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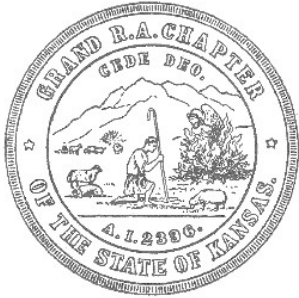
FOR THE 160TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF KANSAS

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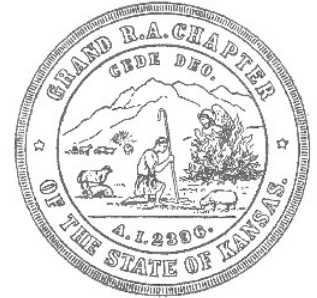
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Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas



M.:E.: Companion Patrick C. Carr, Grand High Priest

2025-2026 Grand High Priest's Report

First, I would like to thank the Companions of the Holy Royal Arch of Kansas for their kindness and confidence in electing me to serve as Grand High Priest for the 2025-2026 capitular year. It has been my honor to have served as the 154th Grand High Priest of our jurisdiction. When the delegates elected me at the 158th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter to serve as the Right Excellent Grand King, I knew we had much work to do. I only hope the work we have completed together while I served as your Grand High Priest has been pleasing in your sight.

Thank you to M.:E.: Companion Wayne H. Rolf, the 151st Grand High Priest of Kansas, for seeing something in me and selecting me as your Grand Royal Arch Captain. I hope my work and dedication over this past year have met the expectations you had when you selected me as your choice to start the progressive Grand Chapter line. I appreciate all you do for Kansas, and all you have done for me for these many years. Your friendship means more than I can put onto paper, and it is an honor to be your Capitular son. Thanks, Pop, for all you do!

E.: Companion L. Kent Needham, thank you for agreeing to serve as the Grand Royal Arch Captain and starting this line which will end with you as our Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The work you put into creating the *Securing Our Future* plan will bear much fruit as we continue to develop and modify the plan moving forward. Thank you for your friendship and your diligence to serve all of masonry in Kansas.

E. Companion Wayne Drake, I want to thank you for stepping up and agreeing to serve as the new Grand Royal Arch Captain when the resignation of Robert Beardsley was accepted. I know you will do well as you advance through this line to become Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Our Grand Secretary, M.:E.: Companion Allan D. Jackson deserves more thanks than I could possibly give him. He was always there to answer my ridiculous 4:00 AM emails concerning either planning, logistics, or wanting advice. He always responded with such warmth and charm, yet deep down, I know I contacted him more than any past Grand High Priest, yet he continued to provide information needed to make decisions and to move our capitular craft forward. Without his diligent work, I could not have accomplished anything this last year.

Thank you to R.:E.: Companion Justin D. Crippen for his hard work in making sure donations to our charity, Royal Arch Research Assistance, was a success for the last capitular year. I had set a personal goal of raising \$5,000 for RARA for this year and he, alongside the members of his committee, E.: Companions James A. Lyle and A.J. Pence, and R.:E.: Companions Juanito Ernacio and Curtis A. Utley, continued to work with our membership and our Chapters to get out the information needed to encourage our Companions to increase their giving to our charity. Our membership responded in kind, and because of their efforts, we donated \$XXX.XX to R.A.R.A. from our jurisdiction during the last year. It is our membership which reached into their own pockets and provided these donations, and I would like to thank each of you for doing that.

Our Junior Past M.:W.: Grand Master, Derik L. Hockett, has assisted me in numerous ways during the last year. From his gentle and wise counsel, I have learned many things. The Grand Master is the leader of the Grand York Rite in Kansas and is the head of the four Grand York Rite bodies. His commitment to our Unity Council, and his tireless work and efforts to continue to bring unity to our jurisdiction have been an inspiration for other Grand Lodges throughout the country. Thank you for your friendship and for your leadership.

I would like to thank Companions Alex Bolinder and Jakob Edmunds, and R.:E.: Companion Juanito Ernacio, who assisted with setting up the quarry and for their laboring physically within the quarry to get it ready for the Quarry Degree. It was a monumental task and you each handled it well and assisted in providing a quality masonic experience to all who attended.

There are so many others who have assisted me, and this Grand Chapter, during the last year. While I wish I could thank all of them, there is not enough time or space for me to make that happen. I will say to each of you, I appreciate all you did for me and especially for our Grand Chapter and I want to thank you for your service to our Grand Chapter and to the Craft here in Kansas.

Thank you to my loving wife, Adriane, who has followed me throughout my many masonic endeavors. You are how I get up in the morning and get everything on my plate completed. You are always there for me and have been willing to step in to serve whenever and wherever needed. You never hesitate to work for the many masonic bodies I am a member of. Your love, kindness, and words of wisdom are the things which have kept me going during the dark times and inspired me to try be more like you. You love unconditionally and with your entire heart and I can only hope to emulate a small part of you each and every day. I love you so much and I wanted to publicly thank you for giving me the confidence to carry on each day with my many masonic endeavors and service. You actually make it happen much more than I do, and I wanted you to be recognized for your service to our Craft as well. I love you!

My travels for this past year have taken me to many wonderful places, where I met with excellent and inspiring Companions and Brothers. I drove a total of 19,634 miles and flew 19,521 miles, which means I traveled approximately 39,155 miles while I served as your Grand High Priest. I have been across the globe and brought something back with me in my heart from each meeting I attended. My hope is I inspired those I met, left them with a good impression of our Companions and Brothers in

Kansas, and represented each of you and our Grand Jurisdiction well. I have assisted with meetings throughout our craft, helped with degrees, or presented Masonic education at many different locations. While I could not list all of them, a sample list of my travels and visits is included in this report.

| Event | Location | Date |
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| McPherson Lodge Education | McPherson, Kansas | May 7, 2025 |
| Grand Master's Quarry Degree Class | Council Grove, Kansas | May 10, 2025 |
| Territorial Capital Dual Lodge Meeting | Fort Riley, Kansas | May 15, 2025 |
| Wichita Chapter No. 33 Official Visit | Newton, Kansas | May 16, 2025 |
| Grand Master's Class | Russell, Kansas | May 24, 2025 |
| Grand Commandery Memorial Service | Junction City, Kansas | May 26, 2025 |
| Goodland Chapter No. 74 | Goodland, Kansas | May 27, 2025 |
| Calvary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine | Newton, Kansas | May 31, 2025 |
| Emblem Presentation (Don Robinett) | Belleville, Kansas | May 31, 2025 |
| Knights of the York Cross of Honor | Baldwin City, Kansas | June 1, 2025 |
| Day the War Stopped Reenactment | St. Francisville, Louisiana | June 7, 2025 |
| Hays Chapter No. 68 Official Visit | Hays, Kansas | June 9, 2025 |
| Missouri Grand York Rite Session | Kansas City, Missouri | June 12-15, 2025 |
| Heartland Job's Daughters Grand Session | Lawrence, Kansas | June 12, 2025 |
| Grand Guardian's Council Installation | Lawrence, Kansas | June 14, 2025 |
| Grand Master's Grand Chapter Festival | Newton, Kansas | June 21, 2025 |
| Grand Council/Commandery Festival | Newton, Kansas | July 12, 2025 |
| Kansas Rainbow Grand Assembly | Wichita, Kansas | July 12, 2025 |
| Great Smokies York Rite Assembly | Maggie Valley, North Carolina | July 13-15, 2025 |
| Iola Chapter No. 8 Official Visit & Emblem Pres. | Iola, Kansas | July 17, 2025 |
| DeMolay Kansas Conclave | Lawrence, Kansas | July 19, 2025 |
| Knight Templar Feast | Emporia, Kansas | July 26, 2025 |
| Salina Chapter No. 18 Official Visit | McPherson, Kansas | July 28, 2025 |
| Kansas Masonic Foundation Trustee Meeting | Emporia, Kansas | August 2, 2025 |
| Rainbow Grand Officer Installation | Haysville, Kansas | August 2, 2025 |
| York Rite Sovereign College of North America | Raleigh, North Carolina | August 8-10, 2025 |
| Ashmole Court No. 181, Athelstan | Emporia, Kansas | August 16, 2025 |
| Kansas College No. 125, YRSCNA | Emporia, Kansas | August 16, 2025 |
| Unity Council Meeting | McPherson, Kansas | August 23, 2025 |
| Calvary Conclave, RCC | Newton, Kansas | August 30, 2025 |
| Newton Yeoman of York Consecration | Newton, Kansas | August 30, 2025 |
| Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 Official Visit | Overland Park, Kansas | September 2, 2025 |
| Keystone Chapter No. 22 Official Visit | Independence, Kansas | September 4, 2025 |
| Missouri York Rite Fall Education Meeting | Jefferson City, Missouri | September 5-7, 2025 |
| The Guild Meeting | McPherson, Kansas | September 13, 2025 |
| Oak Tree Lodge Meeting | Little River, Kansas | September 13, 2025 |

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| South Central York Rite Meetings | League City, Texas | September 19-20, 2025 |
| Midwest Grotto Association | Indianapolis, Indiana | September 26-27, 2025 |
| Scottish Rite Grand Master's Reunion Class | Wichita, Kansas | October 4, 2025 |
| Kingman Chapter No. 71 Official Visit | Kingman, Kansas | October 8, 2025 |
| Winfield Chapter No. 31 Official Visit | Winfield, Kansas | October 9, 2025 |
| 4 th AMD/Knight Masons Ingathering | Emporia, Kansas | October 11, 2025 |
| Canterbury Cathedral Pilgrimage | Canterbury, England | October 19, 2025 |
| Welcome Royal Arch Chapter No. 5055 | Sutton, England | October 22, 2025 |
| Grand Court of Athelstan | Leicester, England | October 24-25, 2025 |
| Kansas Red Cross Statewide Meeting | Topeka, Kansas | November 1, 2025 |
| King David LX, Holy Royal Arch KT Priests | Topeka, Kansas | November 2, 2025 |
| Scottish Rite Honors Day | Wichita, Kansas | November 22, 2025 |
| Yeoman of York Meeting | Newton, Kansas | December 6, 2025 |
| Calvary Conclave, RCC | Newton, Kansas | December 6, 2025 |
| Topeka Chapter No. 5 Official Visit | Topeka, Kansas | January 15, 2026 |
| Junction City Chapter No. 17 Official Visit | Junction City, Kansas | January 20, 2026 |
| Masonic Week 2026 | Alexandria, Virginia | February 5-7, 2026 |
| Pittsburg Chapter No. 58 Zoom Visit | Pittsburg, Kansas | February 19, 2026 |
| Athelstan Court Consecration | Hartford, Connecticut | February 21, 2026 |
| St. Thomas of Acon Consecration | Columbia, Missouri | February 28, 2026 |
| Central Texas Masonic Summit | Dallas, Texas | March 6-8, 2025 |
| Iowa Masonic Education Conference | Cedar Rapids, Iowa | March 14, 2026 |
| Kansas Grand Lodge Annual Communication | Manhattan, Kansas | March 19-21, 2026 |
| Veritas Lodge Education | Guthrie, Oklahoma | April 10, 2026 |
| Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star | Topeka, Kansas | April 20, 2026 |
| Grand York Rite of Oklahoma | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | April 24-25, 2026 |

During these visits, I was either received or recognized as the Grand High Priest or brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. As the R.:W.: Area Deputy Grand Master for Area 3 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas, the Illustrious Captain of the Guard for the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, and the V.:E.: Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, I represented those bodies at various meetings as well. Many of those meetings are not included within this list but have been included in the monthly reports for each of those grand bodies.

Because of the diligent work of our membership, **38** new Companions of the Holy Royal Arch have been exalted and **9** admitted during this capitular year. Our Chapters added an additional **5** members from reinstatement. Some were because of the Grand Master's Classes, and others were because of the hard work performed by each of our Chapters in Kansas. That means we added **52** to our original total of **707** members. We unfortunately had **15** members demit, **14** members who were suspended for non-payment of dues, and, sadly, there were **22** members who passed away during the term. We had a total of **9** errors in our reporting system leaving us with **699** total members. This means we lost a total of **8** members during the Capitular year. When we factor out the number of members who passed away, our Chapters saw an increase in membership of **14** this past year. That is a victory for Royal Arch Masonry in Kansas, and we are stronger and are starting to see more Brothers desire to join the Holy Royal Arch thanks to the tireless efforts of our members.

One of my goals for the capitular year was to visit each Royal Arch Chapter within the state of Kansas during the term. I was fortunate to visit many, but I did not make all of them. I resorted to video conferencing to meet with two of our Chapters. Each Secretary received a letter from me prior to my official visit to let them know I would be attending one of their meetings. I requested the letter be sent to each of their membership to encourage them to attend. This was intended to be a meeting where they could present their likes, dislikes, and their ideas to make their capitular experience better and happier. I enjoyed meeting and speaking with our membership. I wanted to make their experience more fulfilling and to understand their hopes for the future of their Chapters. I hope that was accomplished throughout these visits, but I assure you they made my masonic experience more fulfilling by their attendance and by visiting with me at each of their meetings.

As the editor of the Grand York Rite publications, I continued to develop the quarterly insert for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International newsletter, the monthly update for the three Grand York Rite bodies (*News of the Ark*, *Tales of the Secret Vault*, and *Templars of the Plains*), the quarterly *Letters From York* e-magazine, and the updates to our website. I wrote articles and greetings for each of the publications which contained information about Royal Arch Masonry in Kansas and received articles and input from the officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. I will continue to serve in this capacity as long as I am needed and able.

Communication is a key part of *Securing Our Future*. As Grand High Priest, I wrote a short monthly letter to our membership, which was posted on the Grand York Rite website, Grand York Rite and Grand Chapter Facebook pages, and was sent by email to each member in the jurisdiction near the first of each month.

Another important communication publication was the monthly update, *News of the Ark*, which was posted on the Grand York Rite website each month and emailed to our members. A link to the update was posted on the Grand York Rite and Grand Chapter Facebook pages each month. These monthly updates were written by the officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas and intended to give them the opportunity to start their communication to the Companions as they continued to serve this Grand Chapter.

I was fortunate this last year to be joined in these endeavors by the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Kansas, M.:I.: Companion Gary B. Strout, and Sir Knight Fred Kemp, the R.:E.: Grand Commander of Knight Templars of Kansas. We decided early on in our leadership planning we needed to work as a cohesive team. What was good for one of the Grand York Rite bodies had to be good for the others. We made many decisions together as a team. The three of us have worked together, side by side, to make *Securing Our Future* a success within its infant year. Thank you to each of these great leaders for their assistance, counsel, friendship and actions during the last year. You each have made a difference.

As Grand High Priest, it became my responsibility to interpret the laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, mediate disputes, work within the structure of our bylaws to strengthen our membership, and to provide counsel, make decisions, and perform such other duties as evolved upon me as the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Kansas. My actions during the 159th capitular term can be found below and were submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for their approval. The Grand Secretary, M.:E.: Allan D. Jackson, and my Ark Bearers, M.:E.: Wayne H. Rollf, Jarrod R. Adkisson, and T. Michael Fegan were instrumental in assisting me in making these decisions, and I would like to thank them for their input and their wise counsel on many occasions as I worked to serve this Grand Chapter. My communications, edicts, dispensations, decisions, and actions for the Capitular year 2025-2026 can be found below.

Communications:

- May 2, 2025: Sent a memorandum to the secretaries of each subordinate Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Kansas concerning Article 4-214 of the Grand Chapter Bylaws to remind them of the need to be properly clothed during each meeting by wearing the appropriate apron for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
- May 2, 2025: Sent a memorandum to the secretaries of each subordinate Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Kansas with the dates for the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Official Visit.
- May 6, 2025: Sent a memorandum to the District Deputy Grand High Priests with talking points for their official visits.
- May 16, 2025: Sent a memorandum to the secretaries of each subordinate Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and the Grand Chapter Officers concerning the resignation of Right Excellent Companion Ivan M. DeTevis as DDGHP #3 and the appointment of Right Excellent Companion Curtis A. Utley as the replacement for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Capitular year.
- May 18, 2025: Sent a memorandum to the Finance and Property Committee to advise them as to the status of closed Chapters and their paraphernalia.
- May 25, 2025: Sent four memorandums to the Grand Secretary and others concerning an analysis of the status of several Chapters who have been struggling with membership.
- May 27, 2025: Sent four memorandums to the Grand Secretary and others with updated information concerning and analysis of the ages of those members within those several Chapters who have been struggling with membership.
- May 27, 2025: Sent a memorandum to Hays Chapter No. 68 with instructions on the proper manner to have a vote to permanently move their domicile.
- May 30, 2025: Prepared a memorandum containing M.:E.: Companion Don Robinett's York Rite Masonic History to be presented at his 70th Blue Lodge Anniversary Emblem Presentation.

June 24, 2025: Sent an email to each Secretary requesting a copy of their bylaws and their current fee structure for the degrees be sent to the Grand Secretary.

January 18, 2026: Sent an email to each Secretary requesting the completion of their Annual Returns from 2025 be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Edicts:

May 2, 2025: Edict 2025-001, created the office of Unity Council Grand Representative and appointed R.:E.: Companion Justin D. Crippen to fill the office for the Capitular year.

May 2, 2025: Edict 2025-002, created the office of Grand Piper and appointed E.: Companion Caleb J. Long to fill the office for the Capitular year.

May 2, 2025: Edict 2025-003, created the office of Personal Representative and appointed R.:E.: Companion Matthew J. Rutkowski to fill the office for the Capitular year.

May 2, 2025: Edict 2025-004, created the office of Grand Musician and appointed E.: Companion Dennis L. Reed to fill the office for the Capitular year.

May 2, 2025: Edict 2025-005, created the office of Ark Bearer and appointed M.:E.: Companions Wayne H. Rollf, T. Michael Fegan, and Jarrod R. Adkisson to fill the offices for the Capitular year.

May 16, 2025: Edict 2025-006, accepted the resignation of Right Excellent Companion Ivan M. DeTevis as DDGHP #3, and appointed Right Excellent Companion Curtis A. Utley as the replacement for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Capitular year.

July 4, 2025: Edict 2025-007, ordered draping of the Charters of the constituent Chapters in Kansas in memory of the passing of Most Excellent Companion Oscar Dell Smith, PGHP 1994.

July 5, 2025: Edict 2025-008, ordered Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 to move their Charter from Prairie Village, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas as their new domicile effective August 1, 2025.

August 19, 2025: Edict 2025-009, ordered Hays Chapter No. 68 to move their Charter from Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas as their new domicile effective September 1, 2025.

August 22, 2025: Edict 2025-010, supporting the Resolution of Honor to create Robert Douglas McClarty an Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

October 12, 2025: Edict 2025-011, ordered draping of the Charters of the constituent Chapters in Kansas in memory of the passing of Most Excellent Companion Don E. Robinett, PGHP 1997.

December 1, 2025: Edict 2025-012, accepted the resignation of Excellent Companion Robert Beardsley as Captain of the Host, advanced the line and appointed Excellent Companion Wayne Drake as the Royal Arch Captain and Excellent Companion Warren Hughes as Grand Master of the First Veil for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Capitular year.

Dispensations:

May 14, 2025: Dispensation 2025-001, permitted Lawrence Chapter No. 4 to have one person serve as Secretary and Treasurer and permitted M.:E.: Companion Allan D. Jackson to fill both offices for the Capitular year.

May 14, 2025: Dispensation 2025-002, permitted Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 to move their Charter to Baldwin City, Kansas on June 3, 2025, for a joint conferral of the Holy Royal Arch Degree with Lawrence Chapter No. 4.

May 27, 2025: Dispensation 2025-003, permitted Hays Chapter No. 68 to move their Charter to Russell, Kansas for their June, July, and August 2025 stated communications.

January 18, 2026: Dispensation 2025-004, permitted Goodland Chapter No. 74 to have one person serve as High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer and permitted R.:E.: Companion Michael K Colbary to fill those offices for the Capitular year.

March 20, 2026: Dispensation 2025-005, permitted Wichita Chapter No. 33 to move their Charter to Manhattan, Kansas for a March 20, 2026, called communication.

Decisions:

August 21, 2025: Discovered there was no mention within the Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas concerning the creation and designation of a Companion as an Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest and decided it was within the power and authority of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to make such designation.

September 10, 2025: Asked by Right Excellent Companion Kenneth Foster of Lawrence Chapter No. 1 if it would be acceptable for him to wear a "crown cap" while he presided as High Priest of the Chapter. I decided it was acceptable for the High Priest to wear either a hat of their choice or a red cap/crown cap with the requisite logo of the High Priest on the front.

Actions:

May 10, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Council Grove, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of the Grand Master's Class Conferral of the Mark Master and Past Master degrees.

May 16, 2025: Closed Wichita Chapter No. 33 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

May 24, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Russell, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of the Grand Master's Class Conferral of the Mark Master and Past Master degrees.

May 27, 2025: Closed Goodland Chapter No. 74 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

June 9, 2025: Closed Hays Chapter No. 68 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

June 21, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Newton, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of the Grand Master's Class Conferral of the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Holy Royal Arch degrees.

June 9, 2025: Closed Hays Chapter No. 68 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

June 21, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Newton, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of the Grand Master's Class Conferral of the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Past Master degrees.

July 11, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Newton, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of communicating the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch degrees on several candidates.

July 17, 2025: Closed Iola Chapter No. 8 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

July 28, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in McPherson, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of communicating the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch degrees to Casey Flinn.

July 28, 2025: Closed Salina Chapter No. 18 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

August 30, 2025: Opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Newton, Kansas on an Emergent Communication for the purpose of approving a Resolution of Honor for Robert D. McClarty, making him an Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Kansas.

September 2, 2025: Closed Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

September 4, 2025: Closed Keystone Chapter No. 22 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

October 8, 2025: Opened and Closed Kingman Chapter No. 71 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

October 9, 2025: Opened and Closed Winfield Chapter No. 31 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

October 27, 2025: Closed Salina Chapter No. 18 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

January 15, 2026: Closed Topeka Chapter No. 5 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

January 20, 2026: Closed Junction City Chapter No. 17 in Ample Form at their stated communication.

Recommendations:

While things have been done well in the Grand Chapter here in Kansas, there are things which I either was unable to accomplish, or I believe should continue for the best interest of Capitular Masonry and this Grand Chapter. I would like to propose the following recommendations for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, and for the next M:E.: Grand High Priest, Gary B. Strout, to consider as he continues to work *Securing Our Future* and continually improving our Chapters in Kansas.

Revisit the Grand Master's Classes on a bi-annual basis but become more focused on those who get invited. Possibly invite only Past Masters as a reward for their service and only invite those within a certain geographical area of each Chapter. This would allow for better communication and camaraderie within each Chapter's area.

Continue the monthly letter from the Grand High Priest to our members.

Continue the monthly update publication, *News of the Ark*, on our website.

Continually work with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery leadership on the *Securing Our Future* plan to keep it updated, fresh, and relatable to our membership.

Continue to send a communication from the Grand High Priest to invite each of our membership to the Grand Convocation. Remind the three principal officers of each Chapter of their duty to attend the Grand Convocation and have their voices heard.

Work to add more masonic education to the Grand York Rite website and encourage its use.

Spend more time with the Unity Council and the lodges. Our lodges are who we recruit our membership from and without them we have nothing.

The York Rite Grand Officer Orientation was well received and should continue each year.

The addition of a Grand Chapter Handbook for each officer provided purpose and vision to each of our officers and I believe it should continue.

Continue the Quarry Degree. It was well attended and caused excitement within the Capitular Craft and was highlighted by the General Grand Chapter in the Summer issue of their magazine.

As I depart the Grand East of the Sanctuary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, there are many Companions who I was unable to personally thank within this report. Please remember YOU are what has made our Grand Chapter a success. The influence and usefulness of our beloved Order depends upon the lives our members lead and the example they set before the world. I thank each of you for all you have done for our Grand Chapter, what you continue to do for Masonry, and for your support and love of our gentle Craft. Any recognition during this term was because of the hard work of those who surround me and not of my own accord. The goal for this term of service was to make our capitular craft better. I hope that was accomplished, and if it was, it happened because of the tireless and dedicated efforts of our members. If this endeavor fell short of success, it was because of me alone and the actions are on my shoulders and conscience. I humbly hope my actions have left this jurisdiction and its members more fulfilled, better, and happier.

All the successes we have had during the term of service as your Grand High Priest are attributed to God, who provided me grace and solace when things were rough and showed me there was more to be done in His quarries. His provision of salvation gives me hope for a better and brighter tomorrow each and every day, and His scriptures have provided me with much comfort while I served as Grand High Priest. He is the chief of the corner, the copestone, and our rock.

And finally, permit me to say that since I assumed the duties of the office with which you honored me one year ago, nothing to my knowledge has occurred to mar the general harmony of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and in future years I trust that my memory will revert to the pleasant intercourse I have enjoyed with my Companions during the time it has been my pleasure to act as your presiding officer. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon each of you, as members of the capitular craft; may brotherly love continue to prevail within our hearts and minds; and may the moral and social virtues which inspire us each day continue to strengthen and cement us as we move forward in the discharge of the great and glorious work of rebuilding our own spiritual temples and making each other better and happier.

Fraternally submitted for your consideration,

Most Excellent Companion Patrick C. Carr
Most Excellent Grand High Priest – 2025-2026
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Edict 2025-005

Appointment of Ark Bearers

WHEREAS Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;

WHEREAS It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to provide the Grand High Priest with aides who may provide counsel and wisdom on subjects relating to Capitular Masonry,

THEREFORE I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby create and appoint the Offices of Ark Bearers.

IT IS ORDERED That Most Excellent Companions Wayne H. Rollf, T. Michael Fegan, and Jarrod R. Adkisson will occupy the offices for the 2025-2026 Capitular year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, this 2nd day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Edict 2025-006

Appointment of District Deputy Grand High Priest
for the 3rd Capitular District

WHEREAS Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;

WHEREAS It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to provide District Deputy Grand High Priests to serve the subordinate Chapters within their area,

THEREFORE I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby accept the resignation of Right Excellent Companion Ivan M. DeTevis from the office of District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 3rd Capitular District, and do hereby appoint Right Excellent Companion Curtis A. Utley as his replacement.

IT IS ORDERED That Right Excellent Companion Curtis A. Utley will occupy the office of District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 3rd Capitular District for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Capitular year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 16th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Edict 2025-004

Appointment of Grand Musician

- WHEREAS** *Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;*
- WHEREAS** *Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;*
- WHEREAS** *Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;*
- WHEREAS** *It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to provide proper musical accompaniment to its ceremonies,*
- THEREFORE** *I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby create and appoint the Office of Grand Musician.*
- IT IS ORDERED** *That Excellent Companion Dennis L. Reed will occupy the office for the 2025-2026 Capitular year, and he will be provided with the rank and title of Excellent Companion during his term of office.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, this 2nd day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Edict 2025-002

Appointment of Grand Piper

WHEREAS Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;

WHEREAS It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to provide proper musical accompaniment to its ceremonies,

THEREFORE I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby create and appoint the Office of Grand Piper.

IT IS ORDERED That Excellent Companion Caleb J. Long will occupy the office for the 2025-2026 Capitular year, and he will be provided with the rank and title of Excellent Companion during his term of office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, this 2nd day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Edict 2025-003

Appointment of Personal Representative

WHEREAS *Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;*

WHEREAS *Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;*

WHEREAS *Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;*

WHEREAS *It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be represented outside of the state of Kansas, and;*

WHEREAS *There are Grand Chapters where the Grand High Priest will not be able to travel, or to attend their Grand Chapter Convocations and present greetings from the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas,*

THEREFORE *I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby create and appoint the Office of Personal Representative.*

IT IS ORDERED *That Excellent Companion Matthew J. Rutkowski will occupy the office for the 2025-2026 Capitular year, and he will be provided with the rank and title of Right Excellent Companion during his term of office.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, this 2nd day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.*

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Edict 2025-001

Appointment of Representative to the Unity Council

- WHEREAS** Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;
- WHEREAS** Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;
- WHEREAS** Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;
- WHEREAS** It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be a part of the Grand Lodge of Kansas Unity Council, and;
- WHEREAS** The Grand Lodge Unity Council meets during the Capitular year to work schedule and provide input on times and dates which best suit the interests of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,
- THEREFORE** I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby create and appoint the Office of Unity Council Grand Representative.
- IT IS ORDERED** That Excellent Companion Justin D. Crippen will occupy the office for the 2025-2026 Capitular year, and he will be provided with the rank and title of Right Excellent Companion during his term of office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, this 2nd day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.:Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Edict 2025-007

Draping Chapters in Memory of Most Excellent

Companion Oscar Dell Smith, PGHP 1994

WHEREAS It is the custom of and habit of the Fraternity of Freemasons to commemorate the memory of exalted worth, by acknowledging the passing of a dearly departed Brother by draping the Charter of their Masonic body, and;

WHEREAS Most Excellent Companion Oscar Dell Smith, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Kansas was elected, installed, and served for the capitular year of 1994 as the 122nd Grand High Priest of Kansas, and;

WHEREAS Most Excellent Companion Oscar Dell Smith was born on October 31, 1924, in Chadron, Nebraska, and passed away on June 17, 2025, in Wichita, Kansas. He was 100 years old at the time of his passing, and;

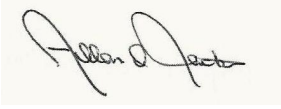
WHEREAS It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to recognize the passing of our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest,

THEREFORE I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby order the Charters of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas be draped in memory of Most Excellent Companion Oscar Dell Smith, Past Grand High Priest 1994.

IT IS ORDERED That all Charters of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Kansas be draped to honor Most Excellent Companion Smith from their July 2025 stated communication until their stated communication in August 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 4th day of July, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:



Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary



Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

EDICT TO MOVE CHARTER

To the High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of Leavenworth Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons of Prairie Village, Kansas:

WHEREAS, there is a need to move the Charter of Leavenworth Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons of Prairie Village to Overland Park, Kansas and;

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear that the resident members of said Chapter are in agreement with the proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby declare the charter of the above named Chapter be moved, and be known as Leavenworth Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons of Overland Park, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such move be effective on August 1, 2025

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary, or member acting officially in such capacity, of Leavenworth Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons of Overland Park, Kansas file all reports and correspondence as Leavenworth Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons of Overland Park, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all properties, accounts, books, and records solely belonging to Leavenworth Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons be moved from Prairie Village, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 5th day of July, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
M.E. Grand Secretary**

Patrick C. Carr

**Patrick C. Carr
M.E. Grand High Priest**

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

EDICT TO MOVE CHARTER

To the High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of Hays Chapter #68 Royal Arch Masons of Hays, Kansas:

WHEREAS, there is a need to move the Charter of Hays Chapter #68 Royal Arch Masons of Hays to Russell, Kansas and;

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear that the resident members of said Chapter are in agreement with the proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby declare the charter of the above named Chapter be moved, and be known as Hays Chapter #68 Royal Arch Masons of Russell, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such move be effective on September 1, 2025

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary, or member acting officially in such capacity, of Hays Chapter #68 Royal Arch Masons of Russell, Kansas file all reports and correspondence as Hays Chapter #68 Royal Arch Masons of Russell, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all properties, accounts, books, and records solely belonging to Hays Chapter #68 Royal Arch Masons be moved from Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 19th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
M.E. Grand Secretary**

Patrick C. Carr

**Patrick C. Carr
M.E. Grand High Priest**

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Edict 2025-011

Draping Charters in Memory of Most Excellent

Companion Don E. Robinett, PGHP 1997

WHEREAS

It is the custom of and habit of the Fraternity of Freemasons to commemorate the memory of exalted worth, by acknowledging the passing of a dearly departed Brother by draping the Charter of their Masonic body, and;

WHEREAS

Most Excellent Companion Don E. Robinett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Kansas was elected, installed, and served for the capitular year of 1997 as the 125th Grand High Priest of Kansas, and;

WHEREAS

Most Excellent Companion Don E. Robinett was born on February 9, 1932, in Randall, Kansas, and passed away on October 11, 2025, in Randall, Kansas. He was 93 years old at the time of his passing, and;

WHEREAS

It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to recognize the passing of our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest,

THEREFORE

I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby order the Charters of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas be draped in memory of Most Excellent Companion Don E. Robinett, Past Grand High Priest 1997.

IT IS ORDERED That all Charters of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Kansas be draped to honor Most Excellent Companion Robinett from their October 2025 stated communication until their stated communication in November 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 12th day of October, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr

M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Edict 2025-012

Advancing the Officer Line and Appointing Officers

WHEREAS

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas permits the Grand High Priest the authority to appoint and install officers after his installation of office, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides for the creation of other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;

WHEREAS It is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to provide Officers to serve the Grand Chapter,

THEREFORE I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby accept the resignation of Excellent Companion Robert D. Beardsley from the office of Grand Captain of the Host, and do hereby appoint the following Grand Chapter Officers: Excellent Companion Andrew G. Mosley as Grand Captain of the Host, Excellent Companion L. Kent Needham as Grand Principal Sojourner, Excellent Companion Wayne D. Drake as Grand Royal Arch Captain, and Excellent Companion Warren L. Hughes as Grand Master of the 1st Veil.

IT IS ORDERED That these Excellent Companions will occupy their respective offices for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Capitular year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 1st day of December 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr

M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Dispensation 2025-001

Allowance for Secretary to serve as Secretary/Treasurer

WHEREAS *Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states the Officers of a subordinate Chapter shall include the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and;*

WHEREAS *Article II, Section 4-201 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states that no officer of the Chapter, other than Trustee, shall be eligible to hold more than one office in the Chapter at the same time, and;*

WHEREAS *Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;*

WHEREAS *An application has been made, and I do find it to be in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, for Lawrence Chapter No. 4 of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to allow the same Companion to serve for a time as both Secretary and Treasurer simultaneously, and;*

THEREFORE *I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby provide a dispensation for Most Excellent Companion Allan D. Jackson to serve as both Secretary and Treasurer for Lawrence Chapter No. 4 for the remainder of the 2025 capitialar year.*

IT IS ORDERED

That Most Excellent Companion Allen D. Jackson will occupy the offices of both Secretary and Treasurer simultaneously for Lawrence Chapter No 4, for the remainder of the 2025 capitular year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter

of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 14th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr

M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Dispensation 2025-002

Permission to Move Charter for Joint Degree Conferral

WHEREAS

Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-109 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states all Convocations of a Chapter shall be held at the place authorized in the Warrant of Constitution, and;

WHEREAS

Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-102 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states Stated Communications shall be held at the time and place prescribed by the Bylaws for holding a Stated Convocation, and;

WHEREAS

Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;

WHEREAS

An application has been made to me by Leavenworth Chapter No. 2, and I do find it to be in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, that Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 move their Charter to Lawrence Chapter No. 4 in Baldwin City, Kansas for the purpose of conferring the Holy Royal Arch degree jointly upon several candidates, and;

THEREFORE

I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby provide a dispensation for Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 to move their Charter from Leavenworth, Kansas to Baldwin City, Kansas for the purpose of conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree with Lawrence Chapter No. 4 on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED

That Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 move their charter on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, to Baldwin City, Kansas for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch Degree on several Most Excellent Masters in a joint meeting with Lawrence Chapter No 4.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 15th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

*Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary*

*Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest*

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Dispensation 2025-003

Permission to Move Charter for Stated Communications

WHEREAS

Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-109 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states all Convocations of a Chapter shall be held at the place authorized in the Warrant of Constitution, and;

WHEREAS

Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-102 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states Stated Communications shall be held at the time and place prescribed by the Bylaws for holding a Stated Convocation, and;

WHEREAS Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;

WHEREAS An application has been made to me by Hays Chapter No. 68, and I do find it to be in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, that Hays Chapter No. 58 move their Charter to Russell Lodge No. 177 in Russell, Kansas for the purpose of their stated communications for June, July, and August 2025, and;

THEREFORE I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby provide a dispensation for Hays Chapter No. 68 to move their Charter from Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas for the purpose of their stated communications on June 9, July 14, and August 11, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED That Hays Chapter No.68 move their charter on Tuesdays, June 9, 2025, July 14, 2025, and August 11, 2025 to Russell, Kansas for the purpose of their stated communications for these months in 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 27th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2555.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson
M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr
M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas
From the Grand East of the Sanctuary
Dispensation 2025-004

Allowance for Secretary to serve as Secretary/Treasurer

- WHEREAS** *Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states the Officers of a subordinate Chapter shall include the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and;*
- WHEREAS** *Article II, Section 4-201 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states that no officer of the Chapter, other than Trustee, shall be eligible to hold more than one office in the Chapter at the same time, and;*
- WHEREAS** *Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;*
- WHEREAS** *An application has been made, and I do find it to be in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, for Goodland Chapter No. 74 of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to allow the same Companion to serve for a time as High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer simultaneously, and;*
- THEREFORE** *I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby provide a dispensation for Right Excellent Companion Michael K. Colbary to*

serve as High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer for Goodland Chapter No. 74 for the remainder of the 2026 capitular year.

IT IS ORDERED That Right Excellent Companion Michael K. Colbary will occupy the offices of High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer simultaneously for Goodland Chapter No 74, for the remainder of the 2026 capitular year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 18th day of January, 2026, A.I. 2556.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr

M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

Dispensation 2025-005

Allow Chapter to Move Charter and Open for Special Meeting

WHEREAS Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-109 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states all Convocations of a Chapter shall be held at the place authorized in the Warrant of Constitution, and;

WHEREAS Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-102 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas states Stated

Communications shall be held at the time and place prescribed by the Bylaws for holding a Stated Convocation, and;

WHEREAS *Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas provides the Grand High Priest the power and authority to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it shall not be in session, and;*

WHEREAS *An application has been made to me by Wichita Chapter No. 33, and I do find it to be in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, that Wichita Chapter No. 33 move their Charter to the Annual Grand Lodge Communication held in Manhattan, Kansas for the purpose of a called communication to conduct business, and;*

THEREFORE *I, Patrick C. Carr, the duly elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, do hereby provide a dispensation for Wichita Chapter No. 33 to move their Charter from Newton, Kansas to Manhattan, Kansas for the purpose of a called communication for March 20, 2026.*

IT IS ORDERED *That Wichita Chapter No.33 move their charter on Friday, March 20, 2026, to Manhattan, Kansas for the purpose of a called communication.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have heretofore set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 20th day of March, 2026, A.I. 2556.*

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

M.:E.: Grand Secretary

Patrick C. Carr

M.:E.: Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter
“Courtesies and Protocol”
2025 - 2026

M.:E. Patrick C. Carr, the Committee on Courtesies and Protocol would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter at this year’s Grand Session. We will do our best to accommodate all visiting Brothers as needed. We congratulate you on a successful year and will do our best to make Grand Session a great event.

As always, it is an honor to serve our Grand Chapter to the benefit of all.

Fraternally submitted,

Wayne Drake, Chairman

H. Wayne Rector (PMEGHP)

Dale Morrow

Committee of Reports of Grand Officers

Your Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas were very actively engaged during this past capitular year. This included over 175 Blue Lodge meetings, 108 York Rite meetings, 69 Scottish Rite and 23 Shrine. Over 33 York Rite degrees were assisted with, as well as 41 helping with additional Grand Master classes. There were 48 official visits, 9 presentations of our charities, 7 checks presented in the name of Kansas York Rite. Invitational bodies continue to grow with over 167 in the varying bodies. In order to share more light, over 22 York Rite education presentations were made.

Our members helped with over 62 blue lodge degrees, 27 DDGM visits, 37 Grand Lodge events, 9 emblem presentations, 16 Schools of Instruction and 20 Masonic funerals. Our Grand Chapter was represented at over 17 events in other jurisdictions and 25 youth order activities. All this as well as many members representing Kansas Grand Chapter at South Central Conference and Masonic Week. In addition, our Grand Secretary spent many hours on zoom calls, meetings and negotiations and visits with hotels to ensure our Grand Sessions come off as smoothly as possible.

This is a small sampling of all the hard work and time and travel your Grand Chapter Officers put in this year to help provide the best possible experiences for our Companions. These numbers in no way signify the complete totals, as there are many officer positions in other local, state and international bodies being held by your officers.

The Committee would like to express our sincere thanks to the Grand High Priest for his faith in us and allowing us to serve our craft.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Andrew G. Mosley, Chairman

M.E. H Wayne Rector (PMEGHP)

E. Kelly J. Long

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2025-26

The committee wish to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Patrick C Carr for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas and her Companions.

The committee wishes to thank Most Excellent Companion, Patrick C Carr as he is also the editor for the new publication that is out now for the Grand Chapter of Kansas. If you visit the kansasyorkrite.org site, you will see the tab for magazines/inserts. Click on that and there you will find the Chapter Notes and the Council Cliff notes. This is where you hear directly for your leaders of the Grand Chapter.

Each month a different Grand Officer is tasked with submitting something for your reading pleasure. You get to read about the different awards and just news from around the state. Besides hearing from the officers! It has been received well by the Companions of the Chapter. As always though our editor needs your help! He needs content, we need more items from the Companions, we do get some but we need more. If you want to help out or have something you want to talk about, please reach out to our editor, Patrick C. Carr at carrs@cox.net.

I wish to Thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Patrick C. Carr for the opportunity to serve him and this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

Fraternally Submitted,

Companion Justin Crippen

Chairman, Publicity and Communications Committee

Past High Priest, Wichita Chapter #33

Committee Members:

Glenn Davis and Thomas Krauss

Grand Chapter Committee Report on Ritualistic Work:

Most Excellent, Grand High Priest Patrick C. Carr and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

First, we are saddened by the loss of our Dear Friends and Companions that have passed away in the last year. They labored in the quarries until they laid down their working tools to join the Great Architect of the Universe. Their ritualistic work and their teaching of the work to the rest of us will be greatly missed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

This Grand Chapter has been involved in several Festivals throughout the state of Kansas this past year.

On Thursday May 1, 2025, the Order of High Priesthood was conferred on several Kansas Capitular Masons at the Annual Meeting of the Grand York Rite of Kansas. Out of state visitors were made Honorary Members of the Order of High Priesthood of Kansas. We thank the players who performed the work, and those who assisted in making it happen, for their hard work.

On Friday May 2nd the Most Excellent John Staton, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of KS, and the Grand Chapter officers opened the Grand Chapter of KS. They did an outstanding job with the ritual work in the opening and the closing. Most Excellent John Staton did a superb job of conducting the Grand Session. We thank him and his officers for doing an outstanding job.

On Saturday May 10, 2025, the Companions of KS performed work at the Grand Masters Class at the Quarry. They conferred the Mark Master and Past Master's Degrees. It was a great day in a wonderful setting, with the players wearing costumes. We thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Derik Hockett for supporting the Grand York Rite of Kansas and for his help with the Grand Master's Classes.

On Saturday May 24, 2025, the Companions of KS performed work at the Grand Masters Class at Russell Lodge. They conferred the Mark Master and Past Master's Degrees. It was another great day filled with great ritualistic work provided by the Companions of KS.

On Saturday June 21, 2025, the Companions of KS performed the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees at Newton Lodge. Those who attended the Grand Master Classes were encouraged to further their Masonic Light in the York Rite by attending this Festival.

On Friday June 27, 2025, the Companions of Kansas traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming where they assisted in conferring the Council Degrees on Saturday June 28th.

On Saturday July 12, 2025, the Companions assisted in conferring the Council Degrees and the Orders of Templary in Newton, Kansas.

On Saturday August 9, 2025, several Companions from Kansas attended the Sovereign York Rite College in Raleigh, North Carolina where the Order of the Purple Cross was conferred upon our very own Most Excellent Companion Patrick Carr, Grand High Priest of Kansas.

On Saturday August 16, 2025, the Companions of Kansas attended the Order of Athelstan and the Kansas York Rite College in Newton, Kansas where they assisted in initiating new members into both of those prestigious organizations.

On Saturday August 31, 2025, the Companions of Kansas assisted in Constituting a new Preceptory of the Yeoman of York at Newton Lodge.

On Saturday October 11, 2025, the Companions of Kansas attended the 4th Annual Allied Masonic Degrees and Knight Mason's Ingathering at Emporia Lodge where they helped to initiate new members for both of those organizations.

On Saturday October 25, 2025, the Companions of Kansas attended a School of Instruction at Palmyra Lodge. The ritual of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery were covered at this very informative school.

On Saturday November 1, 2025, the Companions of Kansas attended the 2nd Annual State-Wide Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Topeka, Kansas where they conferred the Red Cross of Constantine Degrees.

On Saturday December 6, 2025, a new Yeoman of York Preceptory was constituted by Grand Director General Bobbie White, and several members of the Grand Yeoman of York of Missouri at Newton Lodge. Several Companions of Kansas became Charter Members of that organization. Also several Companions attended the Red Cross of Constantine in Newton, Kansas where they helped to initiated new members.

Several Companions from Kansas attended Masonic Week in Washington D.C. from February 4-8, 2026. Some of them helped with the conferral of Degrees. They also helped to constitute a new Preceptory of the Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors for Kansas.

On Saturday February 21, 2026, the Companions of Kansas attended the Athelstan and York Rite College meetings in Emporia, Kansas where they helped to initiate new members.

On Saturday April 24, 2025, several Kansas Companions attended the Grand York Rite Officers Training in McPherson, Kansas.

As you can see by the above schedule, Capitular Masons of Kansas have been very involved in performing ritual work over the past year. We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their continued commitment to Capitular Masonry and to the Grand York Rite of Kansas. We thank them for their hard work in the Quarries of Masonry. If it were not for their help, the many events across Kansas would not have happened. We also thank those companions who worked behind the scenes to help may our ritual work better. We are blessed

in Kansas to have so many Companions that are willing to step up and take on the many responsibilities.

It was a great year for Capitular Masonry in Kansas. Companions came together from every part of the state to put on the work for candidates that were eager to learn. We are blessed in Kansas to have so many Companions that are willing to step up and take on the many responsibilities.

The Committee on Ritualistic Work, thanks Most Excellent, Grand High Priest Patrick C. Carr for giving us the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

H. Wayne Rector, PMEGHP, Chairman
Wayne H. Rolf, PMEGHP
Dale Morrow, PEHP

Paraphernalia Committee

No issues were reported to the committee this year. The paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter is in good order, and no recommendations are made.

Moving forward this committee recommends that an inventory of paraphernalia across the state be compiled and adequate storage be obtained to protect it.

We wish to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for his faith in us to perform these duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan D. Jackson, Chairman
Wayne H. Rolf
Thomas M. Krauss

Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee Report 2025-26

First off, I would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Patrick C. Carr, for the appointment and opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas this past year.

I cannot express how much of a pleasure it has been, to work on putting the knowledge about this program into the hands of Kansas Royal Arch Masons. Most still really don't know how much this Program. Do you know what CAPD stand for? CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESING DISORDER- It is a hearing deficiency that does not allow those afflicted to distinguish sounds that can be heard by those with normal hearing.

So, a jewel was created with a little Kansas touch as is going well. We are almost out of our 1st 50 jewels. We have sold 36 each jewel at this point. I am sure we will sell the rest at session. We did get some numbers this year but not very well. The online system does not work well with the system they use. So sometimes numbers are not right. But we are getting some, so things are changing. To date which is 03/24/26, the state of Kansas has donated \$7,320.00 this year to the RARA. This is by far our best so far, we need to continue the awareness.

Lastly my goal has to been to get the information to the chapters on the RARA and what this wonderful charity is doing for mankind. It truly is a blessing. This was accomplished better this year as our MEGHP appointed for me 3 district chairmen, Companions James Lyle, Ivan DeTevis, and AJ Pence. I did lose Companion Ivan this year as he had to step away to take care of his wife. We did not get the chapter broke up this year, but will next year.

I wish to Thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Patrick C. Carr for the opportunity to serve him and this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. May his future endeavors be cemented in the history books!

Fraternally Submitted,

Companion Justin Crippen
Chairman, Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee
Past High Priest, Wichita Chapter #33

Committee Members:

James Lyle
Ivan DeTevis
AJ Pence

Membership Committee

We thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the appointment and opportunity to serve you and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas this past year.

This has been a very exciting year for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. We enjoyed the opportunity to have four Grand Master Classes where candidates could experience the Grand Chapter degrees in hopes they would be sufficiently impressed to complete the rest of the York Rite degrees. They are as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u># of Candidates Participating</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| May 10, 2025 | Quarry | 8 |
| May 24, 2025 | Russell | 4 |
| June 21, 2025 | Newton | 15 |
| July 11, 2025 | Newton | 3 |

We thank the Grand Master of Masons of Kansas for his wisdom and foresight to allow these Grand Masters Classes to take place.

These opportunities were in addition to normal degree work taking place in our constituent Chapters throughout the year. A recap of membership activity for the constituent Chapters is as follows:

| Chapter # | Chapter Location | Chapter Name | 2024 Mem | Exalted | Admitted | Restored | Demitted | Died | Suspend | Errors | Gains | Losses | 2025 Mem | PLM |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------|---------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----|
| 2 | Overland Park | Leavenworth | 70 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 66 | 24 |
| 4 | Baldwin City | Lawrence | 34 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 37 | 11 |
| 5 | Topeka | Topeka | 63 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 59 | 6 |
| 8 | Iola | Iola | 62 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 58 | 6 |
| 17 | Junction City | Junction City | 49 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 47 | 10 |
| 18 | McPherson | Salina | 43 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 51 | 6 |
| 22 | Independence | Keystone | 39 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 3 |
| 31 | Winfield | Winfield | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 2 |
| 33 | Newton | Wichita | 126 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 126 | 25 |
| 43 | Hiawatha | Mt. Horeb | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 68 | 6 |
| 58 | Pittsburg | Pittsburg | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 28 | 7 |
| 65 | Liberal | Liberal | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 4 |
| 68 | Russell | Hays | 31 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 33 | 0 |
| 71 | Kingman | Kingman | 21 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 26 | 6 |
| 74 | Goodland | Goodland | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 1 |
| 15 | Active Chapters | Totals | 707 | 38 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 53 | 67 | 693 | 117 |

In summary, it was a very busy and exciting year for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Kansas. Thanks to the leadership, dedication, and time commitment of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Patrick Carr, we are experiencing a renewed interest in York Rite Masonry in Kansas. Thank you, Most Excellent Patrick.

We thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve him and this

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas and wish him the best as he now becomes a Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Companion L. Kent Needham, EGPS, Chairman
Companion Andrew G. Mosley, EGCH
Companion Robert D. Beardsley

Perpetual Membership Committee

The York Rite Perpetual Membership Committee is pleased to submit the annual report to the Companions. Prior to providing the details of this report the Committee would like to encourage a review of the current by-laws regarding the membership of the committee for either modification or to assist us, as a governing body, to move into compliance with our own by-laws. For example, in Section I paragraph 3 of the by-laws it states in part that *“The Perpetual Membership Committee shall consist of nine (9) members as follows: three (3) members initially appointed for one, two and three years by each of the presiding officers of the Grand York Rite. Thereafter the presiding officer of each Grand Body will appoint one committee member each year for a three (3) year term.”* In paragraph 4 it goes on to state that *“This Committee shall hold its first meeting at (during) the Grand York Rite Session each year to determine its elected Committee Chairman...”* Currently, the presiding officer of each body establishes their own Committee members and designates their own Chairman and that has changes annually. There are other paragraphs that set out the timing of reports which may not be the best time for the Committee to provide the most accurate information to our members. This information is not intended to be a criticism but to inform future leadership of the discrepancy between the by-laws of the PPLM and our current practices.

With that preamble out of the way, the Committee is pleased to provide the following information for review:

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|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Year End | 2025 | | | |
| Total Int. | \$ 9,000.00 | Annual Return | 4.2067% | |
| | | | | |
| | RAM | KT | CM | Total |
| Principal | \$69,469.64 | \$ 88,191.59 | \$56,285.11 | \$213,946.34 |
| Interest | \$ 2,855.93 | \$ 3,710.43 | \$ 2,367.20 | \$ 8,933.56 |
| Man. Fee | \$ 60.82 | \$ 80.01 | \$ 122.33 | \$ 263.16 |
| Net Int. | \$ 2,760.28 | \$ 3,630.42 | \$ 2,311.31 | \$ 8,702.01 |
| | | | Net Total | \$ 8,965.17 |

The chart above reflects the endowed principle and earnings for all three bodies for the year. Note that the Net Interest of \$2,760.28 reflects on the chart but \$2,824.30 was distributed to the constituent Chapters as detailed in the chart below. The difference of \$64.02 is a bit of a mystery at this point. It is possibly a formula error in the spreadsheet used to calculate the distribution of the funds. Research will be necessary to determine the issue. Fortunately, more funds were distributed to the constituent Chapters than is reflected in the summary.

| Grand Chapter | |
|---------------|-------------|
| GYR | \$ 68.28 |
| Goodland | \$ 18.72 |
| Hays | \$ 17.58 |
| Hiawatha | \$ 136.79 |
| Independence | \$ 37.68 |
| Iola | \$ 118.61 |
| Junction City | \$ 181.84 |
| Kingman | \$ 42.18 |
| Leavenworth | \$ 666.43 |
| Liberal | \$ 138.71 |
| Pittsburg | \$ 258.92 |
| Salina | \$ 98.32 |
| Topeka | \$ 105.15 |
| Wichita | \$ 643.14 |
| Winfield | \$ 53.43 |
| Baldwin City | \$ 238.52 |
| Grand Total | \$ 2,824.30 |

The Committee would like to commend and thank Companion Allan Jackson for his hard work and attention toward the management of the finances of the Perpetual Membership Fund.

We, the members of this Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
Companion L. Kent Needham, EGPS, Chairman
Companion Robert D. Beardsley
Companion Gary A. Mason

The following Committees submitted no report;

Chartered Chapters and Chapters UD
Michael N. Terry, Chairman

Fraternal Relations and Correspondence
Wayne N. Price, Chairman

York Rite Unity
Thomas M. Krauss, Chairman

2025-26 Kansas Chapter Deaths

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|-----------------|---------|--------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| BRYANT | DELBERT | LEWIS | WINFIELD 31 | WINFIELD | 06/04/2025 |
| FISHER | CONRAD | MAX | TOPEKA 5 | TOPEKA | 09/13/2025 |
| FREEMAN | EDWARD | LYLE | WICHITA 33 | NEWTON | 08/05/2025 |
| HALL | ALLEN | DALE | IOLA 8 | IOLA | 12/22/2025 |
| HALL | T | WARREN | HAYS 68 | RUSSELL | 04/21/2025 |
| HOVORKA | LEROY | VIRGIL | WICHITA 33 | NEWTON | 02/10/2026 |
| HURST | JEFFREY | MARK | TOPEKA 5 | TOPEKA | 05/09/2025 |
| JEFFERS | ROBERT | D | MT HOREB 43 | HIAWATHA | 09/18/2025 |
| KING | MICHAEL | WAYNE | LEAVENWORTH 2 | OVERLAND PARK | 02/26/2026 |
| KOHR | GLENN | EARL | SALINA 18 | McPHERSON | 12/23/2025 |
| LASSMAN | KEITH | DONALD | SALINA 18 | McPHERSON | 01/26/2026 |
| MYERS | ROY | D | IOLA 8 | IOLA | 06/20/2025 |
| NOLTE | JAMES | HAROLD | WICHITA 33 | NEWTON | 04/20/2025 |
| OLTJEN | LARRY | M | MT HOREB 43 | HIAWATHA | 12/20/2025 |
| REEVES | ALAN | G | LIBERAL 65 | LIBERAL | 05/17/2025 |
| RILEY | DON | VERNON | LEAVENWORTH 2 | OVERLAND PARK | 12/08/2025 |
| ROBINETT | DON | ELDON | JUNCTION CITY 17 | JUNCTION CITY | 10/11/2025 |
| SMITH | OSCAR | DELL | LEAVENWORTH 2 | OVERLAND PARK | 06/17/2025 |