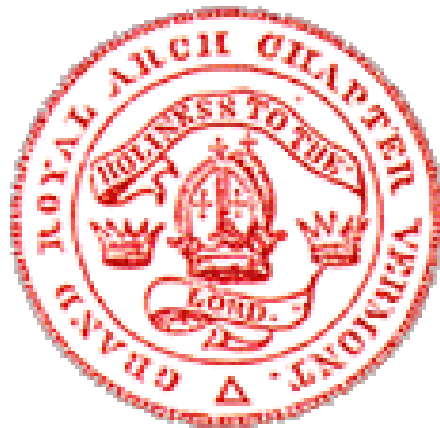


GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
of the  
STATE OF VERMONT  
CONSTITUTED DECEMBER 20, 1804  
Proceedings of the  
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
Held

Monday, June 13, 2022, A.I. 2552\*

ROLAND E. WOODARD, M.E. Grand High Priest

BRUCE R. HOWARD, M.E.P.G.H.P, R.E. Grand Secretary



- Royal Arch Masons date from the year of the Second Temple commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.) “In the year of Discovery” Add 530 to the common time, (2022 + 530 = 2552)

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont  
Robert S. Bryant, Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2022



Robert S. Bryant was born in the hospital in Rutland, Vermont, the youngest child of Timothy and Nancy Bryant. He was raised on his parents' farm in Pawlet. He spent his elementary and high school years working on this farm. Companion Bryant left the farm and headed to Reading, PA for college. After this he relocated to Houston, Texas, where he taught elementary school for several years before moving back to Vermont to be closer to his family.

Once back in Vermont, Comp. Bryant held a variety of jobs, in addition to helping his father on the family farm, before becoming an EMT for a local rescue squad. This experience led him to nursing school at Castleton State College, where he met his future wife. Comp. Bryant married Michelle Carvey on May 31, 2014, when he also gained his two children. He and his Lady currently work in the community as Hospice nurses, and enjoy watching their children grow.

Comp. Bryant began his Masonic journey in October 2005, after returning to Vermont when he was initiated as an EA in Morning Flower Lodge #71 in Pawlet, VT. He was passed to FC in November and raised to MM in December of the same year. Comp. Bryant served as Jr. Warden in 2009 and was elected and installed as Master of Morning Flower Lodge in May 2010.

He served two years as Master, when he was elected and installed as Secretary of the lodge. In 2008, Comp. Bryant was a charter member of the Young Mason's lodge #111. Comp. Bryant began his York Rite journey with Davenport Chapter #17 in Rutland, Vermont. He continued to receive the degrees and Orders of York Rite, being knighted in Killington Commandery # 6. Comp. Bryant served As Thrice Illustrious Master of Davenport Council #12, High Priest of Davenport Chapter #17, and Commander of Killington Commandery #6 during the years that followed. He was invited to join the Knights of the York Cross of Honor in June 2013. Comp. Bryant was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Vermont. He continued to serve the Grand Council of Vermont and was elected and installed as the MIGM of the Grand Council of R&S Masters of Vermont at the annual communication in Colchester, Vermont in June 2014. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Vermont in June, 2013. He served two (2) consecutive one-year terms the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont in June, 2018, Seeing the advent of the worldwide pandemic of Covid-19 closing down the in-person meetings of the Grand Commanderies and other Masonic bodies. He served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont, being elected as Grand High Priest at the annual convocation at Killington, VT in June 2022.

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Edmund D. Harrison (2011-2014)  
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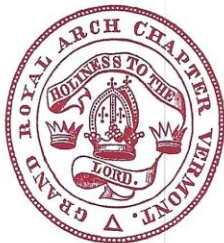
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MEETING DATES AND TIMES  
for the Year 2022-2023

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|-----------|---|---|
| <b>3</b>  | <b>BURLINGTON</b><br>Dorset Street<br>S. Burlington             | 4th Thursday - 7:30 PM<br>Dark November & December                            |
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| <b>5</b>  | <b>WHITNEY</b><br>Perley Farm Road<br>S. Royalton, VT           | 4th Thursday 7:00 PM<br>Dark July & August    Alternate with Ottauquechee #21 |
| <b>13</b> | <b>MT. LEBANON</b><br>1958 Waits River Rd<br>Bradford, VT       | 3rd Monday 7:30 PM<br>Dark January & February                                 |
| <b>15</b> | <b>TUCKER</b><br>65 Portland St.<br>Morrisville, VT             | 4th Wednesday 7:00 PM<br>Dark July & August                                   |
| <b>16</b> | <b>KEYSTONE</b><br>52A Church St.<br>Barton, VT                 | 1st Monday 7:30 PM<br>Dark July & August                                      |
| <b>17</b> | <b>DAVENPORT</b><br>51 Washington St<br>Rutland, VT             | 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM<br>Dark July & August                                     |
| <b>20</b> | <b>CLEVELAND</b><br>41 Masonic Lane<br>Newport, VT              | 1st Monday of the Month 7:30 PM<br>Dark January & February                    |
| <b>21</b> | <b>OTTAUQUECHEE</b><br>30 Pleasant St, Route 4<br>Woodstock, VT | 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 PM<br>Dark July & August                                   |
| <b>22</b> | <b>POTTER</b><br>Park Street<br>Brandon, VT                     | 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 PM<br>Dark June, July and August                           |
| <b>24</b> | <b>WATERBURY</b><br>10 Stowe Street<br>Waterbury, VT            | 4th Wednesday 7:00 PM<br>Dark July & August                                   |
| <b>25</b> | <b>SKITCHEWAUG</b><br>71 Main Street<br>Springfield, VT         | 3rd Monday of Month<br>7:30 PM  |
| <b>26</b> | <b>GRANITE</b><br>2 Academy Street<br>Barre, VT                 | 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM<br>Dark July and August<br>Annual April- 3rd Tuesday     |

**PLEASE CONFIRM MEETING DATE & TIME WITH  
CHAPTER SECRETARY BEFORE ATTENDING  
(SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)**



# GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

## NOTICE OF THE 205<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVOCATION

To be brought to the personal attention of the first three (3) Officers and Secretary of each Chapter and to be read at the first stated Convocation after its receipt.

### **TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN:**

Pursuant to the provisions of the General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, and by direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, all Grand Chapter Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Permanent Members, Committeemen, together with the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Secretaries and Past High Priests of all Chapters, subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Vermont are hereby notified to meet in Annual Convocation at the Killington Mountain Lodge, Killington Access Road, Killington, VT 05751 on **June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the transaction of any and all business which may then and there be presented for consideration and disposition.

Take due notice and govern yourselves according to the Grand Chapter Regulations which require, in substance, that if any subordinate Chapter shall neglect to be represented properly, make due returns or pay its dues and assessments (on or before April 10<sup>th</sup>) for two (2) successive years, its Charter may be forfeited and that no Chapter shall be entitled to representation in Grand Chapter unless the returns have been made and dues and per capita is paid on or before April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Each Secretary is charged with the duty of bringing this notice to the attention (personally) of the first three Officers and all Past High Priests of his Chapter.

Dated at Berlin, Vermont this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, A.I. 2552



*Roland E. Woodard*

Roland E. Woodard  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Attest: *Bruce R. Howard*

Bruce R. Howard, M.E.P.G.H.P.  
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**TWO HUNDRED FIFTH CONVOCATION**  
**of the**  
**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF VERMONT**  
**-2022-**

The Two Hundred Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened virtually on the 13th day of June 2022, A.D. A.I. 2552 at 1:00 PM.

M.E.G.H.P Woodard received the following distinguished guests into our Convocation:

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

**NEW YORK** by Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.

Companion Jason Sheridan, M.E.G.H.P.  
Companion Larry Barnard, R.E. Grand King  
Companion Steven Shearer, R.E. Grand Scribe  
Companion Piers Vaughan, M.E.P.G.H.P.  
Companion Dennis Davis, Grand Rep to Arkansas

**RHODE ISLAND** by Companion Joshua Retchless, R.E. Grand Scribe

Companion Mark Thompson, R.E. Grand Scribe  
Companion Philip Crawford, M.E.P.G.H.P

**MARYLAND** by Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.

Companion Robert Lumbert, M.E.P.G.H.P.

**MASSACHUSETTS** by Companion Joshua Retchless, R.E. Grand Scribe

Companion Ernest Bean, M.E.G.H.P.  
Companion Robert Y. Chan, R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain

**CONNECTICUT** by Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.

Companion Clyde Kayser, II, M.E.G.H.P.  
Companion James McNeely, M.E.P.G.H.P.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** by Companion Joshua Retchless, R.E. Grand Scribe

Companion Thomas X. Tsirimokos, M.E.G.H.P.  
Companion Dennis A. Tuttle, Grand Lecturer

**NEW JERSEY** by Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.

Companion Matthew Macready M.E.G.H.P.  
Companion Michael J. Maslanik, M.E.P.G.H.P.

**QUEBEC** by Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.

M.E. Companion Max Anglade, Grand First Principal  
Companion Pierre Julian Anglade, Grand Director of Ceremonies

After introduction Most Excellent Companion Max Anglade presented the travelling gavel, which travels between the Province of Quebec and the State of Vermont to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Roland Woodard with the request that it returns to Quebec in 2023 which is their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**ONTARIO** by Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.

Companion Prince Selvaraj, Past Superintendent & Grand Scribe

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS. INTERNATIONAL**

Companion Joshua Retchless was afforded the high honor of introducing the representatives of General Grand Chapter.

The following General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International were introduced west of the altar:

Companion David W. Schuler, Northeast Department Deputy General Grand High Priest  
Companion Harold Kahn, Assoc. General Grand Chaplain  
Comp. Palmer E. Martin, Past General Grand Treasurer and Regional Deputy

After giving some warm words of welcome, the visiting dignitaries were given Grand Honors, escorted to the East and again greeted warmly.

After reception of our distinguished guests, ladies present were escorted outside the door and the Annual Convocation was opened in due form by Companion Roland E. Woodard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. An opening prayer was delivered by our Grand Chaplain, Companion Donald C. Murray

The R.E. Grand Secretary took the roll of Grand Officers with the following Officers in their chairs or accounted for:

M.E. Grand High Priest – Roland E. Woodard  
R.E. Grand King – Robert S. Bryant  
R.E. Grand Scribe – Joshua A. Retchless.  
E. Grand Treas. – Russell J. Slora  
E. Assist. Grand Treas. = Jon Hosford, III  
R.E. Grand Secretary – Bruce R. Howard  
E. Asst Grand Secretary – Jon W. Hosford, III  
E. Grand Prin Sojourner – William Ormerod  
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain – Lee Dion  
E. Grand Chaplain – Donald C. Murray  
E. Grand Master 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil – Vincent Robinson  
E. Grand Master 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil – Douglas K. Boardman  
E. Grand Sentinel – Robert Lencke

Absent

E. Grand Master of the First Veil, E. Grand Sr. Steward, E. Grand Jr. Steward and E. Grand Historian. These stations were not filled as our constitutional number was complete.

It was noted our E. Grand Master of the First Veil, Companion Pierre-Denis Leger passed away during this past year. In his memory the chair at his station was draped and remained vacant.

### **THE MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

The following Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests for the State of Vermont were introduced by M.E.P.G.H.P. Howard in the front of the gathered Companions:

James E. Selleck	1979	Bruce R. Howard	2010
Willis J Morse	1989	Kirk C. White	2011
Palmer E. Martin	1990	Douglas K. Boardman	2014
Daniel Ebbighausen	2001	Wm "Sandy" Karstens, IV	2015
Donald C.. Murray	2003	David W. Schuler	2018-19
Russell J. Slora	2009	Roland E. Woodard	2020

Companion Woodard led the assembled Companions in giving private grand honors, after which he personally greeted each Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests.

### **APPROVAL OF 2021 PROCEEDINGS**

After ascertaining that there were no objections or corrections, M.E.G.H.P. Woodard declared the 2021 proceedings approved as printed.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

The meeting then resumed with the pledge of allegiance to the Flag being recited by all members in attendance.

### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Woodard asked all Grand Representatives to stand and be recognized. He then thanked them for their continued service in keeping the lines of communication open with our sister jurisdictions. He then asked the assembled Companions to give these hard-working individuals with a round of applause.

### **RECOGNITION OF HEADS OF VERMONT BODIES**

Companion Woodard then asked Companion Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.M. to introduce recognized the following heads of Vermont Bodies:

**Companion Joshua Retchless**, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Vermont

**Sir Knight Roland E. Woodard**, Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Vermont

**Knight David W. Schuler**, Eminent Prior VT Priory #45 Knights of the York Rite Cross of Honour and Intendent General for Vermont, United Grand Imperial Council Red Cross of Constantine United States, Mexico and the Philippines.

**William “Sandy” Karstens, IV**, Grand Governor for Vermont, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

**Kirk C. White**, Governor Green Mountain York Rite College #139

**Vincent Robinson**, Puissant Sovereign St. Helena Conclave, RCC

**Roland E. Woodard**, Puissant Sovereign Star of Bethlehem Conclave, RCC

Private Grand Honors were then given to all heads of Vermont bodies.

### **CALL FOR MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS OR PROPOSALS**

M.E.G.H.P Woodard called for any resolutions or proposals. No motions or proposals were received as prescribed in the Statutes and Regulations by the Grand Secretary other than those to be reported on by the Jurisprudence Committee.

### **ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest turned the gavel over to the Right Excellent Grand King, Companion Robert Bryant and gave the following address in addition to the written address contained in the book of reports which appears later in these proceedings.

I will be delivering my address as I move about the room. Because of my forty-five (45) year teaching career I am most comfortable moving around and being really loud. This oral address will not be the same as my printed address. I will be emphasizing certain sections and omitting others The Bayeux Tapestry which is two hundred feet (200') long told the events leading up to, during and after the Norman invasion of England in 1066. I view my two (2) years as a tapestry. I've been extraordinarily lucky and I want to cover some of what I consider the high points of this tapestry of the last two (2) years.

First of all, I want to thank my officers who assisted me for the last two years and I particularly want to thank Bruce Howard who is an old, old friend. He thinks he's done with me but as he found out this morning, that's not true. As I wander around, I notice very sadly, a shrouded chair in the back. This was the Chair of Past Grand High Priest Pierre-Denis Leger who had agreed to serve as Master of the First Veil for me. This is emblematical of the losses that we have suffered. We lost Pierre and we also lost Past Grand High Alex (Alexis) Parent. If you want somebody to blame for having to listen to me, that would be Companion Alex would be to blame. Years ago he was the Grand High Priest and he put me in as the Northern District Deputy which that started me on this tapestry journey. We also lost Past Grand High Priest Mo (Morris) Tucker who I did not have the privilege to know but I certainly have heard a lot about him. There are also eighteen (18) other Companions that we lost. So, if we look at this tapestry there are threads missing. Important threads. Threads such as Alex and my dear friend Pierre-Denis Leger, who wasn't just a Past Grand High Priest, but a close friend.

Next as I walk around, I notice some Past Grand High Priests, who have been a tremendous help to me during these past couple years. I will be honest, when I first started down this tapestry they intimidated the hell out of me, they were scary. It was their knowledge, their expertise, and their leadership. I look at things now and I realize they have served much like a kitchen cabinet. I bounced ideas off them, I asked them to do things multiple, multiple times, and was never refused.

I think one of the things to remember, even though they are Past Grand High Priests they still very quietly work for the good of the craft. For that I thank all of them.

Next, we come to the rank and file. All twelve Chapters in Vermont are represented here today. Some of them are doing very well and they are doing degrees. Others are at least holding their own and others are struggling in the quarries. It's not easy. They are making tough decisions: do we keep going, do we merge, what should we do? I hope for all Chapters, especially the struggling ones, I was of some small use in the past two years.

The Chapters also represent something that I worked on to improve which was communication. I put out many communications myself trying to model better communication. This may be wishful thinking on my part, but I really felt that the communications between the heads of Chapters, their secretaries, myself and Bruce was improved this year. I thought it showed in how we were able to coordinate degrees. I hope this improved communication will continue in the future.

At this point my Companion (speaking to the Right Excellent King), I am apologizing to you because I have left you a problem that I wished I could have solved but it kind of caught me off guard. We have a problem filling the difficult chairs, particularly in the Most Excellent Master and especially in the Royal Arch Degree. After we reopened degree work it became apparent that death and infirmity had created a problem. I started communicating to all the Chapters and all agreed we have a problem, but we have no consensus of what to do. That's what I leave you. To give you a good example, Companion and Past Grand High priest William "Sandy" Karstens the man with so many hats. Sandy (Wm) Karstens is the only Companion in Vermont that knows the east for the Royal Arch degree. Because, as we saw today earlier, he has so many hats that scheduling him gets interesting. I can report some good news, in that we have some Companions who are stepping up to learn, there is one who is working on the Principal Sojourner's part and another learning the East for the Royal Arch degree. But we have to have more people stepping up, because it's creating a bottleneck. We really can't worry about our numbers going down if we can't pull off the degree. The first two degrees most Chapters can do them pretty well. Then it gets interesting. So that unfortunately is a problem that I leave you.

Now I come to the visitors. In the tapestry, this is the best part. I've made some great friends. Companions who if I run into them in the future, it will be just like old times. The hospitality rooms remind me of a frat party. You make friends that last your whole life.

One of the things that I talked about last year was the need to stop talking about stuff we ought to do and actually do it. Be what we say we are. Chapters probably noticed I did not travel as much as I did last year. I made all the degrees that were done and most annual meetings. The reason for that was I made a decision. There is a lot of Blue Lodge activity in Districts 10 and 12 where I am from. By the end of this month, I will have participated in twenty (20) different Blue Lodge Degrees in different lodges this year. I did this because I wanted the York Rite to be out there. Because, guess what, all the guys taking those degrees knew that I was the Grand High Priest. Some of them are going to become Royal Arch Masons at the appropriate time. So that was a priority this year. I can tell you that some of these younger Masons are talented. The only danger is we got to make sure we don't burn them out. That we don't load them down too fast with work.

We now come to the end of the tapestry but I have one more one thing that became very clear to me over the last two (2) years. Vermont is unique. We are not the only small state that faces certain problems. We have no District Deputies, we have no Grand Lecturer, so if you're the Grand High Priest, and there is something that needs to be done, you are going to do it. I realized I had to get my hands dirty. I realized that travelling and looking pretty isn't enough. I needed to encourage



communication among the Chapters and the members. I needed to help with the growth of lodges whenever possible because candidates taking degrees are our future. You need to be ready to take on other certain difficult issues that popped up that don't need to be talked about here. But if you are going to be the Grand High Priest in Vermont you got to be ready to get your hands dirty. Because otherwise it is not going to work.

I want to mention one other thing that I omitted earlier when I was doing my Grand Officers, I forgot that I wanted to bring good news. If you notice Companion Sandy is the Captain of the Host. He had to fill in for two (2) years because we had nobody that was prepared. In the future not only is the line much better and solid, but we have people who are waiting to start their process of moving up and they're talented and they're young, of course everybody looks young to me. But, the future of the grand line is good. One of the things I hope is this filling in of lines works its way up to Council and Commandery. And on that note, thank you for the two (2) years and everything you've done for me all the acceptances and warm welcomes I got as I travelled around Vermont and also around the Northeast. Thank you again"

Roland E. Woodard  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Royal Arch Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Vermont

Upon the completion of his address, the Grand King referred his report to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and returned the gavel and meeting to the M.E.G.H.P.

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER (see page 31-32)**

The report of the Grand Treasurer printed in the Book of Reports was given by our Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer then made a motion that his report be referred to the Finance Committee

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY (see page 33-35)**

The reports of the Grand Secretary printed in the Book of Reports were reviewed. And a motion was then made to referred his reports to the Finance Committee

#### **AWARDS**

With the assistance of our Right Excellent Northeast Department Deputy Grand High Priest Schuler, Companion Woodard presented following Awards:

Companion Woodard, after speaking of his father's service to our Country and his great honor to present two (2) Veteran' medals during his term as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, presented Companion Palmer E. Martin with the Veterans Medal on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Vermont for his service to our Country. After receipt of the award, Companion Martin gave a few appropriate remarks and thanked the assembled Companions for the honor.

The Award in Bronze for Service was presented to Companion William Ormerod from Burlington Chapter in Williston, VT by Companion Woodard and Schuler.



Companion William Ormerod receives the Award in Bronze from Most Excellent Grand High Priest Roland E. Woodard and our Northeast Department District General Grand Chapter Grand High Priest at our Annual Convocation.

Pictured left to right, M.E.G.H.P. Roland Woodard, William Ormerod, David W. Schuler.

Companion Roland E. Woodard was presented a plaque certifying his completion of his term of office as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, Royal Arch Masons together with his permanent membership card and lapel pin.

Companion Bruce R. Howard, Custodian of the Ephraim Kirby Award for the jurisdiction of Vermont was exceedingly pleased to surprise and present to our outgoing Grand High Priest, Roland E. Woodard the Ephraim Kirby Award for 2022. He asked all holders of this prestigious award to stand so that Companion Woodard could see the extraordinary distinguished group of medal holders he was now a part of. For once Companion Woodard was speechless, and humbly thanked the Companions present.

The following reports were received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

- ❖ **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY** (see page 39-40)
- ❖ **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES** (see page 37)
- ❖ **COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS** (see page 37)
- ❖ **COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP** (see page 37-38)
- ❖ **COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COLLEGE LIASION** (see page 38)
- ❖ **COMMITTEE ON R.A.R.A.** (see page 41)
- ❖ **COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS** (see page 38)

#### **COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS** (see page 29-30)

It was moved and seconded to accept the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers report contained in the book of reports. The motion to accept was voted in the affirmative.

#### **COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND TIME**

An oral report was given at the Annual Convocation by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Committee recommended that the Grand Chapter of Vermont meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023 with the Annual Convocation commencing at 1:00 P.M. at the Killington Mountain Lodge on the Killington Access Road, Killington Vermont or another appropriate venue in the Killington Area. Companion Woodard has requested feedback concerning the holding of a Sunday afternoon and Monday meeting as well as comments regarding the facilities. After a review of all comments the final decision will be made. A motion was made to accept the oral report submitted by the committee. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

### **COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE (see page 36)**

Companion Palmer E. Martin, M.E.P.G.H.P. presented for the Committee. Companion Martin presented all three reports for the Committee which may be found in the report section of these proceedings on the indicated pages.

#### **Report No. 1.**

Motion made and seconded to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

#### **Report No. 2.**

Motion made and seconded to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

#### **Report No. 3.**

Motion made, seconded and voted to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET (see page 41-44)**

#### **Report No. 1.**

Motion made and seconded to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

#### **Report No. 2.**

Motion made and seconded to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

#### **Report No. 3.**

Motion made, seconded and voted to accept this report and voted in the affirmative

#### **Report No. 4.**

Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to adopt this report.

#### **Report No. 5**

Motion made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to adopt this report.

### **COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS (see page 29)**

The Committee on Credentials gave the report as found on page number forty-two (42) as their final report. This report was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings. Companion Nye was given a round of applause for his work on this Committee. This was his first year and did a fine job preparing the required report.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Woodard called for the election of officers. Sir Knight Bruce R. Howard, M.E.P.G.H.P. made the motion that Robert S. Bryant be elected as Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. Companion Palmer E. Martin, M.E.P.G.H.P. seconded the motion and made the motion the nominations be closed and the nominated individual be elected by acclamation. Companion Bryant was elected and accepted.

Companion Howard made the following motion to elect the following officers for the ensuing year as follows:

R.E. Grand King	Joshua Retchless
R.E. Grand Scribe	Leon R. Dion.
E. Grand Treasurer	Russell J. Slora
E. Grand Secretary	Bruce R. Howard
E. G. Capt. the Host	Jon W. Hosford, III

Companion Martin seconded the motion and made a motion the nominations be closed and the slate of officers elected by acclamation. The nominations were closed the proposed slate of officers seconded and voted in the affirmative by acclamation.

Companion Bryant made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

G. Prin. Sojourner	William Ormerod
G. Royal Arch Capt.	William Karstens, IV
Chaplain	Donald C. Murray
Master 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil	Vincent Robinson
Master 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil	Douglas K. Boardman
Master 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil	Roland E. Woodard
Sr. Steward	Michael S. Kiessling
Jr. Steward	Kenneth Johnson
Sentinel	Robert Leneke
Historian	Alex Lehning
Ass't Treasurer	Jon W. Hosford, III
Ass't Secretary	Jon W. Hosford, III

### **REMARKS FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Companions,

This being near the end of a long two days, with another soon to occur, I will not keep you long. I wish to thank you for the trust you have imposed in me by electing me to be your Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. I hope to live up to the example set for me by our newest Past Grand High Priest and look to him and our other distinguished PGHPs for guidance through the future. The past two years have been very tough on us as an organization and as social animals. It is good to be back to seeing each other in person, and I look forward to the many occasions we will have again to share in face-to-face fraternal friendships!

I would also be remiss if I did not thank my wife and children at this time for the support that they are going to give me during the ensuing year! I could not do what I do without them on my side. Thank you all and I look forward to our future travels together.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITING DIGNATARIES**

Companion Woodard recognized visiting Most Excellent Grand High Priest Clyde Kayser, II from Connecticut who gave the following remarks on behalf of the visiting Most Excellent Grand High Priests "Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions all, I am lucky I am here because I had one heck of a cold. Last Saturday I said is three (3) times a charm or three (3) strikes you're out, I

don't know which one it is. I've been coming to Vermont since 2008 when I went in as Grand Warder in Commandery. Since we follow you, usually we follow you the same weekend, this time we had a whole week. I only missed two (2) sessions here and that's because your Monday Session is my lodge night. I bring you the greetings of the other visiting Grand High Priests (and) thank you for the courtesies of the weekend. Lady AJ wanted to come but after two (2) years of putting it off, actually having it put off, on March 15<sup>th</sup> she had her left knee replaced and she's in the final stages of recovering from that so that she can have the right one done on July 15<sup>th</sup>. That's going to be a long ordeal. As I travel around the Northeast, I listened for many, many years the difficulties of filling chairs. I kinda think maybe fifteen (15) years ago Connecticut might have had two or three Companions that had served in two (2) of the York Rite chairs. We now have ten (10). I know we have three (3) more in the making and we also have seven or eight that have done three. And of course, Bruce Bellmore is now the Grand Master of Connecticut so he's done all four (4). But I want to tell you one more thing. I found out this week, Ohio, one of the powerful Masonic states next October in their session will elect a former Grand Master of Ohio into one of the dais chairs of the York Rite. That's never happened before. So, they are not exactly having trouble, and he's a very good friend of mine, he was the left tackle on my high school football team protecting my backend cause I was a left-handed quarterback. It is very, very interesting that that has happened. I'll also say that that state KYCH College has close to three hundred (300) members. And you got to really think about that now cause they only have sixty-eight (68) Commanderies that I know of right now. It's kind of funny that all the power that's out there in the separation and everything but they're all together. We here in the Northeast are really tight together and I had one heck of a time finding an appointment for my grand line this year. Thank you."

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

After the remarks from Companion Kayser, our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Woodard accepted a motion that all visiting Most Excellent Grand High Priests be made Honorary Members of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, Royal Arch Masons. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative. Companion Woodard distributed certificates to all visiting Most Excellent Grand High Priests.

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **Companion David W. Schuler, RE Deputy General Grand High Priest, Northeast**

Companion Woodard introduced Companion David W. Schuler, R.E. Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Department who gave the following address:

"It was a pain not having a podium yesterday it was one of those things that was noticed and corrected today after I'm all finished. But I think about "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" instead of having one dream coat of many colors, I have many coats of one color and it's interesting to be up here. I want to change hats just for a second and put on my plain Vermont hat for a moment. At our meeting, session this morning I announced that at the conclusion of the day, which is coming up very shortly, we go into, you know, where everything officially done and we have a chance just to relax with those who are still staying overnight and we normally go out to eat informally out to a restaurant called the (pause and audience responded Foundry) Foundry, I was thinking the forge, but that's not right, the Foundry down the hill and we meet outside here in the lobby about six P.M. (6:00 P.M.) and head down, but they would like to get a count, a rough head count, of the people who are coming. Now in the morning in the Commandery session I took

a head count, if you raised your hand then do not raise your hand now in this session. But what I want to do, is I want to get, I am going to ask twice, for people who are interested in attending and it's only one of you, please, I'll have you raise your hand first, I'll then ask, have you lower your hands, and the people who have two (2) people coming, a spouse, a girl friend, a whatever but please you know if you have two people coming raise your hand so I can eventually get a rough count of the number of people and we'll call ahead to the restaurant just so they can kinda prepare for the people that are coming, so any questions on that before I ask for a show of hands, perfect. (Count taken) That concludes that part of the work for today.

On, now I'm going to put back on the red jacket. And it is a pleasure to be here today to represent the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. Represent(ing) our Most Excellent Companion Steven Tiner, the General Grand High Priest. And as his representative today I have a chance to address you and especially to congratulate Roland on the work he's done. Roland talked a little bit about this tapestry and I think that concept is great. I'm going to hit on that for just a couple of seconds. We talked about some of the missing threads and of course everybody I think probably in this room did know Pierre, and whenever we'd been travelling and Pierre, I'm talking about the last umpteen years now, and Pierre wasn't there, people would always ask "Where's that French guy?". They could never remember his name but it's "where's that French guy?" And everybody had great things to say and he was a friend to all. Every state I think here has a story to tell, maybe at dinner time, you know, you can share some of those stories of some of his crazy road trips and the things that happened and his maple syrup pie and things like that. But certainly those are threads that are missing from our tapestry. There could be other threads added but some threads just cannot be replaced. Along with that, the tapestry provided education, as Roland said, it was a history of time provided an education. And our still Grand High Priest has provided education all year long to many Companions here. He made sure education was part of any visit he made and visits are official or even unofficial. But he made sure to bring education using submitted materials, Piers (referring to Piers Vaughan, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest from New York who was in attendance) from your materials directly and using other sources as well to let people know about it. And by his bringing education into Chapters those who may have had no plan to do anything that night got a session. Got a little bit more knowledge had more light in Masonry brought to them So I would encourage everybody to do that. I certainly want to thank you for adding that, that education is part of that tapestry. And again, congratulations on the Ephraim Kirby Award. That's a face on that tapestry that's going to go up and there's not too many of those faces there, so congratulations with that.

General Grand Chapter has a website for those who have checked it out recently you may notice there is some improvements and there are some things that are currently missing. There are changes being made to it. In some cases, there's some sections that are still being updated and added and in other cases there are parts that are already done and are available for use. So, if you find something missing and have questions, you know, please recheck and ask and we can try and get answers for you. For instance, today I went out to look just a little bit at R.A.R.A. and found out currently under construction. So, if you have questions and you need answers please don't be afraid to reach out. But please, please do reach out because we'd like to make sure that comes to you.

But on the subject of R.A.R.A., that's Royal Arch Research Assistance, those of you that are, should be all familiar with that, this last year at our conference in Albany, New York, Art Stoff and his wife Linda from New Hampshire came and talked to us on a personal level. There wasn't a scientific or medical presentation but it was in a personal level of what the work that organization

does had meant to their family and it's with their son that they would have learned about this. And they have become true advocates for contributing and to work and stuff. And so R.A.R.A., you know when you think about it, don't think about, I mean, there's a lot of things you can do, but think about the families that are affected by it and the families that are helped by the work that we do. These are good works, and I hate to say it but, I do think everybody who was here last night made donations to R.A.R.A., C.M.M.R.F., and the Eye Foundation. Every little bit helps. Every time you make a donation that could be the one that has a major breakthrough. But even if it's not overall in the aggregate it contributes and helps a lot. So again, thank you for that.

I did talk about the under-construction part of the website a little bit, but there is a good section there. Capitular Learning Center, that has been added to website. That takes a lot of various pieces of information, everything from just trying to answer basic questions, to new Companions, such as what does the triple tau refer to. What is it? Seal of Solomon and others. So, it gives a chance, a little bit of history of Royal Arch, it gives a little bit of the best practices that you can bring to your local Chapters, some information about esoteric symbolism. Now I'll tell you again there's an expert if you want to know about esoteric symbolism (referring to Piers Vaughan, MEPGHP New York). But we do have people in our own midst who have written the books literally some of this education which can help. And we encourage everybody, the newest members through I'm going to relatively say the oldest members. Everybody can learn something. If you go to a meeting, if you go to a presentation, if you go to the website, and you don't learn something, you're not looking hard enough. Cause all of us have something to learn. We all have experience, we have knowledge, but we also have some voids that can be filled in and I would encourage you to do that.

Finally, the website can offer some help. It has some special celebrations listed. So, things that maybe you haven't done as a Chapter you may want to consider thinking outside the box you put yourself in. Now what else can you do? What type of recognitions can be done? Maybe other types of ceremonies. So, there's parts of the website that will help you to learn about that. Also archives of magazines, papers and etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

So General Grand Chapter is here to help and if you question any time, again, please feel free to reach out and ask. We have State Ambassadors, I know there is one (1) over here, raise your hand (Council Ambassador raised his hand) and I'm not sure there are other state ambassadors here or not, not coming up with any at the moment, but please reach out within your state, if you need to, give me a call directly and we will be there and we will be able to help you a little bit.

Along the lines of help, there is the Northeast Conference held every year. It's an annual conference for not only the officers, and the line officers it's also designed for members to attend. And the Northeast Conference this year will be the Friday and Saturday after Labor Day, so September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. To be held in Albany, New York at the Desmond Hotel. That's were it's been for the last couple times, and it's a hotel that's worked out nice for our conference. Friday is the Chapter and Council sessions. Myself and Right Puissant Sandy Karstens put that together and that, it's a combination, we don't really have a separate Chapter and Council session. It's merged together, there's knowledge to be obtained, everybody that attends. And for those that attended last year, you saw a good sample of how that blended together where it's almost a continuum and not necessarily two (2) distinct bodies at that point. We're all learning, we're all gaining knowledge, we're all sharing our experiences together at conference. And then the Saturday is the Department Conference for Commandery. So again, I would encourage you to come, consider coming for the whole time. You may not today be in officer in one or the other days, but come anyway. Come and take in, take it in. And there is also Leadership Training. Leadership training for all of the

Masonic family, not just York Rite Masons, not just the men, but this goes out to everybody. You can be Blue Lodge members. You can be Rainbow, the older Rainbow, the older DeMolay. Yeah ladies (Pause, from the audience Eastern Star) Eastern Star, thank you, or any of the other organizations. You can be part of that Masonic family and take advantage of this training. It provides good leadership training for members who may eventually become Chapter officers, or f Chapter officers who may eventually become Grand Chapter Officers and beyond. But it's, it's a good fundamental, it teaches the fundamentals even if you've done his before, if you've done this for work, if you've done this in another organization there's always different ways to look at the same problem and sometimes something will hit you differently then the ten (10) times you saw it before. So, I would encourage you to signing up for that and basically at this point you can self-nominate. If you would like to come you can get signed up. More information will be coming out probably within the month on the details on the website on the room reservation, etcetera. So, we hope to see you all there, and in 2023 put in your calendar around August 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> will be the triennial session. that will be General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, different days that's why I'm saying that period but watch for details. Its in Branson Missouri, so start getting your travel plans together. It's a good chance for family vacation depending upon your situation bring the kids and the grandkids, and make a trip out of it and enjoy it. But for General Grand Chapter that's pretty much the word they have today, but there's still another task that I think it is appropriate to do now, but it may be premature by what, ten (10) or fifteen (15) minutes, Roland could you please come forward, I'll ask you to stand up front so I can do this (the M.E.G.H.P. Woodard met with Companion Schuler in front of the podium). I know you're not officially out of office yet, but I'm trusting that the doors are barred you're not letting him out (referring to MEGHP elect Bryant) he's going to finish his term correctly. So, we have a certificate to present to him from General Grand Chapter." (reads certificate).

### **PRESENTATION OF PAST PRESIDING HIGH PRIEST JEWEL**

At this point, Companion Bruce R. Howard presented to Companion Woodard, his Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Jewel with his name added under the name of William W. Smith, a member of Companions Woodard's home Chapter.

### **THE GRAND LODGE VERMONT**

#### **Wm Karstens, IV representing James B. Stevens, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest introduced William "Sandy" Karstens, IV, R.W. Grand Sr. Warden of the Grand Lodge of Vermont representing James B. Stevens, Most Worshipful Grand Master who gave the following address:

"Thank you. Good afternoon, Brothers and Companions, I am here to bring you the warm and fraternal greetings of Brother James B. Stevens, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Vermont. As I mentioned this morning, he has a session coming up on Wednesday and is busily getting himself ready with all the things that have to be done for that so unfortunately, he could not be here, though he would have loved to have been able to be a part of our session. So, with that, I will simply say, thank you for coming as he would say the same to you. I hope you have good travels, have enjoyed the hospitality, and for those that are staying over enjoy our company for a little bit longer. With that I will say Thank you very much Most Excellent Grand High Priest".



**CALL FOR OLD, NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE GRAND  
CHAPTER OF VERMONT ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

M.E.G.H.P Woodard called for any old, new or other business to come before the Grand Chapter of Vermont Annual Convocation. No old, new or other matters were necessary to be discussed. The Grand Chapter was placed at ease for the preparation for installation.

**INSTALLATION**

The newly elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest, elected and appointed Officers were installed in due form with Companion, Installing High Priest James E. Selleck, M.E.P.G.H.P., Excellent Acting Captain of the Host, Willis "Bill" Morse, M.E.P.G.H.P., and Grand Chaplain, Donald C. Murray, M.E.P.G.H.P.,

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this 205th Annual Convocation, the Convocation was closed in appropriate form by M.E.P.G.H.P. Bryant at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce R. Howard, M.E.P.G.H.P.  
Right Excellent Grand Secretary

# **REPORTS**

## **GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS SUBMITTED FOR PRINTING IN THE PROCEEDINGS**

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont now assembled:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest these past two (2) years. It has been two (2) years of adaptation and perseverance in the face of Covid. That is the last time I will use that word. It is time to look forward and not dwell on what might have been. I want to thank all the companions and Chapters who have endeavored to deal with this situation. You have labored in quarries in the face of unprecedented challenges. I especially want to thank the Past Grand High Priests who were sources of advice and ideas. I most especially want to thank the Grand Secretary Bruce Howard. As we all know the Grand High Priest is only as good as the Grand Secretary he works with.

The Craft has experienced the loss of eighteen companions this past year. This includes three Past Grand High Priests; Morris "Mo" Gwynn Tucker, Alexis Jean Parent, Jr. and Pierre-Denis Leger. Let us not forget their contributions and keep them in our thoughts.

While there was no in-person planning meeting this year, the heads of bodies and the Grand Secretary Zoomed multiple times. This has been one positive outcome of the pandemic: It allows communication and planning without hours of driving. This year the incoming Grand High Priest and Grand Master of Council were also invited to help with the transition.

Communication has been an issue in the past so I tried to set an example by disseminating information myself on a regular basis. I want to commend the Chapter Recorders who stepped up to communicate regarding this issue, which was the main concern. Because of the problem with staffing the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, I sent out multiple e-mails on the state-wide schedule of degrees.

I issued one dispensation this year and no district meetings were held. Potter Chapter #22 has finished its by-laws review and the new version is in effect. Potter #22 is also moving their location from Salisbury to Brandon. Mt. Lebanon #13 is almost finished re-doing their by-laws. I would urge Chapters to review their by-laws because you would be amazed how out of date some are. There is a situation concerning Davenport Chapter #17 in Rutland. At this time, it is not clear how this will work out.

As opposed to last year's visitations there were a combination of live visits and a few Zoom meetings this year. I was able to participate in two degrees and witness four more. I attended in-person or via Zoom 18 Chapter meetings including five Annual Meetings. I visited seven Chapters but attended degrees in which all but one Chapter was involved. In the Northeast Region, I attended the State Convocations of all New England states except one, plus New York and the Northeast Department Conference. I finished my term as Prior of Vermont Priory # 45 and Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. I am also finishing my term as Puissant Sovereign of Bethlehem Conclave.

Clearly, I did not travel as much this year. Last year I talked about not just talking but doing what we say. We discuss that our future is tied to growth in the Blue Lodges and I have been involved in almost 20 Blue Lodge degrees in Districts 10 and 12 this year. There has been a burst of growth in several lodges. Their candidates are young and many have interest in York Rite. I decided it was important to participate in these degrees because they are York Rite's future. Because I was able to stay in touch with Chapters electronically, I was able to see their candidates take degrees.

The condition of the Order is mixed. As has been true for several years there are Chapters which are growing and thriving. They consistently have at least nine companions present and are working degrees regularly. These Chapters attract younger members by doing their own degrees as much as possible and offering education in multiple forms. There are other Chapters working very hard to achieve growth and they deserve commendation for their efforts. There are a few Chapters in serious trouble. Their attendance is poor and they have no candidates so some of them are considering options such as meeting with or merging another Chapter.

At this point I need to apologize to the incoming Grand High Priest. I am leaving you with a serious problem. In the Royal Arch degree and to a lesser extent in the Most Excellent degree we are experiencing a shortage of companions who can do the challenging parts. For example, there is only one companion in the state who can do the East in the Royal Arch degree, companion William Karstens IV. Given his schedule, it has made it difficult to schedule Royal Arch degrees. This made it difficult to exalt new companions. As a result, I have started the discussion about this issue and make companions aware that this is a serious problem. However, there is not agreement about what to do. I know of one companion learning the Principal Sojourner role in the Royal Arch degree and another learning the East for the Most Excellent Master degree. It is possible that if younger companions step up, we can resolve this problem in the future but it remains a major problem.

One thing became clear to me over the last two years. Vermont is unique in that we have no District Deputies. This required a different mindset for the Grand High Priest. To borrow an idea from the Grand Master of New Hampshire you must be ready to "get your hands dirty". This is no longer a job of traveling and speaking but of encouraging communication among Chapters and companions, growth of Lodges, and undertaking difficult issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roland E. Woodard,  
E. Grand High Priest

Travels of Grand High Priest  
June, 2021-May, 2022

June 2021

June 11-Reception of Grand Master

June 21-Bradford-Regular meeting of Mt Lebanon Chapter #13

June 24-Williston-Regular meeting of Burlington Chapter #3

June 27-Rutland-Annual meeting of Vermont Priory #39-Recognized as GHP-Presided as Prior

June 28-Zoom-Heads of Vt York Rite bodies meeting

July 2021

July 2-Alex Parent funeral-PGHP

July 5-Barton-Regular meeting of Keystone #16 and Cleveland #20 Chapters  
July 17-Funeral Mo Tucker-PGHP  
July 19-Bradford-Regular meeting of Mt Lebanon Chapter #13  
July 26-Zoom-Heads of Vt York Rite bodies meeting  
July 31-NH York Rite Banquet

August 2021

August 2-Barton-Regular meeting of Keystone #16 and Cleveland #20 Chapters  
Self- quarantining -covid exposure

September 2021

September 1-Masonic Funeral-Pierre-Denis Legere PGHP-Williston  
September 10&11-NE Regional-Albany NY  
September 13-Barton-Regular Meeting of Keystone #16 and Cleveland #20 chapters  
September 19-Red Cross of Constantine-Star of Bethlehem Conclave-Received as GHP  
September 30-Granite Chapter #26-Barre -Royal Arch degree

October 2021

October 4-Barton-Rergular meeting of Keystone Chapter #16 and Cleveland Chapter #16  
October 10-Green Mountain York Rite York Rite College #139-received as GHP  
October 18-Marked Master Degree-Mt Lebanon #13  
October 21 &22- Mass. Grand Chapter  
October 26-Council Degrees Barre

November 2021

November 1- Barton-Regular Meeting-Keystone Chapter #16 and Keystone Chapter #16  
November 6-Marked Master Degree-Granite Chapter #26  
November 22-Zoom meeting-Vt York Rite Heads of bodies

December 2021

December 6-Barton- Regular Meeting-Keystone Chapter #16 and Cleveland Chapter #20  
December 12-Commandery Orders-Barre  
December 20-Mt Lebanon #13-PM degree

January 2022

January 16-Red Cross of Constantine- Star of Bethlehem Conclave-Received as GHP  
January 23-Red Cross of Constantine-St Helena annual conclave-received as GHP-zoom  
January 27-Burlington Chapter #3-zoom meeting

February 2022

February 18-Zoom meeting of Vt York Rite heads of bodies  
February 24-Granite Chapter #2-Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees

March 2022

March 3-5-Grand Chapter of NY  
March 7-Regular meeting of Keystone Chapter #16 and Cleveland Chapter #20

April 2022

April 1-Zoom meeting of VT York Rite heads of bodies  
April 4-Keystone Chapter #16 and Cleveland Chapter #20-Past Master degree and annual meetings  
April 10-Green Mountain York Rite College #139 annual session-received as GHP  
April 18-Mt Lebanon Chapter #13 regular meeting  
April 22 and 23-Maine annual Grand Chapter

May 2022

May 13 and 14-NH Grand Chapter

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in Session:

Your committee on Credentials finds the following

Number of Chapters	12
Number of Chapters Represented	12
Chapters not represented	0
Number of Voting Members present	24

Due to members holding several positions, represented were

Chapter Representatives Present	31
Past High Priests Present	12
Constitutional Grand Chapter Officers Present	14
Other Grand Chapter Officers Present	0
M.E. Past Grand Masters Present	12
Nov-Voting Members Present	5
Total Companions Present	42

Respectfully Submitted by,

Bruce R. Howard for Daniel Nye and the Committee

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS**

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now in session:

As always, this committee is honored to serve our Grand Chapter during the current capitular year.

In reviewing the itinerary of our Grand High Priest for the second successive year, we find he has performed his duties and obligations most efficiently, considering operating under restrictive COVID – 19 precautions. He has maintained correspondence with our sister jurisdictions, mostly virtual.

M.E.G.H.P. Woodard is very well thought of and is always received with enthusiasm. He has dedicated his time in making himself and his officers available to all Companions in both real and virtual scenarios, and has presented numerous educational talks in all his visitations in Vermont, and they are always well received.

We believe that he has provided a proper example for all Royal Arch Masons,

and that Masonry in our Green Mountain State is on the right footing.

As a committee, we do not know what more could be expected of him. In many ways he has set the bar for those who will follow him.

Many, Many thanks to Companion Woodard and his officers as we slowly return to a resemblance of life before the pandemic.

Fraternally submitted,

Douglas Boardman, PGHP

Kirk C White, PGHP

Belford A. Belles, PGHP, Chair.

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont  
Report of the Grand Treasurer  
May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022**

**General Fund:**

Cash on hand April 30, 2021 (checking acct – TD Bank) **\$11,392.77**

**Receipts:**

Received from Grand Secretary; Per Capita FY – 20	\$ 836.00	
Received from Grand Secretary; Per Capita FY – 21	\$6,008.00	
		<b>\$ 6,844.00</b>

**Received from investment Accounts this Year:**

TD Bank Interest	\$ 4.19	
BlackRock High Yield Bond Class A Dividends	\$1,458.78	
		<b>\$ 1,462.97</b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$19,614.29**

**Transfers:**

General Funds to Investments Account	None this Year
Investment Account to General General Fund	None this Year

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR:**

<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Variance</u>
1	Expenses: Grd Sec	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	- 0 -
	Asst Grd Sec	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
	Grd Treas	\$150.00	\$150.00	- 0 -
	Asst Grd Treas	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
2	Print Proceedings	\$150.00	\$143.28	\$6.72
3	Office Expenses	\$800.00	\$997.75	(\$197.75)
4	Rent	\$300.00	\$300.00	- 0 -
5	GHP Apron /Jewel	\$300.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
6	Convocation Expense	\$1,200.00	\$754.47	\$445.53
7	Planning	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
8	Awards	\$200.00	\$225.00	(\$25.00)
9	Gen Grd Chapter	\$1,200.00	\$1,002.00	\$198.00
10	NE YR Planning Conf	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
11	G H P Travel	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	- 0 -
12	Triennial Fund	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
13	Insurance	\$300.00	\$286.96	\$13.04
14	Festival	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
15	Misc Bank Fees	\$50.00	\$56.00	(\$6.00)
16	DeMolay / Rainbow	\$150.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
17	Office Automation	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
		<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,115.46</u>	<u>\$884.55</u>

**Disbursements from General Fund this Year: (\$7,115.46)**

**Cash on Hand as of April 30, 2022: \$12,584.24**

**Triennial Fund:**

Balance on Hand April 30, 2021	\$600.00
Received from General Fund	- 0 -
Distributed to Attendees	- 0 -
Balance on Hand April 30, 2022	<b>\$600.00</b>

**Statement of Assets April 30, 2022**

**Cash on Hand:**

General Fund	\$12,584.24
Triennial Fund	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
	<b>\$ 13,184.24</b>

**Investment Account:**

BlackRock High Yield Bond A (portfolio value as of 03/31/22)	\$ 22,371.41
TD Bank Savings Acct/BlackRock dividends (as of 04/07/22)	<u>\$ 20,049.36</u>
	<b>\$ 42,420.77</b>

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS OF 04/30/2022**

Skitchewaug # 25	No per capita has been received as of this report.
Ottauquechee #21	A check was received from them and TD Bank 'Voided' the check upon deposit stating it was an improper check (\$198.00) due to an unknown account number and charged the Grand Chapter a bad check fee of \$20.00. Ottauquechee was contacted by our Grand Recorder regarding this matter. As of the end of this term and the compiling of this report, nothing has been received yet. I am confident that this issue will be resolved and all funds will be properly recouped.
Burlington #3	Currently owes a partial payment (\$10.00) and it will be forthcoming.

Chapters which have paid are:

Keystone #16	\$464.00		
Cleveland #20	\$418.00		
Potter #22	\$381.00		
Granite #26	\$757.00		
Davenport #17	\$1,364.00		
Waterbury #24	\$484.00		
Tucker #15	\$242.00		
Whitney #5	\$421.00		
Mt. Lebanon #13	\$531.00		
Burlington #3	\$946.00	TOTAL	\$6,008.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell J. Slora, Grand Treasurer  
MEPGHP



## REPORTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in Session:

It has been indeed an honor and privilege to once again serve all the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Vermont as your Grand Secretary.

This office did receive a request for dispensations on behalf of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Roland E Woodard, however, this dispensation for Whitney Chapter of Bethel was not necessary as the meeting was able to be held on their regular meeting night.

Attached you will find a grid of membership gains and losses for the 2021-2021 Capitular year. Our aging membership combined with demits and unfortunately, suspensions for nonpayment of dues continue to put pressure our order. A separate sheet outlining gains and losses for the year is attached to this report.

I would like to thank the constituent Chapter Secretaries for your assistance in updating the York Rite Information System (YRIS) membership data base. We now have close to 100% of our membership being reported in an electronic data base that is accessible by all constituent Secretaries who wish to utilize this data base. This will result in accurate information available immediately, as well as tie in all York Rite memberships into a single data base.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Howard, E. Grand Secretary  
M.E.P.G.H.P.

Details are as follows:

# Grand Chapter of Vermont, R.A.M.

## Office of the Grand Secretary

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now in session:

Your Grand Secretary submits the following report on the condition of the Grand Chapter of Vermont as of March 31, 2022:

### Membership:

Number of Chapters.....	12
Number of Chapters reporting.....	11
Number of Chapters showing work.....	6
Membership as of March 31, 2021.....	357

### Gains:

Exalted.....	6
Affiliated.....	1
Errors Corrected.....	0
Reinstated.....	1
Total Gains.....	8

### Losses:

Demits.....	5
Suspensions.....	7
Deaths .....	18
Errors Corrected.....	16

Total Losses ..... 46

Membership March 31, 2022 .....**319\***

Net loss..... 38

Our Statutes and Regulations state the returns are due to the Grand Secretary by April 10 and the list of officers by the 10<sup>th</sup> of May each year. This office needs returns to forward to the Finance Committee, Necrology Committee and Doings of Grand Officer Committees. This office will assist with the filing of returns and will travel to your Chapter to assist those who seek help. One Secretary again has not given the data necessary to produce an accurate report, therefore this report is the best estimate of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce R. Howard, Excellent Grand Secretary  
M.E.P.G.H.P.

Statistical Table of Subordinate Chapters for the Year Ended March 31, 2022

Subordinate Chapter	Location	Members Start	advanced	seated	received	exalted	Admitted	Omitted	Restored	Suspended	Demitted	Died	Dues Remitted	Members end
BURLINGTON #3	Williston	44	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	43
WHITNEY #5	Bethel	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
MT. LEBANON #13	Bradford	32	1	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	2	0	1	4	28
TUCKER #15	Morrisville	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	11
KEYSTONE #16	Barton	20	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
DAVENPORT #17	Rutland	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	66
CLEVELAND #20	Newport	24	0	0	0	0	0	(5)	0	0	0	0	0	19
OTTAUQUECHEE #21	Woodstock	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	9
POTTER #22	Salisbury	24	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	21
WATERBURY #24	Waterbury	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	22
SKITCHEWAG #25	Springfield	38	0	0	0	0	0	(10)	0	0	2	0	0	26
GRANITE #26	Barre	34	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	34
		357	4	7	8	6	1	(16)	1	7	5	18	12	319

### **Committee on Jurisprudence**

The year 2021 – 2022 has continued to be a strange one. Just as we thought the Corona virus might be receding, a new variant pops up, and seems to be more virulent than the previous. However, we have persevered, and are glad to see that some of our Chapters have made use of the Zoom format that was authorized last year. We pray that we can get back to 100% in person meetings, but we are not holding our breath.

#### **Report Number 1.**

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont, now in session:

There was one dispensation issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest this past Capitular Year. This was to allow Whitney Chapter to move its convocation to Barre, as most of their active members would be attending a degree there with one of their candidates.

The Committee feels that this dispensation is within the rights and prerogatives of the Grand High Priest and are in the best interests of the Rite. The Committee therefore recommends approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Slora  
June 13, 2022

Bruce R. Howard

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

#### **Report Number 2.**

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont, now in session:

There has been referred to your committee a complete revision of the Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 13 bylaws. The committee is pleased to see the effort put forth by the companions of Mt. Lebanon Chapter, especially High Priest Lee Dion, to bring the bylaws into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. That makes two in two years. Still a few to go.

Your committee has carefully reviewed the proposed bylaws, and after some suggestions being incorporated, finds them in order, and has so informed the Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Slora  
June 13, 2022

Bruce R. Howard

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

#### **Report Number 3.**

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont, now in session:

There has been referred to your committee the proposal of Potter Chapter No. 22 to relocate from Salisbury to Brandon. The proper procedure has been followed and a revised set of bylaws has been submitted. The only requirement left to satisfy is the approval of Davenport Chapter No. 17.

Your committee finds that all is in order, and the proper changes have been made in the bylaws. Pending the approval of Davenport Chapter, your committee recommends approval of the relocation of Potter Chapter No. 22 from Salisbury to Brandon.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Slora  
June 13, 2022

Bruce R. Howard

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

## COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons now in session:

This year no business was referred to this committee, therefore no action was taken.

Fraternally submitted,

Kirk C. White, for the committee

## **COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations reports that in this past year, the Grand Chapter of Vermont did not receive any applications for recognition from other Grand Chapters.

All invitations to sister jurisdiction annual Convocations received by this office were forwarded to the current officers and all past presiding officers.

I was able to share with Secretaries from Massachusetts and New Jersey, a grid I developed which shows approximate Annual Convocation dates, as well as Annual Assemblies and Annual Conclaves for Grand Chapters, Councils and Commanderies in the Northeast. I will gladly share this tool with my fellow Grand Secretaries, and believe it is something the Northeast Grand Representative should have developed years ago as a tool for incoming officers as a tool to begin planning their travel.

All appointments from sister jurisdictions as well as copies of the patents forwarded for presentation for prior years are on file in the Grand Office. All correspondence received and sent is also filed in the Grand Office and is available for inspection upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Howard on behalf of the Committee

## **REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

To: The Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session.

From: Membership Committee

Charge: Active recruitment, candidate mentoring, development of membership material.

Goals: To provide the tools and the assistance to improve membership in each subordinate body and to help maintain vibrant Chapters, Councils and Commanderies.

As always, the Membership Committee stands ready to provide assistance in all matters of membership. In particular, we would like to remind our members that we have material available to use in promoting York Rite, including several “plays” that can be used in Blue Lodge. On this note, we vigorously encourage more Blue Lodge talks & presentations to inform Master Masons

about York Rite as they are our future members. We also have proficiency booklets for the Chapter degrees that can be used as part of your mentoring. In addition, we can provide a set of prologues to be presented at the beginning of each of the Chapter degrees. These are available directly from us, but were obtained from the New York Grand Chapter website which has a host of other educational material that we highly recommend. We are particularly happy to see more widespread use of the Capitular Development Course developed by Piers Vaughn and will assist any Chapter as they develop their own educational program. Other information, including signing up for newsletters, can be found on the General Grand Chapter website: [www.ggcrami.org](http://www.ggcrami.org)

Fraternally Submitted,

Joshua Retchless, Chair Lee Dion, William Karstens IV, Mike Kiessling, Willis J. Morse

### **REPORT OF THE YORK RITE COLLEGE LIAISONS COMMITTEE**

To: The Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session.

From: York Rite College Liaison Committee

As with last year, activity has still been minimized due to the pandemic, so there's not much different to report. For the time being, the Orders of the Anointed High Priest and Silver Trowel are dormant until such time as it makes sense to resurrect them. As always, an ongoing area of work for the College, is the overall coordination of statewide York Rite meetings and degrees. Effective communication among the various bodies is a necessary component of this coordination but this is not always consistent. Most importantly, however, is the general state of York Rite in Vermont which is in serious condition due to the rapid decline in membership due to deaths and demits, loss of depth to recruit new leaders, and fewer active Blue Lodge members to draw from. This is an ongoing concern and continues to be at the forefront of our efforts.

Fraternally Submitted,

William Karstens, Chair Bruce R. Howard, David Schuler, Roland Woodard

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS**

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now in session:

In accordance with the duties of this committee as set forth in the General Regulations, this year there were no new charters to consider, no surrenders or lifting of charters, and no review required regarding territorial jurisdictional matters arising relative to subordinate Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Murray Leon R. Dion Willis J. Morse, Chair

**NECROLOGY REPORT**  
**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS**  
**OF VERMONT**

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in Session:

Your committee on Necrology is deeply saddened to report eighteen (18) of our fellow Companions are no longer at their earthly labor and have entered peacefully into that Grand Lodge above. This is always the saddest of duties to report those who labored beside ourselves for so many years, but the memories of our relationships with them will last for many years to come.

Included in the following list of Companions we have lost in the previous year are Companions Morris Gwynn Tucker, Alexis Jean Parent, Jr. and Pierre-Denis Leger Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests whose steady hand of leadership in our fraternity will be greatly missed by all who knew and worked under them.

Tis a Fearful Thing

By Yehuda HaLevi (1075-1141)

'Tis a fearful thing  
To love what death can touch.  
A fearful thing  
To love, to hope, to dream, to be –  
To be.  
And oh, to lose.  
A thing for fools, this,  
And a holy thing,  
A holy thing  
To love.  
For your life has lived in me,  
Your laugh once lifted me,  
To remember this brings painful joy.  
'Tis a human thing, love,  
A holy thing, to love  
What death has touched.

With deep sadness:

Donald C. Murray, Chair

LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS  
GRAND CHAPTER OF VERMONT ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
2021-2022

**BURLINGTON #3**

Alexis Jean Parent, Jr. \*\*

**DAVENPORT #17**

Jesse Billings, III  
John Hennenberger  
Morris Gwynn Tucker \*\*

**GRANITE #26**

Glenn C. Dow \* ^  
Richard Bowen  
Bruce Judd  
Ronald Parnigoni

**MT LEBANON #13**

Glenn C. Dow \* ^

**OTTAUQUECHEE #21**

Laurence H. Roberts, Jr.

**POTTER #22**

Jon Rigg  
Wendell S. Johnson  
Gayle F. Stanley  
Robert G. Oliver  
John A. Bicknell

**WATERBURY #24**

Edward Brown  
Ronald Green  
Pierre-Denis Leger \*\*

\*\* Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

\* Past High Priest

^ dual member



## **Report of the R.A.R.A. Committee**

To: The Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session.

From: R.A.R.A Committee

This committee recommends that each Chapter donate 1 dollar per member if possible. If anyone wishes to make an additional donation, they can do so by sending contributions to,

James B. Wall  
Executive Director  
P.O. BOX 58070  
Louisville, KY 40258

Fraternally Submitted,

Joshua A. Retchless, Chair and Robert S. Bryant

### **REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**June 12, 2022**

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, now in session:

Your Finance Committee met at Granite Lodge #35 in Barre on May 9, 2022 with the Excellent Grand Treasurer and Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Our Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are commended for the manner in which the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter are administered. The Companions of this jurisdiction have a right to be very proud of the accomplishments of these two dedicated and hardworking Companions.

The members of this Finance Committee wish to thank the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for their help and cooperation. We also wish to thank the Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve the Grand Royal Arch of Vermont.

#### **Report Number 1 Approval of Accounts**

Your Finance Committee has examined the accounts, books and records of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and is pleased to report that we found them to be in proper order, well kept, with proper entries made for all receipts and vouchers on file for all disbursements. The details are shown in the center column of Attachment A.

Your Committee moves the acceptance of this report.

Your Committee recommends the approval of the records of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Montross, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

Donald C. Murray

**ATTACHMENT A**

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont – General Fund 2022-2023

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>2021-2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021-2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022-2023 BUDGET</b>
1. Expenses: Grand Secretary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Asst. G. Secretary	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Treasurer	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Asst. G. Treasurer	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2. Print	\$ 150.00	\$ 143.28	\$ 150.00
3. Office Expenses	\$ 800.00	\$ 997.75	\$ 800.00
4. Rent	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
5. GHP Apron & Jewel	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
6. Convocation Expense	\$1,200.00	\$ 754.47	\$1,200.00
7. Planning Meeting	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8. Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 200.00
9. General Grand Chapter	\$1,200.00	\$1,002.00	\$1,000.00
10. NE YR Planning Confer	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
11. Grand High Priest Travel	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
12. Triennial Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
13. Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ 286.96	\$ 300.00
14. Festivals	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
15. Miscellaneous (bank fees)	\$ 50.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
16. DeMolay/Rainbow	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00
17. Office Automation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,095.46</b>	<b>\$7,800.00</b>

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Montross, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

Donald C. Murray

**Report Number 2 Expenditures Budget**

Your Finance Committee recommends that the far right column in '*Attachment A*' be adopted as a Budget of Expense for year ending April 30, 2023. To note in the budget:

The Committee moves the acceptance of this report and the approval of the recommended budget herein contained.

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Montross, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

Donald C. Murray

**Report Number 3 Unexpended Budget Accounts**

Your Committee further recommends that:

- The Grand Treasurer be authorized to transfer unexpended balances in any of the budget items for which enough money was not appropriated.
- Any contemplated item of expense not covered by the budget be approved by the Finance Committee before the money is expended.
- Because the budgeted expenses exceed the per capita income, the Grand Treasurer be authorized to use monies from our interest accounts to make up any differences.

The Summary of the assets of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont are shown in the Treasurer's Report.

The Committee moves the acceptance of this report and the approval of the recommendations herein contained.

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Montross, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

Donald C. Murray

**Report Number 4 Per Capita Tax**

The Finance Committee recommends leaving the per capita at its current level of \$22.00 for the ensuing year. The Committee is sensitive to the current financial picture of these hard times and feels that this action is in the best interest of this body.

The Committee moves the acceptance of this report and the approval of the recommendation herein contained.

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Montross, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

Donald C. Murray

**Report Number 5 Recommendation regarding travel expense payment**

The Finance Committee recommends that any Travel Expense Payment made to the Grand High Priest be contingent on submittal of his travel itinerary and documentation which shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to the issuing of such payment.

If there are no questions or comments, the Committee moves the acceptance of this report and the recommendation adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Montross, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

Donald C. Murray

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1804	*	Jonathan Wells	Rutland	1917	*	George N. Tilden	Barre
1805-08	*	Caphan Smith, Jr	Rutland	1918	*	Wm. Brewster	Middlebury
1809	*	Isaac Tichenor	Bennington	1919	*	George Whitney	Bellows Falls
1810-12	*	Ozias Fuller	Rutland	1920	*	Charles A. Lang	Montpelier
1813-15	*	John Chipman	Middlebury	1921	*	Chrstie Crowell	Brattleboro
1816-17	*	Charles Williams	Rutland	1922	*	George F. Root	Newport
1818-21	*	John H. Cotton	Windsor	1923	*	Allen D. Ball	Ludlow
1822-24	*	Lemeul Whitney	Brattleboro	1924	*	Archie Harrington	Middlebury
1825-26	*	John H. Cotton	Windsor	1925	*	Roger S. Pike	Rutland
1827-29	*	Joel Clapp	Shelburne	1926	*	Edwin B. Clift	Fair Haven
1830	*	Silas Bowen	Clarendon	1927	*	Raymond Pearl	St. Johnsbury
1831-51	*	Nathan Haswell	Burlington	1928	*	Arthur D. Young	Barre
1852-57	*	Philip C. Tucker	Vergennes	1929	*	H. Perley Clark	Woodstock
1858	*	John S. Webster	Burlington	1930	*	Cady L. Earle	St. Albans
859	*	Thomas A Campbell	Albans	1931	*	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
1860-62	*	Brazillai Davenport	Brandon	1932	*	Richard T. Bunker	Poultney
1863-64	*	Gamaliel Washburn	Montpelier	1933	*	Edward W. Curtis	Rutland
1865	*	Leverett Englesby	Burlington	1934	*	Max S. Ayers	Waterbury
1866	*	Edward S. Dana	New Haven	1935	*	Henry H. Ballou	Chester
1667-69	*	Charles A. Miles	Brattleboro	1936	*	Truman J. Allen	Brandon
1870-72	*	Edward S. Jewell	Burlington	1937	*	Arthur Anderson	.Barre
1873-74	*	John A. Clark	Montpelier	1938	*	Alfred Bishop	Newport
1875-78	*	Edward S. Dana	New Haven	1939	*	J. Alfred Stacey	Windsor
1879-90	*	Alfred A. Hall	St. Albans	1940	*	Floyd T. Sumner	Ludlow
1881-82	*	Homer M. Phelps	Burlington	1941	**	Charles A. Haight	Vergennes
1883-86	*	Kittridge Haskins	Brattleboro	1942	*	Walter F. Chapman	Rutland
1887-88	*	Marsh O. Perkins	Windsor	1943	*	Dana S. Brownell	Springfield
1889-90	*	Edwin O. Hibbard	Randolph	1944	*	Alton G. Wheeler	Proctor
1891-92	*	George W. Wing	Montpelier	1945	*	Alexander Rae	Barre
1893-94	*	Myron J. Horton	Poultney	1946	*	Charles Von Bruns	Burlington
1895	*	Robert J. Wright	Newport	1947	*	Henry Springstead	Bradford
1896	*	Daniel Nicholson	Burlington	1948	*	Edward S. Pike	Rutland
1897	*	Eugene S. Weston	New Haven	1949	*	Clarence O. Baker	Brandon
1898	*	Orland W. Sherwan	Woodstock	1950	*	Clayton S. Rice	White River Jct.
1899	*	Charles Calderwood	St. Johnsbury	1951	*	Arthur D. Bishop	Montpelier
1900	*	Charles Williams	Bellows Falls	1952	*	Lawrence Williams	Arizona
1901	*	Daniel Danforth	St. Albans	1953	*	Harry L. Cummings	Bradford
1902	*	William L. Boyce	Woodstock	1954	*	Harold P. Blake	Rutland
1903	*	William S. Terrill	Rutland	1955	*	Frank M. Brownell	Arlington
1904	*	Daniel Payson	Windsor	1956	*	J. Wesley Murdock, Sr.	Middlebury
1905	*	Delos M. Bascom	St. Johnsbury	1957	*	Lionel Burdick	Ludlow
1906	*	David A Elliott	Island Pond	1958	*	Arthur E. Dietrich	Wisc.
1907	*	Collins Blakely	Montpelier	1959	*	Ernest Davenport	Barton
1908	*	Olin Daley	White River Jct.	1960	*	Ernest F. Miles	Bennington
1909	*	Edwin H. Martin	Middlebury	1961	*	Charles P. Mason	Rutland
1910	*	Henry S. Root	Newport	1962	*	Hermant Hertzberg	Brattleboro
1911	*	Samuel T. Braley	Rutland	1963	*	Joseph T. Maclay	S. Strafford
1912	*	Henry D. Bryant	Morrisville	1964	*	Bernard Bryant	Alburg
1913	*	Silas Danforth	St. Albans	1965	*	Huntress B. Clark	Windsor
1914	*	Don A. Stone	Burlington	1966	*	Reginal Barnard	Brandon
1915	*	Harry J. Stannard	Barton	1967	*	Ralph E. Berry	St. Albans
1916	*	Jas. A. Roberts	Burlington	1968	*	Thomas D. Kendall	Newport

\* Deceased

\*\* Deceased in Office

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1969	*	Morris G. Tucker	Rutland
1970	*	Harold A. Davis	Montpelier
1971	*	Waldon C. Biggs	Randolph
1972	*	Roland J. Bishop	Springfield
1973	*	George R. Cummings	Windsor
1974	*	George H. Stone	Orleans
1975	*	Raymond F. Sutton	Rutland
1976	*	Clyde H. Putnam	Arlington
1977	*	Welland S. Horn	Brandon
1978	*	Theodore Boisvert	St. Albans
1979		James E. Selleck	Middlebury
1980	*	Cedric L. Smith	Barre
1981	+	Stephen J. Marshall	White River Jct.
1982	*	Percy W. Birchard	Montpelier
1983	*	Rodney A. Akers	White River Jct.
1984	*	Warren W. Pond	Brattleboro
1985	*	Gleason W. Ayers	Waterbury
1986	*	David E. Cumming	Barre
1987	*	Donald C. Brown	Williamstown
1988	*	Brent N. Martin	Brookfield
1989		Willis J. Morse	Waterbury
1990		Palmer E. Martin	Williamstown
1991	*	Clyde T. Reynolds	Bethel
1992	*	Arthur W. Clough	Chester
1993		Arnold G. Preston	Chelsea
1994	++	Aurele Gagne	Highgate Ctr.
1995	*	Russell A. Goslant	Middlesex
1996		William W. Smith	Newport
1997	*	Donald W. Gerrish	Burlington
1998		James B. Winner, III	Middlebury
1999	*	Hebert H. Harford	Windsor
2000		Belford A. Belles	Thetford
2001		Daniel Ebbighausen	Windsor
2002	++	Stephen E. Holcomb	Hardwick
2003		Donald C. Murray	Graniteville
2004-05	^	Guy W. Oldenburgh	Westford
2006	*	Eugene C. Corliss	Waterbury Center
2007		E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr	Rutland
2008		David H. Bartlett	Williamstown
2009		Russell J. Slora	Barre
2010		Bruce R. Howard	Rutland
2011		Kirk C. White	Bethel
2012	*	Pierre-Denis Leger	Frelighsburg, QE
2013	*	Alexis J. Parent, Jr.	Richmond
2014		Douglas K. Boardman	Chelsea
2015	*	Jonathan P. Park	Norwich
2016		William Karstens, IV	Williston
2017		Eric C. Steele	Burlington
2018-19		David W. Schuler	Jericho
2020-21		Roland Woodard	Glover
2022		Robert S. Bryant	Granville, NY

\* Deceased

\*\* Deceased in Office

++ Demitted

+ Dropped from Blue Lodge

^ Howard Hatt elected but not installed

**LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
James E. Selleck 11 Moosalamoo Club Road Salisbury, VT 05769-9803	1979	E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr. 48 Deborah Drive Rutland, VT 05701	2007
Willis J. Morse 3267 Crosset Hill Road Waterbury, VT 05676	1989	David H. Bartlett 2907 Kathleen Drive Forest Hill, MD 21050	2008
Palmer E. Martin 84 Washington Street Barre, VT 05641-4239	1990	Russell J. Slora 316 Farwell Street Barre, VT 05641-9701	2009
Arnold G. Preston P.O. Box 86 Chelsea, VT 05038-0086	1993	Bruce R. Howard 17 Tuttle Meadow Drive Rutland, VT 05701	2010
^Aurele Gagne 645 Holly Street Bullhead City, AZ 86442	1994	Kirk C. White 307 Christian Hill Road Bethel, VT 05032	2011
William W. Smith 606 Pleasant Street Newport, VT 05855-9742	1996	Douglas K. Boardman 27 Upper Village Road Chelsea, VT 05038	2014
James R. Winner, III P.O. Box 161 Middlebury, VT 05753-0161	1998	William Karstens, IV 52 Bingham Lane Williston, VT 05495-2038	2016
Belford A. Belles 464 Grove Hill Road Thetford Ctr., VT 05075	2000	Eric C. Steele 6 Gazo Avenue Burlington, VT 05401-1034	2017
Daniel Ebbighausen P.O. Box 558 Windsor, VT 0089-0558	2001	David W. Schuler 3 Valley's Edge Jericho, VT 05465-2001	2018-2019
^Stephen Holcomb unknown	2002	Roland E. Woodard PO Box 156 Glover, VT 05839-0156	2020-2021
Donald C. Murray P.O. Box 24 Graniteville, VT 05654	2003	Robert S. Bryant 21 Broadview Terrace Granville, NY 12832-1101	2022-
Guy W. Oldenburgh 395 Eldorado Lane Dobson, NC 27017	2004-2005		

^ demitted

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
VERMONT COMPANIONS HONORED

In 1951 the General Grand Chapter International of the United States inaugurated the custom of presenting each year its DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD to a Companion in each Grand Chapter whose Capitular Labor has been outstanding. Such a Companion is designated by our Grand High Priest with approval of the Grand King and the Grand Scribe.

The Vermont Companions who have received this honor are:

1952	*	Clarence E. Akerstrom	Poultney Chapter #10	1991	*	Willard B. Farnham	Burlington Chapter #3
1953	*	Edwin H. Williams III,	Ottauquechee Chapter #21	1992	*	Gordon T. Heath	Granite Chapter #26
1954	*	Alexander A. McLeod	Mt. Lebanon Chapter #13	1993	*	Elmer M. Barlow	Skitchewaug Chapter #25
1955	*	Ralph T. Brown	Davenport Chapter #17	1994	*	Joseph E. Ryan	Granite Chapter #26
1956	*	Arthur L. Graves	Haswell Chapter #11	1995	*	Herbert H. Harford	Windsor Chapter #6
1957	*	David O. Smith	Burlington Chapter #3	1996	^	Alden F. Atwood	Farmers Chapter #9
1958	*	Parker B. Blake	Abenaqui Chapter #19	1998	*	James O. Fendley	Chaplain Chapter #1
1959	*	C. Chris Bridges	Farmers Chapter #9	1999	*	George H. Churchill	Farmers Chapter #9
1960	*	Harold W. Davis	King Solomon Chapter #7	2000	*	Clair Lovell	Cascadnac Chapter #27
1961	*	Walter H. Whitman	Temple Chapter #8	2001		Thomas E. Grace	Windsor Chapter #6
1962	*	Henry L.G. Burnett	Granite Chapter #26	2002	*	Gordon R. DeGowin	Granite Chapter #26
1963	*	Welland S. Horn	Farmers Chapter #9	2003	*	William Carroll	Temple Chapter #8
1964	*	C. Douglas Curtis	Whitney Chapter #5	2004		Bruce C. Humphrey	Waterbury Chapter #24
1965	*	Kenneth A. Leach	Davenport Chapter #17	2005	^	Eric Ginette	Granite Chapter #26
1966	*	Ralph E. Noble	King Solomon Chapter #7	2006	*	Pierre Denis Leger	Chaplain #1, Burlington #3
1967	*	Raymond F. Sutton	Davenport Chapter #17	2007	#	Geoff Mallett	Mt. Lebanon Chapter #13
1968	*	Walter E. Currier	Abenaqui Chapter #19	2008		Steven Leach	Tucker Chapter #15
1969	*	Roland J. Bishop	Skitchewaug Chapter #25	2009	*	Jonathan P. Park	Mt. Leb. #13 & Granite #26
1970	*	Frank E. Sorenson	Keystone Chapter #16	2010		Charles Lucot	Ottauquechee Chapter #21
1971	*	Richard J. Nicholls	Granite Chapter #26	2011	^	Leo LaFlamme	Skitchewaug Chapter #25
1972	*	Cedric L. Smith	Mt. Lebanon Chapter #13	2012	*	Jon Babcock	Whitney Chapter #5
1973		James E. Selleck	Potter Chapter #22	2013		Alan Watson, Sr.	Temple Chapter #8
1974	*	Chester W. Watters	Farmers Chapter #9	2014		Roland Woodard	Keystone Chapter #16
1975	*	Alfred E. Burrows	Haswell Chapter #11	2015		Joshua Retchless	Granite Chapter #26
1976	*	David E. Cumming	Granite Chapter #26	2016		Michael J. Ladd	Keystone Chapter #16
1977	*	Roger C. Chapman	Ft. Dummer Chapter #12	2017		Glenn Dow	Mt. Lebanon Chapter #13
1978	*	Basil G. Goodridge	Waterbury Chapter #24	2018		Joseph Sampson	Mt. Lebanon Chapter #13
1979	*	Brent N. Martin	King Solomon Chapter #7	2019		Lee Dion	Granite Chapter #26
1980	*	Robert W. Crowe	Lafayette Chapter #4	2021		Jon Hosford, III	Granite Chapter #26
1981	*	Carl S. Kelley	Mt. Lebanon Chapter #13	2022		Wm. Ormerod	Burlington Chapter #3
1982	*	Norman S. Case, Jr.	Whitney Chapter #5				
1983		Willis J. Morse	Waterbury Chapter #24				
1985	^	Aurele Gagne	Lafayette Chapter #4				
1986	*	Omlah R. Smith	Haswell Chapter #11				
1987	*	Bruce I. Morse	Keystone Chapter #16				
1988	*	George H. Thomas	Farmers Chapter #9				
1989	*	Austin R. Rumney	Adoniram Chapter #18				
1990	+	Kent L. Silk	Tucker Chapter #15				

\* Deceased

+ Dropped from Blue Lodge

^ Demitted

# Suspended



Grand Chapter of Vermont  
Sweetheart Awards

Nadine Martin	2009
Susan Slora	2010
Gail Cumming	2011
Jennie Brown	2011
Lynn Murray	2011
Diane Gagne	2013

General Grand Chapter Ritual Award

Jonathan P. Park	2015
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Ephraim Kirby Award

Palmer E. Martin	2015
Russell J. Slora	2015
Bruce R. Howard	2016
Willis J. "Bill" Morse	2019
Belford A. Belles	2021
Donald C. Murray	2021
Roland E. Woodard	2022

General Grand Chapter Veterans Award  
awarded by Grand Chapter of VT

Belford A. Belles	2019
Michael J. Ladd	2021
Palmer E. Martin	2022

Grand Chapter of Vermont Grand Representatives

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Near Vermont</u>	<u>Near other Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Grand Secretary</u>
Arizona	Richard P. Swenson P.O. Box 65 Newbury, VT 05051	Daniel R. Hake 12416N 65th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85254	George Weil PO Box 999 Chino Valley, AZ 86323
California	John Ekrote 683 Hale Road Plymouth, VT 05056-4425	***** ***** California	Kenneth G. Hope 801 Elm Avenue Long Beach, CA 90813
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Maine	Daniel Ebbighausen P.O. Box 558 Windsor, VT 05089	Dwight C. Whitney Jonesboro Maine	Harold E. Birt, Jr. 47 Beech Street E. Millinocket, ME 04430
Maryland	Belford A. Belles 464 Gove Hill Rd Thetford Ctr., VT 05075	Vernon H. Huebschman 125 Allgate Road Owings Mills 21117	Vernon H. Huebschman 8010 Cookberry Lane, Apt 405 Pasadena, MD 21222
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Michigan	Ed E. Nawotka, Jr 16 Country Club Dr Jericho, VT 05465	***** ***** Michigan	Lois C. McCray PO Box 483 Hale, MI 48739
Minnesota	Keith W. Blake P.O. Box 66 So. Pomfret, VT 05067	Charles R. Marston P.O. Box 66 Jordan 55352	Gary A. Odegard 11501 Masonic Home Drive Bloomington, MN 55437

Grand Chapter of Vermont Grand Representatives

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Missouri	F. Charles Degener, III 1255 Barnard Road Woodstock. VT 05091	Roy A. Welshon, Sr. 12645 Hyfield Rd DeSoto 63020-3163	Kevin B. Sample 107 S. Williams Street Fayette, MO 65248-1017
New York	Donald C. Murray P.O. Box 24 Graniteville, VT 05654	Daniel B. Saville 26 Lupine Lane Queensbury, NY 12804	Michael T. Dunn 2150Bleeker Street Utica, NY 13501
N. Carolina	Guy W. Oldenburgh 395 Eldorado Lane Dobson, NC 27017	John M. Walston 130 Trent Shores Drive New Bern, NC 28562	D. Allen Surratt 6328 Surratt Ctry Road Denton, NC 27239-9080
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Ohio	Phillip D. Goss P.O. Box 222 St Johnsbury, VT 05819	Robert J. Draye Mayfield Heights Ohio	Robert W. Thomas 8228 Mayfield Road, Suite 4B Chesterland, OH 44026
Oregon	Roger Patriquin 886 Bullock Rd Milton, VT 05468	J. Robert Nelson Portland Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway PO Box 767 Canyonville, OR 97417-0767
Penna.	Eric J. Richardson 2258 Dart Hill Road Bethel, VT 05032	William Joseph Marsik 85 DeRose Street Walnutport, PA 18088	George R. Haynes Masonic Temple 1 North Broad Str Philadelphia, PA 19107
Rhode Island & Providence Plantation	Willis J. Morse 3267 Crossett HI Rd Waterbury, VT 05676	Jerry I. Duhamel, Sr 5402 Post Road Charlestown 02813	John A. lawson, III PO Box 670 N. Scituate, RI 02857-0670
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