

**PROCEEDINGS
OF**

**The Most Excellent
Grand Chapter**

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF
WASHINGTON**



123rd ANNUAL CONVOCATION
May 12, 2007
Wenatchee, Washington
MEC Charley L. Chapman
Grand High Priest

RULES FOR MASONIC CALENDAR DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT

Add 4000 years to the common era; then add 2007 and 4000 equals A.L. 6007.

“In the year of the Light”

SCOTTISH RITE

Add 3760 to the common era; thus 2007 and 3760 equals 5767. After September, add another year.

“In the year of the world”

ROYAL ARCH

Add 530 to the common era; thus 2007 and 530 equals A Inv. 2537.

“In the year of Discovery”

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

Add 1000 to the common era; thus 2007 and 1000 equals A Dep. 3007.

“In the year of the Deposit”

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

From the Christian Era take 1118; thus 1118 from 2007 equals A.O. 889

“In the year of the Order”

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

To Christian Era add 1913, the year of the Blessing; thus 2007 and 1913 equals A.D. 3920.

“In the year of the Blessing”

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

1. **8:00 am** OPENING OF 123RD GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
2. GHP DIRECTS OFFICERS TO TAKE STATIONS
3. GRAND SECRETARY – ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS
4. DECLARATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL NUMBER TO PROCEED
(GREATER THAN 51% OF CHARTERED CHAPTERS PRESENT – 16)
5. OPENING IN AMPLE FORM
6. INTERNATIONAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
7. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
8. ROLL CALL OF DEPUTIES
9. APPROVAL – 122ND ANNUAL CONVOCATION PROCEEDINGS (MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING)
10. STANDING AND SESSIONS COMMITTEES
 - A. SESSIONS (FILL VACANCIES)
 - B. STANDING (FILL VACANCIES)
 - C. OTHER ?
11. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
12. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
13. RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
14. RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS
15. CREDENTIALS REPORT
 - A. PRELIMINARY
 - B. ASPIRANTS FOR GRAND SCRIBE
16. OPEN BALLOT BOX (9:00 AM)
17. RECESS: 20 min.
18. RECONVENE
19. RECEPTION OF HIGH PRIESTS
 - A. CERTIFICATES FOR 2006 PHP'S
 - B. RECEIVE 2007 HP'S
20. REPORTS
 - A. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
 - B. ALL OTHER REPORTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED AND SENT TO THE PROPER COMMITTEES; UNLESS THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE REPORTS AS RECEIVED.
 - C. RECEIVED PREVIOUSLY & PUBLISHED IN REGISTRATION PACKAGE
 1. DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
 2. GRAND KING
 3. GRAND SCRIBE
 4. GRAND SECRETARY
 5. GRAND HISTORIAN
 6. GRAND LECTURER
 7. GRAND ORATOR
 8. YORK RITE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 9. WASHINGTON MASONIC ALLIANCE
 10. BYLAWS COMMITTEE
 11. TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE
 12. CHAPTER ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
 13. LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
 14. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
 15. GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT FRATERNITY

16. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
 17. OBITUARIES
 18. NEW CHAPTERS
 19. REPORT ON SEGREGATION
(MOTION TO HEAL BY JURISPRUDENCE)
 20. SESSION
 21. TELLERS
 22. FINANCE COMMITTEE
 23. AD HOC COMMITTEE – CODE REVIEW
 24. AD HOC COMMITTEE – MONITOR REVIEW
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21. CREDENTIALS REPORT – FINAL
 22. CLOSE BALLOT BOX **10:55 am**, TELLERS CONVENE
 23. **11:00 am** ANNUAL MEETING OF RAMCHF
 24. **12:00 m** GRAND CHAPTER CALLED TO REFRESHMENT
 25. **1:00 pm** GRAND CHAPTER RECONVENED
 26. RECIPIENTS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AWARD
 27. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOUNDATION
PRESIDENT/SECRETARY
ELECTION OF TRUSTIES
1 for 3 years
1 for 2 years
1 for 1 year
 28. RESOLUTIONS:
2007-01 Section 2, Seal
2007-02 Section 177 revision
2007-03 Section 166 & 165
2007-04 Section 93-2
2007-05 Section 322
2007-06 Section Joshua Award
2007-07 Section 86 (Affirmation Sunday)
2007-08 Sections 186 (Opening)
2007-09 Sections Constitution & Bylaws
2007-10 Section Funds to Endowment
 29. ELECTION RESULTS – TELLERS REPORTS
A. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
B. DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
C. GRAND KING
D. GRAND SCRIBE
E. GRAND SECRETARY
 30. BUDGET, CHAIRMAN
 31. JURISPRUDENCE, FINAL REPORT
 32. VIP'S TALK
 33. GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF-SESSION
 34. **5:00 pm** OPEN INSTALLATION OF 2007-2008 OFFICERS
 35. GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

SYNOPSIS OF
GRAND SESSION
12 MAY 2007

Chapters present: 30
 Chapters absent: Evergreen #10 (2ND Yr.)
 Credentials report: "110" Companions registered
 High Priests 17
 Kings 18
 Scribes 11
 Past High Priests 67
 Proxies 16

Grand Chapter Officers for 2006 – 2007

All present except: Grand Chaplain
 Grand Principal Sojourner
 Grand Master of Third Veil
 Grand Historian
 Grand Photographer
 Deputy District 7

Grand Chapter Committees

Board of general purposes	5 members	5 present
Jurisprudence	3 members	3 present
Finance	3 members	2 present
Bylaws	2 members	2 present
Membership	3 members	2 present
Chapter Education & Training	4 members	2 present
Credentials	3 members	2 present
Chapter Activities	3 members	3 present
Time & Place	3 members	3 present
Tellers	5 members present	

Grand Representatives

41	Present	
40	Absent	
11	Appointments available:	District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, Oklahoma, Queensland, Philippines, Spain Venezuela, Victoria

Past Grand High Priests

17	Living	10	Present (including Beck who was getting gas)
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Bronze Medal Award Recipients

12	Living	5	Present
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Necrology

85	Companions were called by the Supreme Architect
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Reports Received

- Grand High Priest
- Deputy Grand High Priest
- Grand King
- Grand Scribe
- Grand Secretary
- Grand Lecturer
- Education and Training
- Code Review Ad Hoc Committee

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BIOGRAPHY
CHARLEY L. CHAPMAN
GRAND HIGH PRIEST
ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN WASHINGTON

Most Excellent Companion Charley was born in Yakima, Washington, October 20, 1928 to Bessie and Charley Osgood Chapman. The home he was born in is still standing on Fairbanks Avenue. He was educated in the Yakima Public Schools until 1942 when his family bought a ranch and moved to Zillah. His father passed away in January of 1945 so he quit school to run the ranch that year. During the winter of 1945/46 he attended Perry Trade School to become a Body and Fender Mechanic. Upon graduation he obtained employment in Toppenish. His half-brother was released from the Navy in late 1945 so they attended Perry Trade School in the same course together. In early 1946 they went into business together as the Gold Dust Twins repairing automobiles in Buena, Washington.

His military career began in July of 1946 when he enlisted in the Navy for a Kiddy Kruse. He was released from active service to active reserve duty in early 1948 and married Phyllis, his high school sweetheart. They had four boys and one girl. His education in metals both in civilian as well as military life lead him into the sheet metal trade where he became a journeyman and worked in Ellensburg, Yakima and Toppenish. Soon after he became foreman of Toppenish Sheet Metal and Plumbing he was called back to active duty during the Korean War serving with Mobile Construction Battalion Number 2 (MCB-2) based at Cubi Point in the Philippines.

In early 1954 he converted from a Reservist to Regular Navy and received his first shore duty in Coronado, California. His teaching career began at the Amphibious Base where he taught Reservist, Amphibious Warfare. From there he was transferred to Mobile Construction Battalion No. 3 (MCB-3) at Port Hueneme as Chief in Charge of Military Training. When the Battalion shipped out to Okinawa he remained Chief in Charge of all training until he was transferred to San Bruno, California where the Resident in Charge of Construction assigned him to the materials take-off team for the Battalion's construction job at Fatima, Okinawa. By then, and after four years with MCB-3, he became a Limited Duty Officer. MEC Chapman's military career took him from a Seaman Apprentice through the rates ending as a Chief Steel Worker and then in to the officers ranks of Warrant Officer, Ensign, Lieutenant Junior Grade, Lieutenant and finally Lieutenant Commander. His duties as an officer took him to Davisville, Rhode Island, Patuxent River, Maryland, Adak, Alaska, Vietnam and Whidbey Island, Washington. Before retiring as Assistant Public Works Officer, while at his last Duty Station, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island he organized and served as the first President of the Whidbey Island Naval Flying Club. He also submitted the winning name (Crosswind) for the base newspaper which had been The Propwash.

Retiring in July of 1971, as a Lieutenant Commander, he returned to Yakima and continued his education at Central Washington State College in Ellensburg. He graduated in the spring of 1974 with a dual major in Education in Industrial Technology and Aerospace. His post-graduate work was in educational research. During his first teaching assignment in Easton, Washington he organized the teachers and established the Easton Education Association. Teaching was not the exciting challenge he wanted so he moved into the aerospace field joining the Civil Air Patrol, where he became Commanding Officer of the Yakima Composite Squadron, organized the 782 Flying Club and became a Flight Instructor. Not totally satisfied with this minimum work load, he went back into the sheet metal trade working in Kennewick and on the Hanford Project. Again, not fully tasked, he became an instructor for Apprentice Sheet Metal Workers at Columbia Basin College.

When hard times hit Hanford, he returned to Yakima where he was employed by the Yakima School District as an instructor and as the Public Relations Director at the Skills Center. While there, he organized and unionized the Para-professionals of the Yakima School District, becoming their first President. Retirement from the civilian job market in 1990 left MEC Chapman without much to do except his two big recreations of playing clarinet and saxophone with the Yakima Community Band and flying. He bought a cabin in Cliff Dale to keep himself busy remodeling as he sat back and relaxed in the great outdoors.

It was not until August of 1991 that Most Excellent Companion Chapman began his Masonic life. After proving-up in November of 1991, he joined the Yakima York and Scottish Rites and Masada Shrine. Between then and 2001 he traveled to the East in his Blue Lodge (Compass Lodge No. 306), all three Yakima York Rite Bodies and became Potentate of Masada Shrine. Ask him and he will tell you that after all these wonderful Masonic experiences none were more gratifying than his year (2006/07) as Grand High Priest. He is now working his way East in the Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degree, York Rite College and Past Commander's Association. He was one of the charter members of the Washington Masonic Alliance and still attends their meetings regularly.

But that's enough of MEC Chapman's Biography lets get down to the hard facts of his year as Grand High Priest. Here is an overview of his official actions taken and performed between Mid-May of 2006 and Mid-May of 2007:

WASHINGTON CHAPTER OFFICIAL VISITS:

22 May 2006	Anacortes Chapter # 59
23 May 2006	Overlake Chapter # 67
13 June 2006	Issaquah Chapter # 39

14 June 2006 Triple Tau Chapter # 66
 15 June 2006 R. B. Palmer Chapter # 46
 19 June 2006 Tacoma Chapter # 4
 17 September 2006 Ellensburg Chapter # 11
 11 September 2006 University Chapter # 32
 12 September 2006 Fellowship Chapter # 61
 4 October 2006 Elmont Chapter # 13 & Centralia Chapter # 44 @ Montesano
 6 October 2006 Research Chapter # 68
 9 October 2006 Carnation Chapter # 29
 10 October 2006 Fall City Chapter # 54
 16 October 2006 Bellingham Bay Chapter # 12 (International Night)
 19 October 2006 Snohomish Chapter # 15
 7 November 2006 Enumclaw Chapter # 42
 27 January 2007 Pasco Chapter # 33
 13 February 2007 Carnation Chapter # 39 to award a 50 year pin to C Daryl Orseth
 1 March 2007 Wenatchee Chapter # 22
 14 March 2007 Vancouver Chapter # 9
 26 March 2007 Oriental Chapter # 19
 28 March 2007 Longview Chapter # 55
 4 April 2007 Yakima Chapter # 21
 5 April 2007 Pullman Chapter # 31
 11 April 2007 Walla Walla Chapter # 1
 16 April 2007 Angeles Chapter # 38
 17 April 2007 Okanogan Valley Chapter # 41
 23 April 2007 Evergreen Chapter # 10
 25 April 2007 Dayton Chapter # 5
 26 April 2007 Spokane Chapter # 2

OTHER OFFICIAL VISITS:

1 - 3 June 2006 Montana Grand York Rite Sessions – Bozeman, MT
 7 - 9 June 2006 Grand Lodge F&AM of WA – Ocean Shores, WA
 26 June 2006 Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter – Yakima, WA
 21 October 2006 Jobs Daughters Pageant – Olympia, WA
 15 March 2007 Grand Court, Order of Amaranth – Pasco, WA

SPECIAL EVENTS/MEETINGS ATTENDED:

14 - 17 May 2006 Washington Grand York Rite Sessions – Bow, WA
 12 June 2006 Carnation Chapter # 29 – Kent, WA (Award 50 year pin)
 19 June 2006 Long Range Planning Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 24 June 2006 Holy Order of the High Priesthood Conferrals – Wenatchee, WA
 27 June 2006 Monitor Review Committee Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 6 July 2006 Monitor Review Committee Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 8 July 2006 Washington Masonic Alliance Meeting – Ellensburg, WA
 15 July 2006 Grand Chapter Picnic & Royal Arch Degree – Maple Valley, WA
 17 July 2006 Long Range Planning Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 16 July 2006 Masada Shrine Picnic – Naches, WA
 4 – 6 August 2006 E-W Shrine Football Game – Baker City, OR
 20 August 2006 Washington Masonic Alliance Summit – Snoqualmie Summit, WA
 21 August 2006 Long Range Planning Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 9 September 2006 RRC & YRC Meeting – Spokane, WA
 18 September 2006 Long Range Planning Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 30 September 2006 RAM Workshop – Ellensburg, WA
 11 October 2006 York Rite Degrees – Vancouver, WA
 14 October 2006 Washington Masonic Alliance Meeting – Ellensburg, WA
 16 October 2006 Long Range Planning Meeting – Shoreline, WA
 20 October 2006 Annual York Rite Conference – Boise, ID
 22 October 2006 Affirmation Sunday – Peace Arch @ Blaine, WA

2 September 2006 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my absence while attending the 2006 Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of BC and Yukon in Prince George, BC 13 through 17 September.

30 September 2006 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my absence while attending the Northwest Regional York Rite Conference in Boise, ID. October 20 and 21st.

5 October 2006 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my absence for the jurisdiction of Washington while in transit via Oregon highways to Official Visits to Vancouver Chapter # 9 and Longview Chapter # 55.

25 October 2006 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my absence while attend International Night in Canada.

9 November 2006 Appointed REC Lynn L. Bailey as my personal representative at the Grand Convocation in Virginia.

1 December 2006 Official letter of appointment to replace my e-mail appointment of REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my sudden illness November 2006. Further to inform REC Edwin A. Opstad that I was resuming my duties as Grand High Priest as of 27 November 2006.

1 December 2006 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my absence while on vacation in Reno, NV 6 through 14 January 2007.

4 December 2006 Appointment of EC Albert G. Bowles, Jr. as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee replacing MEC Jerry Kunkle who will be leaving the state.

5 January 2007 Rescinded appointment of REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during vacation trip to Reno, NV.

19 January 2007 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to be my personal representative to the Oregon Grand York Rite Sessions 5 through 7 April 2007.

25 February 2007 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to conduct the Official Visit to Olympus Chapter # 27 in my stead on Monday, February 27th because of possible in climate weather on Snoqualmie Pass that evening.

2 March 2007 Appointed REC Lynn L. Bailey to preside during my absence while attending the Idaho Grand York Rite Session in Hayden, ID April 20 through 22nd.

2 April 2007 Appointed REC Edwin A. Opstad to preside during my absence while I attend the Idaho Grand York Rite Sessions April 20 through the 22nd.

5 April 2007 rescinded my appointment of REC Lynn L. Bailey to preside during my visit to Idaho Grand York Rite Session in Hayden, ID

23 April 2007 Appointed VEC Steve Kazda as Special Deputy to preside over Evergreen Chapter # 10, in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, during my Official Visit the evening of 23 April 2007.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:

22 June 2006 To R. B. Palmer Chapter # 46 to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon candidates at the annual Royal Arch Picnic in the Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley, WA on Saturday, July 15, 2006.

23 June 2006 To Issaquah Chapter # 39 to vote on the petition of three candidates prior to conferral of the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees during a Special Convocation.

24 September 2006 To Anacortes Chapter # 59 to use two substitutes while conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

12 October 2006 To Carnation Chapter # 29 to permit elections in November instead of October because of personnel problems.

26 October 2006 To Walla Walla Chapter # 2 to hold elections in November instead of October because there was not a quorum at the October Stated Convocation.

20 November 2006 To Vancouver Chapter # 9 to heal oversight by electing separate Secretary and Treasurer which is not provided for in the Bylaws. An amendment to them to be submitted for approval immediately.

6 December 2006 To hold installation of Anacortes Chapter # 49 officers in January 2007 instead of December because in climate weather prevented their December installation.

6 December 2006 To hold installation of Yakima Chapter # 21 officers in January 2007 instead of December because the newly elected High Priest will not be available for installation in December 2006

7 December 2006 To hold installation of Overlake Chapter # 67 officers in January 2007 instead of November 2006 because of in climate weather and the Chapter does not meet in December.

5 January 2007 To install Vancouver Chapter # 9 2007 officers whenever the newly elected High Priest is available.

17 January 2007 To install Oriental Chapter # 19 officers in January 2007 instead of November because of in climate weather.

9 February 2007 To Enumclaw Chapter # 42 to confer the Most Excellent Master degree at King Solomon Temple Thursday, February 15, 2007.

9 February 2007 To R. B. Palmer Chapter # 46 to confer the Royal Arch Degree at Standwood Masonic Temple on Saturday, February 17, 2007.

24 April 2007 To Research Chapter # 68 to move their Charter to the building at Olympic Blvd. and 41st in Everett, Washington because of administrative problems. Immediate change in Bylaws required ASAP.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

19 January 2007 Letter asking MEC James T. Stephens if he wanted me to request approval of the Grand Master to distribute his newly designed brochure.

31 January 2007 Submitted letter to Grand Master F&AM of Washington requesting approval to distribute new brochure designed by MEC James T. Stephens

22 February 2007 Received letter from Grand Master approving the distribution of brochure.

NOMINATIONS:

10 February Nominated VIC Carl Bert Carlson as Cryptic Mason of the Year.

BYLAW CHANGES/AMENDMENTS APPROVED:

26 August 2006 Approved Pasco Chapter # 33 Bylaws to change location of Stated Convocations and to hold Saturday Daylight Chapter.

7 September 2006 Approved Wenatchee Chapter # 22 Bylaws which were totally re-written to change the months they meet, month of election, life membership fees and drop the order of business.

12 September 2006 Approved re-write of Okanogan Valley Chapter # 41 Bylaws to change months and times of Stated Convocations.

18 October 2006 Approved Tacoma Chapter # 4 amendments to hold their Stated Convocations on the third Monday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM at Lancaster Masonic Hall, except for the months of July and August; further if Lancaster Masonic Hall is not available that Stated Convocations may be held in any Grand Lodge, F&AM approved Masonic Lodge room.

28 October 2006 Approved the Bylaws of Triple Tau Chapter # 66 changing the fee for degree work, the annual dues and allowances for Treasurer and Secretary

28 February 2007 Approved the total re-written Bylaws of Spokane Chapter # 2 which included change of time of Stated Convocations.

2 March 2007 Approved Vancouver Chapter # 9 Bylaws which separates the Secretary and Treasurer offices in order to elect each separately.

9 March 2007 Approved the total re-write of Carnation Chapter # 29 providing that convocations will be held the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM except July and August. Fees and dues are changed as well as Life Memberships.

BYLAWS PENDING APPROVAL:

Longview Chapter # 55 and Research Chapter # 68.

STATE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON:

To the Companions of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington I extend my sincerest wish for a very successful One Hundred Twenty Third Convocation. I hope that you and your ladies will have a happy experience that will last for years.

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your Grand High Priest for this last year. Your hospitality at all my official visits has been nothing but overwhelming, remarkable and personally rewarding. Thank you for your friendship and especially your companionship. I hope that I leave you with hope for a brighter future and the will to make greater strides together as we move forward into the twenty-first century.

I am pleased to report that the state of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington has improved somewhat over the last Capitular Year. We are still loosing members but the rate of loss has slowed and has all the earmarks of bottoming out and heading in an upward direction very soon. The Washington Blue Lodges are beginning to increase membership and the Grand Lodge has opened the way for us to enter the Blue Lodges and present our virtues by designating May 2007 as York Rite Month. As I visited our Chapters I began to see younger faces on those who sat in the chairs. I must

caution – don't overload them. Take the time to teach them the right way and the meaning of our work. All our degrees have a special meaning. Our young members should know that meaning and the teachings of our fore-fathers.

Further, our Long Range Plan is and will be our guide for the future. We have a plan and portions of that plan are in place right now. As more Strategic Initiatives are implemented you will see problems such as poor communications and public relations begin to improve. You will see committees charged with meaningful goals that are real and not just superficial. New methods and ways of doing things are being tried – we are modernizing at an extremely fast pace – too fast for many to keep up. That is a challenge for those of us who have known the old way too long. We must keep pace or we will fall by the wayside as young minds enter our chapter to seek light. I know we are up to the challenge if we set our minds to it.

Some of our smaller Chapter members feel it is time to throw in the towel. No, it is time to meet the challenge and let this generation of young men know of the values of membership. I will guarantee you that when you get one or two younger members within our chapter they will enlarge your chapters with young friends in no time. Our older members, as they receive their 50 year pins, must inspire the young. Make a big deal of presenting service pins and certificates. Impress upon our young members the rewards of membership.

Problems we have had this year center on distribution of information. Many of the forms and information you use to get in the mail are published electronically. In order to keep the cost of hard copy publishing, we have chosen to use modern methods of distribution. I know some of you do not have computers and may have difficulty obtaining all the information you would like to have but we need to move into the twenty-first century now. Hard copy mailings are too costly and a waste of our money.

To my officers and district deputies I thank you for your service and attention to duty. You have more than exceeded all expectations and you deserve the honor of knowing you have accomplished much. I can only wish the best for each of you in your future endeavors. The people of the Yakama Indian Nation have a saying which I share with you and hope you carry it with you throughout your life, "Comtux Oiah Hut, Mucic Oiah Hut" - Know the way, Show the way.

I leave with a sense of pride in having met and befriended each and everyone of you. The virtues of Duty, Honor, Family, Country, God radiate from each of you. Let it continue to be your guide to success in our beloved Fraternity. And as an old Seabee let me caution you to remember, "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes just a little longer". Good by and God bless.

MERIT AWARDS:

16 February 2007 Received an e-mail from MEC Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest of a special jewel being struck for companions that can confer, as Right Worshipful Master, the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees plus as the High Priest (Joshua) the Royal Arch Degree. Parts must have been performed since January 1, 2002. Nominations must be submitted by August 15, 2008.

NECROLOGY:

It saddens me to report that we lost 38 of our Companions during this Capitular Year. One was a Past Grand High Priest, MEC Larry Merle Bly, who succumb after a long illness.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Remove the Proficiency sections from the Code and consolidate them into a separate manual entitled – "Proficiency and Awards". Assign the responsibility of improving and maintaining that manual the duty of the Grand Lecturer. At present the expansion of sections require a Code change. This is unduly limiting and I believe unnecessary.

2. Remove the Forms from the Code and put them in as separate manual. Again any improvements or corrections to these forms require a Code change. A "Forms Manual" controlled by and maintained by the Grand Secretary, either by hard copy or electronically, containing all the required form would be more accessible to all our companions and Chapter Secretaries. As an example how many of you know that the proxy form is in the Code. Chapter Secretaries have been receiving them by mail from the Grand Secretary for years without knowing this.

3. Accept the "Financial Manual" MEC Bob Trusdale has worked so hard to develop over the last few years. It is a manual that is a written guide for all those who follow in his footsteps. We will no longer have to be re-inventing the wheel every time a new Companion fills the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee.

4. Develop a reference manual or check-list for the Sessions Committee. We have had outstanding Companions fill the positions necessary to organize and prepare for our annual Grand Sessions in the past. Again, however, as our Companions rotate in and out of that Committee it would be helpful for newcomers to have a check-list of do's and don't. Experience should be recorded for the future and it will help lighten the burden of preparing for Grand York Rite Sessions in the future.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully Submitted,

Charley L. Chapman
Grand High Priest
Duty, Honor, Family, Country, God



MEC Charley L. Chapman Grand High Priest 2006- 2007

GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Royal Arch Masons in Washington
9 February 2007

EDICT

A verbal challenge has been made concerning the numbering of pages and changing page numbers on individual pages as well as in the Index and Table of Contents with in the Grand Chapter Grand Code (Constitution & Bylaws).

Though not specifically allowed or denied in SEC. 29 and SEC. 30 of the Code I am making the following EDICT:

Page and SEC (Section) numbers are for reference only and are not considered a part of the Grand Code requiring a vote of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to change. In order to reduce confusion, once a SEC number is assigned it will never be reassigned to any other section. Pages in the Code will be numbered (Arabic) sequentially and not appended with letters or Roman numbers.

By Edict of the Grand High Priest,

MEC Charley L. Chapman

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

This Capitular year has been most rewarding and enjoyable. I thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter as its Deputy Grand High Priest and look forward to whatever challenges may await me in the future.

The routine of a deputy grand high priest commenced immediately after last May's Grand Convocation with the initiation of the series of thirty-one official visits of the Grand High Priest to the chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. The grand officers were welcomed graciously and enthusiastically throughout the state. Much valuable information was garnered from the visits and was made available to other chapters. While some chapters are experiencing difficulties, other chapters are strong and are showing great initiative in their work.

Outside the routine, there have been successes and disappointments. I have been pleased to be able to address several lodges and chapters on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry. I was asked to install the officers of eight chapters and, after overcoming the exigencies of the Arctic weather in November and December, eventually accomplished all of them. I was asked to represent the Grand High Priest on several occasions, such as the Grand Assembly of Washington-Idaho Rainbow for Girls and the official visit to Olympus Chapter, No. 27, when the Grand High Priest was unable to attend because of his assignment to jury duty. Other occasions when I was temporarily acting Grand High Priest because of his absence from the state were uneventful.

One idea although unsuccessful to date but with future potential was to confer the Mark Master degree in an appropriate outdoors venue. A search was made for a suitable quarry in which the degree could be conferred. After many false leads, a privately owned quarry in Kittitas County, inactive for decades, was located and the owner's representative was enthusiastic about the possibilities. Unfortunately, before we could act, a contractor surfaced who wanted to reopen the quarry and made an offer the owners couldn't refuse. Should we be able to find another suitable venue, it's still a good idea.

Another idea that has not yet come to fruition was to establish a new chapter to meet during the daytime on a weekday. The idea was based on the reality that there are hundreds of Royal Arch Masons in a metropolitan area, only some of which are active in a chapter. In addition, there are many other men who could find Masonry to be attractive and Royal Arch Masonry a desirable addition. Service clubs and chambers of commerce that meet in the middle of the day on a weekday have set a precedent. A Royal Arch chapter could be formed using these populations; businessmen, students, and senior Royal Arch Masons, provided the meetings were planned with substantial content, conviviality, and time efficiency. After a series of meetings in Tacoma, the idea was deferred until another more propitious time. A variation of the idea has been implemented independently in the Tri-Cities with Pasco Chapter, No. 33, along with its accompanying Council and Commandery, now meeting in daytime on a Saturday.

It has been an honor to serve this Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand High Priest. Thank you for the opportunity.

Edwin

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Opstad

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Deputy Grand High Priest

REPORT OF THE GRAND KING

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

This past year I have been honored to serve the Grand Chapter of Washington as Grand King, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Grand Chapter for the confidence they reposed in me.

The year has been gratifying, even though it was extremely busy with the Grand High Priest's Official Visits, visits to other jurisdictions, committee meetings and other Masonic obligations.

I was able to make a high percentage of the Official Visits of the Grand High Priest. The ones that I missed were due to other Royal Arch commitments or weather conditions. Again this year, I was able to observe the strengths and weaknesses of the Chapters within in our Jurisdiction, the better to prepare for what the future might hold. Also, there was plenty of great fellowship and good food.

I recommend that each of you make a visit to a Grand Convocation in another Jurisdiction. I made two visits this year, to the Grand Chapters of British Columbia and Yukon, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their openings and the manner in which they conduct business is quite different than ours. They can be sometimes confusing and they can also be almost comical.

A big surprise this year came at the Northwest York Rite Regional Conference. Where I was expecting a non-productive Conference, due to what I had heard in the past. Instead, the Conference was very interesting and educational. I believe that this was because of the planning and preparation that was put forth by MEC Louis E. Bartrand. Also, I had the honor of representing our Grand Chapter at the Chapters' break out session where I gave a report on the status of our Grand Chapter and a brief report on the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation to the rest of the Grand Chapters in our region.

This year, working as Chairman of two committees, Long Range Planning and Code Review ad hoc, has been frustrating at times but over all very rewarding. The reports of these Committees can be found in the proceedings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Long Range Planning Committee for their time and efforts in making this a successful year, and a special thanks goes to MEC James T. Stephens for his gracious hospitality at the Highland Ice Arena and to REC Edwin A. Opstad for the use of his computer and visual equipment, it made work a lot easier. The members of the Code Review ad hoc Committee, MEC Wayne J. Deming and VEC Ward T. Koeberle, were valuable assets to this committee and deserve a "WELL DONE".

It was a great year Companions, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you and our Grand Chapter during this past year and for all of the courtesies extended to me as your Grand King, May God be with you and your families in all of your future endeavors.

Fraternally submitted

REC Lynn L. Bailey, Grand King

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington

One year ago you elected me to the office of Grand Scribe. What a wonderful year it has been! It was truly an apprentice year.

Keeping up with the Grand High Priest has been a challenge. MEC Chapman has certainly been on the go. I have attended the majority of his Official Visits where I was given the opportunity to speak about the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation. It was an honor to present many certificates in recognition of outstanding contributions to the fund.

September brought a trip with MEC Chapman and REC Bailey north to the 88th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon. In October it was my privilege as both Grand Scribe and Grand representative to attend the 190th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio near Cincinnati. Along with attending the York Rite Picnic, the York Rite Reception for the Most Worshipful Grand Master and RAMCHF meetings, I held an office in my own chapter. Also I attended more than 60 other Masonic and York Rite functions on both sides of the Canadian border.

November 8, 2006 was a very special night at Triple Tau #66. Along with their officers being installed, I was honored by being made an Honorary Member and Honorary Scribe. What a wonderful way to share Companionship.

Being a member of the Long Range Planning Committee has provided the opportunity to assist in trying to improve the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Washington. It also gives insight into what are many of our problems that need to be solved to ensure that we remain a viable organization.

Even though I come from an isolated section of the state, where ever I have traveled the hand of Brotherhood and Companionship has been extended by each and every Royal Arch Mason without exception. My sincere thanks to each of you.

Companions, I thank you for the privilege and honor of serving you as your Grand Scribe thereby increasing my Masonic education. May the light of Royal Arch Masonry burn ever brighter.

Fraternally submitted

REC Herbert N. Weaver Grand Scribe

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

The Grand Secretary reports as follows:

Allow me to say at the beginning that this past year has been a process of playing "catch-up". Taking over the duties and possessions of Grand Secretary took two months of finding my way in paths I have not known, trying as best possible to make crooked things straight.

MEC Louis Bartrand did an excellent job of constructing and maintaining a data base of members and reviewing past records to eliminate double entries, removing NPD companions from the rolls, bringing companions back to life, recognizing those who are working in the celestial quarry. There is some effort required to maintain the database which is turned to almost on a daily bases for status, address changes, etc.

A number of Chapter items that are furniture and paraphernalia for degree work has come into the possession of Grand Chapter; I'm of the opinion that most of it would not be of interest to Chapters for their use. Even though I am something of a pack rat I believe that most of it should go to the dump. Having said that, anybody who wishes to join with me in the decision process should feel free to assist, to contact me.

Communication with Chapters and Companions has been a hard adjustment for many. Electronic means of communication is a major necessity, e-mail trumps snail mail for most everything. During the last year communication with the internet amounted to sending 380 messages, some of which were group mailings to all Secretaries or Deputies and Past Grand's, over 2100 were deleted after being processed and saved to appropriate files and directories. Not only would it have been very expensive to accomplish that amount of communication by regular postal service but also it would have been nearly impossible. All of this demands that Chapter Secretaries be computer literate and that the communications that are intended for all Chapter members be forwarded by the Secretaries to members and/or discussed in Chapter.

Annual Returns have always been a challenge and this year was no exception. Several of the Secretaries got it right the first time, others will be hearing from me after Grand Session is past. Several were late in getting their returns to me – at \$5.00 per day it adds up quickly. Most of the errors in the returns were simple items; adding, subtracting not matching the numbers to the back-up data. A large number of member status changes came to our attention that should have been reported earlier. If a member passes away and Grand Chapter doesn't hear about it until the annual return comes in – it really is too late to respond with kind words or a card. That silence on our part does not say much about our fraternalism to the families. I suggest that the passing of a Companion be reported immediately and other status changes monthly – a short e-mail is not a challenge. No stamps, no envelopes, no time spent except to confirm the data.

The IRS (Internal Revenue Service) has a way of getting a persons attention, and specifically mine. Each year in October or November elections are held in the Chapters and if the Chapter representative to IRS matters changes (the Secretary) the IRS requires that they be informed a number of days prior to the end of our fiscal year. I must know who the newly elected officers are immediately so this information can go to those nice people.

I have enjoyed working with the Grand line this year, MEC Chapman has provided his own form of excitement and other have seen the humor in it all.

I submit this report for approval and inclusion in the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted:

REC Jeffery S. Bartow

REPORT OF THE TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

Pursuant to Section 78 of the Grand Code of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington, the Time and Place Committee makes the following report and recommendations.

The Committee, in conjunction with its counterpart committees of the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery, recommends that the 2008 Grand Sessions be held in Wenatchee, Washington, on Sunday, May 18 through Wednesday, May 21. Registration will occur on the first day. The Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, will open on Monday. The Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Washington will convene on Tuesday, May 20, and the Grand Commandery will hold their session on Wednesday, May 21. As in 2007, activities will be divided between the Red Lion Hotel and the Wenatchee Masonic Center.

The Committee recommends acceptance of this report and the adoption of its recommendations.

Fraternally submitted

Edwin A. Opstad, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Lynn L. Bailey, Grand King.

Herbert N. Weaver, Grand Scribe.

GRAND HISTORIAN REPORT

To Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington

The Grand Historian this year has started a project that will span an indefinite period to complete an update of the "Keystone" completed in 1984.

We have collected some published information and are now ready for additional information from the individual Chapters.

We are requesting that the Chapters provide the Grand Historian with those activities they would like included in this revision

Grand Historian

Floyd Snyder

REPORT OF THE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington

This Standing Committee was authorized by the Grand Chapter in 1965. Since that time excellent reports concerning a diversity of chapter activities and programs have been printed in the Annual Proceedings, published in a manual and handed out at various training sessions. This committee stands ready to help any one at any time.

We strongly urge those Companions holding office as King to avail themselves of all the different possibilities available for them to plan for their year as High Priest. We also recommend that the District Deputies should stress that there are many ways to attract good attendance at regular meetings.

Having planned a special meeting, communication then becomes the next most important item. We encourage sending a notice to each member before each meeting, utilizing a telephone committee or E-mail. Do not forget the FOCUS.

Does the announcement of a stated meeting thrill you? Although they are required, the announcement of a program or activity is much more effective. Try giving the event a real name – not “surprise” or “to be announced”. Tell the member what is in it for him. Give him a reason to attend. Promise that he will gain something of value to him for attending – then produce.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest we thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Herbert N. Weaver
VEC Ward Koeberle
VEC Karl M. Forch

REPORT OF THE RAMCHF SPECIAL GIFTS FUND COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington

Last year the committee had no action to report nor are we aware of anything for this year. No reports were printed in the Annual Proceedings of 2005 & 2004. Therefore it is again recommended that this committee be dissolved since it appears to be a duplication of the work of the RAMCHF and the manpower could be better utilized elsewhere.

The committee recommends acceptance of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Herbert N. Weaver
VEC Doran R. Francis
EC Jack W. Davis

ROYAL ARCH MASONS CHILDREN'S HEART FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO GRAND CHAPTER MAY 12, 2007

To: The Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation. As to be expected the foundation is moving along in great style, each year we receive more recognition, not only from Masonic organizations but other business groups, charities and Estates. Some of these have offered their support and assistance and some have solicited help from us to which we had to explain that our true mission was to help the children who had Heart Defects. Like they say any publicity is good publicity if it gets the message out as to what and who we are. We were contacted last year by the DeMolay boys who had set up a Haunted house for Halloween as a fund raiser, and they offered to share their proceeds with the Children's Heart Foundation for which we later received a nice check for \$545.90 and we give them our heart felt thanks, not only for the money but for the recognition. When we have our trustee meetings we talk about these things and try to implement ways to take advantage of these contacts.

New applications continue to come in, a little slow at this time of year, but spring is when children become more active and most of the heart defects begin to show with this increased activity. As has been said before many have good Insurance and we help with what is left. But more and more we see cases where there is little or no Insurance and that is when we are really needed.

We were all shocked this last year when our Foundation Secretary MEC Jerry Kunkle suddenly, almost with out warning, announced that he was moving on. It seems that he had been presented with the opportunity of a lifetime that few people ever get. And so with mixed emotions he and Judie left for Virginia to become the care taker of the Collingwood Historical Library and Museum on Americanism, quite a challenge. So Jerry and Judie are gone and we wish them the best.

Fortunately, when MEC T.H. Dickason was our Secretary we had set up the office of the foundation as a TURN KEY operation. Meaning that the on going office was set up in a specific place, all equipment, all records, all mail ,e-mail and phone contacts were in one place and anyone (with the right credentials) could turn the key, step in and continue business without interruption. This has proved to be a good decision.

In February of 2007, I appointed MEC Louis Bartrand to replace MEC Jerry Kunkle. Having worked with him during the time he was Grand Secretary I felt comfortable with his appointment. And although the Heart Foundation operates more like a business and there is a lot more activity that demands a quick response he has adapted rather quickly and has things well in hand.

For the last two years I have been working on a database accounting system for the Heart Foundation. This is similar to Quickbooks and other accounting systems except this one is developed exclusively for the Heart Foundation and it includes other features besides accounting. Through a switchboard system entries can be entered daily or weekly as to receipts, expenditures, investments, life memberships, applications for assistance or just update the trustee roster. And in another section of the switchboard we can look at or print out a report on any of these items at any time. The Program is in place and working great. We went back and put all of 2006 information in the program to be sure it worked like we planned.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Companions and Ladies for the support you have given over the years. All the fund raiser projects all the private donations, all those who have pushed for a 100% life membership for all chapters. And we thank those who have remembered us in their wills. You know a lot of great organizations start off with a big beginning and then seem to fade out. Your Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation Continues to hold favor and respect from everyone who comes in contact with it. I pray we never loose sight of our goal, to see that every child that has a heart defect gets the opportunity to have a better life.

I would like to thank all the trustees for their support and assistance. We have worked as a team to make the RAMCHF something to be proud of. I think we have done a good job.

Bob Truesdale, President

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS
CHILDREN'S HEART FOUNDATION, INC.
SECRETARIES
Annual Report – 2006**

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

Our Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation is alive and well and continues to grow, both in income and applicants. In 2006 we helped seven kids with heart related problems. That was a good year, but we dropped below our annual average of eight to 10 per year. Our income has grown as well. We are still diversified, and have not made any changes to the management of those funds yet we have increased our assets to a total of \$2,474,197.74 as of 31 December 2006. We implore you to continue helping us. There have been two different cases announced on television recently, but the station or the people involved do not get back to us. Please furnish us as much information as possible when you hear of any case such as this.

As you will see at the attachment, our President Bob has finished the new Access program and makes all of our accounts (money, members, recipients, etc.) available instantly. He has done a lot of work on that program and deserves all the praise we can give him. He has brought us into the 21st Century. If any of the chapters want a list of the children they have sponsored please let me know and I can send it to them. It will make all of our jobs easier.

As most of you know our immediate past Secretary/Treasurer, Jerry Kunkle, has moved to Virginia. He is the Curator of the Museum for the National Sojourners. We talk with him frequently and he wishes everyone his very best. We definitely thank him for all of the work he did on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation and wish him all the very best in the new job. He deserves the relaxation.

Goff Family funds continue to come in. We also received funds from the Garth Short estate. This is proof positive that if you have assets and don't want to take them with you, they can be beneficial to others. So please consider our Foundation the next time you meet with your lawyers about YOUR remaining assets.

Special recognition should be directed to the following people and/or organizations for their exceptional contributions to the RAMCHF: Goff Family Trust donated \$90,000; McKinlay Trust donated \$20,000; Century Lodge No. 208, F. & A. M. donated \$2,000 as did Mr. Tom Constand. Bellingham Bay Chapter No. 12 – over \$600. The Demolay Haunted House Fund Raiser over \$500. The following donated between \$200 and \$500 dollars each: University Lodge No. 141, F. & A.M., Western Cascade Lodge No. 61, F.&A.M., Goose & Gridiron Nest No. 1, Triple Tau #66, Enumclaw #42, Pasco #33, Yakima #21, Ananda & Michael Cuadra, Monroe Department of Corrections, and Albert & Yukoko Moe.

This year we have four Trustees whose terms are up and need to be voted on to continue or to be inducted. They are M.E.C. Louis E. Bartrand, Trustee in Area #4 and our Secretary/Treasurer, E.C. Milton D. Till, Trustee in Area #10; V.E.C. J. Robert Yingling, Trustee in Area #18; and M.E.C. Harold G. Rothgeb, Trustee in Area #20. I understand they have all agreed to remain Trustees in the Foundation if elected/re-elected. The term of office for a Trustee is five years. If you have a desire to be one of our Trustees, please make your intentions known.

I want to thank the Trustees of this Foundation for the long hours each of them puts in every years to make this Foundation the success it is. The Officers and Trustees of the RAMCHF want to thank all the Companions of this Grand Chapter for your continued support and contributions to such a worthwhile cause.

Fraternally submitted,

Louis E. Bartrand
Secretary-Treasurer

RAMCHF FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31,2006

OPERATING FUND

Beginning Balance	13,193.77		
Deposits	36,776.19		
Transferred In		0.00	
Transferred Out	0.00		
Expenditures	<u>43,611.05</u>		
Balance	6,358.91		
MS 779 Investment	636,344.47		
TOTAL	642,703.38		<u>642,703.38</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND

Savings Acct	149,030.58		
Deposits	14,001.13		
Interest	2,808.57		

Transfer In		0.00
Transfer Out		<u>-130,000.00</u>
Balance	35,840.28	
Endowment CD	43,076.80	
MS 069	151,302.49	
MS 086	851,001.03	
MS 778	648,995.33	
Met Mort Part A	91,934.34	
Met Mort Part B	<u>9,344.09</u>	
Balance	1,795,654.08	
TOTAL	<u>1,831,494.36</u>	<u>1,831,494.36</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		<u>2,474,197.74</u>

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington

Your Long Range Planning Committee has been working diligently over the past year. The Committee held their meetings monthly at the Highland Ice Arena. The facilities were provided by MEC James T. Stephens, who was a very gracious host.

During the year, an important part of our meetings was the expansion, deletion and combining of Keystones and Initiatives. A new Keystone, Membership, was added to the Long Range Plan. Although, all of the Keystones lead to the Membership situation, the Committee felt it necessary that Membership should be addressed as a separate priority.

Another major change that was made was the combining of the two Keystones Public Relations and Community Involvement. It was deemed by the Committee that these two Keystones had so much in common that it would be beneficial to merge them into one Keystone, Community Involvement.

There were also several changes made to the Strategic Initiatives for the purpose of making the plan more concise and eliminating duplication. Although, a number of Strategic Initiatives were implemented and are now on going, there is a lot of work to be done in the future.

Rather than attaching the Long Range Plan worksheets to this report, the Committee has decided to place them on the Grand Chapter web site (i.e., www.grandchapterofwashington.org). This will give all of our Companions access to the plan, and it will be available to other Masonic bodies that may want to incorporate a Long Range Plan or modify their present Long Range Plan.

The Committee recommends that this report be accepted.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Lynn L. Bailey, Chairman (59)
 MEC Charley L. Chapman (21, 11)
 REC Edwin A. Opstad (54)
 REC Herbert N. Weaver (41)
 MEC James T. Stephens (32, 68)
 REC Jeffery S. Bartow (54, 11)
 VEC William R. Shortt (32)
 VEC Glenn E. Wilson (61, 67, 68)
 VEC Alfred J. Luberts, Jr. (67)

VEC Karl S. Reith (4)

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE FOR WISCONSIN IN WASHINGTON.

Most Excellent Sir and members of Washington Grand Chapter. It is my pleasure to report the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is alive and faring like most other Grand Chapters.

I regret to report that I do not have a detailed report this year as I have not received the proceedings from Wisconsin for the last year.

I am unable to attend the Wisconsin Grand Session as it conflicts with the Grand Lodge of Washington annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry E. Whitney, Grand Representative for Wisconsin in Washington.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WASHINGTON BY-LAWS REPORT

The by-laws of each chapter in this state must have rules to work by and withit is the duty of the by-laws committee of the Grand Chapter to insure each chapter is operating according to the Code of the Grand Chapter of ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WASHINGTON .We insure that changes from the chapters are in proper form and or returned for corrections. The Grand High Priest then sign these by-laws. We your committee on by-laws reviewed 4 sets of by-laws this tenure January2007-March 2007 for changes, of this number we found 3 sets that were in proper form, 1 set was not in proper form and was returned to the chapter for corrections. We want to thank the Grand High Priest for appointing to act in this capacity for the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally

EC Albert G. "Bud" Bowles
VEC William A. Shortt

WASHINGTON MASONIC ALLIANCE: REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

We your committee to the Washington Masonic Alliance report as follows:

Attendance at the Washington Masonic Alliance meetings commenced in April of 2006 and covers the period till April 2007.

Details for the Summit at the Inn at Snoqualmie Summit were discussed and agreed upon.

The July meeting was taken up with finalizing details for the Summit at the Summit.

On August 20 the meeting of the Grand Representatives from Washington Masonic bodies assembled at the Inn at Snoqualmie Pass with the Grand Lodge and Royal Arch being well represented. More participation from concordant bodies will be necessary before a lot of the joint benefits to Masonry in Washington can take place. It was decided that the summits of the Grand representatives should continue each year, possibly at Snoqualmie Pass.

Dates were selected for the quarterly meetings in 2006 and 2007 all occurring on the 2nd Saturday of the months of July, October, January, and April. The Summit meetings are scheduled for August 19, 2007 and August 17, 2008.

Revisions to the bylaws proposed at the October meeting were discussed, modified and adopted at the January meeting. Revisions to the vision statement and Long Range Plan were introduced, discussed, modified and some approved.

The WEB Site www.masonicalliance.org continues to be added to and improved. It is the expectation that the calendar will prove increasingly more valuable to the Grand Officers of the various organizations and become an indispensable tool.

Your WMA Committee strongly recommends the continued Grand Chapter support and participation in the Washington Masonic Alliance.

We your committee to the WMA submit this report for approval and inclusion in the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted:

REC Jeffery S. Bartow, Permanent Representative
REC Lynn L. Bailey

REPORT OF THE AD-HOC CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington.

We thank the Grand High Priest for the appointment and challenge to consider the Grand Chapter Code and make recommendations that would, in places, better assure representation of the immediate Code in force before 2002 and to render several Code Sections to read, without doubt, as to their meaning.

After the Grand High Priest clarified the duties of the Committee, he added the admonition to present a comprehensive resolution for consideration by the Companions at our next Grand Convocation. And here we are.

This Committee went to work, sometimes meeting twice a week but conversing regularly, since our last Grand Session. Our findings, as we went along, were displayed to several other Committees as well as Grand Chapter Officers and interested companions for their review and comments. Those Companions were most helpful in suggesting corrective measures and advise in framing several Sections. We sincerely thank them for their most helpful assistance. However, if there are any errors or omissions in our resulting resolution, it is this Committee's responsibility.

We ask that you seriously consider our Resolution and then vote for approval and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

VEC Ward T. Koeberle
MEC Wayne J. Deming
REC Lynn L. Bailey. Committee Chairman

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WASHINGTON COMMITTEE REPORT MEMBERSHIP

A negative report is submitted as the Long Range Committee did not address the necessity of having a membership committee. By order of M. E. Companion Charley L. Chapman Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Johnston Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

I extend my sincere thank you and appreciation to Most Excellent Companion Charley L. Chapman for having appointed me the Grand Lecturer this past Capitular year of 2006-2007. It has been a privileged opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter, its members, and all Companions. It has been both a beneficial and rewarding experience for me. I humbly pray it has also been of some worth and benefit to my Companions.

Three Grand Lecturer's training sessions were held this year. It would have been impossible to conduct these sessions without the tremendous amount of outstanding assistance I received from many Companions. In each case the location was secured by a local Companion upon my request, two of the sessions had lunch arranged through efforts of a local Companion. The third session was the most successful in many ways. First, my Lady Janice incurred a serious injury at her place of employment in January followed by serious complications. She is not able to resume her employment yet, and probably will not be able to do so for quite some time. These factors effectively halted my traveling and facilitating any meetings of any type. However, for the purposes of the third and last training session this year, which was in February, many Companions came to my aid and facilitated the program I had intended to facilitate.

The main focus of the sessions this year was common administrative information for Chapter Secretaries, officers, and District Deputies. It was announced the sessions would be open to all Companions however. My intent was to involve as many Companions as possible, and have them all receive the same information and all operating on the same wavelength. There appeared to be too much misinterpretation, confusion, and frankly lack of knowledge regarding these matters. It was therefore my decision to present this type of training.

With the able assistance and instruction from our Grand Secretary R.E.C. Jeff Bartow, and the excellent handout material our previous Grand Lecturer, V.E.C. Jerry Whitney provided in his tenure, I feel this has been accomplished.

Evaluation forms returned from the first two sessions indicated Companions also wanted floor work and degree work exemplified, at least in some measure. This was included in the third session with the actual conferral of the Royal Arch Degree on five candidates. (As reported to me) This took a lot of work and coordination by the Companions. A special thank you to V.E.C. Edwin Willert District Deputy in District #5 and the Companions who came together to enable the conferral to become a reality. There were many Companions involved and not all from District #5. This was an example of Royal Arch Masonry in action!

R.E.C. Edwin Opstad was given the opportunity at each session to introduce the idea of forming a Daylight Chapter in an area or areas where it may improve attendance or even increase membership in our Royal Arch Chapters.

I encourage anyone interested in such an endeavor to contact him. R.E.C. Opstad has already produced a workable matrix to initiate such an action.

Companions, before listing the dates and locations of the sessions, I wish to once again extend some acknowledgements. Thank you to all Companions who participated by both attending and assisting in countless way to have made the training sessions possible. To list you all would be to list somewhere between one quarter to one third of the entire membership of the Royal Arch in the jurisdiction. Do not doubt the sincerity of my statement in that regard. There are a few Companions who contributed above and beyond that I would be remiss if I did not mention by name.

M.E.e. Charley Chapman and his staff were at all the sessions and contributed to there success. M.E.C. Charley Chapman who saw to it there was enough funding to accomplish these sessions. M.E.C. James Stephens who produced a tremendous amount of copying of handout material. M.E.C. Dale Fluaitt who did a great deal to enable the third session to become a reality V.E.C. Jerry Whitney who I relied on for council, previous material I took the advantage of using this year, and also obtained bookbinders for the sessions.

The first training session was at Ellensburg on September 30th, 2006 The second session was in Centralia October 29th, 2006 The third session was in Stanwood on February 17th, 2007

Regrettably due to personnel problems mentioned above a fourth session did not occur.

The sessions. were well attended by the district Deputies.

In addition three Deputies, V.E.C. Alfred Luberts and V.E.C. Vinnie DiGuillio and V.E.C. Douglas Hoggat conducted a joint training session for their districts.

Other education was provided to Carnation Chapter #29 and Tacoma Chapter #4. Both Chapters requested speakers on Royal Arch subjects. Papers were presented in each Chapter.

Having attended a limited number of Long Range Planning Committee meetings I can assure you, your Grand Officers have outlined an impressive program of topics and tools to assist you in strengthening your Chapters in many areas in numerous ways.

Companions by your attendance numbers, you have shown there is serious commitment to Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. You have shown a desire for continuing education in Royal Arch matters. You have, by your participation and assistance in these training sessions, proved that teamwork accomplishes positive results. You have demonstrated that teamwork. I congratulate you and cannot encourage you strongly enough to continue that commitment and team work! Support your new Grand Lecturer in the coming year. With those actions "OUR" Grand Chapter will be assured of a long and prosperous future!

Fraternally submitted

V.E.C. Karl S. Reith Grand Lecturer

EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT

Education and training this year was in cooperated in the Grand Lecturer's sessions, attending the Long Range Planning meetings, and responses to Chapter requests.

It is felt that, Companions who attended the Grand Lecturer's sessions did receive training and were able to give input to future sessions by comments on the evaluation form handed out at the end of each session.

Input was given at the Long Range Planning meetings to assist in the future over-all plan for training. Your Grand Officers and others produced an excellent document with many tools to assist in accomplishing this goal. It is hoped every Chapter will take advantage of it and the committee's hard work.

To the best of my knowledge ONLY two Chapters requested specific educational presentations from this committee.

Being involved in Royal Arch Masonry as a member of a Chapter, a Past High Priest, having served as Grand Historian, a District Deputy, and Grand Lecturer; I know there are volumes and volumes of material available for the education of all Companions. Many of you Companions have had the same offices and others, and know this to be a fact.

One only has to research and ask to receive. Asking is easy and simplest. Asking is the key, and if not responded to repeat! Case in point, your FIRST entry into Freemasonry was by ASKING!!! Companions these statements were meant for ENCOURAGEMENT ONLY.

We are starting to see some younger Royal Arch Masons in our Chapters! Let us assist them and, by doing so ourselves in learning all we can about Royal Arch Masonry and its rewards.

Fraternally,

V.E.C. Karl S. Reith Ch.
V.E.C. John Livie
C. James W. Carey
C. Floyd A. Morse

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOUNDATION OF WASHINGTON 2006-2007

To the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Washington. The market has been fair in past the year due to economic situations changing. The number of participating bodies has decreased, due two Chapters Merging, but we did have one New Chapter Join the Foundation (Carnation Chapter #29 joining the Memorial Foundation in April 2007), there are now 54 bodies. (Concordant bodies - 4; Chapters 25; Councils - 13; Commanderies - 13). The value of the account as of 12/31/2006 was \$503,382.24; and as of 3/31/2007 this value was \$ 533.747.48.

Additional funds received from participating bodies for investment as of 12/31/2006 was \$4,259.00 and as of 3/31/2007 was \$1185.00 Plus the addition of funds from Carnation #29 (\$4,480.29) - a total of \$5,665.29. Total for the period 31 May 2006 to 31 May 2007 is \$9,924.29 .

The return on investments for last year was 5.35%. This year our return was 4.67% This is down from last year by 0.77%, hopefully next year will be better.

The amount paid to participating bodies this year was \$22,605.86. The Chapters received \$8,717.00, the Councils received \$7,462.38, Commandries received \$4,677.27, and other Bodies received \$ 1,749.21.

Total funds received since inception is \$ 514,461.88

Total funds disbursed since inception has been \$ 537,067.74

Dow Jones High 10 originally invested at \$34,000.00 has a market value today of \$40,560.00 paying an average interest of 8% as of 3/31/2007.

Invested with DA Davidson in 2006 -----\$ 6,803.00
Invested with DA Davidson thus far in 2007-----\$ 8,373.29

Trustee terms expiring this year are: Chapter: Skip Sanford; Council: James C. Toney; Commandery: Harry A, Houston. These positions must be filled this year. Additionally we need to vote for another member to fill the vacancy in Chapter (Joseph Wagner's' term which expired in 2006, for a term expiring in 2009).
The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, MEC Charlie Chapman, appointed Joseph Wagner for an additional Year, since this had been overlooked at last years Grand Chapter.

J.C. Toney,
President

Karl M. Forch
Recorder

FIRST REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Washington

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom were referred the Resolutions to be considered at the One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Convocation have considered the same, and report as follows:

Resolution 2007-01: Section 2: Clarifies what a Seal is. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to the Constitution. Requires a 90% affirmative vote for passage.

Resolution 2007-02: Section 177: Revises the Installation Ceremony allowing the High Priest to conduct business at Special Convocation. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to the By Laws. Requires two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-03: Section 165 and 166: Conflict between Section 165 and Section 166, Life Membership fees. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to the By Laws. Requires two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-04: Section 93 (2): Adds Spreadsheet format to Accounting procedures. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to the By Laws. Requires two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-05: Section 322: Realigns Trustee Areas for Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation. Resolution is NOT IN PROPER FORM for consideration. However, by deleting Seattle Chapter No. 3, Sunset Chapter No. 23, and Ballard Chapter No. 26, from the proposed Resolution, it is then in proper form for consideration. Change to the By Laws. Requires two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-06: Section 338. Establishes a Chapter Award for deserving Companions. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Adds a Section to the By Laws. Requires two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-07: Section 86: Revises date of Religious Affirmation Sunday. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to Constitution. Requires a 90% majority for passage.

Resolution 2007-08: Section 186: Allows Chapters to open and conduct business on any one of the Chapter Degrees. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to the By Laws. Require two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-09: Section: Various: A housekeeping Resolution with many Code changes to be updated. Resolution is in proper form for consideration. Change to the By Laws. Requires two-third majority to pass.

Resolution 2007-10: Section: Appendix: General Grand Chapter Life Membership dues to be moved to the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund. Resolution NOT IN PROPER FORM for consideration. Requires two-third majority to pass.

After careful consideration, the Committee expresses no opinion as to the wisdom or policy these Resolutions advance except for Resolution 2007-05.

Fraternally submitted,

Herbert J. Miller, PGHP
James T. Stevens, PGHP
T. H. (Dick) Dickason, PGHP, Chairman, April 10, 2007

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington

We your Committee of the Board of General Purposes beg to report our recommendation and explanations for our decisions of Resolution 2007 1-10.

Resolution 1 Recommends adoption. (5-0)

The resolution will permit the "Seal" to be legalized in electronic form and hence published and become available to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary when corresponding on the web. It is likely that the "Seal" would become universal and unable to protect. Embossing should remain the only means to provide the "official" sanction to a document. If this Resolution is passed, then Section 3, as it is now written, should be deleted since Resolution 1 incorporates Section 3 into Section 2. After consideration it is our opinion should be rewritten.

Resolution 2 Recommends that resolution not be adopted. (1-4)

This resolution should be withdrawn due to a conflict with Resolution No.3.

Resolution 3 Recommends that resolution not be adopted. (1-4)

This revision what is the definition minimum specific herein" as stated in Section 165, Item 11. It also refers to "various parts of Section 165. but does not specify what parts these are. Needs to be more specific to these parts. Adding item 16 to Section 165 would be acceptable if Section 166 is deleted, but the minimum needs of 11 should be included.

Resolution 4 No recommendation as vote for the resolution was not unanimous. (2-3)

While the idea of spreadsheets would be of great assistance some of the companions. We think that the spreadsheets used should be set up by the Grand Secretary. In this manner the same type of spreadsheet would be used every year.

Resolution 5 Recommends that resolution not be adopted. (1-4)

The resolution has been declared illegal by the jurisprudence committee. If the resolution was amended to delete chapters no longer in existence we would then recommend it adoption.

Resolution 6 Recommend it not be adopted. (2-3)

It is illegal as written and not necessary. It is not good for the Grand Chapter. Also, it does not decline who will borne the cost of the awards.

Resolution 7 Recommends its adoption. (5-0)

As stated in the resolution Affirmation Sunday is held at the same time that the elected grand officers are attending the regional Northwest conference.

Resolution 8 Recommends it not be adopted. (2-3)

Members of the board thinks it would only muddy the waters of the code.

Resolution 9 Recommends adoption. (5-0)

The Code Committee has worked diligently to unify the wording of the Code without changing the intent of the current wording and in some cases clarify the intent. Much of the work was strictly housekeeping i.e. spelling, grammar, and punctuation, which should be conducted every time the Code page is revised.

Resolution 10 Recommends that it not be adopted. (1-4)

The resolution is not in compliance with the resolution that was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, October 15, 2002. If a life membership is desired by a companion then he will be required to pay the sum of \$25.00 (Twenty-five dollars) which will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary who will transmit it to the General Grand Chapter. The General Grand Chapter will issue a plaque of appreciation to the companion.

Fraternally submitted,

MEC Harry B. Warnick

MEC Donald Beck

MEC R. Dale Fluaitt

VEC Allan L Ausman

VEC Gene Alexander

SECOND REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Washington

We your Committee on Jurisprudence have examined the Report submitted by our Grand High Priest, and the reports of his actions taken during this caputular year, all of which have been carefully compared with the provisions of the Grand Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, and found to fully comply with the laws and ordinances of this Grand Chapter.

We wish to commend our Grand High Priest for carrying out the duties of his office in an authorized manner, often under stress but always with the best interest of the Fraternity in mind, he having shown a devotion to duty which we find commendable by giving freely of his talent and time to the constituent Chapters and to this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

James T. Stephens, 32, OPC, PGHP

Herbert J. Miller, 66, OPC, PGHP

T. H. (Dick) Dickason, 19, OPC, PGHP, Chairman

EMERGENT RESOLUTION NO. 1E-2007

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Washington

Statement of Purpose: To elevate VEC Jerry E. Whitney to the rank and style of an Honorary Past Grand High Priest

Whereas, VEC Whitney was appointed by several Grand High Priests as Grand Lecturer, terms which ran consecutively and during his years in this office held many Seminars throughout this Jurisdiction and in particular revised the Proficiency Program of Grand Chapter, and

Whereas, VEC Whitney has worked tirelessly in degree conferrals taking many parts in various York Rite degrees and Orders, and

Whereas, VEC Whitney has taken on the responsibility as Recorder of Rainier York Rite College No. 54 and Tahoma York Rite College No. 197, and was rewarded for his service by receiving the Order of the Purple Cross in Rochester, Minnesota, by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and

Whereas, his many other accomplishments in Freemasonry are not confined to the York Rite alone, but also in the Scottish Rite, as in October, 2005 he was Coroneted a 33°, Inspector General Honorary, and

Whereas, after the retirement of the Founder, Publisher and Editor of the "*FOCUS*", in 1994, VEC Whitney assumed total responsibility and control of this publication and in ensuing years expanded it from a Royal Arch Publication to a York Rite Publication, and

Whereas, there are many, many other areas of Freemasonry in which he is involved, and are too numerous here to innumerate, now

Therefore be it resolved, that in view of his long and exemplary service to this Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, that VEC Jerry E. Whitney be elevated to the rank and style of an Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. (Dick) Dickason, PGHP
Ted R. Fonis, PGHP
James T. Stephens, PGHP
Wayne Deming, PGHP
Robert E. Truesdale, PGHP

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 01

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

WHEREAS: There is a need clarification in our code of what a "Seal" is and shall consist of and,

WHEREAS: There is now many ways that a "Seal" can be made and used be it a embossed, self-inking stamp or electronic and

WHEREAS: There is a need to officially specify what and which method this Grand Chapter shall recognize, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 2 SEAL shall be changed to read:

The Seal of this Grand Chapter and the Seal of Constituent Chapters shall consist:

1. Of a device that shall emboss the image and may be a self-inking stamp or an electronic media Seal providing that the image and inscriptions shall not be changed from the original.
2. There shall be two (2) Seals maintained by this Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary shall affix his to all instruments issued by or under the authority of this Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter must approve any changes to the Seal, including devices and inscriptions.
3. ~~The Grand High Priest shall control the second Seal. He shall affix his Seal to all instruments under his authority.~~

Fraternally submitted:

Steven L. Guffy
John James
Wenatchee, Washington,
June 2,2006

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02

To the most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington.

Resolved that:

Whereas the High Priest Installation Ceremony and Section 177 of the code seem to disagree, be it resolved that Section 177 be revised.

The HP installation ceremony, Monitor page 44 "Reads as follow You have the right and the authority of calling the members of your Chapter together at pleasure upon any occasion or emergency which, in his judgement, may require their meeting. The Code reads as follows:

Section 177 No business shall be transacted at a special convocation except by dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

Section 177 Should be revised to read:

~~No Business shall~~ may be transacted at a special convocation ~~except by dispensation of the Grand High Priest~~ provided the members be are given timely written notice of the hour and reasons for such special occasion.

Fraternally submitted:

Jerry Whitney
Triple Tau #66
Des Moines, WA
Dec 30, 2006

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-03

To the most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington.

Resolved that:

Whereas Section 166 disagrees with Section 165 item 11 an various parts of Section 165

Be it resolved that 1) Section 166 be deleted in its entirety.

2) ~~Section 165 have item 16 added as follow: item 16. See Section 327 for comments concerning "Permanent Contributing Membership" to the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation.~~

Section 166 minimum \$150.00

Fraternally submitted:

Jerry Whitney
Triple Tau #66
Des Moines, WA
Dec 30, 2006

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 04

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

RESOLVED THAT;

Whereas, this Grand Chapter has never adopted a continual and consistent method of reporting of the finances of the Grand Chapter.

Whereas, over the years many attempts were inconsistent to non-existent

Whereas, over the past five years a consistent and accurate format was developed, easy to read, easy to follow and understand, and now we have in place an accurate and consistent accounting of the Grand Chapter finances.

And whereas, down the road the present members of the finance committee will be replaced and others will have to carry the ball

Therefore be it resolved that,

A new paragraph be added to Sec. 93-2 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws as follows,

The paragraph shall be inserted after the words, Its duties shall be, in the first sentence where a comma will be placed. The paragraph shall read, A- to prepare at the end of each fiscal year detailed spreadsheets of all financial activities for the fiscal year using the following forms.

Form 1- A single financial form of the annual returns of the chapters, including membership details, Per Capita tax, assessments and fees.

Form 2 - A complete detailed financial form of receipts for the fiscal year showing amounts, source and purpose.

Form 3 - A financial form of all expenditures of the grand Chapter, listing recipient of the expenditure, amount paid and detailing the category and purpose of the expenditure

Form 4 - A composite financial form of all funds balances, including last years balance, loss or gain and the current balance.

The balance of that sec.93-2 will remain the same and will be denoted as B- to prepare and set up the budget etc.

Fraternally submitted

MEC Robert Truesdale
Dayton, Washington

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 05

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

Whereas, over the past several years the number of Chapters has declined through merging with other chapters or moving the location of meeting places,

And whereas the relationship of Chapters with our designated trustee areas is no longer in proper alignment,

And whereas 20 trustee areas is still the best formula to properly cover the entire state,

Therefore be it resolved that the Area to Chapter designation in Sec 322 paragraph four of the Grand Chapter By-Laws be replaced by the following-

- | Area | Chapter |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Vancouver 9, Longview 55 |

2. Centralia 44
3. Elmont 13
4. Trustee at large
5. Tacoma 4, Olympus 27
6. Angeles 38
7. Carnation 29, Issaquah 39, Falls City 54
8. Oriental 19
9. Triple Tau 66
10. Enumclaw 42, Robert B Palmer 46
11. University 32
12. Fellowship 61, Overlake 67
13. Snohomish County 15, Research 68
14. Bellingham Bay 12, Anacortes 59
15. Wenatchee 22, Okanogan Valley 41
16. Ellensburg 11 , Yakima 21
17. Trustee at Large
18. Pasco 33
19. Walla Walla 1, Dayton 5, Evergreen 10
20. Spokane 2, Pullman 31

Fraternally submitted

MEC Robert Truesdale
 President, Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation, Inc.
 Dayton Chapter #5
 Dayton, Washington
 29 January 2007

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 06

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington

PURPOSE: To establish an award for outstanding service to the Chapter each year or when a companion is deemed worthy.

Whereas: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International has the Bronze Award available each year and

Whereas Royal Arch Chapters through out the State have companions, who work tirelessly to help promote Royal Arch Masonry, and

Whereas: Each Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Washington should have the ability to honor their members on an annual basis, and

Whereas: This would allow the High Priest to acknowledge a companion or companions for their work in their Chapter.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington will establish an award as THE JESHUA AWARD which will be given to a companion or companions at the discretion of the High Priest. The Award will consist of a pin and a Certificate signed by the Chapter High Priest and the Grand High Priest of Washington to be presented at the annual installation of Officers.

Fraternally Submitted,

Bryan D. Bechler Research # 68
Anthony C. Schwab Research # 68
Forrest A. Ryan Research # 68

Monroe, Washington January 22, 2007

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 07

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

PURPOSE: To adjust the date specified for Affirmation Day to avoid conflict with the Northwest Regional Conference of the three York Rite bodies, and to be consistent from year to year.

WHEREAS the York Rite Northwest Regional Conference is held annually in Boise, Idaho, on the third Friday and Saturday of October, and

WHEREAS Washington Grand Officers and past officers derive much value from the presentations made there, and

WHEREAS the current Code sets the date of Affirmation Day before October 24 in about half the years setting up a conflict with the Northwest Regional Conference, and

WHEREAS the Affirmation Day international celebration at the Peace Arch in Blaine has, in recent years, fallen on the day following the Regional Conference thereby making it difficult for people to attend both events,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED THAT so much of Section 86 (p. 17) as reads "The Sunday nearest to October 24th shall be designated Religious Affirmation Day ... " is amended to read " The Sunday **on or next after** October 24th shall be designated Religious Affirmation Day "

Fraternally submitted

Edwin A. Opstad, PHP
Falls City Chapter No. 54
February 7, 2007

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 08

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:

PURPOSE: To require chapters to open on the Royal Arch Degree at least once per quarter and to authorize opening on subordinate Chapter degrees for business and work.

WHEREAS the current Code requires each Chapter to "convene" and "meet" at least every three months, but it does not specify any degree on which it must meet or whether it must open on any particular degree, and

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge Code, to which we are referred when the Grand Chapter Code is silent on an issue, authorizes meeting on any degree, and

WHEREAS the Royal Arch Degree has a beauty and significance that requires frequent practice to maintain proficiency, now therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT so much of Section 186 (p. 33) as reads "Each chapter chartered by this Grand Chapter will convene at least once every three months with a constitutional number of members present, unless excused by the Grand High Priest.. ." is amended to read "Each chapter chartered by this Grand Chapter will convene and open on the Royal Arch Degree at least once every three months with a constitutional number of members present, unless excused by the Grand High Priest. Other stated convocations and special convocations may be opened on the Mark Master Degree, Past Master Degree, Most Excellent Master Degree or Royal Arch Degree as directed by the High Priest ... "

Fraternally submitted

Edwin A. Opstad,
Falls City Chap., No. 54
February 7, 2007
Federal Way, Washington

HELD OVER

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 09

To the most excellent grand chapter royal arch masons of Washington

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To adopt new wording in place of those now found in the noted Sections of our current Constitution and Bylaws.

Resolution: At the Grand Convocation of 2002, the Grand Chapter was encouraged to approve a rewording of our Constitution and Bylaws. We understood no changes were made in the intent and only the spelling and those Sections written in a convoluted manner were re-constructed and presented in a better understood manner. We were further assured that if any problem was found with the re-wording, we could make a change at succeeding Grand Convocations. The Committee, assigned to the particular task of assuring the new Code was in order, felt their report was not complete enough for presentation at previous Grand Convocations. Our Grand High Priest gave this Committee instructions to have a report ready for the 2007 Grand Convocation.

Words that were found sometimes capitalized yet sometimes not and comas left out and like circumstances are, to the large part, corrected in this resolution. Noted changes from the previous Code were found that were believed to alter the understanding, intent or meaning of several listed Sections. Those were either reworded to the same wording as found in the immediately previous Code or reworded to reflect the same meaning as in the previous Code. In most cases, findings and healing wordings were sent to the J.P. Committee, the Board of General Purposes and others for their review and comment. Findings and the corrective measures were also submitted to any who asked about a particular issue. Most changes were also broadcast on the internet. Receiving several suggestions that were adopted, proved to make the task easier and more fruitful, Their help is much appreciated. Also recognized are some Sections of the Code that have been changed by resolutions adopted since 2002, and those changes have been left as found in the present published Code.

In general, words that have been added are underlined and words deleted earn just an underlining blank space. We pray this Code change will be adopted and prove fruitful for our Grand Jurisdiction.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following listed Code Sections be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1. Name: This Grand Chapter shall be entitled: "The Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington ".

SEC. IA. Constitution: This Constitution, together with the appended Bylaws, shall be known as the Official Code of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington. SEC. 6. The degrees recognized by this Grand Chapter and to be conferred by the Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are: Mark Master; Past Master; Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 7 (4) Changed the spelling of "Commanderys" to "Commanderies".

SEC. 10. Change "laws and may" to "laws. It may" (line 4).

SEC.II Change heading to read "FOUNDATIONS OF CAPITULAR LAW"

SEC. 13.

3 Issuance of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of the Constitution

4 The exercise generally of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

SEC. 15. This Grand Chapter shall consist of the following officers and members:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL

GRAND KING	GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL
GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL
GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND ORATOR
GRAND CHAPLAIN	GRAND HISTORIAN
GRAND LECTURER	GRAND ORGANIST
<u>GRAND CAPTAIN OF HOST</u>	GRAND SENTINEL
GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	

SEC. 16. All elective and appointive Grand officers must be members of this Grand Chapter excepting only that any member of a constituent Chapter in this jurisdiction, even though not a member of this Grand Chapter, may serve as Chaplain or Organist.

SEC. 17~ Change "noone" to "no one" (line 5)

SEC. 19. Should an Excellent High Priest be elected Grand High Priest, his rights and powers as High Priest of the constituent Chapter of which he is a member, shall cease and the duties of that office shall devolve upon the officer next in line.

SEC. 24. Each of the above officers and members must be a member of a constituent Chapter of this Grand jurisdiction and with the cessation of such membership, his office will be declared vacant and his membership in this Grand Chapter shall cease.

SEC. 26. In addition to the active membership of the Grand Chapter of Washington, the Grand Chapter in regular convocation, by unanimous vote of the members present and voting, may elect to honorary membership in this Grand Chapter any distinguished members of Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Chapter. Granting honorary membership in this Grand Chapter shall not confer nor grant any of the rights or privileges of regular members. The honorary title is without representation or actual membership.

SEC. 28.

5 To grant discretionary dispensation for large classes of candidates where the entire ritual may be exemplified on three or more candidates but where the entire class shall assume the obligations and shall take the lectures and charges together. In the Royal Arch Degree candidates must be exalted in groups of three. When granted, such dispensations shall not be for the mere purpose of rapid advancement but only when the council of the Chapter or Chapters requesting such dispensation shall be satisfied, in their sound discretion, that such conferral of the entire ritual is for the good of Royal Arch Masonry and such opinion shall be so stated in their request for dispensation.

7. To convene, preside over, or inspect the proceedings of any Chapter in this Grand jurisdiction and to compel its obedience and conformity to the Bylaws of the Chapter and the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter and to give such orders and instructions as he may deem necessary.

11. To cancel and annul the membership of an applicant elected by a Chapter not having jurisdiction over such applicant and to compel the Chapter so electing to return all fees to the applicant.

12. Renumbered from 11 to 12

13. Renumbered from 12 to 13

14. Renumbered from 13 to 14

PRIOR TO SEC. 29 INSERT GRAND HIGH PRIEST - POWERS DENIED

SEC. 29 The grand High Priest is without power:

PRIOR TO SEC 30 INSERT GRANDHIGH PRIEST - DUTIES

SEC 30 It shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to:

SEC 31.

3. Make a brief report of his activities to the Grand Chapter at the annual convocation.

SEC32.

3. Make a brief report of their activities to the Grand Chapter at its annual convocation.

SEC. 34

26. Change "Chapter's Bylaws." to "Chapters' Bylaws.".

SEC. 39. Insert "be" after "shall"

SEC 41. Any deputy may be removed from office at any time by the Grand High Priest and any vacancy so occurring shall be filled by appointment by the Grand High Priest. If removed by the Grand High Priest, for any un-masonic reason, the title shall be lost.

SEC.. 52. When a Chapter is represented by only one of its proper officers or his proxy, such Chapter shall have only one vote. Should only two of such officers or their proxies be present, then the Chapter shall have only two votes.

SEC 60 When a time is fixed for an election of officers it is not legal to hold the election at any other time.

SEC. 62. Sub-sections numbered rather than lettered.

SEC. 64. Changed "dues" to "per capita tax'.

SEC. 69 Changed "Captain of the Host" to "Captain of Host" line 3.

SEC. 70. A High Priest, King or Scribe cannot resign after being legally installed. If the King or Scribe dies in office or moves out of this Grand jurisdiction, the High Priest shall fill the vacancy. _____

SEC. 80. Deleted the first three words "Provided, however, that" and capitalized "In"

SEC. 81. Special convocations shall be ordered by the Grand High Priest upon application thereof in writing setting forth the cause which demands it and which application shall be signed by the High Priests of at least five (5) chartered Chapters.

SEC. 86. The Sunday nearest to October 24th shall be designated Religious Affirmation Day. All Chapters in this Grand jurisdiction are urged to attend divine services clothed as Royal Arch Masons _____. Exception: At a funeral or installation of officers of non-Masonic fraternities, neither Chapters nor Royal Arch Masons shall appear in Capitular clothing without special dispensation of the Grand High Priest. Nor shall any robes be worn in public processions, public meetings or public places without special dispensation. However, Royal Arch Masons are encouraged to wear their regalia at meetings of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, the International Order of Jobs Daughters and the International Order of DeMolay.

SEC. 87. _____ The Grand Chapter shall present an appropriate lapel pin and certificate, without charge, to each companion of a constituent Chapter who has been a Royal Arch Mason for 50 years or more. This may be presented at any time in the calendar year that his 50th year is obtained. Each Chapter is authorized to present appropriate certificates and lapel pins to members who have 25 and 40 years respectively and at 5 year increments after 50 years as Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 90.

(3) and (5) Changed "Grand Session" to "Annual Grand Convocation".

(5) Added ", to resolutions," after "Amendments"

(2) and (6) delete "and" insert ",," between "purposes" and "Jurisprudence".

SEC. 95 _____ Members shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Grand High Priest. __

SEC. 97. The Board of General Purposes shall report its recommendations on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the annual convocation after the Jurisprudence Committee has determined legality and reported thereon. Adoption will be by Section 88 of this Code.

SEC. 99 The Grand High Priest, per Section 92(3) of this Code, shall appoint three members each to the following Session Committees:

PRIOR TO SEC. 108 INSERT CHAPTER OFFICERS - POWERS
HIGH PRIEST

SEC. 108 _____ The High Priest has power to:

SEC. 108.(7) Changed "dues" to "per capita tax".

PRIOR TO SEC. 109 INSERT HIGH PRIEST - POWERS DENIED

PRIOR TO SEC. 110 INSERT HIGH PRIEST - DUTIES

SEC. 110 _____ It shall be the duty of the High Priest to:

2. Examine the record of the proceedings of each convocation of his Chapter. When fairly transcribed by the secretary and found to be correct, subscribe his approval thereto.

SEC. 113. The High Priest shall not participate in debate without first calling the King, Scribe or competent companion to the chair.

SEC. 119 _____ Move the comma before "they shall" to after "they shall". (Line 2)

SEC. 121 _____ Add "in" before "Bylaws". (Article 6)

SEC. 123. The Secretary delivers his books and reports to the committee appointed to examine them at a mutually agreed on location. The committee has no power to summon him to appear elsewhere.

SEC. 126 _____ Prior to this section add the following heading:

APPOINTED OFFICERS DUTIES

SEC. 128. All Chapter funds shall be deposited in a sound and responsible bank or banks in the name and number of the Chapter. If the Chapter votes that any portion of its funds be invested in securities, then such investments shall be prescribed by the laws of the State of Washington as legal investments. Furthermore, if a Chapter desires to invest in some Temple Association or corporation owning or proposing to own a building or land, details must be submitted in writing to the Grand High Priest and the Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter, whose approval must be obtained before any investments are made.

SEC. 129. Alcoholic beverages shall not be purchased from Chapter funds nor allowed in any Chapter room.

SEC. 130. All moneys paid for Life Memberships shall be deposited without service charge in a federally approved banking institution whose deposits are guaranteed. However, Chapters that participate in the York Rite Life Membership Memorial Fund shall forward all moneys to the Life Membership Memorial Foundation. In either case, only the accrued interest may be used by the Chapter.

SEC. 131. No money shall be drawn, from Chapter funds, without the express consent of the Chapter as recorded, except that dispensed for charity and that due the Grand Chapter. No warrant shall be drawn there from without sufficient funds.

SEC. 132. No Chapter within this Grand jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason on any person for a sum less than \$40.00. No petitions shall be received and referred unless accompanied by the fee for the Mark Master Degree. Additionally, the minimum fee for degrees is established in the Chapter Bylaws. Each Chapter shall be required to pay five dollars of each petition to the Grand Secretary with the annual returns after a favorable ballot is attained on his petition. The Grand Secretary will deposit this surcharge in the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund.

SEC. 136. Every companion Royal Arch Mason petitioning for dispensation to form a new Chapter must file his demit or certificate of good standing with the petition, accompanied by a certificate from the nearest Chapter to where the intended Chapter is to be located. The certificate shall vouch for the moral and Masonic ability of the petitioners and recommend that a dispensation be granted to them. The Grand High Priest shall make a report thereof at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at which time the Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the Dispensation or may grant petitioners a Charter of Constitution.

SEC. 147. The Grand Chapter may issue a charter to the Chapter after its work and proceedings have been satisfactorily examined, it is free of indebtedness and has complied with all Constitutional provisions. The Chapter shall be assigned an appropriate name and number on the registry. If the Chapter is not duly constituted within ninety days its charter shall be forfeited.

SEC. 157. It is the retiring High Priest's prerogative to install his successor in office, who, on assuming the East, may install his remaining officers. However, any competent and well qualified Past High Priest of a Chapter may, on proper request, act as installing officer. If the Grand High Priest or his Deputy is present, deference and respect are to be shown to his will and pleasure.

SEC. 159. Installations outside the body of the Chapter are null and void.

SEC 160. Membership in a regularly constituted Chapter may be acquired by anyone of the following:

4. By becoming ~ Plural Member. A Royal Arch Mason, not having received the Past Master Degree, must receive that degree before signing the Bylaws of the Chapter.

SEC 164 Change "5" to "1", "6" to "2" and "7" to "3". (Article Numbers)

SEC 165(13). Change «and older plan" to "an older plan" (middle of second line).

174. All Chapter life members in this Grand jurisdiction shall receive a dues card, from their respective Chapter, showing their good standing for the current year.

SEC 175. When granting honorary membership, by a Chapter, the secretary shall issue the customary certificate. In the case of a Life Member the Secretary shall issue the regular yearly receipt.

SEC. 177. No business shall be transacted at a special convocation except by dispensation of the Grand High Priest. Members must be given timely written notice of the date, time and reason for such special convocations.

SEC 179. Chapters may provide an alternate date in their Bylaws for holding its stated convocation when the regular date is a legal holiday.

SEC. 180 The High Priest, King or Scribe must be present to open and/or conduct the business of a Chapter for either a stated or special convocation. A quorum to conduct business must consist of at least one Officer entitled to open the Chapter, three voting members and two other Royal Arch Masons- a total of six.

SEC. 183. The presiding officer may call to the east any competent Royal Arch Mason and permit him to confer degrees in the presence of the High Priest or acting High Priest. SEC. 195. All petitions for the degrees or for affiliation must be voted by secret ballot. If for some reason a Chapter determines they have no jurisdiction over a petitioner then all monies shall be returned with a written explanation.

SEC. 196. Collective balloting is permissible if no objection is made provided that in case of an unfavorable ballot, then a ballot must be taken on each individual petition. SEC. SEC 200. All Demit applications shall be made in writing or orally at a stated convocation. They shall be read in open Chapter. The High Priest will grant the Demit on the date it was presented to the Chapter if all dues are current and there are no charges against the petitioner.

SEC. 202. A companion may be granted a duplicate demit or a certificate showing the .date and place of approval of that demit if he loses the original, a full record of which shall be made in the minutes.

SEC. 213. No petition shall be withdrawn nor fees returned once accepted by the Chapter. However, if no notification has been sent the petitioner after a period of six months or the petition has been balloted on and rejected, the fees shall be returned to the petitioner, provided that the Chapter shall when directed by the Grand High Priest, for valid reasons shown, return the fee when the petitioner has been elected to receive but has not taken the degrees.

SEC. 221. If an objection is made by one member and adhered to by another, it should continue to be regarded as valid even though the objection is withdrawn by the original objector.

SEC. 222. In case an objection arises to the advancement of a brother who has received any of the Chapter Degrees, the High Priest must put the question to the Chapter- "Shall the objection be sustained?" A secret written ballot must be taken. If one-third of the members present favor the objection, it shall be entered into the Chapter's records. The remaining degrees shall not be conferred unless there is a unanimous consent of Chapter members present expressed by ballot at a Stated Convocation of which all members shall have been notified in writing at least ten (10) days prior to such balloting.

SEC. 226. Only the objection of a member of the Chapter operates as a stay but the High Priest is derelict in his duty if he does not give attention to an objection stated by a member of another Chapter or from any reliable source.

SEC. 227. Members should not object without personal knowledge of unworthiness. This evidence could arise after the degrees are received.

SEC 229. Insert a coma after the word " healed"

SEC. 234. A Companion who desires to change Chapters may do so by presenting a Letter of Good Standing from his present Chapter along with a Petition for Affiliation to the Chapter in which he desires membership, After being accepted by that Chapter, he must then request a demit from his original Chapter, containing a copy of his Mark along with his Masonic History. He must then submit this information to the Secretary of his newly chosen Chapter. Alternatively, he may change Chapters by initially securing a Demit from his original Chapter to submit with his Petition for Affiliation.

SEC. 237 Add "from" between "exempt" and "residency". (Line 2)

SEC 242. To assure that the degrees are completed in a reasonable length of time, the High Priest of a Chapter may authorize the use of two substitutes when conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

SEC. 245. The entire work of conferring a degree must be completed at the Convocation at which it began.

SEC 246. Chapters are granted permission to confer Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in any regularly constituted lodge in close proximity to the Chapter. The Royal Arch degree, however, may only be conferred in the Chapter Room of a legally constituted Chapter. On special occasions the Grand High Priest may grant dispensation to confer any Chapter degrees in a place that is secure and properly guarded.

SEC 248. All requests for courtesy work from other Grand jurisdictions must be sent to our Grand Secretary. He must validate the request and verify the Chapter's regularity, in the foreign jurisdiction.

SEC251 Capitalize "Jurisdiction". (Line 2)

SEC. 254. The Grand High Priest may issue a special Dispensation to receive, ballot and confer the degrees at a Stated or Special Convocation on any Master Mason in good standing on leave or furlough near his home lodge and presently serving in the Armed forces of the United States outside the continental limits of the United States and who desires to petition a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for membership.

SEC. 260 Any member who is arrears to his Chapter shall be dropped from the rolls if he owes two year's dues including the current year. Reference date for such action shall be at the close of the stated Convocation for the annual election of officers. He is then indebted to his Chapter for one year's dues and, if not paid on or before the close of December 31 st following or if his Chapter does not vote to remit his dues, he will then cease to be a member of said Chapter and his name shall be dropped from the rolls.

SEC. 265. The secretary must accept a payment in part which is sufficient to avoid dropping a member for non-payment of dues after notice of arrearage has been given.

SEC. 271. The Chapter thus formed may bear the name and number .of .one .of the Chapters composing it. In that case it may retain the charter and seal of such Chapter. Or, it may select a new name and number upon approval of the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter. In case of a new name or number a new charter will be provided without charge. However, the new Chapter must provide a new seal.

SEC. 275. Election .of .officers will take place after the consolidation is approved. The District Deputy or an officer appointed by the Grand High Priest will preside over the Chapter only during that period of election.

SEC. 283. Chapter membership may be terminated by .one .of the following methods:

4. Death, suspension or expulsion.

SEC. 287 Change "dues" to "per capita tax" (Line 1)

SEC. 289. Each chartered Chapter must be represented at every annual convocation of the Grand Chapter by one or more of its three principal officers or their proxies. Proxies must be members of such Chapter.

SEC. 290 Change "dues" to "per capita tax" (Line 3)

SEC. 291 Add "two-thirds" before "majority"

SEC. 302. It shall be the duty .of every Royal Arch Mason to be a member .of some Chapter. All non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons have two years, after moving to this State, to apply for membership in some Chapter. Failure to do so shall deny them the right of visitation, and they will neither be entitled to nor receive the privileges or benefits of Capitular Masonry. _

SEC.313 Capitalize "Chapter Secretary" (Line 3) and "Deputy's" (Line 6)

SEC. 337. The Grand Chapter joins with the other York Rite Bodies in the Grand Jurisdiction .of Washington to establish the Washington York Rite Educational Foundation for the dissemination .of true Masonic light and knowledge to .our less informed brethren, as funds are available, the general public. The Foundation shall be governed by a board of Trustees, composed of three Trustees elected for overlapping terms of office. From the Grand Body initially there shall be elected one Trustee for .one year, one Trustee for two years, and one Trustee for three years. Therefore, one Trustee shall be elected each year. The Trustees shall perform their duties as delineated in the Foundation Bylaws, or as delineated by the Board assigned by the President.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

The Ad Hoc Code Review Committee.
VEC Ward T. Koeberle
MEC Wayne J. Deming
REC Lynn L. Bailey, Chairman

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 10

Money collected by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Washington

To the Most Excellent Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington.

Whereas since the purchase of a life membership in Capitular Masons International relieves this Grand Chapter from having to pay per Capita to this International body,

Be It Resolved: that those monies collected that would normally be paid over to Royal Arch Masons International as per capita be placed in the Grand Chapter of Washington Grand Chapter's endowment fund.

Fraternally Submitted:

Phillip L. Woodland, HP Dayton #5
Eugene D. Alexander, HP Pasco #33
Pasco Chapter No. 33,
Richland, WA February 5, 2007

FAILED

KARL M. FORCH

Port Orchard, WA.

To : Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington
Subj: Intention to seek the Office of Grand Scribe

I have a desire to run as a candidate for Grand Scribe for the Year 2007-08. I have been in my heart a Mason since I first became a DeMolay. Had I known that one must ask one to become a Mason; I could have sat in Lodge with my Father & Grandfather. It took me some time to be raised, and it happened. I will give my all to this position and to Masonry as a great Fraternity.

Enclosed is my Masonic History.

Very Respectfully,

VEC Karl M. Forch

MASONIC HISTORY FOR KARL M. FORCH

Member Bothell Chapter Order of Demolay – 1957
Demolay Dad Training – 2005 – Member Bremerton Advisory Board

Blue Lodge Degrees Grand Lodge of Washington
Initiated Entered Apprentice Aug 13, 1991

Passed to Fellowcraft October 15, 1991
Raised to Master Mason January 21, 1992
Enrolled April 14, 1992 in William H. Upton Naval and Military Lodge #206
Chaplin 2006-07

Plural Membership Hood Canal Lodge #288 – 1998
Worshipful Master – 2004-05
Member Dist 12 Lodge of Past Masters March 5, 2005

Plural Membership Bremerton Lodge #117 - 1999

Plural Membership (Charter Member)
Alba Lodge #315 – 2005

York Rite Degrees
Mark Master May 10, 1995
Past Master June 27, 1995
Most Excellent Master June 27, 1995
Royal Arch Degree July 15, 1995
In Olympus Chapter #27
High Priest 1999 & 2004
Order of High Priesthood - 2000
Deputy to Grand HP in Dist #4 2004-06
Grand Representative to New York near Washington 2006
Life Member Olympus Chapter #27 RAM
Mark Master May 10, 1995
Secretary/Treasurer – 2006 - ?
Perpetual Life Member General Grand Chapter RAM International

Council Degrees in Naval Council #11 - 1995
IM 2001
Order of the Trowel 2002
Life Member Naval Council #11
Recorder - 2006 - ?

Commandery Orders in Malta Commandery #18 - 1995-1996
Eminent Commander 2004-5
Grand Representative to Iowa near Washington 2004
Recorder 2006-?
Life Member Malta Commandery #18

Life Member Anchorage York Rite Masons
Anchorage Chapter #3 RAM
Anchorage Council #1 R&SM
Anchorage Commandery #2 KT

Scottish Rite Degrees
1996
Member of Kitsap County Shrine Club

Nile Shrine
1996

I do Shrine Screening Clinics for Shrine Hospital since becoming a Member this is done for Four (4) different Shrine Clubs

Royal Arc Mariner degree in Bothell - 2000

Member York Rite Life Membership Memorial Foundation – 2003
Recorder – 2003 to Present

Royal Order of Scotland in Spokane - 2004
Life Member of Thistle Clan

Received Orders in Rainier York Rite College #54 - 1999
Transferred to Tahoma York Rite College # 197 (Charter Member)

Member Belfair Chapter #241 OES

Member Clontarf Council #69 Knight Masons

Member National Sojourners, Inc. Sinclair Inlet Chapter #80

ANTHONY C. SCHWAB

January 01, 2007 8:45 PM

I just want to say that I am making myself available for Grand Scribe.

Anthony

ANTHONY C. SCHWAB MASONIC HISTORY

On February 8, 1979, Anthony C. Schwab became an Entered Apprentice, a Fellowcraft on March 8, 1979 and Master Mason on April 12, 1979 in Peninsular #95 in Everett. On May 10, 1979, MIC Anthony proved up on the Master Mason Degree and started working in the chairs as Stewart. He became Worshipful Master of Peninsular Lodge #95 in December 1983. He was elected Master again in 1991, 1999 & 2006. He now serves his Lodge as Treasurer.

In December 1979 he and his wife joined Everett Court #7 Order of the Amaranth where they became Royal Matron & Royal Patron in December of 1983 the first time. He has been a Royal Patron 14 times for Everett Court #7. He now serves as Royal Patron. In March 1996 he became Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court Order of the Amaranth. He now serves as a Deputy Supreme Royal Patron for Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

February 1980 he joined Everett Valley of Scottish Rite where he has been Master of all the bodies, taking parts in many Degrees, Degree Master of the 13th Degree, Chaplain in the Rose Croix Funeral Team, past Secretary and past Treasurer. On November 3, 2001 in Portland, Oregon he received his 33 Degree from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the US Scottish Rite Mason.

He started working with the International Order of Job's Daughters in 1980, when his two daughters, Jerrolyne and Jacquelynne, joined. He was appointed as Associate Bethel Guardian and served for three years. He continued to work with the Girls by being on their board. He has served as Associate Bethel Guardian with his wife as Guardian. He has served Bethel #24 in Everett for five terms as Associate Bethel Guardian and served on the board for many years. In 2001 he was given an Honorary Membership in Bethel # 24 I.O.J.D. In May 2006 he was again appointed as Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel #24. He has received the Evergreen Award.

In 1987 he started working with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls where he was a Rainbow Dad for the first time. He has been Rainbow Dad for seven terms and still works with the advisory board.

In 1990 he joined the Shrine at Nile Temple in Edmonds. A few days later he joined Law Enforcement Unit and Snohomish County Shrine Club in Everett. He became President of Snohomish County Shrine Club in 1993. He now serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Shrine Club.

He joined Everett Chapter #24 Royal Arch Masons in 1988. He has been High Priest of Everett Chapter #24 three times which is now called Snohomish County #15. He joined in Everett Council #8 in 1991 and served as Illustrious Master in 1992. He joined in Palestine Commandery in 1991 and served as Commander in 1994. He is a member of Research Chapter #68 RAM. He now serves all these bodies as Treasurer.

On May 20, 2001 he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington. In May of 2002 He was appointed Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council. The following years he was elected to Grand Treasurer where he is now serving.

He served Grand Commandery as Deputy Instructor for two years in 1997-1999. He served Grand Chapter as Grand Principal Sojourner in 1991 - 1992 and member of Public Relations Committee 2006 -2007.

He belongs to the following organizations within the Masonic Order;

Order of the High Priesthood,

Thrice Illustrious Master,

Reuben W. Baer - Past Commander's Association,

Evergreen State Prior #41 - KYCH,

Everett Chapter #222 - OES,

Rainier York Rite College #54,

Washington Masonic Alliance as President,

Clontarf Council #69, Knight Masons,

Grand Lodge Youth Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Anthony "Tony" Schwab

GRAND CHAPTER PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008

SECTION 101 EXPENSES	2006-2007 Approved	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Proposed
Grand High Priest Allowance	1,671.00	1,671.00	1,566.00
Grand High Priest Revolving Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand High Priest Postage	200.00	200.00	200.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Allowance	835.50	0.00	783.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00
Grand King Allowance	217.23	222.30	203.00
Grand Scribe Allowance	217.23	222.30	203.00
Grand Secretary Allowance	2,506.50	2,506.50	2,349.00
Grand Secretary Emergency Fund	100.00	0.00	100.00
Triennial Expense Fund	350.00	350.00	350.00
Grand Chapter Entertainment Exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington Masonic Alliance	100.00	100.00	100.00
Western Conference Allowance	25.00	25.00	25.00
General Grand Per Capita	700.00	741.60	725.00
Regalia Fund (Cumulative)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sessions Committee Advance	300.00	300.00	300.00
Grand Master's Reception	93.00	93.00	93.00
TOTAL	7,715.46	6,785.70	7,397.00
SECTION 102 EXPENSES			
Grand Secretary's Office Exp			
a. Copying and Printing	600.00	349.79	600.00
b. Postage	750.00	106.20	350.00
d. Telephone	300.00	225.85	250.00
e. Misc Office Supplies	400.00	208.15	300.00
Grand Secretary Off/Storage Rent	780.00	660.00	700.00
Grand Secretaries Travel Expense	300.00	152.99	300.00
Printing of Proceedings	1,200.00	1,608.30	1,650.00
Grand High Priest's Apron & Case	375.00	776.00	390.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals for Distinguished Guests	200.00	0.00	200.00
Grand Lecturer's Expense	250.00	108.74	250.00
Code Revisions	200.00	0.00	100.00
Audit Expense	50.00	0.00	50.00
Web Site Expense	450.00	239.90	250.00
Focus Publication Exp	500.00	288.26	350.00
TOTAL	6,355.00	4,724.18	5,740.00
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES			
Office Equipment	600.00	25.54	300.00
Monitor & Ritual Re-print	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Incorporation Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00
Finance Committee Exp	300.00	0.00	50.00
Misc Expense	600.00	455.83	500.00
TOTAL	3,510.00	491.37	2,860.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,580.46	12,001.25	15,997.00
ANTICIPATED INCOME			
Dues and Fees	11,200.00	10,267.70	10,000.00
Interest-Dividends-Revaluation	2,400.00	4,126.60	4,000.00
Interest from Endowment Fund	505.44	0.00	650.00
Sale of Materials	500.00	141.45	500.00
G.M. Reception Assessment	93.00	93.00	93.00
Reimbursement of Expenses	450.00	0.00	400.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	200.00	42.39	200.00
Transfer From General Investment	2,232.02	0.00	154.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,580.46	14,671.14	\$15,997.00
NET INCOME	0	2,669.89	0.00

