



***THE  
GRAND YORK RITE  
OF NEBRASKA  
2018***

*Proceedings of*

***GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS***

***APRIL 6, 2018***

*held at  
Kearney, Nebraska*

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**THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION WILL BE HELD  
AT RIVERSIDE EDGE - COLUMBUS, NE  
APRIL 5, 2019**

DAVID A. SHAW  
151ST GRAND HIGH PRIEST



David Shaw was born in Colorado in 1960 and spent his formative years there. Upon joining the United States Air Force in 1980, he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska as a computer programmer. After his honorable discharge from the service and having seen “The Good Life” up close for four years, he and his wife Marcella decided to stay in Nebraska and bring up a family.

He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Omaha’s Mizpah Lodge #302 in March of 2004 and became a member of the Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite, Tangier Shrine, and the York Rite in that same year. He was appointed an officer in his Blue Lodge in 2005 and served in each chair successively from Junior Steward through Master, where he presided in 2011. He earned his individual proficiency card from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 2016. He has served in a number of capacities at Tangier Shrine including on the Appointed Divan as Captain of the Guard and as First Ceremonial Master. He was Chief of the Tangier Keystone Kops in 2007, and has, since 2006 served as the Editor of the Hot Sands, the monthly magazine of Tangier. A member the Omaha area York Rite Bodies, he is a Past High Priest of Omaha Chapter #1 Royal Arch Masons, Past Illustrious Master of Omaha Council #1, and member of Mt. Calvary Commandery #1.

He currently serves as Program Director of the 520th Software Maintenance Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, leading sustainment activities on software supporting Minuteman III ICBM warfighters. Having served on active duty for four years and some three decades as an Air Force Civil Servant, he is a patriot who is very proud to have served our great nation and will be forever thankful to the brave men and women who have secured and continue to preserve our liberties.

He is the very proud father of Laura and David, grandfather of McKenzie and Kennedy, and is very lucky to have been married to his awesome wife Marcy for 39 years.

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH CONVOCATION  
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA - APRIL 6, 2018**

The One Hundred Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at the Younes Convention Center, Kearney, Nebraska, on Friday, April 6, 2018.

The opening of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was done by the Omaha Chapter No. 1 and Florence Chapter No. 61, Companion Anthony Johnson, King of Omaha Chapter No. 1 presiding. Before the Grand Chapter was opened, Comp. David Shaw, M.E. Grand High Priest, was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. The remaining Grand Officers were introduced and took their respective stations.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS PRESENT**

Comp. David Shaw, 1 ..... M.E. Grand High Priest  
Comp. Brett R. Bennett, 3..... R.E. Grand King  
Comp. Jonathan Paz, 61 ..... R.E. Grand Scribe  
Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, PGHP, 6..... R.E. Grand Treasurer  
Comp. Dennis Newman, 61 ..... R.E. Grand Secretary  
Comp. Joseph Charbonneau, 1 ..... R.E. Grand Chaplain  
Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, 61 ..... R.E. Grand Lecturer  
Vacant ..... E. Grand Captain of the Host  
Comp. LaVern Work, II, 3..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
Comp. Lucian Smith, 3 ..... E. Grand Master Third Veil  
Comp. Daniel Marr, 61 ..... E. Grand Master Second Veil  
Comp. Mervyn Moeller, 6 ..... E. Grand Master First Veil  
Comp. Thomas Michaelson, 6 ..... E. Grand Sentinel  
None..... E. Grand Musician  
Absent: Michael Jones

### RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The following Past M.E. Grand High Priests were introduced by the R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest and welcomed by the M.E. Grand High Priest and given Grand Honors.

M.E. Comp. Keith J. Herbster, 6.....	112 <sup>th</sup>	1978
M.E. Comp. Jay H. Speck, 3.....	Hon.	1994
M.E. Comp. James N. Karnegis, 1.....	130 <sup>th</sup>	1996
M.E. Comp. James A. Clark, 17.....	135 <sup>th</sup>	2001
M.E. Comp. John T. Parsons, 61.....	137 <sup>th</sup>	2003
M.E. Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, 6.....	139 <sup>th</sup>	2005
M.E. Comp. Ronald D. Grass, 24.....	142 <sup>nd</sup>	2008
M.E. Comp. Jerry F. Bepalec, 17.....	143 <sup>rd</sup>	2009
M.E. Comp. James F. Brown, Jr, 6.....	144 <sup>th</sup>	2010
M.E. Comp. Steven R. Barchus, 1.....	145 <sup>th</sup>	2011
M.E. Comp. Edward W. Nolte, 61.....	146 <sup>th</sup>	2012
M.E. Comp. Donale E. Rife, 35 .....	149 <sup>th</sup>	2015
M.E. Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, 61 .....	150 <sup>th</sup>	2016

Absent were: M.E. Companions Gail Axen, Kirby Hunt, Marlin D. Palasek, 6 & 1, Bryan Lee, 3, Mervin W. Titchen, 15, Edward I. Morrow, F. Wayne Bowman, Robert Wunder, 6, Theodore Johnson, 6, Steven C. Smith, I, 1.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following Distinguished Companions were received, welcomed escorted to the East, and given their Respective Honors and a hearty welcome.

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa***

M.E. Comp. Stephen G. Libby, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. Dennis E. Boehmer, Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. James A. Fischer, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
E. Comp. Gene Hatfield, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host  
R.E. Comp. Wade E. Sheeler, Right Excellent Grand King

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota***

M.E. Comp. Marvin W. Schendel, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
E. Comp. Carl F. Lidstrom, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

#### ***Grand Chapter of Missouri***

E. Comp. Jerry L. Miles, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota***

E. Comp. Ervin Alspaw, Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil  
M.E. Comp. George Bauder, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary  
M.E. Comp. Richard McBride, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. Roger H. Hansen, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

R.E. Comp. Jon Gonsor, Right Excellent Grand King  
E. Comp. Bruce Crisman, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner

***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming***

R. E. Comp. Harry L. Furrey, Right Excellent Grand King

***Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska***

M.I. Comp. Donald E. Rife, Most Illustrious Grand Master

***Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska***

Sir Knight Frank L. Borden, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander

***Appendant Bodies of Nebraska***

Comp. Keith J. Herbster, Past Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine

Comp. James F. Brown, Jr., Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine

Comp. Ronald Grass, Grand Governor, York Rite College

Comp. Robert L. Williams, Past Grand Governor, York Rite College

Comp. Jerry Bespalec, Puissant Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, Shiloh Conclave  
of Nebraska

Comp. Edward W. Nolte, President Elect of National Sojourners

Eminent Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

***General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International***

M.E. Comp. Teko A. Foly, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe and personal representative of  
James H. Hodge, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest

M.E. Comp. Richard McBride, Right Excellent General Grand Deputy General Grand High  
Priest, North Central Region.

M.E. Comp. Edward W. Nolte, Ambassador to Nebraska

M.E. Comp. John T. Parsons, Right Excellent Past Deputy General Grand High Priest, North  
Central Region.

***Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska***

Right Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Stites, Grand Senior Warden and personal representative of  
M.W.B. Patrick D. Barger, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of  
Nebraska

Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Master

The Right Worshipful Brother Stites brought greetings and shared the activities of the Grand  
Lodge. He concluded by thanking the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for all the courtesies  
afforded him and wished for him a most successful Grand Convocation.

**PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARDS**

2010	Ilah Anderson	Judy Bsepalec
2011	Corene Herbster	Sally Bunnell
	Marilyn Twining	Kay Clark
	Melva Nicholson	T. Joyce Grass
	Katherine Nehls	Mary E. Williams
	Diane V. Brown	Joanie Jones
	Marcia Michaelson	Dona Hurst
	Diane Wunder	Sherry Popovitz
	Connie K. Smith	Kathe E. K. Barchus
	2012	Elizabeth Charbonneau
2013	Wendy Johnson	

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

*Comp. Daniel Marr*, of Florence Chapter No. 61, Papillion. the recipient of the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

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**RECIPIENTS IN NEBRASKA  
OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *1951 Fred G. Christensen, 11   |                                |
| *1952 William Chuda, 60         | *1985 Clyde A. Stratton, 54    |
| *1953 Welcome W. Naylor, 48     | 1986 Gordon C. Wassell, 60     |
| *1954 Ralph R. Koken, 37        | *1987 Frank H. Smith, 65       |
| *1955 Earl W. Dean, 60          | *1988 Jugurtha W. Coulter, 65  |
| *1956 Roy W. Becker, 30         | *1989 C. Vernon Hovendick, 24  |
| *1957 Ralph Crockett, 39        | *1990 Clifford M. Case, 48     |
| *1958 John J. Smith, 1          | 1991 Edward A. Brenneis, 24    |
| *1959 Elmer G. Englehorn, 54    | 1992 Thomas A. Clark, 3        |
| *1960 Russell F. Richmond, 64   | 1993 Ray E. Gaymon, 21         |
| *1961 Thomas O. McFarland, 65   | *1994 Lyle D. Spencer, 64      |
| *1962 Leonard J. Owen, 6        | *1995 Howard D. Blatchford, 33 |
| *1963 William B. Wanner, 5      | *1996 Merle P. Hayes, 37       |
| *1964 Percy L. Erixson, 10      | *1997 Maynard Tatelman, 1      |
| *1965 Robert W. Boon, 11        | *1998 Cecil L. Ristau, 64      |
| *1966 Carl E. Hallgren, 42      | *1999 Otto F. Kloke, 26        |
| *1967 Gordon Streblow, 51       | 2000 Lawrence L. Morris, 21    |
| *1968 R. Clare Johnson, 24      | *2001 William A. Cox, 1        |
| *1969 Arthur P. Starkjohann, 63 | 2002 Jerry F. Bsepalec, 17     |
| *1970 Floyd W. Miles, 64        | 2003 Norvald C. Nielsen, 61    |
| *1971 Curtis M. Maynard, 21     | 2004 Gale R. Carel, 10         |
| *1972 Paul L. Toombs, 60        | 2005 Paul J. Redwine, Jr., 10  |
| * 1973 Joe L. Wilson, 1         | 2006 Jay H. Speck, 3           |

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *1974 Loren J. Stevens, 15  | 2007 Arthur S. Dye, 21         |
| *1975 Winfield B. Kurtz, 61 | 2008 Robert L. Williams, 21    |
| 1976 Wm. W. Cook, Jr., 10   | 2009 Anthony J. Johnson, 61    |
| *1977 Dale C. Wilson, 1     | 2010 Michael E. Jones, 12      |
| *1978 J. Chris Peterson, 65 | 2011 Edgar A. Bredmeier, 3     |
| *1979 Wm L. Walker, 6       | 2012 William K. Stone, 1       |
| 1980 Dale Sigman, 11        | 2013 Jerald D. Verbeek, 8      |
| *1981 Joseph Hoffman, 8     | 2014 James Gansemer, 3         |
| *1982 Kenneth O. Smith, 64  | 2015 James Karnegis, MD,Phd, 1 |
| *1983 V. Edward Arnold, 5   | 2016 Arthur R. Stricker, 65    |
| 1984 William Vieth, 61      | 2017 Walter Johnson, 15        |
|                             | 2018 Daniel Marr, 61           |

\*Denotes Deceased

**DALE L. MACE MEMORIAL  
OUTSTANDING SECRETARY-RECORDER AWARD**

This is to confirm and certify that Edward Raper of Livingston Chapter No. 10 of Beatrice, has been chosen as the outstanding service to the York Rite. This award was presented at the Grand York Rite Banquet.

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**RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING  
SECRETARY-RECORDER AWARD**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| *1995 Glenn M. Parks    | 2008 James Gansemer |
| 1996 William C. Boon    | 2009 David Portwood |
| 1997 Richard L. Vlach   | 2010 Brett Bennett  |
| *1998 William A. Cox    | 2011 John Lippert   |
| *1999 James O. Thone    | 2012 Carl Highman   |
| 2000 Robert L. Ferguson | 2013 Bryan Burrows  |
| *2001 Donald O. Bickham | 2014 Jay Speck      |
| 2002 Joseph E. Manes    | 2015 Bob Williams   |
| *2003 Roger L. Galusha  | 2016 Phil Lyons     |
| 2004 Joseph E. Manes    | 2017 Gail Axen      |
| 2005 Donald L. Grazier  | 2018 Edward Raper   |
| 2006 All of Them        |                     |
| 2007 Joe Belden         |                     |
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\*Denotes Deceased

**PRESENTATION OF BANNERS**

Euphrates Chapter No.15 of North Platte won the Lewis E. Smith Banner for the greatest number of exaltations, with Four (4) exaltations and Tadmor Chapter No. 37 of Superior won the banner for highest percentage of gain in membership.



### **SPECIAL PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATIONS**

A representative from the following chapters came forward with a check for RARA:  
*Hastings Chapter No. 21, Florence Chapter No. 61, Omaha, King Cyrus Chapter 35, McCook*

### **GRAND CHAPTER R.A. M. BUSINESS MEETING**

The M.E. Grand High Priest requested the R.E. Grand Secretary to call the roll of the constituent Chapters, two chapters were not represented, Signet Chapter No. 8 and Oregon Trail Chapter No. 65, Gering. This being a constitutional number present, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was declared open for the regular order of business.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES**

The Order of Business will be as shown in the printed program for the Convocation, or as may be revised by the Grand High Priest. The committee further recommends:

1. The business meeting shall be conducted by “MASONIC TRADITION”, not by “Robert’s Rules of Order”.
2. The Grand High Priest shall appoint a *Parliamentarian for the Annual Convocation*. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Grand High Priest as to rules and procedures in conducting the business of the Convocation.
3. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the podium at the Grand Secretary’s table unless otherwise directed by the Grand High Priest.
4. All Proposed Amendments must be submitted to the Grand Secretary in writing prior to the close of the Annual Convocation. If unanimous consent is denied, it shall lay over until the next Annual Convocation. One of the signers of any Amendment brought to the floor for discussion shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
5. Dais Officers may speak from the East on any motion, resolution, committee report, or other matter. Members of the Grand Chapter may speak from the microphone near the Grand Secretary’s desk. In order to obtain the floor, a member first must be recognized by the officer presiding, and then state his name and Chapter before addressing the Grand Chapter.
6. No Companion shall speak more than twice on any motion or other matter unless permission is granted by the officer presiding. The order in which members shall be recognized to speak shall be determined by the officer presiding.
7. Time limits for speaking on any item of business may be imposed if the officer presiding so announces.
8. When the Grand Chapter is considering the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand High Priest, the Grand High Priest shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee then shall announce the position of that Committee. Discussion shall then be opened, with the Grand High Priest permitted to speak, followed by members of the Grand Chapter.
9. The method of voting on any item of business shall be determined by the Grand High Priest or other officer presiding.
10. Questions of procedure not provided for by the Grand Chapter Constitution and/or Bylaws, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand High Priest.

Fraternally Submitted

*Dennis A. Neuman*, Grand Secretary

Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Nebraska

It was moved and seconded these rules be adopted. Motion carried.

#### **BALLOT BOX**

The **Grand High Priest** declared the ballot box opened and appointed the following Companions to serve as tellers: M.E. **Companion Steven Barchus (1), Chairman, M.E. Companion Anthony Johnson and Excellent Companion Carl Highman (61).**

The **Grand High Priest** introduced M.E. **Companion John Parsons** who will serve as parliamentarian for the business meeting.

#### **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

The R.E. Grand Secretary was requested to call the roll of the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. All were present except: Companions Arthur Stricker, Fred C. Way, Jr, William B. Coker, James Batten, William Parrish, Donald E. Rassmussen, Winfield Barber, Don Monnette, Donald C. Kemper, Tim Wroot, Gale Carel, Mervin Titchen, Edward I. Morrow, Steven C. Smith, I, Randall Hart, Gail Twining, Clifford I. Morrow, Alvin Benemerito, Alexander Murray, Sam Harmer, Jr., Joseph G. Smith, Daniel Scarborough, Arthur S. Dye, Jeffrey Wunder, Dale W. Anderson & Gerald Gleason.

#### **HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS, SCRIBES AND SECRETARIES**

The M.E. Grand High Priest invited the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Secretaries from the constituent chapters that were present to approach the east facing west. They were greeted by the M.E. Grand High Priest and given a hearty welcome.

#### **GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS**

Welcome to the 151<sup>st</sup> convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. I wish to thank each of you for being here, and for taking time out from your busy schedules to attend and participate in this important gathering. Your dedication and devotion to Royal Arch Masonry show that Capitular Masonry is alive and well in Nebraska.

On that note, I take this opportunity to report that during my travels this year and through many conversations with Nebraska members and those of other jurisdictions, I have uniformly found a level of dedication to and care for Royal Arch Masonry that augurs well for the future. Although our membership numbers continue to diminish, it is at a slower pace than previously. I am not saying that our numbers will grow by leaps and bounds, but I am here to say that Royal Arch

Masonry will continue. The dedication and commitment to our cause which is evidenced by our members will ensure that.

I thank the grand officers who have served with me this year. I have received helpful and meaningful advice and encouragement from each of them, and am certain that they will serve our Grand Chapter well in the years to come. We are in good hands, Companions.

During the year I was able to make the following visitations: the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, Grand Conclave of the Order of DeMolay in Nebraska, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota, the North Central York Rite Conference, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and constituent chapters in Crete, Omaha, Plattsmouth, Lincoln, North Platte, and Beatrice. Needing to supply this report at the end of February, I cannot report on other Chapter visitations I have planned for March, but will update my list of visitations orally at our Grand Chapter session. I gave dispensation to Omaha Chapter #1 to move their charter to Kearney, Nebraska for the purpose of opening this Grand Chapter session. I did not receive any by-laws to approve for Chapters during the year, nor did I receive any further requests for dispensation.

Lastly, I wish to thank my wife, best friend, and helpmeet Marcy for her support, not only during this past year, but for four decades of love, encouragement, and partnership.

Fraternally Submitted,

**David A. Shaw**

David A. Shaw

Grand High Priest 2017-2018

I move for adoption of this report and that it be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.

### REPORT OF THE R.E. GRAND SECRETARY

I would like to thank everyone for the support I received during my first year as your Grand Secretary. A special thanks to Doc and Jeanne Karnegis and Bruce Anderson for all their help and support in maintaining the records. As this is my first year as Grand Secretary I want to thank all the Grand Officers and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their patience and their support as I learn the job. I appreciate help and guidance that I have received.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The Grand Chapter issued Multi-Year pins to the following Companions in the year of 2017:

Donald Kay	Occidental No. 48	11/30/66	50 yr	08/10/17
Joseph Manes	Livingston No. 10	10/06/56	60 yr	08/14/17

Jerry Bepalec	Mt. Zion No. 17	09/21/66	50 yr	08/14/17
Marvin Kyes	Hastings No. 21	03/10/67	50 yr	10/10/17
Charles Putman	Euphrates No. 15	03/10/67	50 yr	10/14/17

### GRAND CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

		Chapter	
	TOTAL	Proposed- 2017	Actual- 2017
	Starting Balance	\$2,870.40	\$3,864.07
	<b>Receipts</b>		
401	Dues	\$14,000.00	\$15,316.75
402	Fees	\$500.00	\$650.00
403	Reinstatements	\$50.00	\$50.00
404	Bond Premium	\$100.00	\$163.25
405	Charities	\$700.00	\$880.34
406	Sale of Supplies	\$500.00	\$137.50
407	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
408	Annual Grand Session	\$4,500.00	\$4,888.94
410	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00	\$3,257.99
412	Investment Redemptions	\$0.00	\$0.00
414	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,466.95
	Total	\$21,550.00	\$26,811.72
	<i>Total plus starting balance</i>	\$24,420.40	\$30,675.79
	<b>Disbursements</b>		
451	Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
452	Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,500.00	\$5,124.27
453	Triennial	\$300.00	\$300.00
454	Grand Secretary Salary	\$5,234.40	\$4,654.56
455	Grand Secretary Travel	\$288.00	\$28.08

456	Treasurer Travel	\$150.00	\$139.35
457	Bond Premium & Fidelity	\$216.00	\$494.64
458	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00
459	Personal Property Insurance	\$936.00	\$1,265.71
460	Supplies for Resale	\$540.00	\$0.00
461	Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$216.85
462	Equipment Replacement	\$50.00	\$100.61
463	Postage	\$600.00	\$484.73
464	Rent	\$1,160.00	\$1,065.60
465	Telephone	\$300.00	\$370.49
466	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00	\$3,300.00
467	General Grand Dues	\$1,800.00	\$1,708.00
468	Philanthropies	\$500.00	\$880.34
469	Magazine Expense	\$2,200.00	\$2,018.76
470	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$100.00	\$30.03
471	Youth	\$300.00	\$324.00
472	Memorials	\$20.00	\$0.00
474	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$800.00	\$969.82
476	Utilities	\$150.00	\$471.85
478	Workman's Comp.	\$126.00	\$110.16
479	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$1,116.00	\$1,057.45
480	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1564.72
	Total	\$24,386.40	\$28,180.02
	Receipts less Disbursements	\$34.00	\$2,495.77

**GRAND YORK RITE OF NEBRASKA  
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

**GRAND YORK RITE ENDOWMENT  
Joint account of all three Grand York Rite Bodies**

Grand Chapter	\$57,856.39
Grand Council	\$51,427.90
Grand Commandery .....	\$51,427.90

Morgan Stanley Account Value Dec. 31, 2017 .....\$160,712.20

**YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND**

Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2016.....	\$4,785.56
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Interest Earned	\$3.28
Funds transferred .....	\$1419.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$1422.80
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1603.00
Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2017 .....	\$4,607.81

**ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL & MEMORIAL FUND  
(DR. CHARLES F. & MATTIE BAKER)**

Balance in Bank of West, Dec. 31, 2016.....	\$8687.53
<i>Interest Earned</i> .....	\$6.55
<i>TOTAL Receipts</i> .....	\$6.55
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
<i>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</i> .....	\$0.00
Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2017	\$8694.08

**CHAPTER RETURNS**

All but one chapter has submitted their reports and paid fees. Nine (9) Chapters failed to have an exaltation this year compared to Four (4) last year.

***Number of Chartered Chapters, December 31, 2016 ..... 16***

Number Exalted .....	12
Number Admitted .....	1
Number Reinstated .....	3
<b>TOTAL GAIN .....</b>	<b>16</b>

Number Demitted .....	0
Number Died.....	22
Number Suspended .....	55
<b>TOTAL LOSS .....</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>NET LOSS .....</b>	<b>61</b>

Number of Royal Arch Masons, December 31, 2016..... 807

Number of Royal Arch Masons, December 31, 2017..... 746

***Number of Chartered Chapters, December 31, 2017 ..... 16***

Fraternally,

*Dennis A. Newman*, R.E. Grand Secretary

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

It is my pleasure to present the proposed budget for the calendar year 2018.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2018</b>
Starting Balance	<b>\$2,644.70</b>
Receipts	
401 Dues	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
402 Fees	<b>\$500.00</b>
403 Reinstatements	<b>\$50.00</b>
404 Bond Premium	<b>\$100.00</b>
405 Charities	<b>\$700.00</b>
406 Sale of Supplies	<b>\$500.00</b>
407 Interest	<b>\$0.00</b>
408 Annual Grand Session	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
410 Perpetual Life Membership	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
412 Investment Redemptions	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

414	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Total	\$22,050.00
	<b><u>Total plus starting balance</u></b>	<b>\$24,694.70</b>
	Disbursements	
451	Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00
452	Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,500.00
453	Triennial	\$300.00
454	Grand Secretary Salary	\$5,634.00
455	Grand Secretary Travel	\$288.00
456	Treasure Travel	\$150.00
457	Bond Premium & Fidelity	\$216.00
458	Transfers	\$0.00
459	Personal Property Insurance	\$936.00
460	Supplies for Resale	\$540.00
461	Office Supplies	\$300.00
462	Equipment Replacement	\$50.00
463	Postage	\$600.00
464	Rent	\$1,160.00
465	Telephone	\$300.00
466	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00
467	General Grand Dues	\$1,800.00
468	Philanthropies	\$500.00
469	Magazine Expense	\$2,200.00
470	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$100.00
471	Youth	\$300.00
472	Memorials	\$20.00
474	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$700.00
476	Utilities	\$0.00
478	Workman's Comp.	\$126.00
479	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$1,116.00
480	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Total	\$24,536.00
	Receipts less Disbursements	\$158.70

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Ron Grass*, Chairman



## LEGISLATION

1. Resolution for an Elected Jurisprudence Committee. Laid over until the 2019 Session

## CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS

Did not meet. No Report.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Shaw*, Chairman

## CODIFICATION OF THE LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

### **Codification of Law Report Grand Chapter 2017-2018**

The codification for the Law committee has received nothing for the committee to review or any questions brought up to the committee.

V/R

*Steven R. Barchus*, Chairman

Codification of the Law Committee

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

There has been nothing reported to the Committee on your organizations activity for the year 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

*Robert E. Wunder*, Chairman

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully makes the following report to the Grand Session held in Kearney, Nebraska on April 6, 2018.

11 Grand Officers were present

12 Past Grand Officers were present

All constituent bodies were represented except Signet Chapter No. 8 and Oregon Trail #65.

19 Out of State Officers and Visitors

50 Ballots Issued

72 Registered

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank D. Smutny*, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

## DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS REPORT

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions:

With referrals of the Dispensations and By-law Changes of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address to the jurisprudence Committee and referral of the report of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary to Budget and Finance Committee. The doing of the Grand Officers committee approves the remainder of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address and commends him, and the Right Excellent Grand Secretary and Grand Chapter Officers on their best efforts for the benefit and their representation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronald D. Grass*, Chairman

## ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions all:

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve on this committee along with Ex Comp Jay Speck. It is a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with old friends and companions from neighboring Grand York Rite jurisdictions, as well as meeting new visiting companions. We also have the pleasure of welcoming other distinguished Masonic visitors from Nebraska, including Grand Lodge officers, representatives from the Shrine Centers and Scottish Rite Valleys across the state, ladies from the Order of the Eastern Star and Social Order of the Beauceant, and from our youth groups.

At the last Grand Session, we had 76 guests in attendance. We hope to see another good crowd at our upcoming session in April.

John T. Parsons

Jay H. Speck

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

## FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

I have reviewed several Grand Jurisdiction proceedings and all seem to have the same problems – declining members and struggling with finances. Some are trying different approaches but the results are not conclusive at this time.

Many jurisdictions are now placing their proceedings either on CD's or on their websites for others to view. This is a substantial savings although it does not always get the word out to the membership.

It is always enjoyable to see what others are trying and their success or failure.

Fraternally Submitted:

*Bruce T. Anderson*, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Jurisprudence Committee for Grand Chapter met on 5 April 2018 to review the actions reported and address for the presiding Grand High Priest Most Excellent Companion Dave Shaw. The first three paragraphs of the address were the opinion of the Grand High Priest. The fourth paragraph covered the out of state visits and visits by the Grand High Priest to other annual events of fraternal or youth group bodies.

Overall the address of the Grand High Priest was accepted and approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee request that this report be approved and recorded in the Annual Convocation proceeding.

*Anthony T. Johnson*

Past Grand High Priest

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **GRAND LECTURER REPORT**

It was my pleasure to represent the Grand Chapter and you as your Grand Lecturer again this year. Though I did not do much traveling this year I know from past years of traveling as the Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master that the majority of the Chapters have trouble performing opening and closing of Chapters and the proper procedures for receiving the Grand High Priest. This is largely due to the fact that Chapters have problems getting enough Companions to open or close. If Chapter/Capitular Masonry is going to survive in Nebraska, Chapters have to practice the basics of opening and closing or they will never be able to perform degree work or attract members. If new Chapter Masons cannot gain the further knowledge we promised in their initiation and we only bring them together for boring meeting or call them to a meeting we cannot conduct because of lack of participation then we will not keep them as members.

In looking at exalting new members, we had three successful Chapter Festivals in the Omaha and North Platte areas. The Chapters in Lincoln and Plattsmouth continued to show initiative in doing degree work on their own and conferred Mark Master and past Master Degrees. It would really be great if all the Chapters as mentioned above would work on the basics and work on conferring at least these two degrees and then we could hold quick festivals in centrally located areas to complete the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

We are still in need of more active Assistant Lecturers to review opening and closing at a minimum with the Chapters because there is no way on a consistent basis for the Grand Lecturer to get around or be close enough to help all Chapters in the state. I appreciate the work of those assistant lecturers who have assisted their Chapters this year, but maybe the time has come to re-establish the Grand Chapter Assistant Lecturers and again work on conducting schools to train these lecturers if we can get participation and some excitement from the Chapters to attend the schools if scheduled. If we are going to improve our ritual capability then these lecturers really

need to do quarterly reports at a minimum concerning their efforts to visit chapters and improve the Grand Chapters capability to do degree work across the state. The goal would be to balance the assistant lecturers out over the state and really work on ritual work in all the Chapters. If the Chapters are to continue and grow at all we will also need to implement visits to assigned Chapters like Blue Lodges and determine Chapter's ability to open and close.

The following Chapters will receive certificates for Degree Work and Opening and Closing. I received no information from the Grand High Priest concerning receiving Grand Officers at the time of this report.

The following Chapters should receive Certificates for doing Degree Work

Omaha Chapter #1

Plattsmouth Chapter #3

Lincoln Chapter #6

Florence Chapter #61

Chapters who need Certificates for Opening and Closing

Omaha Chapter #1

Plattsmouth #3

Lincoln #6

Florence Chapter #61

*Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson*

Grand Lecturer

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

While there are some things fantastic about membership, and having new members come into an organization, there are some things about this report that grieve me. I see new members excited about the degree work, and wanting to participate within the local Chapters. They are energized and want to contribute. They often times take offices and start the journey up the chairs.

If this excitement continues, then they eventually become High Priest of their respective Chapters, and maybe even into a state leadership position.

That being said, there are many of you who are so apathetic about York Rite and Masonry in general that you and the members of your respective lodges and chapters do nothing.

You watch year by year as your members die off and do nothing. You may come to the Grand sessions of these groups, and want to vote on legislation, but are you even worthy? When was the last time you or any member of your Chapter brought someone into Lodge or Chapter? For about half of our Chapters in the great state of Nebraska it would be none for the past 10 years.

This is disgraceful. In the last 10 years we have not replaced our dying members, we have not even replaced our suspensions. When you add this up we see a continuing downward spiral.

There are some Chapters that do degree work on a regular basis and for this I applaud you. But even these Chapters do not have positive growth. We need to retain what we have, and replace the ones that die plus a few.

It would be wonderful if every member replaced himself in the year to come. I know that though this is not too much to ask that this will not happen. So, here is the challenge. Each Chapter should bring in 5 new members. This should not be hard. We need you to bring 5 new members to your lodge, and then bring them into chapter. In 2002 we had over 1800 members in the state. Today we have 939 members in the state.

It does not take a rocket scientist to see what is going to happen if we do not get busy on membership. While things like Shrine Clubs are fun, and a great thing to have access to, I would hate to see our organization diminished to the point of being nothing more than a small club that you can join to possibly learn something about York Rite ritual. Let's not become a footnote in the history of masonry in the state of Nebraska.

To do this we need to work together. If you have candidates and need help, ask. If you do not know how to get members ask for help. If you do not want help, and refuse to do it on your own let us know. I am sure we can arrange for you to become a footnote in the minutes of Grand York Rite in Nebraska. It is time to get back to work gentleman, or shut the light off and stop pretending that you care about this great organization.

Respectively Submitted,  
*Comp. Steven R. Barchus, PQHP*  
Chairman - Membership

#### **ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL & MEMORIAL FUND**

M.E. Grand High Priest, distinguished guests, Officers & Companions:

This fund, commonly known as the "Baker Fund" is to be used to promote Education and memorials among the Royal Arch members. It has grown considerably for the past several years by the magic of accumulating interest. (See the Financial Report) There have been no requests for use of this fund for a number of years, including the 2011 - 2015 calendar year.

**ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL & MEMORIAL FUND**  
**(DR. CHARLES F. & MATTIE BAKER)**

Balance in Bank of West, Dec. 31, 2015.....	<b>\$10,041.35</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b> .....	<b>\$10.04</b>
<b>TOTAL Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$10.04</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
<b>Purchase of Collars</b> .....	<b>\$1363.86</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b> .....	<b>\$1363.86</b>
Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2016	<b>\$8687.53</b>

Respectfully Submitted  
*Arthur R. Stricker*, Chairman

### GRAND CHAPTER NECROLOGY REPORT

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason of Nebraska:

Some of the most beautiful words in Masonry are that the young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not how soon. We are often surrounded by the imagery of mortality. Tolkein called the doom of mortals a good thing because it makes life the valuable, the more vibrant. It teaches us to cherish each other. Faith teaches us to fear not what lies beyond, for the creator and maker of all things travels always with us, as the psalmist said, "lo though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou are with me."

We walk with our companions and commend them in their time, into the hands of the creator. In the last year, we have so handed 20 of our companions into the higher lodge above, where the noontide of bliss eternally shines, where the adoration of the twelfth hour is everlasting joy to be received by the Supreme Master of the Universe.

Death Date	Last Name	First Name	Chapter
01/30/17	Wood	Curtis O.	1
02/06/17	Jones	Jeffrey D.	8
02/13/17	Finnell	George	15
02/18/17	McNally	Webb	100
03/09/17	Reh, Jr.	William, J.	61
05/09/17	Irelan	Virgil E.	48
06/01/17	Wheeler	Keith E.	3
06/12/17	Sutton	Ellis	35
06/30/17	Bucy, Jr.	C. Earl	24
07/02/17	Ray	Robert	24
08/26/17	Hasemeyer	William	37
09/11/17	Scott	Emmett	21
9/23/2017	Meyer	William	21
09/25/17	Meisinger	Leland	3
10/20/2017	Lowe	Robert	15

10/24/2017	Veskerna	Earl	18
10/24/2017	Mleynek	Loren	1
12/4/2017	Hinzman	Herman	6
12/22/2017	Swihart	Lloyd	37
12/29/2017	Martin	Kenneth	35

We extend our fraternal love to those companions and their families, and we are comforted in the knowledge that standing before the supreme white throne, they have been met with those words, "Well done good and faithful servant" and we are confident they have entered into the joy of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Charbonneau*

Excellent Grand Chaplain

#### PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Companions:

The PLM Committee is charged with investing the funds generated by the purchase of perpetual life memberships by members of the three bodies that compose the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. The Committee consists of nine members. Three of whom are elected by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, three elected by the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, and three elected by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. Currently, the funds are invested through the Garlock Group of RBC Wealth Management. Quarterly Reports are reviewed and an annual meeting is held to review the investment portfolio and make necessary changes. The PLM Committee presents the results of investment decisions made during the 2017 year in the accompanying tables.

#### *PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR 2017*

Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2016	\$ 223,565.51
ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2017	<u>3,080.00</u>
Withdrawals for 2017 Distribution	<u>6,706.97</u>

Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception	<u>\$ 215,062.46</u>
Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2017	\$ 257,950.35
Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2017	\$ 223,565.51
Increase in Fund Value During Year 2017	<u>\$ 34,384.84</u>
Percentage increase in Fund Value During Year 2017	<u>15.38%</u>

***DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT INCOME GENERATED IN YEAR 2017***

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,974.68	38.44%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2,048.38	26.47%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	<u>\$ 2,715.44</u>	35.09%
Total Distributions	<u>\$ 7,738.50</u>	

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> Two new PLM purchased during 2017.

<sup>2</sup> One new PLM's purchased during 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Two new PLM purchased during 2017.

***TOTAL NUMBER OF PLM'S BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017***

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>NUMBER LIVING</u>	<u>NUMBER DEAD</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DEAD</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska	151	493	644	74.55%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska	126	386	512	75.39%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska	<u>122</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>489</u>	75.05%
Total Members	<u>399</u>	<u>1246</u>	<u>1642</u>	

***HISTORICAL ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END-OF-YEAR FUND VALUES***

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUND VALUE</u>
2007	\$ 5,347.65	\$ 122,643.84



2008	\$	5,066.21	\$	104,796.40
2009	\$	4,665.70	\$	123,256.89
2010	\$	4,535.42	\$	134,582.38
2011	\$	4,340.84	\$	139,095.01
2012	\$	3,935.30	\$	153,345.18
2013	\$	6,637.88	\$	187,794.23
2014	\$	4,688.33	\$	199,842.96
2015	\$	5,000.00	\$	193,918.88
2016	\$	6,706.97	\$	223,565.51
2017	\$	7,738.50	\$	257,950.35

***PLM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016***

At the 2015 meeting of the Perpetual Life Membership Committee, the following distribution policy was adopted:

**The annual distribution of PLM funds to Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Cryptic Masons, and Commanderies of Knights Templar in Nebraska is a target rate of three (3) percent of the PLM ending account value as of December 31 of each calendar year. The target rate could be adjusted annually (either positively or negatively) based on the PLM fund's annual return and a decision of the committee. RBC Wealth Management should maintain approximately \$7,000 in cash at the end of each calendar year to allow for the annual distribution.**

**There were no changes in the distribution policy at the 2017 meeting for the PLM Committee. The fund performed well again this year. Consequently, the PLM Committee voted to continue the 3% payout, resulting in a distribution of \$7,738.50 to the bodies comprising the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. Buzz Garlock, our Financial Advisor, suggested we continue to rebalance the portfolio with more of it being in fixed income positions. The rise in the stock funds left us at 12% in fixed income funds, and last year the PLM Committee agreed on a target of 25%. The PLM Committee voted to move \$25,000 from the S & P stock fund into the two bond funds after two good years of performance, so we view this decision as taking some of our profit out our stock funds into bonds.**

The December 31, 2017 asset allocation mix for the PLM fund is as follows:

RBC Bank Deposit Program	\$ 9,009.91	4%
Cash and money market	665.56	0%
US equities	134,923.72	52%

International equities	55,153.93	21%
Fixed income	<u>58,197.23</u>	<u>23%</u>
<b>Current account value</b>	<b><u>\$ 257,950.35</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

The asset details for investments other than the RBC Bank Deposit Program and Cash and money markets are as follows:

#### US Equities

- Growth Fund Amer Inc Cl C (GFAX) \$20,379.65
- Spdr S&P Dividend ETF (SDY) \$21,258.00
- Washington Mut Invs Fd Inc Cl C (WSHCX) \$93,286.07

**Current US Equities Value \$134,923.72**

#### International Equities

- Capital World Growth & Income Fund Class A (CWGIX) \$ 6,244.11
- Capital World Growth & Income Fund Inc CL C (CWGCX) \$15,433.95
- Euro Pac Growth Fund CL C (AEPCX) \$ 6,485.44
- Euro-Pacific Growth FD CL A (AEPGX) \$26,990.43

**Current International Equities Value \$55,153.93**

#### Fixed Income

- Loomis Sales FDS II \$24,632.26
- Loomis Sayles Investment (LSIIX) \$16,888.11
- Metropolitan West FDS Total Return BD FD CL I (MWTIX) \$16,676.86

**Current Fixed Income Value \$58,197.23**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Chairman:** James F. Brown, Jr.

**Chapter Members:** Edward W. Nolte, Reginald S. Kuhn, and Michael E. Jones

**Council Members:** James F. Brown, Jr., Walter W. Johnson, and Anthony T. Johnson

**Commandery Members:** Donald E. Rife, James A. Carlton, and Fred Way, Jr.

**Ex-Officio:** Dennis A. Newman and Bruce T. Anderson

### **PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CHAPTERS**

To preserve Chapters, the Eastern College #138 of York Rite Sovereign College of Nebraska has supported two specific activities. First, we have invited all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons to bring their candidates to Omaha, where Florence Chapter #61, with support from Omaha Chapter #1, will perform all four degrees—Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason—on their candidates. This work is performed by proficient York Rite Masons, four of whom hold the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International Medal in recognition of their proficiency. The work presented and received is excellent. Second, the Eastern College #138 took this show on the road in 2015 and 2017 to North Platte, Nebraska, 280 miles west of the Omaha Area. In 2015, this same group of York Rite Masons put on the four Chapter Degrees, the two Council Degrees, and the three Commandery Orders in a One-Day Festival for York Rite Masons from Chadron, McCook, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. In 2017, the Eastern York Rite College #138 again traveled to North Platte to put on the four RAM Degrees. All total, we have exalted approximately 15 Master Masons into Royal Arch Masonry.

The western Nebraska Chapters in Chadron, Hastings, McCook, North Platte, Scottsbluff, as well as Beatrice, Columbus, Superior, and Tekamah generally suffer from low membership and even lower attendance. These One-Day Festivals breathe new life into the Chapters by adding new Companions, who attend and want to learn. We will continue this effort, inviting all candidates to Omaha and traveling to North Platte to perform the One-Day Festivals, until such time as the individual Chapters are able to perform their own work and exalt their candidates. It is much easier to revive a struggling Chapter than it is to re-charter a Chapter that is already closed and has lost all interest in having a York Rite presence in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edward W. Nolte, PGAD,* Chairman

### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

I have had the honor of representing the roughly 850 Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska as the Chairman for publicity and as the Editor for the Nebraska State portion for the Royal Arch Magazine.

As for publicity to the public I know of little that was done to make the York Rite known to the public other than attendance by Prior Grand Chapter officers and the Dias Officers of the

Omaha York Rite Bodies at quarterly friendship dinners. In the future the York Rite Bodies may consider advertisement in the local Shrine Circus Program book or when annual conventions such as the National Sojourners or conference of Grand Masters is held in Nebraska to advertise or volunteer to assist with these events as the York Rite Bodies of Nebraska to bring attention to our appendant body of the great Craft.

As the Editor of the Nebraska supplement to the Royal Arch magazine I can say we had inputs into all the Magazines that came out, but that it fell primarily on the editor to type up and come up with input into the supplement section. I highly encourage the Grand Chapter Dias officers and the more knowledgeable Masons in Nebraska that are members of the York Rite or past Grand officers to use tis forum to communicate information to all the York Rite members in the state.

This concludes my report as Chairman of the Publicity Committee and Editor of the Nebraska Supplement of the Royal Arch magazine.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Anthony Johnson*, Chairman

#### R.A.R.A. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Directors of ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE has introduced the Gift for a Gift program. Through the generous contribution of Companion Steven Monrotus, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri, a renowned organist in his own right, three excellent musical discs are now available for a special contribution of only \$150. Each of these discs has been provided with, and includes, appropriate music for many Masonic ceremonial occasions. There are patriotic tunes as well as music for the opening and closing of a Masonic body. There are incidental tunes and processionsals to include hymns and other appropriate tunes.

#### UPDATE

Companions: A few things have been changed since our last update on Royal Arch Research Assistance. Dr. Frank Muziek is now heading our CAPD efforts at the University of Arizona. He completed his move in October 2014 and will now have more PhD researchers than at his previous location at the University of Connecticut. He has sponsored international symposiums on CAPD and has put increased emphasis on trying to determine its cause. We continue to assist the Hearing Health Foundation by sponsoring four researchers in CAPD. We have also committed to \$1,000,000 with Autism Speaks in an effort to correlate signs of CAPD in Toddlers (ages 12 - 36 months) who have Autism.

This past year Nebraska contributed \$880.34 to R.A.R.A.

Respectfully submitted;  
*Ron Grass*, Chairman

**ROYAL ARCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Royal Arch Education Committee did not meet during the 2017/18 term. There have been no new publications by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted;  
*Michael Jones*, Chairman

**HONORARY MEMBERS**

It was moved by Comp. Dennis Newman and seconded that all visiting Companions from other jurisdictions be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter of Nebraska:  
Motion carried.

**TIME & PLACE OF ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

The 2019 Grand Session will be at the Riverside Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Nebraska April 4-6.

Bids for 2020-2024 Grand Sessions were read and discussed. It was voted to have the Grand York Rite Sessions at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney for these years.

**ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS**

Comp. Steve Barchus, Chairman of the Tellers Committee reported that the ballots were counted and the following were elected:

- Comp. Brett R. Bennett..... M.E. Grand High Priest
- Comp Jonathan L. Paz ..... R.E. Grand King
- Comp. Michael E. Jones ..... R.E. Grand Scribe
- Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, PGHP ..... R.E. Grand Treasurer

Comp Dennis A. Newman ..... R.E. Grand Secretary

The following Officers were appointed:

Comp. Joseph P. Charbonneau ..... R.E. Grand Chaplain

Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, PGHP..... R.E. Grand Lecturer

Comp. Joe Work, II..... E. Grand Captain of the Host

Comp. Cecil Smith ..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner

Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain

Comp. Dan Marr ..... E. Grand Master Third Veil

Comp. Mervyn L. Moeller ..... E. Grand Master Second Veil

Comp. Frank L. Borden ..... E. Grand Master First Veil

Comp. Ed Birmingham ..... E. Grand Sentinel

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted and the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

**GREETINGS FROM GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Right Excellent General Grand Scribe Teko Foly brought greetings and stated the goals for the coming three years. He thanked the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for all the courtesies afforded him during his stay.

**CONCLUSION**

The Grand High Priest thanked everyone for all the help that he received during his year and invited everyone to the installation of Grand Officers.

**INSTALLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Companion David Shaw, Past M.E. Grand High Priest, welcomed everyone to the installation and called upon Comp. Keith Herbster for the invocation. He then introduced the Installing Officers for the afternoon:

Comp. John T. Parsons, PGHP ..... Installing High Priest

Comp. Jay Speck, PGHP (Hon)..... Installing Marshall

Comp. James F. Brown, Jr., PGHP ..... Installing Secretary

Comp. Keith Herbster, PGHP ..... Installing Chaplain

Jennifer Grass, ..... Installing Musician

The Installing Officer asked the Installing Secretary to call the roll of Officers to be installed for the ensuing year.

Comp. Brett R. Bennett..... M.E. Grand High Priest

Comp. Jonathan L. Paz ..... R.E. Grand King

Comp. Michael E. Jones ..... R.E. Grand Scribe\*

Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, PGHP ..... R.E. Grand Treasurer

Comp. Dennis A. Newman ..... R.E. Grand Secretary

Comp. Joseph P. Charbonneau .....R.E. Grand Chaplain  
 Comp. Anthony T. Johnson. PGHP .....R.E. Grand Lecturer  
 Comp. Joe Work, II ..... E. Grand Captain of the Host  
 Comp. L. Cecil Smith..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
 Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
 Comp. Dan Marr .....E. Grand Master Third Veil  
 Comp. Mervyn L. Moeller .....E. Grand Master Second Veil  
 Comp. Frank Borden ..... E. Grand Master First Veil  
 Comp. Ed Birmingham .....E. Grand Sentinel  
 \*To be installed later.

As their names were called, they and their ladies entered the Chapter room, after which they assumed the obligation and were presented the Jewels of their office and escorted to their stations by the Installing Marshal. The Grand Marshal then proclaimed the Officers of the Grand Chapter duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing year.

The M.E. Grand High Priest thanked his Installing Officers for an outstanding job this afternoon. He then asked his Grand Officers to introduce their ladies.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reviewed his plans for the year.

The M.E. Grand High Priest asked the R.E. Grand Chaplain to lead us in prayer and instructed the E. Grand Principal Sojourner to close the Bible.

Attest:

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, held in Columbus, Nebraska, April 13, 2012, and printed under my direction.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of the GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NEBRASKA, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018.

*Dennis Newman*, R.E. Grand Secretary

#### GRAND BANQUET

The Grand Secretary-Recorder introduced *Most Worshipful Anthony Johnson*, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska who served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Master of Ceremonies on behalf of the Grand York Rite of Nebraska welcomed all the Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, Distinguished Guests, and their ladies to our Grand York Rite Banquet and asked Com. *Joseph Charbonneau*, Grand Chaplain to give the invocation.

All enjoyed a very delicious meal. The Master of Ceremonies then introduced our

Distinguished Guests:

*Companion David Shaw*, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska and his **Lady Marcy**.

*Right Excellent Companion Teko Foley*, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

*Companion Donald E. Rife*, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska and his **Lady Melba**.

*Companion William Snyder*, Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

*Sir Knight Frank L. Borden*, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska and his **Lady Sandy**.

*Sir Knight Duane Vaught*, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

*Sir Knight Joseph Charbonneau*, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

*Companion Dennis A. Newman*, Most Excellent Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Nebraska.

*Jill Melvin and Paul Kenyon*. Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian of Nebraska Jobs Daughters International.

*Meghann McCurdy*, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and *Kiley Simmons*, Miss Nebraska Jobs Daughters.

*Betty Garwood*, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

**Joy Hartranft**, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska.

*Kevin Grazier*, Executive Officer in Nebraska, Order of DeMolay.

*Kyle Barchus*, State master Councilor, International Order of DeMolay.

*James Taylor* , Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska.



**The following came forward for presentations and remarks**

**Sir Knight Frank Borden**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska

**Companion Donald E. Rife**, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska.

**Companion David Shaw**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

**Companion Dennis A. Newman**, Right Excellent Grand Secretary-Recorder.

**The Dale L. Mace Memorial Outstanding Secretary-Recorder Award,**

**Edward Raper - Recipient**

**Right Worshipful Ronald Stites**, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska

Right Worshipful Brother Stites introduced the other Grand Lodge officers present and reviewed the Grand Lodge's projects and activities for the coming year. In closing he thanked the Grand York Rite for all the courtesies afforded him Tam during this Grand Session and bid everyone a good evening.

The Master of Ceremonies thanked everyone for attending and called upon **Comp. Joseph Charbonneau** for the benediction.

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES - 2017-2018**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE:** John Parsons, 61, Chairman; Ron D. Grass, 24; Jay H. Speck, 3.

**CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS:** David Shaw, Chairman; Donald Rife; Michael E. Jones.

**CODIFICATION OF THE LAW:** Steven R. Barchus, Chairman; James F. Brown, Jr.; Anthony Johnson

**CREDENTIALS:** Frank D. Smutny, Chairman; Carl Highman; Casey Van Helten.

**DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS:** Ronald Grass, Chairman; Brett Bennett, Jeffrey M. Coleman

**ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** John T. Parsons, 1, Chairman; Jay H. Speck, 3.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND REVIEW:** Bruce T. Anderson, 6, Chairman; Jerry F. Bepalec; James F. Brown, Jr.

**JURISPRUDENCE:** Anthony Johnson, Chairman; and all Living Past Grand High Priests.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Arthur R. Stricker, Chairman; Steven R. Barchus; Daniel Marr.

**NEBRASKA ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL AND MEMORIAL FUND:** LaVern Work, II, Chairman; Arthur R. Stricker, Jay Speck.

**NECROLOGY:** Joseph Charbonneau, Chairman; Ken Bunnell., John Lippert.

**PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Edward W. Nolte, Chairman; Michael E. Jones, Reginald S. Kuhn.

**PRESERVATION & RESTORATION OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS:** Edward W. Nolte, Chairman; Steven R. Barchus, James F. Brown, Jr.

**PUBLICITY:** Dennis Newman, Chairman; Johnathan Paz, Daniel Marr.

**R.A.R.A. PHILANTHROPY:** Ronald D. Grass 24, Chairman; Joseph Charbonneau, Robert Coleman.

**ROYAL ARCH EDUCATION:** Michael E. Jones, Chairman; James F. Brown, Jr.; Ronald D. Grass; Anthony T. Johnson; John T. Parsons.

**YOUTH ORGANIZATION:** Bruce T. Anderson, Chairman; Anthony T. Johnson.

**GRAND LECTUER:** Thomas Michaelson

#### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER:** Anthony T. Johnson, Carl C. Plants, David A. Shaw, Fred O. Wyant.

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA CHAPTERS						
Name	No	Town	County	Meetings	Created	Chartered
Omaha	1	Omaha	Douglas	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	Nov. 21, 1859	Sept. 8, 1865
Nebraska	3	Plattsmouth	Cass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	July 13, 1865	Sept. 8, 1965
Lincoln*	6	Lincoln	Lancaster	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.	Apr. 28, 1870	June 22, 1870
Signet	8	Fremont	Dodge	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	Aug. 11, 1871	June 17, 1872
Livingston	10	Beatrice	Gage	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Dec. 21, 1872	Nov. 12, 1873
Euphrates	15	North Platte	Lincoln	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs.	Mar. 25, 1876	Dec. 20, 1876
Mount Zion	17	Crete	Saline	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	Mar. 3, 1877	Dec. 19, 1877
Orient	18	Columbus	Platte	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	Apr. 17, 1878	Dec. 17, 1879
Hastings	21	Hastings	Adams	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	Oct. 24, 1879	Dec. 22, 1880
Mackey	24	Tekamah	Burt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.	Apr. 27, 1882	Dec. 19, 1882
King Cyrus	35	McCook	R. Willow	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	Sept. 25, 1885	Dec. 16, 1886
Tadmor	37	Superior	Nuckolls	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	Dec. 19, 1885	Dec. 16, 1886
Occidental	48	Chadron	Dawes	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.	Sept. 18, 1888	Dec. 12, 1888
Florence	61	Papillion	Sarpy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	Mar. .2, 1923	Dec. 13, 1923
Or. Trail***	65	Gering	Scottsbluff	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	July 11, 1928	Dec. 6, 1928
Nazareth UD	100	Lincoln	Lancaster	n/a	Sep. 30, 2016	n/a

\*Except Holiday, Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, then subsequent Wednesday.

\*\*Except November 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday or when convocation falls on Holiday, the next Thursday.

\*\*\*Except January: then second Thursday.

#### EXTINCT CHAPTERS

Name	Location	Date of Becoming Extinct
Ashland, No. 12	Ashland	November 26, 1881
Lebanon, No. 14*	Sutton - Hastings, No. 21	December 3, 1930
Jewel, No. 34	Ashland	December 13, 1894
King Darius, No. 36	Indianola	December 17, 1925

Ophir, No. 38	Schuyler	March 16, 1914
Cyrene, No. 42*	Friend - King Cyrus, No. 35	June 20, 1887
Garfield, No. 45	O'Neill	December 8, 1904
Siroc, No. 46*	West Point - Galilee, No. 57	December 5, 1925
Joppa, No. 52*	Loup City - Jordan, No. 27	August 3, 1936
Pentalpha, No. 53	Genoa	February 16, 1924
Chaldean, No. 55*	Bloomfield - Damascus, No. 25	November 1, 1941
Cedar, No. 56	Hartington	March 11, 1912
Raboni, No. 58	Randolph	October 15, 1917
Valley, No. 59*	Alma - Cyrene, No. 42	December 19, 1941
Miriam, No. 47	Oxford	January 5, 1943
Leese, No. 62*	Seward - Capstone, No. 64	October 22, 1943
Red Cloud, No. 19*	Red Cloud - Hastings, No. 21	October 25, 1944
Palmer, No. 31	Wilber	December 5, 1946
Temple, No. 40	Neligh	December 3, 1947
Bethlehem, No. 20	Pawnee City	December 7, 1961
Gayle, No. 16*	Hebron - Siloam, No. 44	October 1, 1963
King David, No. 30*	David City - Signet, No. 8	December 3, 1964
Shekinah, No. 32	Aurora	February 28, 1967
Triune, No. 41*	Geneva - Solomon, No. 33	December 31, 1967
Bellevue, No. 7*	Omaha - Omaha, No. 1	April 9, 1969
Cyrene, No. 42*	Holdrege - King Cyrus, No. 35	September 2, 1973
Tyrian, No. 29*	Sidney - Shelba, No. 54	February 18, 1978
Doric, No. 50*	Ord - Hastings, No. 21	July 22, 1978
Furnas, No. 9*	Tecumseh - Livingston, No. 10	January 1, 1981
Jordan, No. 27	St. Paul	October 10, 1983
Edgar, No. 22*	Edgar - Tadmor, No. 37	October 18, 1983
Pine, No. 51*	Long Pine - Rosebud, No. 63	March 22, 1985
Sheba, No. 54*	Alliance - Oregon Trial, No. 65	December 31, 1985
Delta, No. 60*	Omaha - Omaha, No. 1	March 14, 1987
Keystone, No. 2*	Neb. City - Brownville, No. 4	August 18, 1988
Hiram, No. 28*	Wymore - Livingston, No. 10	November 13, 1989
Haggai, No. 39*	Wakefield - Damascus, No. 25	November 15, 1993
Galilee, No. 57	Oakland	December 31, 1993
Brownville, No. 4*	Auburn - Nebraska No. 3	June 30, 1996
Adoniram, No. 13*	Blair - Mackey No. 24	December 31, 1999
Eureka No. 5*	Falls City - Nebraska No. 3	October 31, 2002
Wahoo No. 43*	Wahoo - Signet No. 8	December 31, 2002
Kearney No. 23*	Kearney - Hastings No. 21	July 31, 2003
Horeb No. 49*	Broken Bow - Euphrates No. 15	January 1, 2005
Capstone No. 64*	Lincoln No. 6	January 1, 2009
Merrick No. 26*	Solomon No. 33 - York	September 15, 2013
Rosebud No. 63*	Occidental No. 49 - Chadron	March 1, 2014
Silom No. 44*	Livingston No. 10 - Beatrice	July 14, 2014
Deuel No. 11*	Hastings No. 21 - Hastings	March 15, 2015
Solomon No. 33*	Hastings No. 21 - Hastings	August 15, 2015
Damascus No. 25	Norfolk	September 30, 2016

\*Consolidated

## GRAND SECRETARIES

*Elbert T. Duke.....	March 19, 1867 – June 19, 1867
*J. Newton Wise.....	June 19, 1867, - October 28, 1869
*Robert W. Furnas.....	October 28, 1869, - June 19, 1872
*Daniel H. Wheeler.....	June 19, 1872, - November 14, 1873
*William R. Bowen.....	November 14, 1873, - May 6, 1899
*Francis E. White.....	May 6, 1899, - December 17, 1925
*Lewis E. Smith.....	December 17, 1925, - December 3, 1946
*Carl R. Greisen.....	December 3, 1946, - September 19, 1969
*Ralph R. Carleton.....	September 19, 1969, - April 11, 1980
*Floyd R. McKenzie.....	April 12, 1980, - April 6, 1990
Jay H. Speck.....	April 6, 1990, - April 7, 2006
Bruce T. Anderson.....	April 7, 2006 – April 8, 2017
Dennis A. Newman.....	April 8, 2017 - Present
*Deceased	

## LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Keith J. Herbster, 6, 1201 Mocking Bird Lane, Lincoln 68512-2352	112 <sup>th</sup>	1978
Gail Axen, 39, P.O. Box 123, Stanton 68779	114 <sup>th</sup>	1980
Kirby E. Hunt, 24, 524 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St. Tekamah, 68061-1169	124 <sup>th</sup>	1990
Jay H. Speck, 3, 606 Chicago Ave. Plattsmouth 68048-2061	(Hon)	1994
Fred O. Wyant, 33, 404 East 6 <sup>th</sup> St. York 68467-3019	128 <sup>th</sup>	1994
James N. Karnegis, 1, 20975 Bonanza Blvd. Elkhorn 68022-1838	130 <sup>th</sup>	1996
Robert E. Wunder, 64, 6515 Windflower Rd, Lincoln 68521-9007	131 <sup>st</sup>	1997
Bryan E. Lee, 26, 418 Reynolds St. Fullerton 68638-0314	132 <sup>nd</sup>	1998
Edward I. Morrow, 24, 1419 "I" St., Tekamah 68061-1230	134 <sup>th</sup>	2000
James A. Clark, 17, 896 County Rd. 2350, Crete 68333-5003	135 <sup>th</sup>	2001
F. Wayne Bowman, 1, 4924 No. 103 <sup>rd</sup> St., Omaha 68134-2506	136 <sup>th</sup>	2002
John T. Parsons, 61, 1512 Beechwood Ave. Papillion 68133-2506	137 <sup>th</sup>	2003
Mervin W. Titchen, 15, P.O. Box 1925, North Platte 69103-1925	138 <sup>th</sup>	2004
Bruce T. Anderson, 64, 2010 South 26 <sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln 68502	139 <sup>th</sup>	2005
Marlin Palasek, 1, 4859 So 96 <sup>th</sup> Plaza, Apt. 5, Omaha, 68127-2345	141 <sup>st</sup>	2007
Ronald D. Grass, 24, 420 No. 13 <sup>th</sup> St., Tekamah, 68061-1506	142 <sup>nd</sup>	2008
Jerry F. Bepalec, 17, 1140 Grove Ave., Crete, 68333-2350	143 <sup>rd</sup>	2009
James F. Brown, Jr., 6, 6710 Rexford Dr., Lincoln, 68510-4326	144 <sup>th</sup>	2010
Steven R. Barchus, 1, 1521 So. 94 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, 68124-1105	145 <sup>th</sup>	2011
Edward W. Nolte, 1, 4702 Windcrest Dr. Papillion, 68133-4767	146 <sup>th</sup>	2012
Theodore J. Johnson, 6 & 10, Unknown	147 <sup>th</sup>	2013
Steven C. Smith, I, 1, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha, 68154-2145	148 <sup>th</sup>	2014
Donald E. Rife, 35, 35405 US Hwy 34, Stratton, 69043-5107	149 <sup>th</sup>	2015
Anthony T. Johnson, 61 2613 Alberta Ave., Bellevue, NE 68147-2466	150 <sup>th</sup>	2016

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, WHOSE NAMES ARE HERE ENROLLED, FOR THEIR  
VALOROUS DEEDS IN DAYS PAST**

Name	Date of Death	Year
Harry P. Deuel, 1	Nov. 23, 1914	1 <sup>st</sup> 1867
James W. Moore, 2	Aug. 2, 1901	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Daniel H. Wheeler, 3	Nov. 27, 1912	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1868
Robert C. Jordan, 1	Jan. 9, 1899	4 <sup>th</sup> 1869
Edwin A. Allen, 1	Jan. 8, 1893	5 <sup>th</sup> 1870-71
Robert R. Livingston, 3	Sept. 28, 1888	6 <sup>th</sup> 1872-74
Robert W. Furnas, 4	June 1, 1905	7 <sup>th</sup> 1873-74
Charles F. Goodman, 1	Jan. 11, 1895	8 <sup>th</sup> 1875-76
Edwin F. Warren, 2	July 9, 1923	9 <sup>th</sup> 1876-77
Francis E. White, 3	June 11, 1945	10 <sup>th</sup> 1878
Alfred G. Hastings, 6	July 10, 1894	11 <sup>th</sup> 1879
H. Baxter Nicodemus, 8	June 3, 1887	12 <sup>th</sup> 1880
Samuel P. Davidson, 9	Dec. 8, 1928	13 <sup>th</sup> 1881
William H. Munger, 8	Aug. 21, 1915	14 <sup>th</sup> 1881
James A. Tulleys, 19	Jan. 21, 1901	15 <sup>th</sup> 1883
Henry E. Palmer, 3	April 2, 1911	16 <sup>th</sup> 1884
John D. Moore, 11	July 26, 1930	17 <sup>th</sup> 1885
Ithmar Benjamin, 17	Unknown	18 <sup>th</sup> 1886
Lucius D. Richard, 8	Aug. 19, 1931	19 <sup>th</sup> 1887
Charles A. Holmes, 9	Dec. 13, 1908	20 <sup>th</sup> 1888
Milton J. Hull, 14	Sept. 18, 1923	21 <sup>st</sup> 1889
Frank H. Young, 29	Dec. 24, 1917	22 <sup>nd</sup> 1890
John B. Dinsmore, 14	Oct. 6, 1915	23 <sup>rd</sup> 1891
Robert E. French, 23	Feb. 16, 1927	24 <sup>th</sup> 1892
Albert W. Crites, 48	Aug. 23, 1915	25 <sup>th</sup> 1893
Frank E. Bullard, 15	Jan. 31, 1933	26 <sup>th</sup> 1894
Charles J. Phelps, 38	Aug. 24, 1915	27 <sup>th</sup> 1895
Charles C. Rittenhouse, 21	Sept. 24, 1937	28 <sup>th</sup> 1896
Robert H. Henry, 18	Feb. 14, 1900	29 <sup>th</sup> 1897
John H. Mercer, 4	Feb. 25, 1915	30 <sup>th</sup> 1898
James Dinsmore, 16	Dec. 5, 1928	31 <sup>st</sup> 1899
John S. Harmon, 9	Dec. 31, 1922	32 <sup>nd</sup> 1900
James W. Maynard, 1	June 28, 1928	33 <sup>rd</sup> 1901
George J. Spohn, 37	Dec. 16, 1942	34 <sup>th</sup> 1902
Benjamin F. Thomas, 7	Jan. 28, 1933	35 <sup>th</sup> 1903
Francis McGiverin, 8	March 7, 1930	36 <sup>th</sup> 1904
William W. Wright, 28	Dec. 13, 1906	36 <sup>th</sup> 1905
Robert W. McGinnis, 33	June 26, 1958	37 <sup>th</sup> 1906
Charles W. Kaley, 19	Jan. 6, 1917	38 <sup>th</sup> 1907
Oscar R. Allen, 7	March 31, 1930	39 <sup>th</sup> 1908
Julius J. Wilson, 49	June 10, 1918	40 <sup>th</sup> 1909
George S. Powell, 1	Dec. 20, 1915	41 <sup>st</sup> 1910
John Harper, 30	April 9, 1931	42 <sup>nd</sup> 1911
Benjamin F. Pitman, 48	Feb. 7, 1950	43 <sup>rd</sup> 1912
James Tyler, 6	Nov. 1, 1919	44 <sup>th</sup> 1913
Burt L. Spellman, 10	May 19, 1939	45 <sup>th</sup> 1914
Chauncey L. Wattles, 40	March 22, 1945	46 <sup>th</sup> 1915
Carroll D. Evans, 18	Aug. 12, 1938	47 <sup>th</sup> 1916
John R. Stine, 7	April 23, 1952	48 <sup>th</sup> 1917

William D. Funk, 55	Jan. 30, 1942	49 <sup>th</sup>	1918
Alpha Morgan, 49	April 17, 1924	50 <sup>th</sup>	1919
Lewis E. Smith, 51	July 10, 1965	51 <sup>st</sup>	1920
William W. Metz, 2	Aug. 12, 1944	52 <sup>nd</sup>	1921
Walter L. Spear, 41	Dec. 16, 1933	53 <sup>rd</sup>	1922
James M. Robertson, 3	Sept. 10, 1934	54 <sup>th</sup>	1923
George N. R. Brown, 21	June 24, 1943	55 <sup>th</sup>	1924
Harry D. Cone, 7	Oct. 6, 1947	56 <sup>th</sup>	1925
A. Sherman Pinto, 1	Dec. 7, 1944	57 <sup>th</sup>	1926
Harford N. Rosebush, 35	Dec. 15, 1962	58 <sup>th</sup>	1927
Harry S. Villars, 9	Dec. 21, 1940	59 <sup>th</sup>	1928
Fred G. Bosshammer, 4	Jan. 10, 1961	60 <sup>th</sup>	1929
Emmett I. Ellis, 24	Aug. 1, 1956	61 <sup>st</sup>	1930
Arthur C. Stem, 48	July 6, 1932	62 <sup>nd</sup>	1931
Elbert G. Laing, 54	Oct. 28, 1949	63 <sup>rd</sup>	1932
Earl Bennett, 42	March 18, 1971	64 <sup>th</sup>	1932
Oliver A. Fick, 7	Oct. 4, 1939	65 <sup>th</sup>	1933
J. Theodore Brammann, 1	Oct. 8, 1958	66 <sup>th</sup>	1934
Carl R. Greisen, 15	June 28, 1995	67 <sup>th</sup>	1935
Nile O. Walther, 43	March 19, 1954	68 <sup>th</sup>	1936
Nathaniel A. S. McLean, 65	June 15, 1956	69 <sup>th</sup>	1937
Edwin D. Crites, 48	Nov. 7, 1953	70 <sup>th</sup>	1938
Thomas J. Aron, 17	Dec. 22, 1993	71 <sup>st</sup>	1939
Elmer E. Magee, 64	March 19, 1975	72 <sup>nd</sup>	1940
George H. Holdeman, 33	Nov. 4, 1954	73 <sup>rd</sup>	1941
Earld M. Boyington, 35	June 28, 1974	74 <sup>th</sup>	1942
William T. Poucher, 24	Aug. 16, 1947	75 <sup>th</sup>	1943
James W. Gillette, 25	Nov. 15, 1975	76 <sup>th</sup>	1944
David C. Hilton, 6	Dec. 12, 1945	77 <sup>th</sup>	1945
Raymond C. Cook, 3	Jan. 7, 1966	78 <sup>th</sup>	1945
Curry W. Watson, 64	Feb. 27, 1953	79 <sup>th</sup>	1946
George O. Sizemore, 15	April 6, 1969	80 <sup>th</sup>	1947
F. Plummer Martin, 7	May 5, 1964	81 <sup>st</sup>	1948
Bernard B. Harris, 65	Nov. 22, 1984	82 <sup>nd</sup>	1949
Roy S. Planck, 8	May 3, 1958	83 <sup>rd</sup>	1950
Robert E. Lund, 18	Nov. 14, 1976	84 <sup>th</sup>	1951
Harold H. Thom, 60	June 14, 1974	85 <sup>th</sup>	1952
George H. Murphy, 6	Aug. 20, 1977	86 <sup>th</sup>	1953
Ralph M. Carhart, 39	Nov. 10, 1965	87 <sup>th</sup>	1954
Lewis E. Baker, 35	Dec. 26, 1976	89 <sup>th</sup>	1956
Louis V. Sylvester, 61	Dec. 4, 1997	90 <sup>th</sup>	1957
Ehm J. Sorensen, 54	Sept. 17, 1984	91 <sup>st</sup>	1958
Claude A. Rennau, 11	Dec. 6, 1979	92 <sup>nd</sup>	1959
Earl W. Schultz, 32	Jan. 15, 1983	93 <sup>rd</sup>	1960
Earl H. Christensen, 6	Jan. 14, 1999	94 <sup>th</sup>	1961
Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 5	July 26, 2000	95 <sup>th</sup>	1962
Donald W. Larkins, 44	June 23, 1988	96 <sup>th</sup>	1963
August H. Boldt, 15	Oct. 16, 1985	97 <sup>th</sup>	1964
Lillard S. Jensen, 13	May 14, 1985	98 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup>	1965-66*
Howard J. Hunter, 43	May 6, 1975	100 <sup>th</sup>	1967
U. Wesley Fox, 63	January 3, 2005	101 <sup>st</sup>	1968
Russell F. Richmond, 64	Jan. 30, 1988	102 <sup>nd</sup>	1969
Herbert T. White, 60	Oct. 12, 1975	103 <sup>rd</sup>	1970

Charles F. Baker, 8	July 15, 1987	104 <sup>th</sup>	1971
Richard T. Albright, 1	April 14, 1984	105 <sup>th</sup>	1972
Byron J. Mott, 54	June 4, 1997	107 <sup>th</sup>	1973
Harry L. Scheffel, 57	Jan. 19, 1990	108 <sup>th</sup>	1974
Charles F. Adams, 11	April 17, 1980	Hon.	1974
L. Harold Parker, 26	Dec. 15, 1977	109 <sup>th</sup>	1975
Harry A. Tollander, 61	Feb. 22, 1997	110 <sup>th</sup>	1976
P. Maurice Scriven, 65	May 1, 1998	111 <sup>th</sup>	1977
Ralph R. Carleton, 1	Jan. 22, 1981	Hon.	1978
Earl N. Hanel, 11	Aug. 12, 1998	113 <sup>th</sup>	1979
Herbert H. Glancy, 10 & 64	Dec. 4, 2001	115 <sup>th</sup>	1981
Edward F. Wehrbein, 3	Mar. 5, 1998	116 <sup>th</sup>	1982
E. P. Baruth, 35	Nov. 14, 1992	117 <sup>th</sup>	1983
Bert C Keith, 15	July 31, 1992	118 <sup>th</sup>	1984
C. Joe Pottorff, 21	Jan. 13, 1986	119 <sup>th</sup>	1985
Morton P. Steyer, 61	Feb. 14, 1997	120 <sup>th</sup>	1986
Orval W. Cooley, 18	Jan. 20, 2004	122 <sup>nd</sup>	1988
Edward H. Lockwood, Sr., 65	Sept. 23, 1994	Hon.	1988
Floyd R. McKenzie, 8	June 9, 1991	Hon.	1989
Darrel M. Fillinger, 65,	June 7, 2010	123 <sup>rd</sup>	1989
Viron E. Baxter, 35	July 10, 2015	125 <sup>th</sup>	
			1991
Virgil L. Tubach, 6 & 64	Nov. 17, 2001	129 <sup>th</sup> .	1995
Lester F. Webb, 35	July 30, 2015	133 <sup>rd</sup>	1999
Maynard Tatleman, 1	Sept. 30, 2013	140 <sup>th</sup>	2006

\*No Annual convocation held in December 1966, because of change in meeting date from December to April.

**LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS  
WITH GRAND SECRETARIES  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SECRETARY  
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**THE 146<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD IN NEBRASKA**

The One Hundred Forty fifth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska, at 10:15 P.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

President..... Anthony Johnson  
 Vice President .....Dennis Newman  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Bruce T. Anderson  
 Chaplain .....Ron Grass  
 Master of Ceremonies .....Steven Barchus  
 Conductor.....L. Cecil Smith  
 Herald..... Carl Plants  
 Steward..... Jonathan Paz  
 Sentinel..... Joe Work

The Convention was opened in form by Comp. Anthony T. Johnson as President was absent due to medical reasons.. Companion Bruce T. Anderson read the minutes of the 144th Annual Convention. Companion Steve Barchus moved the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

*Balance on Hand as of April 5, 2018 Savings*..... \$ 146.02  
*CD's* ..... \$7031.09  
*Total* ..... \$7177.11

The following four (4) High Priest-elects were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

HIGH PRIEST-ELECT	LOCATION & CHAPTER NO.
<b>Lewellen Nielsen</b>	<b>Occidental No. 48</b>
<b>George McMullin</b>	<b>Florence No. 61, Omaha</b>
<b>Timothy Peters</b>	<b>Omaha No. 1, Omaha</b>
<b>Ed Birmingham</b>	<b>Nebraska No. 3, Plattsmouth</b>

The degree was conferred in an excellent manner under the direction of comp. A.J. Johnson.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

The following officers were elected appointed and install are to serve this Convention for 2018-2019:

President.....Dennis Newman  
 Vice President .....Ron Grass  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Bruce T. Anderson  
 Chaplain .....Steve Barchus  
 Master of Ceremonies ..... L. Cecil Smith  
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The officers were installed by Companions Edward Nolte as Installing President, James Brown, Jr. and Companion Jay

Speck as Installing Chaplain. The officers present were installed into their respective offices and the officers absent by proxy. The newly installed President thanked the Companions for permitting him to serve as President and stated the next Annual Convocation will be at the next Grand Session.

There being no further business, this Grand Convention was closed at 12:20 P.M. in form and with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

*Anthony T. Johnson*, President

ATTEST: *Bruce T. Anderson*, Secretary-Treasurer

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*Ehm J. Sorensen	1971	James Gansemer	2016
*Charles E. Baker	1972	Anthony Johnson	2017

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