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Reshaping the Capitular Districts

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A major challenge that has faced this administration is the reshaping of the Capitular Districts of New York State. There are many good reasons why this move is necessary, among such as a lack of Chapters in the district, and the lack of Companions willing to serve as DDGHP and AGL.

We have evaluated the situation and proactively re-set the Districts as they should be - rather than watching the shrinking process! We unveiled this new district plan at the three Meet the Grand Chapter seminars, the Regional Officers Seminars and the DDGHP's Visitations. We have listened to the Companions and made changes as they have directed. We believe that we have completed a new organizational model that will serve us well for the next few years.

It is important to remember that this program would go into effect March 2011. Later this fall, the new DDGHP and AGL applications for these new revised Districts will be sent from the Grand Chapter Office.

Remember...NOTHING HAS CHANGED...A Chapter still works with his neighboring Chapters...Regardless of District!

A Capitular District is merely a means for organizing the Royal Arch Chapters in New York for the most efficient administration possible. A District has no historical or ritualistic significance. Regardless of the District a Chapter may belong to, it is encouraged to continue to work with and support any other Chapter with which it might have ties. **You do not need a passport to cross the "border."** Districts are administrative areas and the geographical area of a District should have little bearing on how a Chapter works and conducts its business. *Companions - You are to continue the alliances that you have, sharing the same rituals, festivals, programs and friendship!*

From what we have seen around the State...we would also predict that within five years this Grand Jurisdiction will see another 10 to 20 Chapters shut down or merge! Re-districting will continue to be an ongoing process!

A New Ways to do Things!

Along with the new districts, comes a new way to administer an **Official Visitation of the DDGHP!**

Next year a DDGHP will have several options available to him to deal with administering the Chapters that are under his fraternal care.

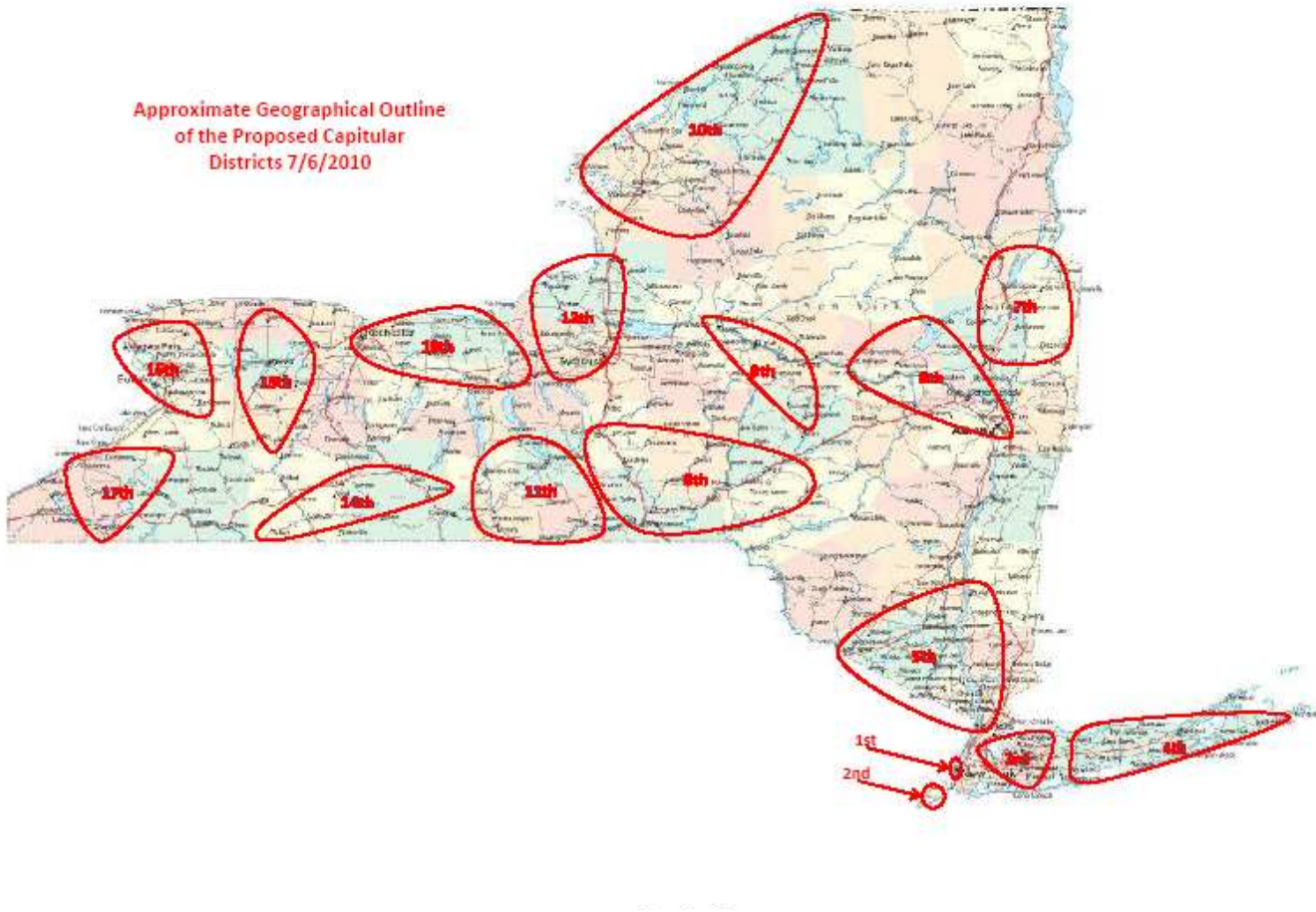
As an option - he can hold a regional meeting with a grouping of several Chapters in his district - inspecting the books and communicating the Grand High Priests message. Perhaps he can divide his Official Visitations into two outings (divided north/south or east/west) then he is free to visit his Chapters as he sees fit! This would optimize his time and allow him to concentrate his labors where needed! He may also do the traditional Official Visitation if he chooses!

Another option would be to schedule the Regional Officer Meeting in conjunction with the DDGHP District-wide meeting. All of the administrative and constitutional requirements would then be satisfied in one fell swoop and we have facilitated communication and cooperation between the Chapters.

Now the DDGHP and the Regional Officer can concentrate on the real business of supporting their Chapters and growing Capitular Masonry! They can visit the Chapters at their leisure throughout the year, supporting Table Chapters, facilitating and helping with Degrees, as well as working and promoting Capitular Masonry right along with them.

More on this at the DDGHP December training session!

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Grand High Priest at York.rite@hotmail.com or call him at (716) 912 - 6121♦



1st Capitular District		
Americus-Orient 138	Masonic Hall, NYC	Maximum travel time less than 0 hours and 0 miles
Ancient 1	Masonic Hall, NYC	
Constitution 140	Masonic Hall, NYC	
Jerusalem 8	Masonic Hall, NYC	
Phoenix 2	Masonic Hall, NYC	
Zerubbabel 147	Masonic Hall, NYC	

2nd Capitular District		
Bay View Flatbush 298	Bay St., Staten Island	Maximum travel time less than 0 hour and 0 miles
Nassau 109	Bay St., Staten Island	
Tyrian 219	Bay St., Staten Island	

3rd Capitular District		
Freeport-Long Island 302	Baldwin, LI	Maximum travel time less than .75 hours and 30 miles
Melchizedek 273	Matinecock, LI	
Pentalpha-Banner 206	Long Island City, Queens	

4th Capitular District		
Asharokan 288	Smithtown, LI	Maximum travel time less than 1.5 hours and 65 miles
Nunnakoma 308	Amagansett, LI	
Penataquit 309	Sayville, LI	
Suwassett 195	Port Jefferson, LI	

5th Capitular District		
Buckingham-Mohegan 174	Highland Falls, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.75 hours and 85 miles
Highland 52	Middletown, NY	
Neversink 186	Port Jervis, NY	
Poughkeepsie 172	Poughkeepsie, NY	
Rockland Valley 204	Sparkill, NY	
Tabernacle 177	White Plains, NY	

6th Capitular District		
Ancient Temple 5	Albany, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.25 hours and 60 miles
Hiram Union 53	Canajoharie, NY	
Latham 168	Latham, NY	
Sacandaga 116	Northville, NY	
St. George's 157	Schenectady, NY	

7th Capitular District		
Federal 10	Greenwich, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1 hours and 42 miles
Sandy Hill-Granville 189	Hartford, NY	
Warren 23	Saratoga Springs, NY	
Warrensburg 325	Warrensburg, NY	

8th Capitular District		
Binghamton 139	Endicott, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.5 hours and 80 miles
Delaware 251	Walton, NY	
Oneonta 277	Oneonta, NY	
Greene 106	Greene, NY	
Washington 29	Cortland, NY	
Oxford 254	Oxford, NY	
Vallonia 80	Windsor, NY	
Western Broome 322	Maine, NY	

9th Capitular District		
Darius 144	Lee Center, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.5 hours and 70 miles
Doric 193	Vernon, NY	
Iroquois 236	Ilion, NY	
Oneida 57	Utica, NY	
Otsego 26	Cooperstown, NY	

10th Capitular District		
Lowville 223	Lowville, NY	Maximum travel time less than 2.5 hours and 115 miles
Massena 300	Massena, NY	
Sackets Harbor 68	Dexter, NY	
Theresa 149	Alexandria Bay, NY	

11th Capitular District		
Cayuta-Elmira 42	Chemung, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.25 hours and 45 miles
Eagle 58	Ithaca, NY	
Fidelity 77	Trumansburg, NY	
Horseheads 261	Horseheads, NY	
New Jerusalem 47	Owego, NY	
Watkins 182	Montour Falls, NY	

12th Capitular District		
Central City Riverside 70	Liverpool, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.25 hours and 60 miles
Charles H. Platt 247	Skaneateles, NY	
Fulton 167	Fulton, NY	
Lake Ontario 165	Oswego, NY	
Oswego River 270	Phoenix, NY	
Pulaski 279	Pulaski, NY	

13th Capitular District		
Excelsior 164	Shortsville, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1 hours and 54 miles
Geneva 36	Geneva, NY	
Hiram 62	Pittsford, NY	
King David 34	Port Byron, NY	
Newark 117	Newark, NY	
Palmyra Eagle 79	Palmyra, NY	
Salem Town 173	Seneca Falls, NY	
Wayne 276	Sodus, NY	

14th Capitular District		
Bath 95	Savona, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.25 hours and 63 miles
Bolivar 280	Bolivar, NY	
Steuben 101	Hornell, NY	
Wellsville 143	Almond, NY	

15th Capitular District		
Arcade 322	Pike, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1.25 hours and 60 miles
LeRoy 183	Bergen, NY	
Orleans 175	Albion, NY	
Western Star 35	Attica, NY	

16th Capitular District		
Ames 88	Lockport, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1 hours and 42 miles
East Aurora 282	East Aurora, NY	
Holy Ark 304	Lacawana, NY	
Niagara 200	Niagara Falls, NY	
Tonawanda Keystone 71	Tonawanda, NY	

17th Capitular District		
Dunkirk 191	Fredonia, NY	Maximum travel time less than 1 hours and 40 miles
Gowanda 136	Gowanda, NY	
Western Sun 67	Jamestown, NY	

ROYAL ARCH CHARITIES - Contributions through June 30, 2010

	GHP Allocation	School Fund	School Curr	SEALS	RAC Med Res Fund	Lungs	Total	
District 1	\$190.00	\$1,120.00		\$772.00	\$1,045.00	\$166.00	\$3,293.00	7.33%
District 2				\$205.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$255.00	0.57%
District 3	\$163.00	\$853.00		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$343.00	\$1,534.00	3.42%
District 4	\$50.00	\$150.00		\$300.00	\$360.00	\$25.00	\$885.00	1.97%
District 6		\$35.00			\$645.00		\$680.00	1.51%
District 11		\$195.50		\$92.50			\$288.00	0.64%
District 12	\$223.00	\$5,600.88	\$29.87	\$247.00	\$705.00		\$6,805.75	15.16%
District 14		\$450.00		\$75.00	\$595.00		\$1,120.00	2.49%
District 17	\$182.50			\$250.00	\$50.00		\$482.50	1.07%
District 18		\$583.34			\$403.33	\$333.33	\$1,320.00	2.94%
District 19	\$87.80	\$28.70		\$100.00	\$125.00		\$341.50	0.76%
District 20	\$15.00	\$4,182.18		\$249.00	\$1,865.00	\$10.00	\$6,321.18	14.08%
District 21	\$50.00	\$973.00	\$20.00	\$216.10	\$757.50		\$2,016.60	4.49%
District 22		\$696.00			\$35.00		\$731.00	1.63%
District 24		\$130.00		\$200.00	\$10.00		\$34.00	0.76%
District 25	\$40.00	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$36.00	\$115.00		\$376.00	0.84%
District 27	\$10.00	\$630.00			\$825.00	\$350.00	\$1,815.00	4.04%
District 28	\$40.00				\$20.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	0.18%
District 29	\$75.00	\$1,057.00		\$50.00	\$525.00		\$1,707.00	3.80%
District 31	\$100.00	\$2,320.00		\$120.00	\$1,015.00	\$10.00	\$3,565.00	7.94%
District 32		\$225.00	\$200.00				\$425.00	0.95%
Other	\$1,011.50	\$7,878.86	\$1,361.20	\$110.00	\$155.00		\$10,516.56	23.42%

Total	\$2,237.80	\$27,233.46	\$1,671.07	\$3122.60	\$9,350.83	\$1,282.33	\$44,898.09
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What gets measured gets done!

The GOAL is \$ 55,000

We are 80.63 % there!

Where does your District stand?