

**SUMMARY**

**2025**

**GRAND**

**ANNUAL**

**CONVOCATION**

***SUMMARY OF THE 2025 GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION***  
***FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025***

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 James Paul Nunn. The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Matthew Todd Szramoski was received in the East and gave his remarks.

At 1:00 PM Grand Chapter was called up by Companion Randall Arnold and opened by Most Excellent James Paul Nunn, 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 Grand Secretary called a roll of the Chapters, and a quorum was ascertained.

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., Right Worshipful Thomas Lee Varner, Jr, and Right Worshipful Dennis Mark Haas presented Most Worshipful Matthew Todd Szramoski, and he presented his remarks and was given a standing round of applause.

The District Deputy Grand High Priests for 2024-2025 who were present were introduced and greeted by Most Excellent Nunn and each was presented their Past District Deputy Grand High Priest jewel. Right Excellent Leslie Flowers District 15 responded for the district deputies.

The Grand Lecturer, Right Excellent Randall Wayne Johnson, introduced each of the District Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers present who served during the year.

Right Excellent Thomas Varner and Right Excellent Joey Martin introduced the Ish Sodi Award holders who were present and Most Excellent Charles W. Wagner responded.

Most Excellent Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr, and Most Excellent Joe Gilbert Broce, Sr. introduced the John Dove Award holders who were present and Right Excellent Joseph Brandon Hale responded.

The Grand King presented the Past Grand High Priests present, Most Excellent Meredith Craig Hutto, 1990, Most Excellent Russel Ghee Snodgrass. 2002, Most Excellent Charles Warren Wagner, 2007, Most Excellent Nelson Crane Trinkle, Sr., 2012, Most Excellent James Arthur Fields, 2013, Most Excellent Donald Leo McAndrews, 2015, Most Excellent Joe Gilbert Broce, Sr., 2018, Most Excellent Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr., 2023, and Most Excellent William Randall Owens.

Most Excellent Nunn presented Most Excellent Meredith Craig Hutto with his Sixty Year Royal Arch Masonic Veterans Award. Mt. Excellent Hutto, thanked the Grand High Priest and gave a few remarks.

Most Excellent Nunn called on the Companions for a moment of silence for those who passed to Higher Service Above.

The Grand High Priest gave his report to the Companions, and the report was then referred to the Past Grand High Priests for their review.

Printed reports were accepted except for the Jurisprudence Committee report, and financial reports. These reports were referred to by the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Right Illustrious Sean McNorton of the Grand Cryptic Council International responded for the Distinguished Guests during this Grand Annual Convocation.

Right Excellent Michael Huff announced the Robert Wilson Claiborne Wilson Award for Chapter Excellence was awarded to the following Chapters:

Waynesboro Union No. 2	Arlington No. 35
Richmond - Washington No. 3-9	Marion No. 54
Fredericksburg No. 23	Warwick No. 80
O'Keefe No. 26	Great Bridge No. 82
Pearisburg No. 29	Potomac No. 88
D C Shanks No. 31	Princess Anne No. 1607

Waynesboro Union No. 2 was Chapter of the Year in the Robert Claiborne Wilson Award points category.

Right Excellent Joey Martin, Grand Master of the Third Veil announced The Grand Line Bowl was awarded and presented to Right Excellent William Arthur Crosscup, V, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 9<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District.

Right Excellent Scott Lambert and Companion Eric Stein spoke on the Alzheimer's Association and the funds donated by Grand Chapter totaled \$128,753.81.

### ***GRAND HIGH PRIEST BANQUET Friday, November 22, 2025***

The Grand High Priest received Distinguished Visitors from The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, The Grand Court of the Amaranth, International Order of Rainbow Girls, International Order Jobs Daughters, and Virginia DeMolay.

The Grand High Priest presented Honorary Memberships to Most Excellent Vincent Perry (West Virginia), Most Excellent Robert Nilson (Ohio), Most Excellent Mark Button (Delaware), Most Excellent Charles Harper (Florida), Most Excellent Mark Wright (District of Columbia, and Right Excellent Larry Bates (Grand Secretary West Virginia).

The Ish Sodi Award was presented to Right Excellent Marion Jefferson Humphreys, III (Richmond -Washington (Chapter No. 3-9), Right Excellent Clifford Harry Gregory (Richmond -Washington Chapter No. 3-9), Right Excellent David Ray Conner (Princess Anne Chapter No. 1607) Right Excellent Joel Kristian Cagel (Wythe Chapter No. 51) and Right Excellent John Boyd Kendrick (Barrett Chapter No. 76).

The John Dove Meritorious Service Award was presented to Most Excellent Joe Gilbert Broce, Sr. (Taylor Chapter No. 70).

Most Excellent Nunn welcomed Right Eminent William Searcy from the Grand Commandery of Virginia who gave some interesting remarks and a comment.

We were pleased to have Illustrious and Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia who also gave an inspiring message.

Most Worshipful Matthew Todd Szramoski then presented his remarks and was given a standing round of applause.

***COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GRAND CHAPTER***  
***Saturday, November 23, 2025***

The Committee of the Whole Grand Chapter was called to order by Right Excellent Grand King Kyle William Strickland, at 9:00 AM. The invocation was given by Right Excellent Joel Kristian Cagel, Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

There were zero (0) proposals and three (3) resolutions to be discussed or voted on with resolution No. 3 was withdrawn.

***Resolution No. 1*** - Proposed amendment to Section 71, paragraph (a) to specifically identify support of Alzheimer's programs including the Masonic Home of Virginia Richard E. Brown Memory Support Unit - ***ADOPTED***

***Resolution No. 2*** - Proposed change to Section 195 to clarify application for membership as affiliation and when a rejected application can reapply for membership - ***ADOPTED***

***Resolution No. 3*** - Proposed amendment to Section 70, paragraph (f) to specify various age groups and costs to purchase Perpetual membership in a chapter - ***WITHDRAWN***

Excellent Eddie Whitt, read the report of the actions of Peter Franciso Chapter UD since receiving its Warrant this past February. Excellent Whitt made a motion for Peter Francisico Chapter to receive their charter it was approved and referred to the Saturday evening session for final approval.

Excellent Jeffrey McClelland presented the Annual Financial status report and the proposed budget for 2025-2026. The financial report was accepted, and the budget was approved and to be referred to the Saturday evening session for final approval.

Right Excellent Jack Moorman gave a report on Life Membership in Perpetuity. - Approved

Excellent Scott Lambert reported \$12702.02 was collected from the Companions of the Old Saratoga Degree to be donated to Alzheimer's Association. A donation of \$500 will be presented to Grand Chapter regarding the hotel expenses.

Most Excellent Charles Wagner, Right Puissant Sean McNorton, and Right Illustrious Micheal Huff, presented Most Excellent Marty Hutto and Right Excellent David Stohsahl on behalf of the General Cryptic Council International with the Secret Vault Award.

Right Excellent Joel Kristain Cagel then gave the benediction.

The meeting was closed at 9:40am

***FINAL SESSION***  
***Saturday Evening November 22, 2025***

At 7:00 PM Grand Chapter was called up by Right Excellent William Jack Spencer, and Grand Chapter resumed Labor by Most Excellent James Paul Nunn, Grand High Priest.

Right Excellent Ronald Forrest Sturm, Chairman of The Credentials' Committee reported 41 Chapters were represented by 197 Companions, a decrease of 7 Companions that attended in 2024.

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

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

The resolution to present Peter Francisco Chapter U.D. with a charter was read and approved.

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

- Right Excellent Kyle William Strickland was elected Grand High Priest.
- Right Excellent Joel Thomas Bundy was elected Grand King.
- Right Excellent Thomas Lee Varner, Jr. was elected Grand Scribe
- Right Excellent Marion Jefferson Humphreys, III was elected Grand Treasurer.
- Right Excellent Wayne Howard Anderson was elected Grand Secretary.
- Right Excellent Peter Stuart Jensen was elected Grand Captain of the Host.
- Right Excellent Joseph Efrain Gadea was elected Grand Principal Sojourner.
- Right Excellent Joey Shawn Martin was elected Grand Captain of the Host.
- Right Excellent Joseph Brandon Hale was elected Grand Master of the Third Veil.
- Right Excellent Dewey Cole David was elected Grand Master of the Second Veil.
- Right Excellent Patrick Craig Murphrey was elected Grand Master of the First Veil.

The Grand High Priest Elect made a motion to elect Right Excellent Randall Wayne Johnson, to Grand Lecturer Emeritus - ***APPROVED***

The Grand High Priest Elect then announced his appointed officers for the year 2026.

The Grand High Priest held election of Grand Chapter Trustee's  
Most Excellent James Paul Nunn was elected for a period of Three (3) Years

Companion Raymond Scott Anderson 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 2025. The motion was accepted.

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

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

The Grand Secretary stated the minutes of the Grand Convocation were recorded electronically and made a motion that 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 Nunn closed the 218th 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 8:00 PM.

The Installation of Grand Officers immediately followed, conducted by the Installing Officer, Most Excellent Floyd Byron Goodwin, Most Excellent James Paul Nunn served as Installing Grand Marshal, and Installing Grand Chaplain was Most Excellent Nelson Crane Trinkle, Sr.

Most Excellent Strickland, then installed the District Deputy Grand High Priests for 2026.

## 2025 - 2026 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Mt. Excellent Kyle William Strickland	Grand High Priest
Rt. Excellent Joel Thomas Bundy	Grand King
Rt. Excellent Thomas Lee Varner, Jr.	Grand Scribe
Rt. Excellent Marion Jefferson Humphreys, III	Grand Treasurer
Rt. Excellent Wayne Howard Anderson	Grand Secretary
Rt. Excellent Peter Stuart Jensen	Grand Captain of the Host
Rt. Excellent Joseph Efrain Gadea	Grand Principal Sojourner
Rt. Excellent Joey Shawn Martin	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Rt. Excellent Joseph Brandon Hale	Grand Master of the Third Veil
Rt. Excellent Dewey Cole David	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Rt. Excellent Patrick Craig Murphrey	Grand Master of the First Veil
Rt. Excellent William Arthur Crosscup, V	Grand Chaplain
Rt. Excellent Kenneth Melvin Goode	Associate Grand Chaplin
Rt. Excellent Kenneth Patton Strickland	Grand Marshal
Rt. Excellent William Jack Spencer	Associate Grand Marshal
Mt. Excellent Russel Ghee Snodgrass	Grand Lecturer
Rt. Excellent Christopher Scott Tripp	Associate Grand Lecturer
Rt. Excellent Raymon Walter Bacchus	Grand Provost
Rt. Excellent Ryan Nathaniel Fitzgerald-Yakis	Associate Grand Provost
Rt. Excellent Joseph Martin Matthews	Associate Grand Provost
Rt. Excellent Eric James Stein	Grand Almoner
Rt. Excellent Scott Richard Lambert	Associate Grand Almoner
Rt. Excellent Craig Alan Cox	Associate Grand Almoner
Mt. Excellent Meredith Craig Hutto	Grand Parliamentarian
Mt. Excellent Wayne Sawyer Flora	Associate Grand Parliamentarian
Rt. Excellent Jeremy Brandon Utt	Grand Tiler
Rt. Excellent Clifford Harry Gregory	Associate Grand Tiler
Rt. Excellent Eric John Fierst	Grand Steward
Rt. Excellent Harvey William Spurlock, Jr.	Associate Grand Steward
Rt. Excellent Benjamin Franklin Hill	Grand Historian
Rt. Excellent Timothy Lester Thorman	Grand Musician
Rt. Excellent James Earl Hammond	Grand Physician
Rt. Excellent Emmett Mosley Pate, Jr.	Grand Webmaster

Rt. Excellent Joshua William Payne	Grand Photographer
Rt. Excellent Jack Thomas Moorman	Deputy Grand Treasurer
Rt. Excellent Raymond Howard McCoy, Jr.	Deputy Grand Secretary
Mt. Excellent Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr.	Grand Secretary Emeritus
Rt. Excellent Jay L Cotner	Deputy Grand Secretary Emeritus
Rt. Excellent Randall Wayne Johnson	Grand Lecturer Emeritus

## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia

### District Deputy Grand High Priests

2025 - 2026

Rt. Excellent José Refugio Moreno	District Number 1
Rt. Excellent Ariel Ilano Alcantara	District Number 2
Rt. Excellent Christopher John Knoller	District Number 3
Rt. Excellent Jack Thomas Moorman	District Number 4
Rt. Excellent Jonathan Alexander Giles	District Number 8
Mt. Excellent Dakota Shae Burton	District Number 9
Rt. Excellent Lyle Wayne Hartsock	District Number 10
Rt. Excellent Roger Lee Elkins	District Number 11
Rt. Excellent Jeffery Boardwine	District Number 12
Rt. Excellent Eric Dale Swortzel	District Number 14
Rt. Excellent Dennis George Parmerter	District Number 15
Rt. Excellent Jeffery Lynn Sparrow	District Number 17
Rt. Excellent David Alan Carl	District Number 18
Rt. Excellent Christopher Scott Tripp	District Number 19
Rt. Excellent Norman Dale Fox	District Number 20
Rt. Excellent Henry Patton Strickland	District Number 21



## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia

### “Living Past Grand High Priests

Mt. Excellent Meredith Craig Hutto	1990	“Communication, The Key to Success”
Mt. Excellent Thomas Randolph Jones	1995	“Return And Rebuild”
Mt. Excellent Russel Ghee Snodgrass	2002	“Holiness To The Lord”
Mt. Excellent Phillip Edgar Thiem	2004	“The Keystone of Freemasonry”
Mt. Excellent Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr.	2005	“Commitment To Mankind”
Mt. Excellent Wayne Sawyer Flora	2006	“Pass It On”
Mt. Excellent Charles Warren Wagner	2007	“Rebuilding The Temple”
Mt. Excellent Danny Lee Bowman	2011	“United We Stand”
Mt. Excellent Nelson Crane Trinkle, Sr.	2012	“Perform The Obligations”
Mt. Excellent James Arthur Fields, Jr.	2013	“Service - A Mason’s Way”
Mt. Excellent Donald Leo McAndrews	2015	“God Is Our Guide”
Mt. Excellent Daniel Hufford Surface	2017	“Friendship - Leadership”
Mt. Excellent Joe Gilbert Broce, Sr.	2018	“Lead By Example”
Mt. Excellent Floyd Byron Goodwin	2019	“Soaring To New Heights”
Mt. Excellent Raymond Douglas Steele	2020	“Good Work - Square Work The Foundation of America”
Mt. Excellent Mark Todd Pennypacker, Sr.	2022	“Scripture, Tradition, Reason”
Mt. Excellent Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr.	2023	“Live By The Golden Rule”
Mt. Excellent William Randall Owens	2024	“Be the Light”
Mt. Excellent James Paul Nunn	2025	“Around This Sacred Altar”