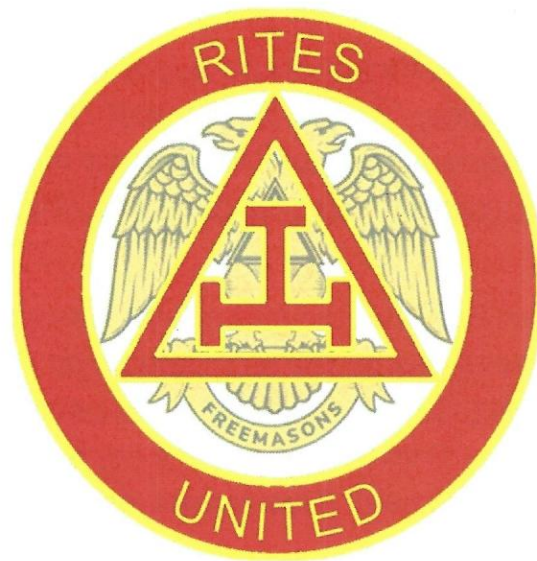


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INTRODUCTION

Companions, thank you all for taking the responsibility of leading your Chapter through the next year. Your Grand Chapter officers will always be ready to support you and your Chapter to have a very successful and enjoyable year.

Throughout my Masonic experience, I have striven to embody the values of brotherhood, charity, and personal integrity. Regular participation in lodge meetings, charitable activities, and ritual work has allowed me to develop strong bonds with my brethren and contribute positively to the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery as well as Scottish Rite initiatives. We should all be involved and working together (**UNITED**) in supporting all the York Rite bodies.

I believe that Capitular Masonry offers an opportunity to further strengthen one's knowledge, service, and commitment to the fraternity. The Candidate's journey starts with your Chapter. We must all do our best to make a great first impression in our degree work. They will want to know more and be involved.

Also, I want to support and encourage the Companions of your Chapter in forming District Degree teams for the MEM and Royal Arch Degree. Working together with your local District Chapter's for the benefit of our Candidate's is suggested. All Degree - District Inspections are becoming more popular, and most Chapters will benefit. This format has worked well in several Districts.

Most importantly, we should always remember to help support your local Blue Lodges. Your attendance and support at your local Lodge stated and special meetings will be much appreciated. Attend your Lodge Inspection and If you are introduced, ask all your Chapter members to stand. The High Priest present announced that this is an official visitation of (your) Chapter. Official visitations are at least (5) Chapter members present. It may spark some curiosity with new lodge members in attendance. New Master Masons are our future members!

Grand High Priest Award

Objectives:

- To motivate chapters to participate in organizational, community, and educational initiatives.
- To provide measurable criteria for assessing chapter performance across multiple domains.
- To foster healthy competition and continuous improvement among Chapters.

Category	Description	Maximum Points
Membership Growth	Increase in active membership numbers. 5 or more advancements including member reinstatements.	200
Community Service	Joint participation in service projects with other York Rite Bodies or local Blue Lodge's.	100
Educational Programs	Organization of District workshops, seminars, and local training. Also, have a short educational program, 10 total, at each stated meeting.	100 - District training 100 - Chapter programs 200 Total
Fundraising Activities	Fundraising events and collections for Adopt America. Total member donations of \$100.00 or more.	200
Chapter Administration	Timely submission of Secretary and Treasurer reports and in compliance with regulations.	50
Member Recognition	Recognition of individual achievements and milestones. 25 - 50 - year service awards.	50
Event Participation	HP Attendance at least 80% of your District Inspections. Participate in a joint open house promoting your local Lodge and/or York Rite bodies.	100 – Inspections 100 – open house 200 Total

Evaluation Process

1. Documentation Submission: Chapters submit evidence and reports of their activities for the award period to the DDGHP. **The point system starts on June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027.**
2. Scoring: Points are assigned according to the established matrix, with 90% partial credit possible for incomplete activities. **Minimum total score of 900 out of 1000 total points.**
3. Award Presentation: Top Chapters are recognized at the October 7, 2027, Annual meeting.
4. **Bonus: 50 points to present the new peculiar stone skit video at a Blue Lodge District meeting.**

Future tools for Degree's

The following is a proposal from REC Alex Alonzo, GRAC. I support this as a future tool in our Chapter's toolbox. More details will follow at our Grand family meeting this August. Please keep an open mind about how this is helpful.

The Grand Chapter believes that the effectiveness of Augmented Reality and/or Virtual Reality intervention for degree presentation will significantly enhance recruiting and retention outcomes.

These technologies will significantly enhance the traditional degree conferral by immersing the candidate with interactive experiences. The use of these technologies will be no more than another tool for a Chapter to utilize. The traditional way of conferring degrees will not be supplemented by these technologies. However, we are seeing a reduction in participation, especially in the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. The Grand Chapter understands the conundrum the chapters are dealing with. The vision of this approach is to confer the MEM and RA as hybrid degrees.

Some of the benefits are presented as follows:

- Gives us the ability to access our historical sites and bring concepts to life during our conferrals.
- Gives the candidate an opportunity to engage in a transformational role and enhances their awareness of the degree.
- Reduces the number of companions necessary to confer the degree.
- These technologies add depth, context, and interactions that traditional methods simply cannot match.

Inspection Protocol

1. Preparation for Inspection

- **Notification:** Inform all relevant Chapter officers and members of the upcoming inspection well in advance. Provide details regarding the date, time, and Degree of the inspection.

- Documentation: Ensure all required records, minutes, and registers are up to date and accessible for review. A pre-Inspection visit is recommended for review.
- Regalia and Paraphernalia: Verify that all regalia, tools, and symbols used in the Degree are present, clean, and in good condition.
- Premises: The Chapter room and adjoining spaces should be clean, orderly, and appropriately arranged as per the ritual. Don't forget the fine print details as well.

2. Arrival and Reception of Inspecting Officer

- Welcoming: The Chapter's HP, Secretary and Treasurer should formally welcome the DDGHP. Please provide him with your Inspection degree team cast list and candidate's name.

3. Opening of the Chapter

- Ritual Observance: The Chapter HP will open in the Royal Arch Degree, demonstrating proficiency and reverence. The DDGHP may observe the RA Degree opening on another visit if the Inspection is in the MM, PM, or MEM Degree. The Royal Arch opening and closing ceremony is required for all Chapters. The Royal Arch Degree opening and closing should be completed at a stated meeting just prior to, or just after your Annual Inspection.
- The HP/RWM will, at minimum, open in the Inspection Degree. Another PHP or experienced member may introduce all honoured guests. Your DDGHP has a suggested Introduction list.

4. Closing and Feedback

- Closing Ceremony: The HP/RWM should close according to Degree protocol. The DDGHP may offer to close the Chapter Inspection Degree. Also, make the Candidate feel welcome to the Chapter. The DEO may provide comments and educational materials regarding the Degree.
- Action Plan: The Chapter should develop an action plan to address any deficiencies or suggestions noted in the Inspection report. Your Grand Officers want to help your Chapter.

District Grand High Priest Reception's

The District Grand High Priest Reception is a distinguished event organized to honour the arrival and presence of the Grand High Priest. This occasion is marked by tradition, reverence, and celebration, bringing together members and guests of the local Chapter's in a business casual or formal setting.

However, in the past several years, participation in this event has decreased due to District costs, gasoline price and travel distance to the event location. Some of our District's cover a lot of territory. Therefore, I will be making the District GHP Receptions, **OPTIONAL**, for my year. I will be very happy to attend your Annual District meeting, Service Awards night, or District RAF charity event as an option for my Reception. So, I will be very honoured to attend, if it is not a financial strain on your District's. Reginal Receptions are also a future option.

Conclusion

Companions and Friends, I will be very humbled and honoured to serve as your Grand High Priest. I care deeply about all of you, and I want to give you all the tools needed to promote, educate, and support teamwork for our degrees.

Your Grand Chapter Committees are working hard to prepare new marketing material as well as new membership directives. This new direction will help educate and inform Master Masons in a Lodge setting about York Rite Masonry. Also, I will support new educational materials for our officers and members.

My wife often asks me why I go to so many meetings and why do I need to go tonight? Just stay at home and watch a movie. That is the easy option to do, and our family time is important. So many of you have given so much time to our Fraternity. Therefore, we need to step outside the box and find new tools which may improve our attendance and membership. We have very inspiring Degree's with great lessons.
The Future of Capitular Masonry is in our Hands!

INSPECTION DISTRICT AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

DIST.		NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
REGION A – 19 CHAPTERS		
<i>Regional Officer – REC Andrew (Skip) L. Vanderhorst</i>		
<i>Grand Captain of the Host</i>		
1	Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams	4
2	Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert	4
7	Hancock, Hardin, Marion, Morrow, Seneca, Wyandot	6
8	Lucas, Ottawa, Wood	5
REGION B – 16 CHAPTERS		
<i>Regional Officer – REC</i>		
<i>Grand Master of the First Veil</i>		
9	Erie, Huron, Lorain, Sandusky	5
10	Ashland, Crawford, Holmes, Richland, Wayne	4
11	Delaware, Franklin, Knox	7
REGION C – 15 CHAPTERS, 2 MARK LODGES		
<i>Regional Officer – REC Matthew G. Sinn</i>		
<i>Grand Master of the Second Veil</i>		
4	Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Greene (Except Xenia #36), Hamilton, Warren (Except Lebanon #5) and North Bend Mark Lodge #1	9 MML 1
5	Adams, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Fayette Mark Lodge #4	6 MML 1
REGION D – 18 CHAPTERS		
<i>Regional Officer – REC John B. Nelson, III</i>		
<i>Grand Master of the Third Veil</i>		
3	Butler, Darke, Greene (Xenia #36 only), Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, Warren (Lebanon #5 only)	10
6	Champaign, Clark, Logan, Madison, Union	7
REGION E – 23 CHAPTERS, 2 MARK LODGE		
<i>Regional Officer – REC Stanley J. Anderson</i>		
<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>		
16	Cuyahoga, Summit (Summit-Baker #74 only) DeMolay Mark Lodge #2	6 MML 1
17	Carroll, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit (Except Summit-Baker #74), Tuscarawas	9
19	Columbiana, Jefferson, Mahoning, Trumbull	5
20	Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake White Stone Mark Lodge #5	3 MML 1

