

**SUMMARY**

**2021**

**GRAND**

**ANNUAL**

**CONVOCATION**

# SUMMARY OF THE 2021 GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

At 9:00 AM the Super Excellent Master's Degree was conferred.

At 10:45 AM Distinguished Visitors, and heads of Virginia Masonic Bodies, assembled to be recognized by the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Edmund Cohen

At 1:00 PM Grand Chapter was called up by Right Excellent James Barry Bartley, and was opened by Most Excellent Edmund Cohen, Grand High Priest, who also opened the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Virginia. He welcomed all who were unable to attend the morning session.

The District Deputy Grand High Priests for 2020-2021 were introduced and greeted by Most Excellent Cohen and presented each with their Past District Deputy Grand High Priest jewel. Right Excellent Richard Saunders from District 17 responded for the group.

The Grand Lecturer, Right Excellent Randall Johnson, introduced each of the District Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers who served during the year. Most Excellent Donald McAndrews from District 17 responded.

Most Excellent Charles Wagner introduced the Ish Sodi Award holders present and Right Excellent James B. Bartley from District 17 responded.

Right Excellent Mark Pennypacker, Sr., introduced the John Dove Award holders present and Most Excellent Hutto responded.

The Grand High Priest gave his report to the Companions, in the report The Necrology for Most Excellent Howard Frederick Coleman, Grand High Priest 1989 was given by the Most Excellent Meredith Hutto. The Grand High Priest's report was referred to the Past Grand High Priest for their review.

The printed reports were accepted except for the Jurisprudence Committee report, Perpetual Member report and financial reports. These reports were referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

## AWARDS

Right Excellent John Bullach the announced

The Robert Wilson Claiborne Wilson Award for Chapter Excellence was awarded to the following Chapters:

Waynesboro Union No. 2

Marion 54

Petersburg Union No. 7

Chincoteague No. 75

Arlington No. 35

Warwick No. 80

E.H. Gill No. 50

Petersburg Union No. 7 was Chapter of the Year in the Robert Claiborne Wilson Award points category

Right Excellent Thomas Varner, Grand Master of the Second Veil announced The Grand Line Bowl was awarded to Right Excellent Paul Kevin Walek, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 15<sup>th</sup> Capitular District.

The Grand Secretary read the report submitted prior to opening of Grand Chapter for the recognition of King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter.

Friday evening during the Grand High Priest Banquet the 2021

The Ish Sodi Award was presented to Rt. Excellent Peter Stuart Jensen and Excellent Raymon Walter Bacchus.

The John Dove Meritorious Service Award was presented to Right Excellent William Dean Robinson (the Meritorious Committee's selectee), Right Excellent Wayne Howard Anderson, and Right Excellent Mark Todd Pennypacker, Sr. by the Grand High Priest.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GRAND CHAPTER

Saturday, November 23, 2019

The Committee of the Whole Grand Chapter was called to order by Right Excellent Grand King Mark Pennypacker, at 9:00 AM. The invocation was given by Right Excellent Michael Huff Grand Chaplain, follow by the pledge of allegiance and the Star Spangle Banner.

No propositions were reported requiring action

#### **RESOLUTION No. 1**

Whereas there are so many Companions who have done so much for the Royal Craft and so few opportunities to show our appreciation for their efforts, and.

Whereas the current number of recipients of the Ish Sodi award is limited to two per year, and;

Whereas deserving companions that have received the John Dove medal are prohibited by Section 70(b) of the Digest from consideration for the Ish Sodi award;

Be it therefore resolved that Section 70(b) of the Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, which reads:

Section 70. (b) Ish Sodi Award. The Ish Sodi award is presented at the Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia to no more than two deserving companions selected by the Grand High Priest at his discretion.

The companion(s) selected must exhibit high moral standards and always demonstrate participation In the Cryptic Council of Royal Arch Masonry.

The companion(s) selected must exemplify the highest regards for the precepts, statutes, rules, and regulations of the Royal Craft.

A recipient of the John Dove Meritorious Service Award is not eligible to receive the Ish Sodi Award at a later date. However, receipt of the Ish Sodi Award shall not disqualify a companion from future consideration for the John Dove Meritorious Service Award.

No Grand Chapter Officer shall be eligible to receive the Ish Sodi Award while serving in the office. However, the companion is eligible for the award after leaving such office.

Be amended to read:

Section 70. (b) Ish Sodi Award. The Ish Sodi award is presented annually at the Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Virginia. Any companion, in good standing, who is a member of a subordinate council chartered by the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Virginia is eligible for the award.

The recipient of the award shall be determined by the Meritorious Service Committee consisting of five members appointed by the Illustrious Grand Master. The committee members shall serve a maximum of three consecutive years. After serving the maximum term, any committee member may be reappointed after a one-year absence. A committee member is not eligible to receive the award during his term on the committee.

The committee shall consider all written nominations received from a council, district or individual companion, recommending a companion for the award based on his having exhibited high moral standards, always demonstrated participation in the Cryptic Council of Royal Arch Masonry and the highest regards for the precepts, statutes, rules, and regulations of the Royal Craft.

The committee shall select two companions to receive the award from the written submissions. The committee shall retain for a period of three (3) years all submissions for companions who are not selected. These submissions shall, with equal weight, be considered by the committee for the award during the subsequent three (3) year period.

All nominations for the award must be received in the Office of the Grand Secretary no later than September 15th for the companion to receive consideration for the award. The Grand Secretary shall forward all nominations to the committee chairman as soon as possible after September 15th.

The Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Council in Virginia, at his discretion, may select two additional companions to receive the award.

The Grand Secretary shall have the award(s) engraved with the name(s) of the recipient(s) for presentation at the Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Virginia at a time to be determined by the Grand High Priest/ Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Council in Virginia.

If circumstances prevent any recipient from attending the Annual Convocation, the award shall be presented by the Grand Master Cryptic Council of Virginia as soon as possible after the end of Grand Annual Convocation.

The companion(s) selected must exemplify the highest regards for the precepts, statutes, rules, and regulations of the Royal Craft.

Respectfully submitted;  
Edmund Cohen, PHP

Rationale:

Just as Grand Lodge awards twice as many John Blair medals as George Washington medals, we propose to continue to award two John Dove medals, the highest award we present at our Grand Annual Convocation, and up to four Ish Sodi awards each year.

We propose to adopt the selection process we use for the Dove award to select the Ish Sodi awardees.

- The Meritorious Service Committee would select two Companions to receive the Ish Sodi award from those nominated by Virginia Companions.
- And the Grand High Priest/Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Council in Virginia would continue to select up to two Companions to receive the Ish Sodi award.
- We propose to eliminate the restrictions in section 70(b) of the Digest, for example, that “a recipient of the John Dove Meritorious Service Award is not eligible to receive the Ish Sodi Award at a later date.”

There are so many Companions who have done so much for the Royal Craft and so few opportunities to show our appreciation for their efforts. Accordingly, we believe this restriction serves no purpose. Below is the proposed change to the Digest.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED**

### **Resolution No. 2**

Whereas the Committee on Stewards is inconsistently named in sections 60 and 66 in The Digest of rules, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, and;

Whereas the duties of the committee members is not clearly defined;

Be it therefore resolved that;

Section 60(d) of The Digest of rules, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal arch Masons in Virginia which reads:

Section 60. Standing Committees. At each Grand Annual Convocation, the newly installed Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

- (a) Finance, consisting of five members.
- (b) Fraternal Relations, consisting of three members.
- (c) Hubbard Memorial Educational Fund, consisting of three members.
- (d) Stewards Department, consisting of four members.

(e) Work, consisting of the Grand Lecturer, the Associate Grand Lecturer, and a sufficient number of District Lecturers to maintain uniform purity of the ritual throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. The minimum number of District Lecturers shall not be less than thirteen, and the maximum shall not exceed twenty-two, or the number of Districts into which the Grand Jurisdiction has been divided by the Grand Chapter, whichever number is the lesser.

(f) Jurisprudence, consisting of five members.

(g) Education and Service, composed of nine members, the Grand Provost, a District Education Officer for each Capitular District, Ex Officio all Elected Grand Line Officers.  
(11/15/14)

(h) Meritorious Service (John Dove Award) comprised of five members.

(Amended 11/14/92)

(i) Philanthropic Activities, consisting of the Grand Almoner and three members.

(11/15/14)

Be amended to Read:

Section 60. Standing Committees. At each Grand Annual Convocation, the newly installed Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

- (a) Finance, consisting of five members.
- (b) Fraternal Relations, consisting of three members.
- (c) Hubbard Memorial Educational Fund, consisting of three members.
- (d) Committee on Stewards, consisting of four members.

(e) Work, consisting of the Grand Lecturer, the Associate Grand Lecturer, and a sufficient number of District Lecturers to maintain uniform purity of the ritual throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. The minimum number of District Lecturers shall not be less than thirteen, and the maximum shall not exceed twenty-two, or the number of Districts into which the Grand Jurisdiction has been divided by the Grand Chapter, whichever number is the lesser.

(f) Jurisprudence, consisting of five members.

(g) Education and Service, composed of nine members, the Grand Provost, a District Education Officer for each Capitular District, Ex Officio all Elected Grand Line Officers.

(11/15/14)

(h) Meritorious Service (John Dove Award) comprised of five members.

(Amended 11/14/92)

(i) Philanthropic Activities, consisting of the Grand Almoner and three members.

(11/15/14)

Be it further resolved that;

Section 66 of The Digest of rules, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia which reads:

Section 66. Committee on Stewards. The Committee on Stewards shall manage and assist the Grand Steward in the discharge of all the duties of his office during the Convocations of Grand Chapter. (Amended 11/14/92)

Be amended to read:

Section 66. Committee on Stewards. The Committee on Stewards, chaired by the Grand Steward shall assist the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary in preparing for all meetings, banquets and fellowship times at the Grand Convocation, to include ensuring proper audio equipment is available for all meetings, and that adequate time is allowed for the hotel to arrange the facilities for the next designated meeting.

Respectfully submitted;

Edmund Cohen, PHP

Rationale:

It is proposed to revise Sections 60(d) to conform with the name given the committee in Section 66 and note on the Grand Chapter website this committee is call by a third name: Stewards and Arrangements.

It is proposed to further delineate the duties of the Committee on Steward to clarify the duties of the Grand Steward and Associate Grand Steward(s) appointed by the Grand High Priest and ensure that they and their team more closely work with the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary to provide the needed support at the Grand Annual Convocation.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED**

### **Resolution No. 3**

Whereas the current District Deputy Grand High Priest is the official representative of the Grand High Priest, and;

Whereas Past Grand High Priests are former presiding officers of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason in Virginia and, as such, have a vested interest in the operations of chapters within the Grand Jurisdiction;

Be it therefore resolved that Section 207 of the Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, which reads:

Section 207. Objection to A Visitor. If any member of the chapter objects to sitting in the Chapter with a visitor, the High Priest shall refuse admittance to the visitor. If the visitor had already been admitted, the High Priest shall require him to withdraw. A member of the Chapter shall not object to the admission of an officer of the Grand Chapter or to the District Deputy Grand High Priest when making an official visit.

Be amended to read;

Section 207. Objection to A Visitor. If any member of the chapter objects to sitting in the Chapter with a visitor, except an officer of the Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priest, or the District Deputy Grand High Priest, the High Priest shall refuse him admittance; or if he has been admitted, require him to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted;

Edmund Cohen, PHP

Rationale:

It is proposed that section 207 of the Digest be amended to ensure that a Past Grand High Priest is not refused admission to a subordinate Chapter and that the District Deputy Grand High Priest, who is the representative of the Grand High Priest, is not refused admission to any meeting of a Chapter in his District, not just when making an official visit. There is a similar provision in Section 2.135 of the Virginia Methodical Digest.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED**

#### **Resolution No. 4**

Whereas a Master Mason from another grand Jurisdiction that maintains comity with the Grand Lodge of Virginia might be restricted from petitioning appendant bodies based upon their rules and law, and;

Whereas petitioning a Chapter while under such restrictions would be a breach of law;

Be it therefore resolved that section 183 of the Digest of the Laws, rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, which reads:

Section 183. Petitioner Must Be A Master Mason In Good Standing In Some Symbolic Lodge. To petition for the degrees or to apply for or retain membership in any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, it is necessary that the petitioner or applicant be a member in good standing of a Symbolic Lodge in Virginia or in another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. A member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has demitted from his Symbolic Lodge shall not forfeit his membership in the Chapter until he has become subject to the penalties of non-affiliation as prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia or until his status under the laws of the Grand Lodge to which he owes allegiance becomes equivalent to non-affiliation under the



laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Any Master Mason in good standing is eligible to petition for the degrees as conferred in the Chapter.

Be amended to read:

Section 183. Petitioner Must Be A Master Mason In Good Standing In Some Symbolic Lodge. To petition for the degrees or to apply for or retain membership in any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, it is necessary that the petitioner or applicant be a member in good standing of a Symbolic Lodge in Virginia or in another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. A member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has demitted from his Symbolic Lodge shall not forfeit his membership in the Chapter until he has become subject to the penalties of non-affiliation as prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia or until his status under the laws of the Grand Lodge to which he owes allegiance becomes equivalent to non-affiliation under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Any Master Mason in good standing is eligible to petition for the degrees as conferred in the Chapter. Any member of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction must be free from any restrictions pertaining to petitioning or joining any appendant body. Such membership shall be verified through the office of the Grand Secretary in correspondence with the Grand Jurisdiction to which the petitioner holds allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith C. Hutto, PHP Kecoughtan Royal Arch Chapter # 42

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED**

#### **Resolution No. 5**

Whereas any Virginia Master Mason has already met the one-year residency requirement by virtue of the fact it is the same as that required by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and;

Whereas sojourning masons, especially those in the various branches of the military, desirous of petitioning a Virginia Royal Arch Chapter have already met any residency requirements imposed by their Grand Jurisdiction.

Be it therefore resolved that Section 184 of the Digest of the Laws, rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, which reads:

Section 184. Residence of Petitioner. A petitioner for the degrees shall have resided for at least one year in the Commonwealth of Virginia and shall be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the time of the presentation of his petition to the Chapter.

Be amended to read:

Section 184. Residence of Petitioner. A petitioner for the degrees shall be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the time of the presentation of his petition to the Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith C Hutto, PHP Kecoughtan Royal Arch Chapter # 42

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION No. 6**

Whereas a request to move the date, time or location of a Chapter meeting is rarely if ever denied by the Grand High Priest, and,

Whereas the District Deputy Grand High Priest is in as good or better a position to evaluate the need for such change as the Grand High Priest,

Be it therefore resolved that Section 80 of the Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia which reads:

Section 80. Duties of District Deputy Grand High Priest on Every Official Visit. At every such visit the District Deputy Grand High Priest shall preside in the Chapter after it is opened, and he is introduced.

- a. He shall examine the records of the Chapter, see that they are regularly kept, and determine that the Chapter has a Digest of all Grand Chapter laws and amendments thereof.
- b. He shall inquire about the number of members of the Chapter and about average attendance; inquire about the status of the Chapter; point out any errors he may observe and use every effort to enforce conformity to the work and compliance with the laws of the Grand Chapter.
- c. He shall instruct the Companions in every particular wherein he may conceive them to require information; shall recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Royal Arch Masonry; caution them in regard to the admission of candidates; and urge a punctual representation of the Chapter at every meeting of Grand Chapter.

Be amended to read:

Section 80. Duties of District Deputy Grand High Priest.

On every Official Visit, the District Deputy Grand High Priest shall preside in the Chapter after it is opened, and he is introduced.

- a. He shall examine the records of the Chapter, see that they are regularly kept, and determine that the Chapter has a Digest of all Grand Chapter laws and amendments thereof.
- b. He shall inquire about the number of members of the Chapter and about average attendance; inquire about the status of the Chapter; point out any errors he may observe and use every effort to enforce conformity to the work and compliance with the laws of the Grand Chapter.

c. He shall instruct the Companions in every particular wherein he may conceive them to require information; shall recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Royal Arch Masonry; caution them in regard to the admission of candidates; and urge a punctual representation of the Chapter at every meeting of Grand Chapter.

He shall have the authority to issue a dispensation to change the date, time, and or location of a chapter stated convocation for good and sufficient reason. The membership shall be notified in advance by customary methods of communication. The planned absence of a stationed officer is not sufficient justification for such change unless all three will be absent. He shall send a copy of any dispensation granted under this section to the Grand Secretary and the Grand High Priest. He shall consult the Grand High Priest in advance if he questions the reasons given for the requested dispensation.

Respectfully submitted;

Edmund Cohen, PHP

Rationale:

The Grand High Priest has many duties and responsibilities and should concern himself with strategic and executive level decisions for the advancement of Royal Arch in Virginia. Moving the date, time, or location of a Chapter meeting for good reason is neither a strategic or an executive decision and should be within the purview of the District Deputy Grand High Priest with whom the Grand High Priest has entrusted the obligation to oversee the District and assist the Chapters in that District.

Respectfully submitted,

Mt. Ex. Meredith C. Hutto, Chairman

Mt. Ex. Howard F. Coleman

Mt. Ex. Russel G. Snodgrass

Mt. Ex. Wayne S. Flora

Rt. Ex. Philip N. Rhodes

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED**

The Grand Secretary then read the report of the Committee of Recognition of King Cyrus Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Virginia Prince Hall Affiliation, Inc.

Subsequent to the appointment of this committee by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Edmond Cohen, several discussions have taken place. We agree the most sensible path is to duplicate the recognition and visitation agreements of our two Grand Lodges approved in 2001 and 2003.

Donald L. McAndrews, PGHP

Committee Chairman

**THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ADOPTED**

Excellent J. Jeffrey McClelland presented the Annual Financial status report and the proposed budget for 2021-2022. The financial report was accepted, and the budget was approved to be referred to the Saturday evening session for final approval.

Excellent Marion Humphries reported \$2245 was collected from the Companions of the Old Saratoga Degree to be donated to Alzheimer's Association.

Most Excellent Hutto stated Right Excellent Pennypacker did an excellent job conducting the business of the Committee of the Whole Grand Chapter meeting and should be congratulated.

Right Excellent Huff then gave the benediction

The meeting was closed at 9:40am

## FINAL SESSION

Saturday Evening November 20, 2021

At 7:00 PM Grand Chapter was called up by Right Excellent Companion James Barry Bartley, and Grand Chapter resumed Labor by Most Excellent Edmund Cohen, Grand High Priest.

Right Excellent Larry Lloyd, Chairman of The Credentials' Committee reported 42 Chapters were represented by 153 Companions, a decrease of 43 Companions that attended in 2020.

The Report of the Past Grand High Priests was presented by Most Excellent Meredith C. Hutto, Chairman.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Grand Chapter, which were accepted and approved by the Companions.

Most Excellent Cohen conducted the elections which resulted in the following:

Mark Todd Pennypacker, Sr. was elected Grand High Priest.

Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr. was elected Grand King.

William Randall Owens was elected Grand Scribe

Jason Weber Lotz was elected Grand Treasurer.

Wayne Howard Anderson was elected Grand Secretary.

James Paul Nunn was elected Grand Captain of the Host.

Kyle William Strickland was elected Grand Principal Sojourner.

Joel Thomas Bundy was elected Grand Captain of the Host.

Thomas Lee Varner was elected Grand Master of the Third Veil.

Peter Stuart Jensen was elected Grand Master of the Second Veil.

Joseph Efrain Gadea was elected Grand Master of the First Veil.

The Grand High Priest held election of Grand Chapter Trustee's  
Most Excellent Donald Leo McAndrews was elected for a period of Three (3) Years

Right Excellent John Raymond Goodwin was elected to the Perpetual Membership Trustees  
Committee for a period of Four (4) years.

The Grand High Priest accepted a motion by the Grand King that all bills of this Grand  
Chapter be paid in accordance with the budget and approved by the Companions. The  
motion was accepted.

The Grand High Priest asked for a motion to approve the actions of the Officers of the  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, a 501(C)(10) tax exempt organization under  
the Internal Revenue Code, for the year end 2021.

The Grand High Priest discharged his appointed officers and committees and thanked them  
for their service and support.

Most Excellent Hutto moved the attending Companions of this Grand Chapter give you (Most  
Excellent Cohen) a rising vote of thanks for your service this year.

Most Excellent Cohen thanked everyone once again and wished the best for the coming year  
for the Grand High Priest Elect, Right Excellent Pennypacker.

The Grand Secretary stated the minutes of the Grand Convocation were recorded  
electronically and made a motion the minutes be approved as recorded. The Grand High  
Priest stated the minutes of the Grand Annual Convocation were electronically recorded  
and was accepted and approved by the Companions.

The Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Cohen closed the 214th Grand Annual Convocation of  
the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia in solemn form and closed the Grand  
Council Cryptic Masons in Virginia in ample form at 8:10 PM.

Installation of Grand Officers immediately followed, conducted by the Installing Officer,  
Most Excellent Donald L. McAndrews with Most Excellent Meredith Craig Hutto presenting  
the Grand High Priest. Most Excellent Joe Gilbert Broce served as Installing Grand Marshal,  
and Installing Grand Chaplain was Most Excellent Nelson Crane Trinkle, Sr.

Most Excellent Pennypacker, then installed the District Deputy Grand High Priests.

## 2021 - 2022 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Mt. Ex. Mark Todd Pennypacker, Sr.	Grand High Priest
Rt. Ex. Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr.	Grand King
Rt. Ex. William Randall Owens	Grand Scribe
Rt. Ex. Jason Weber Lotz	Grand Treasurer
Rt. Ex. Wayne Howard Anderson	Grand Secretary
Rt. Ex. James Paul Nunn	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Rt. Ex. Kyle William Strickland	Grand Principal Sojourner
Rt. Ex. Joel Thomas Bundy	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Rt. Ex. Thomas Lee Varner	Grand Master of the Third Veil
Rt. Ex. Peter Stuart Jensen	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Rt. Ex. Joseph Efrain Gadea	Grand Master of the First Veil
Rt. Ex. Joseph Efrain Gadea	Administrative Assistant to The GHP
Rt. Ex. Richard Edward Saunders	Grand Chaplain
Rt. Ex. Michael Thomas Huff	Grand Marshal
Rt. Ex. Gary Gene Wright	Associate Grand Marshal
Rt. Ex. Randall Wayne Johnson	Grand Lecturer
Rt. Ex. Arthur James Phillips	Associate Grand Lecturer
Rt. Ex. Raymon Walter Bacchus	Grand Provost
Rt. Ex. Charles Reese Trude	Grand Almoner
Rt. Ex. David Myring Strohsahl	Associate Grand Almoner
Mt. Ex. Meredith Craig Hutto	Grand Parliamentarian
Mt. Ex. Edmund Cohen	Associate Grand Parliamentarian
Rt. Ex. Matthew Scott Bourelle	Grand Tiler
Rt. Ex. Christopher DeWayne McCarney	Associate Grand Tiler
Rt. Ex. Steven Andrew Urban	Grand Steward
Rt. Ex. Allen Dale Beckner	Associate Grand Steward
Rt. Ex. James Earl Hammond	Grand Physician
Rt. Ex. Jeffrey Cole Hedges	Grand Musician
Rt. Ex. Emmett Mosley Pate, Jr.	Grand Webmaster
Rt. Ex. Ronald J Leibfreid	Grand Photographer
Mt. Ex. Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr.	Deputy Grand Treasurer
Rt. Ex. Michael Earl Williams	Deputy Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Rt. Ex. Major Greene Stephenson, III	Deputy Grand Secretary
Mt. Ex. Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr.	Grand Secretary Emeritus
Rt. Ex. Jay L Cotner	Deputy Grand Secretary Emeritus

# Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia

## District Deputy Grand High Priests

2021 - 2022

Rt. Ex. James Canty Landerkin	District Number 1
Rt. Ex. David Ray Conner	District Number 2
Rt. Ex. John Richard Rawls	District Number 3
Rt. Ex. Freddie Edward Pearson, II	District Number 4
Rt. Ex. Ewell Somers Beirne	District Number 8
Rt. Ex. Elmer Dale Moltesheard	District Number 9
Rt. Ex. Joseph Martin Matthews	District Number 10
Rt. Ex. John Boyd Kendrick	District Number 11
Rt. Ex. Robert Darrel Maxwell	District Number 12
Rt. Ex. Jesse Tracy Lyons	District Number 14
Rt. Ex. Alan Kenneth Spear	District Number 15
Rt. Ex. Raymon Walter Bacchus	District Number 17
	District Number 18
Rt. Ex. Benjamin Franklin Clark	District Number 19
Rt. Ex. Clarence Bennie Bowden, Jr.	District Number 20
Rt. Ex. Ney Calloway Austin	District Number 21

## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia

### “Living Past Grand High Priests

Mt. Ex. Meredith Craig Hutto	1990	
Mt. Ex. Thomas Randolph Jones	1995	“Share The Spirit”
Mt. Ex. Russell Ghee Snodgrass	2002	“Return And Rebuild”
Mt. Ex. Phillip Edgar Thiem	2004	“The Keystone of Freemasonry”
Mt. Ex. Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr.	2005	“Commitment To Mankind”
Mt. Ex. Wayne Sawyer Flora	2006	“Pass It On”
Mt. Ex. Charles Warren Wagner	2007	“Rebuilding The Temple”
Mt. Ex. Paul Steven Newhall	2008	“200 Years of Royal Arch Excellence”
Mt. Ex. Charles Edwin Cave	2010	“Being Prepared”
Mt. Ex. Danny Lee Bowman	2011	“United We Stand”
Mt. Ex. Nelson Crane Trinkle, Sr.	2012	“Perform The Obligations”
Mt. Ex. James Arthur Fields, Jr.	2013	“Service - A Mason’s Way”
Mt. Ex. Clyde McAvoy Perry	2014	“Quality - Leadership - Responsibility”
Mt. Ex. Donald Leo McAndrews	2015	“God Is Our Guide”
Mt. Ex. Daniel Hufford Surface	2017	“Friendship - Leadership”
Mt. Ex. Joe Gilbert Broce	2018	“Lead By Example”
Mt. Ex. Floyd Byron Goodwin	2019	“Soaring To New Heights”
Mt. Ex. Raymond Douglas Steele	2020	“Good Work - Square Work”
Mt. Ex. Edmund Cohen	2021	“Devotion and Dedication”