

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland
May 10, 2008 **Rockville, Maryland**

Executive Summary of the first Semi-Annual Convocation

The MEGHP, ME Comp. Royce R. Johnson, opened the Grand Chapter in Ample Form.

Twelve of Nineteen Chapters were in attendance; 27 voting members were present including seven Past Grand High Priests

The Proceedings, containing the record of the May 8, 2007 Grand Convocation, are in the hands of the editor being compiled into a master Compact Disk for reproduction.

The Report the Grand Secretary: Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP
Additions – 75 Exaltations, 72 Re-instates and additions by corrections;
Deletions – 46 Deaths, 7 Demits, 41 Suspensions, 12 removed by correction
Membership 3/31/2007 = 1590 **Membership 3/31/2008 = 1624**

There were no Amendments to the Grand Chapter Constitution to be acted upon.
There was no Unfinished Business to be considered for the 5/9/2007 Grand Convocation.

Grand Lecturer's Report: Patrick A. Curtis, Gr.Lec.
Due to the ever declining participation in the Summer Schools of Instruction, and in consideration of the time of those who have supported these schools in the past, these schools will be cancelled for Summer 2008. There will be Schools of Instruction during the active portion of the Capitular Year, to be held at various Chapter Locations around Maryland, on that Chapter's regular Convocation Night.

Report of the Grand Treasurer: Donald M. Miller, REGTreas
The Grand Chapter enjoyed a profitable year due to our investments, though the coming year shows all signs of being less fruitful in terms of income from our holdings.

Report of the Finance Committee: Marion F. Rickard, PGHP
The financial records of the Grand Chapter have been review and found to be accurate and well kept. The net gain from operations is a combination of the first regular transfer of funds from the Trustees, and the strict management of the various operational line items.

The 2008 - 2009 Budget was drawn with strict attention to the Income of the Grand Chapter. The single major increase was the expense item for the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and the require travel allowance for the Officers required to attend by Grand Chapter Constitution. Because of the projected shortfalls in investment income the funding of many highly desirable programs and improvements were left off the budget until that income is restored.

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Report of Multi-Jurisdictional Festival Committee

Louis F. Bandell, Jr. REGK

The 2007 M^JF was held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria Va. The Grand Chapter of MD conferred the Mark Master Degree. There were seven MD candidates in the class that day.

The 2008 M^DF will be hosted by the Grand Chapter of Delaware in Wilmington, DE, on October 4, 2008. Hospitality and Reservation from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. The degree conferrals will begin promptly at 9:00 and continue until 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served after the MEM Degree, costing approximately \$12. Please ballot upon candidates you wish to present on this occasion, and have Chapter Pennies and Mark Cards available. Car pooling will be available leaving from White Marsh Mall Park & Ride in Balto. area, and elsewhere as needed.

The 2009 M^JF is intended to return to Maryland.

Report of Time & Place Committee

Louis F. Bandell, Jr. REGK

The Grand Chapter accepted the report of this committee to establish the 2009 York Rite Grand Sessions to be held at the Clarion Inn at Aberdeen, MD on the weekend being Friday, October 23 and continuing through Sunday October 25, 2008. Room rates will be \$89.00 per night plus the usual taxes, meals will be determined. All meetings and hospitality will be on site. Programs will be confirmed for the enjoyment of the local area. The same proposal has been successfully adopted in all three Grand Bodies.

2008 York Rite Grand Sessions

Royce R. Johnson, MEGHP

The YR Grand Sessions will be held beginning Friday, October 24 and continuing through Sunday October 26, 2008 at the Best Western Hotel in LaVale, MD (just west of Cumberland, MD) with program meeting, luncheons and banquets at the Ali Ghan Shrine Temple in Cumberland, MD. Details will be mailed out in early July in a Call to the Sessions and brochure of events and activities.

General Grand Chapter Announcements:

Vernon H. Huebschman, PGHP - Ambassador

The Triennium of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will be held in Indianapolis, IN from August 24 -27, 2007. Two proposed amendments were read. One of these would increase the General Grand Assessment from \$0.35 to \$1.00. The other issues did not directly affect this Grand Chapter's operations. Forms are available from the Grand Secty or on the General Grand Website

Beginning with this Triennium, PGHP Vernon Huebschman will serve as District Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast District, and Gen. Grand Captain of the Hosts.

The Northeast Regional York Rite Conference will be held in Albany, NY beginning Friday, September 5 & 6, 2008. Forms are available from the Grand Secty or online through the General Grand Chapter website.

Motions acted upon and passed:

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REGK Bandell pointed out that the Grand Inspectors Aprons and Jewels were all missing at this time. A motion was passed that an effort would be made during the next six months to recover the paraphernalia from the last groups of GI's, and that a fund would be available to replace the collars and jewels from those found lacking up to about \$2500.

Another motion was passed to underwrite the Grand Commandery's Youth Day at Hershey Park in the amount \$500.00

Elections of Officers for the 2008 - 2009 Capitular Year

The following were elected to serve this Grand Chapter in their respective offices:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest	Comp. Louis F. Bandell, Jr. (Phoenix No.7)
Right Excellent Grand King	Comp. Robert B. Lumbert (Concordia No.1)
Right Excellent Grand Scribe	Comp. Robert H. McWilliams (Harward No. 29)
Right Ex.Grand Capt. of the Hosts	Comp. R. Joseph White (Ithiel No. 27)
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer	Comp. Donald M. Miller (Druid No. 28)
Right Excellent Grand Secretary	Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman (Druid No. 18)
Trustee, 2011	Comp. James B. Coker (St. John's No.19)

The Annual Grand Convocation will be held in Cumberland on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Cumberland MD at the Ali Ghan Shrine Temple.