

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Distinguished East,

My Brethren and Companions and friends:

This all began back in 1974 when the Trustees of Grand Chapter and the Directors of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory entered into an agreement to build the Royal Arch Wing on the Laboratory, the very structure we are currently standing in.

This predated the founding of the Royal Arch Medical Research Foundation by several years. The Foundation was incorporated in 1977.

The funds were to be taken from excess income in the Royal Arch Tuberculosis Fund. The total amount of the project was not to exceed approximately \$140,000. The Royal Arch Wing was dedicated St. Johns Weekend in 1976.

The resolution was passed by Grand Chapter, and we were off and running in a close relationship which has continued to today.

Subsequently, as the needs for more space grew, a second story was added to the Royal Arch Wing.

The addition of the Molecular Genetics and Molecular Biology wing saw the dedication of a conference room honoring Most Worshipful and Most Excellent Stewart C. McCloud, long time president of the Royal Arch Medical Research Foundation.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has been the principal recipient of funds distributed by the Royal Arch Medical Research Foundation since its inception approximately 30 years ago. Over the years funding has included post doctoral fellowships, equipment for use in the labs and many other projects.

Each year the Foundation also provides scholarships for Royal Arch related students who are furthering their education in a medical related field, as well as funding a special project chosen by the Grand High Priest.

I am proud to have been a director of the foundation for nearly 20 years, mostly as Vice President, and to have served as president for the last 5 years.

It is truly an honor to be included in this dedication with Most Worshipful and Most Excellent Calvin G. Bond. Cal has been a Trustee of Grand Chapter for over 25 years, and has been the guardian of Grand Chapter finances for most of that time. It is through his wise investment that projects such as this are possible.

I only hope that I can continue to serve our beloved fraternity in the same manner that he has over the years. He is a great example for all of us to follow.

I wish to thank the Directors of the Royal Arch Medical Research Foundation and the permanent members of Grand Chapter who made this possible.

A special thanks goes to Griffith Jones III, Grand High Priest in 2008 , under whose guidance this project came into being, and my dear friend W. Bruce Renner who handled the details that made this event the success it is.

I can only say thank you to everyone involved, and hope I am able to live up to this great honor.