





**Grand Chapter  
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of Louisiana  
165<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation**

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Richard L. James, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2011



From L to R: RE Grand Treasurer Harold Young, PGHP, RE Grand King Curtis P. Moore, PHP, ME Grand High Priest Richard L. James, RE Grand Scribe Edward A. Reine, KYCH, RE Grand Capt. of the Host Gerald H. Houston, PHP, RE Grand Secretary Timothy J. Riley, Sr., PGHP





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## Address of the Grand High Priest

Richard L. James

To the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana and to our distinguished guests:

### Welcome

It is with great pleasure, personal humility, and pride in the Louisiana Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons that I welcome you to this 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation. This is your Grand Chapter and I encourage you to freely participate, enjoy, and learn from this session for the advancement of Capitular Masonry and for your own enjoyment. We extend a warm and hearty welcome to all of our honored guests and also to our constituent Chapter Officers and members.

### State of the Order

Capitular Masonry in Louisiana has seen some very encouraging improvements. The District Chapters have begun to revive and become more active in improving the degree work and cooperation within the districts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> District has been meeting again after a long period of darkness, the 7<sup>th</sup> District is meeting 4 times per year after more than 10 years of inactivity, and the 6<sup>th</sup> District continues to meet with good attendance.

A number of Chapters struggle to meet, and Palestine Chapter No. 37 in Ruston gave up their Charter until they can gain more interest in their area. On a more positive note, the Columbia Chapter No. 78 is on the move and has operated Under Dispensation for 2011 and is

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recommended to be re-instituted at this Grand Convocation. The three Chapters in the New Orleans area are combining into one strong Chapter to move Royal Arch Masonry forward.

There have been quite a number of very successful York Rite Festivals this year, and many of the Chapters are beginning to do their own degrees at regular meetings. It was unfortunate that several Festivals had to be cancelled, however, due to lack of candidates.

Our overall numbers are decreasing further, partially due to NPD being excessive and deaths of our aging membership are also taking a toll. Many encouraging signs are seen, however, especially in places where the Blue Lodges are on fire, younger members bring their friends, and the York Rite presence is strongly felt in the Blue Lodges. The importance of active participation in the Blue Lodges cannot be over emphasized in membership growth.

#### Necrology

With dear memories and sad regret we mourn the passing of a number of our Louisiana Companions to that House not Made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Our Past Grand High Priest Calvin Rex Woodard passed away in January, 2012. Chairman of the Registration Committee, Jesse Hollingshead was one of those cherished companions. Fortunately, our Louisiana Grand Line remains intact for the year.

#### Officers

I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the hard work and many visits made by the Grand Chapter officers, both elected and appointed. All of the officers have worked hard and supported the programs of the Grand Chapter. Their zeal and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

#### Appreciation

I would like to thank the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth for allowing me to enjoy this wonderful experience of serving the Grand Chapter of Louisiana as Grand High Priest. I would also like to thank my beautiful wife, Janice, for all the things she has sacrificed, endured, and participated in to do all in her power to make my year the best I could have imagined. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the many Royal Arch Masons throughout Louisiana who have contributed to the wonderful fellowship and work that has been done in the state to advance Royal Arch Masonry. Every visit was made very special by the great fellowship, food, and hospitality that were given in abundance. The assistance of the Past Grand High Priests, and the many committee members was also necessary for the success of the past year, and is greatly appreciated. Our Grand Secretary has always been of the greatest help in operation of the Grand Chapter, and his efforts are sincerely appreciated. The arrangements committee efforts and also the support of the ladies could not be praised enough. Thanks to all, and God Bless!

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## Dispensations Granted

Vernon Chapter 51 to elect officers in January, 2012.  
Caldwell Chapter 78 to meet on First Wednesday, April, 2012.  
Feliciana Chapter 11 to elect a new King in April, 2012  
Shreveport Chapter 10 to elect a new Secretary, May, 2012.

## Mergers

New Orleans Chapters are planning to merge into one Chapter in 2012.

## Bylaws Approved

Caldwell Chapter 78 Bylaws were approved.

## Out of State Visits

Thursday, April 29, 2011 - Oklahoma Priory No. 9, KYCH, Oklahoma City, OK  
Friday April 29, 2011 - Oklahoma Grand Chapter, Oklahoma City, OK  
August 26 - 29, General Grand Chapter, International, Raleigh, NC  
September South Central Conference  
October 17-19, 2011 Grand Chapter of Texas

<b>Richard L. James, Grand High Priest In-State Itinerary 2011- 2012</b>	
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Installation
Thursday, March 24, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Thursday, March 31, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Thursday, April 7, 2011	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies
Monday, April 11, 2011	Grand Commandery of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA
Tuesday April 12, 2011	Grand Commandery Installation, Shreveport, LA
Thursday, April 14, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Monday May 1, 2011	Chapter Presentation, District 9 Lodge Meeting, Tioga, LA
Thursday May 5, 2011	Honesty & Integrity, Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Monday, May 09, 2011	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Western Star Lodge, Monroe, 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 12, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA 7:30 pm
Friday May 13, 2011	Caldwell Chapter No. 78, Columbia, LA
Sunday May 15, 2011, 2:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> District York Rite Meeting, Creswell St Temple, Shreveport
Saturday, May 21, 2011	York Rite College No. 99, Alexandria, LA
Wednesday, June 1, 2011	Ascension Day Service, Monroe Commandery No. 7 (a

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	day early)
Thursday June 2, 2011	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies
Saturday, June 4, 2011	Grand Lodge Fish Fry, Alexandria, LA
Sunday, June 5, 2011	Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA
Monday June 6, 2011	Livingstone Chapter No. 16, Bastrop, LA
Thursday June 9, 2011 7:30 pm	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Friday June 10, 2011	Feliciana Lodge No. 31, The Day the War Stopped
Saturday June 11, 2011	The Day the War Stopped Parade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Chapter / Council
Monday June 13, 2011 7:00 pm	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Western Star Lodge, Monroe, 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 18, 2011	Barak Shrine – Arch Program – Represented York Rite
Sunday, June 19, 2011	7 <sup>th</sup> District Chapter – Council, Columbia, LA 2:00 pm
Thursday June 23, 2011 7:30 pm	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Saturday June 25, 2011	Ouachita Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Sunday, June 26, 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> District Lodge, Winnsboro, LA 2:00 pm
Monday, June 27, 2011	Southern Hills Chapter No. 103, Shreveport, LA Program
Thursday June 30, 2011, 6:30 pm	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Thursday, July 7, 2011	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies, Monroe, LA 6:00 pm
Monday, July 11, 2011	Keystone Chapter 44, Alexandria, LA
Thursday, July 14, 2011, 6:30 pm	Giblim Chapter 99, Bossier City, LA
Sunday, July 17, 2011, 2:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> District Chapter / Council, Columbia, LA
Tuesday July 19, 2011	Ascension Chapter, Donaldsonville, LA
Saturday, July 23, 2011, 10:00 am	York Rite Planning Alexandria, LA
Wednesday, July 27, 2011 6:30 pm	Shreveport Chapter 10, Shreveport, LA
Thursday, July 28, 2011 7:30 pm	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Saturday, July 30, 2011	York Rite Festival, Baton Rouge, 315 Convention Street
Thursday, August 4, 2011	Amaranth Assembly, Double Tree Hotel, New Orleans, LA
Monday, August 8, 2011	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Western Star Lodge, Monroe, 7:00 pm
Saturday, August 13, 2011	Either Red Cross of Constantine or Warden's Retreat
Saturday August 20, 2011	York Rite Festival, Western Star Lodge, Monroe, LA
Thursday, September 1, 2011	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies, Monroe, LA
Sunday September 3, 2011 2:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> District Masonic Lodge, Carietta, LA, Gold Honor Presentation
Thursday, September 8, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA 7:30 pm

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Monday, September 12, 2011	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Western Star Lodge, Monroe, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 20, 2011	El Karuba Shrine Arch Program represented York Rite
Thursday, September 22, 2011 7:30 pm	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Western Star Lodge, Monroe, 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 24, 2011	Houma York Rite Festival, Houma, LA
Sunday, September 24, 2011 2:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> District Chapter / Council, Bastriop, LA
Wednesday, October 5, 2011	Caldwell Chapter No. 78, Columbia, LA
Thursday, October 6, 2011	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies
Thursday, October 27, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Saturday, October 29, 2011	Scottish Rite Reunion, Monroe, LA
Thursday, November 10, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Monday, November 14, 2011	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Installed Officers
Saturday, November 19, 2011	York Rite College No. 99, Alexandria, LA
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA, Audit
Thursday, December 8, 2011	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA, Install Officers
Saturday, December 10, 2011	Red Cross of Constantine, Ouachita Conclave, Meeting & Banquet
Monday, December 12, 2011	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Christmas Observance
Monday, January 9, 2012	Monroe York Rite Bodies
Thursday, January 12, 2012	Giblim Chapter 99, Bossier City, LA Presentation
Saturday, January 21, 2012	York Rite Workshop, Alexandria, LA
Thursday, January 26, 2012	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Friday, February 3, 2012	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
Saturday, February 3, 2012	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
Sunday, February 3, 2012	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
Thursday, February 9, 2012	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA EA Degree
Monday, February 13, 2012	Monroe York Rite Bodies, Monroe, LA
Monday, February 20, 2012	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies
Thursday, February 23, 2012	Robert W. Cretney Lodge No. 420, Sterlington, LA
Saturday, February 25, 2012	Shreveport York Rite Festival, Shreveport, LA
Saturday, February 25, 2012	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies, Master Mason Night, Received Award
Sunday, February 26, 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> District Lodge, Monroe, LA Presentation
Thursday, March 1, 2012	Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies
Friday, March 9, 2012	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA
Saturday, March 10, 2012	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA
Sunday, March 11, 2012	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA
Monday March 12, 2012	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA

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## Finance Committee Report

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana:

We, your Committee on Finance wish to report that we have examined the records of the Grand Treasurer along with the reports of the Grand Secretary and have found them to be correct and in agreement for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis P. Moore, GK, Chairman  
 Timothy J Riley, Jr., DDGL, District 6

	Actual	Budget	\$ Over
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Income			
Dividends	\$8,326.04	\$2,800.00	\$5,526.04
Interest	\$1.38	\$0.00	\$1.38
Total Income	\$8,327.42	\$2,800.00	\$5,527.42
Membership			
Affiliations	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Degrees	\$1,560.00	\$1,600.00	(\$40.00)
Per Capita	\$12,718.50	\$15,925.00	(\$3,206.50)
Total Membership	\$14,298.50	\$17,525.00	(\$3,226.50)
Perpetual Membership Fund	\$5.23	\$0.00	\$5.23
Rituals	\$972.00	\$117.00	\$855.00
Total Income	\$23,603.15	\$20,442.00	\$3,161.15
Expense			
Donations			
Coun/Chap Masonic Found.	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Historical	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Mildred Norman	\$696.00	\$696.00	\$0.00
Order of DeMolay (La)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Rainbow Girls (LA)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
RARA Donation	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Total Donations	\$1,696.00	\$1,096.00	\$600.00

Dues & Per Capita			
General Grand Chapter	\$2,431.80	\$2,075.00	\$356.80
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total Dues & Per Capita	<u>\$2,481.80</u>	<u>\$2,125.00</u>	<u>\$356.80</u>
Office Expense			
Electricity	\$115.64		
Internet	\$383.08	\$300.00	\$83.08
Ofc Equipment R&R	\$60.69		
Postage	\$996.44	\$1,200.00	(\$203.56)
Printing	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Rent	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
Software	\$160.70	\$380.00	(\$219.30)
Supplies	\$368.82	\$480.00	(\$111.18)
Telephone	\$444.96	\$300.00	\$144.96
Total Office Expense	<u>\$4,630.33</u>	<u>\$4,960.00</u>	<u>(\$329.67)</u>
OHP Bibles (Purchases)	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Other Expenses			
Apron & Jewels	\$109.00	\$0.00	\$109.00
Arrangement Committee	\$1,622.61	\$2,200.00	(\$577.39)
Bank Charges	\$175.00		
Chairman Foreign Corresp.	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Grand High Priest Gift	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Officers Name Tags	\$529.74	\$400.00	\$129.74
P/Membership Expense	\$31.67		
Print Proceedings	\$473.45	\$1,000.00	(\$526.55)
Promotion & Education	(\$50.00)	\$50.00	(\$100.00)
RAM Rituals	\$820.00	\$450.00	\$370.00
Triennial Expense (Officers)	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$4,061.47</u>	<u>\$4,750.00</u>	<u>(\$688.53)</u>
Payroll Expenses			
Futa	\$40.60	\$46.40	(\$5.80)
Grand Secretary Salary	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00
Medicare Company	\$84.10	\$84.10	\$0.00
Social Security Company	\$359.60	\$359.60	\$0.00
Stenographic Allowance	\$999.96	\$999.96	\$0.00
Suta	\$6.38	\$6.38	\$0.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	(\$11.72)	\$0.00	(\$11.72)
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>\$6,278.92</u>	<u>\$6,296.44</u>	<u>(\$17.52)</u>
Travel Expense			
Grand High Priest	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Grand Secretary	\$1,257.67	\$1,000.00	\$257.67
Total Travel Expense	<u>\$2,757.67</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$257.67</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$21,906.19</u>	<u>\$21,927.44</u>	<u>(\$21.25)</u>



Net Ordinary Income	\$1,696.96	(\$1,485.44)	\$3,182.40
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Other Income			
Charity	\$1,206.00	\$0.00	\$1,206.00
Other Income - Other	\$226.44	\$0.00	\$226.44
Total Other Income	<u>\$1,432.44</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,432.44</u>
Total Other Income	<u>\$1,432.44</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,432.44</u>
Net Income	<u>\$3,129.40</u>	<u>(\$1,485.44)</u>	<u>\$4,614.84</u>

**Proposed Budget**

Jan - Dec 12

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Income

Dividends \$7,200.00

Interest \$1.38

Total Income \$7,201.38

Membership

Affiliations \$20.00

Degrees \$660.00

Per Capita \$13,300.00

Total Membership \$13,980.00

Perpetual Membership Fund \$11.26

Service Item

Rituals \$468.00

Total Service Item \$468.00

Total Income \$21,660.64

Expense

Donations

Memorials \$100.00

Mildred Norman \$696.00

Order of DeMolay (La) \$100.00

Rainbow Girls (LA) \$100.00

RARA Donation \$100.00

Total Donations \$1,096.00

Dues & Per Capita

General Grand Chapter \$2,014.00

Southwest Conference \$50.00

Total Dues & Per Capita \$2,064.00

Office Expense

Electricity \$150.00

Internet \$300.00

Ofc Equipment R&R \$500.00

Postage \$1,220.00

Rent \$2,100.00

Software \$450.00

Supplies \$300.00

Telephone \$420.00

Total Office Expense \$5,440.00

Other Expenses

Apron & Jewels	\$200.00
Arrangement Committee	\$2,200.00
Chairman Foreign Corresp.	\$250.00
Grand High Priest Gift	\$100.00
Officers Name Tags	\$400.00
Print Proceedings	\$400.00
Promotion & Education	\$100.00
RAM Rituals	\$820.00
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$4,470.00</u>
Payroll Expenses	
Futa	\$40.60
Grand Secretary Salary	\$4,800.00
Medicare Company	\$84.10
Social Security Company	\$359.60
Stenographic Allowance	\$999.96
Suta	\$6.38
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>\$6,290.64</u>
Travel Expense	
Grand High Priest	\$1,600.00
Grand Secretary	\$800.00
Total Travel Expense	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$21,760.64</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(\$326.03)</u></u>

## **Foreign Correspondence Committee**

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions:

All foreign correspondence has been handled through the Grand Secretary's office which consisted of routine requests or changes in other Grand Jurisdiction=s Secretaries, approvals for Grand Representative appointments, request for demits and other clerical items.

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, wish to give and recommend approval to the several acts of the Most Excellent High Priest referred to us.

We approve of the commissions issued and received, and commend the Most Excellent High Priest on his choice. We can assure the membership that the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was represented in a pleasing manner, on all visits made by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in state and out of state.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy J. Riley, Chairman

## Law and Jurisprudence Committee Report

To: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana;

We, your committee on Law and Jurisprudence have reviewed that portion of the M.E. Grand High Priest's report which was assigned to us by the committee on distribution. This includes his report concerning dispensations granted, by-laws approved and mergers. We find that the M.E Grand High Priest has acted well within his power and duties. We therefore approve this portion of his report.

One resolution has been received by the Grand Recorder. The resolution by Timothy J. Riley, PIGM, was received on September 01, 2011. This resolution #2011/12-1 has been duly filed, is in accord with the laws of the Grand Council and may be received by a majority vote of the Representatives in attendance. This resolution deals with the increase of \$1.00 assessment annually for each member on the rolls during the year, for this purpose of defraying the cost of the Annual Grand Assembly.

Resolution #2010/11-3 by Bowdre McDowell, PIM and Lloyd A. Hebert, PIM was received on February 15, 2011. The resolution was not duly filed in accord with the laws of the Grand Council. The resolution was received in the 2011 Grand Assembly and held over to the 2012 Annual Grand Assembly for voting. It may be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Representatives in attendance at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

Any resolutions received during the Grand Chapter of 2012 must be held over until the next session and be received by a two-thirds majority. Except as may be separately stated, the committee expresses no opinion as to resolutions to be considered by the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally Submitted,

Howard F. Entwistle Jr., PGHP, Chairman

Earl J. Durand, PGHP

Harold H. Young, PGHP

Harold F. Carlisle, PGHP

## **Grand Chapter Long Range Planning Committee**

To Most Excellent Grand Master and Grand Officers:

This committee does not know if one year is enough time to promote long term planning. They need to track, income, deaths, demits, and incoming new members. This way they can help plan long term. The following are a few ideas that we think will help with future planning.

- A. Every group should have a plan for the coming year.
- B. Have a budget to know the financial of each group.
- C. Know where they will be, or want to be in two years, five years or longer.
- D. Prepare a calendar for the coming year, programs, goals, etc.
- E. Plan to hold festivals on a regular basis, same dates each year, this allows members to plan to attend state wide. Hold programs to discuss the meaning of the Ritual, promote interest among the members.

These are some of our thoughts for future committees.

Edward A Reine Grand Scribe Chairman

William Mollere

Howard F. Entwistle PGHP

Gerald H. Houston

## Membership Committee Report

December 25, 2011

To: Most Excellent Companion Richard L. James,  
Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana

RE: Membership Committee Report

Greetings Most Excellent Sir:

On behalf of the outstanding Royal Arch Masons on this Committee, we accepted as a great honor the job you gave us in appointing us to the Grand Chapter Membership Committee.

We knew our mission and our goal for this year:

Our Mission: To increase the number of Royal Arch Masons by adding new members, reduce the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, reduce the number of demits, if possible, and by these measures, to offset the Membership Deaths that would surely occur.

Our Goal: To have a positive year in the overall membership in this Grand Chapter.

Your Membership Committee respectfully reports the following activity and statistics for the calendar year 2011 as pertaining to Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction:

As you know, the economy of Louisiana, the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of Masons has been declining for the past fifty years. It is therefore our duty to report for this year a very modest net loss of 54 Companions in membership. The constituent chapters did a masterful job in securing new members and recruiting old members who had let their membership lapse. Your Committee's involvement was mostly in providing an adequate supply of petitions for the York Rite, speaking for the York Rite at Masonic meetings, and, in the personal communication with the chapters in the process of setting up, or putting together, festivals. We wish to commend our chapters and individuals who have worked so diligently in recruiting new members, recruiting our old members to re-instate their membership, and, in their efforts to have meaningful meetings, to retain existing members.

The membership committee would like to encourage the officers of each chapter to encourage each active member to work for at least one new member each year.

As your successful year comes closer to its end as Grand High Priest, we look forward to submitting this report at the Grand Chapter of Louisiana in Shreveport, LA in March 2012.

Your humble servants in Christ,

The Membership Committee  
John E. Vines, II PHP

Finly S. Stanly, PGHP  
Billy R. Foley  
John W. Lutes, PHP  
Robert E. Bazzell , PHP  
Larry J. Plaisance, PGHP  
John L. Belanger, PGHP  
Andrew H. Stevenson



## **Report of the Necrology Committee**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

Your Necrology Committee is happy to report that the Almighty has spared the Grand Line during the past year. We must, however report that Past Grand High Priest Rex Woodard was called home to the nearer presence of God.. In addition a number of our companions from the various Chapters in the state have also been called home. Though gone, they will not be forgotten for they will live on in our hearts and in our memories.

An appropriate Necrology Service was held during the Grand Session to honor these beloved companions whose memory we hold in the highest esteem.

Fraternally Submitted

Tom Brown, PGHP

For the Committee

York Rite

**Perpetual Membership Committee Report**  
(Grand Chapter)

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

Your committee on Perpetual Membership respectively reports the following activity and statistics for the calendar year 2011 as pertaining to Perpetual Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction:

	December 31, 2011
Membership in Program	325.00
Honorary Perpetual Memberships	1.00
Memorial Perpetual Memberships	3.00
Dollars Invested	\$69,225.42
Number Chapters Participating	23.00
Percent (%) Chapters Participating	79.31%

2011 Average Return on Total Invested Principal = **5.16%**

Most Excellent Sir, on December 31, 2011, we completed Sixteen years and three months of participation and activity in the York Rite Perpetual Membership Program. Under your leadership, the dollar amount invested grew by a total of \$2,865.82. The companions have studied this magnificent program and have ratified the concept by their acts of participation. We believe, from the bottom of our hearts, that the Program is indeed the ultimate financial salvation of our constituent Chapters and the Grand Chapter. Many Louisiana Chapters, due to large numbers of membership participation, have, in effect, partially or wholly endowed their Chapter. It is important for us to remember that our dues continue to be paid to our Chapter, even after our death. The Chapter loses us in body and mind, but our investment continues to furnish our Chapter with revenue, even after our passing. Financially, our Chapter can, in effect, grow even though our actual membership numbers may decrease.

In conclusion, and with pleasure, I commend to you, Most Excellent Sir, for special and well deserved recognition, the members of your Perpetual Membership Committee: Companions E. L. "Blue" Archer, Jr. and Roy B. Tuck, Jr., P.G.H.P. Each of these committee members go those many "extra miles" to effect the success of the York Rite Perpetual Membership Program. For their dedication and service, we are eternally grateful.

Fraternally submitted,



Allen G. Tidwell, P.H.P.,  
Chairman

### **Promotion and Publicity Committee Report**

There was no organized promotional activity by the committee this year.

W. A. Morris, PHP, Chairman

James D. Parker, PGHP

Earl J. 'Mickey' Durand, PGHP

C. Rex Woodard, PGHP

## Grand Chapter Secretary's Report

To: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions.  
 Statistics

Chapters on Roll, January 1, 2011		29	
Chapters on Roll, January 1, 2012		29	
Degrees Conferred		240	
Membership	Work		
		1/1/2011	2270
	Exalted		60
	Corrections		2
	Affiliated by Demit		0
	Affiliated by Transfer		1
	Affiliated by Plural Membership		6
	Reinstated		7
Total Gain			76
	Demitted		(19)
	Demitted by Transfer		(1)
	Died		(74)
	Suspended NPD		(73)
	Suspended UMC		(2)
	Dropped		(10)
Total Loss			(179)
Net Gain/(Loss)			(103)
Membership		12/31/2011	2167

### Chapter Wins Bible

Ascension Charter No 18 won the Traveling Bible with 18 Points

### Certificates

All certificates issued and passing through this office have been recorded.

### Closing

I wish to thank all the Secretaries for the work they have done this past year. There have been several new ones and I know that there is a dire need of education on timeliness and forms for reporting. Timeliness is something has seemed to go by the wayside. It has been a pleasure working with ME Richard L. James this past.

Fraternally Submitted,  
 Tim Riley  
 Grand Secretary

## Report of the Grand Chapter Treasurer

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana, I am pleased to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2011:

As of December 31

	2010	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Checking		
Capital One 5720019231	\$5,921.59	\$2,734.36
Total Checking	\$5,921.59	\$2,734.36
Investments		
Wachovia		
Cash, Money Fund & Banking	\$14,440.40	\$10,441.78
Mutual Funds		
Bond Fund of Amer Inc Class C	\$93,496.53	\$98,788.30
Capital Income Bldr FD Class A	\$20,328.94	\$20,910.03
Capital Income Bldr FD Class C	\$57,246.14	\$58,408.82
Income Fund of America Class A	\$20,555.21	\$21,702.64
Income Fund of America Class C	\$61,775.22	\$64,732.29
Total Mutual Funds	\$253,402.04	\$264,542.08
Total Wachovia	\$267,842.44	\$274,983.86
Total Investments	\$267,842.44	\$274,983.86
Total Checking/Savings	\$273,764.03	\$277,718.22
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	\$61.88	\$1,188.19
Total Accounts Receivable	\$61.88	\$1,188.19
Total Current Assets	\$273,825.91	\$278,906.41
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	\$10,237.55	\$10,237.55
Total Fixed Assets	\$10,237.55	\$10,237.55
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$284,063.46	\$289,143.96

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities

\$238.46

\$275.56

Triennial Expense

\$900.00

Total Other Current Liabilities

\$1,138.46

\$275.56

Total Current Liabilities

\$1,138.46

\$275.56

Total Liabilities

\$1,138.46

\$275.56

### Equity

Market Loss/Gain

\$5,811.71

\$8,625.71

Retained Earnings

\$269,040.54

\$277,113.29

Net Income

\$8,072.75

\$3,129.40

Total Equity

\$282,925.00

\$288,868.40

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$284,063.46

\$289,143.96

Fraternally submitted,  
Harold H. Young, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer

## Youth Committee

March 12, 2012

As submitted by Email

Bro Richard. The following is tendered in response to your kind request relative to the Committee on our Youth of which I am Chairman. The year was very successful with both The Order of DeMolay for boys and The Order of Rainbow for girls showing an increase in membership. Our youth advisors are to be commended for their dedication. DeMolay in Monroe or the Northeast portion of our State was able to establish and install an active chapter with a full compliment of young men. One of our Lodges in the Shreveport has agreed to sponsor our Chapter there in the Northwest portion of State. Lake Charles functions however is looking for more sponsors to complement the young men of the chapter. Baton Rouge continues to be our most active Chapter. The advisors in New Orleans have yet to reorganize two chapters in the Southeast portion of the State however the potential is bountiful. It was truly a dynamic year. It also is my last year of my five year commitment to the Order as I have retired. I recommended Dad Nick Auck to the Grand Master of DeMolay for my replacement. It was done and approved by our Grand Master MW Bro. Bev Guillot. Dad Nick has a true love and dedication for DeMolay having served as State Master Counselor in Arkansas before coming to Louisiana. With our W. Bro Nick as Executive Officer the future of DeMolay is in good hands. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

I remain Sincerely and Fraternaly, Clayton J. "Chip" Borne, PGM, Chairman

**Grand Chapter Resolution 2011-12 Number 1**  
Received 9/1/2011

Where as

The economy of today having increased all expense for all occasions and

Where as

From since taking over the Grand Secretary's position the total Per Capita collect has all gone into the General Fund and a Budget line has ear marked for the use of One Dollar per Gross member of the Per Capita for the Grand Convocation taken from the Per Capita Collected

Therefore let Section 4 Per Capita & Assessments be amended from:

Each Chapter in this jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Chapter annually Seven Dollars (\$7.00) (2006) for each member on its roll during the year, five dollars (\$5.00) for each degree conferred, ten dollars (\$10.00) for a Member transferring membership from one Chapter to another and ten dollars (\$10.00) for a dual membership. Each chapter shall also pay to the Grand Chapter annually, for the purpose of funding the Annual Grand Convocation and supporting the operation of the Grand Chapter, one dollar (\$1.00) for each member on its roll during the year. And the Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Louisiana, shall provide by budget and appropriation funds for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Annual Grand Convocation; And the Grand High Priest and the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee shall provide the Grand Secretary and The Finance Committee with a full and complete account of the expenses of the Annual Grand Convocation; And funds budgeted for the Annual Grand Convocation which are not required for said purposes shall be returned to the General Revenue Fund; And the levy provided for herein shall be collected by the Secretary of each Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction along with all other dues and transmitted to the Grand Secretary; And the provisions hereof shall become effective on the first day of January, 2009. If any Companion demits from any Chapter in this state and affiliates with another Chapter in this state during the same year, only the first named Chapter from which the Companion demitted shall owe dues on his account. The Grand Chapter will remit per capita tax on all Companions in the armed forces where their dues are remitted by their Chapters, for the duration of the war. Any Companion Royal Arch Mason who has held membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for 50 years, at least 25 years of which membership has been in a Constituent Chapter of Louisiana, shall be exempt from Grand Chapter per capita tax, fees, or assessments for the remainder of his life provided that this exemption does not apply to any plural or dual membership in Louisiana to which he does not otherwise qualify. [1999-2000]. His dues must be paid in full for "Good Standing Recognition."

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**Fees:** Each Constituent Council in the jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Chapter Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each degree conferred. In the case of a member



transferring his membership from one Louisiana Chapter to another within the state Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for a dual membership.

**Per Capita:** Each Constituent Chapter in the jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Chapter the sum of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) (2006) for each member on its rolls and this shall be known as the Gross members for the year. In the case of an Affiliation by transfer only the original Chapter shall be liable for per capita tax and assessments for the year.

**Assessments:** Each Chapter shall also pay to the Grand Chapter, annually, for the purpose of funding the Annual Grand Convocation and supporting the Grand Chapter, the sum of two dollar (\$2.00) per member for each member on its roll during the year (Gross Members) for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Annual Grand Convocation. And the levy provided for herein shall be collected by the Secretary of each Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction along with all other dues and transmitted to the Grand Secretary. And the provisions hereof shall become effective January, 2013.

**Exceptions:** Any Companion Royal Arch Mason who has held membership in a Council of Royal Arch Masons for 50 years, at least 25 years of which membership has been in a Constituent Chapter of Louisiana, shall be exempt from Grand Chapter or Constituent Chapter dues, fees, assessments or per capita tax for the remainder of his life, provided that this exemption does not apply to any plural or dual membership in Louisiana to which he does not otherwise qualify. Constituent Chapters of this jurisdiction are not required to pay per capita tax on any member who is interdicted during the period of his interdiction.

Submitted By:

Timothy J. Riley, PHP  
Grand Secretary

### **RAM Resolution 2010-11 3**

Whereas our current Grand Chapter Law has no provisions for exemption of Per Capita;

Therefore the following is proposed:

Secretaries of constituents Chapters, prior to suspensions of members who qualify,

ascertain their conditions i.e. twenty years or more membership, ill and/or incapacitated,

home bound or confined to a care facility, etc.) be exempt from Per Capita as long as

their Chapter dues are remitted.

Received from PHP Bowdre McDowell & PHP Lloyd A. Hebert 2/15/2011



**Timothy J. Riley, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master 2011**



From L to R: RI Grand Treasurer Harold H. Young, PIM, RI Deputy Grand Master L.E. Payne, PIM, MI Grand Master Timothy J. Riley, Jr, RI Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Larry J. Plaisance, PIM, RI Grand Conductor of the Council Carle L. Jackson, PIM, RI Grand Recorder Timothy J. Riley, Sr., PIGM



## **Illustrious Grand Master Address**

Officers, Companions, visitors and out-of-state guest, welcome to the 157th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Mason of the State of Louisiana. I hope that you have a great time and enjoy yourself while visiting our corner of the state here in Shreveport. If there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, let myself or the Arrangement Committee know.

I want to take this time to thank everyone who has worked hard to make this combined Grand Session and Grand Conclave an enjoyable meeting for all the Companions and Sir Knights. Howard, thanks for all your hard work and the time you and the arrangements committee have put into this meeting. To all our ladies, thank you for everything you have done to keep us organized at this session, thereby allowing this meeting to run smoothly. To the fine staff of Holiday Inn Financial Plaza, you have been a pleasure to work with and thanks for making our stay a pleasant experience. There are many more I know I have missed. They each know who they are, and I would like to say thanks.

I would be remiss if I did not say that the last year I was fortunate to work with two of our great Masons. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Keith Powell, and our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Richard James who were both a pleasure to work with this year. These two men and their ladies were always there rain or shine. Without their teamwork and efforts this session would not have come to fruition.

I was fortunate to be invited to several out-of-state events in which I could represent this great state. For every mile traveled there was a new friend found. I believe that is the way life and Masonry should be. On every stop of this journey I have met a new friend for life. It may have been someone I just met or an old acquaintance I learned more about. There was never a moment I would have traded anything for in the world. The companions in each state I was invited to visit were always hospitable. To our visiting Companions, I hope your visit is as much fun and entertaining here in Louisiana, as my visit was to your fine state. I believe Masonry is strong through-out our great nation and will only continue to get stronger with each living stone added.

### **Grand Officers**

I would like to thank all the Grand Officers, elected and appointed, for all their hard work. I am proud of our Grand Officers and Representatives in all that they have done this year. Without their support this year would not have been possible. These men have traveled many miles over the last months working diligently throughout the state supporting Masonry in all aspects. They have represented the Grand Council and state, throughout the South-Central area of our nation, in a manner that would be pleasing in your sight. I am proud to say that Louisiana was very well represented this year at both the General Grand Council's Tri-annual session in North Carolina and South Central Conference held in Missouri. You should be proud of all our companions that were able to attend, I know I am.

### **District Deputy Grand Illustrious Masters**

Every one of these men served their office with great distinction. As a representative of the East they showed why they were the men of choice, Ish Sodis. Without your support and knowledge we would surely be in trouble around the state. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for a job well done.

### **District Deputy Grand Lecturers**

As the bookkeepers of the Ritual work you have a never ending task. Sometimes you may feel those efforts are falling short. You may also feel that you are fighting an uphill battle. But, take pride in those efforts. When visiting some areas a second time I could see your teachings are making a difference. I am proud to say I can see the progress made over the last 12 months. I want to thank all our Lecturers for their long, never ending tasks that they do year in and year out.

### **Committees**

Committee members of the Grand Council Committees, thank you for everything you have done to make this last year a positive one. The Grand Council is fortunate to have these strong companions. Their active roles help keep the Grand Council functioning. Each one of you plays a vital part in our fraternity.

### **Dispensations**

8/26/2011 Fullerton 26 to elect Officers for 2011

4/11/2011 Jack L. Stephens to elect an install a new Recorder

11/20/2011 Joseph W. Robinson 36 to hold their November meeting on the 30th since their regular was Thanksgiving Day

8/4/2011 Louisiana 2 and St. Bernard 54 to start meeting with Orleans 35 for the next 4 months to determine if they wish to consolidate.

1/6/2012 Fullerton 26 to elect Officers for 2012

### **By-Laws Approved**

Shreveport 23 Rewrite

Calcasieu 19 Rewrite for meeting times, elections and dues & fees

### **Councils Merged**

Dispensation was granted for Louisiana Council #2 and Saint Bernard Council #54 to start meeting with Orleans Council #35 for a period of 4 months to discuss consolidating. There has not been an official request made to merge these councils at this time

### **Charters Issued**

Under my orders, John Vines, DDIGM#7, was asked to form a committee to investigate Columbia Council #44. The committee was sent to investigate Columbia Council # 44 on their ability to perform the needed work for a Council in the jurisdiction of Louisiana's Grand Council. Columbia Council # 44 had been issued a Dispensation for the previous year by M.I. Vernon R. Atkinson to open and learn the needed work. The committee did find Columbia Council # 44 to be proficient in their work. I recommend that they be returned their Charter at this Grand Assembly.

### **Charters Surrendered**

Under my orders, John Vines, DDIGM District 7, was sent, with a committee, to Ruston Council #53. John was instructed to review their books and verify they have had a meeting in the last 12 months. If not offer them three options. Their options were first to hold election and install officers, second surrender their Charter, or third have the Charter arrested by the Grand Council of Cryptic Mason of Louisiana. John explained to the members present that the second option was in their best interest if they could not hold elections. This allowed for them at a future time to re-apply for their Charter under dispensation, should they have enough interest in the local community from companions in good standing with the Grand Council. He also explained to the companions present that not having a meeting for over 2 years and not paying the required per capita in 5 years gave the Grand Council the authority to arrest the Charter for violation of the Grand Council By-Laws. He explained that this was not the option I preferred. At this point the companions present chose to surrender their Charter for lack of participation. Copies of John Vines reports have been filed with the Grand Recorder.  
Grand Reps to Recommend

Arkansas – Timothy J. Riley, Jr.

Mississippi – Robert Laurants

North Dakota – John Vines

Wyoming - Vernon E. "Gene" Dawson

England and Wales – John Sharlow

Grand Reps Approved

Philippines - Antonio Limpoco III

Kentucky - Jesse Ray Sims

### **In State Visits**

I do not think it is necessary to list every local meeting I attended. Those meeting not listed are regular meetings for me and not official visits. Nor am I going to list second visits.

Louisiana Grand Commandery Conclave

Ish Sodi Council #47

District #6 Chapter/Council

Baton Rouge's Chapter Council Festival

Amaranth Grand Session

Shreveport Council #23

Monroe's York Rite Festival



Columbia Council #44 (Working under dispensation)  
Houma's York Rite Festival  
Red River Council #53  
State York Rite Festival, Lafayette  
Alexandria Workshop  
Louisiana Grand Lodge  
Combined Grand Session/Conclave

### **Out-Of-State Visits**

Oklahoma Grand Session  
Triennial Chapter/Council – Raleigh, North Carolina  
South Central Chapter/Council Meeting – Kansas City, Missouri  
Texas Grand Chapter/Council Session

### **State of the Order**

The State of the Order on all levels, the national level, state level, and local level in Cryptic Masonry can be summed up in one word, declining. Unfortunately the triangle in our emblem is not the only thing broken. The sad thing is that there are only a few things that need attention.

In my travels over the last year around the state I saw a lot of good work and a lot of fine companions. Every visit was met with good old-fashion southern hospitality. At each meeting the members present put forth a valiant effort to do their respective jobs. Yet, I started to notice a few trends in all four corners of the state. One trend, the Ritual was being used in positions that companions were not confident enough in their ability. The second trend seems to be that Cryptic Masonry is playing second fiddle to all other forms of Masonry. And another is that we rely on the same companions all over the state to be the manpower for the state.

As I traveled I was able to observe several degrees, several openings and closings of the local councils. I saw a lot of Rituals in a lot of hands. Most of the time the ones using the Rituals did not need them and the Ritual was actually hampering their efforts. They knew the work but were apprehensive to work without the book. I believe in each and every one of our companions and their ability to perform the work. So I ask each of you, when you see a companion doing good work let him know that he did a good job. And, when you see a companion struggling, remember our vows as Masons, the vow we all took, "whisper words of kindness in his ear" and try to assist him. We all need a little help every now and again.

The other thing I noticed was even more alarming. It came to my attention we are not doing our craft any favors. Everyone should remember that the Cryptic Masonry is not any different than any of the other parts of York Rite Masonry. From the Blue Lodge Degrees to the Commandery Orders, Cryptic Masonry is just as important. The Cryptic Degrees are just as much a part of our stairway as the other steps in Masonry. There are four parts to York Rite Masonry. Without the Cryptic Degrees, not only is our stairway shorter, but we become less enlightened. The Cryptic work is beautiful work and very enlightening when done right. We learn the history of our ancestors and what an impact they made on all our teachings. Without them there would be nothing to find in the Chapter degrees and we would not know the answer to the substitute we received as Masters. We need to treat our Cryptic Masonry work just the same as our Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery work. When we do our openings, closings and

degree work we should treat them with the same respect that we treat the Blue Lodge work. The Council it is a progression, another portion of light in Masonry. Let it SHINE! Finally, Cryptic Masonry is declining. No one person made this happen. And this did not happen in one, or two, or ten years. Cryptic Masonry slid and declined over several years. And we are not going to correct it in a short period of time either. This will take several years and all the companions, as I mentioned before.

History shows we have not always been open to change. In the past, not staying connected with our society or the needs of our fellow companions has hurt us. As companions, we need to share the responsibility of reviving Cryptic Masonry. All around Masonry, we rely on the same men. We refer to them as "The Go to Guys". These are the men everyone calls on when things need to happen. Their plates are running over Companions. We cannot ask them to take on this responsibility by themselves anymore. We should strive as a team to help them.

With some help from everyone we can turn some of this around. But it will require everyone from Grand Officers to the newest companion. We just need to pay a little more attention to these issues. If we do this as a team, we can turn things around again for Cryptic Masonry, polish it and, as I said before, let it SHINE!

### **Recommendations**

As with any organization or in life there are several highs and lows. We have all seen our fair share of both. I do not want to harp on the negatives but I would like to make a few suggestions on how we can improve ourselves as a fraternity.

Our first goal should be to work harder on Unity among our membership. We need to unite the Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights between Masonic Bodies and throughout Masonry in general. There should not be any lines drawn between any parts of Masonry. We need to erase all the boundary lines in Masonry, north, south, east, and west, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and etc. and work as one through-out Masonry.

Looking back at our proceedings, from years past, I found something that my grandfather, one of our Past Illustrious Grand Master, had in his recommendation column one of his years. This is something that he wrote in the last paragraph; it reads "We need to continue our efforts to expose ourselves to the public. Like attending public functions, conducting open meetings, where non-Masons and family are invited." I, too, agree with this. This leads me to my next recommendation for our future.

We should take advantage of technology. We as Masons need to use the technology available to us to communicate to everyone in and out of Masonry. We can send emails about meeting times and places. We can use the world wide web to let the Brothers, Companion, Sir Knights and the communities around us know what we are doing and where we are located. We have long left the days of sending our message out and having it be delayed by days or weeks. The last carrier pigeons have flown, the pony express has made its last ride, and snail mail is now creeping on its way. Let us step forward and grasp the future of technology. The electronic era here is where our future companions are looking for and receiving their information. We need to get our name out in the public and get more involved with the public. That being said, we do not need to stop using all the other forms of communication. We need to add to them.

Another thing, all around Masonry, we rely on the same men. Companions, we need to share the wealth. As Masons we need to get our young members more involved. I have heard this said at several festivals over the years. Everyone at one point sees a man

stand up and say “We need you to attend and become an active member.” Yet at the next festival who do I see, “The Go to Guys”. It is time we let the new young Companions become active members by placing them in active positions. Let’s get the new members into a position to learn the work. We are a learning fraternity, so let’s teach our companions. Every time a new companion joins a council he should be assigned a mentor. This will give the mentor the chance to enlighten the companion with his experience. And give the newest companion a chance to participate and learn. Once the companion is active he will be enlightened and our Fraternity will grow. Finally, we have all heard this one before, I echo what Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Vernon R. Atkinson has said “We need to Educate and Motivate the people around us”.

### **Necrology**

In the last 12 months we have lost some of our prize jewels in Masonry. They began the ascent up the stairway of life years ago. While the all Seeing Eye marks each mans labor on this world. It is after passing through the pearly gates and finding the place of rest, refreshment, and everlasting joy that they live on. It is for us to remember their immortality, and let it be our rule and guide in life. We should keep the light of faith that each one of them had, burning in our hearts, as they did in theirs. Never forgetting what each man stood for and believed in.

### **Special Thanks**

I want to take this time to thank the people that have helped make this a special year for me. I know I will miss a few because there are so many of you out there that have been at my side through the years. So let me tell you up front, Thank you.

First, to my loving wife of 25 years, I love you, and thank you for your support. For without you none of this would be possible. You are the one that was always there to help me when my schedule seemed to be overwhelming. As all of you know with this position there really is no free time. She is the one that kept our personal life in order on the home front and kept me focused.

Next, to Dad and Mom, without your support and guidance I could not have accomplished half of this. The both of you were always available to lead me in the right direction. I enjoyed every mile we have traveled together these last several years and will enjoy the many more we still have.

Dad as Grand Recorder you had to pull double duty. You kept me in-line as far as my Masonic duties and were always available when I had a question that I needed answered. We may not have always agreed and it may have been trying at times but, we survived for the better. You were also there to support me as a father when I need you to. And as a father you help me in ways only you and I know, thank you.

The path that I have traveled is the path you first set my feet on. Thanks to you and mom I am travelling on a true and trusted path.

To Brother, Companion, Sir Knight, Howard Entwisle a special thanks. You have been there for the last several years to guide me down a path of enlightenment. As Chairman of the Advisory to Council you were always there and gave the guidance as needed. As Chairman of the Arrangements Committee you have done an excellent job. And as a friend you are always there. You were the one that stepped in and helped in places others could not after my grandfather passed through the pearly gates, thanks.

To Andrew Stevenson, thanks for your support and the many hours we have and will travel around the state with the endless conversations. For some reason you are never at a loss for words, I am glad. Everyone thinks when we get together we are going to get in trouble but so far we have proved them wrong. In our travels people get the two of us confused with one another and I know some people think we are siblings. That is fine, let them think that. In a sense we are and I am proud to say we are Masonic brothers. Thank you for all you have done.

John Vines, your work and assistance in the 7<sup>th</sup> District and elsewhere around the state is to be commended. Thank you for all that you have done to support all of Masonry...

R.E.G.C. Keith Powell and Lady Sharron, thanks for all that you have done to make this a great session and year. Keith thanks for being there when I need some in the same boat to converse with about different issues. You helped make the decision whether I was going to swim or drown.

R.E.G.H.P. Richard James and Lady Janice your support has not gone unnoticed, thanks for all you have done. Richard, I appreciate the work you have done to help around the state when I called on you.

Wallace and Pearl, your work every year is always a bright spot. I asked both of you several years ago if you would keep the Hospitality Room up and running for this year. And, as the both of you always do, here we are and things are running as smooth as silk. I am so thankful to the two of you for everything that you two do.

And finally to my grandfather, R.V."Bob" Roberts, Jr., I survived. You may not be here physically now but I know you are watching. Thank you for showing me the light. I hope I have done everything pleasing in your sights.

### **Final Words**

In getting to my final words I feel that it is necessary to start my first Masonic word. When I was raised and received that word I was fortunate to have my dad at my side and my grandfather in front of me on that great day. And as every young man does, this gave me confidence. As I grew up in life and in Masonry they were both always there to help, aid, and assist me through life and Masonry. I remember my grandfather going through the grand lines as both a Grand High Priest in 1996 and an Illustrious Grand Master in 2001. I watched as dad when he went through the lines to become the Illustrious Grand Master in 2005. So when I started this leg of my Masonic journey in 2007 I thought being the third generation in the Grand Council I would be able draw on both of their experiences. I guess the good lord decided my grandfather had taught me what he need to though. In 2008 he passed through the pearly gate to be with our lord. Fortunately for me, dad is still here, stronger than ever, to guide me as I continued on. Thanks to the Lord I have had dad in front of me leading, my grandfather looking down on me watching, and every one of you standing by my side supporting me as I went through this last twelve months to reach this day, Thanks.

As some of you know, I enjoy being in the outdoors when possible. I enjoy both hunting and fishing, just being outside with Mother Nature. Well, long before I was even asked to consider entering a Grand line I heard a man say that if a man is ever elected to a Grand Officer position he can forget about hunting and fishing. Well, I didn't remember that when I accepted the position in this Grand line. I was in my second year when my dad said he hated to tell me but, my extra time was going to become limited. That is when I remembered what that gentleman had said. Well I hate to inform both of them

but, they were both wrong. This year I did a lot of hunting and fishing. As a matter of fact I did a lot more of both of them than I did in previous years. The only thing that did change is that I was fishing in the bottom of the gumbo pot and hunting another Masonic buffet.

What a run! What a great year. We have had several positive events over the last 12 months. I started this year with what I thought was a clear plan of attack. I had set some personal goal and set some objectives for the year. We as Brothers, Companion, and Sir Knights, we did reach some of them. Unity being one of the objectives is headed in the right direction. Some of my goals were met; some were not, same with the objectives. But, all things considered we had a great year. I feel confident we will continue to see this grow with the upcoming administration.

In writing this and looking back, I found what most men that have been in this position before find in their respective year. That is, you are not as prepared as you think you are for what is in front of you. I thought "I have this covered. I know what I need to keep the ball rolling". Little did I know, I had not listened to the men who had already travel this road as well as I thought I had. So, from words of experience, don't just listen to the men that have come this way before, learn from them.

In closing, I would like to say "work as a team" with everyone around you. Keep Unity in Masonry moving in the right direction. No one person by them self can accomplish what it takes to keep Masonry alive. Love your Brother, Companion, & Sir Knight.

And finally, thank you, each and every one of you for the opportunity to serve this last year as your Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masonry of the State of Louisiana.

God Bless,  
Timothy J. Riley, Jr., IGM

Grand Chapter / Council of Louisiana 2011-12

### **Publication Committee Report**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter and Council of Louisiana:

The Louisiana Supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine is employed statewide to report on York Rite activities. Support and submissions from all York Rite Bodies is solicited and appreciated. Thanks for allowing me to assist in this worthy endeavor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. James, GHP, PIM

## **Ruston Report**

Report to: The Most Grand Illustrious Master of Louisiana, Timothy Riley, Jr.  
And To: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Richard L. James  
From: District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master for the 7th District, John E. Vines, II  
Subject: Palestine Chapter #37 and Ruston Council #53.

After a period of two years of attempting to get the above Chapter and Council to have a meeting and elect officers to no avail; they would neither answer my phone calls, were too busy to meet, did not reply to emails, etc. I attempted to personally contact every member that I knew of those bodies, and, I had been told by several of those members that I needed to talk to Ed Collins. After receiving orders from the Most Grand Illustrious Master of Louisiana, Timothy Riley, Jr., I spoke to Ed Collins during the Scottish Rite Reunion, passing along the message from the GIM that I was to review the books of the Council, and, if there had not been a meeting in years, pick up the Charter. Mr. Collins at that time told me he had no idea where the books were. (He said that "some college kid had run off with the books for both the chapter and the council when he left Louisiana Tech College.")

I contacted the Master of Ruston Lodge (WM Jim Smith) and arranged to attend a regular meeting of that Lodge and pick up the Council Charter. I also contacted the Grand High Priest, Richard L. James, and asked what he wanted me to do about the Chapter Charter. The GHP asked me to pick up the Chapter Charter if there had not been a meeting in years, and, since we could not stir up the interest in having any sort of meeting, there was nothing else we could do. (The GHP was present when I asked Mr. Collins about the books.) The GHP also asked me to get some sort of Roster listing the Companions, since the books were gone.

On the stated meeting night of Ruston Lodge, November 28, 2011, I went to the Lodge. The Master, Secretary, and most of the members, were very courteous and passed along to me the following:

All of the Chapter Minute Books on hand, the Chapter Register, and the Chapter Charter. There were also two Chapter Jewels, and the Chapter Seal, which were given to me. I also received the Council Register, and Charter. There were no Council Minute Books. (Mrs. Harry Mosely had told me she gave the "Council Books" to Ed Collins, when she told me of Dr. Mosely's medical condition some months prior to that night.) I did not receive any money, or bank account books, or the records of the same. I did not receive any aprons, or other paraphernalia, degree props, etc.

When I spoke to the members of Ruston Lodge (in open Lodge), I assured them that this was the last move wanted by anyone, especially since Palestine Chapter was Chartered in 1893, but that something had to be done about the inactivity in that Chapter and Council. (They had tried to have a meeting in 2008, but couldn't get 9 members there. Their last official meetings were in 2006. None of the members have paid dues for the past 5 years. They couldn't because they had no one to collect them. I explained that in order to apply to another Chapter/Council, they would have to send the current years dues to the Grand Secretary, get a letter of good standing from him, and only then could they apply to a Chapter/Council where they wanted to belong. I

explained that you cannot belong to the York Rite statewide, but, must belong to a Chapter/Council within that Grand Body. I also assured them that since they had been cooperative, we would consider this a "Voluntary Surrender" of their Charters, and, if they could recruit 20-30 new members interested in attending meetings, along with getting their current members to attend, it would be possible for them to work under dispensation to regain their Charters. About a week later, I turned all of the above Charters, Books, Seal and Jewels over to the GIM Tim Riley, Jr. at the York Rite Clean-up Festival in Lafayette, La. on December 3, 2011.

This is my report on Palestine Chapter #37 and Ruston Council #53 return of the Charters.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John E. Vines, II  
District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master  
7th District of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana



## **Work and Education Committee Report**

Part one:

We reached a milestone with our annual York Rite Workshop. The 2010 workshop was the 35th workshop. The workshop started as a one time event to provided training for District deputies and District Lecturers. The 38 men who attended the original workshop liked it and requested that it be done again. By the time this report is read the 36th workshop will have been held which will be the last one under current leadership. At the tender age of 85 I firmly believe that our fraternity would benefit from younger, more energetic leadership. I have respectfully requested that the incoming presiding Grand officers replace me as Chairman of the Work and Education Committee in both the Chapter and Council. If the revised committee wishes to continue the workshops I will be happy to share with them any information I can provide. It has been a pleasure and a great fraternal experience.

In addition to the annual workshop, we put out two educational quizzes for the Chapter. There was no indication that they were used so we didn't continue.

Part two of this report is provided by the Grand Lecturer, Past G H P and PMIGM.

Fraternally submitted:

Grand Chapter

W. A. Morris, PHP, Chairman

Finly Stanly, PGHP

Ian Lazar, PHP

John L. Belanger, PGHP

Carle Jackson, PGHP

## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT 2011

To: The Most Ill. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana, I am pleased to submit the following report of the Archives Committee.

With the development of this new committee, many further actions will be taken in future years. Within the Louisiana Grand Lodge Library and Museum in Alexandria, a special section for the archives of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons will be made available.

The archives of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons are not in a common place within the state, but rather are scattered throughout the various Councils and homes of Council Members. The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons has a great history within Louisiana, which future generations of members would like to view in years to come. If you know of any historical items to be donated, please contact the Illustrious Grand Master or a committee member.

Most Ill. Grand Master, we sincerely wish to thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Council, as members of this committee

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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Howard F. Entwistle, PIGM, Chairman

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Vernon Atkinson, PIGM

Earl J. 'Mickey' Durand, PIGM

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Jules "Jeff" F. Webb, PIM

Richard A. Chargois, PIM

## FESTIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2011

To: The Most Ill. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana, I am pleased to submit the following report of the Festival Committee.

Festivals continue to be an important part of our membership gains during recent years. There have been cancellations of Festivals this year, with too few candidates to hold a festival. Free time is an issue that all of our members and new prospective candidates have less of available these days. A prospective candidate will usually make available one day, but have difficulties having five or six days available.

In some parts of the state, a York Rite awareness program is being held to encourage additional Blue Lodge Masons to complete their York Rite Work. These programs are becoming more successful each year.

With fewer ritualist available these days, we want to thank those companions that travel throughout the state, to help confer the degrees. Each Council, within the state, should be working to get more members involved in the ritualistic work. All new members are looking for something besides hearing the minutes and having a social hour.

Most Ill. Grand Master, we sincerely wish to thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Council, as members of this committee

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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Howard F. Entwistle, PIGM, Chairman

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Keith W. Powell, PIM

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Carle L. Jackson, PIGM

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Earl J. "Mickey" Durand, PIGM

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Bowdre McDowell, PIM

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Andrew H. Stevenson, Sr., PIM

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John E. Vines, II, PIM

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Richard A. Chargois, PIM

## **Foreign Correspondence Committee**

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions:

All foreign correspondence has been handled through the Grand Recorder's office which consisted of routine requests or changes in other Grand Jurisdiction=s Recorders, approvals for Grand Representative appointments, request for demits and other clerical items.

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, wish to give and recommend approval to the several acts of the Most Illustrious Grand Master referred to us.

We approve of the commissions issued and received, and commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his choice. We can assure the membership that the Grand Council of Louisiana was represented in a pleasing manner, on all visits made by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in state and out of state.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy J. Riley, Chairman

## Law and Jurisprudence Committee Report

To: The Most Ill. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana;

We, your committee on Law and Jurisprudence have reviewed that portion of the Ill. Grand Master's report which was assigned to us by the committee on distribution. This includes his report concerning dispensations granted and by-laws approved. We find that the Ill. Grand Master has acted well within his power and duties. We therefore approve this portion of his report.

One resolution has been received by the Grand Recorder. The resolution by Timothy J. Riley, PIGM, was received on September 01, 2011. This resolution #2011/12-1 has been duly filed, is in accord with the laws of the Grand Council and may be received by a majority vote of the Representatives in attendance. This resolution deals with the increase of \$1.00 assessment annually for each member on the rolls during the year, for this purpose of defraying the cost of the Annual Grand Assembly.

Resolution #2010/11-2 by Bowdre McDowell, PIM and Lloyd A. Hebert, PIM was received on February 15, 2011. The resolution was not duly filed in accord with the laws of the Grand Council. The resolution was received in the 2011 Grand Assembly and held over to the 2012 Annual Grand Assembly for voting. It may be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Representatives in attendance at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

Any further resolutions received during the Grand Assembly of 2012 must be held over until the next session and be received by a two-thirds majority. Except as may be separately stated, the committee expresses no opinion as to resolutions to be considered by the Grand Council.

Fraternally Submitted,

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Howard F. Entwistle Jr., PGIM, Chairman

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Earl J. "Mickey" Durand, PIGM

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Roy B. Tuck, PIGM

### **Report of the Necrology Committee**

Most illustrious Grand Master:

Your Necrology Committee is happy to report that the Almighty has spared the Grand Line during the past year. We must, however report that Past illustrious Grand Masters, Ward Stumpf and Roy May were called home to the nearer presence of God. In addition a number of our companions from the various Councils in the state have also been called home. Though gone, they will not be forgotten for they will live on in our hearts and in our memories.

An appropriate Necrology Service was held during the Grand Session to honor these beloved companions whose memory we hold in the highest esteem.

Fraternally Submitted

Tom Brown

For the Committee

**YORK RITE**  
**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**  
(Grand Council)

Most Illustrious Grand Master:

Your committee on Perpetual Membership respectively reports the following activity and statistics for the calendar year 2011 as pertaining to Perpetual Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction:

December 31, 2011

Membership in Program		269.00
Honorary Perpetual Memberships	1.00	
Memorial Perpetual Memberships		1.00
Dollars Invested		\$52,075.15
Number Councils Participating		17.00
Percent (%) Councils Participating		73.91%

2011 Average Return on Total Invested Principal = 5.16

Most Illustrious Sir, on December 31, 2011, we completed Sixteen years and three months of participation and activity in the York Rite Perpetual Membership Program. Under your leadership, the dollar amount invested grew by a total of \$2,609.92. The companions have studied this magnificent program and have ratified the concept by their acts of participation. We believe, from the bottom of our hearts, that the Program is indeed the ultimate financial salvation of our constituent Councils and the Grand Council. Many Louisiana Councils, due to large numbers of membership participation, have, in effect, partially or wholly endowed their Council. Many of those Councils have not had cause to raise their dues structure in recent years due to the additional income generated by the Perpetual Membership program. It is important for us to remember that our dues continue to be paid to our Council, even after our death. The Council loses us in body and mind, but our investment continues to furnish our Council with revenue, even after our passing. Financially, our Council can, in effect, grow even though our actual membership numbers may decrease.

In conclusion, and with pleasure, I commend to you, Most Illustrious Sir, for special and well deserved recognition, the members of your Perpetual Membership Committee: Companions E. L. "Blue" Archer, Jr. and Larry J. Plaisance, P.G.H.P. Each of these committee members go those many "extra miles" to effect the success of the York Rite Perpetual Membership Program. For their dedication and service, we are eternally grateful.

Fraternally submitted,



Allen G. Tidwell, P.I.M., Chairman

## Grand Recorder's Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana:

<b>Statistics</b>			
Councils on Roll	1/1/2011		23
Councils on Roll	12/31/2011		23
Degrees Conferred			124
Membership as of	1/1/2011		1954
<b>Work</b>			
Greeted			62
Affiliated by Plural Membership			5
Affiliated by Demit			0
Affiliated by Transfer			1
Affiliated by Certificate			0
Reinstated			6
Total Gain			74
			(24)
Demit by Demit			(3)
Transfer of Membership			(78)
Died			(61)
Suspended NPD			(1)
UMC			(4)
Dropped			(1)
Expelled			(172)
Total Loss			(98)
Net Gain or (Loss)			2
Corrections			2
Membership as of	12/31/2010		1854

Council Wins Bible

Joseph W. Robinson Chart No 8 had a 15% gain in membership.

Certificates

All Certificates issued and passing through this office have been recorded.

Closing

Most Illustrious Timothy J. Riley, Jr. Grand Master, son, it has been a pleasure working with you this past year and I know you'll continue to promote and assist this Grand Council in years to come. Companions I have enjoyed the privilege of being your Recorder and I thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Riley, PIGM, Grand Recorder



## Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana, I am pleased to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2011:

	2010	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Checking		
Capital One Checking 5720019223	\$6,744.09	\$3,836.13
Total Checking	\$6,744.09	\$3,836.13
Investments		
Wachovia		
Cash, Money Fund, & Deposits	\$13,383.48	\$13,384.79
Mutual Funds		
Bond Fund of Amer Inc.	\$10,205.83	\$10,783.43
Capital Income Bldr FD Class A	\$20,118.87	\$20,693.95
Capital Income Bldr FD Class C	\$10,282.28	\$10,491.08
Income Fund of America Class A	\$20,336.02	\$21,471.25
Income Fund of America Class C	\$11,062.00	\$11,591.51
Total Mutual Funds	\$72,005.00	\$75,031.22
Total Wachovia	\$85,388.48	\$88,416.01
Total Investments	\$85,388.48	\$88,416.01
Total Checking/Savings	\$92,132.57	\$92,252.14
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	(\$383.18)	\$8.37
Total Accounts Receivable	(\$383.18)	\$8.37
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds	\$966.25	\$250.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$966.25	\$250.00
Total Current Assets	\$92,715.64	\$92,510.51
Fixed Assets		
Office Inventory	\$6,170.73	\$6,170.73
Total Fixed Assets	\$6,170.73	\$6,170.73
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$98,886.37</b>	<b>\$98,681.24</b>

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	\$86.66	\$143.93
Proceedings Liability	\$500.00	\$500.00
Unpaid Donations		
CMMRF		\$713.00
DeMolay		\$100.00
Rainbow		\$100.00
Unpaid Donations - Other		\$100.00

Total Unpaid Donations \$1,013.00

Total Other Current Liabilities \$586.66 \$1,656.93

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### Equity

Market Loss/Gain \$1,579.34 \$1,873.11

Retained Earnings \$93,782.62 \$96,720.37

Net Income \$2,937.75 (\$1,569.17)

Total Equity \$98,299.71 \$97,024.31

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$98,886.37 \$98,681.24

Fraternally submitted,  
Harold H. Young, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer

### **State of the Order**

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions

The Most Illustrious Grand Master extended welcome to everyone in a most gracious manner, including the General Grand Council Officers. We find his welcome appropriate and in order and approve this part of his report.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master stated that the Grand Council is in good order but needs to strive to improve our work and public relations which we also approve.

His remarks to the District Deputies and District Lecturers we approve and commend them for a job well done.

The Grand Master made several in state and out of state visits. We compliment him for taking his time from his family and work to serve as our Illustrious Grand Master.

The Illustrious Grand Master has expressed his appreciation to everyone, his family, Grand Officers past and present, and out of state Guest. We find this appropriate and approve this part of his report. Also, the committee thanks the Illustrious Grand Master for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Fraternally Submitted,

Earl J. Durand, PIGM, Chairman  
State of the Order Committee

**Grand Council Resolution 2011-12 Number 1**  
Received 9/1/2011

Where as

The economy of today having increased all expense for all occasions and

Where as

From since taking over the Grand Record's position the total Per Capita collect has all gone into the General Fund and a Budget line has ear marked for the use of One Dollar per Gross member of the Per Capita for the Grand Assembly taken from the Per Capita Collected

Therefore let Section 7 Fees and Per Capita be amended from

Each Constituent Council in this jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Council Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each degree conferred and Seven Dollars (\$7.00) [2006-7] for each member on its rolls during the year. In the case of a member transferring his membership from one Louisiana Council to another within the state Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for a dual membership and only the original Council shall be liable for per capita tax for the year. Any Companion Cryptic Mason who has held membership in a Council of Cryptic Masons for 50 years, at least 25 years of which membership has been in a Constituent Council of Louisiana, shall be exempt from Grand Council or Constituent Council dues, fees, assessments or per capita tax for the remainder of his life, provided that this exemption does not apply to any plural or dual membership in Louisiana to which he does not otherwise qualify. [1999-2000] Constituent Councils of this jurisdiction are not required to pay per capita tax on any member who is interdicted during the period of his interdiction. Each Council shall also pay to the Grand Council, annually, for the purpose of funding the Annual Grand Assembly and supporting the Grand Council, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per member for each member on its roll during the year. And the Finance Committee of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana shall provide, by budget and appropriation, the afore said one dollar (\$1.00) per member for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Annual Grand Assembly. And the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Chairman of the Arrangements shall provide the Grand Recorder and the Finance Committee with a full and complete account of the expenses of the Annual Grand Assembly. And funds budgeted for the Annual Grand Assembly which are not required for said purposes shall be returned to the General Revenue Fund. And the levy provided for herein shall be collected by the Recorder of each Council within this Grand Jurisdiction along with all other dues and transmitted to the Grand Recorder. And the provisions hereof shall become effective January, 1998. [1996-7]

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**Fees:** Each Constituent Council in the jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Council Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each degree conferred. In the case of a member

transferring his membership from one Louisiana Council to another within the state Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for a dual membership.

**Per Capita:** Each Constituent Council in the jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of Seven Dollars for each member on its rolls and this shall be known as the Gross members for the year. In the case of an Affiliation by transfer only the original Council shall be liable for per capita tax and **assessments** for the year.

**Assessments:** Each Council shall also pay to the Grand Council, annually, for the purpose of funding the Annual Grand Assembly and supporting the Grand Council, the sum of two dollar (\$2.00) per member for each member on its roll during the year (Gross Members) for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Annual Grand Assembly. And the levy provided for herein shall be collected by the Recorder of each Council within this Grand Jurisdiction along with all other dues and transmitted to the Grand Recorder. And the provisions hereof shall become effective January, 2013.

**Exceptions:** Any Companion Cryptic Mason who has held membership in a Council of Cryptic Masons for 50 years, at least 25 years of which membership has been in a Constituent Council of Louisiana, shall be exempt from Grand Council or Constituent Council dues, fees, assessments or per capita tax for the remainder of his life, provided that this exemption does not apply to any plural or dual membership in Louisiana to which he does not otherwise qualify.

Constituent Councils of this jurisdiction are not required to pay per capita tax on any member who is interdicted during the period of his interdiction.

Submitted By:

Timothy J. Riley, PIGM  
Grand Recorder

## **Council Resolution 2010-11 2**

Whereas our current Grand Council Law has no provisions for exemption of Per Capita;

Therefore the following is proposed:

Recorders of constituents Councils, prior to suspensions of members who qualify,

ascertain their conditions i.e. twenty years or more membership, ill and/or incapacitated,

home bound or confined to a care facility, etc.) be exempt from Per Capita as long as

their Council dues are remitted.

Received from PIM Bowdre McDowell & PIM Lloyd A. Hebert. 2/15/2011

## Order of the High Priesthood of Louisiana Treasurers Report - 2011

To the Excellent President, and Companions of the Order of the High Priesthood of Louisiana: I am pleased to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2011

	Dec 31, 11	Dec 31, 10	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Wachovia Securities			
Cash, Money Fund & Bank Deposit	\$5.87	\$5.87	0.0%
Mutual Funds			
Bond Fund of Amer Inc	\$9,753.72	\$9,231.24	5.66%
Capital Income Bldr Fd	\$8,557.87	\$8,387.49	2.03%
Income Fund of America	\$9,558.01	\$9,121.37	4.79%
Total Mutual Funds	\$27,869.60	\$26,740.10	4.22%
Total Wachovia Securities	\$27,875.47	\$26,745.97	4.22%
Total Checking/Savings	\$27,875.47	\$26,745.97	4.22%
Total Current Assets	\$27,875.47	\$26,745.97	4.22%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,875.47</b>	<b>\$26,745.97</b>	<b>4.22%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
Market Loss/Gain	(\$1,605.14)	(\$1,885.49)	-14.87%
Opening Bal Equity	\$26,459.08	\$26,459.08	0.0%
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	\$2,172.38	\$2,097.17	3.59%
Net Income	\$849.15	\$75.21	1,029.04%
Total Equity	\$27,875.47	\$26,745.97	4.22%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$27,875.47</b>	<b>\$26,745.97</b>	<b>4.22%</b>

Fraternally submitted,

Harold H. Young, P.G.H.P.  
Treasurer

### Treasurer's Report 2011

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of the Order of The Silver Trowel in Louisiana: I am pleased to present the following report for the year ending December 31, 2011

	Dec 31, 11	Dec 31, 10	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Wachovia, AGE			
Cash, Money Fund & Bk Deposits	\$6.21	\$6.21	0.0%
Mutual Funds			
Bond Fund of Amer Inc.	\$6,480.60	\$6,133.34	5.66%
Captial Income Bldr Fd	\$6,272.48	\$6,147.58	2.03%
Income Fund of America	\$7,005.64	\$6,685.62	4.79%
Total Mutual Funds	\$19,758.72	\$18,966.54	4.18%
Total Wachovia, AGE	\$19,764.93	\$18,972.75	4.18%
Total Checking/Savings	\$19,764.93	\$18,972.75	4.18%
Total Current Assets	\$19,764.93	\$18,972.75	4.18%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$19,764.93</b>	<b>\$18,972.75</b>	<b>4.18%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
Market Loss/Gain	(\$1,210.73)	(\$1,397.73)	-13.38%
Opening Bal Equity	\$18,620.24	\$18,620.24	0.0%
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	\$1,750.24	\$1,925.79	-9.12%
Net Income	\$605.18	(\$175.55)	-444.73%
Total Equity	\$19,764.93	\$18,972.75	4.18%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$19,764.93</b>	<b>\$18,972.75</b>	<b>4.18%</b>

Fraternally submitted,

Harold H. Young  
Treasurer