



**Office of the R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Terrell D. Hicklin Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons
Washington and Jurisdiction, PHA**



July 2025 – June 2026

Subject: Annual Report of Deputy Grand High Priest

To Most Excellent James B. Gilbert, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter Officers, and all Companions of Washington and Jurisdiction

Greetings, Companions All, and I pray the blessings of the Supreme Builder of the Universe be upon your families, loved ones, and us all we assemble in this Convocation. In compliance with the duties of this office, I have the honor of presenting the following report the Office of Deputy Grand High Priest for the Masonic year ending 2025-2026. It has been a privilege to serve this Most Excellent Grand Chapter and to assist the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in the administration and advancement of the work entrusted to this Grand Body.

1. Official Engagements

Throughout this Masonic year, I attended several Chapter meetings from each of our Districts either via zoom or in person. I assisted Tribes of Israel Chapter #2 with the Exalting of four new Royal Arch Masons into the Capitular Rite. These engagements provided valuable opportunities to observe the work of the chapters within this jurisdiction and to promote the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

I attended the inaugural Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter and was honored to be the first REDGHP to receive our MEGHP into the Grand Chapter, and participated in such official functions and programs as were assigned or requested. I was also pleased to attend several installations of officers and special chapter events, where I witnessed the continued dedication and enthusiasm of the Companions.

2. Support of the Grand Chapter

In the performance of my duties, I have sought to support the efforts and initiatives of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the officers of this Grand Chapter. I have endeavored to encourage cooperation among the subordinate chapters and to promote participation in this Grand Body's programs and activities.

The spirit of fellowship and devotion to the principles of Royal Arch Masonry that I observed throughout the jurisdiction is a source of encouragement and confidence in the continued strength of our Order.

3. Observations

The success and vitality of our Chapters depend greatly upon the dedication and leadership of their officers and the active participation of the Companions. I commend the officers and members of the subordinate chapters for their faithful service and their commitment to preserving the traditions and teachings of Royal Arch Masonry.

Continued attention to ritual proficiency, membership engagement, and educational opportunities will contribute greatly to the ongoing prosperity of our chapters and this Grand Chapter.

4. Validation and Reclamation Efforts

We are new to being established as the gateway to the York rite of free masonry in Washington and its Jurisdiction, which required developing a validation and reclamation program. It's my pleasure to report that with the assistance of our R.E. Grand Lecturer Dwight "Ike" Days, District #1 ADDGHP Kenny Rankin, District #2 DDGHP Dr. Kinsley Matthews, Excellent High Priest Devin Carter and Excellent High Priest Marshawn Burton I was able to run this program extremely efficiently, enabling us to restore over 45 Companions to our capitular Rite.

5. Challenges Encountered and Recommendations

- **Challenges Faced During the Year:** None noted

These recommendations are submitted to enhance financial efficiency, accountability, and transparency in the Grand Chapter.

6. Acknowledgment

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Excellent Grand King Miles G. Hicks for his of wisdom and encouragement, to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest James B. Gilbert from whose vision, tenacity and drive was this Grand Chapter built and to Most Worshipful Terrel D. Hicklin, the 50th MWGM of PHA Masons in the great State of Washington for believing in that vision and thus, making it a reality. I would like to also thank all Grand Officers, and the Companions of this jurisdiction for their kindness, cooperation, and fraternal courtesies extended to me throughout the year. It has been an honor to labor with such dedicated Companions in the service of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

Conclusion

This report is respectfully submitted for the information and consideration of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

Fraternally Submitted,



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