

# **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL**

## **2017 – 2020 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:**

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT –**

Develop a venue for increased opportunities for utilizing a voluntary mentoring program for Royal Arch Masonry. This could include recruiting and training individuals to be mentors. This effort should not be just limited to candidates or new members but include any members and line officers who feel they would benefit. (reference Florida program from 2006).

Establish a committee to explore the development of the capability for a live or recorded web based Regional Conference. The Internet Committee will investigate the cost and identify the steps necessary for implementation considering all facets for improvement. (Year 1 - research and report recommendations; Year 2 – budget and arrange to record material; Year 3 – implementation).

Determine the interest of the various Lodges of Research being involved in:

- a. the development of numerous educational topics for presentation at the Regional Conferences. Appropriate presentation formats need to be identified along with changing topics of interest each year to increase attendance and involvement.
- b. Establishing a RAM writers or authors guild with the Lodges of Research or Research Chapters willing to participate and develop a method to recognize and reward those who provide motivational and educational programs. (Recognition, award, publish material, public recognition, title, etc.)

Accomplish a survey to ascertain the benefit Royal Arch Masons are currently experiencing under the present format of Regional Conferences. Benefits and experience gained need to be determined and evaluated for both the conference programs and the Emerging Leaders program. How many Emerging Leaders graduates have moved into local or state leadership positions within the York Rite?

RDGGHP develops a partnership with the individual member GHP, GK and GS of each jurisdiction in his region to identify educational programs that their membership desires at the regional conferences.

## **INTERCHANGE –**

MEGHP to develop a schedule for the elected General Grand Chapter Officers to meet quarterly to assess and discuss the progress of various assigned tasks that they may be working on thereby establishing accountability. These meetings should be at those places and times where all will be present to reduce cost. Teleconferences or skype meetings shall also be utilized to reduce cost. Each officer position shall have a specific job description/duties and/or tasks as required to meet the requirements of our partnership arrangements and to reinforce that concept.

Develop a partnership and team arrangement between all elected and appointed GGCRAMI officers and their counterparts at the state level as spelled out in specific taskings and or job descriptions.

Invite other bodies and organizations to attend and present or participate in the Chapter sessions at the regional conferences. (DeMolay, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons International, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the hosting jurisdiction, Grand Commander of AASR, NMJ or SJ and others within or without the Fraternity).

The Public Relations Committee of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International shall work to improve our image. Such programs should result in both an improved Masonic reputation and also improved name recognition of Royal Arch Masonry within the general public. This would include the development of specific programs or activities that could be utilized by both local Chapters and their member Grand Chapters willing to participate. They will also establish a tri fold document emphasizing the benefits of membership in the GGCRAMI making this information easily available preaching it from every level answering the question, "What does the GGCRAMI do for me and Royal Arch Masonry." Additionally they will provide other information considered important to our members while reporting to the GGCRAMI with updates.

Utilize the partnership to recruit and train mentors by encouraging and educating their own members to become mentors to others. A train - the - trainer concept for Grand Chapter and local Chapter officers that would benefit all members similar to what should be done new Royal Arch Masons.

The Royal Arch Education Committee shall organize, recruit and train enthusiastic and dynamic presenters of presentations developed by either the Research Lodges/Chapters or Writers Guild/Authors Society.

**INTERCHANGE (continued):**

**TEAM 2** shall develop a method to follow up with conference attendees within 60 days to obtain critical feedback to the overall program. (Review PGPH's of various jurisdictions, EL graduates, and passionate younger members).

**TEAM 2** will be responsible for requiring that the Ambassadors furnish or provide four articles per Triennial for the electronic newsletter or the Royal Arch Mason magazine. They shall also be responsible for developing activities in cooperation with the Ambassadors to increase subscriptions for the Royal Arch Mason magazine by 10 % per year, to increase the e-mail addresses for subscribers to the monthly newsletter by 20 % per year as well as the use and promotion of one or more social media sites once established. They will also establish a master list of electronic e-mail address of Royal Arch Masons within their jurisdiction for their membership to receive important GGCRAMI updates and other information of value to all Royal Arch Masons and member Grand Chapters.

## **GOVERNANCE –**

Elected and appointed General Grand Chapter officers shall maintain and support a positive program of improved communications through greater involvement within their various teams and partnership arrangements. The results of these efforts are to be highlighted in all their reports at every level.

MEGGHP will explain and implement the reporting requirements of team and partnership members thereby assuring accountability as well as increasing the necessary follow up at all levels pertaining to all taskings and specific portions of various job descriptions for both committees and officers.

Review the administrative policy and procedures manual for the structure and operation of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International complete with suggested forms and information necessary to improve the function and understanding of all administrative operations. This should include all accounting and budget preparation functions to include future financial requirements prepared by an individual with a financial background. Hopefully other potential income generating activities, projects and programs will offset the requirement for future per capita increases.

The Public Relations Committee is to publicize existing awards and develop additional opportunities and methods of performance recognition for all levels of Royal Arch Masonry. (Survey existing member programs and recommend opportunities for implementation or improvement throughout the craft).

Assign a task for the review and making of recommendations for the revision and updating of the Constitution and Standing Regulations of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

The Trustees will explore the creation of a foundation and various methods for generating a basis of \$10,000 to start with an increase of the total by 25 % for 5 years thereby producing additional interest income on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. Consideration may be given to the establishment of a General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason company store whereby profit may be generated to add to the permanent fund whereby its eventual interest may offset or subsidize the operational cost of the GGCRAMI.

Activate the ritual committee to copyright the General Grand Chapter Ritual and add the appropriate music to accompany the degrees as part of the ritual.

## HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES –

Review how the Ambassadors, DGGHP's, and various committees are accomplishing their responsibilities, specific expectations on a 6 month basis.

Establish an active, involved, and participatory group of Royal Arch Masons to assist with the magazine features, newsletter articles and research member requested topics working with the managing editors of those two organizations.

Evaluate the Emerging Leaders program and recommend any improvements or suggestions for the creation of additional beneficial programs. (What benefits are being derived and is it worth the continued investment? Could the same information be provided differently at a reduced cost, perhaps as courses over the internet?).

Create a select committee of computer knowledgeable individuals who can recommend improvements for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International web site as well as work with the other committees for the implementation of their efforts as new and additional educational and interactive web based education and training initiatives are developed. This committee would also assist with the ability for regional conferences to be a live broadcast or after the fact as well as assist in the presentation of professional level materials developed for the regional conferences.

The Public Relations Committee is tasked to increase the overall membership awareness and knowledge of the purpose and