



Grand Chapter of Florida

2022 Convocation

Reports & Resolutions

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

Compiled from the 2022 Convocation reports and resolutions

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Propose Budget 2022-2023

40000 INCOME		2022	Year2021 Actual	DIFF
40000		36,868	39,322	\$2,454
40001	Per Capita Interest			
40010	Exaltations			
40011	Other Interest		\$ 2.56	
40012	Other Income	\$10,474	11,833	\$1,359
40012	Other Income:Incorrect Payee		\$ 10.00	
40012	Other Income:Donations		\$ 150.00	
40012A	Other Income - Insurance Refund		\$ 1,031.00	
40020	Annual Convention	TBD		
40021	Grand Office Return	\$7,000	\$ 3,147.00	\$3,853
40022	Life-Perp Investment Withdrawal	TBD		
40030	Ritual Sales			
40050	General Admin Fund			
Total Income		\$53,796	\$55,496	\$1,700
10010 ALLOWANCES				
10011	Grand High Priest	\$ 3,000.00		
10012	Grand King	\$ 1,500.00		
10013	Grand Secretary	\$ 4,200.00		
10014	Jewel Apron & Case	1,000		\$500
10015	Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00		
10016	Grand Scribe	\$ 750.00		
Total Allowances		\$ 12,450.00		
10020 CHARITIES				
10022	Youth Charities	800	\$900	\$100
	split	D300 R300 JD200		
10023	Masonic Home	100		\$100
10024	Donation to GHP Charity (RARA)	400		
Total Charities		\$ 1,300.00		
10030 MEETINGS				
10031	Triennial	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000	
10032	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00		
10033	Summer Assembly	\$ 250.00		
10034	GHP SE Conference	\$ 250.00		
10035	Grand King SE Conference	\$ 250.00		
10036	Grand Scribe SE Conference	\$ 250.00		
10037	Grand Secretary SE Conference	\$ 84.00		
Total Meetings		\$ 3,084.00		
10040 GRAND CONVOCATION				
10040	Other	\$ 500.00		
Total Grand Convocation		\$ 500.00	\$ -	

10050 OFFICE EXPENSES				
10051	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00		
10052	Postage	\$ 600.00		
10053	Rent	\$ 4,000.00		
10054	Telephone	\$ 800.00		
10055a	MMS	\$ 600.00		
10056	Computer Expenses	\$ 150.00		
10057	Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00		
10058	Storage	\$ 460.00		
10059	Equipment Replacement	\$ 500.00		
10059a	Bond	\$ 155.00		
Total Office Expenses		\$ 7,915.00		
10060 PRINTING				
10061	General Printing Expense	\$ 500.00		
10062	Proceedings	\$ 1,000.00		
10065	Copier Maintenance	\$ 100.00		
10066	Printing Expenses			
Total Printing		\$ 1,600.00		
10070 SALARYS, STIPENDS & PAYROLL TAXES				
10073	Office Manager	\$ 9,000.00	\$6,750	\$2,250
10074	Office Temporary Help	\$ 1,000.00	\$750	\$250
Total Salaries, Stipends & Payroll Tax		\$ 10,000.00		
10080 TAXES				
10081	Florida Corporation Tax	\$ 61.25		
10082	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$ 9,000.00	\$8,523	\$477
Total Taxes		\$ 9,061.25		
10090 SUNDRY				
10091	Education & Training	350	\$200	\$150
10092	Awards	950	\$933	\$17
10093	Membership Services	\$ -		
10095	Insurance	\$ 50.00		
10096	Contingencies	\$ 2,070.00		
10096	Contingencies:DI Apron Cases		\$662	\$662
10090	Transfer to Life-Perpetual Checking	TBD		
10090	Transfer to Correct Payee		\$702	\$702
10099	Web Hosting	\$ 200.00		
Total Sundry		\$ 3,620.00		
10100 Miscellaneous				
10102	Bank Service Charges	25		
10110	Reserves	2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Miscellaneous		2,025		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 51,555.25		\$2,241

GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-2022

The investments under the oversight of the Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Edward Jones & Co., and presently total \$1,069,599 as of 31 March 2022, up from \$1,012,187 a year ago. This represents a (05.67%) NET increase in Grand Chapter invested assets, - after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and after the losses suffered in February and March of 2022. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$558,292 – vs. \$555,541 a year ago, for an increase of \$2,751, after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$594,157, vs. \$533,257 at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$60,900, or an 11.42% investment return. It is significant to note that our governing documents allow 75% of this annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, which could currently increase our available funds for charitable and necessary operating expenditures by \$45,675.

The original primary goal of the Administrative Account was to put the Grand Chapter in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita dues increases in the future, as this Fund grew. Instead of using these funds as originally intended, the funds have been allowed to accumulate, while significant Per Capita increases have been recommended and approved in recent years. During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account.

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$511,307 – vs. \$456,646 a year ago, for an increase of \$54,661, even after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year, and even after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual payments to constituent Chapters. This account has a target investment mix of 50% equities, and 50% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$516,434, vs. \$448,051 at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$68,383, or a 15.26% NET investment return, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank the Most Excellent James F Robertson, MEGHP, for allowing us to serve the Grand Chapter this past year.

Courteously and Fraternally,

David Rosenthal, Chairman
Wm. Lee Popham Sr., PHP
John D. Powell

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida



2022

Report of Finance Committee **2021-2022**

The budget for Most Excellent James F “Robby” Robertson was approved by the Craft during our 2021 Florida Grand York Rite Convention. This budget was largely based upon previous years budgets and expenses and income reflected their in. All monies expended fell within the budget dictates.

As much of the travel was somewhat restricted due to the lingering effects of the pandemic some expenses were less than a normal Capitular year.

This Committee was not called upon or any issues arise requiring our input.

We thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James F. “Robby” Robertson for allowing us to serve him and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida for the year 2021-2022.

Zealously Submitted

John F. Wermann MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC Chairman

Robert C. St John, Grand Treasurer, MIPGM Committeeman

Henry A. Adams, Rt. Excellent Grand Scribe, REPGC

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELATIONS
and
BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

The Masonic Relations and Blue Lodge Representatives Committee wishes to thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest James F. Robertson, for the privilege of serving on this important committee of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

The Committee has continued our efforts to bring further light to our Blue Lodge brothers, and have received good results. Two of the most prominent examples of our efforts for recruitment have been "Fervency and Zeal" and "Circumambulation". Both have been very successful in bringing more light to our Blue Lodges as well as increasing interest in York Rite.

Our Blue Lodge Representative Program, which began a couple years ago, encouraged each Chapter, Council and Commandery to establish a membership Team to "show our colors" in the Blue Lodges. Most of our Chapters are now visiting their lodges in Red Coats. Quite often the red coats will draw questions from non-York Rite brothers. This brings a great opportunity to improve or create better relations.

Fraternally,

Henry A Adams, Chairman
Charles Harper II

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida



2022

Youth Committee Report 2021-2022

The past two years have been very difficult time for our Florida Youth. The Pandemic with of its restrictions has taken its toll on everyone including our Masonic Youth. Having said that I have found our Youth strong and steadfast in their resolve keep their organizations moving forward.

Our DeMolay is active and very strong in their teachings of Courtesy, Reverence, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, Love of Family and Patriotism. The very first Chapter of DeMolay in Florida is the Paul Revere Chapter which was chartered in November 1920 and is still very active. Currently one of the most active Chapters not only in the State of Florida but in the Country. C Allen Pattison Chapter of Venice. From the oldest to the newest of the 23 chapters of DeMolay for Boys is continuing to be a positive influence on our young men and our Masons of tomorrow.

The Florida International Order of Rainbow for girls is continuing to operate under strong leadership and teaching Service, Honesty and Leadership. Encouraging all of our Young Women self-reliance, public speaking and self-confidence.

Job's Daughter's International is struggling despite its wonderful message and teachings. I believe there are three Bethels remaining active in Florida.

Thank you Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James F. "Robby" Robertson for allowing me to serve you, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and our Youth for the year 2021-2022.

Zealously Submitted
John F. Wermann MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC Chairman

THANKS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest James F. Robertson (Robby) and the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we express our thanks to Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Arthur Ahrens III (A.J.). We thank you for your dedicated and outstanding leadership during the past year.

We express our thanks to the Management and Staff of the Orlando Marriot at Lake Mary for making our Grand Convocation pleasant and enjoyable.

We also thank the Convention Committee and all the Companions and their Ladies who volunteered and graciously gave their time and efforts to allow this Grand Convocation to run smoothly and effectively.

To our Distinguished Guests that honored us with their presence – thank you for helping us with their presence – thank you for helping to make our Grand Convocation such a memorable occasion.

Finally, we thank the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter Line for their time and diligence in the performance of their duties.

The Committee on Thanks wishes to express our thanks to M.E. James F. Robertson (Robby) for allowing us to serve our Grand Chapter at his discretion.

R.E.C. Charles G. Harper II

Committee Chairman

CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Your Committee for the Capitular year 2021-2022 has had no matters referred to it during this term of office and therefore reports that it's action are complete.

I would like to thank Most Excellent Companion James F. Robertson, MEGHP, for allowing me to serve him as well as the Grand Chapter this year.

Respectfully Submitted

William R. Jacobs, MEPGHP, Chairman

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

Donations to our charity RARA unfortunately were down this year by 16%. Total contributions were \$16,957.25. Even more disappointing was the fact that only 21 out of our 31 chapters or 67% contributed when over the past several years we had worked up to almost 100% participation. Also, only 11 out of 31 chapters or 35% were at 100 % when again in the past we had almost all chapters at 100%. Even so Florida was first in donations by far in the Eastern section of the country and ranked third overall of all jurisdictions.

I can only think of two reasons for this. First, I think that Covid-19 has finally caught up with us. After two years we are weary and still trying to get our lives in order and have less time and energy to give to outside causes. Second, obviously the change in the award schedule, making 100% participation \$5 per man instead of \$1 per man is a tremendous increase, especially for chapters with large memberships.

Anyway this is the new reality and we need to look to new and better ways to raise money for RARA. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) are significant life challenges for the individuals affected and Autism Speaks and The Hearing Health Foundation, which are giving multiple research grants to study and treat these problems, depend on the funds we raise for them.

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$1.00 per member:

- Monroe No. 15
- Keystone No. 20
- Lakeland/Winter Haven No. 29
- Lake City No. 38
- Clearwater No. 45

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$2.00 per member:

- Florida No. 1
- Hallifax No. 5
- Jacksonville No. 12

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$3.00 per member:

- Gainesville No. 2
- Joppa No. 28
- Crestview No. 40

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$4.00 per member:

- St. Augustine No. 17

The following chapters donated or had donated in its name a minimum of \$6.00 per member:

- Eureka No. 7
- Eustis No. 33

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$8.00 per member:

- Mt. Horeb No. 6

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$11.00 per member:

- Tampa/Cushing No. 3
- Highlands No. 64

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$12.00 per member:

- Sarasota No. 35

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$13.00 per member:

- Jericho No. 11

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$18.00 per member:

- Melbourne No. 59

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$19.00 per member:

- Surf No. 57

Contributions were received from the following organizations and individuals: (over \$100)

- Winter Park Lodge No. 239 -----\$250
- Robert Eisenhardt -----\$500
- Richard Brooks -----\$100
- John B. Phelps York Rite College No. 31 -----\$100
- Order of the High Priesthood -----\$746
- Henry Jehan -----\$100
- A.J. Ahrens -----\$700
- Ed Mayfield -----\$100
- Otto Thiergart -----\$500
- Jerry Miller -----\$500
- Robert St. John -----\$1000
- James Robertson -----\$700
- Robert Phillips -----\$100
- Steve Steele -----\$1000

The following chapters have contributed 100% for a number of consecutive years. (Number of years in parentheses)

- Crestview No. 40 (18)
- Eureka No. 7 (25)

- Eustis No. 33 (6)
- Gainesville No. 2 (29)
- Highlands No. 64 (6)
- Jericho No. 11 (4)
- Melbourne No. 59 (9)
- Mt Horeb No. 6 (23)
- Sarasota No. 35 (34)
- Surf No. 57 (9)
- Tampa/Cushing No. 3 (4)

Remember gifts are tax deductible as we are a 501 (c) 3 organization. Individuals may contribute directly by check, by workplace giving with matching funds, or by smile.amazon.com, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of your total purchase to the charity of your choice. And your Chapter gets the credit. Another new idea which I liked a lot was the use of a challenge donation, whereby a companion makes a large donation and challenges his companions to match it. Also please consider RARA in your estate planning. All donations should be sent to me directly and I will forward them on so that you and your chapter will get the proper credit. If I have omitted giving credit to anyone or made mistakes I apologize in advance, as I try to keep as accurate records as I can so as not to offend anyone or group. If corrections need to be made please contact me. I wish to thank Most Excellent James F. Robertson for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in this capacity.

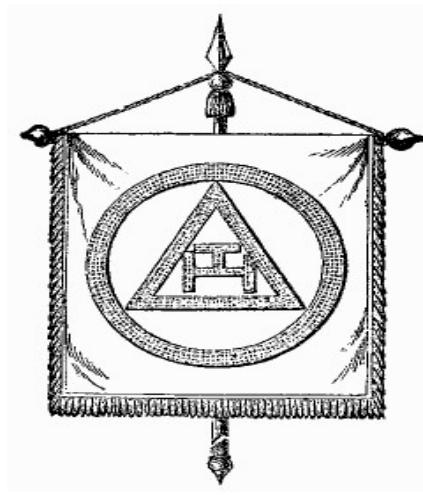
Respectfully submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.

Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, RAM of Florida

Deputy General Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons International Southeast Region

State Chairman RARA

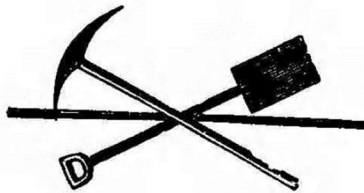


THE GRAND HISTORIAN LECTURE

“AMERICAN CINCINNATUS”

M.E. GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.

EX. GRAND HISTORIAN 2021-2022



THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA

MAY 17, 2022 A.D., 2552 A.I.



THE GRAND HISTORIANS LECTURE

“AMERICAN CINCINNATUS”

Compiled by Glenn E. Chandler, MEPGHP, MIPGM, KYGCH,
OPC

Ex. Grand Historian for Grand Chapter RAM of FLA 2021-2022
May 17, 2022 A.D., 2552 A.I.

Many of us already know quite a lot about George Washington, especially his role as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, as President of the Constitutional Convention, or being the first President of the United States. However, prior to all this, he was simply a Freemason from the Colony of Virginia.

If George Washington were to become a Mason today, a large edifice would be needed to accommodate the Brethren at his initiation. But on the evening of November 4, 1752, only fourteen men gathered in a small Lodge room in the village of Fredericksburg to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on a young gentleman farmer and surveyor, not yet twenty-one years of age. Four months later he was Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft and, five months after that date, on August 4, 1753, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Five months after Washington was Raised, the first unquestioned minutes of a Lodge recording the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree are those from the Lodge at Fredericksburg Virginia for December 22, 1753. Apparently the Lodge was acting under

immemorial right and probably following the custom of conferring the Royal Arch Degree in the Lodge as a fourth degree.

What opinion did he form of the Fraternity? In his own words he stated, “The Masonic lessons I learned on my admission to Masonry and my contact and conversation with prominent Masons thereafter were of the greatest encouragement in after years when I encountered and underwent several trials, especially those of commencement and during the Revolution.”

Many Americans aren’t aware of the many trials and hardships Washington faced as Commander of the Continental Army, much less that the American Revolution lasted for a period of eight long years. The quote that really says it all for me is the question he asked upon assuming command of the Continental Army early in 1775 and is, “Are these the men with which I am to defend America?”

The General was a keen judge of character; he knew how to “size a man up”. Accordingly he picked his aides carefully. Of the twenty-nine major generals on his staff, ten can be verified as Freemasons. Washington was essentially a man of action. He planned his campaigns in hours of deep reflection, upon which no intrusion was permitted. He was not a talker; he gave confidences to few; but mentally he rehearsed every part of his strategy-and everyone’s part in it until every possible

movement, with all that it might entail, stood out in bold relief in the background of his mind. Contingencies were provided for: accidents considered; the unexpected especially guarded against. His favorite strategy (learned from the Indians) was to catch the enemy by surprise. Because the Redcoats expected surprise attacks at dawn, he recommended midnight. “A dark night and even a rainy one will contribute to your success,” said the Old Fox to his staff at councils of war. He took great precautions to prevent any leakage of his plans. Even major generals were, until the very moment of action, kept in ignorance. He believed strongly in reliable intelligence reports and overcame his natural stinginess to pay well for them. Washington lived in fear of enemy spies but that didn’t keep him from setting up his own elaborate spy network to gather information and to spread misinformation. Throughout the war, he was his own intelligence director. He proved himself a master of the game, running as many as a half dozen spy rings in Philadelphia and New York, and constantly urged his generals to follow suit. More than once he permitted British spies to rummage among his private papers-which had been carefully “doctored” for the occasion; with the result of directing the enemy attention to quarters where it would be least likely to interfere with Washington’s projects. At Valley Forge, he manufactured documents in his own handwriting, full of returns from imaginary infantry and cavalry regiments. Even the famous Christmas

evening crossing of the Delaware River that led to the victory at Trenton was set into motion by a spy Washington had personally recruited to pose as a loyalist butcher. The disguise was so convincing that Washington had to issue an order protecting the wife and children of the man he described as a “notorious Tory.” The night before the crossing, Washington had spent Christmas Eve brooding over the state of an army dressed in tatters and preparing to leave him within the week due to enlistment expirations. He had come up then with the countersign for the attack on Trenton, and he issued it on the riverbank, to be passed along the ranks. It was “Victory or death.”

The logistics of the Trenton Campaign of 1776 had been turned over once again to Colonel Henry Knox, the Boston bookseller who had overseen the dragging of cannon from Fort Ticonderoga. Knox, who stood six foot three and weighed two hundred and eighty pounds, had a deep bass voice that carried over the roar of the Delaware. When the advance guard had reached the other bank and secured the landing site, Washington boarded one of the boats. Soldiers were amused that the sharp wind had turned his nose bright red. Otherwise, the optimistic mood of the march had given way to uneasiness. Few men were dressed for the bitter chill, and sleet was threatening to dampen their ammunition. But General Washington was determined to be cheerful. As he stepped over men to get to where Henry Knox was sitting he hailed him coarsely, at least in

Knox's version. Few men ever penetrated Washington's careful reserve, and as his every word quickly went the rounds, it was usually touched up in the retelling. His troops enjoyed hearing that on this night Washington had nudged Knox with the toe of his boot and said, "Shift that fat ass, Harry. But slowly, or you'll swamp the damned boat!"

Over the years I have read various articles that inferred that Washington considered himself such an aristocrat that he refused to shake hands but bowed instead. At the close of the Revolution, after victory was achieved the following event took place. At noon on Tuesday, December 4, 1783, his officers in New York held a farewell dinner for him at Fraunces Tavern on Pearl Street. When the General arrived, his men seemed to hold their breath. No one spoke. Washington filled his glass with wine and raised it. "With a heart full of love and gratitude," he began, "I now take leave of you." Washington wished for them that their days ahead would be as prosperous and happy, as the days behind them had been glorious and honorable. His officers took up their glasses. Then Washington said, "I cannot come to each of you, but I shall feel obliged if each of you come and take me by the hand." General Henry "Ox" Knox was nearest. As he grasped the General's hand, Washington's face was bathed in tears and they embraced silently. After that, each officer came forward and kissed Washington on the cheek. The only sound was weeping.

No one present that day was more eager for peace than Washington. At the age of fifty-one, he had spent the last eight and a half years in uniform. In all those years he had been home to Mount Vernon for only three days; since the Continental Congress had given him command of a rustic rabble in 1775, he had lived in 280 borrowed houses. His once-auburn hair had gone gray; pale and haggard, his cougar-like head was wrinkled from a decade of worry, struggle, and sadness.

Yet there was something calm in his features, and he was still imposing in the saddle. A giant for his time, a full head taller than most men, Washington's 209 pounds were spread over a taut six-foot-four-and-a-half-inch frame. Wherever he went, crowds gathered to see the ramrod-straight man on the tall warhorse Ajax. But Washington had endured enough of war, uniforms, and flattery. The hero worship from strangers displeased him. Too many of his best friends had died before this day. He only wanted to go home to Mount Vernon.

When George Washington died on the 14th of December in 1799 at the age of sixty-seven, he was laid to rest with Masonic Funeral Ceremonies. He had written his own epitaph 2 1/2 years previously. Simple and eloquent, it declares: "I Have Acted Upon the Square."

Companions, thank you for your attention.

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The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date July 6, 2021

Originating Body(s) Constitutional Review Committee

City/State/Zip Lake Mary, Florida 32746

Officer(s) Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman

TO: Grand Chapter X Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery _____

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter Appendix D

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery _____

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

Entire Appendix D deleted, D-1 through D-34

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Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter Appendix D, Pages D-1 through D-34

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery _____

NEW LANGUAGE

Deletion of Appendix D, and accordingly redesignating Appendix E to Appendix D; Appendix F to E, and Appendix G to F.

Effective date: June 1, 2022.

Reasoning: The red ritual book is the official designated authority for the Chapter ritual and degree work, and Appendix D

had numerous differences requiring legislation to change them. By removing Appendix D from the Constitution, the committee on work

can make necessary changes without having to go through the legislative process.

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2022-01

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date September 1, 2021

Originating Body(s) Constitutional Review Committee

City/State/Zip Lake Mary, Florida 32746

Officer(s) Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman

TO: Grand Chapter X Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery _____

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter Chapter sixteen-Subordinate Chapters, Consolidation and Merger

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery _____

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

Additional section to be added.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

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Grand Chapter Chapter sixteen, section 16.05

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery _____

NEW LANGUAGE

16.05 Notification of Grand Officers

The secretaries of the Chapters undergoing merger and/or consolidation shall notify the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary of their intentions and keep them up to date on their progress until completion of the said merger. To take effect May 18, 2022.

Reasoning- Obviously an act of this consequence is something the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary should be aware of.

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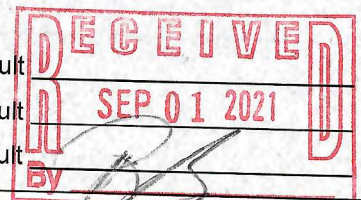
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2. The second section is the abstract, which provides a brief summary of the report.

3. The third section is the introduction, which provides background information on the topic.

4. The fourth section is the literature review, which discusses the work of other researchers in the field.

5. The fifth section is the methodology, which describes the methods used in the study.

6. The sixth section is the results, which presents the findings of the study.

7. The seventh section is the discussion, which interprets the results and discusses their implications.

8. The eighth section is the conclusion, which summarizes the main points of the report.

9. The ninth section is the references, which lists the sources used in the report.

10. The tenth section is the appendix, which contains additional information related to the study.

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Officer(s) John H. Donohoo

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LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

1.3.1 Short Form Opening- There is no provision for short form opening of Constituent Chapters.

In all cases the Constituent Chapter should be opened in the manner prescribed in the Ritual in

combination with the instructions provided in this book. (to be replaced with attached new

Section 1.3.1 and associated Short Form Opening Ritual attached herewith)

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NEW LANGUAGE

See attached new Short Form Opening Ritual

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SHORT FORM OPENING

[NOTE: - At all Convocations of the Chapter at which no degree work is to be exemplified, the full form opening shall be followed. But at Convocations when the Chapter is to be opened and degree work is to be exemplified, or at meetings where officers are to be installed, the following short form opening may be used unless otherwise ordered by the Grand High Priest or his representative. This short form opening deletes the rehearsal of duties of the officers.]

- 1 H.P.: (Standing) * Companions, I am about to open a
- 2 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and shall require your
- 3 attention and assistance. (H.P. seated.) * Companion R.A.C.,
- 4 you will see that the Sentinel is at his post, and invite in all
- 5 R.A. Ms. and close the door. (Done.)
- 6 R.A.C.: E.H.P., that duty is performed.
- 7 H.P.: * Comp. C. of H., are all present R.A.Ms.?
- 8 C. of H.: I will ascertain and report. * Comp. R.A.C., you
- 9 will ascertain if all present are R.A.Ms.
- 10 R.A.C.: (After making the necessary examination) Comp.
- 11 C. of H., all present are R.A.Ms. (R.A.C. is seated.)
- 12 C. of H.: E.H.P., all present are R.A.Ms
- 13 H.P.: Is there a constitutional number present to open a
- 14 Chapter of R.A.Ms.?
- 15 C. of H.: There are three times three.
- 16 H.P.: You will see that the outer courts of the Tabernacle
- 17 are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel that I am about to
- 18 open _____ Chapter No. _____, R.A.Ms., and
- 19 direct him to guard accordingly.
- 20 C. of H.: * Comp. R.A.C., you will see that the outer courts
- 21 of the Tabernacle are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel
- 22 that the H.P. is about to open _____ Chapter No. _____,
- 23 R.A.Ms., and direct him to guard accordingly.

(The R.A.C. goes to the door, opens it, and informs the Sentinel, closes door, gives battery *** ***, which is answered by the Sentinel in the same manner. R.A.C. returns to his station.)

24 R.A.C.: Comp. C. of H., the outer courts of the Tabernacle
25 are duly guarded.

26 C. of H.: E.H.P., the outer courts of the Tabernacle are
27 strictly guarded and the Chapter is duly tiled.

28 H.P.: Companion Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

29 **PRAYER**

30

31 Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we humbly
32 beseech thy blessing upon the purposes of our present
33 assembly. Grant us wisdom to contrive, strength to support
34 and the beauty of harmony to so administer the affairs of this
35 Chapter that all our doings may be acceptable in thy sight.
36 Amen.

37 Response: So mote it be.

(The above prayer or the Lord's Prayer may be used.)

38 H.P.: C. of H., it is my order that _____ Chapter No. ____
39 , R.A.Ms. be now opened for the dispatch of such business as
40 may regularly come before it. This order you will
41 communicate to the Companions for their government.

42 C. of H.: Companions, it is the order of the H.P. that _____
43 _____ Chapter No. _____ , R.A.Ms., be now opened for the
44 dispatch of such business as may regularly come before it.
45 Take due notice thereof, and govern yourselves accordingly.

46 H.P.: Together, companions.

(The D.G. and P.S. of the Royal Arch are given.)

47 Battery:

48 H.P.: *** *** *

49 K.: *** *** *

50 S.: *** *** *

51 H.P.: Companion Principal Sojourner, attend at the
52 Altar. (Done.) I now declare _____ Chapter No. __ , R.A.Ms.,
53 erected to God and dedicated to Zerubbabel, opened in form.
54 Comp. R.A.C., inform the Sentinel. (Done.)

(The P.S. displays Great Lights and returns to his station. R.A.C.
goes to door, gives *** *** *, answered by Sentinel in same manner.
R.A.C. opens door, informs Sentinel and returns to his station.)

55 H.P.: *

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LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

Addition of a 25 year and 40 year award ceremony.

Additional Ceremonies attached.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

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8.2.5 Twenty-Five, Forty, Fifty and Sixty Year Presentation Ceremonies:

8.2.4.1 Twenty-Five Year Presentation:

Presenting Officer: My Companions, this is a very special occasion for all of us as we will now honor a Companion who has reached a milestone in his Masonic life. He has wrought in our quarries and been a member of our noble craft for twenty-five years and his labors continue. The Royal Arch Captain will please present our distinguished companion at the Altar. *(See note)

As this is a most important occasion, let us look to our Heavenly Father above and invoke His divine blessing.

* * * (Calls up Chapter)

Chaplain: Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the gift of more than twenty-five years of Masonic service from this Companion. As we are honored with his presence here this evening we thank Thee for the companionship he has afforded, and for the precepts which he has upheld during this span of Masonic heritage. This we pray in Thy Holy Name. AMEN

Presenting Officer: *(See note) Companion Secretary, you will read the Masonic Record of our Companion. (The Secretary reads his record as a Royal Arch Mason and other Masonic records and honors if desired)

Our years are numbered, our tasks are many, our talents are varied; but during a lifetime, they will multiply many times when nurtured and cultivated in the fertile fields of service for the good of mankind. For twenty-five years you have had the heritage of Royal Arch Masonry entrusted in your care. You have worn with dignity the mantle of a society for which our forefathers were willing to risk their lives to keep pure and unsullied. You have demonstrated in your daily life the Tenets of Freemasonry.

Therefore, our communities, States and nation have been made better places in which to make our homes and rear our families because of the fact that you are a Royal Arch Mason.

*Note: This is a suggested ceremony and may be changed to suit the occasion. If the recipient is infirm or if he so desires, he may be seated in the East for the entire presentation. The Presenting Officer may wish to salute the Companion when he is presented in the East.

8.2.4.2 Forty Year Presentation:

Presenting Officer: My Companions, this is a very special occasion for all of us as we will now honor a Companion who has reached a milestone in his Masonic life. He has wrought in our quarries and been a member of our noble craft for forty years and his labors continue. The Royal Arch Captain will please present our distinguished companion at the Altar. *(See note)

As this is a most important occasion, let us look to our Heavenly Father above and invoke His divine blessing.

* * * (Calls up Chapter)

Chaplain: Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the gift of more than forty years of Masonic service from this Companion. As we are honored with his presence here this evening we thank Thee for the companionship he has afforded, and for the precepts which he has upheld during this span of Masonic heritage. This we pray in Thy Holy Name. AMEN

Presenting Officer: *(See note) Companion Secretary, you will read the Masonic Record of our Companion. (The Secretary reads his record as a Royal Arch Mason and other Masonic records and honors if desired)

Our years are numbered, our tasks are many, our talents are varied; but during a lifetime, they will multiply many times when nurtured and cultivated in the fertile fields of service for the good of mankind. For forty years you have had the heritage of Royal Arch Masonry entrusted in your care. You have worn with dignity

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the mantle of a society for which our forefathers were willing to risk their lives to keep pure and unsullied. You have demonstrated in your daily life the Tenets of Freemasonry.

Therefore, our communities, States and nation have been made better places in which to make our homes and rear our families because of the fact that you are a Royal Arch Mason.

*Note: This is a suggested ceremony and may be changed to suit the occasion. If the recipient is infirm or if he so desires, he may be seated in the East for the entire presentation. The Presenting Officer may wish to salute the Companion when he is presented in the East.

8.2.4.3 Fifty Year Presentation:

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Removal of signature requirements from the Installation Ceremony.

General language clean up and revisions.

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that he will address the Chapter at some later time. REMEMBER, it is the prerogative of the Grand High Priest, that he may conduct the ceremony from this point on in any manner he may desire.)

Regarding introductions, aside from these basic guidelines, the Chapter Officers should remain sufficiently flexible to reasonably accommodate the wishes of the visiting dignitaries.

8.2.4 Open Installation Ceremony

The Grand-Installing Marshal should see that the Officers are wearing the proper apron of the office in which they are to be installed, before presenting them back of the altar, with the High Priest in front of the others and directly west of the altar.

Installing Officer: Companion ~~Ex-GrandInstalling~~ Marshal, you will present the officers elected and appointed WEST of the altar for installation.

Grand-Installing Marshal: ~~M.E. Grand High Priest(Most or Right)~~ Excellent Companion Installing Officer, I present before you the High Priest and other officers of this Chapter who are ready for installation.

Installing Officer: (Calls up Assembly ***) ~~Ex-GrandCompanion~~ Installing Marshal you will open the Holy Bible. (done)

I.O.: My Companions, as Masons we are taught never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the Blessing of Deity. I would, therefore, ask that everyone rise while our ~~Excellent-GrandCompanion Installing~~ Chaplain leads our devotion.

Chaplain: Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on these Companions who are to preside over this Chapter. Fill their hearts with Love, that their tongues may pronounce Thy Glory. Make them steadfast in Thy service; grant them firmness of mind; animate their hearts and strengthen them, O Lord, and bless the work of their hands. Accept us in mercy, Hear Thou from Heaven, Thy dwelling place, and forgive us our transgressions. Amen. (Response: So mote it be.)

Installing Officer: You will now unite with me in giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. (Seats assembly except members.)

Installing Officer: You behold before you these worthy Companions who have been chosen to serve as the officers of this Chapter for the ensuing year, and now declare themselves ready for installation. Before being inducted into their respective stations, it will be necessary that they assume the oath of office.

I.O. Each of the chosen officers will, therefore, place his right hand over his heart, say I, pronounce his name, and repeat after me; I, _____, do promise and swear, that I will serve this Chapter, in the office to which, and for the term I have been chosen. That I will perform all the duties appertaining thereto to the best of my ability. That I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, and the Bylaws and Rules of _____ Chapter, So Help Me God.

(Seat Assembly) *

Marshall: (Most, Right) Excellent ~~Grand High Priest~~ Companion Installing Officer, I have the pleasure of presenting to you, and through you to the Companions and guests here assembled, Companion _____ Full Name _____, who has been elected to serve this Chapter as Excellent High Priest for the coming year.

I.O. My Companion, previous to your investiture as High Priest of this Chapter, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to those Ancient Charges and Regulations which point out the duty of a High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals and promote the happiness of your Companions who have attained the Sublime Degree?

2. That you will never permit your Chapter to be opened unless there shall be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons?

3. That you will never permit more or less than three Brothers to be Exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?

4. That you will not Exalt anyone to this Degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a reasonable proficiency in the preceding Degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the General and State General Officers?

6. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnity of our ceremonies, and behave in open Chapter with the utmost profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions?

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been Exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formerly healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and resign the Chair to them, severally, when they visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida?

12. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

Answer: I do.

Installing Officer: Excellent Companion, the office of High Priest, to which you have been chosen, is a highly honorable estate, hallowed by time and the laws and customs of our ancient and noble order.

Your reputed Masonic knowledge precludes the necessity of any enumeration of the duties incident to this high station to which your Companions have elevated you.

I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you will add the strength of their endeavors to yours, and will support your exertions to the best of their abilities.

I now present to you the Holy Bible, the great light in all Masonry, which will guide you to all truth, direct your paths to the Temple of happiness and point out to you the whole duty of man.

I also present to you the Charter under authority of which this Chapter is held. At no time should it be out of your immediate control. This you are carefully to preserve and duly transmit it to your successor.

(Insert personal remarks as desired.)

Companion Grand-Installing Marshal, you will invest the High Priest with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his station.

(After the High Priest has been conducted to his station, call up Assembly.)***

Installing Officer: E.H.P., I also present to you this Appendix D of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida, containing information compiled by the Committee on Work. This you are to study and inform your Companions of the information contained therein. I also present to you this Book of Essentials and a copy of the Key Lecture ~~and admonish you to, immediately after this installation, sign the card that your Secretary has, that it may be returned to the Committee on Ritualistic Materials.~~

Companions and friends, I present to you Excellent Companion Full Name, who has been chosen to preside over this Chapter for the ensuing year. I find him to be skilled in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have every confidence that he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity.

(Seat Assembly)*

Installing Marshal: [Presents King.]

Installing Officer: Companion _____, as King of this Chapter, you are to second and support your chief in all the requirements of his office, and should circumstances at any time prevent his attendance, you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties. Your office teaches a sterling lesson in humility. The institutions of political society teach us to consider the King as chief of the political state, and that the first duty of his subjects is to obey his mandates, but the institutions of our sublime Degrees, by placing the King in a position subordinate to that of the High Priest, teaches us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim priority of our obedience to man; and that however strongly we may be bound to obey the laws of civil society, yet those laws, to be just, should never interfere with matters of conscience, nor dictate articles of faith. You are entitled to the second seat in the Council of your Companions, and the Ex-Grand Installing Marshal will now invest you with the jewel of your office and conduct you to your station.

I now present to you this Appendix D, a copy of the Essentials and the Key Lecture. ~~—, Please please see your Secretary, sign for these and~~ duly transmit them to your successor.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Scribe).

Installing Officer: The office of Scribe to which you are chosen, is very important and respectable. In the absence of your superior officers, you are to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The emblem with which you are about to be invested is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end, you should, by all means in your power, endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all Orders and Degrees of Masonry. the ~~Ex-Grand~~ Installing Marshal will now invest you with the jewel of your office and conduct you to your station.

I now present you this Appendix D, a copy of the Essentials and the Key Lecture, please ~~see your Secretary, sign for these and~~ duly transmit them to your successor.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Treasurer, ~~—, or if~~ in case of re-election of the Treasurer, suitable remarks may be made.)

Installing Officer: Companion _____, you have been elected Treasurer of this Chapter. It is your duty to receive all moneys from the hands of the Secretary, keep just and regular account of the same, and pay them out by order of the High Priest and the consent of the Chapter. I trust your regard for the Fraternity will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office. The ~~Ex-Grand~~ Installing Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Secretary.
~~—, (I, in case of re-election of the Secretary, suitable remarks may be made.)~~

Installing Officer: Companion _____, you have been elected Secretary of this Chapter. It is your duty to observe all the proceedings of the Chapter; make a fair record of all things proper to be written; receive all moneys due the Chapter and pay them over to the Treasurer of this Chapter. Your good inclination to Masonry, I hope, will induce you to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing, you will merit the esteem and applause of your Companions.

The ~~Ex-Grand-Installing~~ Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents the Captain of Host)-

Installing Officer: Companion _____, the office with which you are entrusted is of great importance, and demands your zealous consideration. Your office corresponds with that of Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies. You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and, as the world can only judge us of our private discipline by our public deportment, you should be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always be near at hand to see them duly executed.

The ~~Ex-Grand~~Installing Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Principal Sojourner)-

Installing Officer: Companion _____, the office confided to you, though subordinated in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your chief, alone, excepted. Your past exertions can be considered as a pledge of your future assiduity in the faithful discharge of your duties, and so your Companions regard and can look forward with complete confidence to the zeal with which you will perform the work of your station.

The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~You will now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents the Royal Arch Captain.)

Installing Officer: Companion _____, the duties of Royal Arch Captain require little in the way of elucidation to you, as your past performances have left no doubts in the minds of your Companions, of your knowledge and abilities. It is your province conjointly with the Captain of the Host, to attend to the examination of all visitors, and to take care that none are permitted to enter the Chapter, but such as have evidenced their title to our favor and friendship. I give it to you strictly in charge, never to permit anyone to pass your post who have not so satisfied you.

The Installing Marshal will now invest you ~~_____ You _____ will~~
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Master of Third Veil). |

Installing Officer: Companion _____, you have already exhibited those capabilities which have lead to your advancement to this important station. Although subordinate in degree, you must never minimize the importance of the duties with which you are charged, and should ever be conscious of the fact that the efficiency with which your Companions administer the duties of their offices are likewise dependent upon the faithfulness and ability which you display in the discharge of yours.

The Installing Marshal will now invest you ~~_____ You _____ will~~
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Master of the Second Veil). |

Installing Officer: Companion _____, as Master of the Second Veil, you have advanced another station in the line of officers of this Chapter. May you continue to exhibit the zeal which you have displayed in the work of our Order, and may you continue to reflect the friendship and benevolence which is so closely associated with our Order.

The Installing Marshal will now invest you ~~_____ You _____ will~~
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents the Master of the First Veil). |

Installing Officer: Companion _____, as Master of the First Veil, you have entered officially upon the work of the Chapter. May the ability which has caused your selection to this position of honor among your Companions enhance, rather than diminish your zeal, and may you move forward to the councils of this body in the years to come.

The Installing Marshal will now invest you ~~_____ You _____ will~~
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Chaplain). |

Installing Officer: Companion _____, as Chaplain of this Chapter, the discharge of your duties faithfully and regularly will have much to do with the orderly procedure of the meetings. Your office is, therefore, of great importance to the Chapter, and from your well known abilities and energy, I am confident that the duties of your office will be well and faithfully discharged.

~~The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~ ~~You~~ ~~will~~
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Sentinel)-

Installing Officer: Companion _____, as Sentinel of this Chapter, the first application from visitors is generally made to you. Your friendliness and affability in greeting them is well known and reflects creditably upon the welcome which we desire to extend to those who seek our hospitality. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel, *(Sword should be at base of altar and presented by Ex. Grand Marshal at this time. Installing Officer should pause momentarily while sword is placed in hands of Sentinel.)* to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so it should admonish us to set a guard over our every thought, a watch at our lips, post a Sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought or deed, and preserving conscience void of offense toward GOD and man.

The ~~Ex. Grand~~Installing Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Now my Companions, due to the nature of our institution, some, of necessity, must rule and govern, while others must, of course, submit and obey. The Officers chosen to preside over this Chapter are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the rules of Order to avoid exceeding the power with which they are entrusted, while you are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment. I trust, therefore, that you will have but one aim, to please each other and unite in that grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Companion ~~Grand~~Installing Marshal, you will make the proclamation.

Installing Marshal: In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, I proclaim the Officers of _____ Chapter, Number _____, duly installed.

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Revisions to the Past Masters Degree section for clarity.

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Marshal then passes from the N end of the semi-circle to the S end, then to the S.D. and Candidate, asking _____.

2.1.4 Obligation Reminders

LEARN correct Due Guard and Sign.

LEARN the true Grip.

At Obligation, Companions shall form two lines, one on either side of the Altar, from E to W.

2.2 Robes

When this degree is conferred in robes, the R.W.M. does not, at any time, remove his crown during prayers, Obligation, Traditional Law or Charges.

If this Degree is not conferred in robes, when the time arises for The Traditional Law, the R.W.M. removes his hat. Whether or not the Degree is conferred in robes, the R.W.M. goes to the Altar and reads the Law from a small Bible. The R.W.M. always stays E of the Altar and the Great Lights are never disturbed.

2.3 Large Classes

2.3.1 Classes Composed of Less Than Six

In classes of under six, all Candidates shall participate in all floor work and all shall kneel at Altar for Obligation.

2.3.2 Classes Composed of Six or More

In classes of over five, one Candidate may be used for the whole class, balance of class to be seated, preferably on the NE side line. Except that all Candidates must be received and all Candidates must receive the Obligation at the Altar.

In classes of over five, only one Candidate needs to have Cable-Tow.

At Obligation, in classes of over five, place one Candidate at the Altar kneeling, balance in even lines from N to S, standing with right hand over heart.

There should be adequate Bibles available for the SD and assistants to use after the Obligation.

3. PAST MASTERS DEGREE

3.1 General Decorum

In conferring this degree, there should be no levity or horse play. All work should be performed in a very solemn manner.

3.2 Floor Work

SD (after preparing candidate, enters without alarm, placing candidate in west facing east). (Past Master Candidate uses Master Masons Apron).

Each Candidate MUST be inducted into the Oriental Chair, including the receiving of the jewel, crown, and gavel. (Seat the Candidate one time). However, it is not necessary for the R.W.M. to give his explanations to each, only to the last one.

After induction into the chair, Candidates should be placed on the NE side of the Lodge. Last Candidate should receive jewel, crown and gavel with R.W.M. giving explanation through line 5, page 51. Then, taking Candidates by the hand, passes other Candidates, asking them to join hands, and leads them W of the Altar and leaving them, (preferably in a semi-circle) goes to E side of the Altar, where he begins with line 6, page 51.

3.3 Obligation Reminder

At the Obligation, lines will be formed by the Companions on either side of the Altar, from the E to W.

3.4 Ritual Modification

Insert the following ritual into the General Grand Ritual; page 47, after Rubric, between lines 2 and 3 prior to presenting the candidate before the altar in the west.

S.D. recites -- My Brothers: The Past Master s Degree, unlike all other degrees of Freemasonry, sheds no light upon itself. It was formerly conferred only on Masters of Lodges, to instruct them in the duties they owed the Lodges over which they were called to preside, and likewise the duties of the Brethren to the Chair; but we, as Royal Arch Masons, confer this degree, not only as a preliminary step, but also for the more important purpose of guarding us against a breach of our Masonic Obligations. The conferring, at this time, of a degree which has no historical connection with the other Capitular degrees is an apparent anomaly, which, however, is indebted for its existence to the following circumstances:

Originally, when Royal Arch Masonry was under the government of Symbolic Lodges, in which the Royal Arch Degree was then always conferred,

it was a regulation that no one could receive it unless he had previously presided as the Master of that or some other Lodge, and this restriction was made because the Royal Arch was deemed too important a degree to be conferred only on Master Masons. But, by confining the Royal Arch to those only who had been elected as the presiding officer of their Lodges, the extension of the degree would have been materially circumscribed, and its usefulness greatly impaired and the Grand Master often granted, upon due petition, his dispensation to permit certain Master Masons to (although not elected to preside over their Lodge) Pass The Chair, which was a technical term, intended to designate a brief ceremony, in which the candidate was invested with the mysteries of a Past Master, and, like him, entitled to advance in Masonry as far as the Royal Arch, or the perfection and consummation of the third degree. When, however, the control of the Royal Arch was taken from the Symbolic Lodges and entrusted to a distinct organization--that, namely of Chapters--the regulation continued to be observed, for it was doubtful to many if it could legally be abolished, and as the law still requires that the August degree of Royal Arch shall be restricted to Past Masters, our candidates are required to Pass The Chair simply as a preparation and qualification towards being invested with the solemn instructions of the Royal Arch.

Your receiving this degree confers upon you no official rank outside of the Chapter. The honors and peculiar privileges belonging to the Chair of Symbolic Lodges are confined exclusively to those who have been duly elected to preside over and govern such Lodges, and who have been called Actual Past Masters, whereas, those who receive the degree in the Chapter are termed Virtual Past Masters, for, although they are invested with the secrets of the degree, yet they are not entitled to the rights and prerogatives of Actual Past Masters.

The brief explanation is made in order that you may understand why this degree is being conferred upon you, and you permitted to preside as Master in the Chair.

S.D. (Continues) Advance on the step of an EA, give the due guard and penal sign, advance on the step of a FC, give the due guard and penal sign, advance on the step of a MM, give the due guard and penal sign, advance on the step of a Mk M, give the due guard and penal sign, advance (SD continues with line 4, page 47 of the Ritual). (SD should inspect each step, due guard and sign, and correct if necessary).

S.D. (At command of R.W.M., page 49, line 34, conducts Candidates toward the East, but on the South side of the Lodge, having Candidates in a line from East to West, and facing East.)

R.W.M. It is proper, at this time, that you be instructed how to use the gavel. One rap (demonstrates), calls the Lodge to attention, abates all discussion in process at that time, restores order during confusion and moderates' decorum. Two raps (demonstrates) calls up the Craft for devotions, to honor dignitaries and such other usage s as prescribed by Masonic Law. (Craft arises). One rap at this time seats the Craft. SD conducts Candidate to the R.W.M. (R.W.M. continues with ~~line 35, page 49~~ jewel investiture on page 49 of the ritual). He should remove his Jewel, by removing his hat with right hand and Jewel with left, then investing candidate--only a regulation Master s Jewel should be used).

R.W.M. (Continues with Ritual ~~to line 2, page 50, and presents through presentation of the~~ Gavel on page 50. At this time there should be confusion, this confusion should consist only of shuffling of feet.) After confusion, R.W.M. continues with---

You have witnessed the force contained in the Master s Gavel. You have also observed how confusion can be controlled by the Master when a Lodge is convened.

When the Master first used the Gavel in opening the Lodge, he was saying, in effect, by Virtue of the Authority in me vested--by election and installation--I now take possession of this Lodge and this possession remains with me during my tenure of office.

Complete obedience to the Gavel is one of the ancient customs of our Order. Rarely, if ever, is it questioned, and when it is--that Brother stands in a position of being requested to leave the Lodge room. His refusal to respond makes him liable to Un-Masonic Conduct and Trial. When that brother was raised to the Sublime Degree, he assumed its obligations and responsibilities--which he never relinquished as long as he is a Mason.

A Master, in his Lodge, has complete jurisdiction. He may refuse a motion, declare a Brother out of order, limit debate or permit it, declare a Lodge at recess, and many other things, all with the Gavel.

No Master may pay a higher tribute to a Brother than to hand him the Gavel, as we have entrusted to you. The fundamental duty of a Master is the peace and harmony of the Lodge. His success depends upon how he uses the Gavel. How important it is, then, that he use this great power sparingly and with a hand of justice to all Brothers.

~~R.W.M.~~ The Gavel is the symbol of Authority. This symbolism began in the E.A. degree. It is one of two simple instruments, the twenty-four-inch gauge and common gavel. However, the Speculative Mason is taught not to smooth and polish the marble for the Builder s use, but to cleanse and purify his heart from every vice and imperfection that would render it unfit for a place in the Spiritual Temple of his body.