

## *A Message from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest*

Astronomy is one of the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences we are encouraged to study. The total solar eclipse, which was visible for a seventy-mile-wide path from Oregon to South Carolina on August 21, only lasted for a little over 2 minutes, but it was an awesome experience to witness. Having witnessed partial eclipses numerous times before, the total eclipse was a unique occasion and observing it was worth the time and effort. It also reminded me that many Companions experience a partial eclipse of the Capitular degrees instead of the total eclipse they should receive as they become Royal Arch Masons. Good ritual is important and should be conferred in a professional manner to assure a total eclipse experience.

Grand Chapter continues to be encouraged by the enthusiasm of the membership, the increased interest in the ritual, and regalia updating in many Chapters. The Schools of Instruction are active and providing important leadership for ritual work. The results have increased the awareness of Grand Chapter and reinforces the importance of Royal Arch Masonry within the Masonic Fraternally.

Chapters should be aware that Annual Reports, due in January, need to be submitted on time. Grand Chapter cannot accept non-performance in this Constitutional duty. Many Chapters have been delinquent in this requirement for assorted reasons. This information is necessary to provide reports for Grand Officers to analyze the conditions of Royal Arch Masonry, make recommendations, and implement actions for improvement.

Membership continues to be a priority and we continue to develop promotion material for the Chapters to use. Hopefully, we will be on-line with the Grand Lodge membership system soon.. This conversion has taken much longer than anticipated and continues to be a priority for the Grand Chapter office.

All Chapters should have a five-year plan written and updated annually. Chapters must realize that if they are going to survive, then they must address the usual problems of Presiding Officers, Membership Decline, Poor Attendance, Secretaries, Ritualist, Regalia, and Appropriate Dues Assessments.

The District Deputies have provided Leadership, Support and Encouragement to the Subordinate Chapters and are appreciated and supported by the Grand Chapter Officers. We have evaluated the time and effort required by the District Deputies to do their Constitution duties and have determined that to be the most effective, a Deputy should not have more than six Chapters. Therefore, we have created a new District (No. 6) which will be comprised of Chapters from Districts 5 and 7.

I look forward to greeting each of you at the Annual Communication in Philadelphia on December 7 and wish everyone a Merry Holiday Season.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

*George F. Morrow*

George F. Morrow, MEGHP

# The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdictions Thereunto Belonging

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**2017**

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*Most Excellent Grand Secretary*

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**The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter  
of Pennsylvania**

*To the Members of Grand Chapter:*

Dear Companions:

The 2017 Annual Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania will be held:

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

**Communication opens at 10:00 AM**

at the

**Masonic Temple  
Renaissance Hall  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Please see opposite page and insert for schedule, accommodation arrangements, and banquet details.

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**The Hotel Reservation Deadline is  
*November 15, 2017***

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**The Banquet Reservation Deadline is  
*November 30, 2017***

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Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*George R Haynes*

George R. Haynes, M.E. Grand Secretary

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**Annual Communication  
Thursday, December 7, 2017**

***Hotel Accommodations***

***Courtyard Marriott Philadelphia Downtown***

21 N. Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 496-3200

**Room rate is \$174.00 (+tax) per night**

Parking for \$29.40 daily/\$53.90 per overnight (inc. tax)

**Please make reservations directly with the hotel  
*unless otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter Office***

You MUST mention that you are with the group  
**“Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of PA”**

***Hotel Reservations must be made by  
November 15, 2017***

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**Men’s Luncheon Buffet (12:00 PM)  
No charge, but Reservations are Required**

**Ladies’ Luncheon and Program (12:00 PM)  
\$45.00 per person ~ Reservations are Required**

**Reception & Entertainment (5:30-7:00 PM)**

**Grand Chapter Banquet (7:00 PM)  
\$75.00 per person**

***Mail Completed Banquet Reservation Form to:  
Grand Chapter Office***

Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520

***Banquet Reservations must be received by  
November 30, 2017***

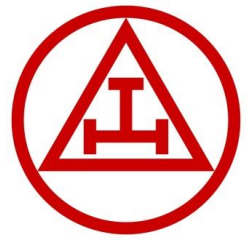


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## **Annual Communication**

**December 6-8, 2017**

### **Men's Program**

#### **Wednesday December 6, 2017**

		<u>Location</u>
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration <i>The Grand Chapter Reception Desk will be in the Hospitality Suite</i>	Hotel
4:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Hotel

#### **Thursday December 7, 2017**

		<u>Location</u>
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Credentials <i>The Grand Chapter Credentials Desk will be in the Second Floor Hallway of the Masonic Temple</i>	Masonic Temple
9:30 AM	Assembly of Guests	Masonic Temple
9:45 AM	Formation of Procession	Masonic Temple
10:00 AM	<b>Opening of Grand Chapter</b>	Masonic Temple
10:15 AM	Reception of Guests	Masonic Temple
10:45 AM	Business of Grand Chapter	Masonic Temple
5:30 PM	Grand Chapter Reception & Entertainment <i>Live Entertainment. Cash Bar.</i>	Hotel
6:30 PM	Grand Chapter Banquet & Entertainment <i>Seating opens at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.</i>	Hotel
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Hotel

#### **Friday December 8, 2017**

*Have a Safe Return Home !*

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4:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Hotel

#### **Thursday December 7, 2017**

#### **Location**

10:00 AM	Guided Tour of Masonic Temple	Masonic Temple
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Ladies' Luncheon & Program	Hotel
5:30 PM	Grand Chapter Reception & Entertainment	Hotel
	<i>Live Entertainment. Cash Bar.</i>	
6:30 PM	Grand Chapter Banquet & Entertainment	Hotel
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Meal Reservation Form for Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:

*“Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of PA”*

Mail completed form & check to:

**Grand Chapter Office**  
**Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, 3rd Floor**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520**

Meal Reservation Deadline: *November 30, 2017*

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Notes

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Men's Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ (#) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N/C

Ladies' Luncheon

\_\_\_\_\_ (#) at \$45.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Cobb Salad (chicken)

\_\_\_\_\_ Southwest Salad (steak)

Grand Banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ (#) at \$75.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_ Glazed Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Mushroom Ravioli

TOTAL ENCLOSED ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_