

**AGENDA**

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA GRAND CONVOCATION**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - 8:00 A.M.**

1. APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES
2. PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT
3. OPENING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA - M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:
4. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
5. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS
6. ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
7. ROLL CALL OF MURROW AWARD RECIPIENTS
8. ROLL CALL AND RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
9. ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
10. MOTION TO APPROVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 136<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVOCATION – Jon Greene
11. ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
12. REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER
13. REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY
14. REPORT FROM THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
15. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
16. PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT
17. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
18. ANY OTHER REPORT TO BE GIVEN VERBALLY
19. MOTION TO ACCEPT M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: ADDRESS, AND ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS – Jon Greene
20. APPOINT TELLERS COMMITTEE
21. ELECTION FOR GRAND CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
(Currently - John Logan)
22. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND REFERRALS
  - RESOLUTION 1a
  - RESOLUTION 1b
  - RESOLUTION 2
  - RESOLUTION 3
23. ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027
24. REMARKS BY THE M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: ELECT
25. COMPLETION OF ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS (AWARDS): M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:
26. REMARKS FROM VISITING DIGNITARIES
27. CLOSING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER- M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:

OPEN INSTALLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2026-2027 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

INSTALLING OFFICER ..... M.:E.:C.: CHARLES L. STUCKEY, P.:G.:H.:P.:  
M.:E.:C.: JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR., P.:G.:H.:P.:  
INSTALLING MARSHALL ..... M.:E.:C.: ROBERT R. ROLSETH, P.:G.:H.:P.:  
INSTALLING CHAPLAIN ..... M.:E.:C.: TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL, P.:G.:H.:P.:  
INSTALLING RECORDER ..... R.:E.:C.: JON B. GREENE, GRAND SECRETARY

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma  
Grand Officers for the 2025-2026 Capitular Year**

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]	Beth	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]		Right Excellent Grand King
Michael S. Wright [11]	Kim	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104]	Dana	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
P.:G.:H.:P.:		
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]	Renee	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Gary A. Davis [52]	H.:P.:G.:H.:P.:	Right Excellent Grand Secretary Emeritus
Michael L. Dixon [6]	Karen	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Charles L. Cook [11]	Molly	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Kevin P. Bardy [14]	Kim	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Robert W. "Bob" McLeod [52, 3]	Pam	Excellent Grand Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil
Justin M. McGee [14,24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil
Richard L. Hargrave III [52]	Mary	Excellent Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil
William Foster[55]	Carmen	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Adam R. Taylor [103]		Excellent Grand Chaplain

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma  
District Deputy Grand High Priests and Districts  
For The 2025 – 2026 Capitular Year**

DISTRICT 1	Matthew N. Harden [3]	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3 Texoma Chapter No. 28
DISTRICT 2	Bryan C. Shackelford [6]	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
DISTRICT 3	William D. Hardin [11]	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Lawton Chapter No. 44
DISTRICT 4	Ryan R. Frederick [14]	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 24
DISTRICT 5	Seth J. Dawson [24]	Norman Chapter No. 24 Veritas Chapter No. 103
DISTRICT 6	David D. Shore [72]	Elk City Chapter No. 50 Woodward Chapter No. 72
DISTRICT 7	Larry D. White [52]	Tulsa Chapter No. 52 Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2025-2026 CAPITULAR YEAR**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Mathew Turner [7, 24] – Chairman  
William J. Cloud [7] - Secretary  
All Past Grand High Priests

**CREDENTIALS**

Bradley S. Rickelman [14] - Chairman  
James Oates III [44]  
Steven Cox [3]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [52, 104]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - ex officio

**FINANCE**

Matthew D. McGee [14, 25] - Chairman  
Michael S. Wright [11]  
Michael L. Dixon [6]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**INVESTMENTS**

2023-26 [RAM] John L. Logan [6, 72]  
2025-28 [CM] James R. Taylor, Jr., [52, 104]  
2024-27 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] - Chairman  
John L. Logan [6, 72]  
Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Grand Captain of the Host ex officio -

**TRIENNIAL**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
John R. Christopher [6]  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION**

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] - Chairman  
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]  
Michael S. Wright [11]  
Michael L. Dixon [6]

**MEMBERSHIP**

John E. Werts [55] - Chairman  
Central - David A. Tennison [6]  
N. Central – Justin M. McGee [14, 25]  
Northeast – Jim L. Parham [52]  
Northwest – David D. Shore [72]  
S. Central – Russell N. Davis [11]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]  
Southwest – Roland Morales [44]

**CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Bradley S. Rickelman [14] - Chairman  
Brian A. Buswell [7]  
Robert W. McLeod [3, 52]  
Ivan M. DeTevis [14, 52]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]  
M.:E.: Grand High Priest ex officio

### GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Michael S. Wright [14, 25] - RAM  
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25] - CM  
Trasen S. Akers [7] - KT

### NECROLOGY

Adam R. Taylor [103]

### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Mathew A. Tuner [7, 24]  
Michael S. Wright [11]  
John L. Logan [6, 72]  
Robert R. Rolseth [52, 104]

### CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] - Chairman  
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]  
Michael S. Wright [11]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] - Chairman  
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]  
Michael S. Wright [11]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [52]  
John R. Christopher [6]

### EDUCATION

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
Robert G. Davis [14]

### SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Mathew D. McGee [14, 25] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

### REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Michael L. Dixon [6] - Chairman  
Central - James D. Nobles [7]  
N. Central – Robert L. Sprott [14]  
Northeast - George W. Ratliff [52, 104]  
Northwest - Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
S. Central - Michael S. Wright [11]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]  
Southwest – Christopher J.P. Smith [44]

### MURROW AWARD

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] - Chairman  
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]  
Michael S. Wright [11]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

Bo Ross [24] – Co-Chairman  
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] – Co-Chairman  
Michael L. Branson [14]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
D. Ridge Smith [7]

### ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [7]  
Donnie G. Higginbotham [1, 28]

**MASONIC CHARITY**

**FOUNDATION**

2024-27 [RAM] David A. Ray [24]

2025-28 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [1]

2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

**APPRECIATION**

James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

**OTHER**

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION**

James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104] - President

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - 1st V.P.

John R. Christopher [6] - 2nd V.P.

Charles L. Stuckey [25] - Treas.

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] - Sec

**ADDRESS OF MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, FRANK J. BELLUARDO, JR.**  
**137<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation**

Good Morning Companions all, welcome to the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, here at the Embassy Suites Northwest in Oklahoma City. I want to thank all the Companions present for your support and attendance at this and past Grand York Rite Sessions. It is all of you who make the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma a success. Remember, this is your Grand Chapter.

To our out-of-state distinguished guests, thank you for attending the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. We hope that you enjoy your stay here with us. If there is anything we can do to make your stay in Oklahoma City more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to ask me or any of the Grand Chapter Officers.

It is my pleasure to welcome M.:I.: Brian Ragain G.:I.: M.: of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and R.:E.: Mark McFadden, Grand Commander of Knight Templars of Oklahoma, to our convocation.

It is also my great honor to welcome M.:W.: Don Henry Stanton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M of Oklahoma.

To my Grand Chapter Officers, DDGHPs, and Grand Chapter Committee members, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and service to the Grand Chapter. It has been an honor and a true pleasure to serve alongside each of you this year.

To the Past Grand High Priests of our Grand Chapter. Thank you for the support and guidance so many of you have offered me over this past year. Your wisdom has been an invaluable resource, and I am truly grateful for the time, counsel, and encouragement you have shared. We owe each of you a sincere debt of gratitude for your continued dedication to promoting, supporting, and advancing Capitular Masonry here in Oklahoma. Your leadership has strengthened our work and helped ensure the continued growth of our beloved Craft.

Lastly, I cannot forget to thank my wife, Beth, for her unwavering support throughout these past 19 months as your Grand High Priest. I know this journey has brought its share of challenges for her, yet she has stood beside me every step of the way. Because of her, I am a better man, a better husband, and a better Mason. I can never fully express my gratitude for her love, patience, and understanding—not only during my term, but since the day I began my journey in the Grand Chapter line back in 2019. Her strength has been my anchor, and her support has made all this possible.

During my tenure as Grand High Priest, I had the privilege of conducting visitations both within our state, across the nation, and internationally. These journeys blessed me with cherished memories shared among esteemed Companions, dear friends, and many new acquaintances who have since become part of my Masonic family. My trip to Romania in 2025 was further elevated by the distinguished recognition bestowed upon my wife, Beth, who was honored into the Grand Lady of York with the full support of the Grand Chapter of Romania.

### **Necrology Report:**

It is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of forty-two Companions of the York Rite this year.

Among them, we mourn two distinguished leaders whose dedication, wisdom, and service strengthened our fraternity and enriched the lives of all who walked beside them.

M.:E.:C.: Elwood Murl "Ike" Isaacs - Past Grand High Priest, 1996–1997. A Companion whose steady leadership and unwavering commitment to the Craft left a lasting legacy.

M.:W.:B.: William E. Owens - Past Grand Master, 2005. A Brother whose guidance, integrity, and devotion to the principles of Freemasonry will continue to inspire those who follow.

Their contributions endure in the hearts of the Companions and Brothers they mentored, the lives they touched, and the work they advanced. May their memories be a blessing, and may we honor them through our continued service, unity, and dedication to the ideals they exemplified.

### **Dispensation, Decisions & other Actions:**

On April 25, 2025, 50 Year Chapter Presentation to Excellent Companion Joe R. Manning, Jr.

On June 14, 2025, I accepted the appointment to continue serving as Grand Chapter Representative from Oklahoma to Romania, extended to me by MEC Petre Buneci, G.H.P. of Romania.

On June 26, 2025, I approved changes to the Bylaws of Olivet Chapter No.25

On June 21, 2025, I received & accepted the Grand Rank of Most Excellent 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick, Canada.

On July 15, 2025, I presented the Kirby Award to MEC Newell Barker at Bartlesville Chapter.

On August 5, 2025, I presented the Murrow Award to EC Thomas Keenze at Smyrl Chapter.

On August 8, 2025, I approved a special request from Davenport Lodge to have a special guest speaker attend their stated meeting to speak about Oklahoma Royal Arch Masonry.

On September 9, 2025, I issued a dispensation to Bartlesville Chapter No.55 allowing them to change the date of their officer elections from December 16, 2025, to November 18, 2025.

On September 9, 2025, I issued a dispensation to Tulsa Chapter No.52 allowing them to change the date of their officer elections from December 15, 2025, to November 17, 2025.

On September 21, 2025, I issued a dispensation to Muskogee Chapter No.3 allowing them to change the date of their officer elections from December 10, 2025, to November 12, 2025.

On September 21, 2025, I issued a dispensation to Indian Chapter No. 1 allowing them to change the date of their officer elections from December 22, 2025, to November 24, 2025.

On November 1, 2025, I issued a dispensation to Texoma Chapter No. 28 allowing them to change the date of their officer elections from December 25, 2025, to December 16, 2025.

On January 8, 2026, I issued a dispensation for REC Matthew McGee to close Tulsa Chapter in ample Form at the Northeast Chapter Festival in Tulsa on February 7, 2026.

On January 8, 2026, I approved MEC James R. Taylor, Jr., PGHP, to Communicate the Past Master Degree at the Northeast Regional Chapter Festival in Tulsa on February 7, 2026.

On January 23, 2026, I approved changes to the Bylaws of Stillwater Chapter No.14.

On February 25, 2026, 50 Year Chapter Presentation to Companion Ernest Key of Muskogee

On March 14, 2026, I received & accepted the Rank of Grand High Priest of Honor in Portugal

On April 9, 2026, a 50 Year Chapter certificate was issued to Companion John Barksdale of Muskogee.

#### **Official Visits to Constitute Chapters and other Masonic Events:**

During my tenure as Grand High Priest, I had the honor of making official visits to all sixteen constituent Chapters here in Oklahoma. At each of these visits, I was warmly welcomed, formally received, and afforded a seat in the East. It was a genuine pleasure to speak with the Companions of every Chapter and to share in their fellowship. On two of these occasions, I had the special privilege of installing their 2026 Chapter Officers. At my remaining official visits, I was received and introduced, where I brought Fraternal Greetings from the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

May 13, 2025	Woodward Chapter No.72
May 20, 2025	Elk City Chapter No.50 - combined visit with Grand Council
June 18, 2025	Stillwater Chapter No.14
July 10, 2025	Norman Chapter No.24
July 15, 2025	Bartlesville Chapter No.55
July 28, 2025	Indian Chapter No.1 – combined with Grand Council
August 5, 2025	James Smyrl Chapter No.104
August 12, 2025	Olivet Chapter No.25
August 13, 2025	Cyrus Chapter No.7
August 18, 2025	Tulsa Chapter No.52
August 26, 2025	Lawton Chapter No.44 – combined with Grand Council
September 10, 2025	Muskogee Chapter No.28
September 13, 2025	Veritas Chapter No.103
October 9, 2025	Guthrie Chapter No. 6
October 13, 2025	Ardmore Chapter No. 11
December 16, 2025	Texoma Chapter No.28
December 13, 2025	Veritas Chapter No.103 – Installed their 2026 officers
December 16, 2025	Texoma Chapter No.28 – Installed their 2026 officers
February 16, 2026	Tulsa Chapter No.52 – Pin presentations to new Royal Arch Masons
February 25, 2026	Muskogee Chapter No.28 – 50 Year Chapter Presentation

### **Official Appendant and other Body Visitations:**

October 11, 2025	McAlester Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
October 25, 2025	Tulsa Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
November 1, 2025	Guthrie Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
April 11, 2025	Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
April 18, 2025	McAlester Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
May 17, 2025	K.Y.C.H. Assembly – Stillwater, Oklahoma
May 31, 2025	Oklahoma York Rite College at Masonic Day - Edmond, Oklahoma
June 28, 2025	Oklahoma DeMolay Conclave – Edmond, Oklahoma
July 26, 2025	Grand Masters Field Day - Norman, Oklahoma
August 9, 2025	Red Cross of Constantine Annual Divisional Assembly -OKC, OK
August 16, 2025	Oklahoma Chair Degrees – Installed 2025-2026 Officers of Order of the High Priesthood in Stillwater, Oklahoma
November 8, 2025	Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Grand Secessions – Guthrie, Oklahoma
February 1, 2026	DeMolay Winterfest Tulsa 2026
February 28, 2026	Central Oklahoma Regional Festival – OKC, Oklahoma
March 21, 2026	Red Cross of Constantine- Prince of Peace Conclave - Ponca City, Oklahoma
April 10, 2026	Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
April 17, 2026	McAlester Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
April 23, 2026	K.Y.C.H. Assembly – OKC, Oklahoma

### **Official Out of State and International Visitations:**

May 1-3, 2025	Kansas Grand York Rite Sessions – Manhattan, Kansas
June 12-14, 2025	Grand Chapter RAM of Romania / Masonic Week – Bucharest, Romania
June 20-21, 2025	Grand Chapter RAM of New Brunswick Canada – St. George, NB, Canada
September 6-6, 2025	Colorado Grand York Rite Session – Lakewood, Colorado
September 19-20, 2025	South Central York Rite Conference – League City, Texas
October 3-4, 2025	K.Y.C.H. Annual Conclave of Convent General – Mobile, Alabama
November 18, 2025	Grand Lodge of Argentina – Buenos Aries, Argentina
November 21, 2025	Grand Lodge of Chile – Santiago, Chile
December 12, 2025	Grand Chapter RAM of Texas Session – Waco, Texas
January 3, 2026	Missouri Grand Preceptory Yeoman of York Annual Ingathering – Jefferson City, Missouri
February 4-8, 2026	Masonic Week – Crystal City, Virginia
March 3, 2026	Grand Lodge of Portugal – Lisbon, Portugal
March 14, 2026	Grand Chapter RAM of Portugal/ Grand York Rite Sessions – Porto, Portugal

### **Programs & Fundraising:**

My theme for this year was “Progress, not Perfection.” With that in mind, I promoted two key programs during all my official visits and in conversations with our Chapters and individual Royal Arch Masons — initiatives designed to help us move forward with purpose and confidence.

The first was the District School of Instruction for Chapters. I am pleased to share that one Chapter held a School of Instruction this year, and another is already planning to do so in 2026. While I would have liked to see broader participation, the Chapter that embraced the program spoke highly of its value. Their members shared that it served as an excellent refresher for long-time members and provided newer members with a slower, more supportive learning environment than a festival setting. They appreciated the opportunity to ask questions, build understanding, and grow together at a comfortable pace.

The second initiative focused on an outreach program designed to reestablish communication between the Chapters and members who have not attended a meeting in two years or more. This effort was supported by the dais officers and the secretaries of their respective Chapters. I am pleased to share that several Chapters have reached out to let me know they are moving forward with this initiative. I hope it continues to produce positive results and helps bring our members back into active participation.

I also had a fundraising program for my year. I am pleased to report the results of this year's fundraising program in support of our Royal Arch Masons philanthropy, the Royal Arch Masons Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) program. At the beginning of the year, I designed an Oklahoma 2025-2026 Support Jewel, with all net proceeds dedicated to our annual state donation.

I am proud to share that every one of the initial 60 jewels was sold. Although supply chain issues and tariffs prevented me from reaching the original goal of 100 jewels, the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our Companions far exceeded expectations. I want to personally thank every Companion who supported this effort. As I said from the start, this is our philanthropy as Royal Arch Masons, and your participation made this program a success.

Jewels were purchased by Companions from the following Chapters:

Elk City, Olivet, Cyrus, Bartlesville, Muskogee, Tulsa, Ardmore, Lawton, Stillwater, Guthrie, Woodward, Norman, Indian, Veritas, Texoma, and James Symrl Chapters. Support also came from two Chapters in Missouri, two in Kansas, one in Texas, three in Colorado, and one in California.

As promised at the beginning of my year, the Chapter showing the greatest support would receive a special recognition plaque from me as Grand High Priest. I am pleased to announce that Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, with a total of 11 jewels purchased, has earned this distinction.

With the proceeds from this project, I am honored to present to the Grand Chapter R.A.R.A. Donation Program a check in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be added to our annual contribution.

Thank you again, Companions, for your dedication, generosity, and unwavering support of our shared philanthropy.

#### **State of Royal Arch Masonry:**

Throughout my travels across the state of Oklahoma, I have seen Chapters in many different stages of strength. Some are struggling and doing the best they can. Others are opening and closing without the use of ritual books, relying on memory and dedication. And thankfully, many are holding steady on their path.

I have also witnessed truly impressive ritual work—especially at our Grand Master’s Festival and our Regional Festivals. I want to thank the Companions who have committed themselves to elevating the quality of our ritual. Their efforts reflect the pride and purpose of Royal Arch Masonry.

However, one common challenge stands out across nearly every Chapter: Attendance.

Like all organizations, we face the natural loss of Companions who have passed on or become SNPD. While bringing new Brothers into Royal Arch Masonry remains important, and we must continue to do so. I believe our greater challenge is re-engaging the members we already have. Every month, hundreds of Royal Arch Masons choose not to attend their Chapter convocations. We must ask ourselves why. COVID is no longer a barrier, and I hope the reason is not simply that something more entertaining to do that night.

This is why we Must Reach Out—personally and intentionally. Understanding the reasons behind non-attendance is essential. Officers and members alike should make the effort to reconnect. Sometimes a single phone call is all it takes to bring a Companion back into the fold.

Many Chapters are now offering educational presentations, discussions on ritual work, and even exploring the Mark Master Degree as a form of Chapter education, with plans to confer it in the future. These are the kinds of meaningful activities we need to share with our absent Companions. We must give them a reason to return—something of value, something that inspires them, something that reminds them why they joined us in the first place.

If we can rekindle that spark, attendance will follow.

#### **In Conclusion:**

I extend my deepest gratitude to R.:E.: Jon Greene, our Grand Secretary. Your unwavering dedication to the Grand Chapter and to York Rite Masonry has been invaluable. You have also been a tremendous support to me personally, and I cannot thank you enough for your guidance and steadfast commitment.

I also offer sincere appreciation to M.:E.: Kent Israel, our Grand Treasurer. Your diligence in safeguarding and managing the finances of the Grand Chapter—and indeed all of York Rite Masonry—has kept us steady and moving forward. Your work is seen, respected, and deeply appreciated.

To R.:E.: Matt McGee, Grand King, and R.:E.: Michael Wright, Grand Scribe, I offer heartfelt recognition. These past nineteen months have been a remarkable journey for all three of us. It has been a blessing to labor beside you, and I am grateful for your friendship, dedication, hard work, and unwavering support during this journey we had together.

To M.:I.: Brian Ragian, Grand Illustrious Master, and R.:E.: Mark McFadden, Grand Commander, it has been a pleasure to serve alongside you during our respective tenures in the East. I congratulate you both on a year well served.

I extend my warmest wishes for success and brotherly love to the Grand Chapter officers who will soon be elected or appointed to lead us into the coming Capitular year. May your service be fulfilling and rewarding, and may your leadership be inspired and guided by brotherly love.

To the Companions of Veritas Chapter, thank you for all your friendship and support through my journey to the East.

As I conclude my time as Grand High Priest, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude. I cannot fully express how grateful I am for the privilege of serving as your Grand High Priest. It has been an honor beyond anything I could have anticipated when I entered the Craft 30 years ago in a small mountain town lodge in Tennessee. To the Companions and Sir Knights who stood beside me, encouraged me, and strengthened our collective efforts, I offer my heartfelt thanks. Each of you is an essential part of the tapestry of Oklahoma York Rite Masonry, and together you have made this journey truly extraordinary.

I look forward with enthusiasm to continuing my service, both now and in the future.

Remember our Ancient Landmarks.

Submitted with Regards & Fraternity,

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]

Grand High Priest 2025-2026

**REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER, KENTON M. ISRAEL**

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

For the period ending December 31, 2025

These Accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$287,131.58
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	10,249.72
Appreciation	<u>25,394.88</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$322,776.18

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$169,355.30
Deposits	4,110.00
Withdrawals	-5,182.01
Dividend/Interest Earned	6,274.70
Appreciation	<u>11,473.03</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$186,031.02

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$78,570.23
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-600.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,799.73
Appreciation	<u>7,727.97</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$88,497.93

<b>Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments</b>	<b>1/1/2025</b>	<b>12/31/2025</b>		
General Fund	\$287,131.58	\$322,776.18	\$35,644.60	12.41%
Perpetual Membership	\$169,355.30	\$186,031.02	\$16,675.72	9.85%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$78,570.23	\$88,497.93	\$9,927.70	12.64%
<b>Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments</b>	<u>\$535,057.11</u>	<u>\$597,305.13</u>		

As of 12/31/2025		Total Perpetual Members Grand Chapter, RAM of Oklahoma												As of 12/31/2025	
4/14/2026 10:30	New Members in 2025	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Div/Interest	To Grand Chapter Deceased	To Grand Chapter Living	Total to Grand Chapter	To Local Chapter Deceased	To Local Chapter Living	Total to Local Chapter	Total to Local Chapter	
Name							Distributed		Living	Grand Chapter	Deceased	Living	Local Chapter		
Ardmore, No. 11		26	14	12	5,884.00	384.60	221.83	36.89	53.78	90.67	69.01	62.15	131.16		
Bartlesville, No. 55		42	35	7	5,116.50	341.10	192.89	67.86	20.90	88.76	84.94	19.20	104.14		
Cynus (OKC), No. 7		200	112	88	35,616.75	2,279.45	1,342.75	238.50	304.83	563.33	448.77	330.65	779.42		
Elk City No. 50		45	20	25	6,540.41	429.00	246.57	38.62	81.71	120.34	54.13	72.10	126.23		
Guthrie, No. 6		33	15	18	5,961.00	397.00	224.73	34.65	74.70	109.35	46.45	68.93	115.38		
Indian (McAlester), No. 1	5	68	33	35	9,361.50	623.90	310.52	70.20	117.20	187.40	67.02	56.10	123.12		
James E. Smyth, No. 104		13	1	12	7,110.00	470.00	268.05	0.00	81.00	81.00	0.00	187.05	187.05		
Lawton, No. 44		91	52	39	17,670.00	1,168.00	666.16	118.90	163.26	282.16	215.88	168.12	384.00		
Muskogee, No. 3		84	45	39	14,355.00	827.00	541.18	132.33	189.59	321.92	108.01	111.26	219.27		
Norman, No. 24		68	49	19	10,130.91	673.15	381.94	96.61	58.76	155.37	159.98	66.59	226.57		
Olivet (Ponca City), No. 25		39	16	23	5,184.00	343.40	195.44	31.67	87.92	119.59	33.82	42.03	75.85		
Stillwater, No. 14		48	27	21	8,222.70	548.18	310.00	52.59	88.78	141.38	89.91	78.71	168.62		
Texhoma, No.		1	0	1	330.00	22.00	12.44		6.36	6.36		6.08	6.08		
Tulsa, No. 52	1	125	55	70	32,338.00	2,148.00	1,201.05	114.96	284.01	398.97	264.04	538.04	802.08		
Woodward, No. 72		44	27	17	4,016.50	260.50	151.42	49.46	54.48	103.94	29.67	17.81	47.48		
15	6	927	501	426	167,837.27	10,915.28	6,266.96	1,103.23	1,667.28	2,770.51	1,671.63	1,824.82	3,496.44		
As of 31 December 2025			54.0%	46.0%			3.73%		2,770.51	1.65%		3,496.44	2,08%		
Percentage used in making calculations:															
Interest Earned in 2025		\$6,274.70					Div/int earned in 2025	\$6,274.70		Pd to Grand Chapter			\$2,770.51		
							Distributed in 2026	\$ 6,266.96		Pd to Chapters			\$ 3,496.44		
							Retained in Fund	\$ 7.74		Total paid out			\$6,266.96		

In 2025, equity markets were defined by moderating inflation, restrictive but stabilizing interest rates, and selective growth rather than broad-based rallies. Central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, maintained a cautious stance, prioritizing price stability over aggressive rate cuts. This environment favored quality, cash-flow-positive companies over speculative growth.

Market performance was uneven. Large-cap, dividend-paying stocks—especially in energy, healthcare, defense, and select financials—outperformed due to strong balance sheets and pricing power. In contrast, smaller-cap and highly leveraged firms faced continued pressure from higher borrowing costs.

Volatility remained elevated but more rational, driven by earnings fundamentals rather than excess liquidity. Investors increasingly rewarded capital discipline, shareholder returns, and operational efficiency. Fixed income regained relevance, with short- and intermediate-term bonds offering attractive risk-adjusted yields, reinforcing a renewed focus on capital preservation.

The market has been crazy, and I feel like our investments are well invested. I appreciate Josh at Morgan Stanley, Jon Greene, and our Investment Advisory Committee. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. Again, this year we received more dividends and interest than in years past.

### **Perpetual Membership Account Information**

927 Total Members at 12/31/2025

6 New Members in 2025

426 Living Members

501 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2025: \$6,274.7

Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2026 for Div/Int earned in 2025: \$2,770.51

Div/Int distributed to Local Chapters in 2026 for Div/Int earned in 2025: \$3,496.44

Last year, for comparison.

Interest/Dividends earned in 2024: \$5,481.33

Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$2,429.55

Div/Int distributed to Local Chapters in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$3,037.94

We added 6 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2025. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2025, which were able to be paid out in 2026. This is very good news. The thing to watch is that we added 6 new perpetual members, but lost 20 to death or withdraw.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104]

**REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY, JON B. GREENE**

**Annual Statistical Report – Start: 1/1/2025 End: 12/31/2025**

**General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry**

**Grand Chapter of Oklahoma**

**Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Chapters = 17

**The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.**

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,225</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>39</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>11</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>10</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>60</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>13</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>80</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>48</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>141</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(81)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,144</u>

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024**

**General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry**

**Grand Chapter of Oklahoma**

**Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Chapters = 17

**The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.**

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,248</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>66</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>157</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>228</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>165</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>48</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>38</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>251</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(23)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,225</u>

## GRAND CHAPTER RETURNS FOR 2025

No.	Name	2024 Members End of Year	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdraw	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2025 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Perpetual + GG Chapter	Unable to Pay	PEM/LIFE Inc Deceased	GGCH Life Only Inc Dec	G. G. Chapter Life Members
1	Indian	85	9	2	0	0	0	19	3	0	0	(11)	74	0	34	0	47	7	54
3	Muskogee	109	6	0	0	0	3	9	6	0	0	(12)	97	0	34	0	54	16	70
6	Guthrie	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	(3)	64	0	19	0	22	7	29
7	Cyrus	225	6	1	1	0	3	4	9	0	0	(8)	217	1	87	1	106	30	136
11	Ardmore	59	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	60	0	12	0	15	7	22
14	Stillwater	52	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	(1)	51	0	21	0	23	10	33
24	Norman	91	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	(1)	90	0	20	0	29	12	41
25	Olivet	47	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	(3)	44	0	25	0	28	6	34
28	Texoma	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	(1)	23	0	1	0	1	0	1
44	Lawton	129	5	0	1	0	1	17	6	0	0	(18)	111	0	40	0	49	20	69
50	Elk City	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(1)	49	0	24	0	26	30	50
52	Tulsa	164	2	3	2	0	1	6	4	0	0	(4)	160	0	71	8	89	17	106
55	Bartlesville	44	1	0	0	0	2	19	4	0	0	(24)	20	0	7	0	13	36	44
72	Woodward	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(1)	32	0	18	0	22	3	25
103	Veritas	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
104	James E. Smyrl	34	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	37	0	13	0	15	0	15
Totals		1225	39	10	9	0	12	79	48	0	0	(81)	1144	1	426	9			729

No.2	Name2	Dues	Fees	Grand Chapter Per Capita	General GrandChapter Per Capita	RARA	DeMolay Fee	Reinstatements	Dispensations	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
1	Indian	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$400.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$520.00	\$123.12	\$643.12
3	Muskogee	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$630.00	\$81.00	\$63.00	\$15.75	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$799.75	\$219.27	\$1,019.02
6	Guthrie			\$450.00	\$105.00	\$45.00	\$11.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$611.25	\$115.38	\$726.63
7	Cyrus	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$1,280.00	\$240.00	\$128.00	\$32.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$1,690.00	\$779.42	\$2,469.42
11	Ardmore	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$480.00	\$114.00	\$48.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$654.00	\$131.16	\$785.16
14	Stillwater	\$25.00	\$65.00	\$300.00	\$54.00	\$30.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$401.50	\$168.62	\$570.12
24	Norman			\$700.00	\$147.00	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$944.50	\$226.57	\$1,171.07
25	Olivet	\$18.25	\$35.00	\$190.00	\$30.00	\$19.00	\$4.75	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$253.75	\$75.85	\$329.60
28	Texoma			\$220.00	\$66.00	\$22.00	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$323.50	\$6.08	\$329.58
44	Lawton			\$710.00	\$126.00	\$71.00	\$17.75	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$934.75	\$384.00	\$1,318.75
50	Elk City			\$250.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$6.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$281.25	\$126.23	\$407.48
52	Tulsa	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$810.00	\$138.00	\$81.00	\$20.25	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$1,079.25	\$802.08	\$1,881.33
55	Bartlesville	\$16.25	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$3.25	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$156.25	\$104.14	\$260.39
72	Woodward			\$140.00	\$21.00	\$14.00	\$3.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$178.50	\$47.48	\$225.98
103	Veritas	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$3.75	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$223.75	\$0.00	\$223.75
104	James E. Smyrl	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$240.00	\$66.00	\$24.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$346.00	\$187.05	\$533.05
Totals				\$7,080.00	\$1,293.00	\$708.00	\$177.00	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$9,398.00	\$3,496.45	\$12,894.45

## 2025 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	7,770.00	7,780.00	-10.00
4020 · G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,479.00	1,479.00	0.00
4030 · RARA Donation	777.00	778.00	-1.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	194.25	194.00	0.25
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	0.00		
<b>Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	<b>10,220.25</b>	<b>10,231.00</b>	<b>-10.75</b>
<b>4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>			
4110 · PEM Dividend from investment	2,429.55	2,429.57	-0.02
4120 · Interest Income	600.00	9,422.17	-8,822.17
<b>Total 4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>	<b>3,029.55</b>	<b>11,851.74</b>	<b>-8,822.19</b>
<b>4200 · FEES</b>			
4210 · Degree Fees	560.00	800.00	-240.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	30.00	10.00	20.00
4240 · Festival Meal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
4245 · Petition Fees Collected @ GMF	1,320.00	3,000.00	-1,680.00
4260 · Charter Fee	0.00		
4200 · FEES - Other	0.00		
<b>Total 4200 · FEES</b>	<b>1,910.00</b>	<b>3,820.00</b>	<b>-1,910.00</b>
<b>4300 · RESALE</b>			
4310 · Ritual Resale	0.00	200.00	-200.00
4320 · MISC Resale	0.00		
4330 · PGHP Jewel Purchase	0.00		
4300 · RESALE - Other	0.00		
<b>Total 4300 · RESALE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
<b>4600 · MISC INCOME</b>			
4610 · MISC Income	0.00	200.00	-200.00
4600 · MISC INCOME - Other	25.00		
<b>Total 4600 · MISC INCOME</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-175.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,184.80</b>	<b>26,302.74</b>	<b>-11,117.94</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>5000 · STAFF</b>			
5010 · Grand Secretary's Salary	5,250.00	5,250.00	0.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	449.16	450.00	-0.84
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance	32.85	200.00	-167.15
<b>Total 5000 · STAFF</b>	<b>5,732.01</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>	<b>-167.99</b>
<b>5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>			
5110 · Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,446.00	1,225.00	221.00
5120 · RARA Donation	0.00	777.00	-777.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
5140 · General Grand Chapter Magazine	2,172.50	3,900.00	-1,727.50
5150 · Per Capita Refunds	0.00		
<b>Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>3,918.50</b>	<b>6,202.00</b>	<b>-2,283.50</b>

## 2025 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET - Continued

	<b>6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>			
	6010-25 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Belluardo	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
	6010-26 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel - McGee	0.00		
	6015 · Grand Secretary's Travel	0.00	300.00	-300.00
	6020 · Grand High Priest Grand Session	275.00	275.00	0.00
	6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	-152.06	75.00	-227.06
	6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Chapter OV	608.24	1,140.00	-531.76
	6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	215.66	250.00	-34.34
	6060 · Past Grand High Priest Jewel	0.00		
	<b>6080 · Triennial</b>			
	6080-24 · Triennial-2024	0.00	935.25	-935.25
	6080-25 · Triennial-2025	0.00	918.75	-918.75
	8060-26 · Triennial-2026	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6080 · Triennial - Other	0.00		
	<b>Total 6080 · Triennial</b>	0.00	1,854.00	-1,854.00
	6110 · Festival Meal Catering	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	6111 · GM Festival Fee Reimburs	1,320.00	3,000.00	-1,680.00
	<b>Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>	2,694.36	9,744.00	-7,049.64
	<b>7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
	<b>7100 · Rent</b>			
	7130 · GM Festival Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
	7100 · Rent - Other	0.00		
	<b>Total 7100 · Rent</b>	100.00	100.00	0.00
	<b>7200 · Telecommunications</b>			
	7210 · Phone and Internet	0.00	75.00	-75.00
	7220 · Website	63.96	75.00	-11.04
	<b>Total 7200 · Telecommunications</b>	63.96	150.00	-86.04
	<b>7300 · Office Supplies</b>			
	7310 · General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
	7320 · Ink	0.00	60.00	-60.00
	<b>7330 · Computer Software</b>			
	7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00	333.00	0.00
	7330.2 · Microsoft	0.00	33.00	-33.00
	7330.3 · ZOOM	0.00	195.00	-195.00
	7330 · Computer Software - Other	0.00		
	<b>Total 7330 · Computer Software</b>	333.00	561.00	-228.00
	7340 · Office Equipment Acquisition	361.72		
	7350 · MMS Subscription	514.92	514.99	-0.07
	7300 · Office Supplies - Other	0.00		
	<b>Total 7300 · Office Supplies</b>	1,209.64	1,175.99	33.65
	<b>7400 · Printing and Reproduction</b>			
	7410 · Pre Print	222.19	75.00	147.19
	7420 · Proceedings	0.00	15.00	-15.00
	7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	0.00		
	<b>Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction</b>	222.19	90.00	132.19
	<b>7500 · Postage and Delivery</b>			
	7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00	70.00	0.00
	7520 · Stamps	0.00	33.00	-33.00
	7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	0.00		
	<b>Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery</b>	70.00	103.00	-33.00

## 2025 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET - Continued

	<b>7600 · Insurance</b>			
	<b>7610 · Bond Premium</b>	75.67	250.00	-174.33
	<b>Total 7600 · Insurance</b>	75.67	250.00	-174.33
	<b>7700 · Repairs</b>			
	<b>7710 · Computer Repairs</b>	0.00		
	<b>7720 · Equipment Repairs</b>	0.00		
	<b>7700 · Repairs - Other</b>	0.00		
	<b>Total 7700 · Repairs</b>	0.00		
	<b>Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	1,741.46	1,868.99	-127.53
	<b>8000 · MISC</b>			
	<b>8010 · Rituals</b>	0.00	300.00	-300.00
	<b>8020 · Regalia</b>	64.32	0.00	64.32
	<b>8070 · Misc - Other</b>	92.37		
	<b>8000 · MISC - Other</b>	0.00		
	<b>Total 8000 · MISC</b>	156.69	300.00	-143.31
	<b>8500 · EDUCATION</b>			
	<b>8510 · Education Courses</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total 8500 · EDUCATION</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Expense</b>	14,243.02	24,014.99	-9,771.97
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	941.78	2,287.75	-1,345.97

## 2025 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>4550 · Membership Development</b>			
<b>4551 · Membership Development Interest</b>	0.00	707.50	-707.50
<b>4552 · Membership Development-Other</b>	0.00		
<b>4550 · Membership Development - Other</b>	0.00		
<b>Total 4550 · Membership Development</b>	0.00	707.50	-707.50
<b>Total Income</b>	0.00	707.50	-707.50
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>9000 · MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>9010 · Membership Promotion</b>	480.75	400.00	80.75
<b>9020 · DeMolay Sword</b>	0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>9030 · GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)</b>	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP</b>	480.75	700.00	-219.25
<b>Total Expense</b>	480.75	700.00	-219.25
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-480.75	7.50	-488.25

We suffered significant membership losses in 2025. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about those Companions who have put down their “working tools.” However, we can work on our suspensions. I started looking at some of our past annual returns.

	Exaltations	Affiliations	Reinstated	Demit	SNPD	Deceased	Net Gain/Loss
2022	58	4	4	10	51	49	(44)
2023	67	7	5	8	34	39	(2)
2024	66	14	5	18	48	38	(23)
2025	39	10	10	13	80	48	(82)

In 2022, we had 10 demits, 51 suspensions, and 49 deaths, for a membership loss of 44. We did better

in 2023. We had 8 demits, 31 suspensions, and 39 deaths, for a loss of 2. In 2024, we had 18 demits, 48 suspensions, and 38 deaths, for a loss of 23. This year, we had 13 demits, 80 suspensions, and 48 deaths, resulting in a membership loss of 82 Compaions. We need to contact our suspended Companions to determine what went wrong and how we can get them back. Each Chapter needs a Membership committee dedicated to calling those who have not paid their current-year dues. If we want to remain relevant in Oklahoma Masonry, we need to address our losses.

One thing we hear is, “We aren’t raising Master Masons.” In 2022, we raised 239 Master Masons, 207 in 2023, 224 in 2024, and 181 in 2025. While these numbers may not be as high as they were in the past, we are still raising Master Masons. In 2022, we Exalted 58 new Companions, 67 in 2023, 66 in 2024, and 39 in 2025. Our Membership Team (Committee) sends invitations to all Master Masons raised in the past 3 years. We also send invitations to those who have been in a little longer but never joined the York Rite. We all need to remember that we are all members of the Membership Team.

For the 2025 budget, we did well. We were allowed up to \$9,422.17 in dividends from the General Funds investment account. We only withdrew \$600.00. Most of those funds were spent on a new computer for the office. I have done my best to watch our budget and spend funds only when necessary.

Personally, I would like to thank M.:E.:C.: Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for his help. We ran out of Chapter rituals. M.:E.:C.: Schoolfield and I were able to recreate a digital copy of our ritual. We have printed a copy for each of our Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work. They have been tasked to find any typographical errors in the ritual, using the “old” ritual as a reference. The Grand Secretary’s office will no longer have rituals in stock. If a Chapter needs to order rituals, they will need to contact the Grand Secretary. He will then put in an order with our printer. The rituals will then be mailed to the Chapter Secretary. The Grand Secretary will then invoice the Chapter for the rituals.

I would also like to thank M.:E.:C.: Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., our Grand High Priest. Sir, it has been a pleasure working with you this year.

Respectfully submitted:  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

## **JURISPRUDENCE**

To be given verbally

## **CREDENTIALS**

We, the Credentials Committee, thank the Grand bodies for their support in organizing this annual meeting. If you have any questions about the event or have misplaced your credentials, don’t hesitate to contact a member of the Credentials Committee.

Your badge should include your banquet meal tickets and, if you registered, entry to the luncheon on Friday.

If you are interested in serving on the Credentials Committee, let us know. You should be available Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Saturday morning, and can quickly and effectively hand out badges and meal tickets and handle issues on the fly – consider serving.

Thank you, Jon Greene, our Grand Recorder. We could do little without his assistance.

The voter tally will be announced verbally.

Fraternally

Bradley S. Rickelman [14] – Chairman, James Oates III [44], Steven Cox [3], James R. Taylor, Sr. [52, 104]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - ex officio

### **FINANCE**

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 1, 2026, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter Operating Account and found it to be in order and in agreement with the statements provided by the financial institution holding the assets of this account.

The Committee reviewed the investment reports provided by the financial institution holding the assets for the Grand Chapter General Fund, Grand Chapter Perpetual Membership Fund, and Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund and found them to be in order and in agreement with the information provided by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee commends the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their diligence in accounting and safeguarding the Grand Chapter's funds and investments.

Also accompanying this report is the 2025 proposed budget for the Grand Chapter and Membership Development. We recommend their approval by the Grand Chapter.

**CHAPTER BUDGET 2026**

		<b>2026 Budget</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>		
	4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	7,780.00
	4020 · G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,479.00
	4030 · RARA Donation	778.00
	4050 · DeMolay Donation	194.00
	4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	
	<b>Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	<b>10,231.00</b>
<b>4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>		
	4110 · PEM Dividend from investment	2,429.57
	4120 · Interest Income	9,422.17
	<b>Total 4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>	<b>11,851.74</b>
<b>4200 · FEES</b>		
	4210 · Degree Fees	800.00
	4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00
	4230 · Reinstatement Fee	10.00
	4240 · Festival Meal Fees	0.00
	4245 · Petition Fees Collected @ GMF	3,000.00
	4260 · Charter Fee	
	4200 · FEES - Other	
	<b>Total 4200 · FEES</b>	<b>3,820.00</b>
<b>4300 · RESALE</b>		
	4310 · Ritual Resale	200.00
	4320 · MISC Resale	
	4330 · PGHP Jewel Purchase	
	4300 · RESALE - Other	
	<b>Total 4300 · RESALE</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>4600 · MISC INCOME</b>		
	4610 · MISC Income	200.00
	4600 · MISC INCOME - Other	
	<b>Total 4600 · MISC INCOME</b>	<b>200.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,302.74</b>

**CHAPTER BUDGET 2026 - CONTINUED**

Expense			
<b>5000 · STAFF</b>			
	5010 · Grand Secretary's Salary		5,250.00
	5020 · Payroll Taxes		450.00
	5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance		200.00
	<b>Total 5000 · STAFF</b>		<b>5,900.00</b>
<b>5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>			
	5110 · Per Capita - G.G. Chapter		1,225.00
	5120 · RARA Donation		777.00
	5130 · DeMolay Donation		300.00
	5140 · General Grand Chapter Magazine		3,900.00
	5150 · Per Capita Refunds		
	<b>Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>		<b>6,202.00</b>
<b>6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>			
	6010-25 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Belluardo		1,250.00
	6010-26 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel - McGee		1,250.00
	6015 · Grand Secretary's Travel		300.00
	6020 · Grand High Priest Grand Session		275.00
	6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense		75.00
	6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Chapter OV		1,140.00
	6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master		200.00
	6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards		250.00
	6060 · Past Grand High Priest Jewel		
	<b>6080 · Triennial</b>		
	6080-24 · Triennial-2024		935.25
	6080-25 · Triennial-2025		918.75
	8060-26 · Triennial-2026		858.00
	6080 · Triennial - Other		
	<b>Total 6080 · Triennial</b>		<b>2,712.00</b>
	6110 · Festival Meal Catering		150.00
	6111 · GM Festival Fee Reimburs		3,000.00
	<b>Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>		<b>11,852.00</b>
<b>7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
	<b>7100 · Rent</b>		
	7130 · GM Festival Rent		100.00
	7100 · Rent - Other		
	<b>Total 7100 · Rent</b>		<b>100.00</b>
	<b>7200 · Telecommunications</b>		
	7210 · Phone and Internet		75.00
	7220 · Website		75.00
	<b>Total 7200 · Telecommunications</b>		<b>150.00</b>

**CHAPTER BUDGET 2026 – CONTINUED**

	<b>7300 · Office Supplies</b>	
	7310 · General Office Supplies	40.00
	7320 · Ink	60.00
	<b>7330 · Computer Software</b>	
	7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00
	7330.2 · Microsoft	33.00
	7330.3 · ZOOM	195.00
	7330 · Computer Software - Other	
	<b>Total 7330 · Computer Software</b>	<b>561.00</b>
	7340 · Office Equipment Acquisition	
	7350 · MMS Subscription	514.99
	7300 · Office Supplies - Other	
	<b>Total 7300 · Office Supplies</b>	<b>1,175.99</b>
	<b>7400 · Printing and Reproduction</b>	
	7410 · Pre Print	75.00
	7420 · Proceedings	15.00
	7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	
	<b>Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction</b>	<b>90.00</b>
	<b>7500 · Postage and Delivery</b>	
	7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00
	7520 · Stamps	33.00
	7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	
	<b>Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery</b>	<b>103.00</b>
	<b>7600 · Insurance</b>	
	7610 · Bond Premium	250.00
	<b>Total 7600 · Insurance</b>	<b>250.00</b>
	<b>7700 · Repairs</b>	
	7710 · Computer Repairs	
	7720 · Equipment Repairs	
	7700 · Repairs - Other	
	<b>Total 7700 · Repairs</b>	
	<b>Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,868.99</b>
	<b>8000 · MISC</b>	
	8010 · Rituals	300.00
	8020 · Regalia	0.00
	8070 · Misc - Other	
	8000 · MISC - Other	
	<b>Total 8000 · MISC</b>	<b>300.00</b>
	<b>8500 · EDUCATION</b>	
	8510 · Education Courses	0.00
	<b>Total 8500 · EDUCATION</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>26,122.99</b>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>179.75</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>179.75</b>

**CHAPTER BUDGET 2026 – MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Income</b>		
	<b>4550 · Membership Development</b>	
	<b>4551 · Membership Development Interest</b>	933.24
	<b>4552 · Membership Development-Other</b>	
	<b>4550 · Membership Development - Other</b>	
	<b>Total 4550 · Membership Development</b>	<u>933.24</u>
	<b>Total Income</b>	933.24
<b>Expense</b>		
	<b>9000 · MEMBERSHIP</b>	
	<b>9010 · Membership Promotion</b>	500.00
	<b>9020 · DeMolay Sword</b>	0.00
	<b>9030 · GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)</b>	100.00
	<b>Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP</b>	<u>600.00</u>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>600.00</u>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>333.24</u>

NOTE: \*\*Any funds budgeted for GHP’s Travel - (2026-2027) not disbursed during 2026 will be carried over to the 2027 budget.

Fraternally submitted,  
 Matthew D. McGee [83] - Chairman, Michael S. Wright [11], and Michael L. Dixon [6]

**INVESTMENTS**

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each elected by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, respectively, serving staggered terms. The purpose of the Committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings typically include reviewing investment results for the most recent period ending and any other matters deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee met via Zoom on February 4, 2026. The Committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies, and thanks the Grand Treasurer for his efforts in managing the investments of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,  
 John L. Logan, Grand Chapter Representative 2023-2026  
 James R. Taylor, Jr., Grand Council Representative 2025-2028  
 Mathew A. Turner, Grand Commandery Representative 2024-2027

## **CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 3 COMMITTEES**

Section 2.

#### **DUTIES OF COMMITTEE**

d. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Its special duty shall be to examine and report upon all petitions for charters for new Chapters. It shall examine the petition, work, returns, records, and all books of all Chapters Under Dispensation and report to the Grand Chapter the character and merits of same, with such recommendations as the work, records, and returns may justify.

There were no requests for new charters or dispensations for a new charter, nor were there any outstanding charters that needed to be addressed.

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] – Chairman, John L. Logan [6, 72], Bradley S. Rickelman [14], Michael L. Dixon [6] - ex officio

## **TRIENNIAL**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma,

The 73rd Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, is scheduled to be held August 29th – September 1st, 2026 in Washington, D.C. at the Capitol Hilton Hotel. The schedule of events, registration form, and hotel information may be found at:

<https://yrtiennial.org/>

The deadline for hotel reservations is July 28th, 2026 and the deadline for event registration and meal ticket purchases is August 10th, 2026.

All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. Our Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe in office at the time of the General Grand Convocation, along with all our Past Grand High Priests, are eligible voting delegates.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7], John R. Christopher [6], Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

## **YORK RITE COORDINATION**

The goal for York Rite Coordination Committee is to improve the communication and interaction between the three Grand York Rite bodies and to promote new ideas and growth in our fraternity.

During the 2025-2026 Capitular year, we had several in-person meetings between the heads of three Grand York Rite bodies and one Zoom call. We also had several phone and text conversations throughout the course of the year. Among the three York Rite Grand bodies, we have worked very well together, with good participation at meetings. It is the committee's opinion that with the continued collaboration of the Grand York Rite lines, our working relationships between the three bodies will

continue to grow, be strong, and promote the York Rite throughout the state of Oklahoma.

Fraternally Submitted,

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] – Chairman, Matthew D. McGee [14, 25], Michael S. Wright [11], Michael L. Dixon [6]

## MEMBERSHIP

This past year has been one of renewed energy and meaningful progress. With great pride, we successfully hosted our regional festivals and the annual Grand Masters Festival, moments that continue to strengthen our fellowship and illuminate the path forward.

A review of this year's annual report revealed that 80 Companions were suspended between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, due to nonpayment of dues. Behind each number is a brother who once believed in this path. We owe it to them, and to ourselves, to ask: *Why did they walk away?*

There are also bright signs of growth. During this year, we:

Exalted 39 new Companions

Reinstated 9 Companions who chose to return to our ranks

These numbers remind us that many are still seeking what we offer: Light, fellowship, and purpose.

We also pause in solemn remembrance of the 48 Companions who were called to the Celestial Lodge above by the Grand Architect of the Universe. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers and honor their memory by carrying the torch of York Rite Masonry forward with renewed resolve.

Companions, this is our moment. Let us inspire one another. Let us reach out to the fallen and the forgotten. Let us extend our hand to those still searching. Oklahoma York Rite is a treasure, and it is our duty to share it.

In closing, I offer my deepest thanks to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Frank J. Belluardo, Jr, for the opportunity to serve as State Membership Chairman during his term. His leadership has been a guiding light, and I wish him every success in the journeys yet to come.

Fraternally and faithfully submitted,

John E. Werts [52] - Chairman

## CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma,

We, your Custodians of the Work, are pleased to make the following report to the Grand Convocation.

Since our last Annual Convocation, the Grand Secretary's inventory of copies of the most recent printing of our ritual had become depleted. An effort was made to print copies of the ritual using existing file sources, but the result was less than ideal. As a result, the Custodians of the Work and the Grand Secretary prepared a manuscript of our adopted ritual suitable for publication and general distribution

to our membership.

In the course of preparing this manuscript, the formatting, abbreviations, etc. were standardized and a few typographical errors were corrected. But it is important to note that this is not a new edition of our ritual, it is merely a new printing of our currently adopted work. We did add an “Index” on the last page, which was traditional in previous editions of the ritual. This new publication of our adopted ritual is available from the Grand Secretary.

Over the past several years, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians or Assistant Custodians of the Work, have been held in most of our constituent Chapters. At these Schools, we have concentrated our instruction on the ritual for the opening and closing of a Chapter and the reception of visitors. In a few of the Chapters, the Companions have requested that we also provide instruction in the ritual of one or more of the Chapter degrees.

We wish to remind our constituent Chapters that they should be regularly opening their Convocations in ritualistic form as called for in Article 10, Section 16 of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter. The Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work are prepared to assist our Chapters in this effort in any way necessary. It is our hope that, in the future, we will be able to hold a School of Instruction in each constituent Chapter at least once every two years.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] – Chairman, Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104], James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **EDUCATION**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma,

The Committee on Education continues to encourage our Chapters to make education an integral part of their Stated Convocations and, in an effort to foster this endeavor, has in recent years produced and made available Capitular educational resources to both our Chapters and members.

The *Capitular Masonry Education Course* covers the history and symbolism of the four Chapter degrees and provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study. The *Lessons on Capitular Masonry* are thirty-five lessons which are drawn from the *Capitular Masonry Education Course*, the Ritual of the Grand Chapter, and the Bible and are specifically designed to enable presentation, participation, and discussion as a group during Chapter meetings. During 2021 and 2022, a copy of the *Capitular Masonry Education Course* and a copy of the *Lessons on Capitular Masonry* were distributed to each of our Chapters.

During 2021 and 2022, the Committee on Education published a monthly education e-newsletter, which drew heavily from the two publications mentioned above, along with additional material from Masonic monitors, encyclopedias, and periodicals. Also included were relevant video presentations and links to even more information about that month’s topic. After the release of the twenty-fourth and final edition of this monthly e-newsletter in January 2023, all of the previously released editions were assembled into a single website, with links to each of the twenty-four topics covered. This website may

be found at: <https://okyorkrite.com/>

We urge our Chapters and members to utilize these plentiful resources and make Capitular education an integral part of their Masonic experience.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] – Chairman, Robert G. Davis [14], Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

### **REPORT OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION**

TO: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

Companions:

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma officers are beginning the last year of three year terms. Leading the Foundation is Jack Painter from Hennessey. He will serve in this capacity until 2027. The foundation board looks forward to working with Brother Painter's leadership and identifying the future needs of our Fraternity through our charities.

Masons across Oklahoma should be very proud of their charity foundation. The programs, whether sponsored directly or indirectly, benefit a wide variety of recognized needs across the state. Two outstanding programs are Promises Matter and Matching Funds. Promises Matter directly benefits both fraternity members and members of the Eastern Star. Matching funds can be used to benefit programs identified by the local Lodges and applications made for those qualifying matching funds.

The Masonic Fraternity needs to identify Masons who need assistance through the various programs that the Charity Foundation sponsors. Brothers and Lodges sometimes are reluctant to report the needs of brothers and members of the Eastern Star to the Lodge and Chapter, respectively, and to have the appropriate action taken. These organizations need to take a more active role in identifying needy Masons, wives, widows, Members of the Eastern Star, etc. Our great Fraternity was founded on helping those members of the Masonic Family.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for allowing me to represent them on the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Directors for the past 27 years. I continue to serve the foundation with membership on the financial and lodge recognition committees. David A. Ray, Grand Chapter Representative

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David A. Ray [24] - Grand Chapter Representative

### **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

The Grand Master's Festival was held in Norman, Oklahoma, on July 26, 2025. At the festival, 32 Companions were Exalted as Royal Arch Masons. We want to thank Norman Chapter 24 for hosting the festival and for all their hard work. The Committee extends appreciation to all the Degree teams for their hard work. They are to be commended for the excellent work exemplified at the festival.

Fraternally submitted  
Michael S. Wright [14,25]

### **SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held on September 19-20, 2025, in League City, Texas, hosted by the Texas York Rite Bodies. The Conference was well attended by Companions from the six-state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas). Several Officers from the General Grand Chapter attended.

The representatives of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International gave presentations.

The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference will be held on September 18-19, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Holiday Inn, Little Rock-Airport.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mathew D. McGee [14, 25] – Chairman, Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104], James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

### **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS**

The Regional Degree Festival Committee has had a successful year by helping Chapters in their local regions with hosting their respective Degree Festivals. The Northeast Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 7, 2026, at East Gate Masonic Center in Tulsa. They exalted nine new Royal Arch Masons at this event. The Central Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 28, 2026, at Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36. They exalted seven new Royal Arch Masons. We would like to thank the Companions of Tulsa Chapter No.52 and Cyrus Chapter No. 7 for hosting these regional festivals and for all their hard work and dedication to ensuring these successful events.

The Committee commends all the Companions who dedicated their time and effort to help promote Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma both locally and statewide. The Regional Chapter Degree Festival Committee is always ready to assist the local Chapters in any way possible to ensure a successful & educational event for our newest Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael L. Dixon [6]- Chairman

## **DEMOLAY**

Serving on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Chapter has been a true honor this year.

Oklahoma DeMolay has welcomed a new Executive Officer, Brother Rory Glendenning, who succeeds Brother Brad Northcutt, now serving as Grand Junior Councilor for DeMolay International. Brother Northcutt's leadership over the past several years guided Oklahoma DeMolay through the challenges of COVID-19, allowing our jurisdiction to remain strong and avoid many of the setbacks experienced elsewhere.

Under the leadership of Brother Glendenning, Oklahoma DeMolay continues to thrive. Thanks to his efforts, Oklahoma currently ranks number one in the United States in membership growth. He has also reestablished districts across the state, including the Creek District and Arapaho District, led by Brothers Eric Bowman and Bo Ross, respectively.

As we continue this period of growth, we are focused on expanding our presence by establishing new Chapters in Lodges that do not currently sponsor DeMolay Chapters.

As always, we sincerely appreciate the continued support of the York Rite members and look forward to a prosperous year ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if Oklahoma DeMolay may be of assistance in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

Bo Ross [24] – Co-Chairman, Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] – Co-Chairman, Jon B. Greene [52, 104], Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104], D. Ridge Smith [7]

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE**

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as current as possible. The Grand Secretary has put most of the forms our Secretaries need online. Also, all award forms have been posted online. These forms are in the "downloads" section on the website.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman, Robert W. McLeod [52], John R. Christopher [6]

## **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) is a non-profit organization established in 1974, dedicated to advancing research for Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD). It is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation incorporated in Kentucky, focusing on promoting solutions and funding innovative studies to help children affected by CAPD. R.A.R.A. serves as the national philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and aims to foster understanding and provide hope to families dealing with this disorder.

The website is well-designed and very user-friendly! Information on how to donate, but also explanations on what is being researched, who is being helped, and what CAPD is. Printable brochures

are also available on the website. The Awards page lists the Donor Recognition Program for both individuals and chapters, along with the award levels. If you have any questions about R.A.R.A. I would now recommend you check out the webpage!

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] – Chairman, William J. Cloud [7], & Donnie G. Higginbotham [1, 28]

### **NECROLOGY**

Though it pains us to say our final goodbye to beloved brethren, let us be comforted that they are in the arms of our loving Father. Let us be glad that while we remain here to labor, they may rest and receive their wages. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 116 : 4-7, 13-15

Fraternally Submitted

Adam R. Taylor [103]

### **COMMITTEE ON PLACE**

Our Annual Communications will once again be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. Should you have any questions about our accommodation, meeting rooms, or meals, don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Time & Place team, and we will do our best to make it right.

We contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. We've been very pleased with the service, and I have presented your Grand Officers a contract for 2028 at this same facility, giving us a two-year cushion. I trust they – and you – will approve.

Continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center depends on taking sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested. As a smaller event, with a specific proscribed calendar date for our annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract.

What can you do to help? Stay at the hotel at least one night – and if possible two. Spend time with your Companions and Sir Knights. Enjoy the hospitality of being in Oklahoma City, with its myriads of activities. Or remain Saturday night after Grand Commandery's meeting and relax.

Staying at the hotel not only allows us to satisfy our requirements but also allows us to spend time together beyond the proscribed requirements for the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley S. Rickelman [14] – Chairman, Brian A. Buswell [7], Robert W. McLeod [3, 52], Ivan M. DeTevis [14, 52], Jon B. Greene [52, 104], Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., [24, 103]

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and our Distinguished Guests:

We are pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend the Time and Place Committee, the Grand Secretary, and all who helped for their hard work and planning to make this a successful meeting.

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, whose responsibility it is to plan our Grand Sessions, in cooperation with the other presiding Grand Officers, we commend you on a job well done. We thank you for this Grand Session.

Fraternally submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104] - Chairman

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION - 2025**

### MINUTES of April 25, 2025 Annual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: James R. Taylor, Jr, President

Prayer:

OFFICERS PRESENT:

James Taylor, President,

Kenton Israel, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

John Christopher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

MEGHP MEMBERS PRESENT:

David A. Ray, Timothy P. Israel, John E. King, Robert R. Rolseth, Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Mat Turner, John Carter, John Christopher, Brad Rickelman, Robert Davis,

MINUTES

The minutes from last April 2024 appeared in the Chapter Pre-Print, which will appear in the 2025 proceedings. Jim Taylor delivered the highlights of the Financial Report, also in the Pre-Print. Motion by John King and seconded by Clyde Schoolfield to approve the reports in the pre-print.

Our CODE provides guidance as to the priorities of our donations, as we are the benevolent arm for the Oklahoma York Rite Bodies. The preferential recipients are R.A.R.A., CMMRF, and Youth Orders. In 2025, we donated \$2,000 to R.A.R.A., \$2,000 to CMMRF, \$1,000 to Oklahoma Rainbow, and \$1,000 to Oklahoma DeMolay. In addition, we voted to grant the stipend of \$110 to Charles Stuckey for reimbursement of funds expended for using his investment account.

A question was asked of the President of the Past Grand High Priest Association if the Association had bylaws. According to the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, the Association can approve bylaws if it so desires. The President said, to his knowledge, he doesn't have any record of any bylaws existing, and the Secretary confirmed the answer. The President said he would contact the previous Secretary to see if he had any bylaws for the Association. The President said he would report his findings to the Most Excellent Companions at their next meeting of the Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Israel, Secretary

## MEMBERS OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ASSOCIATION

1975-1976	Charles L. Stuckey	Olivet No. 25	Treasurer
1996-1997	Elwood M. Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	
1997-1998	David A. Ray	Shawnee No. 32	
2001-2002	William D. Bowie	Shawnee No. 32	
2003-2004	Newell K. Barker	Bartlesville No. 55	
2004-2005	Joseph M. Lusk	Cyrus No. 7	
2007-2008	Glenn H. Kinsley	Woodward No. 72	
2008-2009	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City No. 50	Secretary
2009-2010	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Indian No. 1	
2010-2011	Ronald L. Carr	Olivet No. 25	
2011-2012	John E. King	<b>Elk City 50</b> <i>Altus No. 60</i>	
2012-2013	Robert R. Rolseth	Tulsa No. 52	
2013-2014	Donald G. Jones	Norman No. 24	
2014-2015	Robert G. Davis	Stillwater No. 14	
2015-2016	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Cyrus No. 7	
2016-2017	James R. Taylor, Jr	Tulsa No. 52, President	
2017-2018	Kenton M. Israel	Elk City 50 / <b>Cyrus No. 7</b>	Vice President
2018-2019	John L. Logan	Woodward No. 72	
2019-2020	Bradley S. Rickelman	Stillwater No. 14	
2020-2021	John R. Christopher	Guthrie No. 6	
2021-2022	John F. Carter	Ardmore No. 11	
2022-2023	Mathew A. Turner	Norman No. 24	
2023-2024	William J. "Jim" Cloud	Capitol Hill No. 101	
2024	<b>Blaine C. McKnight**</b>	Indian No. 1	
- 2025	Frank Belluardo	Capitol Hill No. 101 / Cyrus 7	

\*\*Withdrew \*Deceased

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION  
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Cash on deposit, RCB Pioneer Account No. 55-1192 Ponca City, OK – January 1, 2025		\$ 8,890.01
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>		
Checking Account Interest	\$ 0.99	
Wells Fargo	<u>7,230.81</u>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,231.80</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Oklahoma Rainbow	1,000.00	
Oklahoma DeMolay	1,000.00	
RARA	2,000.00	
CMMRF	2,000.00	
Charles L. Stuckey	<u>110.00</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>6,110.00</b>
Cash on Deposit, RCB Pioneer Ponca City, OK – January 1, 2026		11,011.81
Check Outstanding – Ck. 579 – DeMolay - \$1,000.00		
<b>Account Balance</b>		<b>\$10,011.81</b>

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION  
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026**

CASH:

RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City, January 1, 2026  
Account No. 55-1192

\$8,890.01

INVESTMENTS:

Wells Fargo, Ponca City, Account No. 4995-7445  
Value 1/1/25 - \$169,145.40    1/1/2026 - \$162,605.52

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>Yield</u>
Cash			\$821.45	
ABBVIE Inc.	250	\$22,225.89	\$57,122.50	3.02
ARES Capital Corp.	707	12,271.79	14,302.61	9.49
Colombia Banking.	433	10,054.00	12,102.35	5.29
Helmerich & Payne	590	6,765.60	16,921.20	3.48
Iron Mountain	163	10,971.96	13,520.85	4.16
One OK Inc New	510	32,253.52	37,485.06	5.60
Stag Industrial	281	10,959.47	10,329.56	4.05
 Total Equities		 \$115,489.31	 \$161,784.07	

Total Assets with Wells Fargo \$162,605.52

Total Return: Capital Gain plus Cash withdrawn - 7.74%

Estimated Income for 2026 - \$7,401.00

## The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma



Minutes of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention held at Stillwater, Oklahoma

August 16, 2025

Most Excellent President Brian M. Ragain opened the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma at 9:00 AM with thirty-three members and nine candidates present.

Officers present were:

Most Excellent President	Brian M. Ragain
Excellent Vice President	George W. Ratliff
Excellent Chaplain	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., PMEP (Pro – Tem)
Excellent Recorder/Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PMEP
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Robert R. Rolseth, PMEP (Pro – Tem)
Excellent Conductor	Matthew D. McGee
Excellent Herald	Michael S. Wright
Excellent Steward	Brian A. Buswell, PMEP (Pro – Tem)
Excellent Sentinel	Justin M. McGee

The petitions of the following nine candidates were read. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the candidates be elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Christopher Ron Mallow	Guthrie No. 6
Robert A. Powell, Jr.	Cyrus No. 7
Russell Neal Davis	Ardmore No. 11
William Patrick Donovan	Olivet No. 25
Michael Logan Bryant	Tulsa No. 52
William Joseph Foster	Bartlesville No. 55
John Earl Werts	Bartlesville No. 55
Donnie L. Patrick	Woodward No. 72
George Washington Lowry III	James E. Smyrl No. 104

All candidates were received, duly anointed, and acknowledged recipients of the Order of High Priesthood, making them members of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma.

The following degree team conferred the Order:

Most Excellent President	Brian M. Ragain
Excellent Vice President	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Excellent Chaplain	Timothy P. Israel
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Robert R. Rolseth
Excellent Conductor	James R. Taylor, Jr.

The new members were presented with their bibles, jewels, certificates, and wallet cards.

The following Past Most Excellent Presidents of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma present were introduced: Robert G. Davis (2005-06), Timothy P. Israel (2011-12), Robert R. Rolseth (2015-16), Kenton M. Israel (2017-18), James R. Taylor, Jr. (2019-20), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (2020-21), John F. Carter (2021-22), Bradley S. Rickelman (2022-23), and Brian A. Buswell (2023-24).

The following Past Grand Masters of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma were introduced: M.: W.: Robert T. Shipe, M.: W.: Bradley S. Rickelman, M.: W.: Robert G. Davis, and M.: W.: John F. Carter.

A memorial service for the following Anointed High Priests was held: Robert E. Goode, Ralph Eugene Perona, and Roy L. Smith.

The minutes of August 17, 2024 Annual Convention and Treasurer's report were approved as distributed with the meeting summons.

It was moved, second, and approved to donate \$50.00 to Frontier Lodge No. 48 A.F. & A.M., for the use of the building.

It was moved, second, and approved to allow the Recorder-Treasurer to pay all necessary expenses of the Council that may occur before the next Annual Convention.

The annual election of officers for the 2025-2026 year was then held.

The nominating Committee recommended George W. Ratliff is elected Most Excellent President and all 2024-2025 officers below Most Excellent President be advanced two stations, with the exception that the Recorder-Treasurer is retained, and Jon B. Greene is elected Excellent Steward and Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. is elected Excellent Sentinel.

It was moved, second, and approved to accept the report of the nominating Committee, with no further nominations.

M.: E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors. M.: E.: Companion Belluardo introduced the Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand High Priests present.

M.: E.: Companion Belluardo then installed the officers of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma.

The Officers for the year 2025-2026 are:

Most Excellent President	George W. Ratliff
Excellent Vice President	William J. Cloud
Excellent Chaplain	Matthew D. McGee
Excellent Recorder-Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PMEP

Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Michael S. Wright
Excellent Conductor	Mark K. McFadden
Excellent Herald	Justin M. McGee
Excellent Steward	Jon B. Greene
Excellent Sentinel	Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.

Most Excellent President George W. Ratliff presented a Past Presidents jewel to outgoing President Brian M. Ragain.

It was announced that the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is scheduled for August 15, 2026, at Frontier Lodge No. 48, Stillwater.

Most Excellent President Ratliff made closing comments and there being no further business, the Convention was closed in due form at 10:14 AM.

James R. Taylor, Jr.  
Recorder/Treasurer

Brian M. Ragain  
Most Excellent President

*Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma  
Treasurer Report - 08-16-25*

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank  
Checking Account Balance 07/31/24 \$1,818.16

Deposits:

Candidate Fees \$765.00  
AHP Jewel Sales 0.00  
765.00

Disbursements:

Frontier Loge No. 48 (Facility Use) \$ 50.00  
Jim Taylor (Degree Supplies) 33.63 83.63

Checking Account Balance 07/31/25 \$2,499.53

**Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma  
Past Most Excellent Presidents**

1891-1901	Robert W. Hill*
1901-1912	Edmond H. Doyle*
1912-1920	Isham H. G. Hulme*
1920-1948	William H. Essex*
1948-1969	Richard E. Newhouse*
1969-1975	Wilbert B. Boggs*
1975-1989	James C. Abernathy*
1989-1995	Kenneth D. Buckley*
1995-1996	James O. Rust, Jr*
1996-1997	Paul G. Watkins*
1997-1998	Elwood M. Isaacs*
1998-1999	Charles L. Stuckey
1999-2000	Rex L. Bowen*
2000-2001	Glenn H. Kinsley
2001-2002	David A. Ray
2002-2003	Newell K. Barker
2003-2004	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.*
2004-2005	Jimmie R. Dooley*
2005-2006	Robert G. Davis
2006-2007	I. Dwayne Dixon*
2007-2008	O. Ray Harrington*
2008-2009	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.**
2009-2010	Hollis O. Edgar*
2010-2011	Mark A. Critchfield**
2011-2012	Timothy P. Israel
2012-2013	James E. Smyrl*
2013-2014	Donnie G. Higginbotham
2014-2015	Ronald L. Carr
2015-2016	Robert R. Rolseth
2016-2017	Troy E. Shipman*
2017-2018	Kenton M. Israel
2018-2019	Daniel D. Hanttula
2019-2020	James R. Taylor, Jr.
2020-2021	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
2021-2022	John F. Carter
2022-2023	Bradley S. Rickelman
2023-2024	Brian A. Buswell
2024-2025	Brian M. Ragain

\* Deceased

\*\* Inactive

**RESOLUTION NO. 1a**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** Multiple Chapters meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Chapters to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

**WHEREAS:** This change would make it much easier for our local Chapters to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 1. Elections, Chapter Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host who shall be elected at the first Stated Convocation in December of each year.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 1. Elections, Chapter Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host, who shall each year be elected at a designated Stated Convocation in November or December, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark K. McFadden [3]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**RESOLUTION NO. 1b**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** Multiple Chapters meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Chapters to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

**WHEREAS:** This change would make it much easier for our local Chapters to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 16. Convocations.

The stated Convocations of a Chapter shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Chapter shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Convocations annually, including the one in December for the annual election.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 16. Convocations.

The stated Convocations of a Chapter shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Chapter shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Convocations annually, including the one during which the annual election is held, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark K. McFadden [3]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

**WHEREAS:** ARTICLE 6 Financial Revenues provides

### Section 1. Financial Revenues

Each Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter fees and dues as follows:

- a. Each chartered Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter for each member in the database on the 30th day of December, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to become effective for 2016, plus any assessment now levied or hereafter levied by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.
  - 1) There shall be an assessment in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the Royal Arch Research Assistance, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of our philanthropy.
  - 2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the Oklahoma DeMolay, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay.

**WHEREAS:** I feel that raising the fee to \$1.00 is a small charge that can make a big difference to the membership of DeMolay.

**WHEREAS** (2<sup>nd</sup> reason): In today's age, the cost for everything, including basic operations have steadily increased. The increase will help the chapters run strong, meaningful programs.

**WHEREAS** (3<sup>rd</sup> reason): I believe that DeMolay is the future of Freemasonry, and this increase will show our support for them more effectively and invest in the future of their organization, while keeping the costs affordable for each Chapter to absorb.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 6. Section 1.a. 2. Financial Reviews: be amended to reflect the following changes:**

### Section 1. Financial Revenues

- 2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of ~~twenty-five cents (\$0.25)~~, **one Dollar (\$1.00)** per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to **April 24, 2026**, as an annual contribution to the Oklahoma DeMolay, which donation is tax-deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay.

*(This resolution strikes the amount of donation to Oklahoma DeMolay of \$0.25 and inserts the increased sum of "one dollar (\$1.00) and exempts perpetuals purchased before this resolution takes effect.)*

Faithfully Submitted,  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [103]

### RESOLUTION NO. 3

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

**WHEREAS:** ARTICLE 9 Chartered Chapters provides

Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Chapters.

When the charter of a Chapter shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary without charge. A suspended member of such Chapter may, upon payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary.

**WHEREAS:** I feel that, with the decline in membership, we need a Holding Chapter to provide our members with a home when their Chapter is closed.

**WHEREAS** (2<sup>nd</sup> reason): With the possibility of Chapters becoming regionalized due to a decline in membership, this Holding Chapter will give a member a home if the next nearest Chapter is not within a reasonable driving distance for them to be an active member within, and may help deter a member from demitting from the Chapter.

**WHEREAS** (3<sup>rd</sup> reason): The excess above per capita will go to the Grand Secretary to assist him with any extra financial expenses incurred with the Holding Chapter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 9. Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Chapters: be amended to reflect the following changes:**

#### **Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Chapter**

- a. When the charter of a Chapter shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary without charge. A suspended member of such Chapter may, upon payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary.
- b. A special Constituent Chapter to be known as Holding Chapter No. 00 shall be chartered. It shall serve as an at-large holding Chapter for the Grand Chapter Jurisdiction of Oklahoma for those Companions whose original Constituent Chapter may have ceased to be active. The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be the ex officio officers of Holding Chapter No. 00, and the official office of Holding Chapter No. 00 shall be the same as that of the Grand Secretary. Holding Chapter No. 00 shall not be entitled to a vote at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, but Past High Priests assigned to it shall remain voting members of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest is empowered to transfer members of Inactive Constituent Chapters to membership in Holding Chapter No. 00. The annual dues of Holding Chapter 00 shall be \$40.00 plus the annual per capita charged by the Oklahoma Grand Chapter. The excess after Grand Chapter per capita is to be used by the Grand Secretary for administrative expenses.

*(This resolution creates subsection a. and then subsection b., the creation of a Holding Chapter to be numbered 00)*

Faithfully Submitted,

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., [103]