



2018 Report of the Internet Committee (Established 2015)

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To: Gary Hinson, Sovereign Grand Master and the Members of Grand Council

Subject: 2018 Internet Committee Report

(NOTE: REVISED OR NEW ITEMS ARE IN *Italic*)

The Official web site was created and published on February 24, 1999 after discussions with the Officers at our 1999 Annual Meeting. The site has had approximately 160,000 **(+11,000)** “hits” or visitors during the past nineteen years. It is featured on the York Rite Official Information Site, www.yorkrite.org, which has received 1.322 million **(+0.196M)** visitors since August of 1997.

The web site consists of twelve pages with information on the following subjects:

Home Page – Navigation Bar to separate pages

Initial Greeting by Sovereign Master, and official picture (*biography*)

Group Picture of Officers

Official Contact Information for the Grand Secretary

Visitor Hit Counter and status of updates with identification of web site management

Navigation bar to links of significant importance – Guest Book

1. Officers Page – picture and listing of officers with e-mails **and pictures -14**
2. Committees
3. Newsletter – Information of interest received from Councils (*CONCEPT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED*)
4. Downloads – Forms and Information including the Annual Report to be filed by each Council
5. Annual Meeting – Info and Masonic Week Site Program **(+140,000 Visits since 2003) FORM (+14000)**
6. *COMMENTS on Masonic Week Program – This year a “tentative program was maintained on-line” which was the 2017 program with presiding officers changed when they occurred. The 2018 Program was not finalized until November 29th. Reservation Form, December 4th - that is only 65 days before the Meeting begins. This needs to be improved!*
7. Degrees – Description of ALL 17 Degrees controlled by AMD
8. Honors – Description of Honors and Awards
9. History - Identification of Grades, Degrees and a Historical Sketch.

10. Councils – List of Constituent Councils by Number *(4 added)*

11. Councils On-Line – List of 75 Constituent Council Web Sites, 26 hosted by Grand Council *(+1)*

12. Superintendents – Information on the Grand Superintendents of Work in each jurisdiction *(New GS and Info on 4)*

Note: there is space available to add other information, itineraries, pictures, proceedings, papers, etc.

The Concept of the “Newsletter” needs to be reviewed.

It has been our pleasure to serve Grand Council in this endeavor and look forward to continuing this effort.

Respectively Submitted

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