Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

of the District of Columbia

Annual Grand Convocation

March 15, 2014

**MINUTES**

**1. OPEN**

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was Opened in Ample form by Most Excellent Companion Marcus A. Trelaine, Grand High Priest at 1:40 p.m. on March 15, 2014.

**3. OFFICIATION**

The Grand High Priest ordered that the Sentinel be posted and that he admit all Companions who are entitled to enter. That duty being performed, MEC Trelaine called upon MEC Robert B. Bussler to lead the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon the Grand Captain of the Host to attend the Altar.

The Grand High Priest then wished everyone a good afternoon and conveyed his great appreciation for those in attendance taking time to attend the 147th Annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons in the District of Columbia.

The following housekeeping announcements were made:

Please remember to turn off all your pagers or cell phones. If one rings during the meeting, we will be very happy to accept your donation of $50 to RARA.

Ballots to be distributed at time of vote

All Grand Representatives should register with the Grand Secretary, if they have not done so.

Anyone desiring to speak will signal that to the Grand High priest by rising, and will speak only after being recognized, before taking the floor.

**4. MOTIONS**

The Grand High Priest called upon the Grand Secretary to make any motions necessary at that time.

**M1** Grand Secretary moved that Companions who are non-members of this Grand Chapter, be granted permission to be present at this Convocation. Seconded by the Grand Captain of the Host. It was voted unanimously and so ordered by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Captain of the Host was ordered to escort the visiting dignitaries from the room and to then organize them in their appropriate order for their official welcome to the Grand Conclave.

Those Companions entitled to vote in this Grand Chapter who had not yet registered and those needing to register as a Grand Representative were invited to approach the Desk of the Grand Secretary as the Visiting Dignitaries were escorted from the Convocation

**M2** The Grand Secretary then moved that the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia make all visiting Grand High Priests and General Grand Chapter Officers honorary members of this Grand Chapter for as long as they tread this terrestrial realm and that their names be added to that permanent list. The Motion was seconded and the Vote being unanimous, the Grand High Priest so ordered. The following were added to the Permanent list of Honorary Members of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia

Lionel D. Hunter, GHP Delaware

Richard P. Naegele GHP Maryland

Piers A. Vaughn GHP New York

Robert W. Thomas GHP Ohio

4. **Proposal for Change of Date**

The Grand High Priest called upon The Grand Secretary to read the following:

*Proposed Resolution for*

*Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery*

*For March Annual Sessions*

*Whereas the Constitutions and bylaws of the above Grand York Rite bodies hereinafter referred to as the GYRB of DC requires that they meet in Annual Session on the (3rd) Saturday and preceding Friday of March in the District of Columbia (DC).*

*And Whereas there is an Annual Marathon which is run in DC on the third Saturday of March for which many of the access roads into DC are blocked.*

*And whereas most of our attendees travel into the DC area via many of these blocked road, thereby limiting their timely access to the meetings.*

*And Whereas it has been determined there is no major conflict in our immediate area with the Grand Lodge of DC, The General Grand Bodies of the York Rite or the Grand Encampment for the (4th) Saturday and preceding Friday.*

*Be it now therefore resolved, that The Annual Meetings of the GYRB of DC be moved to the (4th ) Saturday and preceding Friday of March each year beginning in 2015.*

*Further be it resolved the this resolution be presented and voted on in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Constitutions and by laws of each of the GYRB of DC, and if properly passed be adopted immediately.*

*Further be it resolved that if this resolution does not immediately pass that it be considered as received to be balloted on at the semi-annual meeting of those respective bodies.*

*Respectfully submitted*

*Charles W. Wagner*

*Charles W. Wagner*

*MEPGHP of Virginia and a member of this body.*

The Grand High Priest announced that the resolution would not be voted on at that time.

**5. DIGNITARIES**

The following Visiting Dignitaries were received in their Jurisdictional Alphabetical Order by the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe.

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of **Connecticut**, Most Excellent Companion David C. Abrams, accompanied by MEC Chuck McCollum, Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest of **Delaware**, M.E.C. Lionel Hunter accompanied by M.E.C. James Walsh, PGHP and sitting Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery KT of Delaware.

The Grand High Priest of **Florida**, M.E.C. John Werhman accompanied by E.C. Henry Adams, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of DC near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand High Priest of **Maryland**, MEC Richard Naegele.

The Grand High Priest of **New York**, M.E.C. Piers A. Vaughn.

The Grand High Priest of **Ohio**, M.E.C. Robert Thomas.

The Grand High Priest of **Pennsylvania**, M.E.C. Charles L.Klingaman.

The Grand King of the Grand Chapter of RAM of **Virginia**, R.E.C. Donald McAndrews, accompanied by M.E.C. Howard Coleman, PGHP and M.E.C. Charles Wagner, PGHP.

The Grand High Priest of **West Virginia,** M.E.C. Charles Wimer.

The Grand Captain of the Hosts, Peter Brusoe introduced the Past Grand High Priests of the District of Columbia as follows

M.E.C. Robert B. Bussler, the Dean of the Past GHPs, M.E.C., Kenneth D.Fuller, the Right Excellent Grand Secretary; M.E.C. Alwyn Taylor; M.E. C. Lawrence, Lonnie Jolma, M.E.C. Harold Grainger; M.E.C. James Mitchell; M.E.C. James Loudermilk; M.E.C. Scott Applebee and M.E.C. Teko A. Foly.

The Visiting Dignitaries of other Masonic Bodies were received in the following Order:

Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of DC, M.I.C. James Golladay.

The Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of Rites, Most Illustrious Lonnie Jolma.

The Deputy General Grand Master for the Northeast Region of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int. The Most Puissant Charles Wagner

The Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, Sir Knight William Koon,

The Personal Representative of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int. M.E.C. Teko A. Foly accompanied by The Ambassador of the General Grand Chapter of RAM, Int. M.E.C. Scott Applebee, and M.E.C. Robert Starr, member of the Board of General Purposes of the General Grand Chapter.

These Visiting Dignitaries were accorded Grand Honors and comfortably seated.

M.E.C. Marcus Trelaine then called upon the M.E.C. Robert Thomas, the Grand High Priest of Ohio, to give the response on behalf of the visiting dignitaries, which he did eloquently and with great courtesy.

The Past Grand High Priests were accorded Grand Honors, with M.E.C. Robert B. Bussler responding with great dignity and wisdom.

**6. REPORTS**

1. R.E.C. Grand Secretary - MEC Kenneth D. Fuller reported on his work.

The Grand Secretary thanked M.E.C. Marcus Trelaine for his help during the year. Due to inclement weather throughout the season of Grand Visitations, which required multiple postponements, the Chapter Secretaries’ reports were late getting in this year.

The Grand Secretary then submitted a temporary report.

*Report of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter RAM DC*

*Most Excellent Companion Trelaine, Most Excellent Companions, Right Excellent Companions, Distinguished Guests, Companions all.*

*The Grand Secretary receives moneys from the Chapters and passes them on with a receipt to the Grand Treasurer. To pay bills the Grand Secretary issues Warrants based on the Budget (when usual and customary) and by order of the Grand High Priest if unusual. The Grand Treasurer then issues a check and returns it to the Grand Secretary who then sends the payment on. This is a system of checks and balances. The Grand Treasurer writes the checks and keeps the balances, and the Grand Secretary is an extra pair of eyes.*

*Magazine subscriptions are not quite all in at the time of this writing, but I anticipate full payment soon from all.*

*Thanks to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest who has helped me with the Database. We have an accurate count to go to the RAM magazine and we have the database ready to move forward when the Knights Templar developed YRIS system goes one line for the other York Rite bodies. He has designed the dues cards and produced them.*

*The reports of the various Chapters came in much later than usual due to the inclement weather of the last two months.*

*Our Membership Summary for the year is as follows:*

*# Name Begin Additions Losses Total*

*1 Columbia 102 2 4 100*

*3 Mt.Vernon 156*

*4 Singleton 115 4 1 118*

*8 Wash Pot. 124 0 17 107*

*13 Mt Pleas. 184 3 7 180*

*17 Soj-Kil 76 1 8 69*

*18 M.E. Fowler 17 1 1 17*

*19 Fiat Lux 37 2 0 39*

*Total 811*

*Mt Vernon Chapter #3 did not submit an acceptable return. They have submitted a payment, which is a sign of good faith. The Grand Secretary will work with the Officers of that Chapter to produce an audited return and will then have an authoritative membership list. That Report will be appended to these Minutes.*

*Kenneth D. Fuller*

*Grand Secretary*

**M.3** The Grand Secretary moved his report be received and spread upon the minutes. After a second it was voted and so ordered by the Grand High Priest.

**M.4.** The Grand Secretary noted that the minutes of our 2013 Conclave have been reviewed by the Past Grand High Priest and members of the Grand Council. He moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that they be included with the Proceedings of 2013. Seconded by the Grand Captain of the Host and voted unanimously. So ordered by the Grand High Priest.

1. The Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent Companion Joel R. Kahn tendered the following report,

*ME Companion Marcus Trelaine,*

*Grand High Priest of Royal Arch the District of Columbia*

*Most Excellent Sir:*

*As you know, we maintain the Grand Chapter’s accounting system on a Fiscal Year basis to align roughly to the Term of the Grand High Priest, March 1 to February 28, and our IRS Form 990-N has already been filed and accepted for 2013.*

***INVESTMENT ACCOUNT***

*During the past term, the Grand Chapter enjoyed the best year for our investment account in many years, actually showing a growth of $1,300 in the value of our assets. The prior year we had a minimal growth of $413.00 and the year before that, there was significant loss of – $(7,500.00), due to the stock market’s fluctuations. The income from dividends and interest remains fairly steady, regardless of the market, at about $3,500 to $4,500 +/- each year, which is automatically reinvested into the stocks. I am very pleased that the Grand Chapter has not had to ask the Trustees to transfer any income funds from the investments to the General Fund since before I took over as Grand Treasurer.*

***CHECKING ACCOUNT***

*We have been maintaining a balance of approximately $20,000 in the checking account for several years. This is almost 25% more than when I became Grand Treasurer in 2008, and is due to increases in fees, assessments and prudent spending on the part of the Grand Officers. While this may seem a large amount to be kept in the checking account, which does not pay interest at Bank of America, it also carries no minimum balance or regular fees, except for printing checks. I have looked into opening a money market account or a savings account, but there are minimum deposits, limited withdrawals and fees involved and the interest paid is so minimal, it is not worth the effort. Five years ago, the trustees did invest $5,000 in a CD, which just matured and rolled over for a new five year period, which paid a total of about $145.00 interest during the entire 5 years.*

***2014-2015 BUDGET***

*I appreciate the invitation to participate with the committee on preparing the budget, although much of what I did was to provide current figures for income and spending. I concur that the budget is a guideline for spending and should never be considered the rules “written in stone”. I also consider that if there is money available in the budget that has not been assigned, it does not mean that money must be spent. This was the overall opinion of your committee, and I believe next year’s budget is fair, and reflects a realistic picture of the income and expenses anticipated. One item worth attention is the expense for replacing missing Grand Officer aprons and/or jewels. We have discussed this for at least 4 years, and I hope that by including a specific amount for that purpose in the budget, these items may finally be purchased.*

*Finally, I appreciate your support, Most Excellent, and that of the Companions. The Chapter Treasurers’ all turned in their reports on time, and the overall financial forecast for the Grand Chapter seems to be improving. I again apologize for not being physically present at your Grand Visits and the Semi-Annual Convocation, but commitments to my employer must come first, and you know that I was there in spirit.*

*I have enjoyed being the Grand Treasurer, although the work does require a goodly amount of time each month, it is nowhere as time consuming as some of the other officers. If I am re-elected, I pledge my continued support to the incoming Grand High Priest and this Grand Chapter.*

*Sincerely and Fraternally,*

*(S)*

*Joel R. Kahn, PHP*

*Grand Treasurer*

**M.5.** R.E.C. Kahn moved that his report be received and spread upon the minutes.

There being no objection, it was so ordered by the Grand High Priest.

1. Grand Chancellor, EC Carroll J. Collins delivered the Report of the

Committee on Code Maintenance. There being no new proposals for changes to the Code, the Committee recommends that the ongoing work of reviewing the manner in which the changes of 2011 are effecting the work of the various Chapters and Grand Chapter be continued, and that any necessary changes be proposed in the next Capitular Year.

**M.6.** There being no Objection, the Grand High Priest ordered that the Committee on Code Maintenance Report be received and spread upon the minutes.

1. Trustees Report – MEC James W. Mitchell reported that the Equities fund was valued at $52, 203 on Dec. 31, 2012 and at $64,231 on Dec. 31, 2013 for a gain of $12,028 for the year. MEC Mitchell pointed out that there are major problems with the succession of Trustees in our Grand Chapter and in our Chapters that need immediate attention. The Grand High Priest thanked MEC Mitchell, Bussler and Iverson for their work.

**M.7.** There being no objection the Grand High Priest ordered that the Trustees’ report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

1. Work and Lectures Committee report was presented by Companion Doug Cohen on behalf or the Grand Provost, EC Bob Haber.

*2013-2014 Report of the Grand Provost and Grand Chapter Work and Lectures Committee*

*I am pleased to submit the report of the Grand Chapter Work and Lectures Committee and as Provost of the Grand Chapter School of Instruction. During the 2013-2014 Capitular year, the Provost of the Grand Chapter convened the following activities:*

*8/31/13 Royal Arch Capitular Training Conference at Takoma Masonic Center*

*12/12/13 December Grand Chapter School of Instruction at Singleton Masonic Hall*

*2/21/2014 February Grand Chapter School of Instruction at Singleton Masonic Hall*

*10/18/2013 October Grand Chapter School of Instruction at Singleton Masonic Hall*

*I examined the Scribe and Captain of the Host from Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 13 who both qualified in their ritualistic opening and closing.*

*I examined the Scribe of Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 13 in both Ritualistic opening and closing of the Chapter and his knowledge and ability to use the Grand Chapter Code. In all of these areas, the candidate did not qualify. He did not reschedule another examination nor did he qualify to advance to be elected High Priest this year.*

*The Work and Lecture Committee thanks the Most Excellent High Priest for his contribution in facilitating the work of the Committee. We thank him for his guidance, leadership and for the yeoman’s effort; he contributed in developing the Grand Chapter leadership-training program and thereby making my job much easier.*

*The Committee on Work and Lectures recommends the Grand High Priest for 2014-2015 continue the structured education program developed by MEC Marcus Trelaine. It is well developed yet sufficiently flexible to accommodate any new material a Companion may wish to discuss.*

*I only regret that attendance at the Grand Chapter School did not reach anticipated levels. I contribute the limited attendance to the fact that the Friday evening scheduling of the School is for most families the start of the weekend. It is normally an evening for a relaxing family diner and family time together.*

*I thank the Grand Chapter for the opportunity to serve my fellow Companions and this Grand Chapter. It has been my honor and privilege to labor for the advancement of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia.*

*I remain, faithfully and zealously*

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*Robert Haber, PHP March 8, 2014*

*Grand Provost*

*Chairman, Grand Chapter Work and Lectures Committee*



Companion Cohen added the following verbal comments to the report. The importance of the Grand Chapter School of Instruction is paramount for the ongoing health of the Capitular degrees. A new system has been presented this year. Washington-Potomac Chapter #8 are to be congratulated on their attendance, their officers being the most regular in attendance. A program of officer development with particular qualifications has been implemented. A Capitular Training Conference was held. The Committee recommends that the Officer Development program be fully implemented, that the Capitular Training Conference become an annual event; that the School of Instruction be moved from Friday night.

**M.7** There being no objection, the Grand High Priest ordered that the Report of the Work and Lectures Committee written and oral be received and spread upon the minutes.

1. The Right Excellent Grand Scribe Charbel Fahed gave the report of the York Rite Committee. He commended the York Rite Committee and Herb Hollander for their hard work, in locating a venue after the L’Enfant Plaza Hotel cancelled the contract due to the sale of the Hotel.

**M.8** Without objection, the Grand High Priest ordered that the report of the York Rite Committee be received and spread upon the minutes.

1. Accounts and Budget Committee Report was presented by REC Philip Palmer, Sr. The Budget was distributed to the voting members.

(**See Appendix A)**

The Grand King explained the process of putting the budget together with included the realistic estimate of membership and expenses. A large expense will be to replace the Grand Chapter Officers Regalia.

**M.9** The Grand King, REC Philip Palmer, moved the acceptance of the report of the Accounts and Budget Committee and the approval of the Budget for 2014-2015. It was unanimously so voted and ordered by the Grand High Priest.

**7. REPRESENTATIVES ROLL CALL**

The RE Grand Secretary read the names of our Grand Representatives as follows according to those Jurisdictions where a Grand Representative is duly accredited.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE 2014 NAME**

Arkansas P Howard F. Coleman

Australia- New South Wales P James W. Mitchell

Australia-Queensland A Richard W. Johnson

Australia-Victoria A Charles A. Phillips

Australia-Western A Richard W. Johnson

Austria P Carrol J. Collins

Belgium A Kwame M. Acquaah

California A Stewart W. Miner

Canada- British Columbia P Rev. Kenneth D. Fuller

Canada-Manitoba A Elkanah Faux

Canada-New Brunswick P Hugh A. Shawen

Canada-Newfoundland P Michael J. Kastle

Canada-Nova Scotia A Bruce F. Gilbert

Canada-Ontario P Scott M. Applebee

Canada-Quebec P Harold Grainger

Connecticut P Robert H. Starr

Delaware P Teko A. Foly

Finland A Jesse Villarreal

Florida EX Sheldon Arpad

France A Francis S. Nicol

Georgia P James A. Loudermilk, II

Germany P Gerhard Meinzer

Hawaii P Marcus A. Trelaine

Idaho A Paul Nadeau

Indiana EX Urban T. Peters

Ireland EX Urban T. Peters

Israel P Robert H. Starr

Italy A John Vergalla

Kentucky A Sheldon I. Rappeport

Louisiana A Victor A. Petrossian

Maine EX W. Frederick Gore

Maryland P Joel R. Kahn

Massachusetts E Craig R. Lasher

Michigan P Patrick N. Nnaji

Minnesota P Alwyn B. Taylor

Missouri EX Theodore M. Kahn

Montana A Marion K. Warner

Nebraska A Walter F. Simon

Nevada P Merriman F. C. Parkinson

New Hampshire P Sylvanus Taylor

New Jersey A John Vergalla

New York P Harold Grainger

Ohio EX Kenneth L. Foran

Oklahoma P Hugh A. Shawen

Oregon P Lawrence N. Jolma, Jr

Panama P George S. Nicol

Pennsylvania P Robert B. Bussler

Philippines A Theodore V. Villaando

Portugal EX Aires M. Domingues

Rhode Island & Providence A Michael M. Wertz

Scotland A Charles S. Iversen

South Carolina P Alwyn B. Taylor

South Dakota A Carl Stahlman

Switzerland P Teko A. Foly

Tennessee A Wilfred Auber

Utah P Robert Haber

Venezuela P Charbel T. Fahed

Virginia P Howard F. Coleman

Washington A Burton S. Levy

West Virginia P Robert B. Bussler

Wyoming A Richard C. Chandler

The Grand High Priest Thanked the Grand Representatives for their service. They were given a warm round of applause. The Grand Secretary noted that there were positions available as Grand Representatives.

**8.** The Grand High Priest, MEC Marcus A. Trelaine then presented the Patent of Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia near the Grand Chapter of Florida to MEC Henry Adams.

Sir Knight John Werhter was presented the Patent of the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia near the Grand Commandery of Florida. (This was due to an oversight by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, S.K. Fuller who did not have the patent available at that gathering.

**9.** The Grand High Priest then presented gifts and certificates to the Grand Officers Present. He was thanked by Grand Treasurer Joel Kahn.

**10**.The Grand High Priest then recognized the Meritorious Companions present.

M.E.C.s H. Coleman, A. Taylor, R Bussler, R. Starr, H. Grainger, S. Appleby, K. Fuller; RECs J. Kahn, P. Palmer, Sr.; ECs W. Benesch, G. Meinzer, H. Shawn, P. Brusoe; and Companion D. Cohen. Grand Honors were accorded the Meritorious Companions.

**11.** The Holders of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service award in Bronze and Silver were asked to rise. Recognized were MEC Howard Coleman, MEC Robert Bussler, MEC Alwyn Taylor, MEC Harold Grainger, REC Philip Palmer, Sr., MEC Lonnie Jolma, EC and MEC Richard Nagaele of Maryland. The Grand High Priest led the Grand Chapter in according the Distinguished Medal Holders Grand Honors. MEC Harold Grainger gave the response.

11. ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Grand High Priest passed the gavel to the Grand King, REC Philip Palmer, Sr. while he delivered his Allocution.

(SEE APPENDIX B.)

**M.10** MEC Harold Grainger, at the conclusion of the Allocution, moved that the Report of the Grand High Priest be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for their review. After a Second by EC Peter Brusoe the Motion was passed and so ordered by REC Palmer.

The Grand King ask Chair of Committee on Jurisprudence (MEC Starr) to comment and make their report. MEC Robert H. Starr, having reported that MEC Sheldon Arpad is unable to attend due to an accident his wife suffered, and then noted that there is no report on legislation being proposed, there being none. Reporting on behalf of his committee, REC Philip Palmer, Sr.,EC Carroll Collins and EC Charles Philips, who concurred in the following report. The Committee reviewed all dispensations **(See Appendix C)** and two decisions, the First to rule that an election was irregular and requiring another election to be held; and Second, that a chapter’s annual report was incomplete and invalid. The committee found all decisions and dispensations to be in proper form and all within his powers and prerogatives and therefore recommend their approval. The committee also had the opportunity to review the Grand High Priest’s Report in an advance copy and congratulate him on his stewardship of the Grand Chapter. It was educationally a remarkable year. He noted that the General Grand Chapter has recognized our GHP and our Grand Chapter in its leadership role in promoting Capitular Masonry and in Leadership training. The Chair thanked the GHP for the opportunity to serve.

**M.!!** MEC Starr moved that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be approved and spread upon the minutes and that the Grand Chapter approve the dispensations, decisions and report of the Grand High Priest, Marcus A. Trelaine. It was seconded and unanimously voted and so ordered by the presiding officer, REC Philip Palmer, Sr.

Grand Visitor and Lecturer – MEC Scott M. Applebee

Following the vote, the gavel was returned from the Grand King, to the Grand High Priest and it was noted that it was on loan from MEC Howard Coleman.

**12.** RECEPTION OF REPORTS NOT NEEDING ACTION

**M.12** The Grand Secretary, MEC Kenneth Fuller then moved that all other reports submitted to the Grand Chapter, but not requiring action, be received and spread upon the minutes. The Grand High Priest asked if there be objection and hearing none, so ordered.

**13. ELECTIONS**

The Grand High Priest inquired of the Grand Secretary the total number of votes that may be cast in the election. The report was that there would be 38 total votes.

The Grand High Priest appointed MECs Adams, Werhman and Vaughn as tellers.

The Grand High Priest called for nominations for the office of Grand High Priest. The REC Grand Secretary moved that the REC Grand King, Philip Palmer Sr. be advanced to the office of Grand High Priest. Seconded. There being no further nominations, the GHP declared the nominations closed and called for a vote by acclamation. The vote was unanimous. The GHP then inquired whether REC Philip Palmer would be willing to serve and the answer being positive, he became the Grand High Priest Elect.

The Grand High Priest then invested the Grand High Priest Elect with the gavel to continue the elections.

For the Station of Grand King, the REC Grand Secretary moved that REC Charbel Fahed be advanced to that station. There being a second and no further nominations, REC Charbel Fahed was elected Grand King by acclamation, voiced his acceptance and became Grand King Elect.

For thee station of Grand Scribe of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia, there were two nominations, Peter Brusoe, Grand Captain of the Host and George S. Nicol. Following a ballot in which EC Nicol won the majority, EC Brusoe moved that the election be made unanimous and it was so voted and ordered. EC Nicol accepted the election.

MEC Companion Kenneth D. Fuller and EC Joel R. Kahn were successively nominated, unanimously elected and agreed to serve as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectively.

MEC Robert Starr was elected to serve a term ending in 2017 as a Trustee.

The other Trustees are Robert B. Bussler whose term ends in 2015 and James Mitchell whose term ends in 2016.

REC Palmer then called for nominations to the station of Grand Captain of the Host of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia. Nominated were EC Peter Brusoe, who declined the nomination, EC Merriman Parkinson, EC Philip Palmer, Jr. and EC Charles Philips. After two ballots, EC Philip Palmer, Jr. was elected Grand Captain of the Host. He accepted the office.

The Grand Chapter then successively elected Scott Appleby to the office of Grand Visitor and Lecturer by acclamation and MEC Daniel Darko to the office of Grand Chaplain in the same manner.

**M 13.** The Grand Secretary then moved that the ballots be destroyed, it was seconded and unanimously voted and so ordered by the Grand High Priest who had received the gavel from the Grand King.

**14. DISMISSALS**

The Grand High Priest declared all standing and ad hoc committees for the Capitular Year 2013 – 2014 dismissed.

All appointed officers of this Grand Chapter were then relieved of duty by the Grand High Priest.

**15. ADDRESS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

MEC Teko A. Foly brought fraternal greetings from MEC Ted Harrison, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int. and in a most courteous manner represented that luminary in his remarks to MEC Marcus Trelaine and the companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia

**16. INSTALLATION**

Installed were MEC Philip J. Palmer, Sr. as Grand High Priest

REC Charbel Fahed as Grand King

REC George S. Nicol as Grand Scribe all in ample form

All other Grand Officers, elected and appointed were subsequently installed at a special open Installation on March 24th at Singleton Masonic Temple.

The Grand High Priest Philip Palmer was presented with his GHP Apron and case by the Grand Secretary and his collar by PGHP MEC Marcus Trelaine.

The newly installed Grand High Priest concluded the Convocation with a brief speech outlining his plans for the coming year and thanking MEC Trelaine, and EC Peter Brusoe.

**16. CLOSE**

The Grand High Priest, MEC Philip J. Palmer, Sr. closed the Grand Chapter in ample form at 4:48 pm.

**17.** Addendum