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**Proceedings**  
of the  
**Grand Chapter**  
**Royal Arch Masons**  
of  
**Iowa**

at its 156th Convocation held in the  
Quality Inn & Suites Hotel  
Ames, Iowa.  
August 17, 2012

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I, Robert John Seiler, Grand Secretary,  
do hereby certify that the following pages  
contain a true and faithful transcript of  
the proceedings of the 156th convocation  
of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-  
sons of Iowa held in Ames, Iowa.

August 17, 2012



Testimony whereof, I have signed  
Grand Chapter in the city of Ca-  
manche, Iowa, this 30th day of  
August 2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert John Seiler".

*Grand Secretary*

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**Billy Joe Hildreth  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
2011-2012**

## **Biographical Sketch**

Born: 6/26/1935 in Ankeny Iowa

Married to Darlene Ackelson on 8/25/1969

One son, Bryce Hildreth

Members of the Ankeny Church of the Brethren

Billy Joe is a retired rural mail carrier and retired farmer

He graduated from Ankeny High School. Received his B.S. from McPherson College and attended Drake University.

He has served on the Board of Enterprise Farmers Elevator, Hawkeye State Bank, Polk County Farm Bureau, Ankeny Golf and Country Club

He is a member of Logic Lodge No 636 in Ankeny where he served as Worshipful Master in 1976 and 1995, as Secretary six years, and Treasurer for 20 years. He is a dual member with West Gate Adelpic Lodge No. 509 in Windsor Heights.

He is a member of Corinthian Chapter No. 14 and was High Priest in 1980. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1980. His service to the Grand Chapter of Iowa started in 1983 when he was appointed Grand Master of the III Veil. In 1989, he was appointed Grand Chaplain, in 2007-08 as a District Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Captain of the Host in 2008, elected Grand Scribe in 2009, Grand King in 2010, and elected Grand High Priest in 2011.

A member of Alpha Council No. 1, he served as Illustrious Master in 1980, the same year receiving the Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

Billy Joe was Eminent Commander of Temple Commandery No. 4 in 1983 and served more than 20 years as Prelate. He is a member of the Iowa Past Commanders Association. His service to the Grand Commandery of Iowa is Grand Warder 1984, Grand Standard Bearer 1987, Grand Prelate 1991 and 2008, Grand Captain General 1997, Grand Generalissimo 1998, Deputy Grand Commander 1999, and Grand Commander 2000. He is a member of the Grand Masters Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and has received the golden chalice. He is also a Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT)

Active for more than 30 years in the Des Moines Valley Scottish Rite, he was honored with the 33rd degree in 1995. He is a charter member of the Heritage Society of the Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation and has been honored in the pillars of charity alcove in the House of the Temple in Washington, DC.

A member of Za Ga Zig Shrine, where he served on the Ritual Staff and is a Past President of the Shrine Past Masters Club

Billy Joe served as Sovereign of St. Bartholomew Conclave Red Cross of Constantine in 2004. He was Prior of Charles Clyde Hunt Priory No. 42 in 2001. He is a member of Iowa York Rite College No. 37, receiving the Order of the Purple Cross in 2008. He is a member of Last Supper Tabernacle, HRAKTP and The Royal Order of Scotland. He is a charter member of Iowa Court No. 81 The Masonic Order of Athelstan.

He is a proud holder of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He is a Past Worshipful Master of Iowa Research Lodge No. 2.



**Frank C. Osdoba**  
**Most Excellent Grand High Priest**  
**2012-2013**



**Masonic Life of Frank C. Osdoba  
(aka: Moses, The Mentor, or Lord Vader)  
June 15, 2013**

**Blue Lodge - 42 years of membership - 116 Petitions**

1971 “Initiated, Passed and Raised”. Plural member of three Lodges since 1989. Four time Past Master of three different Lodges in Iowa. Served as an officer 30 times (all stations), and 72 committees. Past involvement in helping renew ten Lodges. Past President Tall Corn Study Group. Member Iowa Research Lodge #2. A member of the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau - have developed and given 200+ programs and talks on all aspects of Masonry to church, civic and Masonic groups. Installation Master 12 times. Hospital visitor. Founded and Chairman of Queen II Third Degree and Friendship Night (11 times). Officiated at ten Masonic funerals. Volunteer of local Lodge’s school reading program (Governor’s Volunteer Award). Past chairman of Masters & Wardens Council, Sioux City. As Worshipful Master: Lodge of the Year Awards, Plus One Awards, Grand Lodge Gold Award, Grand Lodge of the Year Award, Grand Lodge Community Involvement, and Grand Master’s Lodge of the Year Award. Qualified for the Two to Grow Award numerous times. Honorary member of Mohave Lodge #68 in Bullhead City, Az and Laughlin Lodge #56 in Nevada. In 2001 received “The Grand Lodge of Iowa T. S. Parvin Award” for a lifetime of service, achievement, and dedication to Iowa Masonry - a very humbling experience!

**York Rite - 38 years of membership - 92 Petitions, plus 10 Petitions for Colleges, three Petitions for KM & AMD, and five Petitions for KYCH.**

CHAPTER, COUNCIL & COMMANDERY: 1975 was “Greeted, Exalted and Knighted” into the Bodies of Sioux City, Iowa. Have served in several officers, stations, festivals over the years. Served as Royal Arch Captain in the Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of the Council, and Scribe in the Commandery. Have served in 15 different speaking roles and in the Craft at numerous festivals. Dual affiliated with the Estherville Bodies in 2004 and have served as Festival Director and Co-ordinator since that time in a effort to revitalize the bodies. Have served several stations include those of Past High Priest of Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of Council, and Past Commander of Commandery. Was invested with the “Knight York Cross of Honor”. 2001 was honored as “The Mentor” by Estherville Bodies. Received Grand KYCH quadrant in 2012.

**Have Served the Grand York Rite Bodies of Iowa as follows:**

GRAND CHAPTER: (11 years in the Grand Line of Iowa.) Have served in all offices, four years as Chairman of the membership, promotional, and development committees; 2012 elected and installed. Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa. A recipient of the “General Grand Chapter’s Keystone Award.”

GRAND COUNCIL: Recipient of the “Cryptic Mason of the Year Award” of the International General Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters - 2006. Recipient of the Grand Council Ish Sodi Award in 2012.

GRAND COMMANDERY: Past Grand District Deputy and Past Chairman of the membership committee. Past Grand Sentinel, Past Grand First Guard, Past Grand Junior and Senior Warden. (As a Grand Officer: past and current participation in numerous festivals throughout the state.) Recipient of the Grand Encampments “Membership Medal” (one silver and four bronze clusters). Elected President of the Iowa Past Commanders Association in 2013.

APPENDANT BODIES OF THE YORK RITE: A member of Iowa York Rite College #37 and a Charter Member of Lewis & Clark College #199. Elected and installed as Governor of Lewis & Clark College #199 in 2012. Recipient of the “Gold Award” in 2008. Received “The Order of the Purple Cross” and made an Associate Regent of The York Rite Colleges of North America in 2010. Elected to St. Bartholomew Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in 2013. A Life Member of Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Have received the “Holy Order of High Priesthood” and the “Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters”. A “Knight Crusader of the Cross”, and in 2008 became a Knight Mason and Allied Masonic Degrees member, having served as the Junior Warden of both bodies. A member of the Societas Rosicruciana, Yeoman of York, Order of High Rollers, and Resonant and Redolent Pardesiacs.

**Scottish Rite - 42 years of membership - 41 Petitions plus six Petitions for the “Knights of Saint Andrew” and three Petitions for the Royal Order of Scotland.**

1971 32nd Degree attained - Sioux City bodies. Served on numerous committees. Have had several speaking parts in numerous reunions. Was Co-Chairman of the Craft for several years, and had small parts in several degrees. Currently serving on the hospitality committee (30+ years), and recently retired from the 4th and 29th Degrees due to mobility problems. Charter & Emeritus member of Knights of St Andrew, a seven-year “21st Century Club” member of the Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation. A Charter “Master Architect” of the Sioux City Scottish Rite Building Preservation Corporation, and board member of the steering committee. Was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2003. Received and Knighted into the Royal Order of Scotland in 2004 and a member of the Robert The Bruce Society. Also a member of the Mohave Valley Scottish Rite Club in Arizona.

**Shrine - 42 years of membership - 21 Petitions, plus 18 Petitions for Units**

1971 Fezzed - Abu Bekr Temple in Sioux City, Iowa. Sponsored eight children into Shrine Hospitals and have personally raised over \$115,000 for the hospitals' transportation fund. Have transported many children and their parents to the hospitals. Served as a Shrine Bowl Coordinator for over 15 years. Initiated and coordinated the first cheerleader visits to the Twin Cities Hospital, and have sold advertising and coordinated participation for 20 cheerleaders and ten players. Have been a member of six units. Current member of Hospital Dads and the Iowa Great Lakes Shrine Club. Served on membership committee and have given Shrine History Talk at ceremonials. Over 40 Hospital talks have been given to civic, Masonic and church groups.

**Eastern Star - 37 years of membership - Four Petitions**

1976 Initiated with wife in Rose Croix Chapter, Sioux City, Iowa. Served as Associate Patron and Sentinel several times. Former members of Twilight Chapter in Spirit Lake and currently belong to Coral Chapter in Sanborn, Iowa.

**High Twelve - 37 years of membership - Six Petitions**

1976 Elected member of Founders Club #1, Sioux City, IA. Served as program chairman and International Representative in 1977, and have attended several International meetings. Recipient of the “Spirit and Vision Award” for Hi Twelve International.

**Other Masonic Activities:**

It has been a privilege to serve as a guest ritualist throughout the Midwest and in Arizona on numerous occasions. Developed and presented over 72 Masonic programs on the various aspects of membership developments, Officer leadership, symbolism, the reviving of our Blue Lodges, York Rite Masonry, the mission, philanthropy, and history of the Shrine, and the past, present, and future history of Masonry and its appendent bodies. Two hundred thirteen programs have been given to social, civic, religious, and Masonic groups. In April 2012; “A Point Within A Circle” program was presented to two Blue Lodges in Arizona - 160 attendees. Ten programs have been given as the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa. It has been a real pleasure to have served as a Master of Ceremonies on numerous occasions, to have given away and loaned hundreds of Masonic books, tens of thousands of handouts, and to have photographed and distributed thousands of pictures to you. One of my real joys in recent years has been your allowing me to expand your imaginations by giving you a glimpse into Masonry's future in the 31st century. And as The S.E.P.R.S.G.N.N.J.K.U. to have had the pleasure of Knighting 18 new Masonic Jedi Knights!

IMPORTANT NOTE: MY WIFE AND CHILDREN TRULY DESERVE THE RECOGNITION AND HONORS I HAVE RECEIVED, FOR SHARING THEIR HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER DURING THEIR LIFETIMES WITH SO MANY WONDERFUL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF OUR MASONIC FAMILY. THEIR LOVE AND RESPECT REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CENTRAL AMBITIONS OF MY LIFE!

This “Rough Ashlar, Craftsman from the quarries, and Workman from the temple” respectfully submits this history, for “inspection and approval” by you, My Mentors, The Leaders and “Master Overseers”, of our “great and glorious work”.

With deepest respect and sincerest appreciation,

Frank C. Osdoba

“Craftsman & Workman”

## Minutes of the Holy Order of the High Priesthood of Iowa

The 154th Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa was opened in form at the Star Lite Village Inn in Ames, Iowa at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17th, 2012 with M.E. Douglas R. Heath presiding. There were eight officers, thirty-nine (39) members and seven (7) visitors present. Companion B. O. Bryngelson filled the chair of the Sentinel and Wade E. Sheeler filled the chair of the Steward. Three petitions for the Order were received. All having met the necessary requirements, it was moved by Jim Fischer and seconded by Tom Dean that they be elected to receive the Order. Carried. The work was done by the following degree team:

M.: E.: President	Tom Dean
E.: Vice President	David Dryer
E.: Chaplain	William Kauten
E.: Treasurer-Recorder	James Fischer
E.: Master of Ceremonies	Vernon Harrington
E.: Conductor	B. O. Bryngelson
E.: Herald	Rick Butler
E.: Steward	Wade Sheeler
E.: Sentinel	Marion Reinhardt

The following Companions were received, annointed, consecrated and set apart in the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa:

Name	Chapter
Matthew A. Risberg	Ascalon No. 139
Ralph Hitchcock	Benevolence No. 43
Loren C. Stein	Iowa No. 1

The newly made members were each presented with a Bible and membership card by Tom Dean and B. O. Bryngelson and seated among the craft.

Following the completion of the work, the following business was had and done:

Moved by Companion Tom Dean and duly seconded that the minutes of the 153rd Annual Convention be approved as recorded in the proceedings. Carried.

The report of the Treasurer was given.

Bills were presented and upon motion by B. O. Bryngelson and duly seconded, were allowed for payment.

Moved by Companion Tom Dean and duly seconded that the visiting dignitaries who have not previously received and are eligible for Honorary Membership in our Order be granted such and issued cards. Carried. Four Honorary cards were issued.

Degree Team members were then introduced by Companion Greg Andersen, our Degree Captain and given a hearty round of applause for a job well done.

It being the time for the election of officers, the M.: E.: President called for the report of the nominating committee.

The report of the nominating committee recommended that the following slate of officers be elected and appointed for the year 2012-2013. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Companion Tom Dean and duly seconded that nominations cease and that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the following slte of officers. Carried.

M.: E.: President	David Dryer
E.: Vice President	James A. Nagel
E.: Chaplain	Gregory L. Andersen
E.: Treasurer-Recorder	James A. Fischer
E.: Master of Ceremonies	Rick L. Butler
E.: Conductor	Bryce B. Hildreth
E.: Herald	W. Charles Smithson
E.: Steward	Jason A. Wolcott
E.: Sentinel	Kenneth Brickman

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M.: E.: Companion B. O. Bryngelson, Past President, as installing officer and Companion Wade Sheeler as installing Marshal, the above listed officers were installed. Following remarks by M.: E.: President David Dryer, Companion Doug Heath was called East and presented with a Past President's jewel. Companion Heath spoke briefly and thanked all for bestowing the honor upon him.

There being no further business at hand, the 154th Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa was closed in form at 9:40 am.

David M. Dryer  
M.: E.: President

James A. Fischer  
E.: Treasurer-Recorder

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa  
156th Annual Convocation  
August 17, 2012  
Ames, Iowa**

**Grand Officers Present**

Billy Joe Hildreth .....	Grand High Priest
Frank C. Osdoba .....	Grand King
David G. Klein .....	Grand Scribe
Clyde E. Reasland.....	Grand Treasurer
Robert J. Seiler .....	Grand Secretary
Bryce B. Hildreth .....	Grand Chaplain
Kenneth A. Brickman.....	Grand Captain of the Host
Ronald W. Guthrie .....	Grand Principal Sojourner
Stephan G. Libby .....	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Paul Oliphant .....	Grand Master III Veil
Robert H. Schroeder .....	Grand Master II Veil
Gregory L. Kenkel .....	Grand Master I Veil
Matt Risburg.....	Grand Sentinel

**Opening**

Corinthian Chapter #14 opened at 10:00 a.m. with the following Compamions filling the chairs:

High Priest	Kurt Hoffman
King	Tom Megel
Scribe	Aaron Blankenship
Chaplain	Rusty Hill
Captain Of the Host	Shane Harshbarger
Principle SoJouner	Gene Hatfield
Royal Arch Captain	Don Sardeson
Master III Veil	David Ashby
Master II Veil	Stevin Dahl
Master I Veil	Duane Wachter
Sentinel	Rick Butler

The Grand Officers were escorted in and introduced. The Grand High Priest was received and accorded the private Grand Honors.

Grand High Priest Billy Joe Hildreth then declared the 156th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa open in due form.

Corinthian Chapter was then thanked and dismissed and the Grand Officers assumed the chairs

The Committee on Credentials Reported that a constitutional number of Chapters was present to open the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa

The Grand Chaplain was asked to do the opening prayer.

**Presentation of Colors**

The flag of the United States of America, Iowa, and Canada were presented by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by the Companions.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by the Grand Secretary, duly seconded that the minutes of the 155th annual convocation be approved as printed in volume form or on CDs was approved.

## Reception of Distinguished Companions

The Past Grand High Priests, out of state Grand Officers, Iowa Masonic leaders, Grand Lodge officers, and General Grand Chapter Officers were presented, conducted to the East, introduced, greeted by the Grand High Priest, and accorded Public Grand Honors.

### Past Grand High Priests

James A. Fischer .....	1985-1986	Gary W. Shaulis.....	1987-1988
Phillip A Severson .....	1989-1990	Tom L. Dean.....	1992-1993
Donald L. Heath.....	1993-1994	Derwood G. Keith.....	1995-1996
Robert D. Allen .....	1996-1997	B. O. Bryngelson.....	1998-1999
William R. Kauten.....	2000-2001	Robert J. Seiler .....	2001-2002
Vernon F. Harrington.....	2002-2003	Douglas R. Heath.....	2003-2004
James A. Nagel .....	2005-2006	Gregory L. Andersen .....	2006-2007
Rick L. Butler.....	2007-2008	James M. Dixon.....	2008-2009
W. Charles Smithson .....	2010-2011		

### Communication to absent Past Grand High Priests

The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to communicate with the absent Past Grand High Priests, conveying the best wishes of the Grand Chapter and the hope they would be with us next year.

### Out of State Grand Officers

M.:E.: Allan Kauppi, Grand High Priest, Minnesota  
M.:E.: Charles R. Marston, Past Grand High Priest, Minnesota  
M.:E.: Edward W. Nolte, Grand High Priest, Nebraska  
R.:E.: Bruce T. Anderson, Grand Recorder York Rite, Nebraska  
M.:E.: Jerry F. Bepaler, Past Grand High Priest, Nebraska  
M.:E.: George Bauder, Grand High Priest, South Dakota  
M.:E.: Rich McBride, Past Grand High Priest, South Dakota Grand Representative to Iowa  
M.:E.: Robert H. Wright, Grand High Priest, Illinois  
M.:E.: George M. Shell, Grand High Priest, Ohio  
R.:E.: John C. Watkins, Aide to the Grand High Priest, Ohio  
R.:E.: Ed Rusty Mitchell, Grand Secretary, Wisconsin  
R.:E.: Ross Pollock, Grand Scribe, Wisconsin

### Iowa Masonic Leaders

M.:I.: Richard Bowersox, Grand Master Royal & Select Masters of Iowa  
M.:E.: Gregory L. Andersen, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Iowa & Deputy Grand Governor of York Rite Sovereign College North America  
Thomas E.H. Gruis, President North Central Association of High Twelve  
Edward T. Johnson, Excellent Chief Killpeck Knight Masons of Iowa  
David M. Dryer, R.:E.: Distinguished Grand Governor York Rite Bodies of North America and Past North Central Department Commander of the Knights Templar of North America  
Tim S. Anderson, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Of Iowa  
W.: W. Charles Smithson, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge Of Iowa  
W.: John Klaus, Grand Musician of the Grand Lodge of Iowa  
E.: George Harrison, PGC, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

### General Grand Chapter Officer Part I

R.:E.: Companion William R. Kauten, Past General Grand District Deputy High Priest of the North Central Division General Grand Chapter International  
R.:E.: Companion B.O. Bryngelson, General Grand Trustee General Grand Chapter International

## **General Grand Chapter Officer Part II**

R:.E.: James A. Hodge, General Scribe, Personal Representative of M:.E.: Edmund T. Harrison the General Grand High Priest was escorted to the East by Grand High Priest where he was given the private grand honors. He was then presented the gavel and asked to preside. He spoke to the Companions.

### **Grand Master of Masons in Iowa**

R:.W.: Shane A. Harshburger, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and personal representative of Jerry L. LeVey Grand Master of Masons of Iowawas escorted to the East by the Grand High Priest where he was presented with the gavel and requested to preside. He then addressed the Companions.

### **Reception of Grand Representatives**

The Grand Representatives stood in place and were welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

### **Recognition of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour**

Nearly all of the Companions, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, stood in place to receive the thanks of the Grand High Priest for their devotion to the York Rite.

### **Recognition of the Knights of the Royal Arch**

Former recipients of the honor of Knights of the Royal Arch stood in place, and were thanked by the Grand High Priest for having been selected for this distinguished honor in the past, The Grand High Priest announced that Companions Floyd Nesbit, Bryce Hildreth, Jason Wolcott and Donald Courter have been selected for this honor in 2012.

### **General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award Recipients**

Former recipients of this honor stood in place. The Grand High Priest announced the 2012 recipient of this honor Wade E. Sheeler

### **Recognition of High Priests**

The High Priests assembled in the East and were greeted personally by the Grand High Priest who thanked them for their leadership during the year.

### **Recognition of Kings, Scribes, and Secretaries**

The Kings, Scribes, and Secretaries were recognized by their counterparts in the Grand Chapter.

### **Recognized for Obtaining Petitions**

Ralph Hitchcock was presented with an appropriate pin for obtaining at least five petitions.

### **Resolution of Honorary Membership**

Upon motion by E:. Marion L. Reinhardt, duly seconded, that all distinguished visitors in attendance who are not honorary members of this Grand Chapter and who are eligible, be accorded same. APPROVED. A certificate was presented to each Companion so honored.

### **Reports of Officers and Committees of the Grand Chapter**

All reports are addressed to the M:.E.: Grand High Priest, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, except that of the Grand High Priest which is addressed to the officers and members only.

Most reports having been printed and distributed at the time of registration, and unless otherwise noted, were accepted.

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**Address of the Grand High Priest**  
**Billy Joe Hildreth**  
**2011-2012**

To the officers and companions of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa;  
I extend a most hearty welcome. To our visiting guests from sister jurisdictions and the General Grand Chapter, welcome, I hope you enjoy your stay and our Iowa hospitality.

To Most Illustrious Companion Rick Bowersox, thank you for your friendship and serving the York Rite of Iowa in an outstanding manner. I wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

To Right Eminent Grand Commander Greg Anderson, and Past Grand Commander Rusty Hill, it has been a pleasure to serve with you this past year.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry L. Levay, we are honored by your presence here and know that as your year of leadership for the craft of Iowa is coming to a close you can take a well deserved rest knowing you served the craft of Iowa well.

My journey in the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Iowa began in the 1983-84 Grand Chapter year when PGHP Raymond Hulce appointed me Grand Master of the III Veil. I was also proud to serve as Grand Chaplain for PGH Harold Leighton in 1988-89. Past Grand High Priest James Dixon appointed me as Grand Captain of the Host in 2008, leading to my election as Grand Scribe in 2009. I am honored to have been selected by these fine companions and to have been called to serve by you, the companions of Iowa, as your Grand High Priest. The past year has been difficult because of health issues, but I tried to serve you as best I could. Because of the efforts of many I believe the Grand Chapter has had a good year.

**Grand High Priest Visitations**

August

- 13- Installed Grand High Priest, Ames
- 17- Des Moines York Rite Meeting, Des Moines
- 20-24- Supreme Council 33 degree SJ. A.A.S.R., Washington, DC
- 26-31- General Grand Chapter Triennial, Raleigh, NC
- 31- Sept 4- Convent General, KYCH, Charlotte, NC

September

- 10- Grand Commander's Reception, Des Moines
- 15-17- Grand Lodge of Iowa, Davenport
- 21- Des Moines York Rite, Des Moines
- 24- Reception for Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cedar Rapids
- 25- Camp Courageous Fundraising Breakfast, Monticello

October

- 1- St. Bartholomew Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Des Moines
- 8- Reception for Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa, Sioux City
- 15- 33rd degree conferral, Des Moines
- 21-22- North Central York Rite Conference, Des Moines

November

- 1- Logic Lodge No. 636 Stated meeting, Ankeny
- 14- Services for John Harris Watts, Jefferson
- 16- Des Moines York Rite, Des Moines
- 17- KCCH Scottish Rite Investiture, Des Moines

December

- 6- Logic Lodge No. 636 Stated meeting, Ankeny

January

- 7- Iowa Masonic Cooperation meeting, Des Moines
- 10- Marshalltown York Rite Installation, Marshalltown
- 12- Ascalon Chapter Installation, Urbandale
- 18- Des Moines York Rite Installation, Des Moines
- 25- Ames York Rite Installation, Ames
- 28- Iowa York Rite College, Marshalltown
- 30- Cedar Falls York Rite Installation, Cedar Falls



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### February

- 4- Chapter School and Table Chapter, Ascalon Chapter, Urbandale
- 7 – Logic Lodge No. 636 Stated meeting, Ankeny
- 15- Des Moines York Rite, Des Moines
- 25- Za Ga Zig Shrine Potentates Ball, Des Moines

### March

- 3- Iowa York Rite College, Des Moines
- 18- DeMolay Legion of Honor, Des Moines
- 24- Des Moines York Rite Festival, Des Moines

### April

- 3- Logic Lodge No. 636 Stated meeting, Ankeny
- 5- Maundy Thursday Services Des Moines Scottish Rite, Des Moines
- 12-13- Grand Chapter of Nebraska
- 18- Des Moines York Rite, Des Moines
- 22- Grand Commandery Jurisprudence meeting, Amana
- 28- Iowa York Rite College meeting, Des Moines

### May

- 1- Logic Lodge No. 636 Stated meeting, Ankeny
- 10- Heritage Society Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation, Des Moines
- 19- Council School and Table Council, Des Moines
- 31-June 2- Grand Commandery of Iowa, Ames

### June

- 8- Estherville York Rite Festival, Estherville
- 6- Newton York Rite, Newton
- 9- Grand Lodge Officers Reception, Des Moines
- 12-14- Grand York Rite of Wisconsin, Green Bay
- 20- Des Moines York Rite, Des Moines

## **Representatives**

I was not able to attend as many activities both in and out of the State of Iowa as I had hoped for. I sincerely thank the Grand Chapter Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, and the Past Grand High Priests who brought my personal greetings and those of the Grand Chapter when I was not present. The following are those I asked specifically to represent me and the Grand Chapter:

- Robert Seiler PGHP, Grand York Rite of South Dakota
- Robert Schroeder GMII Veil, Grand Court of the Amaranth
- James Fischer PGHP, Grand York Rite of North Dakota
- Frank Osdoba Grand King, Grand York Rite of Minnesota

## **Reception**

I was honored along with Most Illustrious Grand Master Rick Bowersox at a joint reception September 24, 2011 at the El Kahir Shrine Center in Cedar Rapids. Thanks to Corinthian Chapter No. 14, Des Moines for your generous gift and support. Thank you to Dave Sutton who prepared the meal, the DeMolay boys for serving, and Frank Osdoba and Rick McCampbell for the entertainment.

## **General Grand Chapter Triennial**

Darlene and I attended the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International August 26-31 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Iowa was well represented by me and several Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests. Iowa was honored by having our own B.O. Bryngelson, PGHP, elected a Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter. Ted Harrison was elected and installed as our General Grand High Priest and we pledge our support to his tenure,

## North Central Conference

Iowa was proud to host the North Central York Rite Conference October 21-22 in Des Moines. It was my pleasure to host Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Ted Harrison and the other General Grand Officers. Iowa had an excellent representation at this meeting. I spoke about some of the things happening in Iowa and intently listened to the reports of surrounding jurisdictions. Special thanks to David Dryer for leading this conference.

### Fifty Year Certificates

Eugene w. Sorick .....	6-1-2011 .....	Chapter 47
Verner E. Laursen.....	6-16-2011 .....	Chapter 4
Robert C. Clem .....	9-27-2011 .....	Chapter 26
Carl R. Miller .....	9-23-2011 .....	Chapter 46
Arthur D. Ostrem.....	9-23-2011 .....	Chapter 14
Leland A. Thomson .....	9-29-2011 .....	Chapter 20
Donald D. Quarles .....	10-3-2011 .....	Chapter 26
Gorden R. Swanson .....	10-3-2011 .....	Chapter 26
Ralph L. Smith .....	10-11-2011 .....	Chapter 84
Jack H. Smeltzer.....	10-14-2011 .....	Chapter 3
David A. Wharff .....	10-27-2011 .....	Chapter 12
Donald D. Dory.....	10-28-2011 .....	Chapter 139
Albert R. Masters .....	11-3-2011 .....	Chapter 12
Clarence R. Martin.....	11-4-2011 .....	Chapter 127
Judd G. Butler.....	11-4-2011 .....	Chapter 107
J. Marvin Rankin .....	11-8-2011 .....	Chapter 14
John F. Smeltzer.....	12-2 2011 .....	Chapter 90
Rainsford A. Brown Jr. ....	6-5-2012 .....	Chapter 16
Wayne M. Coursey .....	9-22-2012 .....	Chapter 3
Dean R. Flummerfelt .....	9-24-2012 .....	Chapter 127
Ernest E. Bruce .....	9-24-2012 .....	Chapter 28
Don R. Schwendeman .....	9-24-2012 .....	Chapter 51
David H. Carrick.....	9-27-2012 .....	Chapter 1
James E. Greenhorn Jr.....	9-27-2012 .....	Chapter 139
Wayne Gardner.....	9-28-2012 .....	Chapter 2
Roger G. Pyburn .....	9-28-2012 .....	Chapter 38
Troy L. Jennings .....	10-15-2012 .....	Chapter 14
Raymond P. Morris .....	10-27-2012 .....	Chapter 139

### Dispensations Issued

- 1, To Jephtha Chapter No. 128, Estherville, to hold its election of officers one month early due to the possible absence of its officers the normal election night. Notification was sent out to the members informing them of this change.
2. To Corinthian Chapter No. 14 to move its charter to Ames, IA for the purpose of opening for Grand Chapter.
3. To Alan Mortimore of Essex to join a Chapter in Omaha, Nebraska

## **State of the Chapters and Grand Chapter**

Overall the state of the Chapters and the Grand Chapter of Iowa is the same. There are chapters like Estherville, Creston, Des Moines, and some others who are having great successes in membership and membership involvement and activities. Most chapters, however, are just getting by. While I have no cure or great plan to change this, let us hope, that time, talent, and dedication will have their effect and more of our Chapters will again become active. It is my position that so long as a chapter is keeping up on the reports, collecting dues and are current with the Grand Chapter they should not be closed. History has shown us that once a Chapter is closed or consolidated it is gone forever in that community. Consolidations contribute to loss of members because they no longer have a personal connection to the new chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa is very fortunate to have active Custodians: Marion Reinhardt and David Dryer. Past Grand High Priest Charlie Smithson is nearly a custodian and works effortlessly in helping chapters confer the degrees. Thank you companions for the great service you give to your Grand Chapter.

In the Chapters I have visited I was always made most welcome. It is encouraging to see more young men taking leadership in our Chapters. It behooves each of us to encourage, mentor, and assist our new members in our traditions, laws, ritual, and fellowship. So, that they can truly not feel as strangers among the workmen.

## **Recommendations**

My recommendations are few. First we need to continue education of the Capitular Rite. We have a great story to tell and wonderful ritual to show that story. We must continue to seek new members and make our current members proud to be Royal Arch Masons. Second, the Grand Chapter needs to give encouragement to those chapters who are struggling. Let them know they are not alone and that there are many companions willing to help them.

## **Conclusion and Thanks**

The chapter ritual has always been one of my personal favorites. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand High Priest this past year. When I began this journey over 40 years ago I had no idea of where it would lead. When I accepted your election a couple of years ago as Grand Scribe my health and that of my wife Darlene was much better than it is today. I thank you for allowing me to continue. I appreciate the kindnesses shown us as we traveled to different events.

Thank you to the Grand Chapter Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests. Your willingness to serve and assist this past year is most appreciated.

To our Grand Secretary, Robert Seiler PGHP and his lady Darlene, Thank You. We have been through a tough year together and I thank you for making sure what needed to be done got done; And for being very special friends to Darlene and I.

To my family; Darlene, Bryce, and Natalie, I love you. You are my support, guide, drivers, and caretakers. I could not have served without your help.

Finally, to my companions, thanks for letting me serve as your Grand High Priest, I treasure it as one of the final chapters of my Masonic career.

May God Bless you and the Grand Chapter of Iowa

Respectfully Submitted,

Billy Joe Hildreth

Grand High Priest

## **Report of the Grand King**

TO: My fellow Companions of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Iowa and our Distinguished Guests from other jurisdictions.

Thank you once again for the confidence and support given to me this past year. It has and continues to be a pleasure, privilege, and honor to have been your Grand King. My travels this year have greatly enhanced my desire, dedication, and confidence to be of even greater service to you in the coming year, if that is your desire. My conviction to reestablish and implement a well defined program of membership growth and leadership development are on my trestle board for the coming year. If elected as your Grand High Priest, my duties will be similar to that of a worshipful master: "to set our Grand and constituent officers throughout the Craft in Iowa at work, and give them proper instruction."

This past year (7/15/11-7/21/12) Masonic representation of you and our Grand body was filled with wonderful Companions and fabulous events. Great strides forward have also taken place in regaining the physical strength which will be necessary to serve you in the coming year. This past year's activity included:

15,255 Miles driven & 2,270 miles of flying to the triennial in Raleigh, N.C. – (Thank you so much for assisting me with some of the expenses associated with this most important event!)

8 States visited for events in 18 different cities and towns

30 Planning meetings attended – (conducted 12 of them)

3 Grand York Rite sessions in Iowa and 16 stated meetings in 3 states

3 York Rite Festivals – (including Arizona's as a guest ritualist)

2 York Rite College events and the OPC conferral in Nashville

3 Grand Lodge special events in 3 states

5 Grand Receptions – (Knighthood 5 new Masonic Jedi Masters)

2 International Leadership sessions & the Hi 12 Mid-winter International Meeting

18 Blue Lodge Stated meetings and special events – (Including a "CHIP" enrollment)

9 Masonic & Shrine Hospital visitations & 4 Masonic Funerals

5 Masonic Education Programs given on Leadership Development, Membership Development, and Masonic Symbolism – (including a 3 hour presentation to 130)

9 Scottish Rite stated and special meetings

15 Meetings & special events of appendent Masonic bodies

Twenty-eight Days at Mayo Clinic where 12 different departments and a couple of dozen specialist treated my Parkinsons, arthritis, and general health care needs. They have performed surgery on both of my legs, have administered every test imaginable, and are continuing to provide me with the world's finest ongoing care and treatment. My mouth was out of commission for a couple of months, something many of you can't imagine! It made 13 visits to an oral restoration specialist and spent approx. 50 hours in operative procedures, restoring my oral health and also once again made it possible for me to smile at you!

So, let's get our Grand Chapters "Enterprises out of space dock"! Let's embark on the mission of "going where few Companions have gone before"! Join me in implementing the programs of positive growth and leadership development which have been lacking, and our bodies so desperately need! Let's lay in a new course and foundation for our beautiful York Rite "centers of learning where our arts and sciences of helping good men to become better men" may be learned, practiced, and stood upon! My fellow Companions, join with me in accepting your leadership duties and responsibilities by declaring, "All ahead full! Warp speed on our commands!" Fellow Companions, "Engage!!!" May the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe be with and within us all in the coming year!

Your Brother & Companion

Frank C. Osdoba, Grand King

## **Report of the Grand Scribe**

As my year as Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter draws to a close. I want to thank the Grand Chapter of Iowa for extending their trust and faith in me.

I went back to the Blue Lodge in 2010 and was elected Junior Warden, God willing this will make me a Past Master in two states Iowa and Illinois. The membership award received for the past two years from the Grand Chapter is because I have participated in our local Blue Lodges and have attended the installations of officers each year in all the Quad City lodges. This is where the 20 plus new York Rite Masons have come from. Believe me, if the Grand Chapter is going forward we must all spend time and participate.

The past year I have tried to travel and attend as many Chapter events as possible. I attended York Rite festivals in Iowa City, helped with degrees in Burlington and have attended Chapters in district 6 to represent

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Grand High Priest Billy Joe Hildreth. I was able to attend the District 6 York Rite, Grand Commandery of Iowa, Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Iowa, Iowa Chapter of Instruction and Charles Clyde Hunt Priory No 42 annual meetings.

Besides being the Grand Officer for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa for the last six years and for the last 12 years being the Registrar of Charles Clyde Hunt Priory, have attended the Grand Council/ Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery Annual meeting each year.

Thanks again to all Iowa Companions and especially my wife Karen for allowing me to serve you.

David G. Klein

Grand Scribe RAM

**Report of the Grand Treasurer**

As my year as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter draws to a close, I want to thank the Grand Chapter of Iowa for extending their trust and faith in me.

I have verified each and every month's receipts and disbursements, but Companion Bob Seiler is the real record keeper, thank you for all the work you do.

7-1-11	Balance on Hand:	2864.45
	Income	34388.63
	Expenses	31633.33
6-30-12	Balance on hand	5619.75

Clyde E. Reasland,  
Grand Treasurer

**Report of the Grand Secretary**

Upon motion of R:.E:. Robert J. Seiler, duly seconded, the report of the Grand Secretary was received and referred to the Committee on Division and Reference, APPROVED. See page 7 in combined section

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Chapter 2011

Synopsis of Returns of the Constituent Chapters Ending December 31, 2011																			
Chapter	No	City	Members	Enrolled	Admitted	Revoked	Increase	Deceased	Net Incr.	Net Decr.	Members	Grand Chapter Dues	Grand Chapter Fees	Dead Dues Unpaid	Suspended N.P.D.	50 Yr. Members	Paid Other Chapter	Remission Of Dues	Total
Cambin	0	Iowa	156	0	0	0	0	6	10	10	146	\$ -		0	1	26	0	128	186
Iowa	1	Burlington	77	1	0	0	1	1	4	3	74	\$ 520.00		1	1	7	0	4	13
Iowa City	2	Iowa City	80	6	1	0	7	0	5	2	82	\$ 504.00		0	0	22	0	2	24
Dubuque	3	Dubuque	39	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	35	\$ 216.00		0	2	3	0	7	12
Washington	4	Muscatine	31	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	29	\$ 192.00		0	1	3	0	3	7
Hiram	6	Oskaloosa	35	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	33	\$ 216.00		0	0	3	0	8	9
Climon	9	Ottumwa	80	0	0	0	0	3	6	6	74	\$ 440.00		1	3	19	0	2	25
Marion	10	Marion	41	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	39	\$ 272.00		1	1	5	0	1	8
Osceola	12	Newton	71	2	0	0	2	1	10	8	83	\$ 480.00		0	4	9	0	0	13
Coninthian	14	Des Moines	246	11	1	2	14	6	43	29	227	\$ 1,342.00		3	24	35	0	8	70
Davenport	16	Davenport	42	1	0	1	2	1	7	5	37	\$ 328.00		0	4	3	0	1	8
Taylor	18	Knoxville	43	2	0	0	2	0	3	1	42	\$ 256.00		0	2	3	0	1	8
Valley	20	Cedar Falls	97	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	91	\$ 525.00		0	2	10	0	0	12
Abolish	21	Independence	30	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	25	\$ 192.00		0	2	2	0	2	6
Stour City	26	Stour City	162	9	0	4	13	5	19	6	156	\$ 1,040.00		0	9	24	0	12	45
Keystone	32	Climon	46	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	43	\$ 344.00		0	0	2	0	1	3
Signal	36	Marshalltown	75	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	73	\$ 512.00		0	6	7	0	5	12
Benevolence	46	Mason City	73	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	72	\$ 360.00		0	0	20	0	9	29
Star	47	Council Bluffs	60	9	0	0	9	0	4	4	64	\$ 387.00		0	0	10	0	2	12
Trawl	49	Cedar Rapids	85	3	0	0	3	0	4	1	84	\$ 423.00		0	0	10	3	7	20
Tabernacle	52	Waterloo	109	0	2	0	2	3	6	4	96	\$ 474.00		0	0	14	0	26	42
Mt. Sinai	66	Anamosa	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	28	\$ 208.00		0	0	2	0	2	4
Cape Stone	78	Carroll	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	\$ 58.00		0	1	2	0	0	3
Triune	81	Missouri Valley	30	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	28	\$ 192.00		0	0	7	0	9	7
Burning Bush	90	Charoites	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	\$ 304.00		0	0	0	0	0	0
Clivet	107	Harlan	37	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	37	\$ 288.00		0	0	2	0	0	2
Clay	112	Spencer	66	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	67	\$ 576.00		0	1	14	0	9	24
Al Gable	121	Creston	59	5	1	0	6	1	5	1	60	\$ 384.00		0	3	12	0	2	17
Monroe	125	Abbia	78	3	0	0	3	0	8	3	75	\$ 512.00		1	4	11	0	1	17
Joshua	127	Ames	77	0	29	0	29	6	13	16	80	\$ 560.00		1	0	12	22	1	38
Jedha	128	Estherville	96	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	94	\$ 525.00		3	0	12	0	17	32
Ascension	139	Des Moines	113	13	0	5	18	1	14	4	117	\$ 760.00		1	11	19	0	5	38
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2344</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>210</b>		<b>2251</b>	<b>\$ 13,328.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>710</b>

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**Report of the Committee on Audit**

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2012

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

Grand Officers  
Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of Iowa

Gentlemen:

I have compiled the accompanying statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa a nonprofit organization as of June 30, 2012, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets for the year then ended. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

  
James E. Dickson, CPA, CFP

August 3, 2012

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2012

ASSETS		
CASH IN BANK		
General Fund Checking /Savings	\$5,019.75	
Joint Office Account	<u>493.52</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>\$5,513.27</u>
Total Assets		
NET ASSETS		
General Fund	\$5,019.75	
Joint Office Fund	<u>493.52</u>	
Net Assets		<u>\$5,513.27</u>

See accompanying selected information and accountant's compilation report.

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 GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	Office Fund	Total Funds
Total Revenue	\$34,343.00	50.00	\$34,343.00
Total Expense	<u>28,883.33</u>	<u>3,154.20</u>	<u>32,037.53</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenue Over Expense	<u>\$5,459.67</u>	<u>(\$3,154.20)</u>	<u>\$2,305.47</u>

See accompanying selected information and accountant's compilation report.

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	Office Fund	Total Funds
Net Assets - Beginning	\$4,021.26	\$373.38	\$4,394.62
PLUS:			
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenue Over Expense	5,459.67	(3,164.20)	2,305.47
LESS:			
Prior Period Adjustments	(1,111.18)	(76.64)	(1,188.82)
Interfund Transfers	(3,350.00)	3,350.00	0.00
Net Assets - Ending	<u>\$5,019.75</u>	<u>\$493.52</u>	<u>\$5,513.27</u>

See accompanying selected information and accountant's compilation report.

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
SELECTED INFORMATION  
Substantially All Disclosures Required by  
Generally Accepted Accounting Principles Are Not Included  
JUNE 30, 2012

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Grand Chapter is exempt from Federal income tax under provisions of IRC section 501 ( c ) (10). The Chapter realized no non-related business income. Therefore, no income tax expense is reflected in the financial statements.

Note 2 – Joint Office Account

This account is a revolving fund to pay administrative expenses shared by the Royal and Select Masters and the Royal Arch Masons. Each of the two organizations has a claim on the asset and fund balance of the Joint Office Account as joint tenants with one's claim being indistinguishable from the other. The balance of \$493.52 represents one-half of the total Joint Office balance of \$987.03.

Note 3 – Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 4 - Prior Period Adjustments

Prior period adjustments represent expenses for the year ended June 30, 2011 that were not included in the June 30 cutoff. These items cleared the bank in July and August, 2011.

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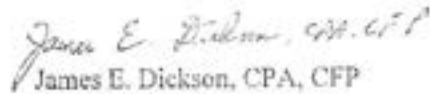
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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT  
ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Grand Officers  
Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of Iowa

Gentlemen:

My report on my compilation of the basic financial statements of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa for the year ending June 30, 2012 appears on page 1. The information included in the accompanying Supplementary schedules are presented only for supplementary analysis purposes.

  
James E. Dickson, CPA, CFP

August 2, 2012

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Grand Chapter Dues	\$12,000.00	\$12,993.00	\$993.00
Exaltion Fees	300.00	0.00	(300.00)
Sales rituals, & misc.	100.00	350.00	250.00
Grand Council ( 1/2 Share)	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Trustees	25,000.00	20,000.00	(5,000.00)
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Total Revenue	\$38,400.00	\$34,343.00	(\$4,057.00)

See accountant's report on supplementary information.



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 GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
 SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Cont.)  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
<b>2011 COMMUNICATION</b>			
Arrangements Committee	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Guests	800.00	800.00	0.00
Printing And Miscellaneous	800.00	1,443.08	843.08
Jewels And Aprons	500.00	578.80	78.80
Annual Meeting Expense	0.00	283.02	283.02
<b>MILEAGE AND PER DIEM</b>			
Delegates And Secretaries	1,200.00	1,163.78	(36.22)
Grand Officers	600.00	518.88	(81.12)
Past Grand High Priests	1,100.00	953.74	(146.26)
District Deputy Grand High Priests	100.00	21.52	(78.48)
Trustees	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
Committees	200.00	276.18	76.18
<b>EXPENSE ACCOUNTS</b>			
Grand High Priest	5,000.00	1,572.45	(3,427.55)
Grand Officers And D.D.G.H.P.s	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
Grand Officers out of State	200.00	0.00	(200.00)
Triennial	1,200.00	0.00	(1,200.00)
Trustees	200.00	214.40	14.40
Custodians	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
Charity (Youth Groups)	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Audit	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Joint Office Account	3,400.00	3,350.00	(50.00)
Proceedings	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)
Grand Secretary Salary	8,500.00	8,498.00	(4.00)
Social Security ( FICA)/Medicare	0.00	849.94	849.94
Federal And State Unemployment Taxes	0.00	102.93	102.93
Internal Revenue Service	0.00	120.00	120.00
Bonds And Insurance	600.00	450.00	(150.00)
Printing And Supplies	1,000.00	303.83	(696.17)
General Grand Chapter per Capita	2,400.00	2,100.00	(300.00)
RAM Magazine Subscriptions	3,800.00	4,833.88	833.88
Ritual Fund to Trustees	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$38,100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,233.33</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,866.67)</u></b>
Joint Office Expense (Transfer)	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>3,350.00</u>	<u>(50.00)</u>

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Cont.)  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Expenses-Grand Chapter Office Fund (Pro Rata) Portion Of Total	
Printing & Supplies	\$1,087.99
Rent	938.58
Telephone	554.46
Postage	439.73
Miscellaneous	123.42
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Total Expenses	<u>\$3,154.20</u>
 JOINT OFFICE ACCOUNT	
Transfer From Grand Council	<u>\$2,450.00</u>

See accountant's report on supplementary information.

## **Preliminary Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence**

As the 2011-2012 Chair of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee I hereby submit the following preliminary report:

1. As of July 9, 2012, the Committee is unaware of any pending legislation.
2. As of July 9, 2012, no proposed legislation by the Committee has been advanced or otherwise substantively discussed.
3. The Committee is in the process of reviewing Grand High Priest Hildreth's report. After my personal review of the report, I believe the Grand High Priest has acted in accordance with the Constitution and Code of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
4. A final report of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee will be made upon conclusion of the Committee's meeting of August 16, 2012.

## **Report of the Committee on Division and Reference**

The Committee on Division and Reference has reviewed the Report of Most Excellent Billy Joe Hildreth, our Grand High Priest, and hereby submits the following report.

A careful study of his report leads us to believe our Grand High Priest has faithfully performed the duties of his office in a manner that reflects his great love of Royal Arch Masonry. And in spite of health issues for both he and his Lady Darlene that curtailed planned activities, his leadership and able assistance of family and his Grand Officers achieved many things a healthy Grand High Priest would dream of accomplishing.

This Committee's feeling is that Our Grand Chapter of Iowa was in very capable hands this year and the Grand High Priest and his officers deserve a very large Thank You for their excellent service to the craft.

Donald L. Heath, PGHP, Chairman

William R. Kauten, PGHP

## **Acceptance of Reports**

Upon motion of R.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba, Grand King, the following reports were ACCEPTED as printed.

Chapters Chartered and Under Dispensation

Board of Custodians

Fraternal Correspondence

Charity Board

Finance

Necrology

Royal Arch Magazine Iowa Supplement

Masonic Youth

Long Range Planning

## Report of the Committee on Chapters Chartered and Under Dispensation

As of 1 January 2011, beginning membership 2344

Additions:		
Exalted	70	
Admitted	35	
Reinstated	12	
Total Increase		117
Decrease:		
Demitted	41	
Expelled	0	
SNPD	78	
Died	91	
Total Decrease		210
Net Loss		99
31 December 2011 Ending membership		2257
Died dues unpaid	12	
Dues remitted	76	
50 year members	330	
Paid in other Chapters	25	
Total		267
Percapi paid By		1990

Total members December, 2011 is based on the Chapters that filed returns sent in for 2011.

There was only an increase of 70 new members. Only 17 Chapters had exalted new members out of 39 Chapters. All Chapters who send in a year-end report. All Chapters need to work on membership.

Robert J. Seiler, Chairman  
Clinton Smith  
B.O. Byngelsen

## Report of the Grand Chapter Custodians

To the Grand Officers, Constituent Chapters and Companions:

We present herewith the Board of Custodians annual report, for the 2011-12 Grand Chapter Year.

The Board of Custodians conducted a school in one of the five districts during the past year. On February 4, 2012, Corinthian Chapter #14 and Ascalon Chapter #139 held a Joint School and Chapter Table Lodge. It was attended by thirty Companions. The school was conducted by Custodian David M. Dryer and PGHP W. Charles Smithson. Instruction centered on Opening in the Degree of the Royal Arch, proper set up the lodge room, floor work, Grips, Words, Due Guards and Signs for all four of the Chapter Degrees.

This was an expansion of the past years when Corinthian Chapter #14 held an annual school on the 1st Saturday in February. High Priest Kurt M. Hoffmann (14) and High Priest Matthew A. Risberg (139) collaborated and submitted a joint request for a school. They combined it with a Chapter Table Lodge in a fine restaurant.

There has been an "Annual School" in Des Moines for six straight years. The Board of Custodians expresses great appreciation to the leadership of the Des Moines Chapters. Naturally, we are counting on the future leaders to continue this tradition. At the risk of being presumptuous, an invitation is hereby extended to all Companions from around the state to attend the 7th Annual School on the 1st Saturday in February in Des Moines (2-2-13).

Corinthian Chapter #14 HP Hoffmann requested a class of instruction prior to its stated meeting on March 21, 2012. Custodian Dryer explained some of the differences between Iowa RAM Ritual and other states

Custodians want to conduct schools. You, who have accepted appointment to the post of DDGHP, need to approach the Chapters in your District. You, who have accepted election to the station of High Priest of a Chapter, need to call the DDGHP of your District or call any member of the Board of Custodians. The Board of Custodians recommends the Chapters host schools in conjunction with another activity like a Stated Meeting, Council School, a Commandery School or an inspection.

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The Chapter Degrees are magnificent Degrees. They build on the legend and lessons of the Symbolic Lodge. You need only request a school and we will accommodate you. Our experience has been that opening and reviewing the work helps to breathe new life into Masonic Bodies. Sitting around the table, declaring the meeting open and voting to pay the bills is the road to ruin.

# 1: No School

# 2: No School

# 3: Corinthian # 14 (two schools); Ascalon # 139 (one school)

# 4: No School

# 5: No School

There is an urgent need for proficient ritualists in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. You need only review the list below to see how dramatic a statement this is! The Board of Custodians urges all companions to consider studying and taking the examinations for the Chapter Degrees. The proficiency examination can be taken on any one of the four degrees and in any order.

The following is a list of the Companions who have passed their proficiency exams:

Marion L. Reinhardt (Chairman, Bd of Custodians)	(10)	District Instructor
David M. Dryer (Board of Custodians)	(14, 38)	District Instructor
Norman R. Rank (Custodian Emeritus)	(38)	District Instructor
Melvin E. Sickels (Custodian Emeritus)	(125)	District Instructor
W. Charles Smithson	(14, 139)	Mark, Past, Most Excellent
William R. Kauten	(52)	Mark, Past, Most Excellent
Clinton L. Smith	(43)	Mark, Past
Berdette O. Bryngelson	(38)	Past
Maynard J. Smith	(79)	Past

Inactive

Eugene Sorick	(81)	District Instructor
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Submitted by,  
Marion L. Reinhardt, Chairman  
David M. Dryer, Secretary

## Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence herewith submits its report for the year 2011-2012.

We have reviewed the proceedings from six (6) sister jurisdictions and two (2) foreign jurisdictions. This number is really considerably less than usual, but I am aware that many jurisdictions are not mailing copies of their proceedings due to the high cost of postage. All of the information I received from sister jurisdictions was on a compact disk (CD) as mailing them is considerably less cost for postage.

To be frank and honest I believe that our system of Fraternal Relations is broken! Having talked with some of our 'reps' and also some from sister states I find that very few actually have any contact with their counterpart. I think that the whole system needs to be revamped. The representatives need to be contacted to get information about how active they are and an updated list of the counterparts obtained so that everyone knows who they are suppose to be communicating with.

Upon reviewing the few proceedings I have found the following items of interest:

From Pennsylvania (2007 & 2008). They have a sub-committee appointed by the Grand High Priest that has the duty to select a candidate for the office of Grand Scribe. The candidate is given a rigorous examination as to the qualifications for the position. Perhaps something along this line would be helpful to us in selecting potential officers.

From viewing the financial reports of the Grand Chapters, all seem to be in fairly good shape. This does not mean that they have a bottomless pit to draw from, but do have sufficient funds to operate on. The Trustees and others who have the duty of handling the Grand Chapter's assets are persons of knowledge about the financial markets. Some jurisdictions have had to raise per-capita to keep operating. Our numbers are decreasing and our expenses keep going up. No one should think that the Grand Officers are making money in their positions; in reality it costs them money to fulfill the office.

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The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland is much more formal in their workings than we are. Grand Representatives are first proposed at the grand session, voted upon and then the recommendation sent to the place needing the office filled. Our foreign jurisdictions take their Masonry very seriously and it shows in their actions and in their membership numbers.

Most Excellent, this concludes my report for this past year. I know it is short but for lack of further information I am at a loss to report more. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

I move the acceptance of this report.

Jim Fischer P.G.H.P., Chm.

## **Report of the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance**

The following Chapters have made contributions to RARA 2012:

Keystone #32

Washington #4

Iowa City #32

Iowa #1

Mason City #46

Waterloo #52 memorial

This year 2012 is the smallest amount of contribution given to this project. Hopefully this activity will improve in the future.

Derwood G. Keith, Chr.

## **Report of the Committee on Code Revision**

As Chair, I have consulted with the several members of the Code Review Committee regarding the status of the Grand Chapter Code of Iowa. After consultation, I am pleased to report the following:

1. The Committee notes that in 2011, the Code received the first line-by-line review since 1938 and extensive changes were recommended to and adopted by the Grand Chapter at the 2011 Grand Chapter Convocation.
2. No suggestions for additional changes have been referred to or developed within the 2012 Committee.
3. The Committee has no recommendations for amendment of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Code to report for consideration by the 2012 Grand Chapter Convocation.

Kenneth A. Brickman, GCH

Chair, 2012 Grand Chapter of Iowa Code Review Committee

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**Report of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund**  
 Financial Report  
 April 30, 2012

Grand Chapter Charity Fund  
 of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa  
 Statement of Changes in Net Assets - Cash Basis  
 for the Year Ended April 30, 2012

Total Revenue	\$ 7,643.41
Total Expense	\$ 3,300.00
Excess of Revenue over Expense	\$ 4,343.41
 Net Assets Beginning	 \$271,609.93
Net Assets-Ending	\$275,953.34

See accompanying Information

Grand Chapter Charity Fund  
 of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa  
 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets Cash Basis  
 April 30, 2012

Assets		
Current		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$116,115.46	42.23%
Fixed Income	\$1,498.38	0.54%
Mutual Funds	\$81,175.53	29.50%
Certificates of Deposit	\$76,526.96	27.93%
Total Assets	\$275,953.34	100%
 LIABILITIES		
Total Liabilities	\$__0.00	
 NET ASSETS		
Grand Chapter Charity Net Assets	\$275,953.34	

Grand Chapter Charity Fund  
 of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa  
 Statement of Revenues and Expenses Cash Basis  
 for the Year Ended April 30, 2012

Revenues	\$7,643.41
Total Revenues	\$7,643.41
 Expenses	
Program Services	\$3,300.00
General and Administrative Expenses	0.00
Professional Fees	0.00
Total Expenses	\$3,300.00
 Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	 \$4,343.41

**Report of the Committee on Finance**

	Grand Chapter Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2012-13	
A1	Grand Chapter Dues	13,000.00	
A2	Exalted Fees		
A3	Sales % Misc. (Ritual Fund)	100.00	
A4	Grand Council (1/2 share)	1,000.00	
A5	Trustees	42,775.00	
A6	Misc		
	Income Grand Total		\$56,875.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Expenses Grand Session		
C1	Arrangement Committee	1,000.00	
D1	Delegs & Secrs	1,200.00	
D2	Grand Officers Milage & Perdiam	600.00	
D3	Milage & Perdiam PAST GHP	1,200.00	
C2	Guests	800.00	
F20	Credential Committee Equip/supply	2,000.00	
F3	Proceedings	2,000.00	
C3	Printing & Miscellaneous	1,600.00	
C6	Annual Meeting Expense	300.00	
C7	Programs & Supplies		\$10,700.00
	Expense Account Grand Officers		
E1	Grand High Priest	5,000.00	
C4	Jewel & Apron	1,500.00	
E2	Other Grand Officers - Exp&Travel	2,000.00	
F19	(Paraphernalia, etc.)	2,000.00	
E2	DDGHP Expencc	500.00	
D4	DDGHP Travel in State	1,000.00	
E3	Grand Officers out of State	200.00	
E4	Trustees	200.00	
D5	Trustees	300.00	
E5	Custodians	300.00	
D6	Committees	600.00	
E6	Triennial	500.00	\$14,100.00
	Expenses Growth & Development		
F17	Grand Chapter Promotion & Education	3,000.00	
F18	Membership Development	2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Expenses Charity Accounts		
E7	Charity (Youth Groups)	1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00



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Expenses Operations			
F4	Salaries (Grand Secretary)	8,925.00	
F14	Social Security-FUTA	2,000.00	
F15	Iowa Tax	200.00	
F7	Bond & Insurance	600.00	
F1	Audit	1,400.00	
F16	Tax Service	150.00	
F2	Joint Office Account	3,400.00	
F8	Printing & Supplies	1,000.00	
F9	General Grand Chapter Cap	2,400.00	
F10	RAM Magazine Subscription	5,000.00	
F11	Ritual fund to Trustees	100.00	
F13	KEPT AT \$2000 E	100.00	
			\$25,275.00
			\$56,875.00

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**Report of the Trustees**

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA  
 TRUSTEES' ACCOUNT  
 STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 June 30, 2012

BALANCE ON HAND, July 1, 2011

Cash in Checking Account	\$	10,544.88	
Money Market		2,944.95	
Certificates of Deposit		817,231.22	
		<u>830,721.05</u>	\$ 830,721.05

RECEIPTS

Interest Earned on Certificates of Deposit		15,086.80	
Interest Earned on Checking Account		24.74	
Interest Earned on Money Market Account		5.50	
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit		25,146.84	
Transfers In		2,000.00	
		<u>42,263.88</u>	<u>42,263.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to General Fund		20,000.00	
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit		25,146.84	
Transfers Out		2,000.00	
Professional Fees		1,897.00	
Tri-annual Expenses		1,200.00	
Grand High Priest Expenses — <i>P C W P Collins</i>		381.83	
Bank Charges		27.00	
Bank Box Rent		25.50	
Stamps		25.41	
		<u>50,483.58</u>	<u>50,483.58</u>

BALANCE ON HAND, June 30, 2012

Cash in Checking Account		16,304.60	
Money Market		2,983.32	
Certificates of Deposit		803,213.43	
		<u>822,501.35</u>	<u>\$822,501.35</u>

See Independent Accountant's Compilation Report and Accompanying Notes

### **Report of the Joint Committee on Necrology**

See page 3 in the combined section.

### **Report of the Joint Technology Committee**

See page 8 in the combined section.

### **Report of the Committee on Royal Arch Magazine/Iowa York Rite News**

A great year for the RAM Magazine

All issues were sent and if you do not get a magazine let Bob Seiler or me know.

Please be advised that articles from the members are always welcome.

Douglas Heath

Editor Iowa Supplement Royal Arch Magazine

### **Report of the Joint Committee Masonic Youth**

See page 8 in the combined section

### **Report of the Committee on Long Range Planning**

No report received.

### **Report of the Committee on Membership**

Well, a year is gone and again I have no formal program in place. I would like to suggest the following:

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2. Print 100 tee shirts along the design attached to be given out at a semi-formal meeting to be held at GC/GC for York Rite members who want to learn how to recruit. This will include:
  - a. Grand Lodges laws on recruiting
  - b. Need to attend lodge and to talk about the York Rite and how it completes the Master Mason degree.
  - c. Use of the tri-fold
  - d. You Tube videos available on the York Rite.
  - e. How to get help conferring the degrees and orders.
  - f. The first 50 attendees get a tee shirt free.
3. Establishment of a program whereby any signer for three York Rite Petitions gets a tee shirt, five petition signers gets a recruiter hoodie similar to the attached design.

I hope to get David Dryer and Charlie Smithson to help instruct.

I am just beginning to get pricing information. When I get it I'll forward it, but I wanted to be sure you would fund it before I go too far.

George J. Harrison

## **Report of the Committee on Education and Promotion**

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## **Report of the Committee on Awards and Merits Chapter of the Year**

Presented by Kenneth A Brickman Chairman. Upon his motion, duly seconded, the report was ACCEPTED  
The Chapter of the Year Submits the following report:

To Qualify for Chapter of the Year they must have qualified with five or more of the seven requirements.

1. Attend last years Grand Chapter/Grand Council Conclave
2. Attend a Chapter School.
3. Assist with a York Rite Festival.
4. Recognize any Member of any Masonic body for activities deserving attention.
5. Donate to RARA
6. File Year end report to Grand Secretary.
7. Submit an article to Royal Arch Magazine.

As Chair, I have consulted with the several members of the Awards & Merits Committee regarding prospective awards at the 2012 Grand Chapter. After consultation, I am pleased to report the following:

1. The committee has reviewed the information furnished and recommends the following chapters be designated Chapters of the Year:

- Washington #4, Muscatine
- Corinthian #14, Des Moines
- Davenport #16 Davenport
- Keystone #32 Clinton
- Signet #38, Marshalltown
- Tabernacle #52, Waterloo
- Jeptha #128, Estherville
- Ascalon #139 Des Moines

Companions, please join with me in giving these chapters the recognition they deserve for their efforts! Congratulations!

### **Other Awards**

The General Grand Chapter Bronze Award was presented to Wade E. Sheeler. The following Companions were presented with Knight of the Royal Arch honors: Floyd W. Nesbit, Jason A. Wolcott, Bryce B. Hildreth, and Donald E. Courter. The Chapter Sweetheart Award was presented to Patty Courter.

### **Presentation of Certificates**

The Grand High Priest presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Grand Officers and Deputy Grand High Priests.

## **Recognition of Flowers**

The Grand High Priest expressed his personal thanks as well as the thanks of the Grand Chapter to his home Chapter, Iowa No. 14, for the lovely floral arrangement gracing the East.

## **Called from Labor**

10:00 a.m. By order of the Grand High Priest, the 156th annual convocation was called from labor to refreshment until 1:15 p.m.

## **Afternoon Session**

1:15 p.m. By order of the Grand High Priest, the 156th annual convocation resumed labor.

## **Resolution of Thanks**

R.:E.: Frank Osdoba, Grand King, presented the Resolution of Thanks which was directed to the City of Ames for their hospitality, the staff of the Quality Inn, the wives of the Grand Officers for their support, with special thanks for the wonderful hospitality room.

## **Election of Officers**

The election of officers having been closed at the announced hour, the ballot was spread. The following Companions having received a majority of all votes cast were declared elected.

Grand High Priest	Frank C. Osdoba
Grand King	David G. Klein
Grand Scribe	Kenneth A. Brickmann
Grand Treasurer	W. Charles Smithson
Grand Secretary	Robert J. Seiler
Trustee	J. Carl Yoder

## **Report of the Committee on Credentials and Mileage and Per Diem Credentials Report**

Data No Longer Available

## **Mileage and Per Diem Report**

The committee reports that checks totaling \$2,042.77 were written to eligible companions.

## **Address of Representative of General Grand High Priest**

R.:E.: James A. Hodge, General Scribe, Personal Representative of M.:P.: Edmund T. Harrison the General Grand High Priest addressed the Companions.

## **Announcement of Installation**

Instructions were given by R.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba regarding the ceremony of installation.

## **Closing Remarks by Grand High Priest**

R.:E.: Billy Joe Hildreth thanked the Grand Chapter Officers for their work, and the Grand Chapter for the privilege of serving as Grand High Priest.

## **Closing**

The business of the 156th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa having been completed, except for the ceremony of installation, M.:E.: Billy Joe Hildreth, Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, closed the Grand Chapter in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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## **157th Annual Convocation**

The 157th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will convene in Des Moines on August 8, 9, 10, 2013.

Billy Joe Hildreth  
Grand High Priest

Robert J. Seiler  
Grand Secretary

## **Open Installation**

Following a musical interlude by Sister Karen Loper, Grand Organist, M.:E.: Billy Joe Hildreth, PGHP, called the ceremony of installation of the Grand Officers of the M.:E.: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa for 2012-2013 to order, and welcomed those present. He then introduced the Installing Grand Officers:

R.:E.: James Hodge, General Grand Scribe	Installing Grand High Priest
M.:E.: Gregory L. Anderson PGHP	Installing Grand Chaplain
M.:E.: B.O. Bryngelsen PGHP	Installing Grand Marshal
M.:E.: William R. Kauten PGHP	Installing Grand Secretary
Rick N McCampbell	Installing Grand Organist

The Grand Officers and Deputy Grand High Priests entered the Chapter room.

## **Installation**

The Grand Officers were obligated, charged, invested, and installed with prayer by the Installing Grand Chaplain.

## **Elected**

Frank C. Osdoba	Grand High Priest
David G. Klein	Grand Scribe
Kenneth A. Brickman	Grand King
W. Charles Smithson	Grand Treasurer
Robert J. Seiler	Grand Secretary
Rev William A. Peak	Grand Chaplain
Ronald W. Guthrie	Grand Captain of the Host
Stephan G. Libby	Grand Principal Sojourner
Paul Oliphant	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Robert H. Schroeder	Grand Master III Veil
Gregory L. Kenkel	Grand Master II Veil
Matt Risburg	Grand Master I Veil
Dennis Boehmer	Grand Sentinel

## **Deputy Grand High Priests**

Jerry L. Wahl	NE Region
Donald E. Courter	SE Region
Benjamin J. Mayer	SC Region
Kurt M. Hoffmann	NW Region
Kevin T. Christians	SW Region

## **Presentations**

M.:E.: Billy Joe Hildreth presented a Grand High Priest apron to M.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba

## **Proclamation**

The Installing Grand Marshal made the proclamation.

## **Scottish Charge**

M.:E.: Phillip A. Severson, PGHP, delivered the Scottish Charge.

## **Closing**

The ceremony of installation having been completed, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Installing Grand Chaplain.

Franck C. Osdoba  
Grand High Priest

attest:  
Robert J. Seiler  
Grand Secretary

## Chapter Directory

No.	Name	Location	High Priest	Secretary	Stated Convocation
1	Iowa	Burlington	Danny L. Sweezer	Willard M. Loper	1st Wed
2	Iowa City	Iowa City	Randall Ray Essing	Robert W. Woodburn	2nd Tue none Jul, Aug
3	Dubuque	Dubuque	Warren J. Peterson	Neil I. Millard	1st Tue none Jul, Aug
4	Washington	Muscatine	Albert A. Bengtsson	James A. Fischer	2nd Thur none Jul, Aug
6	Hiram	Oskaloosa	James Barnett	John A. Crumly	3rd Thur none Jul, Aug
9	Clinton	Ottumwa	Daniel Smithburg	Larry E. Patrick	1st Tue none Jan, Feb
10	Marion	Marion	John M. Klaus	Marion L. Reinhardt	4th Tue, Dec 2nd Tue
12	Gebal	Newton	Howard Berkenbosch	Maurice H. Phillips	2nd Tue
14	Corinthian	Des Moines	Terry L. Hudlik	W. Charles Smithson	3rd Wed none Jul, Aug
16	Davenport	Davenport	Eric C. Friedman	David A. Klein	1st Thursday
18	Tadmor	Knoxville	Calvert L. Ball	Delbert R. Humeston	1st Wed
20	Valley	Cedar Falls	Donald L. Heath	Glenn E. Holmes	4th Mon Jan, May, Sept, Dec
21	Aholiab	Independence	Thomas P. Youngblut	Edwin E. Armstead	2nd Tue Jan, May, Sept, Dec
26	Sioux City	Sioux City	Vernon F. Harrington	Gregory L. Kenkel	3rd Tue
32	Keystone	Clinton	Donald Courter	Robert J. Seiler	!st Thur
38	Signet	Marshalltown	Berdette O. Brygelson	John A. Jones	3rd Thur Jan, Apr, July, Oct
46	Benevolence	Mason City	Ronald W. Guthrie	Robert L. Smith	3rd Thur none Jun, Jul, Aug
47	Star	Council Bluffs	Robert Hamilton	Forrest C. Peck	4th Thur none Jul, Aug
49	Trowel	Cedar Rapids	Donald E. Mosier	Rick L. Bowersox	1st Tue none Jul, Aug
52	Tabernacle	Waterloo	Robert Schroeder	Clyde E. Reasland	1st Thur
66	Mt. Sinai	Anamosa	Garret W. Cass	Phillip Andrews	3rd Thur none Jul, Aug
78	Copetone	Carroll	Paul M. Gidel	Terry L. Augustus	3rd Thur
81	Triune	Mo Valley	George E. Winther	C. Ray Pike	3rd Thur
90	Burning Bush	Cherokee	Gerald L. Sears	William H. Jentz	2nd Mon none Jul, Aug
107	Olivet	Harlan	Dennis R. Wodin	Robert D. Christensen	2nd Mon
112	Clay	Spencer	Travis Stouffer	Russell G. Hitchcock	1st Thur none July, Aug
121	Al Gabil	Creston	Tyson J. Ritchie	Floyd W. Nesbit	1st Tue, quarterly
125	Monroe	Albia	Jeremiah Rinehart	Frank D. Rinehart	1st Tue none Jul, Aug
127	Joshua	Ames	Joel S. Paulson	Steven Schroder	4th Wed none Jul, Aug
128	Jeptha	Estherville	William A. Peake	Phillip C. Johnson	3rd Thur Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
139	Ascalon	Des Moines	Robert D. Kellar	Benjamin J. Mayer	2nd Thur

## Chapters Extinct

60	Mt. of Olives	Nashua	1879	Charter Revoked
39	Orental	Lyons	1881	Charter Surrendered
17	Mt. Moriah	Camanche	1885	Charter Revoked
71	Zerubbabel	Albia	1886	Charter Surrendered
54	Doric	Tama City	1894	Charter Surrendered
42	Monticello	Monticello	1907	Charter Surrendered
83	Kadosh	Farmington	1910	Charter Revoked
67	Tessera	Afton	1914	Charter Surrendered
73	St. Johns	Greenfield	1917	Charter Surrendered
109	Excelsior	What Cheer	1917	Charter Surrendered
44	Shekinah	Hamburg	1918	Consolidated (No. 76)
37	Tyrian	Adel	1919	Charter Revoked
117	Troy	Williamsburg	1924	Charter Revoked
72	Jerusalem	Marengo	1924	Charter Surrendered
120	Haggai	Kingsley	1925	Charter Surrendered
40	Joppa	Sigourney	1926	Consolidated (No. 9)
101	Palestine	Grinnell	1926	Charter Surrendered
92	3-Times-3	Nevada	1927	Charter Surrendered
41	Harmony	Elkader	1928	Charter Surrendered
56	Kilwinning	DeWitt	1929	Consolidated (No. 32)
19	Siloam	Tipton	1930	Charter Revoked
96	Meribah	Greeley	1930	Charter Revoked
138	Harned	Richland	1931	Consolidated (No. 5)
30	Markell	Waukon	1932	Charter Surrendered
97	Damascus	Stuart	1933	Charter Surrendered
129	Sioux Rapids	Sioux Rapids	1933	Consolidated (No. 112)
137	Fidelity	Clear Lake	1933	Consolidated (No. 116)
98	Milton	Guthrie Center	1933	Charter Revoked



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122	Ashlar	Mt. Vernon	1934	Charter Revoked
113	Adelphia	New Hampton	1935	Charter Surrendered
34	Cryptic	Seymour	1936	Charter Revoked
133	Siron	Milton	1936	Charter Revoked
25	Bloomfield	Bloomfield	1936	Charter Surrendered
11	Lebanon	Winterset	1936	Charter Surrendered
86	Palmyra	Perry	1937	Charter Surrendered
124	Corydon	Corydon	1937	Charter Revoked
126	Cyrene	Anita	1937	Charter Revoked
118	King David	Rolfe	1938	Consolidated (No. 51)
95	Orient	Indianola	1938	Consolidated (No. 14)
100	Ionic	Grundy Center	1938	Charter Revoked
136	Alpha	Guthrie Center	1938	Consolidated (No. 93)
85	Raboni	Avoca	1941	Charter Surrendered
63	Pentalpha	Osceola	1941	Consolidated (No. 33)
62	Unity	Postville	1942	Charter Surrendered
142	Park	Des Moines	1944	Consolidated (No. 110)
91	Composite	Columbus	1946	Charter Surrendered
134	Mechanicsville	Mechanicsville	1948	Charter Revoked
50	Hyssop	Malcolm	1949	Consolidated (No. 35)
135	Heredom	Northwood	1952	Consolidated (No. 46)
75	Salem	Mt Ayr	1955	Consolidated (No. 33)
15	Adoniram	Vinton	1957	Consolidated (No. 49)
80	Ansel Humphries	Fayette	1958	Consolidated (No. 130)
65	Shiloh	Cresco	1958	Consolidated (No. 35)
111	Lyon	Rock Rapids	1958	Consolidated (No. 26)
131	Manson	Manson	1965	Consolidated (No. 51)
106	Mt. Zion	Rockford	1966	Charter Revoked
24	Jethro	Waverly	1966	Consolidated (No. 20)
76	Hebron	Hamburg	1967	Charter Surrendered
114	Occidental	LeMars	1968	Consolidated (No. 26)
140	Rockwell	Rockwell City	1968	Consolidated (No. 51)
45	Mt. Horeb	Belle Plaine	1969	Consolidated (No. 38)
74	Temple	Clarksville	1970	Consolidated (No. 20)
105	Samara	Primghar	1971	Consolidated (No. 90)
141	Sunrise	Sioux City	1972	Consolidated (No. 26)
144	Palmyra	Perry	1972	Consolidated (No. 64)
94	Bath-Kol	Maquoketa	1972	Consolidated (No. 32)
58	Darius	Sac City	1973	Consolidated (No. 51)
55	Evergreen	Eldora	1973	Consolidated (No. 38)
27	Clayton	McGregor	1974	Consolidated (No. 48)
70	Prudence	Algona	1974	Consolidated (No. 108)
23	Moore	Keosauqua	1977	Consolidated (No. 9)
5	McCord	Fairfield	1979	Consolidated (No. 9)
132	Spirit Lake	Spirit Lake	1979	Consolidated (No. 128)
110	Antioch	Des Moines	1982	Consolidated (No. 14)
82	Sheshbazzar	Shenandoah	1982	Consolidated (No. 47)
89	Ark	Dunlap	1983	Consolidated (No. 81)
103	Rabbi	Storm Lake	1985	Consolidated (No. 90)
116	Bethel	Clear Lake	1987	Consolidated (No. 48)
104	Syria	Ida Grove	1988	Consolidated (No. 26)
119	Hawarden	Hawarden	1988	Consolidated (No. 26)
31	Tuscan	Boone	1989	Consolidated (No. 127)
99	Cyprus	Lake City	1989	Consolidated (No. 78)
115	Monona	Mapleton	1989	Consolidated (No. 26)
108	Earnest	Plover	1990	Consolidated (No. 128)

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53	Almond	Charles City	1992	Consolidated (No. 46)
59	Mt. Gerizim	Glenwood	1992	Consolidated (No. 47)
8	Henry	Mount Pleasant	1996	Consolidated (No. 1)
87	Geber	Colfax	1997	Consolidated (No. 12)
36	Osage	Osage	1998	Consolidated (No. 46)
88	Hope	Webster City	1998	Consolidated (No. 51)
102	Bezaleel	Sibley	1998	Consolidated (No. 112)
29	Clarinda	Clarinda	1999	Consolidated (No. 77)
143	Palestine	Grinnell	2000	Consolidated (No. 12)
68	Triangle	Bedford	2005	Consolidated (No. 77)
33	Leon	Leon	2006	Consolidated (No. 125)
57	Montgomery	Red Oak	2006	Consolidated (No. 77)
7	Gate City	Keokuk	2007	Charter Surrendered
28	Potowonok	Fort Madison	2007	Charter Surrendered
77	Eureka	Corning	2008	Consolidated (No. 121)
43	Euclid	Centerville	2009	Consolidated (No. 125)
35	King Solomon	Decorah	2009	Consolidated (No. 130)
123	Eagle Grove	Eagle Grove	2009	Consolidated (No. 46)
13	Cyrus	Washington	2009	Consolidated (No. 2)
69	Anchor	Iowa Falls	2009	Consolidated (No. 46)
79	Liberty	West Liberty	2010	Consolidated (No. 4)
130	Oelwein	Oelwein	2011	Consolidated (No. 52)
64	Cornerstone	Jefferson	2011	Consolidated (No. 127)
61	Lafayette	Bonaparte	2011	Consolidated (No. 1)
84	Ophir	Atlantic	2011	Charter Revoked
22	Chariton	Chariton	2011	Charter Revoked
51	Delta	Fort Dodge	2011	Charter Revoked
93	Amity	Audubon	2011	Charter Revoked
48	Olive Branch	Manchester	2011	Charter Revoked

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1987-88 - Gary W. Shaulis, 4420 W Mt. Vernon Rd., Cedar Falls 50613-  
1989-90 - Phillip A. Severson, 2507 Virginia, Sioux City 51104-4238  
1991-92 - James W. Gould, 1335 Elm St, Ottumwa, 52501-2104  
1992-93 - Tom L. Dean, Box 479, LaGrange MO 63448-0479  
1993-94 - Donald L. Heath, 3135 Dallas Dr, Cedar Falls 50613-5145  
1994-95 - Melvin E. Sickels, 1010 4th Ave E, Albia 52531-2404  
1995-96 - Derwood G. Keith, 719 E 3rd St, West Liberty 52776-1442  
1996-97 - Robert D. Allen, 1730 Coolidge Dr, Ames 50010-5133  
1997-98 - Clinton L. Smith, 721 W. Van Buren, Centerville 52544-1617  
1998-99 - Berdette O. Bryngelson, PO Box 756, Marshalltown 50158-0756  
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2001-02 - Robert J. Seiler, 812 14th Pl, Camanche 52730-1204  
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2003-04 - Douglas R. Heath, 1800 Memorial Drive SE, Cedar Rapids 52403-  
2004-05 - Cecil R. Lowe, 401 N 5th St, Burlington 52601-5102  
2005-06 - James A. Nagel, 734 Morningside Dr., Burlington 52601-1506  
2006-07 - Gregory L. Andersen , 1910 11th St., Eldora 50627-2034  
2007-08 - Rick L. Butler, 27674 230th Ave., Exline 52555-9701  
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1855-1857..... James R. Hartsock\*  
1857-1859..... E.W. Eastman\*  
1859-1860..... George W. Teas\*  
1860-1861..... Kimball Porter\*  
1861-1862..... Charles S. Ellis\*  
1862-1863..... Caleb Lamb\*  
1863-1864..... William E. Woodward\*  
1864-1865..... L.S. Swafford\*  
1865-1866..... John Henry Brown\*  
1866-1868..... Homer H. Hemenway\*  
1868-1870..... Pitkin C. Wright\*  
1870-1871..... Z.C. Luse\*  
1871-1873..... E.A. Guilbert\*  
1873-1875..... Robert Farmer Bower\*  
1875-1877..... Horace Spencer Winslow\*  
1877-1879..... Abel W. Daugherty\*  
1879-1881..... Almon R. Dewey\*  
1881-1883..... A.C. Sherwood\*  
1883-1885..... Clark Varnum\*  
1885-1886..... S.S. Bean\*  
1886-1887..... Thomas R. Ercanbrack\*  
1887-1888..... C.H. Cogswell\*  
1888-1889..... H.C. McNeil\*  
1889-1890..... F.H. Loring\*  
1890-1891..... George Andrew Quimby\*

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1893-1894.....	Frederick W. Craig*
1894-1895.....	Amos N. Alberson*
1895-1896.....	LeRoy T. Wild*
1896-1897.....	Max Beehler*
1897-1898.....	William D. Irvine*
1898-1899.....	William F. Cleveland*
1899-1900.....	B.F. Parker*
1900-1901.....	N.B. Hyatt*
1901-1902.....	Thomas B. Lacey*
1902-1903.....	I.P. Wilson*
1903-1904.....	George R. Turner*
1904-1905.....	Arthur S. Lawrence*
1905-1906.....	Ashley Van Storm*
1906-1907.....	William H. Hart*
1907-1908.....	William H. Norris*
1908-1909.....	Louis Block*
1909-1910.....	George W. Ball*
1910-1911.....	John M. Thompson*
1911-1912.....	George A. Reimcke*
1912-1913.....	Cromwell Bowen*
1913-1914.....	Edward W. Willard*
1914-1915.....	John W. Cory*
1915-1916.....	Frank N. Fowler*
1916-1917.....	Charles A. Dewey*
1917-1918.....	Isaac T. Forbes*
1918-1919.....	Eugene Schaffter*
1919-1920.....	Charles C. Hunt*
1920-1921.....	Charles C. Schrader*
1921-1922.....	Charles B. Whelpley*
1922-1923.....	Raymond T. Warner*
1923-1924.....	George E. Masters*
1924-1925.....	Harry E. Virden*
1925-1926.....	A.D. Meeker*
1926-1927.....	James H. Sterling*
1927-1928.....	Percy A. Brown*
1928-1929.....	Chester E. Eckles*
1929-1930.....	Charles A. Schlichter*
1930-1931.....	Charles H. Haney*
1931-1932.....	O.J. Kirketeg*
1932-1933.....	H.M. Bradley*
1933-1934.....	E.W.F. Holler*
1934-1936.....	Earl E. Dusenbery*
1936-1937.....	Floyd B. Beckwith*
1937-1938.....	Henry H. Dean*
1938-1939.....	Clarence T. Jorstad*
1939-1940.....	Harry B. Sherman*
1940-1942.....	Walter Schwarz*
1942-1943.....	Nathan L. Hicks*
1943-1944.....	Ross J. Camblin*
1944-1946.....	Delos David Monlux*
1946-1947.....	Walter E. Gillette*
1947-1948.....	Lloyd Rime*
1948-1949.....	George E. Sanders*
1949-1950.....	Harold R. Smiley*

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1950-1951.....	Charles W. Conard*
1951-1952.....	Ed S. Lofton*
1952-1953.....	William L. Perkins*
1953-1954.....	Russell Goodin*
1955-1956.....	Charles E. Wignall*
1956-1957.....	Dale R. Blankenhorn*
1957-1958.....	A. Guy Sparks*
1958-1959.....	J. Ellitt Grayson*
1959-1960.....	Philip Pitts*
1960-1961.....	Milton A. Schoell*
1961-1962.....	Edgar H. Epperly*
1962-1963.....	Roy J. Eide*
1963-1964.....	Victor L. Allbee*
1964-1965.....	D.W. Rayburn*
1965-1966.....	Thomas E. Corothers*
1966-1967.....	Edward P. Powers*
1967-1968.....	James P. Irish*
1968-1969.....	Richard R. Gaule*
1969-1970.....	Elwin C. Muntz*
1970-1971.....	William S. Burnquist*
1971-1972.....	Marion L. Charlton*
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1975-1976.....	Donald V. Bacon*
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1977-1978.....	Victor H. Folkers*
1978-1979.....	Dwane J. Shalla*
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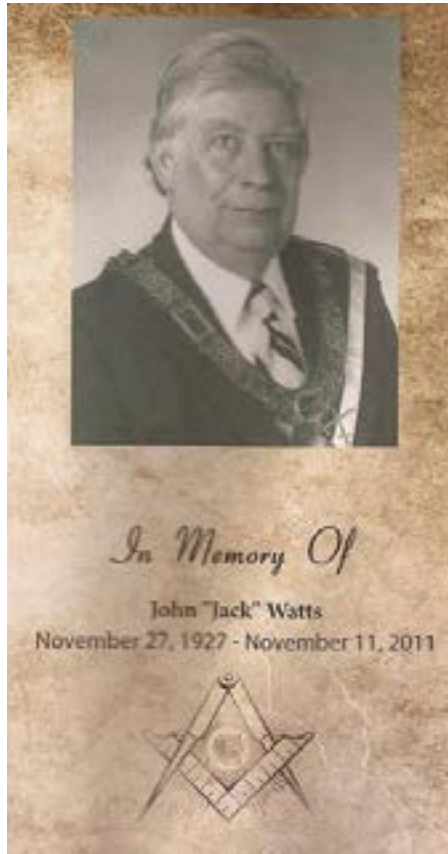
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## **Informal Opening**

Richard L. Bowersox introduced Grand Chapter Chaplain Bryce B. Hildreth and Grand Council Chaplain James W. Burr and turned the meeting over to them.

## **Joint Committee on Necrology**



### **John Harris Watts**

Prepared by Bryce B. Hildreth

On November 11, 2011, a dedicated, respected, and distinguished Brother, John Harris Watts, laid down his working tools of life to go before us unto that celestial lodge above and receive his wages for a well spent life. He served well and faithfully as a servant of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Iowa and the Fraternity of Freemasonry as a whole.

He is survived by his loving wife Jacqueline, a sister and brother, many nephews and nieces and many friends and relatives.

John Harris Watts, or better known as Jack Watts, was born in Grand Junction, Iowa on November 27, 1927, to John Head Watts and Audrey Blaylock Watts. He graduated from Grand Junction High School and attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

After graduating from Cornell, Jack served in the United States Army, being honorably discharged in 1948. Jack met his future wife, Jacqueline or better known as Jackie at the Bohemian Hall in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They were united in marriage on March 23, 1961. Jack oversaw the family business in farming, served as a Justice of the Peace, sold insurance and was the Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa for more than 40 years. Jack was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Grand Junction.

Besides enjoying a good cigar or telling a joke, his favorite activity was Masonry. Jack was a Master Mason for more than 50 years, all in Iowa. Jack served as Worshipful Master, High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander, all in Jefferson Iowa. He served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Iowa in 1965-66 and was the dean of the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of Iowa. Always willing to exceed expectations and serve the craft, he advanced in the General Grand Council Line, serving as Most Puissant Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International in 1978-81.

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Jack was the Senior Past Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH, serving in 1982-83 and was a fifty year KYCH member. In 1994 he served as Grand Preceptor of the Grand College Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He was a Past Great Prior of CBCS, a Sovereign of St. Ignatius Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and a Frater of Iowa College, SRICF. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1973 from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Jack was a 32 degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Des Moines Scottish Rite. In 1994 The Grand Council Knight Masons of the USA was fortunate to have as its Most Excellent Great Chief John Harris Watts. He was awarded a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of the USA. The Supreme Council of DeMolay was fortunate to have him as an active member and awarded him the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Jack was a member of probably almost every Masonic order and body. Jack held these memberships not only in title and name, but by attendance, commitment, and service.

We remember Jack for his countless years of service, his genuine character, his smile, his not always funny jokes, his love of cigars, and for just being our Friend and Brother, Jack.

Soft and safe to you my friend and Brother Jack I leave you with these words:

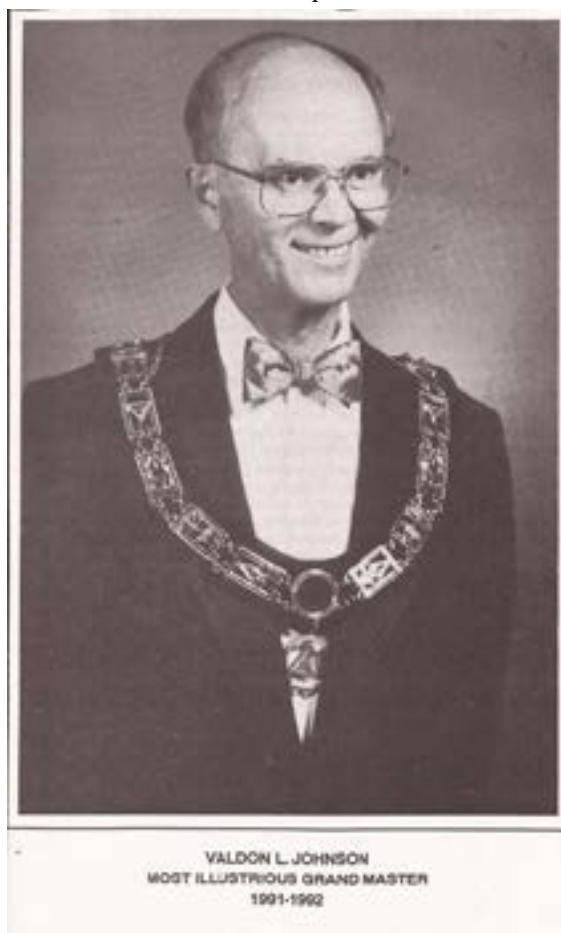
“Something has spoken to me in the night,  
Burning the tapers of the waning year;  
Something has spoken in the night,  
And told me I shall die, I know not where.

Saying:

“To lose the earth you know, for greater knowing;  
To lose the life you have, for greater life;  
To leave the friends you loved, for greater loving;  
To find a land more kind than home, more larger than earth-

“Whereon the pillars of this earth are founded,  
Toward which the conscience of the world is tending-  
A wind is rising, and the rivers flow.”





### **Valdon L. Johnson**

Prepared by Glenn Holmes

Valdon L. Johnson, 79 of Cedar Falls, Iowa was called to the Grand Lodge above on Wednesday October 26, 2011. He was born August 15, 1932 in Bassett, Iowa to Ralph and Beatha Johnson.

Valdon graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1959 and he served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. In 1958 he received his BA degree from the University of Northern Iowa, and then earned a MA degree in 1959. He later furthered his education at the University of Iowa.

He was employed at the Webster City Community College from 1959 until 1967, The University of Northern Iowa from 1968 to 1994, and was a Prof. Emeritus from 1994 until his death.

Companion Valdon will be most remembered for his musical talents. For countless years he served as Grand Musician of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Iowa. His talent ran deep in music and in service to Freemasonry. He was a Past Master of Beaver Lodge No. 472 of New Hartford, Past Commander of Triune Commandery No. 41 in Webster City, Past High Priest of Valley Chapter No. 20 and Past Illustrious Master of Aaron Council No. 49, both of Cedar Falls. He was a Past Patron of Cedar Falls Chapter OES. The purple of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Iowa honored Companion Valdon's shoulders when he served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1991-1992.

He served on the Advisory Board of Black Hawk DeMolay Chapter and received the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1989. He was a Sovereign of St. Ignatius Conclave Red Cross of Constantine in 2000 and a member of Charles Clyde Hunt Priory No. 42 Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

Valdon is survived by his sister, Marian Schanfeld; two step sisters; many nieces and nephews; and special friend Marilyn Boysen. Christian memorial services were conducted Monday, October 31, 2011 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Masonic service was conducted by Glenn Holmes.

We remember our friend and Companion, Valdon Johnson with these words:

Although death seals the lips and stills the form, it cannot hush that sweeter Voice nor take from us the bright memory of his life.

God hath not promised skies always blue  
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through:  
God had not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.  
But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way.  
Grace for the trials, help from above.  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

May the blessing of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, receive and comfort our companion Valdon and those who are left to remember him.

**General Grand Council Officer**

John Harris Watts 11/11/2011

**Past Grand Council Officers**

John Harris Watts	11/11/2011	PMIGM and Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder Emeritus
Valden L. Johnson	10/26/2011	PMIGM and Grand Organist Emeritus

**General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal**

Arthur Brown 2/12/2012

**Knights of Ish Sodi**

Willis W. Anson 10/14/2011

**Cryptic Mason of the Year**

Arthur Brown 2/12/2012

**KYCH**

Albert R. Masters	9/13/2011	50
Willis W. Anson	10/14/2011	
Arthur M. Brown	2/12/2012	
John Harris Watts	11/11/2011	
Valden L. Johnson	10/26/2011	
Milton A. Robertson	3/13/2012	
Wally Ray Wells	1/12/2012	50
Norman E. Hammond	1/10/2012	50
Kenneth G. Davis	4/20/2012	50
Richard J. Fuller	9/20/2011	
George N. Van Patten	9/19/2011	
Lonnie A. Conger	1/2/2012	
Phillip Wayne James	1/30/2012	
Maynard G. Rowson	2/22/2012	
John A. Terry	4/9/2012	
Miles J. Barnhart	1/15/2012	
Edwin A. Mueksch	11/20/2012	
Raymond L. Ball	1/28/2012	
Glen H. Pettigrew	5/24/2012	
Jessie B. Kelly	4/12/2012	
Clarence H. Bucher	12/21/2011	
Karl R. Elliott	2/1/2012	
Colin B. Hamilton	7/11/2011	
Mark K. Rossow	11/24/2012	
Gerald R. Shelton	11/26/2011	
Woodrow W. Morris	8/19/2011	50
Kenneth M. Ashby	8/19/2011	
Russell V. Logue	7/25/2011	50
Merle H. Burris, Jr.	7/12/2011	50
Daniel H. Maxwell	8/12/2011	50
Dean H. ViedenKamp	8/29/2011	50
Jimmie E. Rowley	8/25/2011	

**Report of the Grand Secretary-Recorder**

In September I made a trip to South Dakota for their Grand Session where I was asked to represent both the Grand High Priest as well as the Illustrious Grand Master. It was a beautiful place to visit and they had a great Grand Session.

This has been some kind of a year. First, I went to my cardiologist and he said I need to have a stress test. Which I did. With my knees giving me trouble I went to orthopedic doctor. He checked my knees and said they were in need of replacement. He said he could give me shots of cortisone, this we tried. It helped for a while. But I still need replacement knees. The cardiologist said I needed to have an anaplastic before I had surgery and having knees done was an eight-week wait. So I decided to have the angioplasty. So on Wed Feb. 1st I went in to the hospital and woke up with a monitor on. I was told I would be in the hospital until I could have open heart surgery. First opportunity was on Saturday. They did four bypasses. I went home the next Thursday. I found out I need to have a carotid artery cleaned out. Three weeks later, I had that done. Two weeks later, I found out I had an abscess on the incision. It burst and I was back in the emergency room. After 20 days on antibiotics, it finally quit draining and healed up. I then started to feel better and started cardiac rehab. After four months, I finally felt like new person. I left the hospital on February 10th. I went home weighing 260 and now on July 19th I weigh 214 and feel really great, except for the knees for which I still haven't had replacements done.

It now being June, I am working on completing the 2011 Proceedings. I still have some year-end reports that haven't been sent in. I will be sending out the invitations to the Special Visitors at Grand Sessions. It will then be time to get the preliminaries put together for the Grand Session. First of July I will need to get ready for the audit and work with the budget for 2012-2013. So it seems work is never done.

### **Concerns**

We need to be helping the Chapters and Councils. Some are thinking about closing. One is considering surrendering its Charter. Some have trouble paying per capita at years end and we wait until April or May for them to get in dues to pay them. Some for various reasons can't get their year-end reports done. Some never send in month end reports until the end of the year and some never do. We have people who die in the first quarter of the year that we send Royal Arch Magazines all year and some for a couple of years. These we pay for and if returned undeliverable, we pay to get them back. The price has more than doubled in the past year. This magazine is a valuable communication for the Companions. For some of them it's the only connection with Grand Chapter Grand Council that they have. July 20th I finally have all the yearend reports and Percapia.

### **Suggestions**

We need to spend time and money educating the Companions, who we are and what we have to offer. We first need to explain what the job is and what we expect them to do. We can't elect and appoint Officers each year and then expect them to do nothing. We need to give them the resources they need to get the job done. Some of the young men who are filling those offices have children and responsibilities that limit their time and money. We need to make money available for education and travel.

### **Thank you**

I want to thank my wife and all the others who helped me this year. Without Darlene I don't think I would have made it.

## **Report of the Joint Technology Committee**

Your Technology Committee continued progress in utilizing 21st Century communications over the past year. While continuing to keep the Iowa Grand York Rite website ([iayorkrite.org](http://iayorkrite.org)) updated, a Facebook group was started by Companion Jay Cole Simser, PHGP.

The Facebook group serves as a place online for York Rite Masons in Iowa to post information about events at their respective local bodies, other York Rite related bodies, event photos, and general information of interest to York Rite Masons. At the time of this writing, there are 70 members in the group.

The website continues to grow, providing general information about the Rite, information about local bodies, and a new section for the Grand Commandery has been added. It is hoped that the Grand Commandery will become more integrated into the site, thus making [iayorkrite.org](http://iayorkrite.org) the main website for York Rite Masonry in Iowa.

Respectfully submitted. Kurt Hoffmann, Chair  
Rick McCampbell  
Jay Cole Simser, PGHP

## **Report of the Joint Committee Masonic Youth**

Presented by Matthew Risberg. Upon his motion, duly seconded, the report was ACCEPTED  
Grand Chapter:

I have not received any correspondence from our Grand High Priest about any visits or assistance made to any of the Iowa Masonic Youth Organizations.

I believe that we need to consistently provide assistance and mentor these young men and women. They are part of the future of all of our Masonic bodies and without proper leadership they not be able to fully grasp the benefits of our organizations. We need have attendance and presence at some of their state functions.

Grand Council:

Grand Master Bowersox has informed me that he continues to support his local DeMolay Chapter as an advisor, also he attended Summerfest in Waverly. While in attendance at Summerfest he presented Iowa DeMolay a check on behalf of Cryptic Masons of Iowa. He was unable to attend the Rainbow Grand Assembly this year, but still presented Pamela Harshbarger, an advisor of the order, a check on behalf of the Cryptic Masons of Iowa as well.

Fraternally,  
Matthew Risberg

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Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker.....R.: E.: Grand Recorder

## **Masonic Calendar**

Ancient Craft Masonry commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucia (A.L.) "In the year of light".

Scottish Rite, the same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used. Anno Mundi (A.M.) "In the year of the world".

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the Second Temple was completed by Zerubbabel. Anno Inventionis (A.I.) "In the year of discovery".

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed. Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.) "In the year of the deposit".

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order. Anno Ordinis (A.O.) "In the year of the Order".

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizadek. Anno Beneficio (A. Beo.) "In the year of the blessing".

### **Rules for Masonic Dates**

Ancient Craft Masonry: Add 4,000 to the common era, thus  $2012+4000=6012$

Scottish Rite: Add 3,760 to the common era, thus  $2012+3760=5772$

Royal Arch: Add 530 to the present era, thus  $2012+530=2542$

Royal and Select Master: Add 1,000 to the present era, thus  $2012+1000=3012$

Knights Templar: Subtract 1,118 from the Christian era, thus  $2012-1118=894$