

# ***Grand King Rollout / 2025-2026***



**REC Robert R. Nilsen, Grand King**



# Twinsburg, OH



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# Robert R. Nilsen

*The early years.....*



Mother – Venita Nilsen  
Past Dep. Grand Matron – OES

Father – Roy Nilsen  
MSA – Valley of Cleveland

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# Robert R. Nilsen

*The early years.....*



First tuxedo!

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*The early years.....*



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# Robert R. Nilsen

*Current..... Mgr of Radiology Analytics & A.I. Imaging Services at Summa Health*



Tower in picture named for Ill. & RWB Gary Williams, MD, 33°

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# Bob & Sue ... married 27 years



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# Robert R. Nilsen

*The Grand Chapter years...*



PDDGHP – 16<sup>th</sup> Capitular District



GM of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil – 2017-18



Great Companion & friend  
MEC Mark Peerson, GHP  
Grand Chapter of New York

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*The Grand Chapter years...*



Most Excellent Prince Hall  
Past GHP, Melvin Russell  
*-- May he rest in peace --*



Master of Ceremonies  
for 16 Grand Receptions



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# Gregory M. Kita

*Grand Chaplain*

- Past State Master Councilor of Ohio DeMolay
- PHP - Willoughby #231
- PRWM - DeMolay Mark Master Ldg #2
- PDDGM - 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree - Valley of Cleveland



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# David P. Wilkie

*Grand Marshal*

- PHP - Summit-Baker #74
- PDDGHP - 16<sup>th</sup> Capitular District
- PM - Summit Lodge #213
- PC - Allenby Commandery
- Ill. Master - Woodward Council



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# Robert D. Berteau

*Grand Guard*

- PMC - Thomas Jones DeMolay
- PHP - Summit-Baker #74
- PRWM DeMolay Mark Master Ldg #2
- PDDGM - 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District
- PDDGHP – 16<sup>th</sup> District & KYCH
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree - Valley of Cleveland



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# Philip L. Bade

*Grand Steward*

- PMC - Fairview Park DeMolay
- PRWM - DeMolay Mark Master Ldg #2
- Secretary & Dist. Technology Officer  
16<sup>th</sup> Capitular District Association



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# Mark D. Harris

*Grand Musician*

- King of Fort Meigs #29
- Recorder for Zenobia Shrine
- Past Grand Chaplain of the  
Grand Lodge of Ohio - 2023



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# Matthew G. Sinn

*Recommendation for  
Grand Master of the 1st Veil*

- PHP of Tyrian #91
- DDGHP – 17<sup>th</sup> Capitular District



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# Goals for 2025-26

- To manage the guardrails provided by the Code
- To inspire you .....
  - to lead
  - to impact lives
  - inspire others
- To provide you with the “working tools” of a leader

# HP / RWM Resource Manual

American Union Chapter #1  
Royal Arch Masons



2025-2026  
High Priest's  
Resource Manual



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# Resource Manual

## Agendas

- 20 Agendas
- Downloadable as fillable PDF



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### AGENDA

☐ Stated ☐ Special Convocation Date:  Time:

Opening Degree: ☐ MkM ☐ PM ☐ MEM ☐ RA

Degree / Special Program:

1. Opening w/ Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welfare (Sick & distressed)
3. Introductions
4. Reading of minutes
  - a. Ask if any additions or corrections
  - b. Approve as read (or as corrected) – no vote.
5. Petitions for Degrees
  - a. Ask for any objections to the petitioner
  - b. "Hearing no objections, I declare Bro.  duly elected".
    - *Objection process: Code Section 116*
6. Petitions for Plural (another Ohio chapter) or Dual (out of state)
  - a. See complete process in Code Section 126.03
  - b. Eventual vote is by ballot and must be unanimous.
7. Petitions for Restoration (*Code Section 110.11*)
  - a. Requires ballot. Requires 3/4 approval of those present
8. Payment of Bills
  - a. Entertain a motion to approve payment
  - b. Ask for a second
  - c. Ask for discussion
  - d. All in favor; opposed
  - e. "The motion passes" or "The motion has been defeated"

*Continued...*

9. Treasurer's Report

10. Committee Reports

- a.
- b.
- c.

11. Old / Unfinished Business

- a.
- b.
- c.

12. New Business

- a.
- b.
- c.

13. Upcoming Dates

- a.
- b.
- c.

14. Refreshments -

This meeting:  Next:

15. "Anything for the good of the order?"

16. Education Program by:

17. Remarks

- a.
- b.
- c.

18. Closing

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## Calendar

- 16 Month  
Jul 2025 – Oct 2026
- Downloadable as  
fillable Excel document



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# Statewide Calendar

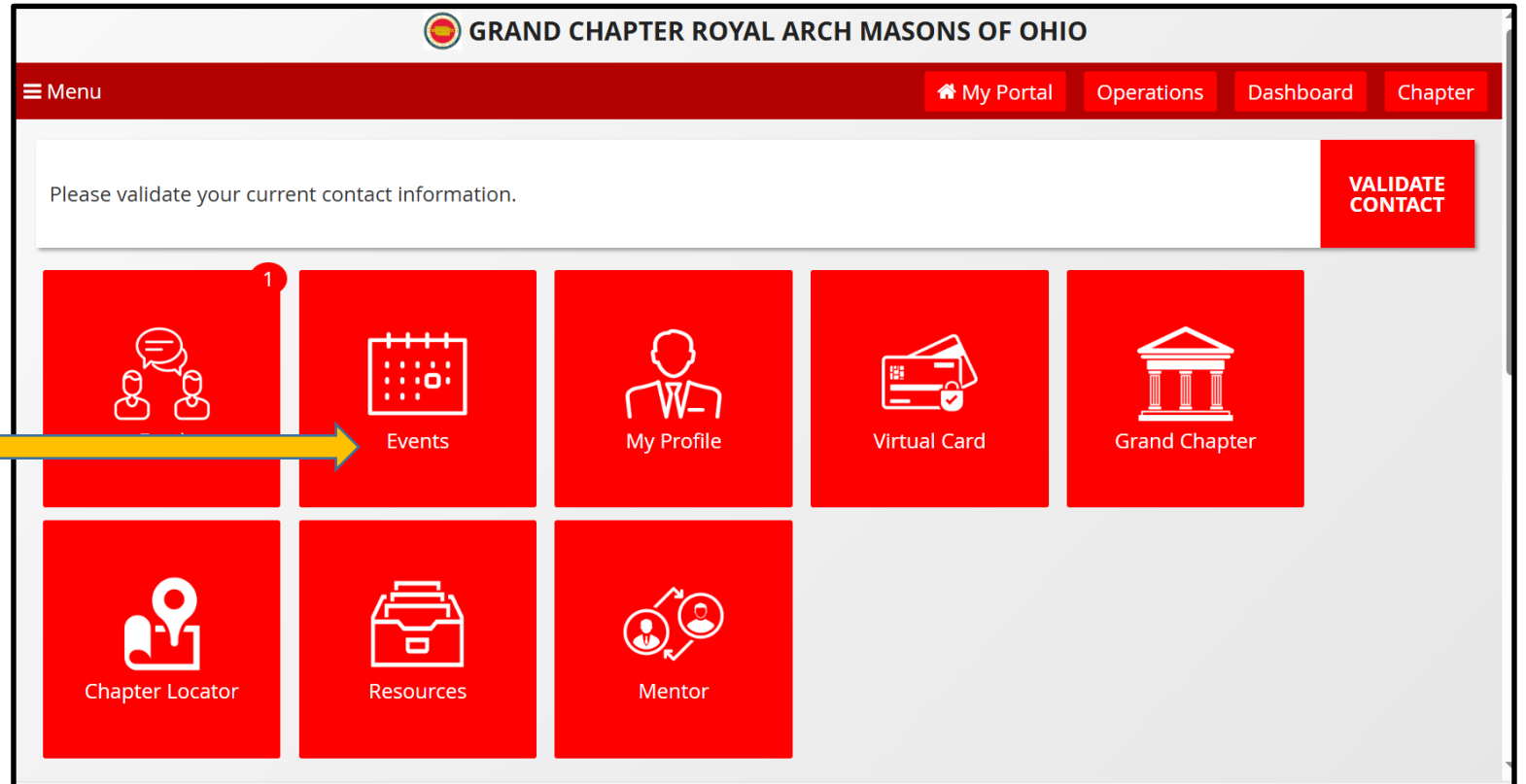
*In Grand View....*

- *Coming soon.....*

- Use the “Events” tile



- Details will be sent with Reaffirmation Day Edict in June



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## *Calendar*

- **Saturday, November 15, 2025**  
**Statewide Reception for the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons  
& the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery**



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## *Calendar*

### 4 Rededications for 2026

**Painesville #46 (20<sup>th</sup> Dist.) – 175 Years**  
**Sat, March 21, 2026**  
**Painesville, Ohio**

**Lancaster #11 (13<sup>th</sup> Dist) – 200 Years**  
**Sat, May 30, 2026**  
**Lancaster, Ohio**

**Trinity #44 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist) – 175 Years**  
**Sat, April 18, 2026**  
**Miamisburg, Ohio**

**Northwest #45 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist) – 175 Years**  
**Sat, July 11, 2026**  
**Bryan, Ohio**

# Resource Manual

## Cast Lists

- 1 for each degree
- Paraphernalia list at bottom
- Downloadable as fillable PDF



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Mark Master Degree - Director: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Office / Part</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Backup</u>	<u>Learning</u>
Rt. Worshipful Master			
Senior Warden			
Junior Warden			
Senior Deacon			
Junior Deacon			
Marshal			
Master Overseer			
Senior Overseer			
Junior Overseer			
Chaplain (Optional)			
Craftsman			
Craftsman			
Lecture			
Charge			

### Paraphanlia:

Gavels for East, West & South	4-Cord cable tow	Working tools (chisel & mallet)
Props to simulate the quarry	Quarter for the Sr. Deacon	Extra Bible for "Traditional Law"
Pennies to pay craft	Small stand and square at each gate	Table for rejection of wages
Stones & keystone to present	Sword for Marshal	SW's Apartment lattice window
Mark for RWM to present to the candidate at the Altar		

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# Resource Manual

## Directory

- Your chapter printed from Grand View
- In Grand View:
  - Reports & Labels
  - “Active Roster (PDF)”



Summit-Baker No. 74,  
9545 Shepard Rd Twinsburg, OH 44087

Printed 03/03/2025

### Active Roster - 118 Royal Arch Masons

#### Adams, Lester N

Member #: 110  
Raising: 01/17/1984

Home Address  
1404 Gunston Rd  
Bel Air, MD 21015-1310

Home Phone:  
Mobile Phone: 410-618-7543  
Email: lester.adams2@comcast.net

#### Addis, Jeffery Lee

Member #: 21256  
Raising: 03/30/1985

Home Address  
42 Privet Ln  
Northfield, OH 44067-2883

Home Phone: 2165361498  
Mobile Phone: 216-536-1498  
Email: jaddis2@neo.rr.com

#### Alford, Norman L

Member #: 297  
Raising: 05/09/1983

Home Address  
10033 Newkirk Dr  
Parma Heights, OH 44130-3144

Home Phone: (440) 888-1641  
Mobile Phone:  
Email:

#### Amick, Harry S.

Member #: 35596  
Raising: 04/29/2013

Home Address  
5544 Columbia Dr  
Bedford Heights, OH 44146-2444

Home Phone: 216-965-6967  
Mobile Phone:  
Email: freelancemuse@yahoo.com

#### Arnold, James Daniel

Member #: 35990  
Raising: 05/03/2014

Home Address  
PO Box 903  
Geneva, OH 44041-0903

Home Phone:  
Mobile Phone:  
Email: jdarnold@gmail.com

#### Ball, Claude Wendell

Member #: 1263  
Raising: 12/14/1964

Home Address  
7897 Valley View Rd  
Hudson, OH 44236-1248

Home Phone: 3306569827  
Mobile Phone:  
Email: shiney\_top@live.com

#### Barton, Timothy James

Member #: 1596  
Raising: 05/14/1979

Home Address  
2484 W Sprague Rd  
Parma, OH 44134-6575

Home Phone: (440) 884-2824  
Mobile Phone:  
Email: dmtjbarton@aol.com

#### Basham, Henry J.

Member #: 810799  
Raising: 03/13/2023

Home Address  
12641 Walnut Hill Road  
North Royalton, OH 44133-6609

Home Phone:  
Mobile Phone: 216-470-7731  
Email: henry6728@att.net

#### Beck, Neal Walton

Member #: 1881  
Raising: 01/22/1990

Home Address  
4931 Nettleton Rd Apt 5208  
Medina, OH 44256-5337

Home Phone: 3307213078  
Mobile Phone: (440) 665-1821  
Email: nbeck4medsoc@gmail.com

#### Berteau, Robert Donald

Member #: 2261  
Raising: 05/10/1975

Home Address  
5695 Pin Oak Ct  
Independence, OH 44131-3365

Home Phone:  
Mobile Phone: (216) 337-9849  
Email: rdb379@sbcglobal.net

#### Black, Jeffrey Joseph

Member #: 2494  
Raising: 05/22/1999

Home Address  
10339 Rock Ledge Way  
North Royalton, OH 44133-6083

Home Phone:  
Mobile Phone: (440) 237-6082  
Email: jblack6949@yahoo.com

#### Bradler, Charles Channing

Member #: 3215  
Raising: 03/22/1976

Home Address  
3617 Kristen Ct  
Seven Hills, OH 44131-3168

Home Phone: (440) 587-1188  
Mobile Phone: (440) 823-7787  
Email: ccbbab@att.net

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## 2024 Code

- 2023 & 2024 legislation added  
Endowment cost &  
per capita increases
- Installation ceremonies only
- PM Degree questions
- Downloadable

### Code of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio

**2024 EDITION**  
*(With limited ceremonies)*

*This edition includes the*  
Constitution - Bylaws - Code  
Uniform Code of Bylaws for Constituent Chapters  
Resolutions  
Ceremonies of the Order  
Past Master Degree Questions

*Previous Revisions*  
October, 1932  
October, 1950  
October, 1961  
October, 1970  
October, 1991  
October, 2014  
December, 2022

This version of the Code includes only the ceremonies for the Installation of Officers of a Royal Arch Chapter and for a Lodge of Mark Masters. All other ceremonies can be found in the full version of the Code which can be downloaded from Grand View or obtained from the office of the Grand Secretary.

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## *Introductions - General Considerations*

- If the group is large, introduce past officers as a group, then active officers as a group.
- Grand Honors are given at the Altar.
- NO ONE is given Grand Honors after the official visitor, except at his specific request or consent.
- Do not ask someone entitled to Grand Honors if he wants them. He cannot properly say "No", nor can he properly say "Yes".

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## *Introductions – Recommended Protocol*

- Past High Priests of this Chapter (at their place or at Altar)
- 1st time visitors to this Chapter (at Altar)
- Military Veterans (Applause at seats or Grand Honors at Altar)
- Visiting Past High Priests of other Chapters (at Altar)
- *Optional* - Other visiting companions from other chapters (rise in their place)

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## *Introductions – Recommended Protocol*

- Past & Present Presiding Officers of other Masonic bodies (at Altar)
- 50 Year Masons (Applause at seats or Grand Honors at Altar)
- Officers of your District Association (at Altar)
- Past & Present Grand Officers of other grand bodies,  
Knights of the York Cross of Honor & Illustrious 33° Masons  
(Grand Honors at Altar)



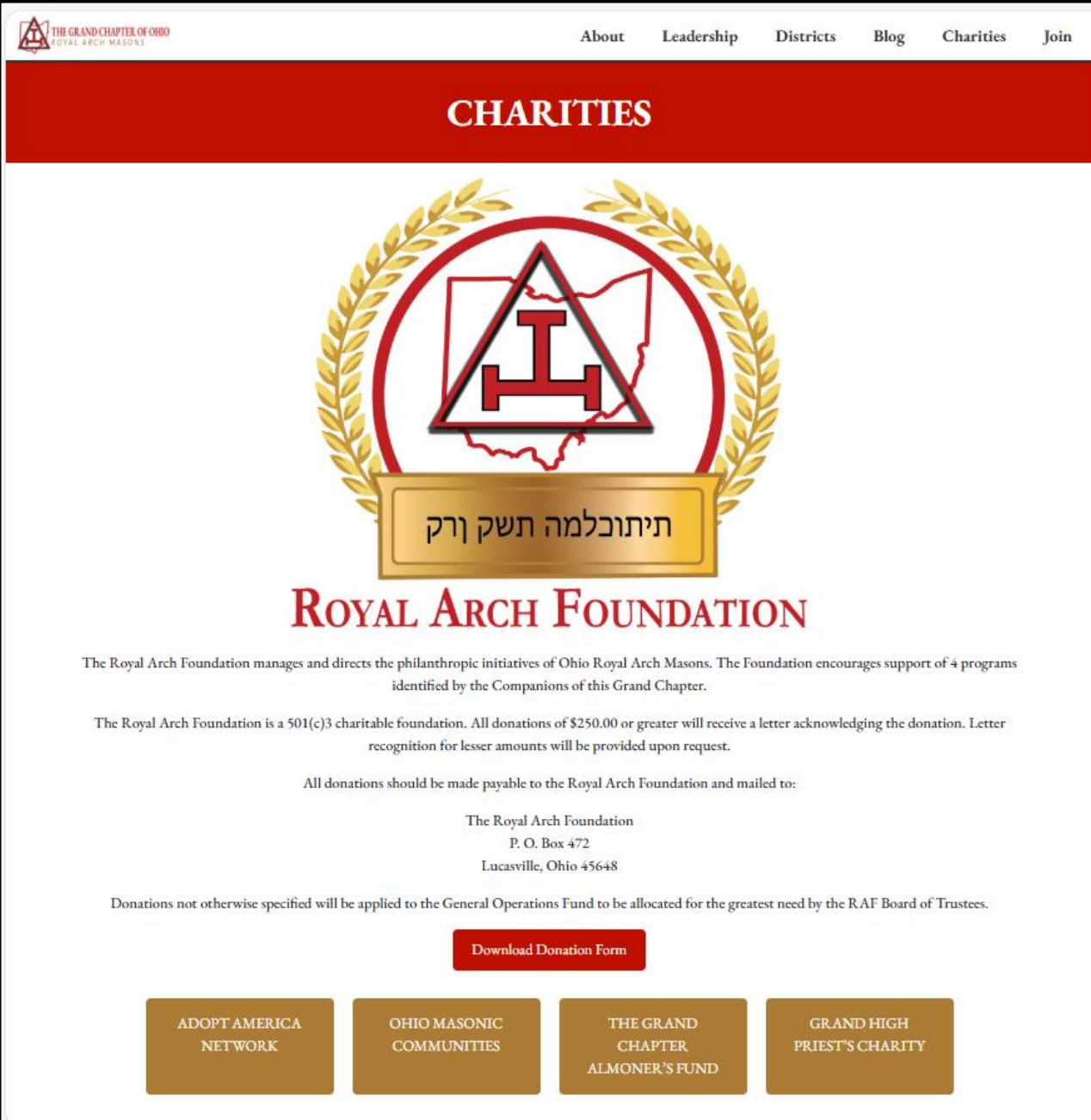
# Resource Manual

## *Introductions – Recommended Protocol*

- Past & Present District Education Officers (Grand Honors at Altar)
- Past & Present Grand Chapter Officers (Grand Honors at Altar)
- Grand High Priest (Grand Honors at Altar)
- **Inspecting Officer** (Grand Honors at Altar)  
Rt. Ex. Comp. \_\_\_\_\_, District Deputy Grand High Priest  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ Capitular District, representing  
Most Ex. Comp. Robert R. Nilsen, Grand High Priest of  
Royal Arch Masons of Ohio
- **Grand Master of Masons (Grand Honors in the East)**

# Royal Arch Foundation

- From website at [www.ohioram.org](http://www.ohioram.org)
- Select “Charities” from the menu bar
- Downloadable donation form.
- Overviews of philanthropic initiatives




The screenshot shows the 'CHARITIES' page of the Royal Arch Foundation website. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'About', 'Leadership', 'Districts', 'Blog', 'Charities', and 'Join'. The main header is a red banner with the word 'CHARITIES' in white. Below this is a large emblem featuring a red triangle with a white 'A' and a red outline of Ohio, surrounded by a gold laurel wreath. A gold banner at the bottom of the emblem contains the Hebrew text 'תיתוכלמה תשק ורק'. Below the emblem, the text 'ROYAL ARCH FOUNDATION' is displayed in a red serif font. The page contains several paragraphs of text: 'The Royal Arch Foundation manages and directs the philanthropic initiatives of Ohio Royal Arch Masons. The Foundation encourages support of 4 programs identified by the Companions of this Grand Chapter.', 'The Royal Arch Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable foundation. All donations of \$250.00 or greater will receive a letter acknowledging the donation. Letter recognition for lesser amounts will be provided upon request.', and 'All donations should be made payable to the Royal Arch Foundation and mailed to:'. This is followed by the address: 'The Royal Arch Foundation, P. O. Box 472, Lucasville, Ohio 45648'. A note states: 'Donations not otherwise specified will be applied to the General Operations Fund to be allocated for the greatest need by the RAF Board of Trustees.' Below the text is a red button labeled 'Download Donation Form'. At the bottom, there are four gold buttons: 'ADOPT AMERICA NETWORK', 'OHIO MASONIC COMMUNITIES', 'THE GRAND CHAPTER ALMONER'S FUND', and 'GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CHARITY'.

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## CHARITIES



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## Key Area Lodges

- List the Lodges where your chapter is their closest option
- Includes meeting nights
- Chapter should have a representative in each
- Establish your chapter as a resource to the lodges you serve



### Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons OF THE STATE OF OHIO

To the Companions of Mt. Vernon #23

The Grand Chapter Committee on Membership has gathered data to determine the closest Royal Arch Chapter to each Masonic Lodge in Ohio. Your chapter was identified as the closest Chapter to the lodges listed below:

Lodge	Num	Mtg Night
Aurora	48	1 Mon
Nauvoo	769	3 Mon
Western Sun	91	Tue on or bef FM
Lucasville	465	3 Thr
Rome	535	1 Sat

Exceptions were made when it was determined that the lodge and chapter met on the same night. In which case, the next closest chapter was identified as being closest.

There is a concern that as Chapters, we tend to focus on drawing members from blue lodges that meet in our own building and losing awareness that we may be the logical option for members of another lodge maybe 10 miles away. The Grand Chapter Committee on Membership recommends that a companion of your chapter be appointed to be a membership ambassador to each lodge identified above.

Every brother of every blue lodge should know the location of the nearest Chapter and who to contact to assist them in continuing their Masonic journey and completing the story begun in the Master Mason Degree.

For any additional assistance as to how best build an effective relationship with the Lodges in your area, feel free to reach out to the Grand Chapter, Committee on Membership, REC Zel Bush, ~~Chairman~~.

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# Grand High Priest Award

- 8 of 13 activities / initiatives
  - Defined in the HP resource manual
- Pocket jewel for HP / RWM
- 3 MVC pins for key contributors
- Certificate for the chapter



# Grand High Priest Award – 8 of 13

- Present a Royal Arch Program to at least 5 Master Masons
- Have a ladies or family event
- Exalt 3 new Royal Arch Masons
- Reinstall 3 Companions SNPD
- High Priest, King or Scribe plus 2 other Companions at a minimum of 3 inspections of other Chapters

# Grand High Priest Award – 8 of 13

- Visit a Masonic Youth Group with at least 4 companions
- Event or donation of \$150.00 or more to the RAF
- High Priest, King and Scribe or proxy 2025 Grand Session
- Recognition of military veterans at a meeting or event
- Create or maintain a Chapter Facebook page
- Develop or maintain an existing meeting reminder process



# Grand High Priest Award – 8 of 13

- Confer all 4 Degrees with 80% of the speaking parts of each degree being delivered by Companions of your Chapter
- 80% of speaking parts in the degree at the inspection of your chapter delivered by members of your chapter.
  - Mark Master = 8 of 11
  - Most Excellent Master = 8 of 10
  - Past Master = 12 of 15
  - Royal Arch = 11 of 14

# Awards

- **Earl C. Gifford Award**
- **Capitular Lady of the Year Award**
- **Awards presented by district leadership**
  - **Sojourner Award**
  - **District Workhorse**
  - **High Priest of the Year**
  - **Most Improved Chapter**
  - **Chapter of the Year**

# Reaffirmation Day

- Chapter or District wide observance may take place on Sun, Oct 19, 2025
- Another activity to commemorate this day is acceptable on another date before May 31, 2026
  - Participate with a lodge observing Saints John Day
  - Event to help a local food bank or other civic cause
  - Other...



Inspections

*Inspections*

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# Inspections

- HP / RWM must preside over opening and introductions
- If inspection is not in Royal Arch Degree, DDGHP must witness a full Royal Arch opening at another convocation.
- 80% of speaking parts from the chapter being inspected
  - ☐ Mark Master = 8 of 11
  - ☐ Past Master = 12 of 15
  - ☐ Most Excellent Master = 8 of 10
  - ☐ Royal Arch = 11 of 14

# Grand Chapter - October 2026 – 1 DAY

- York Rite Grand Session Week!
  - Three 1-day sessions
    - ☐ Wed, Oct 7, 2026 – Grand Council
    - ☐ Thr, Oct 8, 2026 – Grand Chapter
    - ☐ Fri, Oct 9, 2026 – Grand Commandery
  - Wyndham Hotel – Worthington  
*formerly the DoubleTree Hotel*
  - 1 Banquet – Thursday evening



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