M. McDonald REC Kermit Zimmerman EC John Clime, Chairman

REC Robert J. Draye REC Robert E. Wise EC Larry Moore

REC Donald L. Losasso M.III.C Jim J. Buckingham EC Norm LoBell

REC Robert D. Blankenhorn, Jr., Sec. / Treasurer

ROYAL ARCH FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT
August 13, 2005

Beginning Balance 8/13/04		\$6,193.00
Income		
Donations	22,612.58	
Total Income		22,612.58
Expenses		
Adopt America	\$20,000.00	
Grand High Priest Reception	\$253.13	
Insurance	\$400.00	
Office Expense	\$239.46	
Total Expense		\$20,892.59
Balance On Hand 8/13/05		\$7,912.99

APPOINTMENT OF FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Most Excellent Companion Justus announced the following appointments for trustees of the Royal Arch Foundation:

<u>Three year term</u>	<u>Two year term</u>	<u>One year term</u>
M.E.C. Robert Crabbs	R.E.C. Robert Wise	M.E.C. Wayne Dill
R.E.C. Garis Pugh	R.E.C. James McDonald	R.E.C. Kermit Zimmerman
M.E.C. Jerry Crawford	M.E.C. Jean Justus	R.E.C. Robert Draye

Most Excellent Companion Crabbs announced that he was retiring as Foundation President and a new president would be elected by the Board of Trustees at their next stated meeting.

Presentation of Royal Arch Foundation awards

Most Excellent Companion Crabbs presented lapel pins to the following Companions, Chapter or/and Districts in recognition of their contributions to the Royal Arch Foundation:

Adoniram Chapter No. 73	Sapphire pin for a \$500 contribution
Oak Harbor Chapter No. 162	Sapphire pin
10 th District Frantz K. Hall Assoc.	Sapphire pin
Rt. Ex. Comp. James C. Pace	Sapphire pin
Rt. Ex. Comp. Donald Losasso	Sapphire pin
Athens Chapter No. 39	Sapphire pin
16 th Capitular District	9 Sapphire pins for \$4500.00 in contributions
James Himmelright	Sapphire pin
Jean Justus and the Grand Chapter	Sapphire pin

M.E.C. announced a special diamond pin was being produced for presentation to Mr. Zeka Walker, a resident of Cincinnati, who when learning of the Foundation's efforts, made a \$5000.00 donation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Another Capitular year is now history. It has been an excellent year in the relationship between the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee, the officers, District Deputies and the Companions. It is of interest to those who consume the substance of this Report to know that the year was filled with cooperation and dedication by those who had any dealings with the Jurisprudence Committee. It is the observation of the Chair of the Committee that all who have come into contact with the Committee with questions, suggestions, or other matters, did it with an attitude of understanding. It is also interesting to note that all had a good grasp of the importance of the Constitution and the Code.

As always, the Committee became involved in approving, among other things, dispensations, review of By-Laws, etc. of Capitular Masonic Jurisprudence.

Among many of the activities undertaken by the Committee are the following:

DISPENSATIONS

The Committee became involved in approving a number of dispensation requests. The Grand High Priest will make his final report as it would relate to the number of the Dispensation Requests that were approved. Needless to say, there were a great number of dispensation requests that were approved. Those requesting dispensations did it in a timely manner that in and of itself assisted the Grand High Priest in communicating approval for that dispensation request.

BY-LAWS

Over the number of years that the Jurisprudence Committee has been active, By-Laws changes have been requested for review. There were a number of those in this Chapter Capitular year. They were reviewed, advices were offered and correspondence transmitted so that the rewritten and amended By-Laws of the particular Chapter would be consistent with the Uniform Code of By-Laws.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Consolidations are matters that are somewhat sensitive. Chapters find it necessary for one reason or another that it seeks to consolidate with another Chapter. That necessarily requires strict adherence to the Code that provides those Chapters seeking consolidation to ascertain that all is done properly and in compliance with either the Constitution or the Code. It is only natural that those of us who become involved in these matters always hope and seek to avoid consolidation. Once it is determined that a consolidation will benefit several Chapters, there is no reason to believe that the consolidation should not be approved.

AMENDMENTS

There were no requests for this Committee to review any propose amendments to the Constitution or the Code of Capitular Masonic Jurisprudence. The Committee reminded all District Deputies when the deadline would be for submitting any amendment to the Constitution and Code. The deadline came and no amendments were provided to the Committee.

This report is presented and approved by members of the Jurisprudence Committee. We urge all Companions, District Deputies and members of the Grand Family to present to the Committee questions that may be important and of interest to Capitular Masonry. We once again remind everyone that the Committee is here for all Companions in order to improve an understanding of Caitular Masonry..

As always, this Committee will continue to work with Chapters, the District Deputies, and the Grand Officers in promoting the objectives of Capitular Masonry.

The above report is presented and approved by members of the Jurisprudence Committee.

George Hall, Chairman #28

Jay F. Huss, #178

James E. Zemancik, #128

Steven L. Smiseck, #227

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

With the sale of our Rituals over the past several years, it has been determined that a new printing will be required within the next two years. With that thought in mind, the Ritual Committee has met and started the process of review for possible corrections, additions and/or changes to the Ritual. A large print is being considered as well.

Companions of the State are encouraged to submit suggestions to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Draye, Gr.Prin.Sojourner

F. Raymond Sharitts, Gr. Chaplain

Donald L. Losasso, Gr.Prin. Soj.

James E. Barnes, DDGHP 8th District

Steven A. Duncan, PGHP

Joseph J. Orosz, PDDGHP 16th District

REPORT of COMMITTEE on CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

As the membership of the Grand Chapter continues to decrease, so continues the mergers of our Chapters.

Once again it is our duty to report the merger of the following three Chapters.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MERGING CHAPTERS</u>	<u>MERGED INTO</u>	<u>DIST</u>
9/30/04	Thatcher #101	Covenant #222	16
11/8/04	Baker #139	Summit #74	16
6/1/05	Port Lawrence #176	Toledo #161	8

One merger failed to materialize, as neither Chapter was willing to give up their charter.

Two of the above mergers should benefit all Chapters involved as both were meeting in the same building; the only change being the meeting day. We urge these Chapters to work together for the good of Capitular Masonry.

Keeping you informed of the size of our Grand Jurisdiction, we now stand at 157 Chapters, 3 Mark Lodges, 3 Apollo Tabernacles and 1 Chapter of Research.

It is the function of this committee to assist those Chapters contemplating a merger so that a smooth transition may take place. Please contact any member of this committee if your Chapter should be facing such a situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester W. Hammond, PGHP, Chairman

Robert M. Huntzinger, PGHP

George M. Shell, Gr.Master, 1st Veil

Robert F. Benton, DDGHP 4th District

James M. Frazier, DDGHP 3rd District

Don R. Forquer, DDGHP, 11th District

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your committee on Masonic Education is pleased to submit the following report for the Capitular year 2004 -2005.

Committee meetings:

The number of required committee meetings this past year dropped significantly from those needed in 2003-04. That Capitular year, the committee needed to update, in its entirety, the Grand Chapter's education program. Following the death of former chairman Lawrence Johnson, a large portion of the committee's files and programs had to be re-generated; documents and guidelines re-written; and the direction of the education committee re-established. All that being completed in 2004, the focus this year was primarily on maintaining and improving what had already been accomplished.

Committee meetings this past year included:

October 16, 2004 - A general committee meeting was in conjunction with the Grand Officers meeting in Chillicothe. The committee reviewed previous activities and began the planning for the Education Program for 2004 -2005.

November 13, 2004 - Moore Masonic Temple, Delaware, Ohio. The 13th annual District Education Officers School of Instruction was held with twenty of the twenty-six D.E.O.'s in attendance. The usual mileage allocation was allowed by Grand High Priest Justus. Attendance overall was very good with an additional number of District Deputies, Grand Officers and interested Companions joining in the session. This school is held to instruct the District Education Officers on their duties; to provide them the necessary tools to be successful; and to review the policies and programs of the Grand Chapter's Education Committee. Unfortunately, I, as chairman of the committee, was unable to attend. A Companion Royal Arch Mason and close personal friend died earlier that week. His funeral was the same day as the DEO school. I am very grateful to Right Excellent Companion Kermit Zimmerman, not only for presenting a portion of the program, but especially for stepping in at the last minute and acting as facilitator.

In addition to Companion Zimmerman, presenters at the school included: Companions Henry Dodson, Thomas Tupper, Norman Lincoln, Glen Opp, James Barnes, and Marvin Rader. All are members of the Education Committee.

Thanks are extended to Moore Masonic Temple for again allowing us the use of their facility and to Right Excellent Companion Bill Williams for the beans and cornbread lunch. As good as always!

February 12, 2005 - A general committee meeting held in conjunction with the spring meeting of the Grand Officers and District Deputies.

Officer's School of Instruction:

Each year the District Deputies Grand High Priest are to organize an Officers School of Instruction. Held during the months of June through September, they may be conducted as a district school, or as is more often the case, as a regional school. The Grand King generally attends that day to present his program for the upcoming year. As was reported in the 2004 report, there continues to be a decline in both school attendance and in the course content. Deputy's reports show that, on average, only 2/3rds of their Chapters attend the school. I attribute this poor attendance to many of our Past High Priests being pressed back into the officer line – the attitude is “already been there and done it!” The perception that only the new officers need to attend is unfortunate. There is always opportunity to gain knowledge and to become a better officer, no matter your status in Chapter.

When reviewing the required course content, if the minimum Education committee guidelines, outlined in the Chapter Management Manual, were followed, instruction sessions would take a minimum of 4 hours. If each recommended topic were covered, the time required would be closer to 8 hours. Unfortunately, the sessions this past year were, on average, only 3 hours15 minutes with about one hour of that time being dedicated to the Grand Kings program. Topics being covered were at a minimum. Once again, we seem to have changed the focus of this Officers School of Instruction from that of providing the tools and information our constituent officers need to be successful to more of that of hosting the Grand King.

Unfortunately, not all deputies submitted their reports. This was addressed at the Deputies School of Instruction held in August. We trust that all reports will be received this next year. Thanks are extended to those Deputies for submitting their reports in a timely manner.

Resource Course:

The resource course is a series of questions on Capitular Code, protocol, bylaws, procedures, and other related Capitular topics. Answers are gleaned from the Grand Chapter code, Chapter Management Manual, Officer manual and other reference books.

As the code and other sources of information are updates or modified, the resource course must be modified as well to reflect current information. This was accomplished last year. Each District Deputy (the administrator of the course) was then provided complete new course material for use within their districts.

Each year we encourage our Chapter officers (and any interested Companion) to complete the course. The committee was very pleased to provide certificates to the following Companions for efforts in having successfully completed Series I and / or Series II:

J. Thomas Foor, Jr	Ft. Meigs 29	Series I & Series II
Charles Miller	Bucyrus 60	Series I

Dennis VanHoosier	Bucyrus 60	Series I
Timothy M. Liggett	Batavia 112	Series I
Gerald Pugh	American Union 1	Series I
James Clark *	Middletown 87	Series I & Series II

* Completed course in 2003-04 but his name was not included on the previous annual report.

Seminar of Masonic Instruction:

After a lapse of one year, the Seminar of Masonic Instruction was re-instituted in 2004 with 18 students participating in this in-depth series of instructional presentations. In reviewing the results of these two sessions, it appears that the format of the seminar needs to be amended to better serve the needs of our Masonic scholars. In polling the seminar instructors, I found that very few students submitted homework assignments, and several of those who did, did not complete all sessions. I believe this is due primarily to the structure of the seminar, rather than the qualifications of the student.

The format, structure, and, ultimately the overall goal of the seminar needs to be redefined to allow more achievable results. We will not, however, sacrifice the quality of the curriculum or the goal of providing quality education programs to quality students. Upcoming meetings of the Education Committee will address these concerns. We hope to provide the Companions of Ohio a re-structured seminar in the near future.

Unfortunately, while we re-evaluate the program, we had to cancel the seminars that would have been held in 2005. The original twenty-dollar seminar fee was refunded to the seminar participants. Once a new format is finalized and dates set, new seminar announcements will be provided and those students who completed the first 8 sessions will be credited accordingly.

Royal Arch Schools:

Each Capitular year our District Education Officers (DEO's) are to conduct a series of Royal Arch Schools. The format for the schools is detailed in the Chapter Management Manual. In short, the schools may be eight sessions conducted within one year or four sessions over a two-year period. The topics to be covered for the school are established by the education committee; however, deviations to the recommended curriculum are allowed to enable qualified speakers to take part. Companions who attend all 8 sessions are awarded a pocket card acknowledging their participation. It has been suggested that an additional form of recognition be given to those Companions who have completed a second complete series of schools. This new award will be available this next year.

A review of the "Summary Reports of Royal Arch Schools" from the District Education Officers is as follows:

District 1:	No report (2nd year)		
District 2:	No report		
District 3:	4 Sessions	Average time: 30 min.	Total attendance: 109
District 4:	5 Sessions	Average time: 1½ hours	Total attendance: 54
District 5:	4 Sessions	Average time: 1 hour	Total attendance: 45
District 6:	1 Session w/ 4 presentations	Average time: Not reported	Total attendance: 12
District 7:	4 Sessions	Average time: 1 ½ hours	Total attendance: 59

District 8:	4 Sessions	Average time: 25 minutes	Total attendance: 66
District 9:	2 Sessions	Average time: Not reported	Total attendance: 28
District 10:	4 Sessions	Average time: 1 ½ hours	Total attendance: 66
District 11:	1 Session w/ 4 classes	Avg time: 30 min per class	Total attendance: 17
District 13:	4 Sessions	Average time: 1 hour	Total attendance: 91
Once again, DEO Larry Byrd is to be commended for a very detailed and comprehensive report on the activities of the 13th District.			
District 14:	4 Sessions	Average time: 1 ¼ hours	Total attendance: 42
District 15:	No report (2nd year)		
District 16:	5 Sessions	Average time: 45 minutes	Total attendance: 80
District 17:	1 Session	Average time: 1 hr, 10 min.	Total attendance: 11
District 18:	2 Sessions	Average time: 2 hours	Total attendance: 47
District 19:	1 Session	Average time: 45 minutes	Total attendance: 44
	w/ 4 classes		
District 20:	No report (2nd year)		

The following Companions were reported by the District Education Officer to have successfully attended all 8 sessions of the Royal Arch School and were presented pocket cards: Richard Wells, Dennis Barlow, David Mourer E. Glenn Arnold, Floyd Wymer, William Hammer, Glenn Baker, Lyle Bowers, John Parr, Richard Holbert, Alford Miskimen, Leo Anatra, Charles Bonecutter, Harry McClarran, Wilbur Ritzhaupt, James Stephens, Jr, Curtis Jackson, Robert Rathe, John Duck, David W. Fouch, Jr, R. Keith O'Dell

* Other Companions may have been presented with pocket cards for attending 8 sessions, however, their names were not provided by the DEO and could not be included with this report.

Inspection Reports:

A total of 153 (of the 161 possible) Chapter Education Officer reports were submitted by the District Education Officers. Almost a perfect 100% response – the best response ever. The DEO's are to be commended in this achievement!

These reports detail the educational activities of the constituent Chapters and are to be completed at the annual inspection convocation. Information gleaned from the 153 reports is as follows:

- Most Chapters use one candidate counselor. Several report 3 or 4 counselors. In many cases, the Chapter Education Officer (CEO) serves in both capacities. It goes without saying that there must be candidates in order to have counseling!
- Candidate counselors have the necessary handbook (although we recommend using the flip charts).
- Candidates are usually counseled prior to degrees with a slight increase in the number reported being counseled following the degree conferrals.

- Almost every Chapter presents Bible markers. (This has been a very worthwhile program put into place some 15 years ago. More than two thousand sets have been printed and distributed.)
- Our CEO's give short talks at most stated convocations; very few are given at special convocations. The new CEO short talk booklet, distributed this past year is hoped will assist our DEO's in meeting this important requirement in their Chapters. High Priests are encouraged to allow 2 -3 minutes for education at each of convocations.
- Education nights are reported as being planned; fewer report actually holding the education night.
- Almost every Chapter reports that "Candidate Counseling Flip-charts" are being used. Again, there must be candidates to counsel. One deficiency on the DEO report is we do not require him to see the flipcharts at the inspection convocation. This requirement will be added with the next update to RAE3 report form.

Each District Education Officer is to be commended for his hard work and efforts on behalf of the Education Committee; for conducting the Royal Arch Schools; attending inspections; and for visiting the Chapters and providing our members with additional "Light and Knowledge." You are the backbone of the education program in Ohio.

In concluding this report, I offer comments that were included in a report to me from Companion Jeffery Shaw, DEO of the 3rd District. A portion of which reads:

".....reports speak for the weaknesses and strengths of each Chapter. I would, however, point out some general observations. In general, the chapters are attempting to fulfill the education requirements and provide education for the chapters. Those helping with the program are well qualified and dedicated. The main issue seems to be that the meetings are not well attended, thus the CEO is doing a lot of work with few receiving the benefit of his work..... I'm not sure what the answer is but the Chapter meetings (and unfortunately I can easily see the education programs falling in this category as well) are becoming so routine (and attended by only the same few), that unless there are big changes.....we will probably continue to see a decrease in Chapter participation."

Fraternally submitted,

Wayne S. Dill, PGHP, Chairman

Norman J. Lincoln, Grand Historian

James E. Barnes, Jr., DDGHP, Dist 8

Kermit V. Zimmerman, Grand Scribe

Glen L. Opp, Grand Fraternal Correspondent

Lawrence Cullifer, D.D.G.H.P. 19th District

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT HAD NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED VERBALLY BY THEIR CHAIRMEN, WERE THEN APPROVED AS PRINTED:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUENT RETURNS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The records concerning the Annual returns of our Chapters have been reviewed and are as follows:

Four Chapters (Cambridge No. 53, Sidney No. 130, Community No. 227, and Alvin G. Myrice No. 229) submitted their annual reports and/or per Capita after the July 1 deadline as per Section 106.03 of the Code. They paid the fine with their return. Even though there was a financial loss to these four (4) Chapters due to their lateness, we thank them for their attention to the Code.

As of July 12, eight (8) Chapters have not submitted their annual return or per Capita and must be fined \$50.00 as prescribed in the Code. These Chapters are Huron No. 7, Mahoning No. 10, Piqua No. 31, Trowel No. 70, Garfield No. 150, Mt. Olive No. 189, Ft. Industry No. 208 and Friendship No. 245.

The Committee wishes to thank those secretaries that submitted their returns on time and appreciates their efforts in getting their reports to the Grand Secretary on time.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald L. Losasso, GRAC, Chm.

George M. Shell, GM 1st Veil

Dale G. Ray, Jr., PGHP, Gr. Secretary

Raymond J. McMahon, DDGHP, 11th Dist.

Garis E. Pugh, GCOH

Michael R. Zigler, DDGHP, 18th Dist.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The Committee on Charity and Benevolence recommended that this Grand Chapter continue to support all Philanthropic endeavors heretofore adopted and established throughout the years.

These include our Ohio Masonic Home Communities, Royal Arch Research Assistance and our newest philanthropy, Adopt America Network.

The Committee wishes to thank all masons for their charitableness and generosity through their continued good works and financial support on behalf of all our philanthropies.

Fraternally submitted,

William M. Berry, Chairman

F. Raymond Sharritts, Grand Chaplain

Arthur T. Reeves, PGHP

Marvin D. Rader DDGHP 19th Dist

Steven J. Oliver, Grand Master 3rd Veil

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on YORK RITE COOPERATION

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your Committee on "York Rite Cooperation" met in January and August of 2005 with their counterparts from the Grand Council and Grand Commandery. Discussion at both

sessions centered around the Grand Master's one-day class in April 2005 and an anticipated one-day class in 2007.

Suggestions were discussed on how to contact the new Master Masons from this year and prior years and what effort needs to be done to get our York Rite story to them.

Further discussion was held regarding a method whereby The York Rite can present a degree portrayal, in full and legal form, at future one-day events. REC James McDonald presented a draft program as a suggestion of how this could be done. All present were given copies of his program and were asked to review it, make comments or fine-tune the program as presented at the January 2006 meeting.

There was discussion about a York Rite video that is in the planning stages and how this could be utilized in our effort of membership recruitment.

All comments were recorded and presented to the Grand Chapter York Rite Long Range Planning Committee for their review as both committees do work closely together. Respectfully submitted,

Garis E. Pugh, Grand COH, Chairman
 Kermit V. Zimmerman, Grand King
 James M. McDonald, Grand Scribe

Dale G. Ray, Jr., PGHP, Grand Secretary
 Robert J. Draye, Grand Prin. Sojourner

REPORT of the ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your Royal Arch Magazine Committee has been working to spread the word concerning using this fine magazine as an educational tool to make light in Masonry more available to the members of our great fraternity.

The District Deputies Grand High Priest have been handing out order forms at their respective Chapter inspections so that this magazine can be within reach of each Chapter in Ohio. Please contact your Chapter secretaries or your DDGHP for a copy of these forms. To repeat a lesson from the past two years; this is an excellent tool for introducing your newest Master Mason to the Capitular degrees.

Don't hesitate; order your subscription today. It is still the best bargain within our reach.

Fraternally submitted,

Steve Oliver, Gr. Master 3rd Veil, Chairman
 Johnny F. Manis, DDGHP 16th District
 Floyd E. Wymer, DDGHP 14th District

Wing Fun Chow, DDGHP 4th District
 Robert W. Thomas, DDGHP 20th District

REPORT of the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The routine publications printed by the Grand Secretary's office, including the Code, Bulletin #1, Red Roster, Annual Proceedings and the various and sundry forms, bulletins

and notices, continue to be done by organizing the necessary materials into a camera-ready form then, depending on the size and or cost of the project printed in house or turned over to a professional printer for printing or duplication.

As has been the case for many years, the Richardson Printing Corporation of Marietta, Ohio, stands ready to meet or exceed our professional printing needs when necessary.

The Publications Committee remains ready and willing to assist the Grand Secretary's office in any way necessary. The Committee will continue to look for and recommend new and better ways to be used by the Grand Secretary in his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. McDonald, Gr. Scribe Chairman Kenneth L. Crouch, DDGHP, 1st District
Dale G. Ray, Jr., P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary Floyd E. Wymer, D.D.G.H.P., 14th District
James W. Himmelright, Grand Master 2nd Veil

REPORT of the SYMBOLIC LODGE LIAISON COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The Committee on Symbolic Lodge Liaison recommends that each Capitular Mason attend all Symbolic Lodges within the geographical area of his Chapter and work closely with the Worshipful Master and his officers and assist them in every way possible. He should encourage each High Priest to request permission to present the film, "Saga of the Holy Royal Arch" or the skit, "The Peculiar Stone". We also encourage each member of the Symbolic Lodge to receive the "Real Word" (The Long Lost Secret of a Master Mason) in Capitular Masonry by using the pamphlet "The Long Sought Word".

Once again, the Grand Lodge of Ohio has had a successful one-day class. It is important to Capitular Masonry that we urge these new Master Masons to seek the "Real Word" and become Capitular Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Losasso, GRAC, Chairman Harold E. Daniels, Jr., DDGHP, 3rd District
John W. Hooper, DDGHP, 9th District Marvin D. Rader, DDGHP, 19th District
Harold K. Stimmel, Jr., DGHP, 7th District Robert W. Thomas, DDGHP, 20th District

REPORT of the YOUTH COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal arch Masons of Ohio:

The Youth Committee would like to thank those individuals who give their time to the youth and who are always available to give them guidance and advice. This year an emphasis was given to the District Deputies to encourage, sponsor and participate in special events and programs of our youth, as well as to attend their meetings, District meetings and Inspections. The committee reports that heightening the awareness, recognition, and by supporting and encouraging the youth and their programs throughout the state has been very rewarding and enjoyable.

The committee highly recommends that more Chapters sponsor a youth organization. The rewards are immeasurable.

One of our strongest recommendations to the Grand Chapter and other Masonic groups would be to encourage their own sons, daughters, and grandchildren to become active members of DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters.

The Youth Committee thanks the Grand Officers and Companions for attending the annual sessions of DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters and the Grand Chapter for the monetary support to each body.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Shell, Gr. M. 1st Veil, Chairman

Robert L. Jordan, Gr. Musician

F. Raymond Sharritts, Gr. Chaplain

R. Keith O' Dell, DDGHP 5th District

H. Jeffery Shaw, DEO, 3rd District

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on GRIEVANCES

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Thank you for the opportunity of serving this Grand Chapter. This committee took no action nor was any action needed this year by the Grievance Committee.

Fraternally submitted

Terry B. Meyers, PGHP, Chairman

C. Brooks Harper, DDGHP, 13th District

John.Hartsock, DDGHP, 6th District

Robert W. Thomas, DDGHP, 20th District

Robert Blankenhorn, Jr., DDGHP 10thDistrict

Ray McMahan, DDGHP, 11th District

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP PLAN

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The Endowed Membership Committee strongly recommends the Companions of the State consider the purchase of an Endowed Membership. It is a great lifetime gift to your Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Draye, Prin.Soj., Chairman

Dale G. Ray, Jr., PGHP, Grand Secretary

Charles J. McCarty, PGHP, Grand Treasurer

George M. Shell, Gr. Master 1st Veil

REPORT OF APOLLO DRAMATIC CHAPTER, TABERNACLE #1

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Greetings Companions: This past year we had several new members join our ranks and our membership now stands at 121. There are many chartered Chapters in the state with far fewer members. Last year we reported the Companions in the Mansfield - Akron - Canton areas had formed their own Tabernacle. Tabernacle No 3 (that covers the entire

Northeastern part of the state) is up and running and doing well. We hope to hold some joint meetings between the three Tabernacles (Tabernacle No 2 is located in the Southwest part of the state) and establish some collaborative projects this next year.

In anticipation of the Grand Master's one-day class, our King, Jim Sutherin, produced 10 York Rite Displays. They are professionally done and give a great visual image for York Rite Masonry. Although this project was not directly related to the mission of Apollo Dramatic Chapter, it merited our full support. Tabernacles No 2 and 3, after hearing of the project have agreed to pay a 1/3 share of the expense – approximately \$150 per Tabernacle -money that's well spent. The goal is to produce 10 more displays so that each Royal Arch district in the state will have one available for use at special events and activities.

Other projects here in Tabernacle No 1 have really slowed down. However, we did distribute several make-up kits to Chapters and provided additional video tapes that we produced on how to apply the make up, apply beards / wigs, etc. The make-up kits and videos go hand in hand.

New projects under consideration are providing low cost robes to Chapters that follow the Technical bulletin found in the Chapter Management Manual. Several instruction papers will be available at Grand Chapter. One on a replacement for the old shower tube used in the Most Excellent Master degree and a second on recommendations on where to purchase low-cost wigs for use in the degree conferrals.

Last October, we again had a display at the Grand Chapter Convocation in Columbus. We do this each year so that we can share our information with all the Companions from around the state. It features the makeup kits, videos, degree checklists, music tapes, and numerous other handouts to aid the Chapters around the state.

Meetings, this past year, were held on September 14th, 2004 in Northwest Chapter (Bryan), January 13th in Lima Chapter and the annual meeting on May 3rd in Findlay Chapter. Elected to serve for 2006 were:

High Priest	James Sutherin (District 7)
King	John W. Purdy (District 2)
Scribe	Tim Betts (District 1)
COH	James Barnes (District 8)
Prin. Soj.	Harold Stimmel (District 7)
Sec/Trea	Wayne Dill

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Dill, Sec. / Trea.

REPORT OF APOLLO DRAMATIC CHAPTER, TABERNACLE #2

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Apollo Dramatic Chapter Tabernacle No. 2 is very pleased to announce it has had a very successful 2004 – 2005 year. Tabernacle No. 2 consists of Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6. We meet in Sept., Jan. and May. Meetings for the upcoming year are tentatively schedules in Districts 6.5 and 4. Officers for the ensuing year are:

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High Priest	Larry Hill	4th District
King	Henry Dodson	3rd District
Scribe	Wing Fun Chow	4th District

Secretary/Treasurer Steven Duncan 3rd District

Special projects this year included participating with Tabernacle No. 1 and 3 on the York Rite Displays. We are furnishing music CD's to all of the Chapters in Tabernacle No. 2. These will be distributed at the Grand Chapter session in Wilmington this year. Tabernacle No. 2 had the original Apollo Charter restored and reframed this year. This Charter is on display in the Grand Chapter Office in Barberton. Tabernacle N0.2 did sponsor a hole during the Grand Council Golf outing.

If anyone has any special items or projects that they would like to present or any questions regarding Apollo Dramatic Chapter Tabernacle No. 2, contact any of the Officers or Trustees. Your support of Apollo Dramatic Chapter not only supports Capitular Masonry, but Masonry in general. If you are not a member or live in a part of the state that does not have a Tabernacle, do not hesitate to call for information on meetings or starting a Tabernacle.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Daniels, High Priest

Steven A. Duncan, Secretary / Treasurer

REPORT OF APOLLO DRAMATIC CHAPTER, TABERNACLE #3

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

(On March 31, 2003, Tabernacle #3 was formed in Northeast Ohio and is comprised of Districts 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20.)

On June 25, 2005 the following officers were elected.

High Priest	Edwin Herrick
King	Jim Parker
Scribe	Ed O'Brien
Sec/Treasurer	Robert Blankenhorn
Trustee	Don Starr

Any Companion that joined Tabernacle #3 by October 31, 2003 is a Charter Member. Currently our membership stands at 63.

As a first project, Tabernacle #3 decided to investigate and publish information on standard ways for handling the fire in the MEM degree. Ed O'Brien was appointed chairman. Larry Palmer and James Parker will be on the committee.

Another project of the Tabernacle is the formulation of a Degree Team list of all Chapters by District in Tabernacle #3. John Hooper was appointed chairman.

The Tabernacle has also undertaken the job of putting together a list of surplus equipment and robes. This list will be mailed to all the Royal Arch chapters in the Tabernacle. Robert Blankenhorn was appointed chairman.

Also, the Tabernacle is looking into a presentation of how to use and apply make up. This presentation would be videoed and edited, and then made available. Terry Mate was appointed chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Herrick, High Priest

Robert Blankenhorn, Sec/Treas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

We, the Committee wish to issue a blanket, "Thank You," for all that have, in any way, assisted in the success of this Committee year. Many know and yet some need to be reminded that, we are all in this Public Relations together. Every Chapter member is responsible for Public Relations.

Public Relations is an aspiration to do as much different and make the greatest possible difference with all knowing about the activity.

Charles Kettinger, engineer, stated: "I don't want men of experience working\ for me. The experienced man is always telling me why something cannot be done. He is smart; he is intelligent; he thinks he knows the answers. The fellow who has not had any experience is so dumb he does not know a thing can not be done, so he goes ahead and does it." That is the person needing to be a Public Relations Member, Just Do It!

One section of our Committee was that of Web Page Master and I will let him tell his message at this time:

Webmaster's Report

Another year has come and gone and it is again time for me to report on the activities of the Grand Chapter Web Site. The Web Site was updated with the Grand Officers at the time of Grand Chapter Convocation of October of 2004. Immediately after Grand Chapter it was updated with the inspection schedules as they were given to me at Grand Chapter (except for District Seventeen for whom I have not received any information since 2003.) Companions, the Web Master cannot put your information on the Web Site unless you provide it to him. The Grand Secretary provides a mail box for the Web Master the same as he does for the District Deputies, please put the information there for him to use.

When I took over the website there had been little activity on it(less than 100 hits.) We have now passed 6400 hits. Some one has been looking to see what is there! As I told my good friend Glen Opp, I would serve as web master for awhile to get it off the ground.. The Grand Chapter has found an Ex. Companion to replace me that can and will take the Web Site to the next level. That person is Ex. Companion Alan Kidwell; he does Web Sites for a living and is the District Education Officer for the 4th District. Please give him all the support that you can.

I want to thank the Grand Chapter Officers that placed their trust in me and gave me the opportunity to be the first web master. I will continue to assist the Grand Chapter in anything that they ask of me and look forward to new possibilities.

Several Companions e-mailed me and I tried to answer their queries in a timely manner. I did have trouble with Smut Spammers and had to remove the comment page from the Web Site as they were posting links to ADULT WEB SITES if you get my

meaning. I want to apologize to any Companion that saw these links and was offended by them. This concludes the report of the Web Master for the year 2005.

Respectfully Submitted: Kenneth E. Finkel PDDGHP 13th, Web Master

Another Section of the Committee was chaired by Rt. Ex. Comp. John R. Hartsock. Your Public Relations Committee had a short Video made for the purpose of assisting the Foundation's Adopt America Program in each District. The Committee felt the need great enough to get a financial sponsor for the original sample. When Coldren-Crates finished, we were very pleased with the 11 minute presentation

Rt. Ex. Comp. John Hartsock, a member of this Committee, undertook this responsibility. He approached Adoniram Chapter No. 73 in London, Ohio for the needed financial assistance. They voted to use this as a project for their charity," Adopt America" this year. Comp. Hartsock was successful in making 26 copies for the Adopt America Network promo and distributed a copy to each District. He also made extra copies which were given to each member of the Royal Arch Foundation Committee

He was successful in saving embarrassment to the Public Relations Chairman by handing a copy to Glen at the most proper time. Glen promised, "if we are a success in making a DVD you, Grand High Priest, Jean W. Justus, Jr. will receive the first copy."

Glen had not given the GHP a copy and upon this notice stated by our Grand High Priest, in the company of all the Grand Officers and the District Education Officers, Rt. Ex. Comp. Hartsock handed a copy to Glen and Glen stated, "Here is your copy, Most Excellent!" Now you talk all you wish about saving Glen! This day Rt. Ex. Hartsock became a SAINT in the eyes of Glen!

We all thank Adoniram No. 73 and Rt. Ex. Comp. John R. Hartsock, as well as the Crates Brothers, for the time and finances. This was no small effort or expense for all.

Committee Member, Rt. Ex. Comp. James C. Pace will be collecting any news item and pictures for a Scrapbook. This will be presented to the Grand High Priest and his lady during the Session.

Committee member, Rt. Ex. Comp. Harold R Daniels will make a table available for any advertising. He and any of his Committee will man the table the total session. All will receive handouts,, brochures, petitions for both Ohio Chapter of Research as well as Ohio Lodge of Research, including Chapter Foundation literature as well.

All of the Committee Members wish to thank each of you for all you have done to improve Public Relations this year. Just remember, motivation gets you started, habit keeps you going! You all made Glen look good!

Respectfully submitted,

Glen L. Opp, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Chairman

REAFFIRMATION SUNDAY REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Listed is a summary of reports submitted by the District Deputies Grand High Priests on the Religious Reaffirmation day activities held in their districts:

<u>Dist</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Cause</u>
1	29	5	\$69.50	R.A.R.A.
2	29	6	\$45.00	R.A.R.A.
3	32	10	\$59.00	Royal Arch Foundation
4	32	15	\$125.00	Royal Arch Foundation
5	20	5	\$27.00	R.A.R.A. 7.00/R.A.F. 20.00
6	83	7	\$100.00	Masonic Home
7	39	7	\$66.00	Adopt America
8	29	8	\$83.00	Adopt America
9	23	6	\$28.00	R.A.R.A./Adopt America
10	49	9	\$126.00	Royal Arch Foundation
11	52	9	\$141.00	R.A.R.A. 85/Adopt A.56
13	39	8	\$88.00	R.A.R.A./R.A.F.
14	44	6	\$30.000	R.A.R.A.
15	16	5	\$37.00	R.A.R.A.
16	72		\$159.00	Adopt America
17	26	5	0	0
18	15	6	\$100.00	Adopt America
19	38	10	\$68.00	R.A.R.A.
<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>Adopt America</u>
	695	134	\$1451.50	

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. F. Raymond Sharritts, Grand Chaplain

GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

History, like time, is inexorable. The events of the present insatiably command our attention. Yet all the pleasures, all the trials, all the disappointments become history in the inevitable process of time.

History will heal pain. History will dissipate joy. History will become only the fading memories of the past. Memory is uncertain, unreliable, subjective. It is therefore necessary to record history so that future generations can understand their past, can accurately interpret what motivated their ancestors.

Freemasonry, in common with all human endeavors, has a precious heritage stretching back into the often hidden realms of history. If we desire, as many of us do, to preserve the mystic ties which bind us irrevocably to one another, if we aspire, as many of us do, to educate our petitioners in the philosophy which separates us from the rank and file of

humanity, if we believe, as many of us do, that only in the knowledge of the past can we build the foundation of the future, then we must preserve the history of what carried us through the trials of yesterday and led us to this moment.

History informs us that our actions may be transitory; yet they contain the potential to influence our brethren. Ideas and symbols like the Acacia, remain ever green, ever present, directing us in our moral and intellectual advancement. History shows us the

way, explains the choices, develops our potential and encourages us to persevere. Study history. History will teach you. History will inspire you. History will repay you.

With that in mind, it is disappointing to report that the archives of the Grand Historian contain the histories of 53 Ohio Chapters. 108 Ohio Chapters have not turned in anything. Perhaps they should heed the warning of the Spanish philosopher Santayana who said, "He who does not know history is doomed to repeat it."

As Grand Historian, I mailed an outline to the District Deputies which will enable each Chapter to prepare historical summaries. Ask yourself these questions: Do you know when and how your Chapter was formed? Who were the companions who founded it? What motivated them? Do you know the origin of the name of your Chapter?

Researching history takes time. It takes effort. Yet it gives you satisfaction at having accomplished an important task. It will please your Grand High Priest and give your Chapter the potential for improving its service to its members and community. Please consider completing or updating your history. Somebody, someday, will thank you. As do I.

Fraternally,
Norman G. Lincoln

OHIO CHAPTER OF RESEARCH REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

The first meeting of the Ohio Chapter of Research in this Capitular Year was held in Athens, Ohio, on September 11, 2004. Two interesting papers were presented. Rt. Ex. Comp. and the Rev. Paschal A. King's topic was "The Lodge Goat". The insight given by Ex. Comp. King into this practice of the distant past aroused much interest and discussion by the Companions assembled. Comp. Ivan M. Tribe, PhD, presented the second paper, which was titled "Freemasonry in Albany, Ohio". This historical presentation also evoked significant interest and discussion.

It was my pleasure, at the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio on October 8, 2004, to present our Selby Award to Ex. Comp. Richard D. Snow, one of the Past High Priests of this Chapter.

The second meeting was our Historic Joint Meeting with the Chapter of Research of New York, which was very successful and provided many opportunities for interstate Masonic fellowship and education. MEC Ted Harrison, High Priest of The Thomas Smith Webb Research Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York, and I arranged this meeting, which was held in Lackawanna, New York (a suburb of Buffalo),

on October 22, 2004. The meeting was very successful. Four papers were presented, two by Companions of each Chapter, as follows:

- "Early Ritual of the Holy Royal Arch" by E. Piers A. Vaughan, Secretary, Thomas Smith Webb Chapter of Research
- "The Grand Master, His Canal, and Free Public Education" by REC Curtis M. Jackson, PDDGHP, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio
- "Brothers In Blue" by REC Norman G. Lincoln, Grand Historian, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio
- "Masonry & Religion: Are They Compatible?" by Comp. John Borycki, Past Master and Secretary, Western New York Lodge of Research

The Ladies were treated to a separate program which met with rave reviews. An excellent dinner was held at a nearby restaurant and complemented the day's activities. The following evening I attended a black-tie reception for Most Wor. Bro. Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons of New York where I was given formal recognition by M. Wor. Bro. Trosin.

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Chapter of Research was held at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio, on March 27, 2005. The Annual Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and appropriate committees were read, voted on, and passed. The following Companions were elected and installed as officers for the 2005-2006 term:

High Priest Curtis M. Jackson	Principal Sojourner Paschal A. King
King Glen L. Opp	Treasurer Louis S. Van Slyck
Scribe Theodore M. Graybill	Secretary Dale G. Ray, Jr.
Captain of the Host Jerry C. Crawford	

The fourth meeting of the Ohio Chapter of Research for this Capitular Year was a Second Joint Meeting with the Thomas Smith Webb Chapter of Research of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York. Based on the success of our historic first meeting and at the urging of the New York Companions who asked us to hold a meeting in the Cleveland area in 2005, this meeting was held on July 9, 2005, in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Four papers were scheduled, two by Ohio Companions and two by Companions from New York, as follows:

- "Freemasonry as a Source of Jewish Civic Rights in Late 18th-Century Vienna and Philadelphia: A Study in Atlantic History", by Comp. R. William Weisberger, Ph. D.
- "Hiram, King of Tyre", by REC M. Eugene Ellis, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York
- "Speculative Masonry: A View from the Scaffolding by an Operative Mason", by REC Steven J. Oliver, KYCH, 33rd, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio
- "James A. Garfield, America's President", by REC John H. Siggins, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 32nd Capitular District of New York

While our papers were being presented, an excellent Ladies Program was conducted by Mrs. Doris Crawford, wife of our Captain of the Host, MEC Jerry C. Crawford. A dinner and a fellowship hour were held at a nearby restaurant. The entire Joint Meeting,

like its predecessor, was very successful and provided excellent interstate Masonic education and fellowship. Many thanks are due MEC Jean W. Justus, Jr., Grand High Priest, for serving as Master of Ceremonies at this meeting, and REC Robert J. Draye, Grand Principal Sojourner, for his yeoman efforts as local arrangements chairman.

The fifth meeting of the Ohio Chapter of Research will be held on September 10, 2005, in Cleves, Ohio. Host Chapter will be Price Hill Chapter No. 164. An excellent paper has been secured for this meeting, and another is anticipated

I am very pleased to report that our long-time effort to establish a home for the Library of the Ohio Chapter of Research is nearing completion. We have purchased new carpet and had it installed in the room that Ex. Comp. Tim Strawn secured for us on the ground floor of the Scottish Rite Wing of the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield. With this location, there should be no problem with the load-bearing capability of the floor that we had experienced at a previous location at the Home. Our books have been moved to this location from a storage area elsewhere at the Home. In addition, the special shelves that we purchased several years ago have been disassembled, moved to that room, and reassembled. In the near future, they will be placed according to the diagram prepared by Ex. Comp. Richard D. Snow, and stabilized. The major effort of assorting, cataloging, eliminating excess duplicates, and placing each item in its proper position on the shelves can then be undertaken by the Library Committee with the paid assistance of local college students.

All Companions are reminded that they are welcome to attend our convocations, which are held at locations around the state, whether or not they are members of the Ohio Chapter of Research. When a meeting is held at a location that is convenient to you, please feel free to join us. You will be most welcome.

We actively solicit papers on Masonic topics for presentation at our meetings and for inclusion in our Proceedings. Please contact any officer of the Chapter of Research if you have any questions regarding paper preparation or presentation. We need your paper! Assistance in formulating your paper is available. Your assistance in preparing papers will be most welcome and will do much to increase the extent to which the Chapter can expand its effectiveness in the important task of promoting further Light in Freemasonry!

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis M. Jackson, PDDGHP

High Priest

REPORT of the GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

This is my eleventh opportunity to bring to you many of the Masonic activities from around the world and the news next door. I will be making a change in my reporting this year. It is my thinking, that if I do not make progressive change, I can not expect you to be excited about using changes I may report on from other Grand Jurisdictions.

This year my report will have four (4) Sub-sections

- First, will be my standard way of Reporting to you.
- Second, will be what I call, "Representative Reports."
- Third, "Things not usually reported to Ohio Members."

- Last, an area of, "This and That."

I will bring this to mind and then continue with a story as I believe it will lend credence to the Report. You do recall we, as Grand Chapters, are not willingly trying to keep our members, as we can SNP them easily and just be happy with less. BEING HAPPY WITH LESS is not our focus. Our focus needs to be happy with what we have!

Author, Kent Nerburn once took a train ride across Canada. On his journey, Nerburn encountered a man whom the other passengers avoided. This fellow was assumed to be a

drunkard because of his slurred speech and unstable gait. But Nerburn began a conversation with the man and soon learned he was recovering from a stroke. This man was once an engineer and operated trains along the very tracks that they were riding now. For the next several hours, he told Nerburn tales of the land they were traveled through and legends of the people who once lived there. He also offered insight into some of the characters who worked for the railroad.

At the end of their conversation, the man thanked Nerburn for speaking with him. But it was Nerburn who was grateful for the experience.

My friends, every day we make uninformed assessments of people and things in our environment, the accuracy of which we sometimes never discover. So the next time you are faced with choosing between avoiding an exchange with someone or embracing it, think of Kent Nerburn, who says, " Like people first, ask questions later." We all need to take advantage of this bit of research by Bro. Nerburn and embrace the philosophy of assisting and keeping all of our members. We need to be excited and interested in our membership. All will be willing to continue their membership, while NPD, will be letters in the alphabet and have no meaning in Masonry.

There is a Louis S. Van Slyck paragraph I wish to copy at this time and I am sure your reading it will explain itself. "Most of you know, but new readers of this report need to be informed: The Grand Chapter of Ohio currently recognizes eighty-three other Grand Jurisdictions with which we exchange Grand Representatives. The Grand Fraternal Correspondent's primary responsibility is to report on their activities with items of interest or significance, although other Masonic news is not to be excluded. Not all Jurisdictions publish proceedings on an annual basis. Some do not publish at all and delays in printing or for other reasons make information irregularly available from a few.

Additional material comes from various newsletters, Proceedings of Grand Councils, Grand Commanderys, Grand Representatives near Ohio, and various other Masonic publications." Again, I thank you, Louis.

Andrew Carnegie said, "No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or to get all the credit for doing it."

Guy Ferguson puts it this way:

- a. To know how to do a job is the accomplishment of labor;
- b. To be available to tell others is the accomplishment of the teacher;
- c. To inspire others to do better work is the accomplishment of management;
- d. To be able to do all three is the accomplishment of true leaders."

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. Believe it my Brethren, I have done the best I can, and I

wish for you to enjoy Glen's Masonic: Gems, Jewels, Tools, and Rules! Remember, "Motivation is what gets you started, Habit is what keeps you going."

THE STANDARD WAY OF REPORTING

ALABAMA: In the Fraternal Correspondence Report, it was noted about a request from the Chairman. Please let me know when you have had correspondence with your counterpart in other states. It makes it easier to make the Report when others have items or suggestions. Many things are happening across the United States and Outside that are different. We should be reporting on the differences, etc.

Credentials Committee reported a possible total vote of 106 Votes. The Grand Secretary reported a total of 15 Chapters with one not reporting. They have a total membership of 3,082 Companions. They did raise their Per-capita from \$4.00 to \$6.00 during this Convocation.

In the Report of the Ill. Grand Master of Council, Mac Arthur Davis 2004, I will quote. "We must stir the coals and wind the sparks before they go completely out in many of our Bodies. A positive attitude, a friendly smile and a caring spirit will be a place to start."

ALBERTA, CANADA: Fraternal Relations stated they received only 16 Reports from 85 Grand Representatives. He said this will never do! In the Report of the statistics: 2 Chapters Gained Members; 20 Chapters lost Members; 2 Chapters remained the same. They have a total Membership of 1,562 Companions. He finishes the Secretary Report by issuing his Resignation. He has been in the Position for 12 years and that is enough.

A Motion was made to open with 7 Companions, not 9. This was given a second and discussion was aggressive. I want you to read just one: 'We have roughly 19 resident members, of which 1 is a Doctor on call, 1 is in poor health, 1 works in a distant shop and 1 is now moving to Stettler. That leaves us with 15. In the winter time we have 2 Snow Birds that disappear, 1 Companion lives 110 km away, 1 is 75 and our First Principal is 40 km away. We now have 10 local members that we can count on to attend Chapter. One is subject to ambulance call; 2 are subject to military alerts. You can see our position. If there happens to be a storm and our out-of-town members cannot attend, it is not possible to open. This is the reason for this motion'. They voted and it passed!

BELGIUM: This is the 2004 Convocation and they maintain fraternal relations with 55 Grand Chapters. I was able to read one section that sounds so much like we hear local state: 'Unicorn Chapter, as always, is going steady. It is sometimes not easy to find officers due to their particular professional duties of most members. But some really indestructible veterans are always prepared to step in and save the day.' Does that sound familiar?

After visiting the Provincial Silver Museum, the ladies attended the banquet with the Companions in the Masonic Hall. I noticed they still list Rt. Ex. Comp. Phillip E. Engle as the Grand Representative of Ohio.

BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON, CANADA: This is the 2004 Proceedings. The Grand First Principal was most praiseworthy of the (RAILROAD DEGREE TEAM) as it functioned several times this year. One time, the Grand First Principal was the

working Candidate. During another time, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was the privileged member.

Advertising: the Committee has already arranged for and put in place, internet advertising, linking a highly reputable Hotel Group tour Grand Chapter website. This has been done for a fee. We have reasonable assurance that all are planning to renew.

The total number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction is 36 with 31 being present. They have 2,180 Companions with 180 of those members in attendance and registered. They have a total possible vote at this Grand Session of 189 Votes.

Our Grand Representative from Ohio is our PGHP Allan D. Hart. I thank him for all he does to strengthen this program. This was the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation.

CONNECTICUT: This is the 2004 Convocation and the 206th Session. The Grand High Priest stated the festival at Meridan went well with 27 new members. They have 22 Chapters with 10 not having any exaltations. There were 8 Chapters that did not fill all the chairs. The Grand High Priest recommends that this Jurisdiction have 4 State Degree Teams. One team for each of the Chapter Degrees. They should be ready to assist any Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported 2,105 Companions as members in 22 Chapters. Of this membership, 29 are dual Members, 236 are 50 year members or are in Masonic care institutions. The Per-capita tax base is only 1,840 Companions. Credentials Committee reports a total possible vote of 82. M.E.P.G.H.P. Robert J. Maxwell is listed as the Grand Representative from Ohio.

IOWA: The Committee on Chapters Chartered we find good information over a 10 year period. At this time they have 51 Chapters. Their Membership has dropped from 6,811 to 4,053. Fifty of those Chapters have shown a loss. Two others show a gain only due to consolidation with other Chapters.

During this 10 year span, Grand Chapter has had 932 exaltations, lost 2020 members by death or demitted; 1,387 for N.P.D. and reinstated 279.

The Committee on Leadership listed what I wish for you to read. "There seems to be three definite groups of leaders in every organization. PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE".

- PAST leaders protect our history and purpose. They are the watch dogs, the wisdom and pride.
- PRESENT leaders are filled with the desire to make needed changes in a short time frame but, careful not to disrupt the peace and harmony. This is a difficult leadership position.
- FUTURE leaders are filled with the enthusiasm and energy to 'build a better mousetrap.' Their input helps make an organization grow and progress. We all lead by example.

The Iowa Charity Fund reports their revenue averaging 'X Amount of \$' per month is down 30% from the previous year. This is the result of the interest rates dropping from the 6% to the 2% range. This seems a standard in other grand reports.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence has given a very good overview of the financial difference between Proceedings Books and Proceedings on compact disks. They estimate the average cost of a book of the Proceedings at \$6.00 and mailing each at

a \$1.00 for a total of \$7.00 average. On the other hand the cost if a CD would be less than a \$1.00 and the postage about 65 cents. This would be about \$1.65 For any person the comparison is a substantial difference.

This 2004 Proceedings was the 148th Annual Convocation. They have 51 Chapters with a total membership of 3,657 Companions. Chapters having an increase in membership--7; Chapters that remained the same--5; Chapters showing a decrease in membership--31; Chapters not reporting any Returns--8.

In the Speech of the Grand High Priest's address, we find an area he titles 'Saving our Fraternity.' He states, 'First join or organize a High Twelve Club. It is a Luncheon or

evening meal in a quality restaurant with entertainment to which members bring business clients, both Mason or non-Masons. Yes, you may bring your wife as well.'

Ohio Grand Representative is E. Gene Peepers, Rt. Ex. Comp.

KENTUCKY: This was the 2003 Proceedings and it was the One Hundred Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation, it was held in Louisville.

The Grand High Priest, in his address listed what he called, "Success Stories," about Chapters in his year. The Grand Secretary noted that eighteen Chapters exalted 71.21% of the new Chapter Masons.

This year they have one new chapter. This is something to make all of us pay attention. The Chapter has 53 members; 18 of which are new Royal Arch Masons. The remaining members are dual members of surrounding Chapters with several years of Capitular experience.

Kentucky listed a financial Comparison Chart, using 19 Grand Chapters. I will list what they listed for Ohio in 2003. Ohio: 26,412 members, 174 Chapters, and a budget of \$104,702.70. Salaries: \$6,700---Grand Secretary; \$11,280.00-Secretary; \$300.00-Grand Treasurer; \$100.00-Grand Chaplain; \$100.00-Grand Guard; \$100.00-Grand Fraternal Correspondent. Ohio has just 100 more Chapters than Kentucky. They have over one half of our budget but they only have one fourth the number of members. Ohio must be operating very conservatively.

THE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

My Companions, I wish for you to have an example of what all of our representatives should do immediately after the Grand Session. The following is what has been happening by only a very few of the Ohio Representatives. I wish to use this as a classic, as it gives a very good, efficient and informative capsule of what just happened in the Ohio Grand Session. When the Representative sends the "PREPRINTED, Proceedings, he is giving his counterpart a tool to search for himself. This does something else that is the most important action, you make your counterpart OBLIGATED. He sees you have invested both time and money for his benefit.

You, my Ohio Representatives, will not have only done the right thing, you will have done the right thing RIGHT! Please read and enjoy these fine reports from your Representatives.

TEXAS:

Dear Companion Joe, Well, here it is October and our Grand Convocation has just concluded. I grabbed an extra copy of the Annual Address and committee reports and have mailed it off to you for your review, should be in your mailbox this week. It gives a

fairly accurate accounting of what has happened in Ohio this past year. The highlight of the proceedings is the report of our Grand Fraternal Correspondent Glen Opp. He's been on the job for 10 years now and spends a considerable amount of time in compiling a very comprehensive report. As a matter of fact, we've found out that some of our sister jurisdictions are now copying Glen's report for their own use.

You will recall that in 2002 Ohio formed a 501c (3) charitable foundation (Royal Arch Foundation). Took a year to come together and we really got rolling in 2003 - 2004 with the Adopt America Network, headquartered here in Toledo, as the recipient of our charitable activities. Their goal is to place special needs children, currently in foster

care, into permanent homes. This past year we forwarded over \$17,000 in their support, but even more remarkable, is the grass roots support from the Companions. The Ohio Companions now have an Ohio based charity that they can put their hands around and get excited about!! A group down in Cincinnati, after hearing of Adopt America's need for computers, has re-furnished 18 computers and donated them to AAN; districts have held fund raising dinners; several districts have held adoption fairs in their Masonic Temples where prospective parents can meet with AAN representatives. That's great exposure for both us as Masons and the Adopt America folks!

We, the Grand Chapter of Ohio, have now moved into the 21st century with an internet web site. It took a few years to launch but turned out pretty well. If you have the time, go to - www.ohiograndchapter.com. We have a past district deputy who has done a fine job in putting this all together. There's even a comment page that you can go in and leave a message. Let me know if you access it and what you think.

Joe, there's really nothing new to report on Ohio. No new legislation was presented this year. Finances continue to be a concern - membership (and the related per-capita) continue to decline, however, as you know, expenses always tend to go up. The finance committee has done a good job of reducing unnecessary costs so our annual operating budget has not increased, but with the reduction in per-capita, coupled with the reduction in income from interest on our permanent fund, necessitated a per-capita increase from \$2.50 to \$5.00 which takes effect this coming year. \$2.50 doesn't sound like much but it will put many of our local Chapters in a pinch. I would guess many Chapters will have to increase their dues structure to make up the difference.

I am awfully proud of the Education program here in Ohio. It's quite comprehensive ranging from flip charts for candidate counselors to use with new candidates all the way up to an in-depth program of instruction for Masonic researchers and scholars. Don't overlook the outstanding report of the Education Committee in the annual address. The Chairman is one swell fellow and did a great job on his report. One area that was deemed deficient was in providing short talks for our Chapter Education Officers to use in the Chapters. We request that each CEO present a short program at each meeting. Many were willing to do so but reluctant to do the prep work needed for these presentations. This past year we put together a 36 page booklet with education talks for them to use. I have attached a copy for your review. Let me know if you have any problems in accessing this file. I'll go ahead and put a book in the mail to you just in case. I think you'll find it interesting.

Joe, that's it for today. Chrysler seems to think that they pay me to do work for them rather than for Royal Arch Masonry. I trust that all is well with you and yours down in Texas. Wishing you the very best of everything. I remain -

Fraternally yours,

Wayne Dill, PGHP

Grand Representative of Texas

DELAWARE: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware - Summary of 137th Annual Convocation:

The 137th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was opened by R.E. Companion, Walter F. Lokey, Grand King, at 1:00 P.M. on

Saturday March 12, 2005 at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington Delaware, with all constituted Chapters properly represented. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Franklin R. Townsend was received into Grand Chapter and proceeded to preside over the Grand Convocation.

Most Excellent Roger A. Douillette, Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Region and General Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International was present for the Annual Convocation and the Friday evening Banquet.

Grand Chapter was honored to have present throughout the Convocation, and the banquet Friday evening, Most Worshipful Donald D. Thomas Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, who welcomed our distinguished visitors and commented on how much he had enjoyed being with the Companions during these sessions.

The F. Irving Crow Award was presented to Past Grand High Priest Wayne Schutz this year. The committee holds this award with high regards and did find a candidate, Wayne Schutz who was distinguished to receive the award this year.

The Distinguished Service Medal of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, was presented to Maurice C. Barnes.

Grand Chapter experienced a loss in membership for the year of 24 from 533 to 509 members. The record show 7 exaltations, 1 reinstated, 1 affiliations, 4 demits, 6 suspensions, and 23 deaths. The winner of the Membership Plaque for the year was Brandywine No. with 3 exaltations.

Grand Chapter approved continuance of the Liability Insurance Coverage provided in conjunction with Grand Council and Grand Commandery. Each subordinate body will be billed \$32.00 for their share of the insurance.

Grand Chapter was honored to have representatives from 10 of our sister jurisdictions present including representatives from Florida, and Ontario.

The 138th Annual Convocation is scheduled to be held in Wilmington on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. or at an earlier hour should circumstances so permit.

GEORGIA: I want all of you to know, as I wrote about in the introduction, many items are to be reported. Well, this is one of those items. I have always placed this Representative's Report in the Report as he has written after his annual attendance during the Grand Georgia Session. Our M.E.C. Arthur Ross has sent a most complete report to me every year I have been the Correspondent. So I wish for his letter to be your enjoyment.

Glen, I thought you might be interested in a point of trivia. I attended a stamp show held at the North Atlanta Trade Center in Norcross, Georgia. In the same building the stamp show there was a huge antique show being held. Being of a somewhat curious nature, I ventured into the antique show. On a rather out of the way booth I paused to inquire of the owner of the display if she had any Masonic items? To my great surprise she produced a plastic bag filled with miscellaneous lapel pins and sundry items. Among the items were two Chapter Marks. (asking price \$10.00 each.) One of the Marks immediately took my attention, it was a shekel made of aluminum. It was from FINDLAY CHAPTER # 58, Findlay, Ohio. In the center of the keystone were the letters (will not print). This Mark is well worn. It may have been used in the 1930's or 1940's

as it has been some time since aluminum Marks were used by Findlay Chapter. Imagine an "Ohio boy" finding a Findlay Chapter No. 58 Mark in the "deep south". Glen, was I ever surprised. Wonders never cease!

So much for trivia, Glen, but I thought you might enjoy this since you are a member of Findlay Chapter. We hope to see you in October if the Lord continues to bless Carole and me with good health.

Fraternally and respectfully

M.E.C. Arthur Ross, P.G.H.P., Ohio, Grand Representative Georgia

GERMANY: As the Grand Representative of Germany near the Grand Council of Ohio, It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the Grand Convocation of both the Grand Chapter of Germany and the Grand Council of Germany on April 29th and 30th, 2005. I carried a dispensation from the Grand High Priest Jean W. Justus, Jr., authorizing me to represent him at this Convocation, and a dispensation from the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert R. Rettig also authorizing me to represent him at the Assembly.

A word of explanation: There are only 8 Chapters and 7 Councils in all of Germany. They do not have enough members to have a separate Formal Grand Chapter and a Formal Grand Council, 80 the Grand Officers of one Body are the Grand Officers of the Other Body. These Grand Bodies operate under the auspices of the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council. The Grand Chapter of Germany received their Decree and Patent on the fifteenth day of September, 1956 and the Grand Council of Germany received their Decree and Patent on the twenty-second day of March, 1958 and are both apparently sovereign bodies.

The schedule called for the Order of the High Priest Hood and the Order of the Silver Trowel to be conferred the afternoon of the 29th.

The Grand Convocation/Assembly was scheduled for Saturday the 30th of April in one of the Meeting Rooms of the Courtyard Marriott in Frankfurt, Germany. What I observed seated in the near east, was the usual order of business, [just *like* home}. There were attendees and officers from Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Germany, Rumania and France. In addition there were representatives from the Grand Chapter of Slovenia / Monte Negro, a newly formed Grand Body, and Rumania. Since each officer serves a two year term, there were no elections or installation.

I was asked to rise and give Fraternal Greetings. I gave greetings from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Most Worshipful Grand Master Jim Deyo, the fraternal greetings of the Grand High Priest of Ohio, R.A.M., Most Excellent Companion Jean W. Justus, Jr., and

the fraternal greetings of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Ohio, R. & S.M., Most Illustrious Companion Robert R. Rettig.

One of the business matters was the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Germany, which would happen in 2006. Plans are being made for this celebration, but are not finalized. After a short recess, A Banquet was given at 8:00 P.M. that evening. There was no head table but there was plenty of food from an open buffet with good drinks and a lot of fellowship and good-looking ladies. We said our farewells after the banquet, receiving the good wishes of the Companions present.

Nelson C. McLarkey, Rt. Ex. Comp

MICHIGAN: Dear Brother Opp: Our paths have not crossed nearly enough, but I think of you often as I travel around. I know this is a busy time of year for you getting all your reports ready for Grand Chapter and I look forward to reading every work you write as Grand Correspondent. It is enlightening and amazing to see what other Grand Chapters have done or have not done.

As the Grand Representative of Michigan, near Ohio, I have had wonderful experiences. It often makes me wonder why some Companions put forth so little effort to find out what is going on in our sister jurisdiction. As I have traveled to several Grand Chapters, Councils, etc., it amazes me that one seldom sees another Grand Rep.

You may know that the current Grand High Priest of Michigan has been for many years a good friend of mine. We worked together in the same GM plant for thirty some years and have traveled the path of Masonry together many times. Over these years I have visited the Grand Chapter of Michigan 12 times. August 12th will make 13. The last five years we have traveled together to Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky. We are Kentucky Colonels. I was honored to present Jerry with his last August, in Grand Chapter, right after he was elected Grand High Priest

We have traveled to New York twice for their Grand Chapter session and both times were greeted by the Grand Rep. of Michigan near New York. Their Reps all wear Royal Arch aprons with the seal of the state they represent. Beautiful aprons!

We traveled to Wisconsin two years ago for their Grand York Rite Bodies and this past December I took him with me to Pennsylvania for their session. I had been there twice before, but this was Jerry's first time. I saw several old mends and be met some new ones. A great time was had.

OHIO? If I recall, my first time to Grand Chapter was 1983 and each year since. YES! I plan on being there again in October for the 21st time. Wouldn't miss it! Will bring the newest Past Grand High Priest of Michigan with me and hope most of the new officers will be there also.

I think that is about 60 times of being in attendance at a Grand Chapter and many of these times I also attended Grand Council and Grand Commandery. Not to mention the many times I've been to Grand Lodges.

During these visits, I have picked up a number of honorary memberships. One of these was for Mt. Vernon #37 at Samaria, Michigan. After going there so many times I joined that Chapter as a dual member and have been an officer going on three years.

Last month, with a dispensation from the Grand High Priests of both Ohio and Michigan, Ft. Meigs Chapter (my Ohio Chapter) traveled to Mt. Vernon to put the Past Master Degree on four Michigan candidates. The Grand Chapter Ritual Committee was in attendance to see how we vary in the portrayal of the allegory. They have adopted our allegory, but need to work it better if their Companions are to accept it. There were 17 Chapters represented. They served a very nice dinner, purged the Chapter in the Royal Arch, and turned the meeting over to me. The dispensations were read as soon as a Lodge of Past Masters was opened. I was honored to take the east and hope they now know why I don't learn more Michigan ritual. At the completion of the work I presented a paper telling the purpose of the allegory. I had presented this paper at our

Chapter of Research several years ago. A wonderful time was had by all and I have received many favorable comments from Companions these last few weeks.

Since becoming the Rep. to Michigan I have traveled that state East to West and North (the upper) to South. I have attended several all degree days, visited their Grand Council and Grand Commandery, the Bay City Scottish Rite and most of the Lodges, Chapters and Commanderys near the Ohio border. I have always been made to feel at home and there are Brothers and Companions who find it hard to believe that I AM from out of state. I guess because they see me so often around the state.

Glen, a little extra for your information. I also have belonged to the York Rite College in Michigan for several years where I now serve as Chancellor, and yes, I work the part of Athelstan "King of all England" and have life membership in Mt. Vernon Chapter so I can't change my mind.

What do I think of my job of being a Grand Representative - I LOVE IT!! Where else can one make so many good and lasting friendships as in Masonry?

Fraternally Yours,

Perry J. Parker, Grand Representative

NEW SOUTH WALES: (Companions please, give your attention to these words) Brother Anthony R. Lauer announced a *new* Masonic Ceremony, The Ceremony of Mark Man, had *been* agreed between this Grand Lodge and the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Drawing from both the Degrees of a Fellow Craft and of a Mark Master Mason, the new ceremony expands upon parts of the Fellow Craft story which - although traditionally forming a part of that Degree - have *over* the years come to be omitted and have instead been included in the story of Mark Master Mason.

By agreement with United Supreme Grand Chapter, these parts of the original Fellow Craft story have now been drawn together into a separate and distinct Ceremony, that of Mark Man.

Similar to a Degree, the Ceremony will form the work of a particular meeting. The ritual, which has already been written and approved, will approximate in time to that of the Second Degree. The Ceremony will only be available to Brethren who have been raised to the Third Degree of a Master Mason so as not to interrupt the regular Craft sequence and those who have been 'identified' as Mark Men will be recognized by a special jewel worn with a Master Mason's regalia as well as by a separate Certificate.

The new Ceremony will form an essential link between the Craft and the Degrees of Mark Master Mason and the Holy Royal Arch, and should encourage Brethren to proceed in that direction so as to complete all the Degrees of pure Ancient Masonry. The Ceremony will become a mandatory prerequisite to the Degree of Mark Master Mason and any Brother who has not passed the Ceremony in a Craft Lodge and wishing to become a Mark Master Mason will have to pass the Ceremony in the Royal Arch Chapter where, under the control of United Supreme Grand Chapter, the same Ceremony will be worked. Any Brother who has already had the Degree of Mark Master Mason conferred upon him in a 'regular' Mark Lodge or Royal Arch Chapter. that is a Mark Lodge or Royal Arch Chapter holding a Warrant issued by the United Supreme Grand Chapter of NSW and the ACT or by another recognized 'regular' Mark or Royal

Arch Constitution, will be accepted as a Mark Man by this Grand Lodge and will be permitted to wear the Mark Token and / or the Mark Jewel he already possesses with his Master Mason's apron.

All Lodges in this Jurisdiction are advised that they may now or hereafter apply to the Grand Master for a License to work the Ceremony of Mark Man following the signing of the Concordat with United Supreme Grand Chapter on 8th June 2005.

Application for such a License is entirely voluntary and a matter of decision for each individual Lodge. A Lodge desirous of seeking a License must first pass a motion, at a regular meeting and after due notice, expressing its wish to work the Ceremony of Mark Man and then make application to the Grand Secretary, in writing, setting out the details of said motion.

Copies of the ritual and further information concerning the Ceremony will shortly be available from the Grand Lodge Office.

License for a linked Craft Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter.

At the same Grand Lodge Communication held on 12th March 2005, the Grand Master also announced agreement with the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory for the linking of a Craft Lodge and a Royal Arch Chapter to form a single administrative unit.

It is intended that in such a linked Lodge and Chapter all members of the Lodge shall precede on to complete the Degrees of pure Ancient Masonry by taking the Mark Master Mason and Holy Royal Arch Degrees offered in the Royal Arch Chapter, and all members of the Chapter shall also be members of the Lodge.

The Lodge and the Chapter shall exist and work under the Constitutions, Regulations, Rules and control of the United Grand Lodge and the United Supreme Grand Chapter respectively and these supreme bodies will maintain their Masonic responsibilities for their particular subordinate bodies.

However, the linked Lodge and Chapter shall operate as one single Masonic body based on: meetings held at the same place; on the same day of the month; and at the same time of the day; one set of specially designed and extended By-Laws; one Management Committee; one single membership record; one single joining fee; one set of dues; one only rental contract and one only set of catering arrangements.

Of course, the regalia worn in the Lodge and the Chapter shall be separate and as required by the respective controlling supreme bodies and, further, the Installation

Ceremonies of the Lodge and the Chapter shall also be separate and take place at separate meetings. The intent throughout is to preserve intact the separation of the Masonic powers and responsibilities of the respective supreme bodies whilst enabling the linked Lodge and Chapter to operate as an effective single administrative unit.

It is hoped that this new concept will excite and motivate Brethren by providing for a continuous philosophic stream and education bridging the Craft and the Royal Arch. and by creating an opportunity for greater satisfaction in Freemasonry for those who genuinely wish to follow its teachings and study its ideas and thinking. Furthermore, it should achieve this in a time and cost efficient manner

All Lodges in this Jurisdiction are advised that they may now or hereafter apply to the Grand Master for a License to link with a Royal Arch Chapter following the signing of the Concordat with United Supreme Grand Chapter on 8th June 2005. Application for such a License is entirely\voluntary and a matter of decision for each individual Lodge. A lodge desirous of seeking a license must first pass a motion, at a regular meeting and after due notice, expressing its wish to link with a nominated Royal Arch Chapter and then make application to the Grand Secretary, in writing, setting out the details of said motion.

Further information concerning the procedure for putting the License into practice, specifically for the preparation of the specially designed and extended By-Laws will shortly be available from the Grand Lodge Office.

Rt. Ex. Comp. Edward Howard is the Grand Representative from Ohio. We thank Comp. Howard for his outstanding attention to this possible change in Masonry.

NORTH CAROLINA:

Dear R.E. Glen Opp,

I did attend the Annual Communications of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina held at the Village Inn in Clemmons, North Carolina I am inclosing a copy of the program and Report of the Grand High Priest and the Preliminary Reports.

I attended the Devine Service on Sunday in my Commandery Uniform. The Grand Presiding Officers Reception was an ice cream social and everyone there had some good ice cream and some really good fellowship.

The York Rite College breakfast was a breakfast buffet, and the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina gave an address. Although Masonry is still losing members in North Carolina, he was very optimistic that Masonry is in good shape in North Carolina.

All York Rite Bodies open in Joint Session. The Grand Chapter opened the Joint Session this year and the Grand Council and Grand Commandery declare their bodies open. The opening rotates and next year the Grand Council will open the joint session.

All introductions are held in the Joint Session. There were four Grand Representatives there, and we were escorted into the convocation and given Grand Honors at the Altar. The Grand Chapter distinguished guests were introduced first then the Grand Council and then the Grand Commandery. I don't know if this will rotate next year or not.

After the introductions the business common to all three bodies was conducted. The three bodies all have the same Grand Secretary, Recorder, and Treasurer. They gave their

reports. All three bodies lost two constituent bodies last year. I was told that in North Carolina all three bodies are in each temple, so that probably explains why all three lost two. They have 29 Chapters in the State with 4831 members; they lost 288 members last year.

When the joint session business in concluded the Chapter conducts there business. There business session went very quickly as they adopted many of the pre printed reports as printed. The Grand High Priest called for a report from the credentials committee which reported that there were 24 Chapters present with credentials and that 5 Chapters we not resent. They have nominations for the last office in the Grand Chapter line and the candidate stands beside the altar while his bio is read. As there was only one, nomination

or no other candidate, Grand Chapter all of the officers were elected by acclamation. The Grand Chapter was then closed. There session lasted approximately 2 hours.

After lunch the Grand Council opened and conducted their business. The Grand Council closed. The next morning the Grand Commandery opened and conducted their business.

The Grand Banquet was well attended with approximately 250 people. They had a very good dinner of roast pork.

The Grand York Rite bodies **all** have their Installation of Officers together. The charge is given to the Grand High Priest and Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander separately and **all** others pledge together to do their best to uphold the duties of their office.

I was received with Masonic honors and was made to feel very welcome.

You may not want to print **all** of this report in the Proceedings. I was present and was treated very well. I did meet the Grand Representative from Ohio near the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and had a good discussion with him. The Grand High Priests from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and District of Columbia were there. Representatives were there from the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, and Grand Encampment were in attendance also.

Fraternally,

John C. Watkins

Grand Representative of North Carolina near Grand Chapter of Ohio

NORTH DAKOTA: Again our Past Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Rt. Ex. Comp. Louis S. Van Slyck, has come through in giving information from our Royal Arch Magazine. In the Summer issue, pages ND-4 & ND-5, submitted by Roger L. Kehm, Gr. Master of the 2nd Veil, South Dakota, he has brought attention as to what PGM Ralph R. Twamley said in a speech at his Annual Communication.

“A man is not a Mason just because he has taken the three degrees. He is not a Mason until he practices in his daily living those lessons taught in the three degrees of Masonry and until he promotes Masonic principles by his activity in his local Lodge. Masonry in its true form is a pattern for living, its influence is not collective but is exemplified through the individual. In our daily life let us conduct ourselves, as we associate with our fellow men, so that when a man is said to be a Mason, all will know there is a good man.”

Good words then, and timely words now.

NOVA SCOTIA: The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter-of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 240 Brownlow Ave., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, on May 7 and 8, 2004. All twenty-one of the Constituent Chapters were represented with 138 Companions of our own Jurisdiction registered, along with twelve guests from other Jurisdictions and representatives from nine concordant bodies.

On Friday afternoon seventy-nine Excellent Companions shared in the Order of High Priesthood, in the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The Order was conferred by Most Excellent Companion Earle C. MacDonald, Most Excellent President of the Order. Seven candidates received the Order. Following the Order of High Priesthood, a Divine Service of Worship was conducted at 5:00 p.m. conducted by the

Grand Chaplain, after which the members enjoyed a dinner/theatre in the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

At the Board of General Purposes meeting during the morning of Friday, May 7th, prior to the Grand Chapter session, Companion Timothy R. Outerbridge was appointed Grand Treasurer to take over from Companion Harald R.K. Weiland, retiring after more than eleven years of service in that position. The Board passed a motion, later confirmed by Grand Chapter, awarding Compo Weiland the title Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Companion Lawrin C. Armstrong was re-appointed Grand Secretary for the twenty-sixth year.

On Saturday the Convocation was presided over by the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Roy E. Lively.

Companion Tabor J. Caulier was elected as Grand High Priest; Companion T. Ronald Tallon was elected as Grand King and Companion E. Carson Jackson was elected Grand Scribe.

The installation ceremony to install the three elected officers, the District Grand Superintendents and a number of the appointed officers, was conducted by Most Excellent Companion Gerald A. Riley, assisted by a team of Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests. The remaining Grand Officers, not present, will be installed at a later date.

The Grand High Priest's formal Banquet was held in the Ramada Plaza Hotel at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 8th,

The ladies were in attendance at the Friday evening dinner/theatre and the Saturday formal banquet. On Saturday morning they were treated to a wine making demonstration and a luncheon.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation will be held on May 6 and 7, 2005, in Truro, Nova Scotia.

OKLAHOMA:

Most Ex. Comp. Jean W. Justus, Jr.,

I had a most enjoyable trip to Oklahoma City on April 7 through 9, to attend the Grand Sessions of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. It was my pleasure to serve as your Personal Representative at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

As always, the hospitality and brotherhood shown by the Companions of Oklahoma was exceptional. This was my seventh visit since I was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Near Ohio, in 1992,

As in previous years, I was formally introduced to the Companions and Sir Knights assembled and given the opportunity to bring them greetings and news from Ohio. I gave them your personal greetings and best wishes for their ensuing terms of office, as well as the greetings and best wishes of our other Grand Officers and Companions. I also brought them up to date on Masonic happenings in Ohio, including our One-Day Classes, York Rite Festivals, and other activities. They showed much interest in our work.

The Oklahoma York Rite Bodies have a very excellent record this year in the area of minimizing membership losses. Their Grand Chapter, with a membership of 1836, had a net loss of only 2 Companions, which equals just 0.1 %!

The outgoing Grand High Priest, MEC Joseph M. Lusk, is originally from the Cleveland area. He welcomed me during my first visit in 1992, and each time since, as a "fellow Buckeye". He was pleased to receive your pin and sent you his best wishes for the remainder of your term. The Grand High Priest for 2005-2006, MEC James E. Smyrl, also was happy to receive your pin and sent you his best.

A new Royal Arch Chapter, Altus #60, received its charter at the Convocation. That brought to 21 the number of Chapters in Oklahoma.

REC John D. Miller, Jr., Grand Secretary-Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma, submitted his resignation after three years in that office. He is the fourth Companion who has held that office since 1992. The new Grand Secretary-Recorder is REC Gary A. Davis, a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma as well as a Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. In accordance with this change, the office of the Grand Secretary-Recorder is being moved from Tulsa to Drumright, Oklahoma, the city where REG Davis resides.

My counterpart, REC Ralph K. Harris, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, Near Oklahoma, was not in attendance. He is at home recovering from a severe stroke. I sent him a get-well card upon my return.

Among the many distinguished visitors present was the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma, MWB William E. Owen, who made appropriate remarks to the Companions assembled.

MEC Edmund D. "Ted" Harrison, Past Grand High Priest of New York and Deputy General Grand High Priest for Latin America, was introduced and spoke to the Companions assembled. Ted is running this year for the position of General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Last year Ted was High Priest of the Thomas Smith Webb Chapter of Research No.1798 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York. In that position he, and I as High Priest of the Ohio Chapter of Research, planned and executed the successful first joint meeting of our Research Chapters that was held on October 22, 2004, in Lackawanna, New York - a suburb of Buffalo.

Also present representing the General Grand Chapter was MEC Jose R. Palacios, Deputy General Grand High Priest for the South Central Region of the United States and General Grand Principal Sojourner.

As usual, I was invited and attended the Past Grand High Priests' breakfast where I broke bread with many of the PGHPs whom I met on my previous visits to Oklahoma.

For your further information, I have attached a copy of the Preprints of this year's Grand Chapter Convocation. And for your records, I return herewith the proxy that you sent me as your Personal Representative. I was pleased to represent you in Oklahoma.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Curtis M. Jackson, PDDGHP

Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Near the Grand Chapter of Ohio

SOUTH CAROLINA: Most Excellent Companion Justus, the South Carolina Grand York Rite Annual Meetings was held in Rock Hill, South Carolina on March 13, 14 & 15, 2005. All activities, except the Knights Templar Religious Service, were held in the Holiday Inn located at 2640 North Cherry Road.

The Knights Templar Religious Service was held in the Oakland Baptist Church at 4:30 P.M. This service was conducted by the Grand Prelate, Rev. Hugh J. Bickley with the Excellent Grand Chaplain, Rev. Haywood Fowler assisting. The pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Robert D. Shrum made a Welcome comment and a response was made by S.K. N. Haskel Brabham, the Right Eminent Grand Commander. This was a fine Religious Service. This church was quite large and its interior was furnished in early American style - light green walls with lots of paned windows with white woodwork and two large brass chandeliers. An impressive setting for this service. The church was approximately one mile from the Holiday Inn.

At 7 P.M. we attended the Annual Grand York Rite Banquet. This is the "kick off" for the meetings. Proper dress is either a Tuxedo or Knights Templar uniform (less chapeau and sword). The presiding Grand Officers of South Carolina plus representatives from the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar were seated at the head table. The Ballroom was filled with round tables set for eight people. At this \$28 per plate banquet each person had to file through a serving line set up in the hallway. This is not tile way these banquets are usually handled. The next day we learned that this Holiday Inn property had changed ownership three weeks earlier and that on the Sunday afternoon before our banquet - half of the wait staff quit. They did not have the personnel to wait tables. After dinner came the introductions. The presiding Grand Officer of each York Rite body presented his Officers and the General Grand representatives. No long speeches were permitted, but a few remarks were expected from each dignitary. Distinguished guests from out of state were recognized by table. Awards such as Knight Companion of the Temple were given out at this banquet as the ladies would not be present at the business meetings. The State Awards for men will be given out at the various business meetings. Around 9 P.M. a Benediction was given and this banquet was over. The Hospitality Room was open the rest of the evening.

Monday morning the KYCH Breakfast started at 7:15 A.M. hosted by the Priory of South Carolina. Oh yes, they did have grits at this breakfast plus sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits and fruit.

The Grand Commandery was opened in short form by the Grand Officers at 8:30 A.M. The Grand Commander was N. Haskel Brabham. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council were opened by declaration to receive distinguished guests. Uniformed Knights Templar formed lines and state by state the distinguished guests were received. Ohio only had two men present - Art Holmes PGC - Grand Commandery - Grand Representative and R. P. Williams – PDDGHP; 16 Grand Chapters - Grand Representative. The introductions were completed by 10:20 A.M. The Grand Council was declared to be at recess until Monday afternoon. The Grand Chapter was declared to be at recess until Tuesday morning. The Grand Commandery then proceeded to conduct its business, elect and install new officers before noon.

Monday afternoon the Grand Council conducted its business, elected and installed new officers. Tuesday morning at 8:30 A.M. the Grand Chapter was opened. These are some of the highlights of the reports that were made.

- Time and Place: In 2006 the Grand York Rite Meetings will be held on March 12, 13, and 14 at Greenville, South Carolina.
- Grand Secretary: A printed copy of each report, (Chapter, Council, & Commander) on one page, was included in the registration packet. A motion to adopt the Chapter Report as printed was accepted.
- Grand Treasurer: A printed copy of each report, (Chapter, Council, & Commandery) on one page, was included in the registration packet. A motion to adopt the Chapter Report as printed was accepted.
- Finance: A printed copy of the report and recommendations for each body (Chapter, Council & Commandery) three reports on one side of the page and three sets of recommendations on the opposite side of the page were included in the registration packet. Thus, a brief explanation of a few of the recommendations was made - a question from the floor for clarification of one item - no other questions - and the motion to adopt was accepted.
- Membership: There are 31 Chapters in the state. In 2004 they show a loss of 365 members. "Non Payment of Dues" is still the main reason for this loss. The total membership in the state is 6191.
- Other Business: Carl R. Truesdale, PGHP asked for the support of all present in his bid / run for the office of General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. (Note: M.E. Companion Truesdale is the South Carolina Grand Representative for Ohio.)

Around 11:40 A.M. the annual election of officers was held. The Nominating Committee presented a slate of five officers -

Grand High Priest L. Aubery Haynes, Sr.
 Deputy Grand High Priest Robert V. Pinlston, Sr.
 Grand King Michael R. Copeland
 Grand Treasurer D. Samuel Tennyson

Grand Secretary Johnnie T. Morris

There were no nominations from the floor and this slate was approved. Then the name of G.M. Martin was placed in nomination for the office of Grand Scribe. There were no nominations from the floor. Since there was no opposition, it was moved that this slate of six be elected by unanimous ballot. All other Grand Officers and Deputies are appointed.

An open Installation of Officers was then held. After exchanging jewels and aprons and a closing prayer, the Grand Chapter was closed by declaration!

The Grand Secretary/Recorder, Johnnie T. Morris became ill during the night (Sunday night) with severe flu like symptoms and was in such bad shape that he went to the hospital early Monday morning. He was admitted, given intravenous fluids and medications and kept for 24 hours. On Tuesday morning he was back at his desk, looking pale and very tired. Thus, the Grand Commandery and Grand Council meetings were conducted with the aid of a pro-tem Secretary / Recorder. The printed reports made it

much easier to conduct business but there were some rough spots when the pro-tem could not find important lists and letters, etc.

Fraternally,

Richard P. Williams, PDDGHP Grand Representative - S.C.

THINGS NOT USUALLY REPORTED TO OHIO MEMBERS

As I mentioned in my Introductory Opening Statement, I would be presenting several new way of showing the Grand Fraternal Reporting in other Grand Jurisdictions. This is just a dimension for your enjoyment. They are small capsules lifted from Grand Fraternal Reports I received this year. Most do not report as Ohio has been doing. Their format and presentation of information is not at all as in Ohio. Please read and enjoy!

IOWA: We all seem to be in the same predicament as far as loss of members goes. The membership rolls are showing the effect the elimination of either , York Rite or Scottish Rite membership to join the Shrine has had.

I have read of the financial problems some Jurisdictions are experiencing in the decline of membership along with the interest rate dropping. Some have gone so far as to cut the amounts allowed for the Grand Secretary, extra help, mileage and per-diem and the Grand Officer allowances.

BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON: We have met several times throughout the year and profitably studied and discussed our system of Grand Representatives, but have not finished that task. The Committee sees an urgent need for a written definition of the duties and responsibilities of a Grand Representative, thus clarifying their expectations as well as those of Grand Chapter.

CONNECTICUT: We have reviewed many of the Proceedings. These were then given to the Chairman and he gives every effort to see they are sent to each Grand Representative.

OREGON: They do not have such a Committee or person. All is through the Office of the Grand Secretary. This is the same for the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, Wisconsin and Vermont.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Nothing was mentioned about other Grand Jurisdictions. They did report the following, NPD's still plague us. If we put forth an effort to help our Grand High Priest carry out his plans to improve NPD's we should lower them.

THIS AND THAT

Ohio: These are items that may interest the Ohio Membership. Glen is lifting each from Correspondent's Reports he has received but not reported.

Alabama: I am asking our Representatives to let me know when they have contact with their Counterpart. Please send me information from their Jurisdiction that you have received, for my report.

Connecticut: The Grand Correspondent receives the Proceedings from the Grand Secretary and he sends them on to the proper Representative for his reading and then, they are to send him a report. He finishes his Report to Grand Chapter with, "As reported in previous years, this Committee does not feel that the Grand Chapter needs this Committee." Hey, that will get you out of a job! (Glen)

Iowa: He stated that West Virginia now has a "Traveling Award" and it is for visiting other Chapters. It will be awarded to any Companion who visits nine (9) or more Chapters during the year. They will be placing their Proceedings on CDs in the future. New Jersey is recommending that the Grand High Priest serve two years instead of one.

British Columbia and the Yukon: There is no Grand Chapter of Hong Kong, although Chapters chartered by England, Scotland and Ireland, are active there.

Michigan: They do not have a Fraternal Reporter. During the 2003 Convocation they extended Fraternal Relations with Belgium, Brazil and Romania.

Alberta: It is reported that New Zealand has 85 Chapters with a total of 2,671 Companions. New Zealand has a Committee appointed to consider having Grand Convocations every two years. In Illinois they have a program called "Chapter Worked Club" to assist Companions in learning and keeping fresh, the Work.

CONCLUSION

In bringing this eleventh Grand Fraternal Correspondent's Report to a close, I wish to bring your attention to some reading I have found. Many times while reading the total number of Proceedings, I get the feeling some report in a way that the truth is somewhat lost or stated to give a measure of protection. It is called, "Spinning the Standings."

I read about a company always holding a summer picnic, which included a hotly contested softball game between two departments that had developed a rivalry over the years. They played only this one game every summer and argued over it the rest of the year.

One year Department A won the game, but Department B posted the following write-up on the company bulletin board: " Department B is proud to announce that following this year's softball game, we finished in second place, having lost only one game all year. We also offer our condolences to Department A, which finished next to last in the standings, having only won one game the entire season."

My dear Brethren, we each must commit ourselves to do the very best we can with the tasks given each us to perform. If we each do our little part, then when we connect the

parts to a total whole it will not only fit and fit with negative flaw but will be a total success.

I wish to thank: Most Excellent Companions Bill Purdy, Arthur Ross, Wayne S. Dill, Terry Meyers, Robert Crabbs, Charley McCarty, Chester Hammond, Alan D. Hart, John R. Gartrell, Steven A. Duncan and Jean W. Justus, Jr. for the appointment to this Grand Position. To all the Companions in the Ohio Jurisdiction, I thank you for the title of Right Excellent!

My Brethren and Companions please remember to say, "thank you" to our very special couple, MEC Dale G. Ray, Jr. and his most attractive bride, Jacqueline. They have created an atmosphere of harmony and assistance in our Grand Secretary Office. Greater help, you will never need. We all, RESPECT, you both because you have earned it! OHIO GRAND CHAPTER, I applaud you!

Glen L. Opp
Grand Fraternal Correspondent
August 13, 2005

REPORT OF TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your Committee on Time and Place recommends that the 190th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio be convened at Kings Island, Ohio on October 4 and 5, 2006, at the King’s Island Resort and Convention Center. This recommendation is made in view of the invitation received from the District Deputies Grand High Priest and Companions of the Fourth Capitular District.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit Zimmerman, Grand King, Chairman James M. McDonald, Grand Scribe
Charles J. McCarty, PGHP, Grand Treasurer Dale G. Ray, PGHP, Grand Secretary
John W. Purdy, Past Grand High Priest

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, Final Report

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:

Your Committee on Credentials herewith submits its final report for this 189th Annual Convocation:

Grand Officers.....	18
Past Grand High Priests.....	17
District Deputies Grand High Priest.....	24
Past District Deputies Grand High Priest.....	42
District Education Officers.....	16
Voting Delegates (other than listed above).....	296

	Voting	Past	High	Priests	(other	than	listed
above).....							111
Distinguished Guests from Ohio							50
Guests from other Jurisdictions.....							9
Other Companions.....							8
Total Companions in attendance.....							589
Chapters represented.....							162
Mark Lodges represented.....							3
Chapters not represented (6)							Springfield #48, Ensawocsa #89 New Lisbon #92, Garfield #159, Ft. Industry #208, and Rabboni #232
Ladies registered.....							116

Respectfully submitted,

Ward L. Weber, PDDGHP, 11th Dist. Chairman Ralph M. Curtiss, Grand Marshal
 James C. Pace, Grand Guard Thomas D. Branscomb, PHP, Ohio Chapter No. 2
 Donald R. Forquer, DDGHP 11th District Robert Daub, HP, Circleville Chapter No 20

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Chapter was called from Labor to Recess at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for the open Installation of the Grand Officers.

The ladies and guests were invited to enter. The Grand Chapter was called to order by Most Excellent Companion Terry B. Meyers installing Officer.

Comments from Most Excellent Companion Terry B. Meyers

“It is just so great to look out there and see a fantastic crowd. We thank you companions and ladies for coming and making this a special event for Kermit Zimmerman, for the fourth Capitular district and for the Grand Officers.

You know, it seems like forever when you start at the bottom of the line to get to the top. But it's just a short hop, and before you know it, you are there. Kermit is here before he realized he was going to be here. And for those of you in the line coming up, you think it's never going to get here. We are so thankful for your support and service to the Grand Chapter and it's always exciting for our new Grand Master of the 1st Veil and we are so excited to have him join our grand line.”

Most Excellent Companion Meyers then installed the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers into their respective stations in ample form. He was assisted during the installation by Most Excellent Companion Robert D. Crabbs, installing Marshal; Most Excellent Companion Dale G. Ray, Jr., installing Secretary; and Most Excellent Companion Steven A. Duncan as installing Chaplain.

Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman thanked the installing team for their fine work and the ladies of the Grand Chapter for the support given their husbands.

PRESENTATION OF PGHP JEWEL & APRON

Most Excellent Companion Kermit V. Zimmerman directed that Most Excellent Companion Jean Justus be conducted west of the Altar where he was presented the jewel of a Past Grand High Priest by Most Excellent Companion Wayne Dill, Past Grand High Priest, who made the following comments:

“Most Excellent Companion Justus, if you would face about so that all our Companions can see you. Just a brief comment before we get started. Did anybody hear the squealing and the crying from the little girl over there right after the obligation? Well, it wasn't the little girl. I believe it was Jean Justus because he is really taking this hard.

I had the privilege when I was Grand High Priest to nominate a companion to serve as Grand Master of the First Veil. It was Most Excellent Companion Jean Justus. Secondly, last year I had the opportunity to install him as the Grand High Priest and I'm pleased that he has asked me to present him his Past Grand High Priest jewel. Most Excellent, you started a journey. The presentation of this jewel does not signify the end of the journey, is simply the beginning of another - additional service to the Grand

Chapter as a Past Grand High Priest. The jewel that you are being presented today was previously presented to Most Excellent Companion Harry Sark and then subsequently to Most Excellent Companion Earl C. Gifford. Two Companions that served our Grand Chapter so very well, with a great deal of honor. We present this jewel to you with the understanding that it will bring pride, not only to you, but to the Grand Chapter and that you will continue to honor the Grand Chapter and the legend of these two Past Grand High Priest by the wearing this jewel.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the state of Ohio, I will now ask Sharon to please place this jewel around your neck. One additional benefit that is not in the code - you are now enrolled as an official member of the Past Grand High Priest club. We took several ballots; it was a slim majority; but you have been admitted. You're now entitled to sit in the back of the room, with your arms folded, your eyes closed, and you may critique grand officers at any the time and sit there and say, ‘You know, by God, when I was in charge, we never did it that way!’ It is also alleged that the jewel of the Past Grand High Priest has some strange mystical power. We've all noticed that immediately after putting on this jewel, all mail stops coming to the house.

Jean, congratulations. I'm sure that you wear this jewel with a great deal of pride and honor to the Grand Chapter.”

Response by Past Grand High Priest Jean W. Justus

“Companions and ladies – I might add that Companion Harry E. Sark was Grand High Priest from Circleville Chapter No 20 in 1962 and when this jewel became available from these two Companions, and of course, Most Excellent Companion Earl C. Gifford who was a mentor to just about everyone in this room. It's an honor to wear this jewel.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST JEWELS

Past District Deputy Grand High Priest Jewels were presented with thanks to the retiring District Deputies Grand High Priest. Assisting Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman with the presentation were Most Excellent Companions Justus, Gartrell and Duncan for whom the retiring deputies has served under:

District 3	Harold E. Daniels
District 4	Norman LoBell
District 7	Harold K. Stimmel, Jr.
District 11	Don R. Forquer
District 13	C. Brooks Harper
District 14	Floyd E. Wymer
District 15	Richard W. Allen
District 16	Johnny F. Manis
District 19	Michael R. Zigler
District 20	Robert W. Thomas

**DISTRICT DEPUTIES GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2005 - 2006**

District

1 Kenneth L. Crouch	Bryan
2 Ronald L. Craft.....	Elida
3 H. Jeffery Shaw	Dayton
Ire H. Saxton	Wilmington
James M. Frazier	Trenton
4 Richard D. Hall	Loveland
Robert F. Benton	Cincinnati
Wing Fun Chow	Cincinnati
5 R. Keith O'Dell.....	West Union
6 John R. Hartsock.....	West Jefferson
7 David A. Young.....	Tiffin
8 James E. Barnes, Jr.....	Perrysburg
9 John W. Hooper.....	Collins
10 Robert D Blankenhorn, Jr	Mansfield
11 Raymond J. McMahan.....	Columbus
Stephen F. Miller	Powell
13 Larry E. Byrd	Logan
14 William E. Channell	Cambridge
15 Richard A. Swoyer	Bellaire
16 Jeffery L. Addis.....	Streetsboro
Robert Trigg	Streetsboro
17 Irvin F. Miner	Stow
18 Glenn R. Greenamyre.....	Canton
19 Marvin D. Rader	Niles
20 Robert Y. Cornell	Jefferson

They were greeted west of the Altar by Grand High Priest Justus, assisted by Grand Secretary Ray, where they presented their proxies along with the jewels and aprons of their office.

**DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS
2005 - 2006**

District

- 1 Joey E. Kidd Paulding
 - 2 Bernard J. Gehle Lima
 - 3 James C. Stephens, Jr Hamilton
 - David W. Slusher Mason
 - John C. Watkins Miamisburg
 - 4 John H. Donohoo Milford
 - Darrell L. Duncan Cincinnati
 - L. Allen Kidwell Bethel
 - 5 David W. Fouch Circleville
 - 6 J. Erick Bails North Lewisburg
 - 7 Lynn L. Basinger Bluffton
 - 8 David T. Harold Perrysburg
 - 9 Larry R. Hess Sheffield Lake
 - 10 Darrell R. Porter Shelby
 - 11 John A. Spoff Columbus
 - Donald M. Lynne Columbus
 - 13 Richard A. Roe Marietta

 - 14 David A. Mourer Cambridge
 - 15 Jean L. Davis Shadyside
 - 16 Henry W. Rees Brook Park
 - Kenneth R. Hershman Garfield Hts
 - 17 George W. King, Jr. Cuyahoga Falls
 - 18 Richard P. Snider, Sr. Canton
 - 19 Randal E. Davis Warren
 - 20 Mark A. Raupach Mentor
- The District Education Officers were presented and extended the honors due their station.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, 2005 – 2006

Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman, in accordance with Ohio Capitular code, announced the appointment of Most Excellent Companion, Past Grand High Priest Dale G. Ray, Jr. to an additional three year term to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home and the following committee appointments for 2005-2006:

RITUAL

- Robert J. Draye, Gr. Capt. of the Host, Chairman
- Joseph Orosz, PDDDGHP, 16th District
- Donald L. Losasso, Gr. Prin. Soj.
- Steven A. Duncan, PGHP
- F. Raymond Sharritts, Gr. Chaplain
- James E. Barnes, Jr., DDGHP, 8th Dist.

FINANCE

- John W. Purdy, PGHP, Chairman
- Dale G. Ray, Jr., PGHP, Gr. Secy.
- Garis E. Pugh, Grand Scribe
- Charles J. McCarty, PGHP, Gr. Treasurer
- Norman LoBell, DDGHP, 4th District
- James M. McDonald, Grand King

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George Hall, Gr. Parliamentarian, Chairman James Zemancik, PHP, Oriental Chapter. 128

Steven Smiseck, PHP, Community Chapter 227

Jay Huss, PHP, Shelby Chapter 178

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLOSING COMMENTS

Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman then made the following comments:

“Before I close I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the Grand Chapter who have been elected or chosen to serve. To a man, this is the finest group of men I've ever had the opportunity to work with and I thank my lucky stars that I have had the opportunity to work with you. I just wanted you to know that now. I'll probably try to tell you some way or another again in the future. If I could choose my Grand Officers, I would choose every single one of you, every day and twice on Sunday. Thank you for serving as Grand Chapter. The gavel that I'm using is one of my wife gave me back in 1981 when I served my first Masonic body as a presiding officer - High Priest of Blanchester Chapter No. 153. I've used it in all the bodies that I've serve.

I have one last story to share on the hat I'm wearing but I will save that for a different time. One last announcement, our first Grand Family meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Express in Milford, Ohio. That same evening will be the fourth district's Grand High Priest reception.

The last item of business that I have to accomplish, which gives me a great deal of joy as one of the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest is to appoint trustees to the Ohio Masonic Home. This year I have the opportunity to do, so I would like to reappoint Most Excellent Companion Dale G. Ray Jr. as trustee for an additional three-year term and thank him very much for the job he is doing.”

BENEDICTION and CLOSING

The following comments and benediction was offered by Right Excellent Companion F. Raymond Sharritts, Grand Chaplain:

“At this time of prayer, I must share with you that during Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman's year, there is a new liturgical form. Every once in a while we will respond with ribbit, ribbit, ribbit. I do not wish for you to be confused or to feel that I have lost my sanity, but it is appropriate. God has blessed us.

Let us pray. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing; the trees of the fields shall clap their hands; instead of the thorn shall come up the Cypress; instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle and it shall be to the Lord as a memorial for an everlasting sign, which shall not be cut off. Eternal God our heavenly Father, we thank you for the promise of new beginnings. We are grateful that you journey with us and we seek your will and blessing which is to come....(audio lost)... Therefore, go forth in peace.

Amen”

Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman then declared Circleville Chapter No. 20 closed in due form and the 189th Annual Convocation of he Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio closed in ample form at 11:15 a.m..

Jean W. Justus
Grand High Priest



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

October 10, 2004

BULLETIN NO. 1

This bulletin is to be reviewed in each constituent chapter at the first stated convocation after its receipt.

Companions:

At the one hundred and eighty-eighth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio held at the Dayton Masonic Center, in Dayton, Ohio on October 6 and 7, 2004, the following officers were elected and installed for the coming year:

ELECTIVE

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George M. Shell (wife Sharon)	Grand Master of the 1 st Veil
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231 Ironclad Drive, Columbus, OH 43213	Home: (614) 751-7434
Dewey A. McClure (wife Martha Belle).....	Grand Guard, Emeritus
Ohio Masonic Home, PO Box 120, Springfield, OH 45501	Home: (937) 325-5201
Ralph M. Curtiss (wife Margaret)	Grand Marshal
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Norman G. Lincoln.....	Grand Historian
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George Hall (wife June)	Grand Parliamentarian
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NOTES ON CONVOCATION

All of the 159 constituent Chapters and the 3 Mark Lodges were represented except: Garfield #150

All Grand Officers were in attendance. All Past Grand High Priests were present except Louis H. Doerman, Dwight L. Kane, James A. Getty, Robert M. Huntzinger, Paul Nyitray, Robert J. Maxwell, and Terry B. Meyers.

All District Deputies Grand High Priest were present except Ronnie L. Ford, DDGHP-5th District. Also present were 23 District Education officers, 43 Past District Deputies Grand High Priests, 17 out-of-state Guests, 38 Ohio Distinguished Guests, 248 voting delegates other than the above, 111 voting Past High Priests other than the above, and 11 non-voting Companions. Total number of Companions registered was 548. 150 ladies were registered.

The per capita contribution to the Ohio Masonic Home for the year ending May 31, 2004 was \$5361.75, plus an added voluntary contribution of \$1,500.00.

Contributions from Ohio to the Royal Arch Research Assistance program during the year totaled \$7,727.57. This brings Ohio's total to \$449,493 contributed to date. Eighteen Chapters earned 100% Certificates for giving \$1.00 or more per member.

Approximately 400 Royal Arch Masons and their ladies attended the Annual Banquet on Wednesday evening. Among those attending were Miss Whitney Truthan, Acting Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow in Ohio, accompanied by her mother; Mrs. Janice F. Morris, Supreme Deputy for Rainbow; Miss Alexis Kollay, Miss Ohio Job's Daughter and Miss Elizabeth Eisleben, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters of Ohio; Mrs. Mary Walters, Grand Guardian; Mr. Lloyd Brink, Associate Grand Guardian; Edward A. Jones, State Senior Councilor of Ohio DeMolay and Alex D'ettore, State Junior Councilor; H. Jeffery Shaw, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Ohio; Robert G. Palmer, Worthy Grand Patron of OES of Ohio and his lady; George O. Braatz Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Meryln E. Meredith Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, R&SM of Ohio.

STATISTICS

Exalted 489; Admitted 57; Reinstated 44; Withdrawn 158; Died 832; Suspended 524. Compared to last year, exaltations were down 79. The net loss for the year was 924 vs. 895 in 2002. Membership as of May 31, 2003 was 22,494 Companions. Exalted 398; Admitted 64; Reinstated 37; Withdrawn 175; Died 793; Suspended 578. Compared to last year, exaltations were down 91. The net loss for the year was 1,047 vs. 924 in 2003. Membership as of May 31, 2004 was 21,447 Companions.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was granted to:

Paul E. Beck, born July 21, 1925 in Crestline, Ohio is retired railroader and insurance agent. Paul is a Past Master (3 times) of Arcana Lodge No. 272, a Past High Priest of Crestline Chapter No. 88, and a member of Mansfield Council No. 94 and Mansfield Commandery No. 21. He also served for seven years as Worthy Patron of Harmony Chapter OES. He has served as Sunday School Treasurer, Head Usher and on the Church Council of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Crestline. He is a member of the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs of Crestline. He was a volunteer fireman for twenty years.

Paul continues to serve the elderly in his community by driving to hospitals, and delivering newspapers for those that are housebound. He has for many years been the person that set up the Lodge, Chapter and OES Chapter rooms before meetings. He has been a caring husband, father and grandfather. He has printed articles needed by the Masonic bodies in his office and supported the chapter when it was in need. He has served four years as Temple Company President.

Charles R. Cooper, born on May 17, 1952 in Dayton, Ohio is a Customer Service Representative for the Machine Products Company. Charles is a Past Master of West

Carrollton Lodge No. 737, and a Past High Priest of Friendship Chapter No. 245. He also served as Worthy Patron (three times) of Jacob Eby Chapter OES. He attended the University of Miami-Middletown Branch for two years.

Charles and his wife Vicki started a program in 1996, when he was High Priest, to open the Temple Dining Room on Christmas Eve to serve meals to the Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Road Workers, and News Media people until Christmas Day evening. He solicits food donations and works the event for most of the twenty-four hour period. He is also involved in the Operation Share Christmas in West Carrollton that supplies food and toys to needy families. He helps deliver food baskets. He assists the Lodge with it's highway cleanup project and assists the Community Pride Group in cleanup of homes for those who can not do it for themselves. His community service has reflected well on Masonry in West Carrollton.

Harold F. Haynes, born October 5, 1913 in Wheeling, West Virginia, is retired. He is a member of Wellsville Lodge No. 180, Past High Priest Wellsville Chapter No. 55, and a member of Keramos Council No. 95 and Pilgrim Commandery No. 55. He is 41 year member of the Elks and a member of the American Legion. He is a member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Harold has faithfully attended the meetings of the East Liverpool Masonic Bodies for thirty-two years. His positive attitude as well as his cheerful manner, makes him a great role model for all members. There is no request too small or insignificant that he does not complete in his own dependable manner. He is an example of a man who quietly serves and takes on many tasks without hoping for any glory. His companions feel that he is a quality member.

Joseph B. Kuyoth, Jr., born September 17, 1959. He is the current Worshipful Master Anthony Lodge No. 455, and a member of Shawnee Chapter No. 237, Springfield Council No. 17, Palestine Commandery No. 33 and the Valley of Dayton AASR. He graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with an BA Degree in Psychology and Sociology, is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in Ohio since 1981 and completed the Administrator-in-Training Internship Program at Otterbein Home in Lebanon, Ohio.

"Jerry" was Assistant Administrator; Administrator; and then Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Masonic Home from 1995 to 2004. During his ten year tenure, many exciting changes occurred at the Home including the elimination of asset surrender, joining the Medicare system, adding branch campuses in Cincinnati, Toledo and Medina, building a state-of-the-art Alzheimer's Facility, more independent living apartments and homes and a Community Center in Springfield. Other building projects took place at the Branch Campuses. A complete reorganization of the management structure to establish Subsidiary Corporations also required a major effort by Jerry. Ohio Masonry owes a deep debt of gratitude to Jerry for his leadership of the Ohio Masonic Home during this unprecedented period of change and growth.

After assuming his duties at the Home, Jerry saw Masonry in action and he knocked and the door was opened in 1995. In addition to serving as an officer in Anthony Lodge No. 455 and now as Worshipful Master, he joined the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, and Amaranth. He is a faithful member to them all, including serving on

the Commandery Drill Team and in the Super Excellent Master cast. He assisted all bodies in raising funds at the Ohio Masonic Home Day. He always took care of residents problems immediately and personally. He has very strong commitment of service to his community and profession.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Distinguished Guests included Grand High Priests of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio-Prince Hall, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, along with Past Grand High Priests from, Kentucky (2), and Michigan (2). The District Deputy General Grand High Priest was also present. First time visiting Grand High Priests were granted Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Additionally, several other Grand Officers and Grand Representatives were present including a large delegation from Michigan.

The Grand Lodge, F&AM of Ohio was represented by Right Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Council R&SM of Ohio was represented by Most Illustrious Companion Robert Rettig, the new Grand Master and the Immediate Past Grand Master Roger C.

Gaul. Seven other Grand Officers, 5 Arch Inspectors, 2 Arch Adjutants and 2 other Past Grand Masters were also present.

The Grand Commandery K.T. of Ohio was represented by Sir Knight Roy C. Ritter, Grand Commander, along with 6 other Grand Officers, 1 Past Grand Commander and 3 Deputy Division Commanders.

Ohio Priory 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honor was represented by Eminent Prior Edward F. Howard, plus 4 other officers, 1 District Deputy Priors and 3 Past Priors.

The Scottish Rite was represented by Most Worshipful Brother and Illustrious Brother James E. Olmstead, Deputy for Ohio, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Neil M. Smalley, Active for the Valley of Dayton.

The Ohio Prince Hall Grand Royal Arch Chapter was represented by the current Grand High Priest George Smith, Sr. and six other Grand Officers.

LEGISLATION

There was no new legislation introduced at this Convocation.

INSPECTION DISTRICT AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

District Number	Counties	No. of Chapters
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REGION A

	Regional Officer -- <i>Donald L. Losasso, Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>	
1	Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams	5
8	Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, and Fremont #64 (Sandusky)	9
9	Erie, Huron, Sandusky (except Fremont No. 64) and Lorain	10

REGION B

	Regional Officer -- Steven J. Oliver , <i>Grand Master of the Third Veil</i>	
2	Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Shelby	6
7	Hancock, Hardin, Marion, Seneca and Wyandot	8
10	Ashland, Crawford, Richland and Wayne	9

REGION C

	Regional Officer -- Robert J. Draye , <i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i>	
4	Clermont, Hamilton, Clinton (except Wilmington #63), Brown, and Morrow #143 in Warren, and North Bend Mark Lodge #1	15
5	Adams, Fayette, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Ross, and Scioto	7

REGION D

	Regional Officer -- Garis E. Pugh , <i>Grand Captain of the Host</i>	
3	Butler, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Lebanon No. 5 in Warren, and Wilmington No. 63 in Clinton	17
6	Champaign, Clark, Logan, Madison and Union	8

REGION E

	Regional Officer -- George M. Shell , <i>Grand Master of the First Veil</i>	
16	Cuyahoga, Summit #74 & Baker #139 in Summit & Mark Lodge #2 Medina, Portage and Summit (except for Summit #74 & Baker #139)	11 6
20	Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake	7

REGION F

	Regional Officer -- James M. McDonald , <i>Grand Scribe</i>	
11	Delaware, Franklin, Knox, and Morrow	9
13	Athens, Fairfield, Gallia, Hocking, Meigs, Perry, Vinton, and Washington	8

REGION G

	Regional Officer -- James W. Himmelright , <i>Grand Master of the Second Veil</i>	
14	Coshocton, Guernsey, Licking, Muskingum, and Nugen No. 124 (Tuscarawas Co.) & Dwight Warehime Mark Lodge No. 3	6
15	Belmont, Jefferson, and Harrison	5
18	Carroll, Holmes, Stark and Tuscarawas (except Nugen No. 124)	6
19	Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull	10

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2004-2005**

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COMMITTEES to be Appointed in Constituent Chapters

You as the High Priest are not expected to be able to do all of the work. For this reason, you need to set up committees to assist you in the management of your Chapter. It is extremely important that you pick individuals that are not only qualified to chair these committees but have the attitude and commitment to see that these are functional committees with a goal in mind. Be sure to acknowledge your committees at each meeting by asking for a report or update.

Keep in mind - use your companion's skills and talents. Select chairman that have unique skills that they would be willing to use on a committee. If you know of a companion with a special talent or skill, form your committee around that skill rather than forming the committee then choosing the companion.

The following are a list of required and possible committees and/or appointments you may want to make:

Finance Committee: This committee is required by code and must be appointed the night of installation. It should consist of 3 members. Refer to section 104.05 of the Code.

Welfare Committee: Appoint 3 Companions in each Constituent Chapter to make contact with those Companions who are in arrears with their dues, ascertain if they are destitute and need assistance with their dues. Make recommendations on those that need their dues remitted such as those in nursing homes. Visit the sick and distressed Companions of the Chapter and let them know that we still care about them.

Widows Committee: Appoint 1 Companion in each Constituent Chapter to maintain contact with the widows of deceased Companions for the express purpose of inviting them to local and state Chapter functions that involve the ladies.

Charities Committee: Appoint interested Companions to speak on and promote each of the three charities that Grand Chapter supports: The Ohio Masonic Home, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation (Adopt America Network) and Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA). This committee's main function will be to arrange a special night or event to designate the proceeds to go to one of these charities. Designate this committee to report on the charity, explain its function, how the donations are used, and distribute literature.

Reinstatement Committee: Appoint a team of Companions to make personal contact with those Companions who have demitted or been suspended. A reinstatement is a reinvestment in your Chapter. Let us find out why these Companions have left, and work to reinstate them. This committee should work closely with and make recommendations to the Welfare Committee when appropriate.

Keeper of the Marks: Appoint 1 Companion in each Chapter to see that not only the Mark Book is maintained but to instruct all new Mark Masters on the purpose and intent of selecting their mark and to see that it is properly recorded.

If a chapter consolidation takes place, it is the duty of the Keeper of the Marks along with the Secretary of the chapter to obtain the Mark Book and all marks of the previous chapter, and keep them with the records of the surviving chapter.

Publicity Committee: This committee's purpose is to report on special events such as award nights, installations, inspections and see that the information is publicized in local newspapers, newsletters, via the Internet, the Grand Chapter web site and District web sites. All publications are to be forwarded to the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Chapter. If we are to survive, we must advertise.

Membership Development: This is one of the most, if not the most, vital parts of your Chapter. Its goal is to stimulate growth in our membership. Each Chapter must appoint a membership development Chairman and that Committee must work on Social Activities, Public Relations, Petitions and Reinstatements. If your Chapter is going to survive, this Committee must be active. Have your Chairman stay in close contact with the Chairman of the Grand Chapter Membership Development Committee. This Committee is taking a very active position in membership development this year and is very enthusiastic in their pursuit. The Grand Chapter Membership Development Committee Chairman and members and phone numbers are listed in this Bulletin.

Chapter Education Officer: A Companion that is not only knowledgeable, but is committed to Masonic Education. He is responsible for short talk programs at stated and special convocations; arranges for the District Education Officer program, appoints candidate counselors, and provides information to complete the DEO inspection report.

Knowledge is the foundation of our future and education is the building block to that foundation. Appoint your Chapter Education Officer with the quality and expertise to build the future.

Candidate Counselor: With the newly developed flip charts, each Chapter should have a capable Companion assigned to counsel each candidate before each degree between sections, and after each degree conferral. This Counselor should place the degree in perspective and tell the candidate what to look for and how to get the most out of the degree. He should invite questions, and briefly explain the significance of the various sections of the degrees after they are conferred.

Degree Directors: For proper and effective conferral of the Degrees, we must appoint a Degree director for each Degree. These Companions will insure a complete cast is prepared for each degree and that prior to conferring any Degree ample rehearsals are scheduled. Each Degree Director is to insure the Candidate is properly prepared and made to feel at ease during the conferring of degrees. He is to see that the degree starts on time, and that paraphernalia, robes, equipment, and props are ready, in good repair and set up properly.

It is important that the degrees of Capitular Masonry be presented in a manner that will impress the candidate and cause him to feel that his time was well spent. Remember, the candidates that pass through our degrees will be our best salesmen as they go back to their Lodges with favorable impressions of Capitular Masonry.

Chapter Historian: It is requested that each Chapter appoint a committee to research and write the history of their Chapter from its origin to the present time. The history should include such items as: circumstances under which the Chapter was formed; date

of the dispensation; date of the charter; date of institution; date of consecration and dedications; list of charter members; list of Chapter Officers; location of the first meeting; and, unusual events that have occurred in the history of the Chapter. Copies of the Chapter's history should be submitted to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Historian. The Grand Historian stands ready to help any Companion who requests help in writing the history of his Chapter.

INFORMATION

Communications

It is requested that each Constituent Chapter Secretary and High Priest is prompt in answering all communications. Requests for supplies, educational materials and service awards are to be submitted directly to the Grand Secretary.

Requests for approval of By-Laws must be approved by your District Deputy Grand High Priest for form and substance before mailing. Please note that changes in By-Laws which do nothing but change fees or dues, or change the specified time (or date) of stated meetings, do not need to be approved by the Grand High Priest. When approval is needed, the request should be mailed directly to the Grand High Priest, not to the Grand Secretary.

Dispensations

All requests for dispensations should be forwarded to the District Deputy Grand High Priest, who will review them, and if warranted, will forward same to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee: George Hall, 28 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902-1692, Phone: 419-524-9811 Fax (419) 522-5758. If it is a proper request and in proper form, the Jurisprudence Committee will forward the dispensation form to the Grand High Priest for signature. Any deviation from this process will cause undue delays.

Religious Re-Affirmation Sunday

Every chapter is asked to participate in a DISTRICT-WIDE religious service on Sunday October 24, 2004. This service should be organized by the District Deputy Grand High Priest and he may be assisted by the District Officers Association.

This observance should be separate from a church worship service, as all masons are expected to attend their church. Let us make this special effort to thank God for his gift to us.

Why do we have a Religious Reaffirmation Sunday? Because it was instituted by the General Grand Chapter in 1797 as a day on which all Royal Arch Masons in the United States would be attending a church service at approximately the same time. This first service took place on Sunday, October 24, 1798. We, therefore as Royal Arch Masons, reaffirm our solemn vow to Almighty God on the Sunday nearest to that date in October.

This observance should be a special event involving the family, and invited guests, and the whole Masonic Family. If properly planned and conducted, this can be a splendid opportunity to let the community know what Masonry, and especially Capitular Masonry, stands for.

Royal Arch Schools

Masonry is a teaching institution. It always has been, and its strength is in the WELL-INFORMED MASON. We are reaping the benefits of the great lessons laid by our Companions of yesterday. Our duty is to improve ourselves by those teachings and to pass our enriched experiences down to posterity. Royal Arch Schools are made available in each District to provide an opportunity for members to become Masonically well informed. Every District is URGED to hold several of these schools, and each High Priest is encouraged to persuade his officers and companions to attend them.

Awards

All awards given in recent years will be continued this year. These awards include: Sojourner, District Work Horse, Outstanding High Priest, Outstanding Chapter in the District, Most Improved Chapter in the District, No Loss Award of Distinction, and the Star Award to Chapters with 3% or more net gain.

Four recipients in the entire state will receive the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Grand Chapter. These nominations must be submitted through your District Deputy Grand High Priest and these recommendations must be in the hands of the Grand Chapter Awards Committee (Ralph M. Curtis, 8198 Jug Street Rd., Alexandria, OH 43001 by June 30, 2005.

Christmas and Holy Week

The weeks of Christmas and Easter mean a great deal to the religious community. Therefore, I am requesting that no Special Meetings be held during these two weeks, and

that the activities of Stated Meetings be held to the barest necessities. **No Degree conferrals during these two weeks!**

Special Dates

The Grand Chapter Officers will perform the Ceremony of Rededication at the following Chapters: Lafayette #60 on November 14, 2004 at 3:00PM; Shelby Chapter #178 on December 12, 2004 at 3:00PM; and Marion Chapter #62 on April 30, 2005 at 3:00PM with the 9th District GHP reception following the rededication. .

The 189th Grand Chapter Convocation will be held in Columbus, Ohio on October 5th and 6th, 2005 at the Holiday Inn East at 170 and Hamilton Road. The GHP will also be guest inspector at Walnut Chapter #172 on November 29, 2004 and Shawnee Chapter #237 on December 1, 2004.

GRAND CHAPTER Promotional Material

Additional copies of the Red Roster of Chapters and the Annual Proceedings may be secured through the office of the Grand Secretary. Red Rosters are \$1.00, Proceedings are \$7.00 per copy (plus any shipping), while they last.

A copy of Bulletin No. 1 is provided to the High Priest, King, Scribe and Secretary of each Chapter.

A number of Promotional Pamphlets and congratulatory folders are available from the office of the Grand Secretary. A complete list of these may be found in the price list mailed to all Secretaries.

Videos - *Saga of the Holy Royal Arch*

An Unheard Cry (these videos are available from the General Grand Secretary, PO Box 489, Danville KY 40423-0489

"*Long Sought Word*" pamphlet (\$9.00 per hundred); Twenty-five Year Cards (free);

Tau Cards and Triple Tau Cards (free); Chapter Management Manual (\$8.00 each); Chapter Officer Manual (\$1.00 each); Revised Code, Ceremonies & Forms (Contents \$2.50; Binder \$3.50)

York Rite promotional material, petitions for degrees, York Rite Passports, etc. may also be obtained from the Grand Secretary, making all payments for this material to the Joint York Rite Cooperation Committee.

York Rite Secretary-Recorders Association

The York Rite Secretary-Recorders Association in Ohio serves a most welcome purpose. Here the Secretaries are given the opportunity to discuss mutual problems and exchange ideas. This exchange of ideas and presentation of valuable experiences and suggestions is of immeasurable benefit to each Constituent Chapter. Each Constituent Chapter is urged to send its Secretary to the meetings of this Association at the expense of the Constituent Chapter.

The next annual meeting will be in Columbus, Ohio on August 21, 2004.

Twenty Five Year Cards

Constituent Chapters are encouraged to recognize their 25-year members. Twenty five year cards are available from the Grand Secretary's office, on request, at no charge. Twenty-five year pins may be purchased from many Masonic supply houses.

50, 60 & 65-Year Emblems

The Grand Secretary's office has reminded (with the Secretary's bulletin) the names of the Companions eligible for these awards. Requests for presentation must be made by the Chapter Secretary to the Grand Secretary.

Do not delay this important action. If the Companion cannot get to the Temple, take it to him. If he lives out of state or is not in your geographic area, inform the Grand Secretary at the time of request, so that he may assist you in arranging for the presentation. Companions it is better to be several months early on these presentations, than it is to be one day too late!

Grand Historian

I highly encourage each Constituent Chapter to write or update its history. If you need any assistance, contact our Grand Historian. This year the Grand Chapter is very fortunate to have a very knowledgeable Companion with expertise, qualifications, and background in the writing and research of Royal Arch Masonry and other Masonic Bodies. He is most willing and stands ready to assist any Companions in researching and writing their Chapter history. Do not hesitate in contacting our Grand Historian, Norman G. Lincoln. Each Constituent Chapter should send a copy of the completed history to the Grand Historian and the Grand Secretary.

York Rite Cooperation

Please make every effort to cooperate with the other York Rite Bodies in your area. Among the positive ways to cooperate are:

Schedule degrees so that Councils and Commanderys can conveniently arrange for their degrees and orders;

.Respect the other bodies' schedules;

Participate in York Rite Festivals.

We must sell York Rite Masonry to our Symbolic Lodge Brethren. We need to tell them that the lessons learned in the York Rite build on what they have learned in Blue Lodge. Visitations to your local Blue Lodges is a very good way to get this word to them by your example or by talking up York Rite Masonry. **We must sell York Rite Masonry!**

Festivals

It has always been my feeling that the Capitular degrees are intended to be conferred on individuals on a personal, one –on–one basis. However, I do support the purpose and need to have one-day festivals in order to meet the needs of those individuals who cannot attend weekday evening meetings. I highly recommend the continuance of using individual Chapter meetings to confer the Capitular degrees on candidates in order to convey the one–on–one personal touch and utilize the festivals when this is not an option. When scheduling a festival, I recommend that it be set up as a District–wide function, thus, obtaining the best ritualists, paraphernalia, and location available to enhance the portrayal of the degrees. Festivals can also be utilized to portray the degrees to candidates in a shorter time frame than over several months, which can be advantageous to those individuals who are desirous in completing the York Rite in a more timely manner.

Royal Arch Research Assistance

In 1974 the General Grand Chapter International launched this philanthropy under the leadership of our M. Ex. Comp. Edward Selby to help research Auditory Perception problems in children. Although we no longer belong to the General Grand Chapter, we still support this philanthropy. I ask that you set a goal of \$1.00 per member donation to RARA. Donations may be made in honor of a deceased member. A money making project could be used just for RARA.

Ohio Masonic Home

In 1892 the cornerstone was laid for the Ohio Masonic Home. It was a way in which the Masons of Ohio dedicated themselves to the idea that care should be provided for other Masons, their wives, widows and orphans.

Many changes have been made in the "Home on the Hill" since those early days, but the care, compassion and concern that has been the hallmark of the Home is as good today as it was in the beginning. Ohio Masons can be very proud of their Home. All Royal Arch Masons should support our Home to assure that it will sustain the level of excellence it now has. Be generous in your support of the Ohio Masonic Home.

Royal Arch Foundation

The Grand Chapter of Ohio at the 186th Convocation held in Columbus, Ohio, approved the formation of the Royal Arch Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to oversee the distribution of monies collected in support of the Charity that the Foundation selects. The Foundation elected to support for three years, the Adopt

American Network. The Adopt America Network is a Toledo based charity that finds permanent homes for hard to place children that are currently in the foster care system. These are the children most difficult to place (older children, minority and mixed race, children with physical or emotional problems). Adopt American Network utilizes a network of volunteer adoption specialists, who are themselves adoptive parents, to recruit and match families with waiting children. Every child needs a permanent loving home and with our support, this can be achieved. The Royal Arch Foundation is a 501 (C) 3 tax deductible organization.

Youth Organizations

The Youth organizations are our future. We must support each of them the best way we can. If there is DeMolay, Rainbow Assembly or a Bethel of Job's Daughters in your area, please support them with your time, money and talent. You will be welcome at any of their meetings and I encourage you to attend whenever possible. This year, I am requesting that each Chapter District sponsor a DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughter night. This can be a friendship night, prospect night, or an awards night. I am also asking each Grand Officer and District Deputy Grand High Priest to attend at least one youth meeting, installation or inspection during this next year. Our money support helps, but the thing they need most is our attendance and encouragement. I am asking any Companion who attends one of the Youth meetings to be my representative and to bring the greetings of the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter Web Site

The Grand Chapter web site is up and running. Much work has been with more to do as time allows. Contact the webmaster REC Kenneth Finkel with questions or suggestions. The address is: ohiograndchapter.org. There are links on the web site to other Masonic contacts.

Conclusion

Traveling, Traveling, Traveling: What a journey I've had traveling around this great state of Ohio presenting my Grand King's program, making many new friendships and renewing some old ones. I want to thank each and every Companion who gave up their time, participated in, and attended these schools to listen to my message. As your Grand High Priest, I am looking forward with anticipation to the upcoming Chapter inspections and will be traveling to your part of the state in the near future.

My theme this year, **"The Circle of Unity Starts with You"**, continues with traditions of Capitular Masonry. Remember the lessons that are taught in our Royal Arch Masonry are the foundation to build a spiritual life that many of our Brethren have never been given the opportunity to receive. Inform a Brother Master Mason of the enthusiasm that you felt when you received the Ancient Masters Word, that which was lost, "The Long Lost Secret of a Master Mason", available only in the Royal Arch Degree. Companions, inform a brother master Mason today!

I have two personal goals that I have presented while traveling across this great state. The first is to continue with the Ritualistic Excellence of the ritual work that I have observed in the degree conferrals in our Chapter during my travels as a Grand Officer. The other is to stop the loss of Chapters in the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of

Ohio. We must address those needs now and stop this trend. The Committee on Long Range Planning, under the direction of MEC Alan D. Hart, PGHP, will address those needs and problems in our Chapters. Those members assigned to this committee will be from each area of the state with their primary function to address problems within their individual areas and make recommendations for a statewide solution. Companions, we need you to communicate to these members of the committee your thoughts and ideas so we may find a solution. Rome wasn't built in a day, but was destroyed in a short period of time because their leadership failed to plan. Companions, we cannot fail. Our future depends on what your Chapters are doing today.

On October 6, 2004, you bestowed upon me the honor of electing me the Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. You have my solemn promise that I will uphold the integrity of the office of Grand High Priest and will preserve the Ancient Landmarks which our forefathers chiseled into a white stone for our use. **“The Circle of Unity Starts with You”; Let us Complete the Circle.**

Given under my signature and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio at Circleville, Ohio this 10th day of October, 2004.

Fraternally,
Jean W. Justus
 Grand High Priest

Attest: **Dale G. Ray, Jr.**
 Grand Secretary

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF OHIO
BULLETIN NO. 2
Barberton, Ohio
November 26, 2004**

This Bulletin must be read or summarized in open Chapter at the first stated Convocation after its receipt.

To: Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputies and Representatives of Constituent Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

From Your Grand High Priest:

As quickly as the Grand Convocation in Dayton came, the month of October is now gone and my election, and the Grand High Priest's Reception and the Grand Family Meeting in Chillicothe are now history. Whew, where have all the pumpkins gone?

The Grand Chapter Officers are busy at work addressing the many issues facing our chapters and traveling within their regions. I have made a personal request to each Grand Officer to be very visible to the companions across this great State of Ohio. Express your concerns, ideas, likes or dislikes, and improvements for the Capitular rite, so that the Grand Chapter may address the many issues that each of our constituent chapters are facing in today's world.

The individual chapters throughout the state are now approaching the mid-point of the Capitular year. Have you been doing what you had planned, and are you ready to complete your goals for your chapter and the Capitular rite?

Since our Grand Chapter convocation, many events and visitations have taken place for this Grand High Priest. Several requests for Dispensation have been processed and returned to the chapters. By-law changes have also been granted to update the individual chapter by-laws with the recent changes in the Grand Chapter Code. Make sure your chapter by-laws are meeting your chapter needs and are in compliance with the Grand Chapter Code. Requests for the fifty-year service awards have been coming into the Grand Secretary's Office rapidly and this Grand High Priest is suffering from a little writer's cramp, Great Job Companions! To those Companions receiving their fifty-year

service award or more, Congratulations, for your dedicated service to this Grand Chapter and Freemasonry in Ohio.

Between the various grand sessions, receptions, installations, presentations, inspections and work, this year is moving very quickly. The Grand Family recently rededicated Lafayette Chapter No. 60 in Bellefontaine on November 14, 2004. The next major event will be the rededication of Shelby Chapter No. 178 on Sunday, December 12, 2004 in Shelby at 3:00 p.m. The grand officers are pleased to help celebrate the anniversaries of these two distinguished chapters. November is the time of the installation of the officers for our symbolic lodges; let us show our support with our presence and assistance wherever they are needed.

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching; let us remember the reason for this time of the season and take the time to reflect on the many blessings we have received and renew our faith as we join with our families in celebration of this very special time of the year.

Sharon and I wish everyone and their families a very happy holiday season and hope for a prosperous new year.

Given under my signature and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio at Circleville, Ohio on this 26th day of November, 2004.

Jean W. Justus,

Jr.

Grand High Priest

From the Grand Chapter Charities:

Ohio Masonic Home:

All of our homes are busy preparing for the Holiday Season. Resident parties are scheduled, decorations are in place and the festive atmosphere pervades each location. This would be a good time for all Companions to send a card to those residents from their area or better yet schedule a visit to renew old acquaintances. The residents would certainly appreciate a card, call or visit.

Contributions to the Home should be sent through the Grand Secretary's Office so that your chapter receives the proper credit. Checks should be made out to The Ohio Masonic Home.

Royal Arch Foundation-Adopt America Network:

Adopt America Network is thankful to all the chapters and districts that have held fundraisers in support of the Royal Arch Foundation and AAN. Funds have been received from activities ranging from, spaghetti dinners to white elephant auctions. These donations directly support the adoption services provided with no fees to families seeking to adopt children from the foster care systems.

Adopt America Network also is partnering with districts and chapters across Ohio to hold Adoption Fairs that recruit families interested in adopting children. Holding an Adoption Fair in your lodge is a good way to involve your members, their spouses and other family members. Adopt America will provide a staff person to coordinate the event

with your chairperson. For your Adoption Fair, Adopt America will send staff personnel as well as adoptive families to meet with the families who are interested in adopting.

Adopt America will supply a step-by-step outline of how to plan and hold an Adoption Fair. They also will provide you with event flyers, or will give you a master copy if you prefer to make your own copies. Your chapter distributes the flyers locally and secures local radio, TV and newspaper announcements to attract area families to your Adoption Fair.

If you are interested in having an Adoption Fair in your district, contact Dr. Edieann Didham at 419-823-3346. You can also contact Edieann, if you want a speaker from Adopt America for your district event or an adoptive family to be your guest at a district or chapter event.

Contributions to Adopt America should be sent to The Royal Arch Foundation, P. O. Box 511, Shelby, Ohio 44875. Checks should be made out to The Royal Arch Foundation.

RARA:

Contributions to the RARA Foundation are coming in from many chapters. Remember that in addition to the normal contribution certificates, your chapter will receive a special certificate for 100% participation if it donates \$1.00 per member.

Contributions to RARA should be sent through the Grand Secretary's Office so that your Chapter gets proper credit. Checks should be made out to RARA.

Other Items of Interest:

Corrections/Changes to Bulletin No. 1: The new second DDGHP for District 11 is Raymond J. McMahon (not Raymon as listed). On page 25, the next annual meeting of

the York Rite Secretaries and Recorders Association will be August 20, 2005 in Delaware, Ohio.

Corrections/Changes to the Red Roster: On page 10, the District 9 DDGHP John W. Hooper's correct Zip Code is 44826. It is correct in Bulletin No. 1. Secretaries with new addresses are as follows: Ohio No. 12-Jack L. Allen, 4449 Harrods Street, Groveport, Ohio 43125 (Phone No. (614) 830-0665 and FAX No. (614) 835-0902); Circleville No. 20-David W. Fouch, Jr.'s correct Phone No. is (740) 477-1064; and, Port Lawrence No. 176-new Secretary is James F. Benson, Jr., 4620 282nd Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611 (Phone No. (419) 726-1876).

From the Grand Secretary:

Due to the untimely passing of Most Excellent Companion Robert J. Maxwell (refer to In Memoriam Card enclosed), the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has appointed Right Excellent Companion Robert J. Draye as Chairman of the Ritual Committee. Please note this change in your Bulletin No. 1.

McCutchen Chapter No. 96 in Upper Sandusky is in need of a new set of Veils. Chapters that have recently merged may have an extra set. If you do, please contact Ronald E. Pool at (419) 294-2751 or James E. McDonald at (419) 294-4936.

Dale G. Ray, Jr.
Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF OHIO
BULLETIN NO. 3
Barberton, Ohio
February 15, 2005**

This Bulletin must be read or summarized in open Chapter at the first stated Convocation after its receipt.

To: Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputies and Representatives of Constituent Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

From Your Grand High Priest:

The 2004 Holiday Season is a distant memory and I hope you had a great season with your families. As for this Grand High Priest, Sharon and I won't soon forget the ice storms, snow, freezing rain, flooding, power outages and the very cold temperatures. Mother Nature assured us that she was in total control and everyone will adjust to her

wishes. Travel was very limited during those times but we did venture out for a few short trips. Remember, if you complain about Ohio's weather, just wait a day or two and it will change. The Almanac says spring is just around the corner and starts March 20, 2005, 7:34 A.M.

The Capitular year is in full swing with many chapters and districts having completed their inspection schedules. The degree work I have observed at inspections were of the highest quality and those chapter officers are to be commended for their efforts. As your Grand High Priest, one observation I've made in my travels is that many chapters are struggling because of the hard economic times, participation of the membership and leadership skills of junior officers. High Priests, now is the time to provide those leadership skills, obtain your chapter's goals and complete your plans by leading your companions in the direction that future leaders may follow. The Grand Chapter Officers and the District Deputies Grand High Priest within your districts are here to assist you, "all you need to is ask". The Longest Journey ever completed was started with one small step.

On April 9, 2005, the Grand Master's One Day Class will again be held across the State of Ohio. Out of respect and support of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, I have issued the follow Edict: "To respect the Grand Master Class, no Chapter activity or degree (except stated meeting) may be held on April 9, 2005".

Companions, we need your total support of this effort for Free Masonry in Ohio. Our Chapter membership comes from within these Brethren and the Presiding Officers of the York Bodies of Ohio have pledged their total support. A follow-up letter on the preprinted fees agreed upon by the Presiding Officers will be forwarded to each Chapter, Council and Commandery. There are York Rite festivals being planned throughout Ohio in the month of May, 2005 and those fees will be honored at those festivals.

The Grand Family will be traveling to Marion Chapter No. 62 on April 30th , 2005 for their Rededication Ceremony. The Grand High Priest Reception of the 7th Capitular District will immediately follow the Rededication Ceremony. Companions, if you have never seen this ceremony, come join the Grand Family on April 30th . The Rededication Ceremony is an open ceremony for everyone so come and enjoy the fellowship and help Marion Chapter No. 62 celebrate this milestone. Note: High Priest be sure and check your Charter Dates for any chapters dedicated in the year 1855 are entitled to a rededication ceremony this year.

Due to the recent loss of the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Most Excellent Companion Robert J. Maxwell, Right Excellent Companion Robert J. Draye, Grand Principal Sojourner was appointed Chairman to fill that position. Right Excellent Companion James E. Barnes, Jr., District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 8th Capitular District was also added to the committee. The Ritual Committee has requested for each companion throughout the state to study the Ritual, make recommendations on errors or misprints, express their ideas and concerns for updates and forward that information to the Ritual Committee. In the near future it will become necessary for Grand Chapter to reprint our Chapter Ritual. A listing of the members on the Ritual Committee is printed in Bulletin No.1 (the pink book).

The Grand High Priest Receptions have started and Sharon and I had a great time visiting with the Companions of the 20th Capitular District. My schedule seems full, but you will never know when I will drop in to visit with the companions of your district and chapters.

On a personal note, Sharon and I want to thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers during her recent illness. She is slowly on the road to recovery and will be traveling with me again. God Bless the Companions of this Grand Chapter of Ohio. We feel we are blessed by each one of you.

“The Circle of Unity Starts with You. Let us complete the Circle”.

Given under my signature and the seal of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio at Circleville, Ohio on this 7th day of February, 2005.

Jean W. Justus, Jr.
Grand High Priest

Other items of interest:

GOLF OUTING: Plans for the Grand Chapter Golf Outing this summer are being made. You do not have to be a pro to play, as the Scramble format is used. Last year the tournament was cancelled due to a lack of participation. Please start gathering your team now so that this popular event can be successful this year. Hopefully, all districts will be represented by at least one team or more. For more information and reservation forms, please contact MEC John W. (Bill) Purdy at 112 Wein Street, Spencerville, Ohio 45887.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE CLOSING: The Grand Chapter Office will be closed April 16 through April 23, 2005 for vacation. If you have urgent business, please conduct it early before the vacation week.

From the Grand Chapter Charities:

Ohio Masonic Home:

Masonic Home Day will be held on The Home's Springfield campus on Sunday, June 5, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Ohio Masons, their families, friends and the public are invited to join the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, and other Grand Lodge officers to enjoy the festive, family event and entertainment.

"Home Day is a day for fun and fellowship, a time to renew our spirits and strengthen friendships," said the Home's Chief Executive Officer, Brother David Bannerman. "I encourage everyone to check our Home Day "Countdown Section" soon to be posted on our web site at www.ohiomasonichome.org or contact Carol Zennie in our Marketing and Communications Office at (937) 525-3074 for more information. We will have a few surprises for our visitors this year, but you will have to be here on June 5 to enjoy them," he added.

Ohio Masonic Home scholarship committee seeks your help. Two years ago The Ohio Masonic Home created a \$500,000 scholarship endowment fund to be used exclusively for orphaned children of Ohio Masons. Now the scholarship committee needs your assistance to identify and assist qualified applicants to complete and submit student applications for the 2005-2006 academic year by April 1, 2005.

Application forms are available upon request by writing to: The Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 120, Springfield, Ohio 45501 or the forms may be

downloaded from The Home's web site at www.ohiomasonichome.org. Enter the web site, click on "What's New," and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Scholarship Application Forms."

Each scholarship award will be for one academic year and may not exceed \$3,000 or the cost of tuition. Students may not receive more than five scholarship awards from the fund, and must be enrolled on a full-time basis at a qualifying institution before the funds are distributed.

Contributions to the Home should be sent through the Grand Secretary's Office so that your chapter receives the proper credit. Checks should be made out to The Ohio Masonic Home.

Royal Arch Foundation-Adopt America Network:

Sponsorship of adoption fairs by RAM districts and chapters in Wadsworth, Findlay and Barberton recruited new parents to begin their training and home study process to become adoptive parents.

A group of RAM volunteers came to Toledo to help with the summer adoption carnival, and another group of red-coated gentlemen showed up in December to assist Santa Claus in distributing presents to children at the annual Christmas party. RAM representatives also attended AAN's annual October dinner auction and contributed many auction items. Items are being accepted for the 2005 dinner auction on Friday, October 14, 2005.

In February, Robert Crabbs of the Royal Arch Foundation presented Adopt American Network with a check for \$10,000.00 representing the contributions and fundraising efforts of the Royal Arch Masons. Adopt America Network is extremely grateful for all of the RAM support that has made the work of finding more homes for children possible.

If you want to help the children by hosting an adoption fair in your lodge, buying tickets for the dinner auction, or contributing an auction item, please contact Edieann Didham at (419) 823-3346 or ebdidham@aol.com. Mrs. Edieann B. Didham may also be contacted for speakers.

Contributions to Adopt America should be sent to The Royal Arch Foundation, P. O. Box 511, Shelby, Ohio 44875. Checks should be made out to The Royal Arch Foundation.

RARA:

Children are still being tested and identified as having Central Auditory Processing Disorder at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, Colorado. We, as Royal Arch Masons, need to continue to support this very worthwhile organization.

RA.R.A. acknowledges contributions of \$25.00 or more with a certificate and donations of \$500.00 or more with a very nice lapel pin.

Contributions to RARA should be sent through the Grand Secretary's Office so that your Chapter gets proper credit. Checks should be made out to RARA.

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES!

PRICE OF DUES CARDS

Dues Cards:

Membership of Chapter May 31, 2004	Cost of Dues Cards
50 or less	\$ 5.00
51 - 80	\$ 7.50
81 - 110	\$ 9.75
111 - 140	\$12.25
141 - 170	\$14.75
171 - 200	\$16.75
201 - 230	\$18.75
231 - 260	\$20.75
261 - 290	\$22.50
291 - 320	\$24.25
321 - 350	\$26.00
351 - 380	\$29.00
381 - 410	\$31.00
411 - 440	\$32.75
441 - 470	\$35.00
over 470	\$37.00

We will print dues cards starting March 22, 2005. If you have not recently given us an Update Report so we will have the correct names to print on the cards, please do so immediately or your cards will be printed with the old names on them and you will have no cards for your new members. The cost is changed very slightly since last year, as per the table above. All cards should be shipped to you by April 17. If you do not receive yours, please let us know immediately.

Remember to give us any name variations desired on the dues cards, e.g. C. Robert Jones instead of Charles R. Jones. Also remember that candidates, for whom you have reported to us the "minor" degrees but no Royal Arch date, will not be picked up by the computer

for printing the dues cards. We will print cards only for Royal Arch Masons, and send you 15% extra "blank" cards (imprinted with your Chapter name and number) for you to use during the year for your new members.

Since there are no valid dues cards without the Grand Secretary's seal on them, all Chapters will receive cards and be billed for them without having to order them.

Annual Returns: By May 21, you should have received your Preliminary Annual Return (that is the listing of all members in good standing and all changes in membership reported to us since May 31, 2004). Included with this will be the needed Annual Return Forms, Election Return Forms, Ritual Receipts and various other year-end forms that you need.

This Preliminary Return is very important to you. It shows what has been reported to us thus far. Entries that need to be added to update the lists to May 31, 2005, must be reported to us by an Update Report Form. Using this information, we can then complete your Return, print the final lists and send you a copy along with a bill for your per capita dues and fees. **So please check the preliminary lists carefully.**

We have again made out the Cover Sheets of your returns for you based on the 2003 Election Returns you have given us. (The directions for doing this will be repeated with the instructions included with the Return mailing.)

This makes filing your Annual Return a very easy chore if you have followed the directions. It does require your cooperation.

Service Pins: Again, you as Secretary must request the pins before they can be sent. This is so that you can tell us if the member does not live locally. Please check the address of the Companion, and then request the pin, giving us the address if he lives out of your area.

Endowed Memberships: Now is the time to apply for endowed memberships. Please remember the March 31 deadline for getting applications submitted in order to get credit for the 2007 dues. Anything received after March 31 will apply to the 2008 dues (payable June, 2007). **If you need more application forms, ask for them immediately.**

Dale G. Ray, Jr.
Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF OHIO
BULLETIN NO. 4
Barberton, Ohio
May 4, 2005**

This Bulletin must be read or summarized in open Chapter at the first stated Convocation after its receipt.

To: Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputies and Representatives of Constituent Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

From Your Grand High Priest:

Spring has finally arrived, the rebirth of nature is all around us with just a few very cool days and snow to remind us that she is still in control. The Great Creator has charged each of us to celebrate with him the new beginning and the rebirth of our spiritual life during the Easter Season. Sharon and I pray that you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends.

My year as your Grand High Priest has reached the halfway point with just a few inspections to be completed due to schedule changes. Are your plans in place for the next Capitular year, do you have the new officers committed to those plans? Companions, in just two short months the new Capitular year will start, are you ready for that challenge? All of your Grand Officers are ready to assist you in all your needs; Ask One Today.

The Grand Master's Class for 2005 is now history; are you making personal contacts with those brethren to offer further light in York Rite Masonry? There are several York Rite Festivals on the State-Wide Schedule starting in Mansfield on April 16th and continuing through the month of June. Contact a Master Mason today! The beautiful Degrees offered in York Rite Masonry will answer many question that newly made Master Masons have on their minds; remember, we hold the Secret of a Maser Mason in our Royal Arch Degree. New preprinted pamphlets on the York Rite Story will be made included in the packets given to the members of the Grand Masters Class and are available for your chapter's use.

It is with deep regret I must again inform you of another loss of a Past Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Earl C. Gifford, Grand Secretary Emeritus, in March of this year. The Great Creator has called home to Eternal Rest a total of four of our

workman for this Grand Chapter: Most Excellent Companions Robert J. Maxwell, Dwight L. Kane, James A. Getty and Earl C. Gifford. These workmen of the temple have laid down their working tools of life and entered into the Celestial Lodge above, where they have heard, "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant, Enter into thy Joy of thy Lord". Please remember to keep their families and love ones in your prayers. So Mote it Be!

Grand Chapter Session October 5th and 6th, 2005. Plans for the Annual Conclave are being finalized and preliminary information may be found below.

Ladies Bus Trip to Longaberger Homestead. On Wednesday, October 5th, 2005 Lady Sharon has scheduled an entertaining Ladies Event for the day. The ladies will be traveling to the Longaberger Homestead, with a brief stop at the corporate office for a tour of the "largest basket in the world". They will leave the hotel at 9:00 a.m. Logaberger events are scheduled throughout the day. The ladies may enjoy shopping, taste testing and kitchen demonstrations as well as a tour of the basket making facilities.

Lady Sharon has been able to obtain vouchers for the ladies to have lunch while touring the Homestead. The vouchers will be included in the packets that each lady will receive when boarding the bus for the trip. We want to invite all the ladies attending this year's session to come out and enjoy a great time with the Grand Chapter Ladies. Ladies, you won't want to miss this trip! Included in this bulletin is a meal reservation form that includes a place to register the ladies. Please register the ladies for this event with your meal reservations to insure that we will have enough buses for transportation to the event.

A Service of Remembrance. On Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. at the headquarters hotel, a Memorial Service will be held honoring the Past Grand High Priests and the Companions we have lost during this Capitular year. This memorial service will be open to all Companions and their ladies attending this year's session. I am making a special request for your attendance at the memorial service to honor these Companions.

In closing: Companions, as the changing of the guard occurs within our Chapters across this state, I pray that you have had a successful year. As the new High Priest and Officers assume their duties, lets move our chapters to that level of excellence we all know we need to obtain. I want to thank you for your service to this fraternity and Capitular Rite.

The Circle of Unity Starts with You. Let us complete the Circle.

Jean W. Justus, Jr.
Grand High Priest

Please Read the Following Very Carefully!

189th GRAND CONVOCATION TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS IN OCTOBER

The 189th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio will convene in the city of Columbus, Ohio on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 8:30A.M. at the Holiday Inn Columbus East, 4560 Hilton Corporate Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43232-4180. The Grand Chapter will reconvene for the closing session at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, October 6, 2005.

The headquarters hotel will be Holiday Inn Columbus East and all meetings and meals will be there except the conferral of the Order of High Priesthood. All Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests, Distinguished Guests and District Deputies will be quartered there along with most delegates. Please read carefully. All hotel and meal reservations must be made by the individual Companions, or they can be grouped as a Chapter provided that each Companion and Lady is listed individually.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Companions should use the enclosed hotel reservation form to make room reservations. The room rate at the Holiday Inn is \$76.00 per day, plus tax. Hotel reservations must be made by September 20, 2005 to guarantee that rate. Several other motels are also located in the area. Companions should note that this is a very busy time in Columbus and reservations should be submitted as early as possible.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: All meal reservations must be made and paid for in advance. Mail your check with the enclosed Meal Ticket Order form to: Roger Wilson, 853 Prince William Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Make checks payable to the 11th District Royal Arch Association. Cut off for meal reservations is September 23, 2005. Please note: Be sure to print or type the name and title of each Companion and the name of his Lady.

REGISTRATION: Registration for Companions will be at the Holiday Inn Columbus East Hotel on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on Thursday, October 6, 2005, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Ladies Registration will be at the Hotel on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOMS: Any District wanting to reserve a district Hospitality Room, must contact and make reservations through the Housing Chairman: Donald L. Losasso, 5149 Bixford Avenue, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110, PHONE NUMBER (614) 836-3412. When requesting a hospitality room, please give YOUR District Association's Name, the credit card number to be charged for the room, and the name, address, and telephone number of the person staying in the room..

The information and the reservation forms are sent to you now so you will have them before the summer break. The usual packet including additional meal and hotel reservation forms, proxy forms, Order of High Priesthood petitions and other details of the Grand Convocation will be included with Bulletin #5 to the new High Priests in early August (as soon as we learn who the new officers are). o H

Other items of interest:

GOLF OUTING: The Grand Chapter Golf Outing will again be held at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course in Lima. The date is July 9, 2005. Reservation forms are included,

please contact MEC John W. (Bill) Purdy at 112 Wein Street, Spencerville, Ohio 45887 or call him at (419) 647-0052 for additional information.

GRAND KING'S SCHOOLS: Kermit V. Zimmerman., the Grand King, has released the following schedule for his schools to present the program for next year:

5/21 Lyndhurst MT 9:00 a.m., 6/4 Norwood MT 8:00 a.m., 6/11 Mansfield MT 10:00 a.m., 6/18 Findlay MT 8:00 a.m., 6/24 Columbus MT 7:30 p.m., 6/25 Springfield MT 9:00 a.m., 7/9 Toronto MT 9:00 a.m., 7/16 Logan MT 1:00 p.m. and 8/20 Miamisburg MT 8:00 a.m. Check with your DDGHP for more details.

SECRETARIES – PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Right Excellent Companion J. Michael Smith, Secretary of the York Rite Secretaries and Records Association, has asked that we include his letter concerning the Summer Meeting of the Association in this mailing. It includes the dues notice for the next year. He realizes that some of you may be replaced in June. If this is the case, please pass this letter on to your successor.

From the Grand Chapter Charities:

Ohio Masonic Home:

Ohio Masonic Home Day will be held Sunday, June 5, 2005 at the Springfield Campus from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All Ohio Masons, their families, friends and the public are invited to join the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo and the other Grand Lodge Officers to enjoy the day's fellowship and festivities.

Worship Services will start the event at 10:00 a.m. in the Campus Chapel. At 11:00 a.m., Ohio Masons and Masonic affiliated organizations will open their refreshment and craft booths. Throughout the day a variety of entertainers will be performing at specific campus areas. A highlight of the day will be the Shrine Parade at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call the Marketing and Communications Department at (937) 525-3074 or visit the OMH website at www.ohiomasonichome.org. Directions to the Springfield Campus and event updates will be found there also.

Royal Arch Foundation - Adopt America Network:

The Adopt America Network's Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday evening, October 14, 2005. More than two million dollars has been raised at the dinner over the past twenty years to fund the adoption of children in the United States foster care system. During that time, Adopt America Network has accomplished 2,600 adoptions. During the past three years, since Royal Arch Masons have supported the work of the Adopt America Network, more that two hundred children have been adopted each year. The Royal Arch Foundation's support is helping to send children home to permanent parents and good homes.

Your Chapter or District can support the Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser by buying tickets to attend and enjoy the evening, purchasing a table with other chapters, being a sponsor, buying an ad in the program for your Chapter/district (or one of your

Companions could purchase one for his business), or by donating an item or service for the auction.

RARA:

The Executive Director of the General Grand Chapter's Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc. (RARA), James B. Wall has sent us the following information. An administrative personnel change at Colorado State University has resulted in a dramatic alteration in RARA's relationship with the University. The end result is that the RARA Board of Directors has decided to terminate the support of the research effort at Colorado State University. It has been re-directed to a research organization known as Able Kids Foundation. Dr. Joan Burleigh, the former Director of Research at Colorado State University, has retired from the University and is now Chief Researcher at the Able Kids Foundation. Most Excellent Companion Wall reports that there will be minimal changes in so far as there may be an impact to their contributors.

Dale G. Ray, Jr.
Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF OHIO
BULLETIN NO. 5
Barberton, Ohio
July 25, 2005**

This Bulletin must be read or summarized in open Chapter at the first stated Convocation after its receipt.

To: Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputies and Representatives of Constituent Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

From Your Grand High Priest:

PLEASE NOTE: THE LOCATION FOR GRAND CHAPTER HAS BEEN CHANGED. PLEASE READ INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY!!

All is calm in Gotham City once again. The Riddler appeared out of nowhere with this riddle: What has 150 rooms and is closing for construction July 31, 2005? Answer: The Holiday Inn East in Columbus, Ohio. The old Batmobile was pressed into service and raced across Ohio looking for a new location for Grand Chapter. The "Bat phone" was in full overdrive and several times was close to melt down; but do not despair – we were successful. Grand Chapter has a new location. The Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Ohio Grand Session will be held at the Holiday Inn, Roberts Convention Centre in Wilmington, Ohio on October 4th, 5th and 6th, 2005. This will be the Headquarters Hotel with the overflow staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Wilmington, Ohio, a short ten- minute drive from the Headquarters Hotel.

The ladies bus trip to Longaberger Homestead will be leaving from the Roberts Convention Centre at 8:00 a.m. – Note the Time Change –and returning at their scheduled time. The Wednesday night Grand Banquet has been moved back to 7:00 p.m.

to allow the ladies a little extra time to refresh themselves from their trip. All additional information will be in the Grand Secretary's comments.

The Grand King (Kermit V. Zimmerman) is also very busy spreading his message (Ribbit-Ribbit!!) throughout the Capitular Districts across the state and if you have not heard his message, you need to attend one of his schools. I wish him much success in all his endeavors as your next Grand High Priest and pledge him my total support.

A Service of Remembrance. On Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. at the Headquarters Hotel, a memorial service will be held honoring the Past Grand High Priests and the Companions we have lost during this Capitular year. This memorial service will be open to all Companions and their ladies attending this year's session. I am making a special request for your attendance at the Service of Remembrance to honor these Companions.

As this will be my final bulletin as your Grand High Priest, I want to express to you, my Companions, my dearest and sincerest thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand High Priest. Sharon and I have thoroughly enjoyed our "Moment" in time serving the Grand Chapter of Ohio. We have traveled this great state of Ohio making discoveries of quaint stores, restaurants and craft shops in towns that were just names on a map to us just one short year ago. We were always received with love, friendship and great hospitality by the ladies and companions of the districts that we visited during this Grand Chapter Year. As our year is coming to a close, we are looking with anticipation to the Grand Chapter Session in October. Sharon and I want to express our gratitude for sharing our "Moment" in time with you and May God Bless Each One of You. The Circle of Unity Starts with you. Let the Circle of God's love surround you and always keep you safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Jean W. Justus, Jr.

Please Read the Following Very Carefully!

**189th GRAND CONVOCATION TO BE HELD IN WILMINGTON
ON OCTOBER 5-6, 2005**

The 189th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio will convene in the city of Wilmington, Ohio on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn & Roberts Convention Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio. The Grand Chapter will reconvene for the closing session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 6. All meetings and meals for the delegates will be at the Holiday Inn & Roberts Convention Centre. The ladies trip will depart from the

headquarters hotel. Note that this is a different location from the one reported in Bulletin No. 4. Construction difficulties at the Columbus Hotel necessitated the change.

The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn & Roberts Convention Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. The hotel is located just off of Exit 50 on I71. Proceed north from the exit and turn right onto Gano Road at the BP Station/Dairy Queen. Turn into the 3rd driveway to the front of the complex. All Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests, Distinguished Guests and District Deputies will be quartered there along with most delegates. Please read carefully. All hotel and meal reservations must be made by the individual Companions, or they can be grouped as a Chapter provided that each Companion and Lady is listed individually.

Hotel Reservations: Companions should use the enclosed hotel reservation form to make room reservations. Phone calls and Faxes will also be accepted. Overflow will be housed in the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Wilmington. All reservation requests should be sent to the Holiday Inn & Roberts Convention Centre. If it becomes necessary to use the overflow rooms, they will forward the requests to the Holiday Inn Express. The room rate at the Holiday Inn & Roberts Convention Centre is \$79.00 per day, plus tax, for up to 4 persons per room. Hotel reservations must be made by September 20, 2005 to guarantee that rate.

A few other motels are also located in the area. Companions should note that reservations should be submitted as early as possible.

Meal Reservations: Meal reservations must be made and paid for in advance. Mail your check with the enclosed Meal Ticket Order form to: Roger L. Wilson, 853 Prince William Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Make checks payable to the 11th Capitular District Association. Cut off for meal reservations is September 23, 2005. Meal prices vary slightly at the new location. Please use the new form to make meal reservations. Those that have already used the old forms will be notified by Right Excellent Companion Wilson if an adjustment is necessary.

NOTE: Be sure to print or type the name and title of the Companion and the name of his Lady. The ladies will pick up their Bus Trip/Luncheon ticket at the Ladies Registration area at the Hotel from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday or from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Registration: Registration for Companions will be on Tuesday from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Headquarters Hotel. Ladies Registration will be at the Headquarters Hotel on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Space for some District Hospitality Rooms is available. Contact Donald L. Losasso, 5149 Bixford Avenue, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110, Telephone (614) 836-3412. When requesting a hospitality room, please give the name of the person staying in the adjoining room and the credit card number to be charged for the room.

Breakfast for all Royal Arch Masons will be available (advance reservations only) at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday and at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday at the Headquarters Hotel at a cost of \$15.00 each. There are other restaurants within driving distance but not within walking distance.

Proposed Legislation: No code or by-laws revisions have been submitted as of this date.

Election and Installation: The election of Grand Officers will be held on Wednesday morning, Oct. 5. Tellers will be under the direction of Rt. Ex. Comp. James C. Pace, Grand Guard. A list of the Chapters appointed to provide tellers was printed in Bulletin #1 last fall. (They will be reminded of their selection by a separate letter.) The installation of officers will be held on Thursday morning.

Kings and Scribes School:

At 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the Kings, Scribes and other interested Companions will have a school under the direction of our Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Capt. of the Host. All companions not otherwise involved are urged to attend this very informative meeting.

Order of High Priesthood: The Order of High Priesthood will be conferred on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Headquarters Hotel. All who have at sometime been installed as High Priest are eligible to petition for this degree. Please mail your petition with \$30.00 fee to the Grand Secretary before Sept. 22 so that your Certificate can be properly prepared for you. (Last minute petitions can be received at the table at the Grand Chapter reservation desk until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, but please give us your petitions ahead of time if you want your certificate to be ready for you.) Send in your petition for The Order of High Priesthood in the enclosed envelope.

Delegate Cards: Attention, High Priests! Fill out the enclosed postcard immediately upon receipt showing the name of the ranking delegate from your Chapter to attend Grand Chapter, the number of days he will attend, and mail it at once to the Grand Treasurer as indicated. If you do not mail the card, the check cannot be made ready for you or your representative. Delegates who have sent in their cards to the Grand Treasurer in advance, will pick up their checks at the close of Grand Chapter at a place designated by Most Excellent Companion Charles J. McCarty, Grand Treasurer, and his Committee. The Grand Treasurer has asked us to remind you that per our Grand Chapter By-Laws, only the superior officer of the following can receive mileage and per diem for attending the Grand Convocation: the High Priest, only if present, or the King, only if the High Priest is not present, or the Scribe, if the High Priest and King are not present. If none of the Grand Council are present, then the companion carrying the proxy of the High Priest is entitled to mileage and per diem. If further definition is required, refer to Section 15.04 of our Grand Chapter By-Laws.

Proxies: Blank Proxies are included with this Bulletin to each High Priest. Each High Priest, King and Scribe should sign one of them at once so that in the event he cannot, for whatever reason, attend Grand Chapter the proxy can be given to a Companion who will attend and cast the ballot. Each Chapter is entitled to three votes, but only properly executed proxies can be accepted by the Credentials Committee. Ballots will be issued to properly accredited delegates upon registration. All Chapters must be represented at Grand Chapter this year. Please note that Past High Priests who now have voting rights on their own still cannot represent their Chapter unless they carry a duly processed proxy. Attention Committee Members: Members of the following committees will please be available and subject to call on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, or as directed by the Chairman: Jurisprudence, Charters and Dispensations and Finance.

Aprons: **All Companions attending Grand Chapter will be required to wear aprons. Bring your apron with you.**

Given under my signature and seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio at Circleville, Ohio on this 25th day of July, 2005.

Jean W. Justus, Jr.

Grand High Priest

Attested: Dale G. Ray, Jr.

Grand Secretary

Other items of interest:

Attention Secretaries: The Grand Secretary's dedicated FAX number is 330-753-3673. We also have a new e-mail address: gcoho@netzero.com . Please feel free to use them. Telephone, Fax or Letters are preferred as opposed to e-mail.

York Rite Secretary-Recorders Association to Meet in Delaware on Aug. 20, 2005: Annual meeting of the York Rite Secretary-Recorders Association of Ohio will be held at the Delaware Masonic Temple, 51 W. William Street, Delaware, OH on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005.

Registration and coffee and doughnuts will be enjoyed from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. The meeting will open at 9:30 a.m. Every Chapter Secretary should make an effort to attend, and it is particularly important for new Secretaries. Urge the Secretary of your Chapter to attend, and to bring along any questions he may have for the Grand Secretary. Incidentally, if you need supplies, such as Codes, Management Manuals, forms, etc., you can buy them here without paying the expensive postage.

New Grand Family Addresses: Please note the following changes to Grand Family addresses that have occurred this year: Two DDGHPs moved earlier this year. New address information for them is James E. Barnes, Jr., 29174 Tracy Creek Drive, Apt. 2A, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551-7455 and Robert W. Thomas, 509 Brandon Court, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

From the Grand Chapter Charities:

Ohio Masonic Home:

Do not forget the York Rite Visitation to the Ohio Masonic Home at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005. The affair starts with the regular opening meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Rickly Auditorium. The Picnic will be in the shelter house and is given by the Grand York Rite Bodies for the residents who can attend. The Grand Chapter is in charge of arrangements this year.

Royal Arch Foundation-Adopt America Network:

The biggest annual fund-raiser for Adopt America Network will be held at the Stranahan Great Hall (part of the Masonic Complex) in Toledo, Ohio on October 14, 2005. You all are invited to attend. Tickets are \$125.00 (with \$90.00 being tax deductible). Contact Daphne at AAN headquarters for ticket information at (419) 534-3350.

In order to net the projected \$115,000 for "A Very Special Evening", that consists of an hors d'oeuvres reception, an outstanding gourmet dinner and both live and silent

auctions, they need a large inventory of donated items to be successful. Every chapter or district is encouraged to donate one item for this important annual fund-raiser. Silent auction items begin at \$50.00 value and live auction items at \$350.00 value. Smaller items can be grouped to make one larger value item. Don't know what to donate? See the idea list below. For more information, call Edieann at (419) 823-3346.

Some ideas for Live Auction items include: gas grill, big screen TV, set of patio furniture, Bose radio/CD player, digital camera, laptop computer, freezer, tickets (2,4,6) to NHL, NBA, NFL sporting events, tickets to musical or theatrical shows, certificate for hotel or resort stay, your donated vacation home or boat or motor home, hot air balloon ride, quality cooking collection (e.g., Caphalon pots and pans), men or women's clothing store certificates, cruise or airline tickets, custom deck or gazebo furniture (specific item or gift certificate).

Some ideas for Silent Auction items include: gift certificates to franchisee restaurants available throughout Ohio, cappuccino machine, bread maker, quality set of knives and knife block, seasonal and holiday decorative items (for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas), collectible teddy bears, children's toys (especially riding toys, pedal cars, bikes); and smaller items that can be grouped into a Silent Auction Item (e.g., collections of jams, collections of boxed stationery and cards, collections of soaps and candles, collections of towels or linens).

Thank you for your support and we hope to see many of you in Toledo on Friday, October 1st.

RARA:

It is still business as usual at the Able Planet Research Center. This Research Center offers in-depth testing of central auditory nervous system functions by audiologists certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Center's goal is to provide comprehensive central auditory processing information and individualized management.

The Research Center is still receiving many requests for central auditory processing evaluation from various areas in the United States and around the world. They can be contacted at Able Planet, Inc., 2900 South College, Suite 3B, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525. Their telephone number is 970-282-7777.

Contributions are still being received from many chapters across the state. Your contribution should still be sent to the Grand Secretary's office, which will see that your chapter gets proper credit for your contribution. Checks should be made payable to Royal Arch Research Assistance or RARA.

Dale G. Ray, Jr.
Grand Secretary

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO
2004 – 2005**

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INSPECTION DISTRICT AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

Distict Number	Counties	No. of Chapters
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REGION A*Regional Officer -- Grand Royal Arch Captain***Donald Losasso.**

1	Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams	5
8	Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, and Fremont #64 (Sandusky)	9
9	Erie, Huron, Sandusky (except Fremont No. 64) and Lorain (except Avon Lake No. 244)	10

REGION B*Regional Officer -- Grand Master of the Third Veil***Steven J. Oliver**

2	Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Shelby	6
7	Hancock, Hardin, Marion, Seneca and Wyandot	8
10	Ashland, Crawford, Richland and Wayne	9

REGION C*Regional Officer --Grand Principal Sojourner***Robert J. Draye**

4	Clermont, Hamilton, Clinton (except Wilmington #63), Brown, and Morrow #143in Warren, and North Bend Mark Lodge #1	15
5	Adams, Highland, Fayette, Pickaway, Ross and Scioto	7

REGION D*Regional Officer – Grand Captain of the Host***Garis E. Pugh**

3	Butler, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Lebanon No. 5 in Warren, and Wilmington No. 63 in Clinton	17
6	Champaign, Clark, Logan, Madison and Union	8

REGION E*Regional Officer -- Grand Master of the First Veil***George M. Shell**

16	Cuyahoga, Summit #74 & Baker #139 in Summit & Mark Lodge #2	11
17	Portage and Summit (except for Summit & Baker)	6
20	Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake	7

REGION F*Regional Officer -- Grand Scribe***James M. McDonald**

11	Delaware, Franklin, Knox, and Morrow	9
13	Athens, Fairfield, Gallia, Hocking, Meigs, Perry, Vinton and Washington	8

REGION G

Regional Officer – Grand Master of the Second Veil

James W. Himmelright

14	Coshocton, Guernsey, Licking, Muskingum, and Nugen No. 124 (Tuscarawas Co.) & Dwight Warehime Mark Lodge No. 3	6
15	Belmont, Jefferson, and Harrison	5
18	Carroll, Holmes, Stark and Tuscarawas (except Nugen No. 124)	6
19	Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull	10



KERMIT V. ZIMMERMAN

Grand High Priest

2005 – 2006

BIOGRAPHY & MASONIC RECORD
Kermit V. Zimmerman, Grand High Priest 2005 - 2006

Most Excellent Companion Zimmerman was born on April 20, 1949 in Ft. Wayne, IN the son of Carl E. and Nola (Dinger) Zimmerman. He is a graduate of New Haven High School and has a B.A from Heidelberg University with post graduate work at Xavier University, Indiana University, Wright State University and Walsh University.

He married his bride Susan on June 9, 1973. He is a retired science teacher and wrestling coach. A member of Grace United Methodist Church, he has served as usher, M.Y.F. Director for 5 years and Pastor/Parish Relations committee.

M.E.C. Zimmerman has serves on the Blanchester Village Zoning and Planning Commission; is former Asst. Leader Boy Scouts of America; received the exceptional Achievement award from the Hopewell Education Regional Resource Center. He has been inducted into the Southwest Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and the Clinton County Sports Hall of Fame. He

MASONIC RECORD

SYMBOLIC:

Blanchester Lodge No. 191. Master Mason, 1976; Worshipful Master, 1985

CAPITULAR:

Blanchester Chapter No. 153. Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, 1977. High Priest 1981, 1983 and 2005. Secretary since 1984. Order of High Priesthood, October, 1981 and now serves Ohio Council of Anointed High Priests as Treasurer. Member of Ohio Chapter of Research; Member of Tabernacle No 2, Apollo Dramatic Chapter. Past President of the 4th District Royal Arch Association. District Deputy Grand High Priest 1995-1998. Elected Grand Master of the 1st Veil, October, 1998. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

CRYPTIC:

Blanchester Council No.114. 1977. Illustrious Master 1982 & 2003; Council of Anointed King's 1982.

CHIVALRIC:

Wilmington Commandery No 37. Dual member and Past Commander of Cincinnati Commandery No. 3

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Valley of Cincinnati; 6th and 32nd degree teams; 33rd degree (elect).

DEMOLAY:

Charter member and Past Master Counselor, New Haven Chapter of DeMolay, Active Member, Legion of Honor in 2005; Dad Advisor to Blanchester Chapter

KNIGHT OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR:

Ohio Priory No. 18 Knight, York Cross of Honor

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES:

Seven Hills Council No. 118. Sovereign Master, 2002.

OTHER MASONIC MEMBERSHIPS:

St. Columba Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

North Bend Mark Lodge No. 1

Carey Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Cincinnati Forrest No. 171, Tall Cedars of Lebanon

York Rite Secretaries and Records Association

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter
LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

Year Presided:

1969	Louis H. Doerman, 3214 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207
1972	Dwight L. Kane, 1-B Apprentice Drive, Springfield, OH 45504
1975	James A. Getty, 77 Ashbury Ln., Elyria, OH 44035
1978	Robert M. Huntzinger, 23 Ardmore Dr., Middletown, OH 45042
1980	William M. Berry, 310 N. Scott St., New Carlisle, OH 45344
1981	Earl C. Gifford, 255 Muskingum Dr., Marietta, OH 45750
1983	Charles E. Karth, Cypress Creek, 83 Bay Lane, Lake Alfred, FL 33850
1986	Paul Nyitray, 7316 Guild Court, Sylvania, OH 43560
1987	Arthur T. Reeves, 50814 Hadley Rd., East Palestine, OH 44413
1988	Joe E. Worthington, 1009 Southernview Dr., Ada, OH 45810
1991	Robert J. Maxwell, 4074 Ellison Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121
1993	Dale G. Ray, 1031 Wilbur Ave., Barberton, OH 44203
1994	Jerry C. Crawford, 105 Fernwood Ave., Dayton, OH 45405
1995	John W. Purdy, 112 Wein St., Spencerville, OH 45887
1996	Arthur E. Ross, 2405 Lofton Ct., Lawrenceville, GA 30044
1997	Wayne S. Dill, 24656 Dorothy Drive, Brownstown, MI 48134
1998	Terry B. Meyers, 110 Spring St., Cleves, OH 45002
1999	Robert D. Crabbs, 1871 Rock Rd., Mansfield, OH 44903
2000	Charles J. McCarty, 24501 Glenbrook Blvd., Euclid, OH 44117
2001	Chester W. Hammond, 23 Kirkland St., Delaware, OH 43015
2002	Alan D. Hart, 516 S. River St., Newcomerstown, OH 43832
2003	John R. Gartrell, 642 Hardesty Avenue, N.W., New Philadelphia, OH 44663
2004	Steven A. Duncan, 6278 Overture Drive, Dayton, OH 45449
2005	Jean W. Justus, 20060 Commercial Point Rd., Circleville, OH 43113

DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

Year Elected:

1816	Samuel Hoit	Marietta
1817	Chester Griswold	Worthington
1818 – 19	John Snow	Worthington
1820	David Embree	Cincinnati
1821 – 22	Phineas Ross	Lebanon
1823	Joseph S. Hughes	Delaware
1824	Edward King	Chillicothe
1825	John Cotton	Marietta
1826	Edward King	Chillicothe
1827 – 28	Charles R. Sherman	Lancaster
1829	Abram I. McDowell	Columbus
1830	James Gates	Lancaster
1831	William R. Foster	Cincinnati
1832	Samuel Stokley	Steubenville
1833	Henry Sage	Circleville
1834	William J. Reese	Lancaster

1835	William B. Thrall	Circleville
1836 – 38	William J. Reese	Lancaster
1839	William B. Thrall	Circleville
1840 – 41	Oliver M. Spencer	Cincinnati
1841 – 46	William B. Hubbard	Columbus
1847	George D. Hine	Massillon
1848 – 50	Jacob Graff	Cincinnati
1851 – 52	Jacob B. Brown	Mt. Vernon
1853 – 56	Horace M. Stokes	Lebanon
1857 – 59	George Rex	Wooster
1860	Harvey Vanal	Springfield
1861 – 62	John M. Parks	Hamilton
1863 – 64	Thomas J. Larsh	Eaton
1865 – 67	George Rex	Wooster
1868 – 71	Charles C. Kieffer	Dayton
1872 – 74	J. Kelley O'Neall	Lebanon
1875 – 76	Reuben C. Lemmon	Toledo
1877 – 78	James W. Underhill	Canton
1879 – 80	James B. Hovey	Marietta
1881 – 82	Daniel A. Scott	Akron
1883 – 84	John W. Chamberlain	Tiffin
1885 – 86	Jacob L'H. Long	Ottawa
1887	William B. Hillman	Cleveland
1888 – 90	James W. Iredell, Jr.	Cincinnati
1891 – 92	William W. Savage	Wilmington
1893	Orestes A. B. Senter	Columbus
1894	Gibson H. Robinson	Cleveland
1895	Jacob H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
1896	George D. McBride	Gallipolis
1897	Grafton Molen Acklin	Toledo
1898	Benton D. Babcock	Canton
1899	Orion P. Sperra	Ravenna
1900	William M. Cunningham	Newark
1901	Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati
1902	Nelson Williams	Hamilton
1903	Owen B. Hannan	Canton
1904	Lewis P. Schaus	Columbus
1905	William A. Reiter	Miamisburg
1906	William T. McLean	Sidney
1907	Lewis M. Lea	Sandusky
1908	Edward H. Archer	Columbus
1909	William T. S. O'Hara	Toledo
1910	Frank Crumit	Jackson
1911	Joseph Kirkup	Cincinnati
1912	Thomas H. Isitt	Cleveland
1913	William E. Evans	Chillicothe
1914	Charles L. Harrod	Indianapolis
1915	Frederick J. Crane	Garrettsville
1916	William A. Belt	Kenton
1917	John H. Baehr	Cleveland
1918	Harry W. Lloyd	Toledo
1919	Joseph T. Croxall	East Liverpool

1920	S. Rufus Jones	Dayton
1921	Frank L. Beggs	Newark
1922	B. F. Perry	Jefferson
1923	John P. Kuhns	Columbus
1924	Robert E. Lee	Cuyahoga
1925	Warren J. Baker	Toledo
1926	Irving Stafford	Cleveland
1927	Mont C. Hambright	Springfield
1928	Carl W. Sperling	Oak Harbor
1929	William H. Tateman	Cincinnati
1930	Emmit E. Everett	Lima
1931	Lyle S. Evans	Chillicothe
1932	Henry Gruen	East Liverpool
1933	Royal A. Walkup	Akron
1934	Roscoe P. Walcutt	Columbus
1935	Franz K. Hall	Shelby
1936	Paul G. Lutz	Cleveland
1937	Burleigh E. Cartmell	Delaware
1938	John B. Harshman	Dayton
1939	George E. Reiff	Cincinnati
1940	Chester J. Pearce	Bellefontaine
1941	Burr A. Sanford	Youngstown
1942	George R. Schoedinger	Columbus
1943	Edward M. Selby	Martins Ferry
1944	Willard T. Francis	Lorain
1945	Frank DeLay	Jackson
1946	James A. Gorham	Sandusky
1947	Herbert T. Leyland	Dayton
1948	Virgil W. Prather	Cincinnati
1949	Amos H. Englebeck	Akron
1950	Anthony T. Vollman	Columbus
1951	Garrett P. Trostel	New Carlisle
1952	Edward E. Gillespie	Toledo
1953	Richard J. Morgan	Van Wert
1954	Stuart E. Jones	Marion
1955	E. Ray Jenkins	Mansfield
1956	Clayton W. Vetrovsky	Cleveland
1957	Carl P. Nulsen	Cincinnati
1958	Oliver H. Ormiston	Bartlett
1959	Homer Trantham	Columbus
1960	Keith A. Porter	Montpelier
1961	Ben J. Filkins	New London
1962	Harry E. Sark	Ashville
1963	James W. Ferguson	Youngstown
1964	Joseph Alexander	Cleveland
1965	Clair E. Calaway	Jefferson
1966	Harold S. Barnheiser	Dayton
1967	Harvey Walker	Worthington
1969	Ross W. Kreager	Genoa
1971	Charles E. Canfield	Medina

1972	Charles A. Fly, Jr.	Deshler
1973	Cecil Bray, Jr.,	Cleveland
1975	Charles A. Noland	Frazeyburg
1976	N. Emerson Taylor	Pickerington
1978	Wilbur J. Doren	Whitehouse
1981	Vernon D. Lambert	Cincinnati
1983	Howard W. Beeman	Cleveland
1984	Frederick T. Williams	Westerville
1988	Otis Y. Perkins	Blanchester
1989	John V. Cooper, Jr.	Sherwood
1991	Lawrence E. Johnston	Blacklick

LIST OF VACANT CHAPTER NUMBERS

Number	Name	Location	Charter	Ended
13	Washington	Middlebury	1827	Moved to Akron and renumbered #25 in 1841
14	Webb	Cleveland	1827	Merged with #205 1982
17	St Clairsville	St Clairsville	1828	Merged with #107 1997
19	McMillan-Killwing	Cincinnati	1846	Merged with #193 2003
25	Akron-Washington	Akron	1827	Merged with #225 2002
30	Medina	Medina	1846	Merged with #243 2000
32	Number never used			
33	Republic	Republic	1847	Arrested 1844
37	McConnelsville	McConnelsville	1848	Arrested 1890
41	Orion	Felicity	1849	Arrested 1896
43	Batavia	Batavia	1851	Cancelled 1859
52	Georgetown	Georgetown	1853	Merged with #40 2000
56	Vinton	Vinton	1854	Cancelled 1885
59	Gilead	Cardington	1854	Merged with #54 1998
61	Somerset	Somerset	1855	Surrendered 1971
65	Western Reserve	Ashtabula	1855	Resumed as #8 in 1903
66	Mahoning	Warren	1855	Resumed as #10 in 1959
69	Barnesville	Barnesville	1856	Merged with #53 1995
78	Moscow	Moscow	1858	Cancelled 1918
79	Gallipolis	Gallipolis	1858	Merged with #80 2002
81	Smithfield	Smithfield	1859	Dropped 1944
82	Ripley	Ripley	1859	Merged with #52 1988
85	Woodsfield	Woodsfield	1861	Surrendered 1891
95	Goshen	Mechanicsburg	1866	Surrendered 1885
97	Kilwinning	Cincinnati	1866	Merged with #19 1996
98	Cadiz	Cadiz	1866	Surrendered 1885
101	Thatcher	Cleveland	1867	Merged with #222 2004
103	Fayette	Wash. Ct. House	1867	Merged with #40 2004
105	Delphos	Delphos	1868	Merged with #169 1988
106	Chardon	Chardon	1868	Merged with #46 1984
109	Wellington	Wellington	1868	Merged with #219 1998
110	New London	New London	1868	Merged with #7 1980
114	Cyrus	Gnadenhutten	1869	Merged with #124 1999
115	Ottawa	Ottawa	1869	Surrendered 1941

116	Cumberland	Caldwell	1869	Merged with #53	2001
117	Ivanhoe	Bucyrus	1869	Arrested	1889
118	Plymouth	Plymouth	1869	Merged with #168	1940
120	Celina	Celina	1870	Merged with #51	1999
121	Sawyer	Wapakoneta	1870	Arrested	1885
122	Summerfield	Summerfield	1870	Dropped	1896
125	Salisbury	Middleport	1870	Arrested	1903
127	E. T. Carson	Yellow Springs	1871	Arrested	1884
132	St. Paris	St. Paris	1872	Merged with #34	1997
133	Greenfield	Greenfield	1872	Merged with #40	2002
137	Coolville	Coolville	1873	Arrested	1896
139	Baker	Twinsburg	1874	Merged with #74	2004
140	Belmont	Bridgeport	1876	Merged with #107	1889
145	Muskingum	Dresden	1881	Merged with #50	1889
148	Cleveland	North Olmsted	1882	Merged with #214	1995
151	Walnut Hills	Cincinnati	1884	Merged with #164	1972
154	Octavius Waters	Delta	1886	Arrested	1994
156	St. Bernard	Nelsonville	1888	Merged with #39	1982
163	Cardington	Cardington	1896	Merged with #59	1936
165	Paulding	Paulding	1897	Merged with #71	1999
166	Hillman	Cleveland	1898	Merged with #222	1996
168	Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg	1901	Merged with #34	1979
170	Mystic	Lorain	1901	Merged with #244	1995
175	Lyons	Lyons	1903	Merged with #154	1938
176	Pt. Lawrence	Toledo	1903	Merged with #161	2005
180	West Milton	West Milton	1906	Merged with #24	1994
181	McKinley	Cleveland	1907	Merged with #189	1984
182	McConnelsville	McConnelsville	1907	Surrendered	1935
183	Montpelier	Montpelier	1908	Merged with #45	2003
185	West Union	West Union	1909	Merged with #129	1980
186	Nevada	Nevada	1910	Merged with #96	1937
190	Rising Sun	Cleveland	1911	Merged with #189	1995
194	Ft. Miami	Maumee	1913	Merged with #191	1996
196	Collingwood	Toledo	1914	Merged with #229	1995
197	Glenville	Cleveland	1914	Merged with #190	1988
198	Robert Wallace	Cleveland	1914	Merged with #134	1990
199	Lake Erie	Port Clinton	1914	Merged with #72	1978
200	York	Columbus	1915	Merged with #155	2000
201	Deshler	Deshler	1915	Merged with #58	1996
203	Windermere	Cleveland	1915	Merged with #189	1994
209	Akron	Akron	1919	Merged with #25	1995
215	Covington	Covington	1920	Merged with #24	1993
217	Keystone	Cleveland	1921	Merged with #166	1941
218	Arcanum	Arcanum	1921	Arrested	1937
220	Ralph R. Rickly	Columbus	1922	Merged with #155	2002
224	Harry S. Dunlop	Nottingham	1923	Merged with #190	1988
228	Charles Norton	Willoughby	1924	Arrested	1938
236	Linden	Columbus	1952	Merged with #227	1995
238	William S. Roof	Franklin	1954	Merged with #87	1998
239	Tau	Dayton	1956	Merged with #16	2001

241	Keystone	Columbus Grove	1956	Surrendered	1976
242	Westlake	Westlake	1956	Merged with #214	1991
244	Avon Lake	Avon Lake	1960	Merged with #187	2003

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General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal

Bronze Medal:

1952	Howard L. M. Jones(16)	1969	E. Mac Vestal (151)
1953	John H. Pace (227)	1970	John F. Wilhelm (162)
1954	Warren M. Kern (151)	1971	James H. Foreman (90)
1955	Dillon Hattery (120)	1972	Richard D. Fogle (108)
1957	Max O. Schockency (49)	1973	Howard Beeman (166)
1958	Russell T. Goerke (226)	1974	Aaron Hard (226)
1959	Elmer Wolf (225)	1975	Louis C. Koehnke (179)
1960	Presdee B. Morgan (233)	1975	Ira H. Welker (83)
1962	Jean Saylor (25)	1976	Anson L. Stratton (34)
1963	Lawrence H. Haupt (96)	1977	Benjamin J. Franklin (209)
1964	Frederick H. Albrecht (58)	1978	John R. VanScoyk (210)
1965	Howard A. Wolf (158)	1979	Alvin G. Myrice (229)
1966	Edwin A. Kenney (181)	1980	Robert Mitchell Clark (237)
1968	Harold A. Weil (19)		

Silver Medal:

1972 Oliver H. Ormiston (108)

Gold Medal:

1975 C. William O'Neill

Recipients: Ohio Distinguished Service Medal

1981	Wilmer W. Stanley (1)	
1982	William A. Powell (86)	Anthony J. Caito, Jr. (97)
1984	Charles L. Courtney (184)	J. Clifford Conley (100)
1985	John C. Woodworth (220)	Dale A. Mathys (188)
	Tom Moody (3)	
1986	Harold Printz Shank (32)	James McHenry (120)
	Herbert L. Snook (227)	Russell L. Black (89)
1987	Sydney G. Brooks (171)	Burton J. Gephart (176)
	Theodore Mack (128)	
1988	Lewis E. Kitchen (136)	Donald L. Knoop (130)
	Paul B. Ladd (42)	James A. Schmidt, Sr. (227)
1989	Ray E. Conkle (155)	A. John Dobson (55)
	James R. Koteles (30)	John M. Worcester (162)
1990	Billy O. Eley (169)	Harley Kennedy (45)
	Elmer R. Kurtzenberger (205)	Roy S. Rinehart (102)
1991	George T. Rosendaul (45)	Floyd C. Smith (160)
	Theodore H. Clime (172)	Wilbur P. Bower (152)
1992	Irving Roth (7)	Richard P. (Dick) Daniels (227)
	Hugh T. Rink (202)	Billy E. Stutz (38)
1993	Gerald W. Beardsley, Sr. (108)	Frank A. Bush (83)
	Alfred D. Maddox (226)	Claude A. Pitman (189)
1994	Randal A. Anderson, Jr. (239)	Rexford E. Frey (230)
	Willis E. Rader (178)	Jacob A. Wallace (235)

1995	Arthur A. Buchwald (135)	Ronald Focht (169)
	Vernon D. Freeman (200)	John P. Miller (96)
1996	Dallas F. Andrew (136)	Charles F. Bean (72)
	Richard D. Bolser (158)	James N. Bowsher (60)
1997	Leo Anatra (88)	Homer C. Henry, Jr. (237)
	Melvin R. Jeffries (25)	Richard D. Snow (226)
1998	Robert V. Caldwell (146)	Joseph S. Dickson (189)
	William V. McHenry (111)	Louis J. Rice (84)
1999	Henry R. Cline (178)	Raymond R. Fischer (232)
	Glen H. Reed (208)	Thomas C. Croskey (128)
2000	Edward Brenneis (214)	Paul J. Thatcher (119)
	Harold J. Parman (162)	John E. Thomas (22)
2001	Chester A. Clime (227)	Jack J. Price (63)
	Howard R. Watts, Jr. (6)	William D. Williams (54)
2002	Carl W. Anderson (202)	Harlan L. Foltz (9)
	Perry J. Parker (29)	James E. Zemancik (128)
2003	Willimer V. Ames (38)	Carl R. Deffenbaugh (92)
	Calvin R. Snipes (207)	Carlos D. Ward (210)
2004	Paul E. Beck (88)	Charles R. Cooper (245)
	Harold F. Haynes (55)	Joseph B. "Jerry" Kuyoth (237)
2005	Thomas D. Branscomb (12)	James R. Burgoon (3)
	Harry S. McClarran (27)	Jerry K. Ross (153)

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General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International

M. Excellent Comp. Larry E. Gray, Greenfield, IN	General Gr. High Priest
Rt. Excellent Comp. John F. Kirby, Danville, KY.....	General Grand Secretary
Convenes in November, 2008	

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

M. Excellent Comp. Kermit V. Zimmerman, Blanchester	Grand High Priest
M. Excellent Comp. Dale G. Ray, Jr., Barberton	Grand Secretary
Convenes in the city of Mason, October 4 & 5, 2006	

Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Ohio

M. Illustrious Comp. Howard L. Lambert, Piqua	Grand Master
M. Illustrious Comp. Merlyn E. Meredith, Euclid.....	Grand Recorder
Convenes in the city of Miamisburg, October 2 & 3, 2006	

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States

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Convenes in August 2006	

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Sir Knight Richard H. Palm, WarrenGrand Recorder
Convenes in the city of Columbus, October 6 – 8, 2006

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Crafts Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A. L.) “in the year of light.”

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 2002 and 4000 = 6002

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerrabul, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. I.) “in the year of discovery.”

Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 2002 and 530 = 2532

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACIO (A. B.) “in the year of blessing.”

Add 1913, the year of blessing, to the Christian era. Thus 2002 and 1913 = 3915

Royal and Select Masons date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITONIS (A. DEP.) “in the year of deposit.”

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 2002 and 1000 = 3002

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of the order, ANNO ORDINIS (A. O.) “in the year of the order.”

From the Christian era, subtract 1119. Thus: 2002 less 1119 = 883

Scottish Rite is the same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A. M.) “in the year of the world.”

Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 2002 and 3763 = 5765

Red Cross of Constantine dates from the year of the foundation of the Order after the battle of Saxa Rubra, October 28, 312 A.D., near Rome and the official recognition of the Christian religion by Emperor Constantine, ANNO ORDINIS “in the year of the Order.”

From the Christian era, take 313 years. Thus 2002 less 313 = 1689

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 for the year ending May 31, 2005**

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1	Am. Union	406	6	0	0	4	9	15	0	384	-22
2	Cincinnati	149	1	0	0	0	31	0	0	119	-30
3	Horeb	98	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	95	-3
4	Chillicothe	401	2	1	0	13	1	37	0	353	-48
5	Lebanon	308	3	3	0	11	1	4	0	298	-10
6	Warren	214	10	0	0	4	0	6	0	214	0

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7	Huron	66	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	62	-4
8	W. Reserve	58	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	51	-7
9	Zanesville	130	4	0	0	3	0	3	0	128	-2
10	Mahoning	148	10	0	1	5	1	3	0	150	2
11	Lancaster	231	7	0	5	14	4	5	0	220	-11
12	Ohio	128	2	0	0	4	1	7	0	118	-10
15	Union	95	8	0	1	2	1	1	0	100	5
16	Unity	235	6	1	3	5	2	11	0	227	-8
18	Hiram	145	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	145	0
20	Circleville	95	0	3	1	6	1	7	0	85	-10
21	Hamilton	249	3	1	1	7	0	1	0	246	-3
22	Eaton	120	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	126	6
23	Mt. Vernon	251	1	0	0	8	0	12	0	232	-19
24	Franklin	166	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	162	-4
26	Clinton	173	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	171	-2
27	Wooster	123	1	0	1	4	0	3	0	118	-5
28	Mansfield	169	0	0	0	9	3	7	0	150	-19
29	Fort Meigs	213	3	2	1	3	0	4	0	212	-1
31	Piqua	94	4	0	1	6	3	1	0	89	-5
34	Urbana	253	2	0	0	13	3	4	0	235	-18
35	Milford	116	1	1	0	3	0	5	0	110	-6
36	Xenia	173	10	2	3	9	1	13	0	165	-8
38	Tuscarawas	141	2	0	0	6	3	8	0	126	-15
39	Athens	228	0	0	2	8	1	1	0	220	-8
40	Hillsboro	314	16	1	3	10	8	5	0	311	-3
42	Seneca	159	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	152	-7
44	Trinity	171	1	0	0	8	1	3	0	160	-11
45	Northwest	102	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	93	-9
46	Painesville	120	2	0	0	6	2	1	0	113	-7
47	Marshall	55	2	5	0	2	2	0	0	58	3
48	Springfield	147	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	143	-4
49	Lima	168	0	0	0	6	3	1	0	158	-10
50	Samaritan	164	2	2	0	5	2	0	0	161	-3
51	St. Marys	106	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	100	-6
53	Cambridge	120	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	115	-5
54	Delaware	190	3	1	0	5	0	2	0	187	-3
55	Wellsville	76	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	70	-6
57	New Carlisle	129	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	133	4
58	Findlay	228	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	220	-8

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60	Lafayette	135	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	136	1
62	Marion	200	1	0	0	10	2	6	0	183	-17
63	Wilmington	85	5	0	0	1	0	3	0	86	1
64	Fremont	60	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	55	-5
67	Ashland	85	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	83	-2
68	LaGrange	214	6	0	1	10	3	11	0	197	-17
70	Trowel	57	2	2	0	3	0	1	0	57	0
71	Van Wert	97	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	92	-5
72	Sandusky City	139	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	135	-4
73	Adoniram	110	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	109	-1
74	Summit	99	3	0	0	5	0	2	0	95	-4
75	Logan	119	1	1	0	3	1	6	0	111	-8
76	Conneaut	50	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	47	-3
77	Greenville	88	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	85	-3
80	Pomeroy	233	0	0	0	11	0	14	0	208	-25
83	Alliance	100	0	0	0	6	1	6	0	87	-13
84	Canton	228	3	0	1	11	15	0	0	206	-22
86	Millersburg	45	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	44	-1
87	Middletown	361	4	1	0	8	0	2	0	356	-5
88	Crestline	73	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	68	-5
89	Ensawocsa	102	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	100	-2
90	Clyde	45	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	45	0
91	Tyrian	76	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	72	-4
92	New Lisbon	79	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	74	-5
93	Youngstown	171	4	0	1	5	5	5	0	161	-10
94	Salem	80	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	80	0
96	McCutchen	125	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	123	-2
99	Marysville	58	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	59	1
100	E. Liverpool	99	0	0	0	7	2	3	0	87	-12
101	Thatcher	61	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	-61
102	McArthur	161	2	0	0	7	0	11	1	144	-17
103	Fayette	79	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	-79
104	Grand River	53	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	52	-1
107	Bellaire	131	1	0	0	7	0	2	0	123	-8
108	Rufus Putnam	152	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	149	-3
111	Wauseon	67	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	64	-3
112	Batavia	137	5	0	0	1	1	10	0	130	-7
113	Bellevue	52	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	47	-5

No	Name	Mem04	Ex.	Adm	Rein	Died	WD	Susp	Exp.	Mem05	Gain
119	Scioto	114	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	110	-4
123	Minerva	116	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	112	-4
124	Nugen	63	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	62	-1
126	Star	56	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	55	-1
128	Oriental	84	2	0	0	4	1	2	0	79	-5
129	Manchester	45	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	42	-3
130	Sidney	78	0	0	0	6	4	5	0	63	-15
131	Willis	79	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	79	0
134	Berea	93	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	95	2
135	James A. Meacham	45	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	44	-1
136	Haly	31	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	29	-2
138	Ada	69	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	66	-3
139	Baker	40	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	-40
141	Jefferson	67	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	62	-5
142	Galion	83	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	79	-4
143	Morrow	58	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	58	0
144	Silver Creek	75	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	72	-3
146	Wyoming	149	7	0	0	4	1	12	0	139	-10
147	Geneva	65	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	61	-4
149	New Lexington	95	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	89	-6
150	Garfield	96	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	90	-6
152	Chagrin Falls	85	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	83	-2
153	Blanchester	118	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	111	-7
155	York Temple	534	10	4	1	22	7	5	0	515	-19
157	Crystal	127	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	128	1
158	Cumminsville	136	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	131	-5
159	Carey	65	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	62	-3
160	Bucyrus	87	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	86	-1
161	Toledo	106	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	100	-6
162	Oak Harbor	197	4	0	0	7	1	0	0	193	-4
164	Price Hill	80	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	83	3
167	Golden Rule	69	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	63	-6
169	Spencerville	91	1	0	0	5	3	0	0	84	-7
171	Cadiz	83	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	85	2
172	Walnut	212	6	0	0	9	2	1	0	206	-6
173	Martins Ferry	82	2	0	0	6	1	1	0	76	-6
176	Pt Lawrence	159	0	0	0	9	2	8	0	140	-19
177	Wakeman	78	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	80	2

No	Name	Mem04	Ex.	Adm	Rein.	Died	WD	Susp	Exp.	Mem05	Gain
178	Shelby	134	4	0	0	7	0	1	0	130	-4
179	Delta	100	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	105	5
183	Wapakoneta	53	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	49	-4
187	Cunningham	139	4	1	0	5	2	2	0	135	-4
188	Hicksville	60	0	2	0	1	0	5	0	56	-4
189	Mount Olive	236	4	0	0	13	0	0	0	227	-9
191	Ft Miami-Cal.	174	1	0	0	10	3	9	0	153	-21
192	Kent	130	2	0	0	5	0	4	0	123	-7
193	Norwood	294	10	0	0	7	6	29	0	262	-32
195	Acacia	126	0	0	0	4	3	4	0	115	-11
202	Portage	135	5	0	3	1	2	2	0	138	3
204	East Palestine	91	5	0	0	2	4	2	0	88	-3
205	Corwin-Webb	106	3	0	0	6	0	2	0	101	-5
206	Heights	90	3	0	0	3	0	7	0	83	-7
207	King Cyrus	66	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	66	0
208	Fort Industry	93	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	82	-11
210	Victory	257	7	1	0	5	8	6	0	246	-11
211	Loveland	128	6	0	0	4	0	6	0	124	-4
212	Kinsman	95	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	84	-11
213	Ashlar	89	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	82	-7
214	West Park	118	2	0	0	3	3	5	0	109	-9
216	West Gate	249	3	0	1	14	1	17	0	221	-28
219	Oberlin	71	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	66	-5
221	Toronto	92	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	91	-1
222	Covenant	185	1	1	0	4	3	6	0	174	-11
223	Niles	118	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	115	-3
225	Cuyahoga Falls	321	4	0	0	15	1	7	0	302	-19
226	H. W. Wright	200	1	1	0	9	3	10	0	180	-20
227	Community	254	2	0	0	9	0	9	0	238	-16
229	A.G.Myrice	135	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	134	-1
230	Mt. Moriah	166	6	1	0	5	1	0	0	167	1
231	Willoughby	72	1	0	0	6	2	1	0	64	-8
232	Rabboni	163	2	0	4	14	7	3	0	145	-18
233	P. B. Morgan	93	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	89	-4
234	Mariemont	118	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	116	-2
235	Palmyra	100	5	0	0	7	1	4	0	93	-7
237	Shawnee	321	2	0	0	14	7	7	0	295	-26

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240	Twin Valley	111	2	0	1	4	0	3	0	107	-4
243	Wadsworth	213	0	0	0	9	1	6	0	197	-16
245	Friendship	90	4	1	0	4	0	4	0	87	-3
301	North Bend L.	192	2	7	0	4	0	3	0	194	2
302	Sr. DeMolay .	248	2	1	1	3	1	1	0	247	-1
303	Dwight Warehime	77	0	4	0	3	0	4	0	74	-3
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ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Wilmington, Ohio

October 6, 2005, A. G. 3918

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Ohio convened in Annual Convocation and was opened in ample form at 2:00P.M. on Wednesday, October 6, 2005, in the Roberts Convention Centre, Wilmington, Ohio, with the following officers in their stations:

- Most Excellent President.....Steven A. Duncan
- Excellent Vice-President.....Dale G. Ray, Jr.
- Excellent Chaplain.....William M. Berry
- Excellent Treasurer..... Alan D. Hart (pro-tem)
- Excellent Recorder..... Jean W. Justus
- Excellent Master of Ceremonies... James M. McDonald
- Excellent Conductor.....John R. Gartrell
- Excellent Herald.....Louis S. VanSlyck
- Excellent Steward.....Robert D. Crabbs
- Excellent Guard..... Curtis M. Jackson
- Excellent Organist.....Robert L. Jordon
- DuetArthur Kareth and Anthony Caito

Servitors:

- Steven J. Oliver
- Glen L. Opp
- Norman R. Neely
- Make Up..... James B. Parker IV
- Custodian of Property..... Daryl Watkins & Larry Fisher
- Robert A. Wise
- Kenneth E. Finkel
- Robert J. Draye

Committees:

- Petitions: Wayne Dill, E. Glenn Arnold and John W. Purdy
- Auditing: John W. Purdy, Jerry C. Crawford, Chester W. Hammond
- Nominating: Jerry C. Crawford, William M. Berry, Robert Crabbs

The office of Excellent Treasurer was filled by M. Ex. Comp. Alan Hart to allow Rt. Ex. Comp. Kermit Zimmerman to conduct the school for Kings and Scribes.

The minutes from the 2004 annual convocation, as printed in the proceedings, were approved.

A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills for the annual convocation. The motion passed.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood from 48 Companions were presented, and on motion by Companion Wayne Dill and seconded by Companion Jean Justus, were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Committee on Petitions, having reported favorably and there being no objections, all 48 Companions were elected to receive the Order. Forty-nine Companions (the 48 elected plus 1 carry over candidate from the previous year) were then anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due and ample form.

District Deputies Grand High Priest assisting in the ceremonies included:

REC Robert W. Thomas, 20th District	REC James E. Barnes, 8 th District
REC Robert F. Benton, 4 th District	REC Renie Blankenship 4 th District
REC Don R. Forquer, 11 th District	REC Herbert L. Clonch 6 th District
REC Norm LoBell, 4 th District	REC William Garrett 2 nd District
REC Robert D. Blankenhorn, 10 th District	

ROSTER OF CANDIDATES – 2005

<u>Number</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Name</u>
4	Chillicothe	Ralph W. Cyrus
5	Lebanon	Charles Swank III
12	Ohio	David P. Percival *
18	Hiram	Jack M. Temsey *
21	Hamilton	Eddie A. Butcher, Sr.
22	Eaton	Michael Stephenson
23	Mt. Vernon	Carlos E. Morris
27	Wooster	Lew Fleege *
28	Mansfield	Thomas M. Strong
29	Ft. Meigs	J. Thomas Foor, Jr. *
31	Piqua	Jacob A. Dunaway *
35	Milford	Todd L. Dupuis
40	Hillsboro	Brian S. Vance *
46	Painesville	Mark A. Raupach
49	Lima	Forrest L. Askins
58	Findlay	Avery Evinger
60	Lafayette	James Keith Bell
62	Marion	R. Alan Ulsh
63	Wilmington	Richard A. Grimes
63	Wilmington	Terry J. Tincher
68	LaGrange	Jimmie R. Davis
87	Middletown	William J. Snelling
91	Tyrian	Gerry D. Sawyer
93	Youngstown	James C. Kowacich, Jr.
111	Wauseon	Gary L. Smith
111	Wauseon	Christian King
112	Batavia	John Daniel Disney
124	Nugen	Dennis R. Barlow
129	Manchester	Richard D. Smith
131	Willis	Richard A. Davidson
136	Haly	Charles H. Kamp

155	York Temple	Phillip N. Golovin
157	Crystal	Stephen C. Hill
158	Cumminsville	David E. Headley
161	Toledo	F. Lee Omev *
162	Oak Harbor	Michael E. Shobe *
177	Wakeman	Roy F. Oswalt
178	Shelby	Charles E. Bonecutter
187	Cunningham	Harlan E. Hampton
193	Norwood	Jeol Gary Shnider
202	Portage	Michael J. Bailey *
210	Victory	Daniel J. Springston, Jr.
212	Kinsman	Perry E. Coxson, III
213	Ashlar	Elmer Foldvary
225	Cuyahoga Falls	Richard J. Amlung
227	Community	Daniel L. Zuber
231	Willoughby	Thomas R. Johnson
237	Shawnee	Richard W. Stewart
245	Friendship	Michael S. Hale

* Exemplar Candidate

In addition to the officers and candidates, there were over 100 members present that afternoon.

The cast of officers and other workers were introduced and thanked for their excellent work by Most Excellent President Duncan.

The business portion of the Convocation was then conducted with the report of the auditing committee being read by M.E.C. Wayne S. Dill. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as given. The motion passed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Most Excellent Companion Jerry C. Crawford. The following slate of officers was presented:

Most Excellent President.....	Steven A. Duncan
Excellent Vice-President.....	Dale G. Ray, Jr.
Excellent Chaplain.....	William M. Berry
Excellent Treasurer.....	Kermit V. Zimmerman
Excellent Recorder.....	Jean W. Justus
Excellent Master of Ceremonies.....	Jim McDonald
Excellent Conductor.....	John R. Gartrell
Excellent Herald.....	Louis S. VanSlyck
Excellent Steward.....	Robert D. Crabbs
Excellent Sentinel.....	Curtis M. Jackson

There being no nominations from the floor, they were each declared elected to their respective offices and duly installed in proper form.

A proposal to amend section XI of the by-laws, changing the amount of petition fee, was then presented as follows:

Section XI, currently reads: *The fee for conferring Order of High Priesthood on any candidate shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) if the application and full amount of the fee are received by the Recorder not less than ten (10) days before the annual meeting of the Council and thirty-five (\$35.00) if the application and full amount of the fee be received by the Recorder less than ten (10) days before the annual meeting of the Council. The certification, application and full amount of the fee shall be filed with the Recorder before a ballot may be held.*

Be amended to read as follows: *The fee for conferring Order of High Priesthood on any candidate shall be Forty dollars (\$40.00) if the application and full amount of the fee*

are received by the Recorder not less than ten (10) days before the annual meeting of the Council and Fifty (\$50.00) if the application and full amount of the fee be received by the Recorder less than ten (10) days before the annual meeting of the Council. The certification, application and full amount of the fee shall be filed with the Recorder before a ballot may be held.

The amendment was adopted by the Companions.

M. Ex. Comp. Dill introduced our out-of-state visitors. He made a motion to extend honorary memberships to those visiting Grand Officers and guests who were not members of Ohio Council. The motion was seconded and approved by the members.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was closed in due form at 4:30 P.M.

Jean W. Justus, Recorder

Attest: Steven A. Duncan, Most Excellent President

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