

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
In Virginia**



**Grand High Priest Notice #1
2020-2021**

[This Notice shall be read in its entirety as soon as possible but NOT LATER THAN THE NEXT STATED CONVOCATION of your Chapter.]

Royal Arch in Virginia will have limited success if the course and direction is changed with each new Grand High Priest. Needed institutional changes will require a multi-year approach and transcend the term of any one Grand High Priest, and it is necessary that the entire elected Grand Line work as a team to develop a strategic plan to achieve these institutional changes.

Accordingly, I have appointed a Grand Chapter Strategic Planning Committee chaired by RE Mark Pennypacker, the Grand King, and composed of the Elected Grand Line. In addition to the Elected Grand Line officers, RE Rhey Solomon is appointed as the secretary/facilitator for the Committee. Implementation of the plan will be largely conducted by the various Grand Chapter Committees.

The Grand High Priest is an ex-officio a member of the Committee, but the Grand King is the Chair because our strategic plan should be forward focused, and the current GHP's program would already be in place and being implemented.

There are seven goals with implementing actions under each goal:

Goal #1. Develop and maintain programs to strengthen the Subordinate Chapters.

Goal #2. Increase effective membership development and retention with outreach programs that attract a larger number of Craft Lodge Masons to Royal Arch Masonry.

Goal #3. Develop Chapter programs for and community outreach to improve support for Royal Arch charities.

Goal #4. Maintain a robust information technology infrastructure that is secure, enhances data availability and reporting capability; and optimize committee support of Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapter needs.

Goal #5. Maintain financial integrity of Grand Chapter investments and operations.

Goal #6. Protecting our Heritage

The goals and implementing actions are available in the attached document.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia at the City of Richmond this 21st day of November, A.D. 2020, A.I. 2550.



Attest:

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Wayne H. Anderson
Grand Secretary

Attachment as stated.

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Edmund Cohen
Grand High Priest