

The Stone Squarer

Holy Royal Arch Masons ~ North Carolina ~ Quarterly Newsletter

Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons Jurisdiction of N.C., PHA

Companion Robert D. Hood Elected
30th Most Excellent Grand High Priest



Of The Most Excellent Grand Chapter
Holy Royal Arch Masons
Jurisdiction of N.C., PHA

Greetings Companions:

I greet you in the name of the Great I Am, and thank you for your vote of confidence as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. I'm excited for the privilege of working with each of you in the forward progression of this Jurisdiction. I am humbled when I consider the shoulders of great men that I am standing on; Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests: Needham Ghee, David R. Odom, Clemuel D. Grandy, Daniel L. Thompson, Carl A. Byrd Sr., Victor C. Cooper, Nathaniel Degraffinreadt, Dillon E. McManus, and William A. Cooke.

This Capitular year, we will put forth every effort to educate, demonstrate, and engage North Carolina with a posture of excellence.

Education:

Deputy's will be visible in Chapters to ensure peace and harmony prevails
Lecturers will teach what is written to ensure ritualistic proficiency
Lectures and other educational components will be posted in the Stone Squarer for further enlightenment

Demonstration:

Grand Chapter Officers will perform at a level of excellence
We will inspect what we expect

Engaging:

We will build relationships with our Chapters, Community, and members
We will build relationships with our Heroines

I encourage Excellent High Priests to set attainable goals, as this will be key for your Chapter's progression. If your Chapter is able to open and close without the use of the ritual, and demonstrate excellence during ritualistic work, then you will be able to retain your membership. I believe when proficiency is displayed, at least in a fair manner, candidates and members alike get excited.

Encourage the Brothers of your lodges to join your Chapter and receive further light in masonry. The real word and wages are ONLY received in Royal Arch. Use our Website and the Stone Squarer Newsletter to promote your Chapter events. Take photos and submit the information; everything you do in your Chapter is important and it should be published so others can see the good, true, and square work that is been performed in the Chapter.

We have identified two main charities, James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital, in Greenville, NC, and our annual Scholarship. We are committed to the health and welfare of our community, particularly our youth. I believe in the concept, "when we invest in our youth, we invest in our future!" Lastly, I look forward to meeting and greeting each of you in my travels, and thank you for helping to build a strong legacy for North Carolina.

3X3,

Robert D. Hood

PEHP Robert D. Hood, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons
Jurisdiction of North Carolina, PHA



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Greetings Companions,

I want to first thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me to serve as Right Excellent Grand King for the 2017 Capitular Year. I want to provide you with a brief overview of my duties and responsibilities for the year.

- Overseer of the Chapter and Companion of the Year.
 - Work with the Grand Council to establish a set of guidelines to help Chapters with submissions at the end of the year.
- York Rite Scholarship representative.
 - Collaborate with the other York Rite Bodies to establish a York Rite Scholarship program.
- Long Range Planning Co-Chair.
 - Work with the Right Excellent Grand Scribe in creating a long range plan for the Most Excellent Grand Chapter. This includes but aren't limited to fundraisers, establishing a charity to support and community service projects.

These are just a few of the duties and responsibilities I have planned for the year. We the officers of this Grand Chapter are but a few compared to the total membership. My ask is for you the Craft to let us know your thoughts and ideas so we can address them and be able to develop a long range plan that you help design.

Respectfully yours,

Clinton Hamm

PEHP Clinton Hamm, KYCH
Right Excellent Grand King



"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
Proverbs 3:6

Greetings Companions,

I greet you in the name of the Great I Am from whom all blessings flow. I would like to give my sincere thanks to you for the honor of electing me to serve as your Right Excellent Grand Scribe. It is an honor which I do not take lightly and which I will serve as diligently as I have the previous Grand position.

One of the duties I've been given is to oversee the production of the Stone Squarer Newsletter. This newsletter will be designed to inform the Companions of this great jurisdiction how the subordinate chapters are bringing Holy Royal Arch Masonry to light via events, church fellowships, etc. The newsletter will be distributed once a quarter and will contain lectures developed by our Lecturers Department.

It is my desire to continue to be a positive example for all Companions in this jurisdiction. I pray that you will support the Grand Chapter by participating in the King's Contest as well as the fundraiser. Again I thank you for your vote of confidence and I look forward to the work ahead. Holiness to the Lord!!

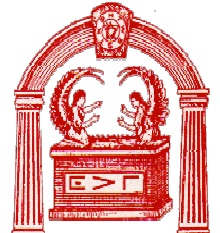
Yours 3x3,

Damien Jack

PEHP Damien Jack
Right Excellent Grand Scribe



71st Grand Convocation



Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons Jurisdiction of N.C., PHA

Saturday February 11, 2017 marked the 71st Grand Convocation for the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina PHA. The Grand Convocation rounded out the York Rite Convention which started Wednesday February 8, 2017.

The North Carolina Prince Hall Family was well represented at the Grand Convocation with representatives from;

The Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Tarheel Grand Commandery Order of Knights Templar, the Imperial Deputy for the Desert of North Carolina (AEAONMS) and the Deputy for the Orient of the E.J. Morine Council of Deliberation for USC-SJ PHA-DC.

The Grand Chapter was also visited by representatives of the following jurisdictions: New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and Texas, along with representatives of the General Conference Grand Chapters

of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the United States and Bahamas.

The Grand Convocation is a time to recognize the hard work done by Companions, Chapters and Deputies throughout the state. This year's honorees were:

Excellent High Priest of the Year:

EHP D. Antoine Lilly
C. Hudson Chapter No. 63

Companion of the Year:

Joseph W. Burwell
C. Hudson Chapter No. 63

Chapter of the Year:

Eastern Star Chapter No. 76
New Bern, NC

District Deputy of the Year:

DDGHP Craig Little – District 8

After the PMEGHP gave his astounding allocation, the Grand Convocation concluded with elections and we would like to give congratulations to the following:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:
PEHP Robert D. Hood

Right Excellent Grand King:
PEHP Clinton Hamm

Right Excellent Grand Scribe:
PEHP Damien Jack

Right Excellent Grand Secretary:
PEHP Richard Peeler

Right Excellent Grand Treasurer:
PEHP J. Michael Barnes

Grand Trustee 3 Year:
PEHP Alonza Ollison

Grand Auditor 3 Year:
PEHP William Sadler

Another successful and harmonious Grand Convocation is in the books. We hope all who attended not only enjoyed the session, but learned from the session as well. We are looking forward to a great Capitular year, as well as seeing great things come from this jurisdiction. Holiness to the Lord!!



Grand Chapter History



The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons (PHA), Jurisdiction of North Carolina, composed of all of the constituent Holy Royal Arch Chapters in the jurisdiction, is recognized as the supreme authority in Holy Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction by its members, and their pledge of allegiance and obedience hereto is acknowledged by their request for, and acceptance of, membership herein.

This Grand Chapter endeavors to maintain the ancient tradition, customs, and usages of Holy Royal Arch Masonry; to keep ever mindful of its principles; to assist the constituent chapters in solving problems that may confront them by making timely suggestions and promoting conferences, workshops, and various other forms of discussion for the betterment of Holy Royal Arch Masonry. And to secure uniformity of purpose and unanimity of action through conferences and convocations. This Grand Chapter was organized on June 25, 1946.

Most Excellent George P. Carnes was the first Grand High Priest, serving the Chair until 1948. He was succeeded by the following Most Excellent Companions in the order as listed:

C.C. Boger, 1948-1956; W.O. Greer, 1956-1959; Walter T. McCloud, 1959-1963; R.P. Ingram, 1963-1965; E.C. Turner, 1965-1967; Walter T. McCloud, 1967-1968; E.C. Turner, 1968-1969; Otis Thorpe, 1969-1970; Ernest Foman, 1970-1972; Clyde Alexander, 1972-1981; Aaron Lightner, 1981-1983; Nathaniel Johnson, 1983-1985; James Nunn, 1985-1987; Joseph McCullough, 1987-1989; Needham Ghee, 1989-1991; David Odom, 1991-1994; Phillip Green, 1994-1995; Clemuel Grandy Jr, 1995-1998; Charlie Boyd, 1998-1999; Edward Fisher Jr, 1999-2001; Andre' Webb, 2001-2003; Daniel L. Thompson, 2003-2006; Carl A. Byrd Sr, 2006-2007; Daniel L. Thompson, 2007-2009; Victor C. Cooper, 2009-2011; Nathaniel Degraffinraidt, 2011-2013; Dillon McManus, 2013 - 2015; William A. Cooke, 2015 - 2017; Robert D. Hood 2017 - Present.

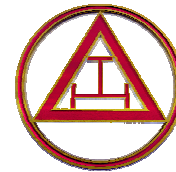
All of these companions were of strong character, tried and true. They laid the foundation and erected the framework, upon which this Grand Chapter was built. These leaders encountered many hardships. But, with sweat and tears, faith and prayer, they succeeded in forming an organization, of which today we are extremely proud. It is therefore for all of us, as good Royal Arch Masons, to have the same spirit, fortitude, and soul searching endeavors, to continue to see to it that the growth and strength of this hallowed institution shall ever prosper. And that the companionship of Holy Royal Arch Masonry and the lessons of our several lectures and charges be emulated throughout the Prince Hall Masonic Family in our sovereign jurisdiction.

May we always be conscious of the heritage handed down by our founding fathers. Let it not be said that we have left undone the works they started. May generations, yet unborn, enjoy and carry on the great precepts of this magnanimous fraternity of Holy Royal Arch Masons.





Grand Chapter Officers



Most Excellent Grand High Priest ~ Robert D. Hood (#75), KYGCH

- Right Excellent Grand King ~ Clinton L. Hamm (#64), KYCH
- Right Excellent Grand Scribe ~ Damien F. Jack (#44)
- Right Excellent Grand Treasurer ~ J. Michael Barnes
- Right Excellent Grand Secretary ~ Richard Peeler
 - Grand Trustee (3 year) ~ William Saddler
 - Grand Trustee (2 year) ~ Michael Hughes
 - Grand Trustee (1 year) ~ Richard Bryson
 - Grand Auditor (3 year) ~ Alonza Ollison
 - Grand Auditor (2 year) ~ Joe Nelson
 - Grand Auditor (1 year) ~ Clarence Barnett
- Grand Captain of the Host ~ Kenneth Mullins
- Grand Principal Sojourner ~ Kenneth Williams
 - Grand Royal Arch Captain ~ Lee Capehart
 - Grand Master of the 3rd Veil ~ Lecola Mungo
 - Grand Master of the 2nd Veil ~ Cleveland Bragg
 - Grand Master of the 1st Veil ~ Anthony Dalton
 - Grand Sentinel ~ Ernest Winstead
 - Grand Marshal (East) ~ Kenneth Battle
 - Grand Marshal (West) ~ Reginald Mathis
 - Grand Lecturer ~ Antoine Lilly
- Grand CCPF ~ PMEGHP Nathaniel Degraffinreaidt, KYGCH
 - Grand Recording Secretary ~ Keith Browne
 - Grand Ambassador ~ Leone Rorie
 - Grand Ambassador ~ Thomas Butts
 - Grand Ambassador ~ Thomas Shaw
 - Grand Ambassador ~ Shawnta Best
- Special Deputy Grand High Priest (East) ~ PGHP Thomas Woolridge, KYCH
- Special Deputy Grand High Priest (West) ~ PGHP Earl Reynolds
- District Deputy Grand High Priest #6 ~ Norman Simms, KYCH
 - District Deputy Grand High Priest #7 ~ Ravon Leak
 - District Deputy Grand High Priest #8 ~ Craig Little
- District Deputy Grand High Priest #9 ~ Maurice Hamilton, KYCH
- District Deputy Grand High Priest #10 ~ Flyod Duhon, KYGCH
 - District Deputy Grand High Priest #11 ~ James Reed
- District Deputy Grand Lecturer #6 ~ Ron Hartsfield, KYCH
 - District Deputy Grand Lecturer #7 ~ George Massey Sr.
 - District Deputy Grand Lecturer #8 ~ Raymond Swann
 - District Deputy Grand Lecturer #9 ~ Rodney Baldwin
 - District Deputy Grand Lecturer #10 ~ Randy Dickinson
 - District Deputy Grand Lecturer #11 ~ Herbert Estelle
- Bylaws & Jurisprudence Chairman ~ PMEGHP Daniel L. Thompson, KYGCH
- Charters & Dispensations ~ PMEGHP Clemuel Grandy, KYGCH
- York Rite Charity & Community Service ~ R.E. Grand Scribe Damien Jack
- Order of the High Priesthood ~ R.E. Grand Scribe Damien Jack
- Past Grand High Priest Council ~ PMEGHP Victor C. Cooper, KYGCH
 - Student Aid and Welfare ~ Kendrick Smith
 - Grand Worthy Joshua ~ William "Bill" Smith III
 - Vice Grand Joshua ~ Sanchez Briscoe

Subordinate Chapters

Mosaic Chapter # 9 (11th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM
Address: 602 N. Orange St. Wilmington NC 28403

Excelsior Chapter # 44 (8th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 1st Friday, 7:30 PM
Address: 1907 E. 7th Street Charlotte NC 28206

Poston Chapter # 50 (7th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM
Address: 507 John St. Monroe NC, 28110

Wadesboro Chapter # 52 (8th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 2nd Monday 6:00 PM
Address: 675 Parson Grove Church Rd Wadesboro NC

Hiram Chapter # 56 (9th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 4th Sunday, 4:00 PM
Address: 1215 E. Washington Street High Point, NC 27260

Montgomery Chapter # 58 (7th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 2nd Saturday 9:30 AM
Address: 425 S. Russell St. Troy NC 27371

Bost Chapter # 61 (8th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Address: 1204 Torrence Grove Church Rd Charlotte, NC 28213

C. Hudson Chapter # 63 (6th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 2nd Sunday 3:00 PM
Address: 301 Cook Rd. Durham NC 27713

Raper Chapter # 64 (9th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 1st Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Address: 3715 Sunnycrest Avenue Greensboro, NC 27405

Willie Ashford Chapter # 65 (9th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Friday, 7:00 PM
Address: 1025 East 14th Street Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Eureka Chapter # 68 (9th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 1st Thursday, 7:00 PM
Address: 4680 Pine Hall Rd., Walkertown, NC 27051

Cumberland Chapter # 70 (6th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM
Address: 802 Cumberland St. Fayetteville NC

King Solomon Chapter # 71 (11th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Thursday 8:00 PM
Address: 427 S. Blount St. Raleigh NC 27610

M.D Towe Chapter # 74 (10th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 1st Saturday 9:00 AM
Address: 506 Repress St. Washington NC 27889

Prudence - Shaw Chapter # 75 (10th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM
Address: 313 E. Gordon St. Kinston NC 28501

Eastern Star Chapter # 76 (10th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM
Address: 815 Main St. New Bern NC 28564

St. James Chapter # 77 (10th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM
Address: 130 Marshall Chapel Rd. Jacksonville

R.L. Seibles Chapter # 79 (9th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 4th Sunday 4:00 PM
Address: 2611 Assembly Road Greensboro, NC

Duncan J. Whitted Chapter # 80 (11th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 2nd Saturday 10:00 AM
Address: 105 Thompson St. Lumberton NC

M. H. Perkins Chapter # 81 (8th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 1st Saturday 10:00 AM
Address: 912 Old Concord Rd Salisbury NC

Ulis N. Dawson Chapter # 83 (10th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 1st Friday, 7:30 PM
Address: 1101N. James St. Goldsboro, NC

W.S. Carter Chapter # 85 (9th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM
Address: 608 Eugene-Hairston St. Madison NC

Mt. Moriah Chapter UD (6th District)

Meeting Date & Time: 2nd Saturday 10: AM
Address: 303 N. Cross St. Warsaw NC

Greeting Companions,

Masonic Protocol is the formal code of etiquette for a Grand Lodge, OES Grand Chapter, Appendant or Concordant Grand bodies ... Additionally, since "**Masonic**" Etiquette cannot necessarily be defined for all instances, ceremonies or occasions it can simply be defined as "**good manners**".

PROTOCOL PERTAINING TO SOCIAL and or MASONIC AFFAIRS

Protocol should be established at the outset of every program by The Most Excellent Grand High Priest or his designee. If The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is not present the highest ranking Grand Chapter Officer should establish protocol. Protocol should be as follows:

Example

- First, giving Thanks and Praises to the Grand Architect of the Universe our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.
- To Pastor _____
- To First Lady _____
- To the Officers and members of The Church family.
- The Honorable Milton F. "Toby" Fitch, Jr., The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NC and Jurisdiction Inc.
- Companion Robert D. Hood, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons Jurisdiction of North Carolina Inc.
- Heroine Gwendolyn Joyner, Grand Most Ancient Matron of The NC Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, PHA
- Companion William "Bill" Smith III, Grand Worthy Joshua of the NC Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho, PHA
- Companion Earl Reynolds Special Grand Deputy High Priest- Western Region.
- Companion Ravon Leak, 7th District Grand Deputy High Priest
- Companion Craig Little, 8th District Grand Deputy High Priest
- Heroine Mary Reynolds- Grand Western Regional Deputy
- All Grand Chapter and Grand Court officers past and present
- Excellent High Priest and Most Ancient Matrons past and present
- Companions, Heroines, visitors and friends
- Good Morning, Afternoon, evening....

Thank you,

Richard Peeler

PEHP Richard Peeler
Right Excellent Grand Secretary



I bring you greetings in the name of the Great I Am, from whom all blessings flow.

I am humbled and honored to be appointed as Excellent Grand Lecturer by MEGHP Robert D. Hood. The motto for the Lecturer department, this Capitular year, is "Developing a stronger Jurisdiction, through ritualistic consistency."

As we continue to provide lectures throughout the year, our focus will expand into improving ritualistic integrity throughout the Jurisdiction. Together, as a cohesive unit, we can shape and develop the future of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter and I look forward to this journey.

Antoine Lilly

EHP Antoine Lilly
Grand Lecturer

