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Royal Arch Masons
of
Iowa

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August 10, 2013



Testimony whereof, I have signed
Grand Chapter in the city of Ca-
manche, Iowa, this 30th day of
August 2013

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

Grand Secretary

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

Chapter Report 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, civir 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. Volunterr 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 Chpater, 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 Chater 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 Ward 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”



David G. Klein
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2013-2014

Minutes of the Holy Order of the High Priesthood of Iowa

The 155th Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa was opened in form at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 10th, 2013 with M.:E.: David Dryer presiding. There were nine officers, twenty-six (26) members, and two (2) visitors present. Four petitions for the Order were received. All having met the necessary requirements, it was moved by Jim Fischer and seconded by Jim Nagel that they be elected to receive the Order. Carried. The work was done by the following degree team:

M.: E.: President	David Dryer
E.: Vice President	Greg Andersen
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, anointed, consecrated and set apart in the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa;

Name	Chapter
Craig L. Davis	Signet No. 38
Maurice C. Evans	Sioux City No. 26
Michael Johnson	Jeptha No. 128
Douglas Mentzer	Ascalon No. 139

The newly made members were each presented with a Bible and membership card by David Dryer 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 Bryce Hildreth and duly seconded that the minutes of the 154th Annual Convention be approved as recorded in the proceedings. Carried.

The report of the Treasurer was given.

Bills were presented and upon motion by Jim Nagel and duly seconded, were allowed for payment.

Moved by Companion Bryce Hildreth 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. One Honorary card was 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 2013-2014. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Companion George Gay and duly seconded that nominations cease and that the Recorder be instructed to cast unanimous ballot for the following slate of officers. Carried.

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

At this time Companion Jim Fischer announced that this would be his last year as Treasurer-Recorder. He stated that he has held this office for twenty plus (20+) years and that it was time that another Companion take over this job.

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M.: E.: James Fischer, Past President, as installing officer and Companion David Dryer, Past President, as installing marshal, the above listed officers were installed. Following remarks by M.: E.: President Jim Nagel, Companion David Dryer was called East and presented with a Past President's jewel. Companion Dryer spoke briefly and thanked all for bestowing the honor upon him.

There being no further business at hand, the 155th Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa was closed in form at 9:00 a.m.

James A. Nagel
M.: E.: President

James A. Fischer
E.: Treasurer-Recorder

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa
157th Annual Convocation
August 10, 2013
Des Moines, Iowa**

Grand Officers Present

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

Opening

Sioux City Chapter #26 opened at 10:00 a.m.
 The Grand Officers were escorted in and introduced. The Grand High Priest was received and accorded the private Grand Honors
 Grand High Priest Frank C. Osdoba then declared the 157th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa open in due form.
 Sioux City 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 156th 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

Data no longer available

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.

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Out of State Grand Officers

Data no longer available

Iowa Masonic Leaders

Data no longer available

General Grand Chapter Officer

R.:E.: Louis Bartrand, General Grand King and personal representative of M.:P.: Edmund T. Harrison, General Grand High Priest was escorted to the east by the 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

M.:W.: Bryce B. Hildreth, Grand Master of Masons of Iowa AF & AM was escorted to the East by the Grand High Priest and given the private grand honors. He was then presented the gavel and asked to preside. He spoke to 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.

General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Former recipients of this honor stood in place.

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.

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.

**Address of the Grand High Priest
Frank C. Osdoba
2012-2013**

Captains Log: Stardate, 10 August 2013

My Dear Fellow Companions of the Royal Arch,

It is with a great pleasure that we now appear before you knowing we have done a great deal “to empower our future leaders” and to rebuild our Grand Chapter’s temple! We are at your “gates” and present several “specimens of our work for your inspection.”

Planning and preparation for the 2012-2013 Grand year began two years ago. An extensive evaluation of the Grand Chapter’s needs was undertaken and a strategic plan was formulated. Future officers were evaluated and appointed, and a three-ring binder was prepared for the mentoring of our Grand Officers. A “Purpose Statement” was developed and adopted by our future Grand Officers and presented at last year’s convocation. We then borrowed the themes from the “Star Wars” and “Star Trek” movies, and following last year’s installation, began to lay the foundation stones for a “five-year strategic mission” or “The Prime Directive”, to revive and rebuild our Grand Chapter’s temple and those of our constituent chapters. Your commander of the Grand Chapter’s “Starship Enterprise” drafted and displayed his goal, plans and dreams upon the “Trestleboard” for all to see and we embarked upon the mission of communicating them to a crew of committed experienced First Officers, Trustees, and the Craft. Your Grand Officers mentoring via the three-ring binder has hopefully brought greater transparency of the operations of the Grand Chapter. After receiving their duties, and additional training, all crewmembers received their orders, manned their stations with an attitude of “empowerment”, and have since carried out “The Grand Enterprise’s Mission” and “Prime Directive” with great personal conviction, dedication, skill, enthusiasm, and “the Force” (Grand Enlightened empowerment), to “Go where few Grand Officers have gone” in the recent past.

A few of the more significant accomplishments (stones for rebuilding of the Grand Chapter’s Temple), which have been carefully quarried and laid as foundation for the future include the following:

1. The development of a mission state for the Grand Chapter (A copy is in this report), and will hopefully be adopted at this year’s convocation.
2. The development of a “Purpose Statement” for the Grand Chapter (Copy is included in this report). This document is to be reviewed, changed, and modified annually, as necessary, by our new officers, trustees, and under the supervision of our Past Grand High Priests.
3. An emphasis has been placed upon “Empowering Our Future Leaders” by establishing a program emphasizing administrative organization (three-ring binder for all officers), an effective mentoring guide for all future Grand High Priests, our officers and those of our constituent bodies. Programs have been developed to improve communications (social style awareness), and to encourage the use of proven conflict resolution techniques. (Doctrine of ostensible authority). These programs have been delivered to ten Chapters this year and it was the featured program in a two-hour presentation at this year’s North Central Conference held in Sioux Falls. The programs have been enthusiastically received, appreciated and are continuing to be presented. The ideas for them were first formally introduced in my multi-paged letter distributed by your Grand High Priest at the 2010 Convocation and subsequent Convocations, in an attempt to encourage our future leaders to address what we believe to be the then apparent needs of the Grand Chapter.
4. Regarding the need for more effective communications: Six meetings of our 19 Grand Officers were planned, organized and took place this year! (One of which was held at the State Capital Building in the Supreme Court’s Chambers.) These meetings provided what was hopefully perceived as “proper instruction, designed to set our Companions to work”, “Inspect that Work”, and review our officers’ “Trestle Boards” for future assignments and action. Additionally, four personal written communications were sent to all of our constituent bodies’ officers and fellow Companions. Numerous communications have been shared with our General Grand Officers and hundreds of emails, phone conversations, and personal visitations have occurred. (Please note the Preliminary Reports and Calendars of your officers in this report.)
5. In attempting to advance future officers based on merit and not longevity, an evaluation of our leaders was undertaken two months ago to determine their effectiveness and attention to the performance of their duties. This evaluation was reviewed by the Grand King to assist him in identifying those who should be encouraged to continue in the line.

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6. A significant amount of time was spent evaluation the Grand Chapter's investment program and its administration. This resulted in the formulation of new Legislation and a policy to be adopted at this year's Convocation. (Please note the proposed legislation in this report).
7. The Technology Committee was "empowered" to establish the "Grand Code" on line and to create a new website for our Grand Chapter and Council. The Grand Council and Commandery asked and were allowed to be included in this website and their "assimilation" is in process. Yes, any "resistance is futile" where the changes of the future are concerned and the potential for downloading forms, calendars, promotional and educational materials in unlimited. Our new "Reactor" is "On Line" and generating great energy and excitement amongst the craft. "Our Shields are down", so don't hesitate to access the site at www.iayorkrite.com. Our website is a "Working Tool" which will hopefully evolve into an effective communications device ("Communicator"). When fully operational, it will serve as an excellent public relations tool with unlimited capacity and capability to unleash the powerful "forces" of "further light", and allow us to attract and secure new members for our York Rite Bodies.
8. The Membership Committee procured three thousand petition forms and information pamphlets which have been distributed throughout the state. Additional, several outstanding festivals have been held throughout the state, and approximately 50 new Companions have been exalted thanks to the continuing efforts of our custodians, dedicated ritualists, and the ongoing assistance and support of the members of the York Rite Colleges of Iowa.
9. Proposed Legislation: 12 proposals have been developed and will be presented at this year's Convocation if they meet with the Jurisprudence Committee's satisfaction.
10. The encouragement of our Companions not to campaign at our annual Convocation was wonderfully received by all present at last year's Convocation, and an ongoing emphasis on properly vetting, selecting, developing, and "empowering our future leaders" should provide beneficial. "Peace and Harmony" seems to abound! Your officers will remain ever vigilant at the Convocation regarding this matter, and any disturbances in the "Force" will be promptly calmed! In addition, policies have been developed to enhance our tellers' performance and eliminate the abuses which have existed regarding the manner in which proxies are issued and accounted for.
11. The Credentials Committee has a new chairman and several new members who have been "empowered" to obtain the equipment (computers & software), and technical support of experts, to enhance the performance of their duties. Additionally, our chairman has been working on a system to assure that the issuance of proxies is done in a proper manner and that procedures will be established to avoid past abuses to assure the fair and timely payments of mileage and per diem.
12. A program to promote the first time attendance of constituent Chapter officers at our Grand Convocation was initiated and has been developed. A fund-raising effort has provided for several \$100.00 grants for those who have been nominated by their local Chapters and possess a financial hardship which would otherwise prevent them from attending the Grand Convocation. Nominees are to be found worthy of a grand as determined by the Grand High Priest and the chairman of the "Honors and Awards Committee."
13. Systems and procedures have been developed and implemented to standardize more effective reimbursement of our officers' expenses.
14. A search for and appointment of a Deputy Grand Secretary has been accomplished. He will be mentored by and assist our Grand Secretary in the performance of his duties. As such, he will be available to assume the Grand Secretarial duties if called upon in the future. This most important action should aid in avoiding the turmoil which we have experience in the past when a new Grand Secretary was needed.
15. We have ordered and are purchasing new Grand Officer aprons and several new carrying cases. Hopefully, they have arrived and are being worn by your Grand Officers at this time.
16. An "investment policy" has been developed to guide our Trustees in the proper managing of our investments.
17. Revived concern and actions to assist Camblin Chapter members to find new Chapters to call home are being planned.
18. The annual budget has been restructured and simplified. The new format provides greater transparency, simplicity, and understanding. It can now be used by your officers as an effective planning tool.

19. The Arrangements Committee has spent several months planning and involved your officers to create a memorable and effective annual Convocation. It is being held in an enhanced setting meant to encourage family attendance. Additionally, a comprehensive Ladies Program, auctions to benefit our charities and those of the General Grand chapter, and many other improvements too numerous to mention exist. (The Technology Committee is now thinking about the use of "Skype" to enhance our meetings, and the possibility of a "Holodeck" for your rest, relaxation, and enjoyment.)
20. Numerous neighboring jurisdictions have been visited and many of our officers have attended annual Convocations in several states.
21. After being installed, your Grand High Priest met with the Grand Heads of the Council, Commandery, and the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa to discuss our needs for greater cooperation in the future. Seven of our Grand Chapter officers attended the Iowa meeting on Masonic Cooperation held in Des Moines.
22. Numerous Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery receptions, and hundreds of local and appendant bodies' events and meetings were exceptionally well attended by r officers. This past year, "The Enterprises' Red Coats" have truly gone where too few officers of the past have gone before!!
23. Yes, the Grand Chapter's Code of Iowa is finally on our Website for all to read, understand and comply with!
(Submitted for your consideration and adoption at the 157th Convocation of the RAM of IA)

Mission Statement of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa

The mission statement of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, with a proud heritage of over 157 years, is to offer services and support to its subordinate Chapters throughout Iowa in fulfilling the goals of Capitular Masonry by:

1. Assisting the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International in providing a source of, and administration for, the rituals of the four degrees of the American Royal Arch system.
2. Assisting in the creation and chartering of new subordinate Chapters throughout while maintaining the highest standards of Masonic conduct.
3. Working in conjunction with the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International to develop information necessary or the formation and administration of a Royal Arch Mason Chapter.
4. Providing and enhancing effective communication, liaison, and interaction with our subordinate Chapters.
5. Supporting and encouraging York Rite unity and harmony with the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the Grand Council of Iowa, and Grand Commandery of Iowa.
6. Recognizing and honoring individual and Chapter achievement.
7. Aiding constituent Chapters to fulfill the duty and obligation of all Royal Arch Masons to spread "further light" in Masonry.
8. Encouraging and promoting Masonic and York Rite enlightenment and education for the benefit of all Royal Arch Masons.
9. Organizing and conducting an annual Convocation for the benefit of our constituent Chapters and fellow Companions to express their concerns, offer assistance in fulfilling our mission and purpose statements, to assist in the legislative proceedings of adopting and changing the code of the Grand Chapter, and to participate in the election of our Grand Officers.
10. Representing Royal Arch Masonry throughout Iowa, the United States, and the world in its highest tradition and heritage.

(Presented for consideration and adoption by the 2013-2014 Grand Officers.)

Note: This could be used as a recruiting "working tool" to attract and obtain new members!

Vision and Purpose Statement of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa

Our strategic plan for 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year: Continue the Five-year mission: To explore the unlimited opportunities of the future to “empower our future leaders”, while rebuilding our Grand and constituent Chapters, and earnestly seek to aid “good men to be better men”.

1. To uphold and support the “Mission Statements” and code of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa.
2. To take all reasonable measures in securing new and existing memberships in the Grand and subordinate Royal Arch Chapters of Iowa, and to encourage their development.
3. To maximize all Companions’ communication abilities and efforts through enhanced leadership training and development of all elected and appointed officers in our Grand and subordinate Chapters to assure the availability of quality leaders for our future.
4. To “empower our future leaders” by bringing greater transparency and understanding of the Grand Chapter’s philosophy, systems, and procedures of operation, and to properly administer the policies developed, which are adopted by the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter.
5. To promote enhanced education and training for all Companions to serve as effective mentors to all “future leaders” of our Grand and subordinate bodies, and to be sure that each officer understands and is “empowered” to carry out his duties.
6. To foster and support a team approach diving and sharing responsibilities amongst all Grand Officers and committees of our Grand Body to enhance positive results in the administration and implementation of the Grand High Priest’s programs and initiatives.
7. To the best of our ability, inform our fellow Companions of our activities on a timely, regular, and frequent basis.
8. To enhance our image among our constituent Chapters through more recognizable District Deputies and Ambassadors with duties and responsibilities assigned by the Grand Chapter; being careful not to interfere, but to be visible as a support and link to the Grand Chapter.
9. To promote the finest ritual work and continuing education of our officers and all Companions to better understand what it means to be a Royal Arch Mason.
10. To educate all Companions of our and the General Grand’s charitable activities, support their fundraising efforts, and to remain ever vigilant and charitable to the individual needs of each of our fellow Companions and their families.
11. To be catalysts in promoting and developing a genuine sense of harmony with the leadership of the General Grand Chapter, all Grand Chapters, the other Grand York Rite bodies of Iowa, and all Companions; that we may radiate the meaning of being a Royal Arch Companion in our every action and word. “Good men will become better men” as a result of our helping them to “Raise a Royal Arch” in their and the lives of others!!

Blazing brilliant glimpses of the obvious and not so obvious!

Recommendations

For my fellow Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa

Critical to our ongoing mission, we must all continue the five-year mission begun this year of “empowering our future leaders”, implement “effective mentoring” techniques, educate and develop our Companions, and grow our membership ranks. We must strive to improve our ability to harmoniously learn to communicate with one another in such a manner as to create a positive environment in which to “Raise a Royal Arch”. Please consider these unfinished plans remaining on my “Trestle board” for rebuilding our Grand Temple.

A debriefing of the annual Convocation by the Past and newly elected Grand High Priests, the past and newly elected Grand Officers, the Trustees, and the members of the Arrangements Committee to evaluate, improve upon, and correct any deficiencies of the recently concluded Convocation. Goal: Develop a cohesive plan and working relationship of those involved for the coming-year’s Convocation.

An annual mid-year visit to the Grand Secretary’s office by the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and the Trustees to inspect its suitability, equipment, accounting practice, inventories, etc. Additionally, to offer praise, encouragement, assistance, and recommendations to aid the Grand Secretary in the enhanced performance of his duties. Let’s not repeat the mistakes of the recent past!! We as leaders cannot abdicate the responsibility for oversight of this most important function, and its impact upon our future success!

Provide funds for the duties of our Deputy Grand Secretary. This will necessitate a change in the budget proposals of the future and the code may need to be changed.

Create greater communications with and assistance to the members of Camblin Chapter to affiliate with local Chapters in their area.

Formulate and establish a policy to replace our Grand Officers' aprons, cases, and jewels. This should be an annual budget item! We need to develop a policy which utilized a deposit by all officers who receive regalia, and provide for the disposal, gifting, or sale of all equipment being retired. Additionally, a storage facility should be acquired to house the Grand Chapter's properties. Have the Grand Secretary write out a detailed job description of his office.

Develop a procedure to notify the Grand Secretary, Grand High Priest, and chairman of the Membership Committee with a photo copy of each new Companions petition immediately after he has received the "Royal Arch Degree". This action will expedite record keeping and more importantly afford the Grand High Priest and members of the Membership Committee the opportunity to welcome our new Companion and encourage him to become actively involved in his local Chapter and our Grand body.

Develop a Grand calendar for the year of all special events, coordinate this calendar with all other Masonic bodies, and have the Grand Secretary list due dates for information to be sent to him regarding monthly and annual reports, special reports for the preliminary, etc., then post and update this calendar on our website.

Encourage constituent Chapters to adopt and maintain the systems and procedures utilized this past year to revitalize their bodies.

Appoint a three-person committee to investigate the possibility of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery holding Joint Convocations in the future. A Joint Convocation, if properly administered, could afford a great savings of time, money, and administrative effort. The desire to investigate this opportunity was presented by the heads of all three Grand York Rite bodies at this year's Masonic Cooperation meeting. The Grand Commandery established a three-person committee for this purpose at its convocation this year. A spirit of cooperation concerning this matter now exists. A Joint Convocation would have to preserve the individual philosophies of our bodies and would probably need to be 4-5 day event. The Grand Chapter's three-member committee could consist of the immediate Past Grand High Priest, the current Grand High Priest, and the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. Are you ready to support a Joint Convocation?

Your Grand Officers this year have discussed the possibility of obtaining Grand Chapter ritual jewels to honor our ritualists and promote growth in their ranks. A source of jewels and their costs has been determined, and further investigation into this possibility should be encouraged.

Consider the possibility of establishing an "Emeritus" status of Past Grand High Priests serving as members of the Jurisprudence Committee. These leaders are often unable to actively participate in their duties due to ill health and/or older age. By offering them "Emeritus" status after 10 years of service, they could then enjoy all of the privileges of their office, offer wisdom of their past experience, and continue to mentor our officers; but would no longer be encumbered with the "overseer" responsibilities of having to participate in and attend all of the essential meetings of the Jurisprudence Committee, or perform the due diligence and deliberation require prior to voting on matters pertaining to the Grand Chapter's administrative, legislative, and judicial affairs.

Establish a planned giving program to endow our financial future and improve the funding of our annual budgetary needs.

Dispensations Requested and Acted Upon

For the period from 8/17/12 to 7/1/13

This report was respectfully provided to the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa for their review prior to the 157th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa to be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines, Iowa on August 10, 2013.

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| 09/07/12 | Request from Star chapter #47 (Council Bluffs) to allow Brother J.R., an Iowa Master Mason in good standing to have the Chapter degrees conferred as courtesy work by Florence Chapter #61 (Omaha, Nebraska). Requests were formally made of the Grand High Priest of Nebraska and Florence Chapter as per the Code of Iowa and all approvals were received. – Granted |
| 10/23/12 | Request from Joshua Chapter #127 (Ames), to change their election of officers from the October to the November stated meeting due to several of its officers having excusable important personal conflicts which will make them unable to be present at the October meeting. – Granted |
| 11/07/12 | Request from Corinthian Chapter #14 (Des Moines), to change its December stated time for its 12/19 meeting due to a delayed arrival by a special guest. – Granted |

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- 11/08/12 Request from Corinthian Chapter #14 (Des Moines), to change its November stated communication from the 3rd Wednesday to the 2nd Wednesday of November to avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving holiday. – Granted
- 11/14/12 Request from Corinthian Chapter #14 (Des Moines) and the Grand High Priest of South Dakota to perform courtesy work and confer the Chapter degrees for Brother B.K., a Master Mason in good standing in South Dakota. – Granted
- 11/28/12 Request from Grand High Priest of Missouri and Corinthian Chapter #14 (Des Moines) to confer the Chapter Degrees upon Brother K.L., an Iowa Master Mason. – Granted
- 02/25/13 Request from Star Chapter #47 (Council Bluffs) to allow Brothers F.B., R.B. and W.R; Iowa Master Masons in good standing to have the Chapter degrees conferred as courtesy work by Florence Chapter #61 (Omaha, Nebraska). A request by the Grand High Priest of Iowa was made to the Grand High Priest of Nebraska and Florence Chapter to perform courtesy work for Star Chapter. All provisions of the code of Iowa were adhered to. – Granted
- 04/09/13 Request from Corinthian Chapter #14 (Des Moines) to change its May stated meeting so as not to conflict with their involvement with a Joint Ascension service with the Des Moines Scottish Rite. – Granted
- 5/18/13 Requests were received from Sinai Chapter #66 (Anamosa) and Marion Chapter #10 (Marion) to consolidate their Chapters. The newly consolidated Chapter would be known as Marion Chapter #10 and be located in Marion, Iowa. Both Sinai Chapter and Marion Chapter adhered to complying with all the provisions for consolidation as contained in the Grand Chapter Code of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, representatives were assigned to investigate the reasons for the need of Sinai Chapter to surrender their charter, and to assist both Chapters with the process of consolidation. Formal letters of the request to consolidate were received by the Grand High Priest and the matter was referred to the Committee of Chapters Chartered and Under Dispensation. Their recommendations were received and affirmed that the consolidation was in the best interest of both chapters. A complete review was then undertaken by Grand High Priest prior to his decree. – Granted
- 06/15/13 Request from Sioux City Chapter #26 to move their charter to the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines Iowa for the purpose of opening the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa Annual Convocation on August 10, 2013. – Granted

Summary of Income and Expenses 7/1/12 – 5/31/13

Budget Summary 7/1/12 – 5/31/13

My Dear Fellow Companions of the Grand Chapter,

The officers of the Grand Chapter for 2012-2013 wish to gratefully acknowledge the wonderful guidance, recommendations, considerations, and personal mentoring we have received from the Board of Trustees. Derwood G. Keith, PGHP, chairman of the Board of Trustees has attended several of our officer leadership planning and implementation meetings this past year, and had done a wonderful job of mentoring us in the Grand Chapter's financial affairs. His willingness to disclose information which was previously a mystery to many of us has brought great transparency and "enlightenment" to all. He truly has labored many years on behalf of our Grand Chapter and has presented superb work in his roles as a custodian of our funds. His willingness and efforts to administer our investments, provide funds on a timely basis for our budgetary needs, and to "help, aid and assist" your Grand High Priest in "empowering our future leaders" has and will have a positive lasting impact on the future growth of our Grand Chapter!

Derwood, you have "empowered" us this past year to embark upon our "five-year mission" to rebuild our Grand Chapter and have, and continue to create a wonderful legacy of leadership for our future officers to honor and aspire to!

With deepest respect, sincerest appreciation and warmest regard.

Frank C. Osdoba, GHP of RAM of Iowa on behalf of the 2012-2013 Officers

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<i>Revenue 2013</i>					
D5	Trustees	\$ 300.00			
D5	Custodians	\$ 300.00			
D6	Committees	\$ 600.00			
D6	Triennial	\$ 500.00	\$ 14,100.00		0,590.23
Expenses Growth & Development					
F17	Grand Chapter Promotion & Educatic	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 1,457.25	
F18	Membership Development	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,626.93	
Expenses Charity Accounts					
E7	Charity (Youth Groups)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	3,204.18
Expenses Operations					
F4	Salaries (Grand Secretary)	\$ 9,925.00		\$ 5,991.13	
F14	Social Security-FUTA	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,489.31	
F15	Iowa Tax	\$ 200.00		\$ 202.00	
F7	Bond & Insurance	\$ 600.00			
F1	Rodit	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00	
F16	Tax Service	\$ 150.00		\$ 95.00	
F2	Joint Office Account	\$ 3,400.00		\$ 1,900.00	
F8	Printing & Supplies	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 442.99	
F9	General Grand Chapter Cap	\$ 2,450.00		\$ 1,049.00	
F10	RAM Magazine Subscription	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 2,644.38	
F11	Ritual fund to Trustees	\$ 100.00			
F13	Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,275.00	\$ 160.31	17,074.12
		\$ 57,120.83	\$ 57,120.83		36,566.43

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Category	7/1/2012- 5/31/2013
INCOME	
Per capita A1	13,238.74
Sales & Misc. A3	50.00
Trustees A5	20,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	33,288.74
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
Apron C4	570.80
Aprons & Cases F19	2,000.00
Audit F1	1,400.00
Charity E7	1,000.00
Computer Equipment F20	1,552.78
D4	16.38
E1	625.84
E2	679.29
E4	217.67
F 17	318.00
F10	2,644.36
F18	1,620.83
Grand Chapter Educational F17	1,339.25
Grand High Priest Travel E1	399.42
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE F14	2,489.31
Iowa Department Of Revenue F15	202.00
Joint Office Account F2	1,800.00
Milage & Perdiem D1	1,237.96
Milage & Perdiem C2	729.58
Milage & Perdiem D3	1,279.29
Misc. F13	160.31
Name Tags C7	57.20
Other Grand Officer Travel E2	374.80
Overpay A1	177.00
Per Capita F9	1,849.00
Per Diem D2	26.70
Pictures E1	65.00
Postage F8	8.65
Printing & Miscellaneous C3	1,007.74
Printing & Supplies F8	303.83
Printing F8	131.11
Proceedings F3	508.67
Reimbursement E1	3,599.24
Reimbursement E2	58.17
Salary F4	5,901.13
Tax Service F16	95.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	36,549.43
OVERALL TOTAL	-3,260.69

A Special Comment

Regarding the administration of our financial affairs by our Grand Secretary and his assistant
August 10, 2013

Dear Grand Secretary Seiler and Darlene,

Please accept our commendation and sincere appreciation for your prompt responses and attention to our reimbursement and budgetary assistance requests this past Grand year. It truly has been a real pleasure, extreme privilege, and tremendous honor for us to have had you both at our officers, and the crew's service while aboard the Grand Chapter's "Starship Enterprise"!! Your concern, care, and mentoring have been essential to our ongoing mission; whatever accomplishments and success we have achieved and enjoyed this past Grand year are a testament to your excellent efforts!!! May "the Force" of goodness of the Grand Architect of the universe continue to be with and within you as you continue to serve our Grand Chapter in the "Light" years ahead.

With sincere appreciation and warmest regard,
Your fellow Companions and the 2012-2013 Officers

Recapitulation of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Received

Five itemized "reimbursement requests" were prepared and presented to the Grand Secretary for payment this past Grand year, along with copies of receipts for expenditures. The Grand Secretary was extremely diligent in responding to my requests for reimbursements and has provided our elected officers with monthly income and expense reports and budget statements. His exceptional work in this regard has truly enabled the officers of the "Enterprise" to see and understand the financial workings of our Grand Chapter's "Starship" and has provided greater transparency and "further light" to all!

It is hoped that this report will "empower" future Grand High Priests to understand the personal financial commitment they may be expected to make should they wish to assume the leadership of the Grand Chapter. While the expense reports were somewhat exceptional this year due to the nature and scope of work needed and performed; they accurately reflected the types of expenditures which can be expected for items of travel and operational needs which may be uncured by the Grand body and your Grand High Priest.

Summary of Grand High Priest Osdoba's Expense Reimbursements requested and expense reimbursements not sought

11/21/11-08/31/12 = Reimb. requested - \$1,678.67: Reimb. Of exps. not sought = \$ 832.25
09/01/12-11/15/12 = Reimb. requested - \$2,060.08: Reimb. Of exps. not sought = \$1,258.38
11/15/12-02/09/13 = Reimb. requested - \$1,539.16: Reimb. Of exps. not sought = \$1,025.52
02/10/13-05/30/13 = Reimb. requested - \$2,820.06: Reimb. Of exps. not sought = \$2,080.39
06/01/13-06/30/13 = Reimb. requested - \$1,786.21: Reimb. Of exps. not sought = \$4,074.98

Total: Grand Chapter expenses paid by the GHP and reimbursed: (includes expenses assessed to the 2011-2012 Grand year) \$9,884.18

Total: Grand Chapter expenses paid by the GHP for which no reimbursement was sought: \$9,274.52

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Masonic Calendar

Note: This report does not include logs of over 250 phone calls, over 250 emails sent, days spent traveling and the hours of planning that went into the performance of my duties as your Grand High Priest

Date	Miles	Activity
July 2012		
07/16/12	153	YR Col Meeting Cherokee
07/17/12	240	Sioux City York Rite Stated
07/19/12	50	Esther. YR Stated Meeting – Order of the Temple conferral
07/20/12	2	Study Group Estherville York Rite Bodies
07/20/12	460	Des Moines – Royal Order of Scotland
07/21/12	-	Des Moines – KM-AMD Quarterly Meeting & SRICF Meeting
07/22/12	-	Des Moines – Gr. Chap. Officers Meeting 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM Gr. Chap. Mt with Trustees on Budget 4-6PM
7/23/12	520	Des Moines – Gr. Chapter Officers Leadership Meeting
August 2012		
08/02/12-08/06/12	2776	Toronto Canada – 5th Gen Assembly York College N.A.
08/08/12	450	Corning - York Rite Ann. Picnic – North Park
08/11/12	230	Sioux City – Gr Chap. Reception Meeting
08/13/12	40	Okobojo – Mentoring – Comp. J.F.
08/15/12-08/18/12	452	Ames – Grand Chap./Counc. Sessions
08/21/12	218	Sioux City – Mentoring – Comp R.E.
08/21/12	-	Sioux City – York Rite Stated
08/25/12	260	Sioux City – Grand Chap./Counc. Joint Reception for Officers
08/26/12-08/27/12	-	Rochester Minn. – Mayo Clinic, Frank
08/28/12	240	Sioux City & Sheldon – Hosp. Visit & Mentoring Comps. L.H. & R.E.
08/29/12	13	Spirit Lake – Mentoring & Counseling – Comp. L.H.
08/30/12	230	Sheldon – Hospital Visit – Haze
08/30/12 & 08/31/12	-	Spirit Lake – Credentials Committee Mileage Meetings on Phone
08/31/12	3	Okobojo – Planning Meeting with Comp. B.T.
September 2012		
09/01/12	-	Okobojo – Mentoring Comp. L.H.
09/03/12-09/04/12	-	Rochester Minn. – Mayo Clinic, Frank
09/05/12	8	Okobojo – Queen Night – Twilight Lodge
09/06/12	54	Estherville – Twilight Lodge Stated
09/07/12	-	Spirit Lake – Gr. Chap. Review with Comp. K.O.
09/08/12	409	Des Moines – Gr Commanders Reception
09/09/12	-	Jefferson – Consult Smithson via phone
09/09/12-09/10/12	-	Okobojo – Mentor Comp. K.H.
09/10/12	-	Okobojo – “Nominations for Emerging Leaders Program” Letters to Gen Grand HP Harrison, Hodge, and Grey
09/11/12	-	Sickness & Distress for Comp. K.O. Activity
09/13/12	-	Spirit Lake – York Rite Social at Thackers
09/15/12	-	Spirit Lake – Floyd Lodge Counseling with Vanderwell
09/16/12	-	Spirit Lake – Work on Emerging Leaders Program & 1st Grand Letter
09/18/12	214	Sioux City – York Rite Stated Meeting
09/19/12	-	Spirit Lake – Mentor Comp. J.F.
09/20/12-09/23/12	494	Owacona, SD – South Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions
09/27/12	254	Newton – Friendship Night
09/28/12	-	Cedar Rapids – Copies for Grand Chapter Programs
09/29/12	533	Iowa City – SRICF Meeting

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October 2012

10/02/12-10/04/12	-	Rochester Minn., Mayo Clinic, Frank
10/05/12	-	Floyd Lodge – Counseling with Les Spies
10/05/12-10/07/12	480	Des Moines – AMD & KM
10/08/12	-	Spirit Lake – Floyd Lodge, Mentor Vanderwell and Ford & Klein Planning
10/09/12	162	Orange City – Floyd Lodge Stated – Gave Gr Chap. Program for 20
10/13/12	415	Des Moines – Grand Master Hildreth’s Reception
10/16/12	263	Marshalltown – Reception for Rank and Chapter Meeting
10/17/12-10/23/12	-	Peg at Marshalltown Hospital
10/18/12	-	Missed due to Peg: Altoona – Order Eastern Star Grand Reception
10/20/12	-	Marshalltown, Gr Chapter Officers Meeting – Program for 12
10/20/12	-	Marshalltown, KYCH Meeting
10/21/12	70	Des Moines – Masonic Cooperation Meeting at Scot. Rite
10/27/12	453	Sioux Falls – N.C. York Rite Conference – 1 ½ hr. Gr Chap Prog. For 60
10/23/12-10/28/12	-	Peg at Methodist Hosp. Mayo Clinic – Rochester, Minn.
10/31/12	6	J.H. Counseling – Medical & Financial Distress

November 2012

11/01/12	-	Comp K.O. – Counseling his wife on upcoming operation
11/01/12	6	Twilight Lodge Stated – at Schuhart Funeral Home
11/01/12	-	Mentoring Comp. J.F.
11/06/12	-	Election Day
11/09/12	225	Sioux City Scot. Rite Reunion
11/09/12	190	Hospital Visit to Comp. L.H.
11/12/12	-	Veterans Day & Didn’t leave for Arizona for medical apts & to give several programs for lodges, Scottish Rite, and York Rite bodies.
11/14/12	150	Hospital visit to Comp. L.H. – 97th birthday
11/15/12-11/18/12	-	Rochester – Pegs Mayo Clinic apts
11/20/12	221	Sioux City York Rite Stated & Talk
11/21/12	6	Pictures taken at Ken Olsons
11/22/12	-	Thanksgiving spent with 3 fellow Companions in need
11/26/12-11/28/12	-	Rochester – Pegs Mayo Surg (Port) and Chemo #1, Aid Comp. J.F.
11/29/12	4	Work envelopes at Thackers for fund raiser & sch for York Rite
11/30/12	-	To D.Cty. Hosp., Talk with Heath & develop R.A.M. news article

December 2012

12/01/12	52	To Spencer to copy & send R.A.M. news to Heath & call Sardison
12/03/12	236	Sioux City, Masonic funeral for Comp. Alan Houts
12/06/12	6	Twilight Lodge Stated – Elections
12/08/12	235	Sioux City, Masonic funeral for PGC Vern Watkins, calls to GC Andersen & Matt Risberg for “40 and Under Program”
12/09/12	-	Calls to cancel Twilight installation due to snow and Gr. Chap. Program development work
12/10/12-12/11/12	-	To D.Cty. Hosp & Rochester – Pegs Mayo Chemo #2
12/14/12	-	Twilight meeting & visit with Comp. G.E. on fund raiser
12/18/12	-	Sioux City York Rite elections cancelled – snow
12/19/12	-	Mentoring of Comp. C.S. – Mohave Lodge – 3 hours phone
12/20/12	-	Estherville York Rite stated – cancelled – snow
12/24/12	160	EET, AID & assist Comp. P.S. Albert Lee, MN. Christmas Holiday
12/25/12-12/26/12	-	Christmas & Pegs Mayo Clinic #3 & Help, aid & assist Comp. K.O. at Mayo
12/31/12	-	New Year’s Eve

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January 2013

01/01/13-01/02/13	602	Marshalltown & to Newton for York Rite installation
01/03/13	38	Estherville – Twilight Lodge stated
01/04/13-01/06/13	732	Des Moines IA. Masonic Cooperation meeting
01/08/13-01/09/13	-	Rochester – Pegs Mayo Chemo #4
01/11/13	-	Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
01/12/13-01/13/13	618	Iowa City – Big “6” York Rite meeting and program given
01/15/13	-	3 ½ hr. meeting with Paul Wofford; mentor for Gr. Masters Yr.
01/16/13	390	Red Oak – Funeral service for Paul McCoy, Hon. Gr. Comm.
01/17/13	36	Esther. York Rite – stated & Fest. Planning
01/18/13-01/19/13	228	Sioux City – Lewis & Clark York Rite College; Installed as Governor
01/21/13-01/22/13	-	Rochester – Pegs Mayo Chemo #5
01/24/13	-	Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
01/25/13-01/27/13	817	Des Moines & Davenport; meet with Chapter heads; planning for Dave Klein’s year as Grand High Priest

February 2013

02/01/13	6	Spirit Lake – Officiated, Masonic funeral for Comp. Byron Whittelsey
02/04/13-02/05/13	-	Rochester: Franks Mayo apt. with doctors
02/06/13	-	Rochester: Pegs Mayo chemo #6
02/07/13	6	Twilight stated
02/08/13	-	Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
02/08/13-02/09/13	540	Cedar Rapids – meeting with Trustees and financial advisors
02/11/13	6	Spirit Lake – Masonic funeral for Robert Anderson
02/18/13-02/19/13	-	Rochester: Peg’s Mayo chemo #7
02/21/13	-	Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
02/21/13	-	Estherville – Esther. York Rite – stated
02/24/13-02/28/13	-	Estherville Y.R. Fest. Planning with Comp. M.J. & Line up degree teams

March 2013

03/01/13	-	Mentoring and dispensation training for Omaha candidates & Prep. & send invitation to Ted Harrison for Grand Session
03/01/13-03/02/13	235	Des Moines – Comfort & relief dinner with Comp. G.H. and reception for Matt Durprey at Scot. Rite – call to GHP of Nebraska – Dispensation
03/03/13	-	Prep. R.A.M. Mag. Article & send to Heath
03/03/13-03/04/13	215	Des Moines – arrangements at Hol Inn for Grand Session & luncheon with Dave & Karen Klein: mentoring for next year
03/05/13-03/06/13	-	Rochester – Pegs Mayo chemo #8 & dispensation calls for candidates & order flowers for Mrs. Kilfoil funeral
03/06/13	-	Call with Ron Guthrie on arrangements notice
03/07/13	44	Estherville-Motel for YR Fest. & Twilight Lodge – stated & Estherville Y.R. Fest. Planning
03/08/13	-	Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
03/08/13-03/09/13	255	Sioux City-Scot. Rite Reunion & work parts for Esth. Y.R.
03/09/13	-	Calls to Brickman, Klein, Hoffman, & Seiler – Investment policy
03/10/13	-	Meet with Comp. M.J. – Estherville York Rite parts and assist D.B. son of Comp. D.B. to get admitted to Mayo Clinic. Has possible brain tumor.
03/11/13	-	Mentoring: Comps. C.S., C.F., & D.A. – Mohave Lodge of Arizona
03/12/13-03/13/13	-	Work with Ken Brickman on investments policy & letters to Brickman, Keith, Smithson & Seiler – Investment policy & mentoring prep for Mohave Lodge
03/15/13-03/16/13	427	Fremont, Nebraska York Rite College meeting
03/19/13-03/20/13	-	Rochester-Pegs Chemo #9 & Charity assistance for D.B., son of Comp. D.B. Helped them at Mayo Clinic. D.B. to have brain surgery.
03/21/13	42	Estherville York Rite – stated
03/22/13	-	Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
03/23/13-03/31/13	-	Arizona-Franks medical, home check, & Mohave York Rite meeting, 3 mentoring and train. Meetings with W.M. and officers of Mohave Lodge and 2 programs present (Peg stayed in Sioux Falls)

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April 2013

- 04/02/13-04/03/13 - Rochester-Pegs chemo #10
 04/04/13 - Peg to D.C. Mem. Hospital for treatment
 04/06/13-04/07/13 809 Kearney – Nebr. York Rite Grand Session, 4/6 Sioux City –Reception for George Harrison & Jeff Heimenson, & 4/7 pick up Esth. Festival props
 04/09/13 - Mentor Paul Wofford on Gr. Council Sess.
 04/10/13 - Calls to Smithson & Seiler on Ames officer problem
 04/11/13 - Preparation for Twilight ladies at table
 04/11/13-04/13/13 660 Des Moines & Marshalltown: for KM meeting and to address emergency call from Comp. B.O.B. – bad medical situation!
 04/12/13 - Ames for meeting & dinner. PM to Marshalltown to check on Comp. B.O.B. – admitting him to the Mayo Clinic
 04/16/13 - Request to have Sioux City Chapter open Gr. Session in Des Moines
 04/15/13-04/19/13 609 Rochester-Franks tests, treatments, Pegs chemo #11, and emergency admittance of Comp. B.O.B. to the Mayo Clinic – St. Mary’s Hospital: was transferred to Methodist Hospital. B.O.B. wife taken to emerg. Room and admitted to emergency care at St. Mary’s Hospital for consult. At Mayo.
 04/19/13 54 Estherville Y.R. – clean up temple, buy supplies, & set up degrees for Estherville Y.R. festival
 04/20/13 50 Estherville – Esther. & S. City York Rite festival Estherville session
 04/22/13-04/24/13 446 Rochester – Franks tests & consultations. Comp. B.O.B. visits, helped move from Kahler Hotel, discharged from Mayo Clinic and prep. For trip to Cedar Falls.
 04/25/13 - Consultation and mentor Comp. J.F. – medical condition
 04/26/13-04/27/13 311 Sioux City York Rite festival and Gr. Session planning with Gr. Ill. Master Crouch & Peg
 04/29/13-05/02/13 - Rochester – Mayo Clinic: Frank colonoscopy tests and procedures. Pegs chemo #12 & consult with Peg’s surgeons to sch 2 surgeries.

May 2013

- 05/03/13 - Spirit Lake – Peg’s chemo hospital treatment
 05/03/13-05/05/13 631 Des Moines – Polaris Council – Allied Masonic bodies, IA. Col. #37 meeting, McCampell Gr. Ldg. Recep., Marshalltown to check on Comp. B.O. and his wife, and Gr. Chap leadership meeting #4
 05/07/13 44 Estherville – prep. & supplies for Cherokee program pres.
 05/08/13 176 Cherokee – Gr Chap program
 05/10/13-05/12/13 556 Des Moines-York Rite Festival & Marshalltown-Ck on B.O. & Barb
 05/16/13 - Peg to Spirit Lake Med. Clinic
 05/16/13 46 Estherville-E.Y.R. – stated festival review & mentor session
 05/17/13 179 Orange City – mentor & support of two brothers
 05/23/13 48 Estherville-Prep for Gr. Commandery & EYR mailing prep on fest.
 5/27/13-5/31/13 - Rochester – Peg’s tests, procedures, and surgery – Mayo Clinic

June 2013

- 06/01/13-06/02/13 - Rochester Cont. – Peg’s surgery recovery – Mayo Clinic
 06/04/13 - Peg to D.C. Hospital – Follow up on surgery & Port
 06/06/13-06/09/13 405 Ames – Grand Commandery Session
 06/14/13-06/15/13 460 Des Moines – Intn’l Rainbow of Iowa & Minn.
 06/17/13-06/23/13 980 Green Bay, Wisc. – Grand YR Session
 06/26/13-06/29/13 490 Minneapolis, Minn – Grand YR Session

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July 2013

07/04/13	48	Estherville – Twilight Lodge – stated
07/08/13	220	Sioux City – Landmark Lodge – stated
07/09/13-07/11/13	-	Mayo Clinic Peg’s oncology tests & hopefully, port removal
07/18/13	48	Estherville – EYR Stated
07/19/13-07/21/13	455	Waterloo & Des Moines – Intn’l DeMolay Sess. & SRICF
07/25/13-07/28/13	2,800	Air Tampa, FL – Int’l Y.R. Col meeting and OPC
	220	To Sioux Falls airport and back to Spirit Lake

August 2013 Proposed Activity

08/01/13-08/06/13	-	Spirit Lake – prep. For ann. Session
08/01/13	48	Estherville – Twilight Lodge – Stated
08/07/13-08/11/13	550	Des Moines – Grand YR Chap/Counc. Convocation & Session
08/13/13	160	Orange City – Floyd Lodge Stated
08/15/13	48	Estherville – YR stated meeting
008/16/13-08/17/13	240	Sioux City – One Day Class – LC Col. Fellowcraft

September 2013 Proposed Activity

09/04/13	-	Okoboji – Twilight Lodge Queen II
09/05/13	-	Estherville – Twilight Lodge Stated
09/19/13-09/22/13	550	Des Moines – Grand Lodge of Iowa, Debriefing meeting of the Grand Chapter Convocation & KYCH meeting

Masonic Miles = 29,051

Medical Miles = 11,637

Total Miles = 40,688

A Retrospective

One of the most significant decisions made as your Grand High Priest was to encourage W. Charles Smithson PGHP, Ronald Guthrie, CGM, Gen. Gr. Capt of the Host, Robert J. Seiler, PGHP, David G. Klein, Kenneth A. Brickman, Stephen G. Libby, PGC, Kurt M. Hoffman, along with several other wonderful officers, and committeemen of the Grand Chapter’s “Starship Enterprise”, to “embark” upon a monumental task and journey this past year! They generously shared their life energy, experience, and knowledge of previous Grand and local leadership with all. Many of our significant actions and achievements are a testament to their “empowered” mentorship, committeemen, and dedication to the “five-year mission” we have embarked upon.

Should your assessment of my actions result in a need for censure and sanctions, please note that Charlie, Bob, Ken, Ron and all mentioned above, should also be emasculated and co-conspirators for their influence, leadership, encouragement, and constant mentoring of your Grand High Priest; and that officer Guthrie was “empowered” by myself to be in charge of all blame and conflict resolution this year. So, please direct any and all displeasure to him!

Since I never aspired to be your Grand High Priest I would like to conclude this report with the following epitaph: My true desire was merely to repay your many kindnesses over the past 11 years, to “set our companions at work” and hopefully, to “give them proper instruction.” My only aspiration; was to command the “voyages” of a grand and noble “Enterprise” with the assistance of my fellow Companions, and to be allowed to “go where few Grand Officers of the past have gone before.” Prior to his drinking of the hemlock, Socrates was said to have stated, “My purpose was not to become your leader or teach, but rather, to inspire and make you think!” With this is mind, if you approve of our actions, please offer congratulations for a job well done to my fellow officers and crewmembers for the “Enterprise”, and don’t even “think” about offering me a drink!! Hopefully, together, we can now “engage” and empower our future leaders to “think” of great and positive ways “ever to meet, act and part” while effectively communicating and carrying out the Grand Chapter’s “five-year mission”! My official final commands to all are simply: “Engage”! “All Ahead Full Light Speed”! “Make it So”!!!

Respectfully submitted

Frank C. Osdoba

Grand High Priest

Report of the Grand King

Your Grand King has spent extensive time assisting your Grand Chapter in planning the 2012-2013 year. Our Grand High Priest Frank Osdoba began to lay the foundation for a five-year strategic mission to rebuild our Grand Chapter and constituent chapters, and I am proud to be a member of this team. We have developed a mission statement, a purpose statement and have started effective evaluation of Grand Chapter's investment programs, and I am so proud that at this year's convocation, we will present an investment policy statement for your approval. With this new investment program we will be able to fund our Grand Chapter expenses without the need to liquidate our principal. This was the beginning and I want to ensure everyone that we will continue the five-year program and "go where few Grand Officers have gone."

I have visited several Chapters throughout Iowa, attended three Iowa Grand Chapter meetings, attended the reception for the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, attended Grand Chapter/Grand Council, Grand Commandery and Iowa Grand Lodge meeting. I was pleased to help install the officers of constituent Chapters in Iowa.

To close, we will continue to rebuild our Chapters and protect our funds. God willing, the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter theme will be "Setting the Pace for a Strong Future."

Yours in the Faith

David G. Klein

Grand King

Report of the Grand Scribe

Companions:

I am pleased to report to you my Masonic activities during this term. I have earnestly endeavored to serve you by 'showing the flag' of Royal Arch Masonry in multiple gatherings of many different Masonic bodies this past year. I have found that rubbing elbows with brother Masons at various functions opens doors of opportunity to share the message of the special bonds we enjoy in York Rite Masonry, and it all begins under the arch.

August: (beginning 8/1/2012)

- * Appointed to the Grand Council Finance Committee
- * Appointed to Grand Commandery Finance Committee
- * 8/7: Signet Chapter #38 degree work: Scribe/acting ritual casting coordinator; RWM/Mark Master; JD in PM closing. Furnished meal or cast and sideliners.
- * Marshalltown Masonic Holding Corp. meeting, as board member.
- * Marshall Lodge #108 – Stated, as Master
- * 8/16-18: Attended Grand Chapter/Grand Council as Grand Captain of the Host; installed as Sentinel in Holy Order of the High Priesthood, Iowa; elected and installed as Grand Scribe.
- * 8/21: Marshalltown YR Stated; Opened as King Solomon Council #20; filled in as Conductor of Council and pro-tem Secretary for joint Chapter, Council, Commandery meeting. Gave brief explanation of GHP Osdoba's program.
- * 8/25: Attended reception for GHP and MIGM in Sioux City.
- * 8/28: Signet Chapter #38 degree work: Scribe & acting ritual casting coordinator; SW/Most Excellent Master; MV2/Royal Arch.

September:

- * Served as ritual casting coordinator for King Solomon #20 degrees on 9/11. Prior commitment prevented my taking a part.
- * 9/8: Attended reception for Grand Commander Greg Andersen, as Commander of St. Aldemar #30.
- * 9/12: Marshalltown Masonic Holding Corp. meeting, as board member.
- * 9/13: Marshall Lodge #108 Stated, as Master.
- * 9/18: All Masonic Bodies Friendship Night dinner (attended as Grand Scribe, Signet Chapter #38 Scribe, WM, Marshall Lodge #108 and Commander, St. Aldemar Commandery #30.) Prepared spaghetti supper, which was followed by monthly join YR bodies Stated meeting opening as St. Aldemar #30 Commandery – presided as Commander.
- * 9/20-22: Grand Lodge of Iowa: Attended as Master, Marshall Lodge and as personal representative of GHP Osdoba. (Introduced as GHP; declined field promotion on the spot.)
- * 9/28: Attended Ames YR Bodies gold/cribbage fundraiser east of Jefferson, IA.
- * 9/27: Attended Des Moines Chapter #88 National Sojourners as a 2nd VP.
- * 9/29: Attended Polk County Masters & Wardens meeting.

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October:

- * 10/4: Marshalltown Joint Masonic Bodies Christmas Party Committee Meeting.
- * 10/5: Polaris Council #449 and meeting, Des Moines
- * 10/6: Green Degrees Council #93 Knight Masons meeting, Des Moines. Assistant Degree Master.
- * 10/11: Marshall Lodge #108 Stated, as Master.
- * 10/13: As Grand Scribe, attended reception for MW Bro. Bryce B. Hildreth, Grand Master of Masons of Iowa, Des Moines.
- * 10/16: Attended Marshalltown YR Stated as Grand Scribe; opened as Signet Chapter #38 – served as Scribe.
- * 10/25: Attended Des Moines Chapter #88 National Sojourners as a VP.

November:

- * 11/2-3: Scottish Rite (Northern Jurisdiction) Reunion, Quincy, IL-parts in five degrees and banquet program speaker.
- * 11/5: Attended Grand Master's Area Meeting; Home Lodge, Pleasant Hill.
- * 11/8: Marshall Lodge #108, Stated, as Master, plus Past Masters' Night Dinner.
- * 11/14: Marshalltown Masonic Holding Corp. meeting, as board member.

December:

- * 12/1: Marshalltown all Masonic Christmas party, presided as lodge Master, Signet Chapter #38 Scribe and KT Commander.
- * 12/8: Marshalltown Masonic Bodies Salvation Army Bell Ringing: took four-hour shift.
- * 12/11: Marshalltown YR joint meeting, opened on Commandery-final meeting as Commander.
- * 12/12: Marshalltown Masonic Holding Corp. meeting, as board member.
- * 12/13: Marshall Lodge #108, Stated; final meeting as Master.

January:

- * 1/2: Assisted with Des Moines High Twelve Club #4 installation of officers.
- * 1/2: Gebel Chapter #12 – Represented Grand Chapter and assisted with installation and Stated meeting thereafter.
- * 1/5: Iowa Conference on Masonic Cooperation Mtg. in Des Moines-attended as Grand Scribe.
- * 1/7: Acanthus Lodge #632-introduced as Grand Scribe and invited no-York Rite Masons to petition. Assisted Temple Commandery #4 with "Arch of Steel" at lodge installation of officers.
- * 1/8: Marshalltown YR installation, all three bodies. Installing Officer as Grand Scribe for Signet Chapter #38 installation; installed as Signet Scribe, King Solomon Council #20 Deputy Master and St. Aldemar Commandery #30 Junior Warden for 2013.
- * 1/9: Marshalltown Masonic Holding Corp. meeting, as board member.
- * 1/10: Marshall Lodge #108 Installation-attended as outgoing Master.
- * 1/12: South Gate Lodge #657-Installing Chaplain as son's installation as Master. Introduced and gave remarks as Grand Scribe.
- * 1/15: Marshalltown York Rite Bodies, Stated, opening on Chapter. Attended as Grand Scribe and Signet #30 Scribe.
- * 1/18: Attended Iowa Research Lodge #2 semi-annual meeting.
- * 1/23: Attended York Rite Installation, Ames, as Grand Scribe.
- * 1/30: Attended Legacy Lodge (UD) table lodge event.

February:

- * 2/2: Grand Masters One Day Class, Des Moines. Junior Warden, 1st Section 3rd Degree.
- * 2/9: Grand Chapter Officers' Finance/Investment meeting-Marion, IA.
- * 2/13: Des Moines High Twelve Club, Ladies Day event.
- * 2/16: Acanthus Lodge #632 pancake event; then to Rainbow Girls Breakfast event followed by 11:00-2:00 PM charitable chili fundraiser, both at South Gate Lodge #657, Des Moines. Assisted with setup/cleanup at Rainbow and South Gate events.
- * 2/19: Marshalltown YR Joint Stated; opened on Council degrees followed by Commandery school.
- * 2/23: Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Potentate's Ball-assisted Temple Commandery #4 with "Arch of Steel" for dignitaries.
- * 2/25: St. Aldemar Commandery #30 Order of the Temple practice.
- * 2/28: Des Moines Chapter #88 National Sojourners as 2nd VP (noon); Newton York Rite Friendship Night as Grand Scribe (evening).

March:

- * 3/1: As Past Sovereign Master of Polaris Council #449, Allied Masonic Degrees, attended reception honoring Grand Master Matthew Dupee, followed by planning meeting ref: Grand Master's Masonic Trip to England.
- * 3/2: Grand Chapter/Grand Council Arrangements Committee Mtg. Des Moines.
- * 3/14: Ascalon Chapter #129/Arcturus Council #63 Stated.
- * 3/15-16: Valley of Quincy, IL Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite-cast in six degrees.
- * 3/19: Marshalltown YR joint Stated opened on Commandery. Junior Warden.

April:

- * 4/3: Gebal Chapter #12, Newton-SW in Mark Master & Sect. in Past Master.
- * 4/6: Ascalon Chapter #139 and Arcturus Council #63, - degree work as RWM in the Past Master; SW in the Most Excellent Master; and 2nd Veilsman in the Royal Arch degree.
- * 4/9: St. Aldemar Commandery #30 as Jr. Warden; Order of the Temple cast coordinator.
- * 4/10: Des Moines High Twelve Club.
- * 4/11: Marshall Lodge #108; received Illinois Grand Lodge 50 year certificate.
- * 4/13: Green Degrees Council #93 Knight Masons meeting, Des Moines. Assistant Degree Master; then to Ames for SRICF meeting.
- * 4/25: Des Moines Chapter #88 National Sojourners as 2nd VP elected 1st VP.

May:

- * 5/1: Des Moines High Twelve Club #4-attended meeting, then to Gebal Chapter #12, Newton-degree work; RWM in MEM and M2V in RA.
- * 5/3: Polaris Council AMD meeting Des Moines.
- * 5/4: As Grand Scribe, attended reception for Sr. Grand Deacon, McCampbell in Des Moines, then meeting of IA York Rite College #37., also in Des Moines.
- * 5/5: Grand Chapter officers meeting Des Moines.
- * 5/6: Speech at Marshalltown High Twelve Club: "Words to Ponder."
- * 5/8: Ladies Day luncheon at Des Moines High Twelve Club.
- * 5/11-20: Grand Master's Masonic trip to England; In London visited:
 1. McMahan Lodge No. 3262 (British Craft Lodge) and
 2. Surrey Schools Chapter No. 3561 where I was recognized as Grand Scribe. The Royal Arch Chapter visit was especially interesting as it disclosed substantial differences between our York Rite practices and those of our British companions, yet underscored the common fraternal bonds we share.Also attended Centenary Celebrations of the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plasterers and Bricklayers (The Operatives.) The Royal Arch Chapter visit was especially interesting as it disclosed substantial differences between our York Rite practices and those of our British companions, yet underscored the common fraternal bonds we share.
- * 5/21: Marshalltown YR joint Stated; opened on Council as Deputy Master.
- * 5/27: Prepared and mailed letters of invitation to Grand Chapter Convocation/Grand Council Assembly sent to Grand Chapter RAM of Illinois as Ambassador, IA to IL for both Grand bodies.

June:

- * 6/18: Marshalltown YR joint meeting, opened on Commandery. Junior Warden. Then opened on Signet Chapter #38 RA degree. Conferred M.E.M. degree and Secretary in PM degree.
- * 6/25: Signet Chapter #38, Marshalltown-Haggai in RA degree.

July:

- * 7/10: Des Moines High Twelve Club. Gave first of two-part Masonic historical presentation.
- * 7/16: Marshalltown YR joint Stated opened on Chapter.Scribe.
- * 7/17: Des Moines High Twelve Club. Gave second of two part presentation.
- * 7/19: Represented GHP Osdoba at Illinois Grand Chapter Convocation, Bloomington.
- * 7/20: Attended State DeMolay Summerfest Dinner, Waterloo.

August:

- * 8/8-10: Attended Grand Chapter/Council as Grand Scribe.

I have enjoyed every Masonic minute of this year under the inspired and inspiring leadership of Grand High Priest Osdoba and look forward to continuing the journey next year under the leadership of Companion David Klein.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted
Kenneth A. Brickman
Grand Scribe RAM

Report of the Grand Treasurer

7-1-12	Balance on Hand:	\$5,157.15
	Income	\$44,558.74
	Expenses	\$42,601.65

6-30-13 Balance on hand \$7,114.04

The duties of the Grand Treasurer are outlined in the Code to “assist the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary in carrying out the financial activities of the Grand Chapter.” I have communicated with both the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary concerning the financial activities of the Grand Chapter and have addressed issues raised to me concerning the same.

The Grand High Priest undertook the following concerning the finances of the Grand Chapter:

1. Worked with the Grand Chapter Board of Trustees on a budget that better reflected the actual expenses of running Grand Chapter.
2. Brought greater transparency to the Grand Chapter budgeting process.
3. Worked with the Grand Chapter Board of Trustees to purchase regalia that badly need to be purchased.
4. Created the foundation for a Grand Chapter investment policy and for the potential for increased revenues from Grand Chapter investments.

Based on the work of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter Board of Trustees, the Grand Secretary, and other diligent Companions, I am happy to report that the Grand Chapter’s finances are in good shape, we have a more transparent process, and that steps have been taken to improve our future financial health.

I want to thank the Grand Chapter for electing me to this position in August of 2012, and it has been a pleasure to server as your Grand Treasurer this past twelve month period.

W. Charles Smithson
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 2012

Synopsis of Returns of the Constituent Chapters Ending December 31, 2012

Chapter	No	City	Members	Exited	Admitted	Reinstated	Increase	Demtd	Expd	Suspended	Died	Decrease	Net Incr	Net Decr	Members	Grand Chapter Dues	Grand Chapter Fees	Died Dues Unpaid	Suspended N.P.D.	50 Yr. Members	Paid Over Chapter	Remission Of Dues	Total Deduction
Cambin	0	Iowa	128	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	7	16	16	112	\$ 152.00		7	3	21	0	62	93	
Iowa	1	Burlington	74				0					0		74									0
Iowa City	2	Iowa City	82	2	0	0	2	1	0	7	2	10	8	74	\$ 448.00		0	7	21	0	0	28	
Dubuque	3	Dubuque	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	\$ 232.00		0	0	6	0	0	6	
Washington	4	Muscatine	29	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	3	26	\$ 216.00		0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Hiram	6	Oskaloosa	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	30	\$ 152.00		2	0	4	0	0	8	14
Clinton	9	Ottumwa	74	2	0	0	2	1	0	3	8	12	10	64	\$ 424.00		2	3	16	0	0	2	23
Marion	10	Marion	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	38	\$ 208.00		0	0	4	0	0	1	5
Gebal	12	Newton	63	0	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	6	1	62	\$ 440.00		0	0	7	5	1	13	
Cornelian	14	Des Moines	230	12	0	1	13	3	0	9	8	20	7	223	\$ 1,494.00		5	9	33	0	0	10	57
Davenport	16	Davenport	40	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	8	8	32	\$ 240.00		0	6	4	0	0	0	10
Tadmoor	18	Knoxville	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	9	9	30	\$ 256.00		1	3	3	0	0	0	7
Valley	20	Cedar Falls	91				0					0		91									0
Aholiab	21	Independence	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	21	\$ 144.00		0	2	3	0	0	2	7
Sioux City	26	Sioux City	156	4	0	0	4	1	0	1	7	9	5	151	\$ 1,138.00		2	1	14	0	0	1	18
Keystone	32	Clinton	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	42	\$ 243.00		0	0	1	0	0	3	4
Sigaet	38	Marshalltown	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	70	\$ 464.00		0	0	10	0	0	5	15
Benevolence	46	Mason City	72	4	0	0	4	3	0	4	3	10	6	66	\$ 400.00		0	4	20	0	0	2	26
Star	47	Council Bluffs	53	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	2	7	6	47	\$ 328.00		2	3	8	0	0	0	13
Trowel	49	Cedar Rapids	84	5	0	0	5	1	0	5	2	8	3	81	\$ 438.00		1	5	11	3	0	8	28
Tabernacle	52	Waterloo	98	2	0	0	2	3	0	8	2	13	11	85	\$ 560.00		2	3	8	0	0	0	13
Mt. Sinai	66	Anamosa	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	25	\$ 216.00		0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Cope Stone	78	Carroll	9				0					0		9									0
Triune	81	Masouin Valley	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	26	\$ 148.00		0	0	6	0	0	0	6
Burning Bush	90	Cherokee	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	36	\$ 248.00		0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Olivet	107	Harian	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	35	\$ 272.00		0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Clay	112	Spencer	87	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	6	81	\$ 528.00		0	0	13	0	0	8	21
Al Gabil	121	Croston	60	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2		60	\$ 362.00		2	0	16	0	0	0	16
Monroe	125	Albia	88	5	0	0	5	4	0	6	5	15	10	78	\$ 576.00		6	5	9	0	0	1	21
Joshua	127	Ames	93	7	2	0	9	3	0	4	4	11	2	91	\$ 589.00		1	4	15	2	1	1	23
Jophs	128	Estherville	97	6	0	0	6	5	0	0	9	14	8	89	\$ 600.00		9	0	8	0	0	11	26
Ascalon	139	Des Moines	117	0	0	1	1	3	0	9	0	12	11	106	\$ 656.00		0	9	25	0	0	2	36
Totals			2243	52	8	2	62	45	0	74	96	215	0	153	2090	12175	0	42	68	300	10	129	549

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Report of the Committee on Audit

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2013

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA
FINANCIAL REPORT
For The Year Ended June 30, 2013

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, 2013, 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 2, 2013

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2013

ASSETS			
CASH IN BANK			
General Fund Checking /Savings		\$7,102.59	
Arrangements Account		2,567.19	
Joint Office Account		<u>395.59</u>	
Total Current Assets			<u>\$10,065.37</u>
Total Assets			
	NET ASSETS		
General Fund		\$7,102.59	
Arrangements Fund		\$2,567.19	
Joint Office Fund		<u>395.59</u>	
Net Assets			<u>\$10,065.37</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, 2013

	General Fund	Arrangments Fund	Office Fund	Total Funds
Total Revenue	\$44,558.74	\$8,575.29	\$0.00	\$51,134.03
Total Expense	<u>40,075.90</u>	<u>4,008.10</u>	<u>2,497.93</u>	<u>46,581.93</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenue Over Expense	<u>\$4,482.84</u>	<u>\$2,567.19</u>	<u>(\$2,497.93)</u>	<u>\$4,552.10</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, 2013

	General Fund	Arrangments Fund	Office Fund	Total Funds
Net Assets - Beginning	\$5,019.75	\$0.00	\$493.52	\$5,513.27
PLUS: Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenue Over Expense	4,482.84	2,557.19	(2,497.93)	4,552.10
LESS: Interfund Transfers	(2,400.00)	0.00	2,400.00	0.00
Net Assets - Ending	<u>\$7,102.59</u>	<u>\$2,557.19</u>	<u>\$395.59</u>	<u>\$10,055.37</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, 2013

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 and Arrangements Account

These accounts are revolving funds 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 each of these accounts as joint tenants with one's claim being indistinguishable from the other. The balances of \$395.59 and \$2,567.19 represent one-half each of the total balances of \$791.17 and \$5,134.38 respectively.

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.

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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, 2013 appears on page 1. The information included in the accompanying Supplementary schedules are presented only for supplementary analysis purposes.

James E. Dickson, CPA, CFP
James E. Dickson, CPA, CFP

August 2, 2013

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, 2013

REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Grand Chapter Dues	\$5,612.09	\$14,508.74	\$8,896.65
Exaltion Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales rituals, & misc.	100.00	50.00	(50.00)
Grand Council (1/2 Share)	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
Trustees	42,775.00	30,000.00	(12,775.00)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Revenue	\$49,487.09	\$44,558.74	(\$4,928.35)

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, 2013

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
2013 COMMUNICATION			
Overpay		\$177.00	\$177.00
Arrangements Committee	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Guests	800.00	800.00	0.00
Credential Committee Equip/supply	2,000.00	1,552.78	(447.22)
Printing And Miscellaneous	1,600.00	1,007.74	(592.26)
Jewels And Aprons	1,500.00	578.80	(921.20)
MILEAGE AND PER DIEM			
Delegates And Secretaries	1,237.86	1,213.41	(24.45)
Grand Officers	728.98	738.93	7.95
Past Grand High Priests	1,279.29	1,170.04	(109.25)
Other Grand Officers	2,000.00	1,443.13	(556.87)
Paraphernalia, etc	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Trustees	200.00	217.67	17.67
Committees	800.00	0.00	(800.00)
Triennial	500.00		(500.00)
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS			
Grand High Priest	5,000.00	4,938.30	(61.70)
Grand Officers And D.D.G.H.P.s	500.00	0.00	(500.00)
Grand Officers Travel in State	1,000.00	1,016.38	16.38
Grand Officers out of State	200.00	0.00	(200.00)
Trustees	300.00	0.00	(300.00)
Custodians	300.00	0.00	(300.00)
Annual Meeting Expense	300.00	0.00	(300.00)
Programs & Supplies	0.00	57.20	57.20
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Audit	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Proceedings	2,000.00	508.67	(1,491.33)
Grand Secretary Salary	8,925.00	8,496.00	(429.00)
Social Security (FICA)	2,000.00	571.65	(1,428.35)
Iowa State Tax	200.00	202.00	2.00
Internal Revenue Service	150.00	95.00	(55.00)
Bonds And Insurance	600.00	0.00	(600.00)
Printing And Supplies	1,000.00	442.99	(557.01)
General Grand Chapter per Capita	2,400.00	1,849.00	(551.00)
RAM Magazine Subscriptions	5,000.00	2,844.38	(2,155.62)
Education And Leadership	3,000.00	2,342.59	(657.41)
Membership Development	2,000.00	1,626.93	(373.07)
Ritual Fund to Trustees	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
Miscellaneous	100.00	187.11	87.11
Charity (Youth Groups)	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$53,720.83</u>	<u>\$40,076.90</u>	<u>(\$13,644.93)</u>
Joint Office Expense (Transfer)	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>(1,000.00)</u>

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, 2013

Expenses-Grand Chapter Office Fund (Pro Rata) Portion Of Total	
Printing & Supplies	9002.38
Rent	720.00
Telephone	450.80
Postage	575.70
Flowers	48.11
WiFi Support	86.01
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Total Expenses	<u>\$2,484.01</u>
JOINT OFFICE ACCOUNT	
Transfer From Grand Council	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
1/2 ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE ACCOUNT	
Revenue	\$6,575.29
Expense	4,008.10
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June 30, 2013 balance	<u>\$2,567.19</u>

See accountant's report on supplementary information.

Preliminary Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence

As of today's date the Jurisprudence Committee:

1. Has not had the opportunity to review the Grand High Priest's report.
2. Is aware that eleven items have been submitted as proposed legislation.
3. Has been preparing for the Jurisprudence Committee meeting.
4. Is unaware of any complaints or issues with any rulings made by the Grand High Priest.

There will be a final report once the Committee has had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues at the Grand Chapter session.

As Chair of the Committee, I am happy to report to the Grand Chapter at this time that the Grand High Priest has communicated with me several times on issues involving the Grand Chapter. In addition, other Companions have raised issues of interpretation or other items that needed resolution. These types of communications help avoid problems and help to promote Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chair of this important committee for the past twelve month period.
W. Charles Smithson, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Division and Reference Part I

What a pleasure it was reading the report of our Grand High Priest. Starting with Frank's evaluation of our needs and his tireless efforts to implement drastically needed changes. It is the Division and Reference Committee's feeling we shouldn't let this guy go.

We feel his careful selection of officers who wanted to be working members of our starship crew, a five-year program of growth and necessary "purpose statement", and his established goal of reviving and rebuilding our beloved Grand Chapter of Iowa illustrates the kind of leader he is. He had the foresight to evaluate our many Grand Chapter needs and promptly set about with plans and crew to make right what he feels in wrong with our wonderful organization.

Our committee feels this Grand High Priest has done an outstanding job and deserves our heartfelt thanks for identifying our many shortcomings and laying a solid foundation for those who follow him. We, as members of Iowa Grand Chapter, owe our GHP a pledge of rededicating ourselves to his master plan.

We feel his tenure can be the beginning of a needed revitalization for our Grand Chapter.
Donald Heath, PGHP, Chairman
William Kauten, PGHP

Report of the Committee on Division and Reference Part II

This report reflects what this writer already knew, being the GHP who appointed Bob Seiler as a DD GHP in 1993. I chose him because he was a worker and to this day, he's never disappointed me. His willingness to share thoughts and ideas with upcoming Grand Chapter Officers, reminding me of a guy named Jack, has certainly been a blessing for them and ultimately our organization. No question, his office keeps Bob and Darlene busy – but always finds time to honor his office by traveling to other jurisdictions as well as other Masonic functions in his home state.

Any York Rite leader wanted to know "how to do...what to do...when to do" just get on the phone and give Bob a call – You can't go wrong.

Donald L. Heath, PGHP, Chairman
William Kauten, PGHP

Acceptance of Reports

Upon motion of R.:E.: David G. Klein, 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

Report of the Committee on Chapters Chartered and Under Dispensation

As of 1 January 2012, beginning membership 2344

Additions:		
Exalted	52	
Admitted	35	
Reinstated	8	
Total Increase		62
Decrease:		
Demitted	45	
Expelled	0	
SNPD	74	
Died	96	
Total Decrease		215
Net Loss		99
31 December 2011 Ending membership		2257
Died dues unpaid	47	
Dues remitted	129	
50 year members	300	
Paid in other Chapters	10	
Total	486	
Per Capita paid By		1990

Total members December, 2012 is based on the Chapters that filed returns sent in for 2012.

There was only an increase of 52 new members. Only 12 Chapters had exalted new members out of 32 Chapters. All Chapters who send in a year 2 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:

The Board of Custodians conducted a school in one of the five districts during the past year. On February 9, 2013, Corinthian Chapter #14 held a school. This was one-week later than originally scheduled in order to accommodate the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The school was attended by ten Companions. It was conducted by Custodian David M. Dryer. Instruction began with distinguishing the differences between the ritual and floor work in the opening in the Degree of the Royal Arch and the ritual and floor work in the opening of the 3rd Degree of the Symbolic Lodge. Instruction also centered on reviewing and explaining the floor work, grips, due guards, signs and words of all Chapter Degrees. A free lunch was served.

There has been an "Annual School" in Des Moines for seven straight years. The Board of Custodians expresses great appreciation to the Des Moines York Rite leadership. Naturally, we are counting on the future leaders to continue this tradition. The Annual Chapter School has traditionally been held on the 1st Saturday in February in Des Moines and Companions from all over the state have been welcome. This year it was conducted in conjunction with the Grand Council School. Two schools on the same day makes a better use of time.

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.

The Chapter Degrees are magnificent Degrees. They build on the legend and lessons of the Symbolic Lodge. You need only request a school and 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.

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- #1: No School
- #2: No School
- #3: Corinthian #14 (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, 22, 38)	District Instructor
Norman R. Rank (Custodian Emeritus)	(38)	District Instructor
Melvin E. Sickels (Custodian Emeritus)	(125)	District Instructor
W. Charles Smithson	(14, 22, 139)	Mark, Past, Most Excellent
William R. Kauten	(52)	Mark, Past, Most Excellent
Clinton L. Smith	(43)	Mark, Past
Berdette O. Bryngelson	(38)	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 2012-2013.

We have reviewed the proceedings from only five (5) sister 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 printing and postage. All of the information I received from sister jurisdictions was on a compact disk as mailing them is considerable 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. Think about it. How many of our own representatives bring any reports at our Grand sessions? 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 counterparts obtained so that everyone knows who they are supposed to be communicating with.

Most Excellent, this concludes my report for this part 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 2013:

Waterloo #52
Keystone #32
Washington #4
Iowa City #2
Mason City #45
Ascalon #139
Signet #38
Gebal #12
Benevolence #46

This year 2013 is the smallest amount of contribution given to this project. Hopefully, this activity will improve in future.

Derwood G. Keith, Chr.

Report of the Committee on Code Revision

Most Excellent Companion Osdoba

Right Excellent Companion Seiler

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 2013 Committee.
3. The Committee has no recommendations for amendment of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Code to report for consideration by the 2013 Grand Chapter Convocation, however we note that MW Companion Charles Smithson is conducting a review of the Code to identify obvious grammatical errors and formatting problems to be correct so that the Code online is accurate and in proper form.

Kenneth A. Brickman, GCH

Chair, 2013 Grand Chapter of Iowa Code Review Committee

Chapter Report 2013
Report of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund
 Financial Report
 April 30, 2013

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, 2013

Total Revenue	\$ 9,322.39
Total Expense	\$ 3,300.00
Excess of Revenue over Expense	\$ 6,022.31
Net Assets Beginning	\$275,129.67
Net Assets-Ending	\$285,275.73

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, 2013

Assets		
Current		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$118,899.10	41.68%
Fixed Income	\$1,479.70	0.52%
Mutual Funds	\$169,896.93	52.80%
Total Assets	\$285,275.73	100%

LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	\$__0.00

NET ASSETS	
Grand Chapter Charity Net Assets	\$285,275.73

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, 2013

Revenues	\$9,322.39
Total Revenues	\$9,322.39
Expenses	
Program Services	\$3,300.00
Total Expenses	\$3,300.00
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$6,022.31

Report of the Committee on Finance

	Grand Chapter Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-14
A1	Grand Chapter Dues	14,509.00
A2	Exalted Fees	
A3	Sales % Misc. (Ritual Fund)	100.00
A4	Grand Council (1/2 share)	3,975.00
A5	Trustees	48,541.00
A6	Misc	
	Income Grand Total	\$67,125.00
	Expenses	
	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	600.00
		\$11,000.00
	Expense Account Grand Officers	
E1	Grand High Priest	5,000.00
C4	Jewel & Apron	1,500.00
E2	Other Grand Officers - Exp&Travel	3,000.00
F19	(Paraphernalia, etc.)	3,000.00
E2	DDGHP Expence	500.00
D4	DDGHP Travel in State	3,000.00
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
		\$18,100.00
	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	
	Grand Secretary & Deouty Grand Secretary	5,950.00	
	Travel Expenses		
			\$31,225.00
			\$67,125.00

Report of the Trustees

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA
TRUSTEES' ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
June 30, 2013

BALANCE ON HAND, July 1, 2012

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

RECEIPTS

Interest Earned on Certificates of Deposit		10,589.41	
Interest Earned on Checking Account		99.38	
Interest Earned on Money Market Account		5.84	
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit		145,773.28	
Total Receipts		<u>145,773.28</u>	<u>156,467.91</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to General Fund		30,000.00	
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit		145,773.28	
Professional Fees		1,650.00	
Grand High Priest Collars		449.14	
Insurance		144.00	
Bank Box Rent		25.50	
Bank Charges		14.50	
Total Disbursements		<u>178,056.42</u>	<u>178,056.42</u>

BALANCE ON HAND, June 30, 2013

Cash in Checking Account		131,287.39	
Money Market		4,185.59	
Certificates of Deposit		665,439.86	
		<u>665,439.86</u>	<u>\$800,912.84</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 7 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

No report received

Report of the Committee on Long Range Planning

No report received

Report of the Committee on Membership

No report received

Report of the Committee on Education and Promotion

No report received

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 2013 Grand Chapter Convocation. After consultation, I am pleased to report the following:

1. The Committee has reviewed the information furnished and recommends that the following chapters, being all of the chapters that applied, be designated Chapter of the Year:
2. There was only one nomination for Knight of the Royal Arch. The Committee is advised that Grand High Priest Osdoba is handling any General Grand Chapter and Knight of the Royal Arch Awards, and recipient(s), if any, will be disclosed at the banquet.
3. The Committee notes that there was minimal response to calls for nominations for Chapter of the Year and Knights of the Royal Arch. Whether this is due to failure of the chapters and members to meet the requirements or failure to report excellent work performed, we do not know, but we strongly suggest more emphasis be placed at the chapter level on qualifying for awards.

Other Awards

The Ephraim Kirby Award recognizes an individual who is a past presiding officer in his Grand York Rite bodies (Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery) and who has gone on to continue working and committing service beyond the term of office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication. This award was presented to Companion Robert J. Seiler, PGHP.

The General Grand Chapter Bronze Award was presented to Kenneth A. Brickman. Chapter Sweetheart Awards were presented to the following: Barbara Bryngelson, Pat Fischer, Karen Harrington, Lyssa Hoffmann, Peg Osdoba, and Kathy Kenkel.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted,
Kenneth A. Brickman, Chairman
B.O. Bryngelson
David Dryer

Called from Labor

10:00 a.m. By order of the Grand High Priest, the 157th 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 157th annual convocation resumed labor.

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	David G. Klein
Grand King	Kenneth A. Brickmann
Grand Scribe	Ronald W. Guthrie
Grand Treasurer	W. Charles Smithson
Grand Secretary	Robert J. Seiler
Trustee	Derwood G. Keith

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

Data No Longer Available

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Address of Representative of General Grand High Priest

R.:E.: Louis E. Bartrand, General King, Personal Represenative of M.:P.: Edmund T. Harrison the General Grand High Priest addressed the Companions.

Announcement of Installation

Instructions were given by R.:E.: David G. Klein regarding the ceremony of installation.

Closing Remarks by Grand High Priest

R.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba 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 157th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa having been completed, except for the ceremony of installation, M.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba, Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, closed the Grand Chapter in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

158th Annual Convocation

The 158th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will convene in Des Moines on August 7, 8, 9, 2014.

Frank C. Osdoba
Grand High Priest

Robert J. Seiler
Grand Secretary

Open Installation

M.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba, PGHP, called the ceremony of installation of the Grand Officers of the M.:E.: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa for 2013-2014 to order, and welcomed those present. He then introduced the Installing Grand Officers. 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

David G. Klein	Grand High Priest
Kenneth A. Brickman	Grand Scribe
Ronald W. Guthrie	Grand King
W. Charles Smithson	Grand Treasurer
Robert J. Seiler	Grand Secretary

Appointed

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Presentations

M.:E.: Frank C. Osdoba presented a Grand High Priest apron to M.:E.: David G. Klein.

Proclamation

The Installing Grand Marshal made the proclamation.

Closing

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

David G. Klein
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	1st 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
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 Rinehardt	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
122	Ashlar	Mt. Vernon	1934	Charter Revoked

Chapters Extinct (con't)

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)

Chapters Extinct (con't)

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
66	Mt. Sinai	Anamosa	2013	Consolidated (No. 10)

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 1984-85 - Reggie D. Wilson, 933 15th Place NE, Mason City 50401-6006
 1985-86 - James A. Fischer, 2322 Nye Ave., Muscatine 52761-8417
 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
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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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2008-09 – James M. Dixon, 602 Jefferson St., Burlington 52601-5428

2009-10 – Charles T. Byars, 2108 Isabella St., Burlington 52601-2225

2010-11 – W. Charles Smithson, 2011 39th St., Des Moines 50310

2011-12 – Billy Joe Hildreth, 4811 NE Delaware Ave, Des Moines 50021

2012-13 - Frank C. Osdoba, PO Box 252, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Past Grand High Priests

- 1854-1855..... Theodore Sutton Parvin*
- 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*

Past Grand High Priests (cont')

1890-1891.....	George Andrew Quimby*
1891-1892.....	William Wibraham*
1892-1893.....	Clinton C. Fletcher*
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*

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1949-1950.....	Harold R. Smiley*
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*
1972-1973.....	Robert W. Kilfoil
1973-1974.....	Walter Wolff*
1974-1975.....	Eugene Sorick
1975-1976.....	Donald V. Bacon*
1976-1977.....	Elmer W. Larsen*
1977-1978.....	Victor H. Folkers*
1978-1979.....	Dwane J. Shalla*
1979-1980.....	Glen W. Wilson*
1980-1981.....	Jerald E. Marsengill*
1981-1982.....	Jay Cole Simser
1982-1983.....	Oran E. Ferris*
1983-1984.....	Raymond J. Hulce*
1984-1985.....	Reggie D. Wilson
1985-1986.....	James A. Fischer
1986-1987.....	Charles C. Crocker*
1987-1988.....	Gary W. Shaulis
1988-1989.....	Harold L. Leighton*
1989-1990.....	Phillip A. Severson
1990-1991.....	Ed A. Powers*
1991-1992.....	James W. Gould
1992-1993.....	Tom L. Dean
1993-1994.....	Donald L. Heath
1994-1995.....	Melvin E. Sickels
1995-1996.....	Derwood G. Keith
1996-1997.....	Robert D. Allen
1997-1998.....	Clinton L. Smith
1998-1999.....	Berdette O. Bryngelson
1999-2000.....	A. Joseph Malmer*
2000-2001.....	William R. Kauten
2001-2002.....	Robert J. Seiler
2002-2003.....	Vernon F. Harrington
2003-2004.....	Douglas R. Heath
2004-2005.....	Cecil R. Lowe
2005-2006.....	James A. Nagel

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2006-2007.....	Gregory L. Andersen
2007-2008.....	Rick L. Butler
2008-2009.....	James M. Dixon
2009-2010.....	Charles T. Byars
2010-2011.....	W. Charles Smithson
2011-2012.....	Billy Joe Hildreth
2012-2013.....	Frank C. Osdoba

Grand Representatives

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1 Alabama	Fred J. Madison Jr.
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3 Alberta	Gerald R. Edwards
4 Argentina	Kelton E Houts
5 Arizona	Rusty L. Hill
6 Arkansas	Wade E. Sheeler
7 Austra	James J. Conrey
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8 British Columbia	Randall R. Crouch
9 California	Donald L. Heath
10 Colorado	James A. Fischer
11 Connecticut	Ronald W. Guthrie
12 Delaware	
13 District of Columbia	George J. Harrison
14 England	W Charles Smithson
15 Finland	
16 Florida	
17 France	Russell E. Saffell
17A France MMM	C. Ray Pike
18 Georgia	Tim S. Anderson
19 Germany	Byron E Knupp
20 Greece	
21 Hawaii	Eugene L. Aldrich
22 Idaho	Larry L. Klemme
23 Illinois	Kenneth A. Brickman
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25 Indiana	William R. Kauten
27 Ireland	Phillip A. Severson
28 Israel	Loren C. Stein
29 Italy	Steven G. Dahl
30 Kansas	Calvert Ball
31 Kentucky	
32 Lousiana	Thomas P. Francis
33 Maine	James A. Nagel
34 Manitoba	David M. Dryer
35 Maryland	
36 Massachusetts	
37 Mexico	Jason A. Wolcott
38 Michigan	Randall R. Essing
39 Minnesota	Robert D. Allen
40 Mississippi	Marion L. Reinhardt

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41	Missouri	Jimmie E. Arnold
42	Montana	Alexander P. Kane
43	Nebraska	Clinton L. Smith
44	Netherlands	
45	Nevada	Brent L. Boden
46	New Brunswick	Edward T. Johnson
47	New Hampshire	Paul E. Stocker
48	New Jersey	Glenn E. Holmes
49	New Mexico	Kevin T. Cristians
50	New South Wales	W. Stevens Elliott
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52	New Zealand	Robert D. Christensen
53	Newfoundland	John A. Jones
54	North Carolina	Robert W. Kilfoil
55	North Dakota	Larry L. Harvey
56	Nova Scotia	
57	Ohio	Rick L. Butler
58	Oklahoma	Donald Radloff
59	Ontario	Robert J. Seiler
60	Oregon	Thomas E.H. Gruis
61	Pennsylvania	Robert H. Schroeder
62	Philippines, Republic of	Edwin E. Armstead
62A	Portugal	Norman R. Rank
63	Quebec	Vern F. Harrington
64	Queensland	Ronald L. Benge
65	Rhode Island	Daniel R. Hobson
66	Saskatchewan	Douglas R. Heath
67	Scotland	
68	South Australia	James W. Gould
69	South Carolina	Charles T. Byars
70	South Dakota	B.O. Brygelson
71	Switzerland	James E. Doeden
72	Tennessee	Gregory L. Kenkel
73	Texas	Stephen G. Libby
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75	Venezuela	Matthew A. Risberg
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77	Victoria	James E. Allen
78	Virginia	Jeffery E. Jenkins
79	Washington	
80	West Australia	David A. Jensen
81	West Virginia	Thomas E.H. Gruis
82	Wisconsin	Derwood G. Keith
83	Wyoming	Melvin E. Sickels

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Deputy Grand High Priests

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Informal Opening

Frank C. Osdoba introduced Grand Chapter Chaplain Rev William A. Peake and Grand Council Chaplain Jeffery D. Heimensen and turned the meeting over to them.

Joint Committee on Necrology

George C. Sellars

Most Puissant General Grand Master 2011-2014

Born: June 23, 1938 - Died: February 10, 2013

Prepared by Right Puissant & Rev. Charles M. Roberts

Our Most Puissant General Grand Master Sellars began his Masonic journey in Composite Lodge No. 499, F. & A.M. of Michigan. Over his 44 year Masonic career he has always been a very dedicated and faithful Mason. He had distinguished himself throughout the Craft, but especially in the York Rite of Freemasonry. George has had the opportunity to serve in many leadership positions locally and nationally throughout the craft over time with the latest being his election in August 2011 to the office of Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International. He truly was a Mason's Mason.

Brother George was a man of integrity and strength, an individual that radiated a true sense of warmth and brotherly love. He exemplified the following characteristics throughout his work and Masonic careers: play fair, love life enthusiastically, live up to your commitments, pursue high performance at all levels, build value through sound practices, and live out your religious and Masonic tenets to their fullest. These traits I'm sure is what made him a great athlete, soldier, husband, father and mason.

Brother George always realized no matter what Masonic office he held, he was first and foremost a brother mason on the level with all others of the fraternity. He always tried to convey that thought in all his encounters with members of the craft. He radiated a spirit of welcome and joy, and we can say, we will truly miss his smile and laughter.

George's dedication to his beloved wife Brenda for fifty-one years and to his family testifies to the truth that love is a valued attribute to have while living out this earthly pilgrimage. His devotion to Brenda, his family and to each of us who knew him, only illustrates for each of us, how much we loved him and how truly we will miss him as an individual.

If I had to highlight only one thing about our beloved Companion George it would be "commitment." I believe he was a man who believed in the deep understanding of that word. Even when battling his illness he never gave up on the meaning of that work. If we all could exemplify that throughout any area of our life, we would make a difference, and hopefully for the better. In this honor then, let us go forth "building on the past...position growth for the future."

Robert B. Rowell

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Royal and Select Masters of Iowa

Born: September 24, 1927 - Died: February 3, 2013

Companion Robert Bishop Rowell, better known as 'Bob' was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and resided in the Cedar Rapids area his entire life. After graduating from Roosevelt High School, Cedar Rapids, in 1945, he served his country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps.

On April 2, 1945 he was united in marriage with Flozella Mae (Sally) King in Iowa City. To this union they raised four children, David, Lois, Mark, and Bill. Sally preceded Bob in death in May of 2003. While at cardiac rehab, Bob met Roberta Angell and they wed in 2007.

Bob worked for the US Postal Service in Cedar Rapids for 37 years, retiring in 1986. Bob was very active in the Boy Scouts, was a deacon at Knox Presbyterian Church and elected and elder of four Presbyterian Churches in Cedar Rapids. After retirement, Bob volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital, Mended Hearts, and the V.A. in Iowa City.

Companion Bob's Masonic career started when he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 263 on October 16, 1952. He was exalted in Trowel Chapter No. 49 Royal Arch Masons on March 28, 1958. He served as High Priest 1965. He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council No. 27, May 21, 1959 and served as Illustrious Master in 1968. Bob was knighted in Apollo Commandery No. 26, April 25, 1958.

Companion Bob's loyalty and willingness to serve were rewarded when Most Illustrious Grand Master Clarence W. Whitehill appointed him to the position of Grand Steward in 1968 and then as Grand Representative of Louisiana in 1969 (a position that he served in faithfully for many years). Five years of service to the Grand

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Council of Iowa culminated when Bob was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa in 1973.

He also served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa as Grand Warder in 1952 and as Grand Captain of the Guard from 1958 until his death.

Companion Bob was a member of Cedar Rapids Consistory and El Kahir Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Cedar Rapids and Cedar Rapids Ambar Grotto. Other associate bodies included Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa and Thrice Illustrious.

His ability and willingness to promote new ideas, serve on committees and be of assistance to the local bodies will be long remembered by those who were privileged to work with him.

“May he dwell in the land of contentment,
Where the sky is a wonderful blue,
Possessing the key to the gateway,
Of the garden of dreams that come true.”

Submitted by
Richard L. Bowersox
Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Royal and Select Masters of Iowa

General Grand Officer

George M. Sellars 02/10/2013 Most Puissant General Grand Master

Past Grand Officers

Robert Rowell PMIGM 02/03/2013 49-27

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Grand Ladies who passed away during 2012-2013



E. Marilyn "Mary" (Whiting) Kilfoil, the daughter of William C. and Lyla B. (Billings) Whiting, was born on July 31, 1919 in Central City, Iowa. She graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1937, and then attended Business College for two years.

On December 25, 1951, Mary was united in marriage with Robert W. Kilfoil in State Center, Iowa. She was a secretary in transcribing at Newton Manufacturing Company for 28 years, retiring 1984. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ; she was a 50-year member of the Newton Chapter No. 100, Order of the Eastern Star. Mary loved her family.

She also loved to feed the birds, and her cookie baking of the 17 ingredient oatmeal cookies, a batch being 14 dozen were known around the world, even having been tasted by Robert James Waller, author of the Bridges of Madison County.

Mary died at the age of 93 on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at her home in Park Centre in Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Kathryn Shaffer; and brother, Dick Whiting.

Survivors include her husband, Robert of Newton; three daughters, Mary Lynn (Rob) Spellman of Marysville, Washington, Kathy (Jim) McGee of Racine, Wisconsin, and Susan (Kim) Waldman of Newton; her six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and her niece and nephew.



Darlene Hildreth, 81, left this early place to be with her heavenly father and Jesus Christ her Savior peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

Darlene was born November 12, 1931 to Emory and Leota Ackelson in the family farmhouse just south of Peru, Iowa in Madison County. She graduated from Winterset High School in 1951. She attended Saint Paul Bible Institute completing her courses in 1955. She held several occupations before working full time for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, then AT&T, retiring from Qwest after 40 years of service. She attended Deer Creek Chapel of the Christian Missionary Alliance, then Cory Grove Community Church, last attending the Ankeny Church of the Brethren.

Darlene was a caring and loving wife and mother. She loved being a farmer's wife and helped with the chores and always made the best lunches for the hired lands and family.

She always had a smile and enjoyed attending and hosting parties. She loved desserts and sweets, especially chocolate.

On August 24, 1968 she married Billy Joe Hildreth of Ankeny. They moved onto the Hildreth family farm and had one son, Bryce. They raised crops, cattle, sheep, and chickens. She would help dress the chickens and collect the eggs for sale. She also helped groom the animals for the fairs. She liked to garden and spend time with family and friends. She was known as a very gracious host, no one left her home without something to eat. She and Billy Joe built a new home in 2000, which she really enjoyed. It was nice that she passed away in her own bed in the home she helped design.

Darlene traveled all across the nation, helping show the family's prize sheep and in later years to Masonic events. She and Billy Joe met many special friends on their Masonic travels. Darlene was honored as Companion of the Temple by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International by their Sweetheart Award.

Darlene was always charitable in giving of her time and resources. While family always came first, she believed in helping others. She received many honors for her charitable works, including being presented with a pillar of charity in The House of the Temple, Headquarters of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Heritage Society of the Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation and gave to their charitable causes including Alzheimer research and treatment. She and Billy Joe were honored with a golden chalice for their charitable giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Darlene is survived by her loving husband, Billy Joe; son, Bryce (Natalie) Hildreth; her sisters, Josie (Al) Cramer, Lois Sawhill, and Marilyn (Mike) Hutton; many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Garland and Wayne Ackelson; and her sister, Betty Edgington.

The family would like to thank Bonnie Gray, Darlene and Billy Joe's home caretaker, Hospice of Central Iowa, and Sunny View Care Center for the compassionate and good care of Darlene.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Darlene to the Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Report of the Grand Secretary-Recorder

Well we have another busy year. It's been a great year. We have had a lot of fun but lost some great friends. We have worried and prayed for our friends who have been in the hospitals and have been helped and taken care. I, myself, went in to be checked to see how my heart surgery had turned out. I found out the heart healed perfectly but they found I had a dark spot on my kidney which we decided to have removed. I now feel better than I have in some time.

Personally we have turned out a lot better than the Grand Chapter and Grand Council did in 2012-2013. We lost one Chapter and one Council to consolidation, and are in danger of losing three more Chapters and two more Councils. There is one more that without the great leadership, it has would be in danger. It was sad to see that we did not see a single increase in membership in the state. Some had a nice number coming in but had more going out.

This year we have seen new Secretaries and Recorders appearing and it has been a joy to see younger men becoming involved in all the officers this year. Now we need to see more new members coming in than members going out.

Frank has worked very hard on establishing a five-year plan for growth in Chapter and Tom Gruis is bringing the Arch Masters back in Council. Now if everyone will grab a petition and get back to their Blue Lodge and get it filled out, maybe things can start to happen. We have a lot of perspective members in Blue Lodge that just need someone to ask them to join, and explain why they should become a member.

Let's make this next year the start of something big.

Robert J. Seiler, PGHP

Grand Secretary/Recorder

Report of the Joint Technology Committee

Effective internal and external communication is essential to a vibrant and exciting York Rite. This is the mission of the Joint Technology Committee of the Grand chapter and Grand Council of Iowa.

Companion Jay Cole Simser, PGHP continues to maintain a list of Companions' email addresses, and regularly sends out information and cares and concerns for Companions. These messages keep our companions informed of what is going on with our fellow Companions, as well as opportunities to spread the cement of brotherly love.

The Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Iowa website is now the Grand York Rite of Iowa website. The Grand Commandery of Iowa has adopted the website as its new online home. After three months of development, the website has been completely redesigned with some exciting tools. Companions and local Secretaries can now find all the forms and reports they may need on the site. Brief histories of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery are on the website. The Grand Council history is currently being written for the site. Awardees are now listed on the site; however, please note that the recipient listing is still being updated. Further, the Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council, and Past Grand Commanders are all listed on the site. This is just the start. The most exciting feature is the ability of the local Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, and other York Rite affiliated bodies can submit their events to a unified calendar. This will allow for visitors to know when local events are, and assist in coordinating schedules.

Since being launched in February of this year, the site has seen significant traffic growth. Over 1,700 visitors have visited the Grand York Rite of Iowa website between February 15, 2013 and May 15, 2013. Prior to this, the website had received just over 5,700 visitors since tracking started on September 1, 2010. This translated to 6.3 visitors per day prior to February, and 19.1 visitors per day after the launch of the new site. That's 300% growth in website traffic in just three months! That's great exposure for the York Rite of Iowa, and Masonry in general!

In conclusion, with Companion Simser's effective communication, and the new website, the Joint Technology Committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Iowa is reaching out to both current Companions and potential Companions in new ways. Don't forget to get your local Chapter and Council events submitted at www.iayorkrite.org!

Respectfully submitted. Kurt Hoffmann, Chair

Rick McCampbell

Jay Cole Simser, PGHP

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M.: E.: David G. Klein Grand High Priest
R.: E.: Robert J. SeilerGrand Secretary

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters

M.: I.: Thomas E. H. Gruis Grand Master
R.: E.: Robert J. Seiler Grand Recorder

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

R.: E.: Terry L. Hudik..... Grand Commander
R.: E.: George J. Harrison Grand Recorder

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David Grindle General Grand Recorder

Grand Encampment Knights Templar

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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 $2013+4000=6013$

Scottish Rite: Add 3,760 to the common era, thus $2013+3760=5773$

Royal Arch: Add 530 to the present era, thus $2013+530=2543$

Royal and Select Master: Add 1,000 to the present era, thus $2013+1000=3013$

Knights Templar: Subtract 1,118 from the Christian era, thus $2013-1118=895$