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### **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM, May 3, 2015, a Joint Memorial Service was holden in the Grand Chapter Building, at 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Wilson, lit the red candle, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor, lit the Purple Candle, and Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, lit the white candle. A hearty welcome was extended to all participants to the Annual Joint York Rite Ceremony of Remembrance for all deceased Companions and Sir Knights. Grand Chaplain Albert W. Head., and Grand Prelate Rev. Donald C. Combs conducted the services. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered as follows:

#### **In Memoriam for Reed S. Britt 1930 - 2014**

Reed S. Britt, Jr. was born on January 13, 1930 in Gwinnett County, Georgia where he spent most of his life. Reed was educated in the public schools of Gwinnett County. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was later employed by General Motors in Doraville and retired from the company after many years of service. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He was also very active in Masonic work. He was a Past Master of Sweetwater Lodge No. 421, F. & A.M. He served as High Priest of Sweetwater Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons and as Illustrious Master of Gwinnett Council No. 44, Royal and Select Masters. Reed was a recipient of the Order of the Silver Trowel and the Holy Order of High Priesthood. He served as Eminent Commander of Arnold de Troye Commandery No. 31, Knights Templar and was a recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor and the Knight Commander of the Temple Award. He was a member and Past Registrar of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Reed was a member and Past Governor of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123. He was also a member of Upper Room Tabernacle No. 45, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in Macon. Reed served for many years on the Credentials Committee of the Grand York Rite Bodies. He laid down the Sword of Templary and the Working Tools of Masonry on September 8, 2014 and ascended to the Asylum on High. He was preceded in death by his first wife Lois Alma Keever Britt. Survivors include his second wife Marty Hobson Britt of Norcross; children, Reed S. Britt, III and wife Cheryl of Monroe; Angela Britt of Madison; Alma Morrow of Oxford; Tina and husband Anthony Smith of Lawrenceville; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. While we shall see him not again on this earthly plane, we will cherish his memory; the great example he set before us and the warm and friendly smile with which he always greeted us. Farewell for a time our beloved Brother, Companion and Sir Knight.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Danny Wofford

**In Memoriam for  
WILFORD HENRY HALL  
1927- 2014**

On this occasion, let us pause to commemorate and honor the memory of one very illustrious within our craft of Freemasonry...WILFORD HENRY HALL. Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Bill Hall, as he was known in the York Rite, was born in Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia on February 28, 1927, the son of Mathew Robert and Grace Rymer Hall. He attended the Dalton Public Schools, the Murray County Public Schools, and graduated from Dalton High School. Companion Bill married the former Betty Goss of Dalton, Georgia, and at the time of his passing they were in their 67<sup>th</sup> year of matrimony. To that union was born a daughter Donna, who is now Mrs. Douglas Knowles, and the mother of Bill and Betty's grandchildren...Dr. Rebecca Knowles of Chatsworth and Darian and wife, Sara, Knowles of Omaha, Nebraska, together with Bill and Betty's great-grandson Anaiiah. Sir Knight Bill served in the United States Navy during the latter part of World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Following active service during the war, he returned to the Dalton area but remained a member of the Ready Reserve. He served in a number of positions with the Reserve, both in Dalton and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He retired from the Naval Reserve a full commander after thirty-seven years of service. Brother Bill was employed with the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, where he rose to the position of Operating Superintendent. He retired following thirty-six years of faithful service. Among his civic activities, Companion Bill served six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Northwest Georgia. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Dalton, Inc., where he served as treasurer for several years. He was recognized as Kiwanian of the Year in 1984. He served as a member of the Vocational Training Advisory Board of Dalton College. He served on the Board of Directors of the Home Builders Association of Dalton. And, of course, he was a life member and first President of the Naval Reserve Officers Association of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and a life member of the Naval Reserve Officers of the United States. In his Masonic life, Brother Hall was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 27, 1959, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on May 11, 1959, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 8, 1959 in Dalton Lodge No. 105, F. &A.M. in Dalton, Georgia. He served as Worshipful Master of Dalton Lodge No. 105, F. &A. M. in 1965, and served as Worshipful Master of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Tri-County Masonic Convention in 1985-86. He was twice elected as "Master Mason of the Year" from his Lodge. Companion Bill was exalted to the most sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Western Chapter No. 80, R.A.M. on October 22, 1959. He served as High Priest of his Chapter in 1966 and received the Order of the High Priesthood. He served as District Grand Deputy to the Grand High Priest for several years. Companion Hall was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Walton C. Griffin Council No. 36, R. &S.M. in Dalton, Georgia, on July 21, 1960. He served as Illustrious Master in 1979 and 1980. He was awarded the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award in 1980, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Georgia Council of the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1988-89. Knighted in St. Johns' Commander No. 19, K.T., on October 29, 1977, Sir Knight Hall served as Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery in 1979-80. He was elected to the Grand Commandery Line in 1981, and was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, K.T., for the year 1989-90. He received the Knight Crusader of the Cross under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of Florida in 1990. In related Masonic bodies, Companion and Sir Knight Hall was a member and Past Prior of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honor. He was a charter member and past Governor of Luther G.

Palmer York Rite College; a Past Sovereign Master of Rufus R. White Conclave No. 310, Allied Masonic Degrees; a Past Excellent Chief of Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council No. 65, Knight Masons; a member and Past Preceptor of Upper Room Tabernacle No XLV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and a member and Past Sovereign of Rufus R. White Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. A total Freemason, Illustrious and Brother Hall received the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry up to the 32<sup>nd</sup> on June 7, 1986, in the Valley of Atlanta, Orient of Georgia. He was decorated as a Knight Commander Court of Honor on October 18, 1993, and was Coroneted as a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Inspector General Honorary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America on November 13, 1999. Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Wilford Henry "Bill" Hall may best be described as one of those brethren worthy of being addressed as "Mr. Mason." His years of service to the craft exhibit a record rarely paralleled within our fraternity. His reputation as a Masonic ritualist is second to none. Whether it was in the role of the third ruffian of the Master's Degree, the Master Overseer of the Mark Master's Degree, or his well-known portrayal of Nebuzaradan, Grand Captain of the Persian Armies, his performances made a lasting impression upon all who witnessed his work. He was known for arising very early, loading his automobile with equipment and paraphernalia, and driving hundreds of miles to confer the work on any number of candidates, be it a house full or a hand full. However, beyond his service to Freemasonry, is a record of his kindness, generosity, and compassion for his fellowmen. He was noted for many, many kindly deeds and courtesies that marked him as a lover of all mankind. Whether it was unexpectedly providing treats or refreshments or other accommodations for the employees, who worked under him, or whether it was presenting gifts to friends or strangers, alike, of any of the many artsy things that he made himself, or whether it was providing some assistance to needy persons of his acquaintance, Bill Hall cared about people. He was a Christian gentleman and practiced his faith during the course of his walk through life as well as being a member of the South Dalton Baptist Church. We shall miss Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Wilford Henry "Bill" Hall, but his memory shall dwell within our hearts until we meet again in the Great Beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, PHP, MIPGM, PEC

#### **THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET**

The Annual Grand York Rite Banquet was holden at 6:00 PM on Sunday Evening, May 3, 2015, at the Marriot Convention Center. Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Master of Ceremonies, presented the officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. After the invocation by Rev. Donald C. Combs, a delicious meal of steak or chicken, with all the trimmings, was enjoyed by all. After dinner the heads of each Body introduced their Families and Special Guests.

#### **KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

R. E. Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., presented Sir Knight William F. Shepard, Past Commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 21, with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award.

#### **KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE**

REPGC Paul E. Wells awarded the KCT to Lenard A. Davis, and John A. Minnich.

#### **PLAQUE PRESENTED TO R.E.G.C. Terry L. Hensley**

R.E. Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley was presented a plaque and lapel pen designating him as a permanent member of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., by the RE Grand Recorder, Lawrence E. Tucker, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar.

#### **COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The General Grand Recorder, David A. Grindle, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int., presented Companion Kevin I. Miller, with the General Grand Council Distinguished Service Medal.

#### **COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD**

The General Grand Recorder, David A. Grindle presented Joseph W. Watson, a dedicated York Rite Mason to the youth, the General Grand Council Youth Award.

#### **LADY OF THE COUNCIL**

Susan Pope, Cheryle Shephard, Sheila Hensley, Jane Wilson, Ruth Wellman, and Ericka Matheny were presented Lady of the Council Awards.

#### **PLAQUE PRESENTED TO M. I. G. M. CHARLES E. TAYLOR**

M. I. Companion Charles E. Taylor was presented a plaque and lapel pin designating him a permanent member of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int. by General Grand Recorder, David A. Grindle.

#### **CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

James H. Hodge, General Grand King, of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int. presented Excellent Companion Benjamin W. Polston, II, with the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal.

#### **SWEETHEART AWARD**

The General Grand King presented General Grand Chapter Sweetheart awards to Jane Wilson, Susan Pope, Sheila Hensley, Tammie Polston, Brenda Gill, Sharon Bailey, and Carol McDonald.

#### **KIRBY AWARD**

The Right Eminent General Grand King and Most Excellent Past General Grand High Priest, John Benny Allen, presented the Kirby Award to: MEPGHP Clyde E. Griffin, MEPGHP Wade C. Smith, and REPGC Edward Helton. This is the first time that this distinguished award has been presented to Georgia Companions.

#### **PLAQUE PRESENTED TO M. E. G. H. P. Michael H. Wilson**

M. E. Companion Michael H. Wilson was presented a plaque and a lapel pin designating him a permanent member of General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Int. by James Hodge, M.E. General Grand King.

#### **THE GRAND MASTER WELCOMED**

M. W. Grand Master, Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., made closing remarks and closed the Grand Banquet with prayer.

#### **JOINT PROCEEDINGS - GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA**

The Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia convened in joint session at the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia 31201, Monday Morning, May 4, 2015 for the purpose of receiving Distinguished Guests. The Secretary/Recorder announced that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils and Commanderies present to open the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. The One Hundred Ninety Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 8:30 AM with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael H. Wilson presiding, assisted by the Grand Chapter officers. After the full form opening and the pledge of allegiance, Most Excellent Grand Companion Michael H. Wilson, declared the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly opened for the purpose of receiving Distinguished Guests, and other business as appropriate. Most

Illustrious Grand Companion Charles E. Taylor, Most Illustrious Grand Master, of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was received with Grand Honors and declared the 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia duly opened for the purpose of receiving Distinguished Guests and other business, as appropriate. Right Eminent Grand Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia was received with Grand Honors and declared the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery duly opened for the purpose of receiving Distinguished Guests and other business as appropriate. The Grand High Priest ordered the Grand Royal Arch Captain, to inform the Sentinel that the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia was open for the reception of Distinguished Guests. Distinguished Guests were asked to retire for the purpose of being introduced. Distinguished Guests were introduced by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Joe E. Turner.

#### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

MEGHP Michael H. Wilson, MIGM Charles E. Taylor, and REGC Terry L. Hensley received the following Distinguished Guests:

##### **ALABAMA**

M. E. Grand Companion Thomas H. Nesbit, MEGHP, G. P.C.W. Grand Council, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery

##### **FLORIDA**

M.I. Grand Companion H. Warren Almand, Jr., MIGM and MEPGHP

##### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

M.E. Grand Companion Nelson D. Horton, Most Excellent Grand High Priest;

M.I. Grand Companion. Robert Norton, Most Illustrious Grand Master;

Sir Knight Gary C. Sowell, Right Eminent Grand Commander

##### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

M. E. Grand Companion Sheldon Arpad, MEPGHP and MIPGM, and currently serving as the Eminent Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of Florida.

##### **MICHIGAN**

M.E. Grand Companion Gordon B. Ruthruff, MEPGHP, and Eminently Distinguished Deputy Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia.

##### **NEW YORK**

R.E. Grand Companion Raymond E. Roche, Right Excellent Grand King, and the representative of Harley R. DeShane, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in New York, and the Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery of Georgia from the Grand Commandery of New York.

#### **GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED**

Companion Brandon S. Yarbrough, Eminent Prior, Georgia Priory No. 39, KYCH; Companion Hugh F. Watson, Eminent Prior, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, KYCH; Companion Andre E. Lovas, Grand Chamberlain, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Intendant General for the Northern Division of Georgia; Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Eminent Grand Seneschal, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptors; Right Excellent Deputy Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons of the USA; and Most Worthy Grand Master, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, USA; Companion Clyde E. Griffin, Grand Superintendent for Georgia, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA, and Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine for the Southern Division of Georgia.

#### **CONVENT GENERAL KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR**

Companion Bobby B. Simmons, PGC, PGM of Georgia, Grand Warder of the Temple, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

#### **GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS AND OTHERS PRESENTED**

M.E. Grand Companion Jimmy T. Porter, Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int.; M.E. Grand Companion C. Danny Wofford, General Grand Chapter Librarian, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int.; M.E. Grand Companion John F. Wermann, General Grand Master of 1st Veil, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Int. and Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southeastern Region, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Int.; M.E. General Grand Companion John Benny Allen, Most Excellent Past General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.; and M.E. Grand Companion James H. Hodge, Right Excellent General Grand King, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

#### **GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTED**

M. I. Grand Companion F. Andrew Lane, Jr., General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int. and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ga. F & A. M.; Most Illustrious Grand Companion David A. Grindle, General Grand Secretary/ Recorder of Idaho York Rite Bodies, and Right Puissant General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int.

#### **GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U. S. A.**

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Deputy Grand Master-General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA; and Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, of Knights Templar of the USA and representing Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, of Knights Templar of the USA.

#### **M. W. GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA PRESENTED**

Most Worshipful Brother Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., was presented by Worshipful Brother Mark A. Bradley, Grand Marshall.

#### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Motions were made by James T. Farmer, Right Excellent Grand King; Floyd E. Edmondson, Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master; and Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander that all out of state Distinguished Guests, that are not already Honorary Members, be made Honorary Members of the three Grand York Rite Bodies. The motions were seconded and approved.

**The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies business having been completed:** The M.I. Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor, declared the 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, declared the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly closed.

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED NINETY THIRD  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
OF THE  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER,  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS,  
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
HOLDEN IN THE CITY OF MACON  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
MAY 4 - 5, 2015  
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**Michael H. Wilson**  
**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**  
**2014 – 2015**

## **ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

The One Hundred Ninety Third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 8:30 AM, Monday, May 4, 2015, in the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, in the City of Macon, with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael H. Wilson presiding, with all Grand Chapter Officers present, (except Excellent Companion Craig A. Haggas, who resigned and moved out of state thus necessitating that all officers be advanced a station and MEPGHP C. Danny Wofford being appointed as Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil), and in their respective stations.

James T. Farmer  
William F. Shepard  
Robert L. Gill  
Wade C. Smith  
Albert W. Head  
John D. Morrow  
Mark A. Bradley  
Stephen C. Higgins  
Harry B. Allen  
Edward V. Massaro  
J. Russell Hazelwood  
C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP  
James A Goodman

R. E. Grand King  
R.E Grand Scribe  
M. E. Grand Treasurer  
M. E. Grand Secretary  
E. Grand Chaplain  
E. Grand Organist  
E. Grand Captain of Host  
E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
E. Grand Master, 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil  
E. Grand Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil  
E. Grand Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Veil  
E. Grand Sentinel

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Excellent Companion, Albert A. Head, Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. After being assured that a quorum was present, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Wilson declared the One Hundred Ninety Third Annual Convocation duly convened. MEPGHP Emmett R. Johns welcomed everyone to Macon and the Annual Grand Convocation. Companion James T. Farmer, Grand King, responded to the Welcome Address. All Past Grand High Priests of Georgia were asked to retire for the purpose of being introduced. The Past Grand High Priests were introduced by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Joe E. Turner.

### **LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

1967 *James E. Moseley (10)	2004 Emmett R. Johns (4)
1978 *H. Grady Keith (27)	2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)
1979 J. Benny Allen (64)	2006 Robert L. Gill (9)
1986 *Steven V. Carter (90)	2008 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)
1988 William E. Cantrell (144)	2009 Wade C. Smith (24)
1994 Ruben Martinez (75)	2009 C. Danny Wofford (84)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
1996 William J. Bird (70)	2011 James C. Bentley, Jr. (131) (Hon)
1998 *Leon S. Lee, III (15)	2011 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80) (Hon)
1999 *Joseph P. Suttles (37) (Hon)	2011 *William L. Montgomery (73)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2012 Jimmy T. Porter (79)
2001 *William D. Miles (16)	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (3)
2002 *A. Joseph Clark (K1)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)

### **GRAND CHAPTER ROLL CALL**

Michael H. Wilson (71)	M.E.G. High Priest
J. Theodore Farmer (10)	R. E. Grand King
William F. Shepard (66)	R. E. Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill (9)	R. E. Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith, (24)	R.E. Grand Secretary
Albert W. Head (71)	E. Grand Chaplain

John D. Morrow (150)  
 Mark A. Bradley (84)  
 Stephen C. Higgins (135)  
 Harry B. Allen (135)  
 Edward V. Massaro (13)  
 J. Russell Hazelwood (71)  
 C. Danny Wofford, MEPGM (84)  
 James A. Goodman (71)  
 \*James C. Moseley  
 \*Joseph P. Suttles (37)

E. Grand Organist  
 E.G. Captain of the Host  
 E.G. Principal Sojourner  
 E.G. Royal Arch Captain  
 E. Grand Master, 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil  
 E. Grand Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil  
 E. Grand Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Veil  
 E. Grand Sentinel  
 ME Grand Secretary, Em  
 ME Grand Treasurer, Em.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTIES

James W. Tate (73, 7)  
 \*Bruce H. McNall (03)  
 \*John H. Johnson (47)  
 Ronald L. Marcinski (23)  
 Leonard A. Davis (11)  
 Robert L. Head, Jr. (7)  
 Jack J. Bell (162)  
 \*Alessandro V. DaSilva (16)  
 \*Wayne L. Burkett (10)  
 Alan P. Pryor (4)  
 R. Cris Lynch (80)  
 Michael H. Sampsell (13)  
 Richard J. Hallwood (71)  
 Steve E. Wooten (25)  
 \*Kevin L. Hyde (71)  
 \*Edward C. Barclay (14)  
 Michael R. Sosebee (21)  
 Richard H. Hoibraten (24)  
 M. Van Melder (6)  
 Wendell L. Browning  
 C. Hendry Howard  
 Richard J. Corwin, Jr.  
 Gordon B. Ruthruff  
 \* Indicates absence

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 Tenth District  
 Eleventh District  
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Ohio	Joe E. Turner
Oklahoma	M. Van Melder
Ontario	Elliott P. Harn, Jr.
Oregon	Wade C. Smith
Panama	*Thomas E. Lee
Pennsylvania	Bobby B. Simmons
Quebec	Cornelius H. Howard
Queensland	Coster L. Livingston
Rep. of Philippines	Larry D. Pattillo
Rhodes Island	Joseph P. Suttles
Saskatchewan	William G. Economy, Jr.
Scotland	Wilford H. Hall
South Australia	*Charles Hall
South Carolina	Thomas W. Tinley, III
South Dakota	J. Timothy Ingram
Switzerland	*William D. Miles
Tennessee	J. Benny Allen
Texas	Craig Haggas
Utah	Michael R. Sosebee
Venezuela	*Wallace D. Mays
Vermont	W. Larry Hicks
Victoria	Hugh F. Watson
Virginia	Benjamin W. Polston, II
Washington	James E. Underwood
Western Australia	Steven V. Carter
West Virginia	Steve A. Kirk
Wisconsin	Leonard A. Davis
Wyoming	C. Danny Wofford
* Indicates absence	** Indicates death

#### REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

1. Keystone, Athens	Joseph N. Arquette – Proxy
1. Augusta, Augusta	Bobby Jenkins – Proxy
3. Georgia, Savannah	Roger W. Coursey – High Priest
4. Constantine, Macon	Emmett R. Johns – Proxy
	Joe B. Johnson – King
6. Temple, Milledgeville	M. Van Melder – Proxy
7. Darley, Columbus	Joseph F. Oelgoetz – High Priest
9. Waycross, Waycross	Nikki W. Jordan – High Priest
10. Pythagoras, Griffin	Billy Payton, Sr. - King
11. St. John's, West Point	Lamont D. Pitts – High Priest
13. Cherokee, Marietta	Dana E. Schwarz – High Priest
	Robert L. Hall – King
	James G. Mashburn -Scribe
14. Silver Shoals, Cumming	Lamar Richards - Proxy
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr., Albany	Ronald F. Keel – Proxy
16. Mt. Zion, Atlanta	Robert E. Gordon – High Priest

18.	Austin, Fort Valley	Phillip P. Wyatt – High Priest
19.	Trion, Trion	No Representation
21.	Toccoa, Toccoa	Douglas E. Warr – High Priest
23.	J.M. Rushin, Thomasville	No Representation
24.	Enotah, Blairsville	Johnie M. Garmon – Proxy
25.	Oliver, Elberton	Steven Wooten – Proxy
26.	Rome, Rome	No Representation
27.	Lakewood, Lovejoy	L. Thomas Croy – Proxy
28.	Pickens, Jasper	F. Keith Hales - Proxy
34.	Newnan, Newnan	Andre E. Lovas – High Priest
41.	Adoniram, Cedartown	No Representation
44.	Blakely, Blakely	No Representation
47.	Tifton, Tifton	Jeremy W. Hobbs – Proxy
48.	Taylor, Buford	Harvey E. Entrekin - Proxy
49.	Sweetwater, Luxomni	Thomas R. Conn, Sr. – Proxy
50.	Douglasville, Douglasville	Lloyd R. Lane – Proxy
52.	Douglas, Douglas	No Representation
59.	Statesboro, Statesboro	No Representation
61.	Kellogg, Calhoun	Terry L. Hensley – Proxy
63.	Mt. Moriah, Lithonia	Drewry.W. Hendry, Sr. – Proxy
64.	Alleghaney, Gainesville	Eric Puchstein – High Priest
66.	Brunswick, Brunswick	Kevan L. Miller – High Priest
70.	Jesup, Jesup	William J. Bird – Proxy
71.	Covington, Covington	David O. Johnston – King
72.	Fayetteville, Fayetteville	Mark S. Johnson - Proxy
73.	Fort Benning, Fort Benning	James W. Tate - Proxy
74.	Roswell, Roswell	No Representation
75.	Forest Park, Forest Park	Gregory B. Foster– High Priest
77.	Sardis, Chamblee	C. Wayne Glass - Scribe
		William J. Rodgers – High Priest
		Lanier S. Dasher, Jr. - King
		Thomas B. McCrary – Scribe
79.	Alapaha, Nashville	Jimmy T. Porter – High Priest
80.	Western, Dalton	Leon S. Lewis – High Priest
82.	Daisy, Adel	No Representation
84.	Winder, Winder	Matthew S. Perry – High Priest
87.	Austell, Austell	Carl J. Ward – High Priest
89.	West Point, West Point	No Representation
94.	Bainbridge, Bainbridge	No Representation
99.	Chickamauga, Chickamauga	No Representation
107.	Valdosta, Valdosta	Wendell L. Browning – Proxy
120.	Hubert, Warrenton	William G. Wagner – High Priest
121.	Camden, Woodbine	No Representation
122.	Y.A. Wright, Worthville	Neil C. Maddock – Proxy
135.	Canton, Canton	Stephen C. Higgins – Proxy
142.	Dallas, Dallas	Carl J. Gamel – Scribe
144.	Cartersville, Cartersville	Charles W. Trott – High Priest
150.	Ellijay, Ellijay	Mark Bryant – High Priest
154.	Greensboro, Greensboro	No Representation
155.	Mt. Horeb, Sandy Springs	James House – Proxy
160.	Smyrna, Smyrna	Richard J. Hallwood – High Priest
162.	Alpharetta, Alpharetta	Jack J. Bell – Proxy
163.	Cairo, Cairo	No Representation
165.	Middle Georgia, Cochran	Bobby B. Simmons – Proxy
166.	Genesis, Warner Robins	David B. Williams – High Priest
		Charles R. Woods, High Priest

### **COMMUNICATIONS READ**

The Grand Secretary reported the receipt of several Communications from Sister Grand Jurisdictions expressing regrets at not being able to attend our 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation and wishing for us a harmonious and successful session.

### **MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS**

To: Most Excellent General Grand King, General Grand Chapter Officers, Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter of Georgia Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Distinguished Guests and my Companions all. It is my honor to welcome you to the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. It is my prayer that you have an enjoyable stay in Macon. If we can be of any assistance to you during your Visit please contact any of our Grand Chapter Officers.

### **STATE OF THE CRAFT**

During my many travels this year to the Chapters, Conventions, and Festivals that I have visited I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of the younger companions. It is encouraging to see this youthfulness in our Craft. I believe the Ritual Work throughout the state is getting better each year. I was encouraged to see Ritual Work at District Conventions as well as state wide Festivals. I attended several family nights that were well attended and encourage local Chapters to try and hold at least one each year.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

My Companions, I regret that I must report to you that in spite of your many efforts to increase membership during the past year our total numbers are still declining. Our 2014-2015 total count has decreased by 263 members. Turning to the positive, you are taking many actions to advertise and increase our membership. The many Festivals that you have run this past year, to include the Grand Master's Class, the several District Conventions that are now conferring the degrees, and the Chapter conferrals are combining to increase our numbers, but our negatives are still exceeding our positives. You are doing an outstanding job. Please keep up your many efforts.

### **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

I want to extend a special thanks to Excellent Companions Terry Farmer and Steve Higgins for the outstanding job that has been done in pushing this, our beloved research effort, to a new high. Terry has led an advertising campaign that has ignited giving by our companions, Chapters, and Conventions. Thanks to his energy in creating a joyous, carnival like giving atmosphere, he has moved Georgia to the top tier of the Grand Bodies giving. You will be proud of your efforts when Terry gives his RARA Report. Thank you My Companions for your compassionate Charitable Giving.

### **NECROLOGY**

My Companions, it is with a sadden heart that I report to you that the dread messenger of death has once again visited too many of our Chapter Families during the past year. Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine (279) of our wonderful Companions have been called to be with their Heavenly Father during the past year. This includes two of our outstanding leaders of many years, Most Excellent Grand Companion Wilford H. (Bill) Hall, and Most Excellent Grand Companion Bobby Joe Townsend and at the General Grand Chapter level our beloved Past General Grand High Priest, Murray E. Cooke. Most Excellent General Grand Companion Cooke was always a close and dear friend of Georgia Capitular Masons. My Companions when you are upon bended knees in prayer, I implore you to remember the Families in our Sister Jurisdictions that have suffered losses during the past year. My Companions, we must all gather around and love and support our bereaving families in their hour of sorrow. May The Good Lord Bless Those Families in their hour of loss and need.

### **TRAVELS**

It has been an honor and distinct pleasure for me to have the opportunity to represent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia. I have traveled over 20,000 miles attending many meetings in and out of state. IN STATE: Grand York Rite Reception in Macon, ten of the twelve District Conventions, several Commandery Inspections, Christmas Observances, Georgia Priory KYCH, Scottish Rite of Atlanta, AMD Statewide Council in Warner Robbins, Alexander Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Henry Troy Hooper AMD Stockbridge, Grand Conclave Order of DeMolay, KTP, and Grand Lodge of Georgia.

### **OUT OF STATE**

I was honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Georgia at the 69<sup>th</sup> Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International in Buffalo, NY; Grand Chapter of Alabama; Grand Chapter of South Carolina; and the Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, VA.

### **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

Companions, I have granted eleven (11) Dispensations this year. All were routine actions. They are in the Grand Secretary's Office should you desire to peruse them.

### **DECISIONS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

On January 17, 2015, I received a letter from Excellent Companion Craig Haggas, Captain of the Host, informing me that he could "No longer fill his station". As per The Grand Chapter Code I asked Most Excellent Companion C. Danny Wofford if he would fill the station of E. Grand Master 1<sup>st</sup> Veil. He graciously accepted and all other officers were advanced one station. We wish Excellent Companion Haggas the best in his endeavors.

### **DDGHP**

I'm extremely proud of all of our DDGHP's who have served the craft this year. With the appointment of James Tate as State Chairmen of the District Deputy's much information has been offered by the district deputy's to the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe to benefit them in their travels throughout the state and to see where Chapters may need help from their Grand Line Officers.

### **GRAND MASTER'S CLASS**

Because of illness I was unable to attend the Grand Masters Class this year. I continue to hear nothing but good and positive commits from everyone involved. I would like to commend Right Excellent Companion Terry Farmer for his tireless efforts in continuing his work in the quarries.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1: To continue working with a Chairman over the DDGHP Program.
- 2: To involve the new companions in our Chapter activities.
- 3: To involve the youth in our Rituals.
- 4: With less Chapters in the State, I think it is time we cut back on the number of conventions we have each year. We need to look at redistricting some Chapters to lessen the amount of Districts we have in our State.

### **CUSTODIANS**

A very special thanks is extended to our two Custodians, Companions Floyd E. Edmondson, and Tommy T. Marshall. They did a superb job last year. Thanks to their collective efforts, we are making progress in proficiency and ritual work. Thank You Gentlemen.

### **APPRECIATION**

I'd like to thank my Heavenly Father for all the blessings He has given me. I'd like to thank the Companions of the State of Georgia for giving me the opportunity to



serve as your Grand High Priest this year. I'd like to thank Most Excellent Companion Wade Smith for his experience and guidance and I'd also like to thank him for attending the Triennial this year with us. I'd like to thank most Excellent Companion C. Danny Wofford for stepping up when the Craft needed him. I'd like to pay special thanks to Excellent Companions Al Head and Jim Goodman, who have been my traveling companions this year. We have spent many hours together and our friendship has grown as the miles piled up. I'd like to thank Covington Chapter #71 for all their support. I would like to express my thanks to the Eighth District - I could not have done it without you. To my friend DW (Bill) Hendry, for all those years and miles we spent together riding down the road talking about York Rite Masonry. To my family who has given up their dad for nine years to do something he loves; Thank you and I love you. To my wife Jane, who has been at my side through it all, I couldn't have done this without you. I love you. May God Bless You All.

Fraternally Submitted, Michael H. Wilson, MEGHP

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS**

To the Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia. We, the committee on the Grand High Priest's Address have listened intently to the report of the Grand High Priest as he has outlined his stewardship of Capitular Masonry this year. We join with our Grand High Priest in welcoming all of our in-state and out-of-state guests to this 193<sup>rd</sup> Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter and trust that all will have an enjoyable time. We have listened to our Grand High Priest's words as to the State of the Craft and his admonition relative to our membership. We encourage all our Companions to take the words of our Grand High Priest to heart and work for a general improvement in this area. We join with our Grand High Priest in commending the work of Excellent Companion Terry Farmer and Excellent Companion Steve Higgins as they have labored for the benefit of the Royal Arch Research Assistance. We echo our Grand High Priest's call for all of us to become more involved in this important charity. We pause with our Grand High Priest to remember the passing of some 279 Companions of our Grand Chapter, who have slipped the veil of these earthly courts and entered the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven, where the SUPREME GRAND HIGH PRIEST forever presides, forever reigns. We note the passing of Most Excellent Companion Wilford Henry "Bill" Hall, Past Grand High Priest; Most Excellent Companion Bobby Joe Townsend, Past High Priest, and Most Excellent Grand Companion Murray E. Cooke, Most Excellent General Grand Past High Priest of the Most General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. These Companions of renown will be missed. We commend our Grand High Priest for his many travels this year. In all his journeys, he has represented the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia with the finest deportment and decorum. We commend the dispensations and decisions of our Grand High Priest this year. We believe all of them to have been in order and for the benefit of our Craft. We join with the Grand High Priest in complimenting the work of the District Deputies to the Grand High Priest and the Custodians, Companion Floyd Edmondson and Companion Tommy Marshall. We, also, join our Grand High Priest in complimenting the work of Right Excellent Companion Terry Farmer for coordination of the Annual Grand Master's Class held this year. We have read the recommendations of the Grand High Priest, and we call upon all Companions to extend to these their strict attention and close scrutiny with an eye at what is best for our Grand Chapter.

As our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael H. Wilson departs the Grand East and returns again to the sideline of the Craft, we extend to him the hearty

thanks of the Companions of this Grand Chapter and, indeed, all the Capitular Masons of Georgia. As he and his lovely lady, Miss Jane, take a short respite of relaxation and rest, we urge them not to become too rested, for we realize that shortly they will be called to positions of more exalted usefulness and we fondly look forward to their further service in the vineyards of Freemasonry. Fraternally submitted, James E. Underwood, PHP, Forest Park #75, Chairman; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, PHP, Kellogg #61; Benjamin W. Polston, II, PHP, Covington #71

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$235,187.06	\$248,492.77
CHECKING	\$110,362.55	\$100,052.57
DEPOSITS (EXPENDED)	\$71,801.52	\$82,111.50
INTEREST/DIVIDEND	\$5,734.04	
CAPITAL GAINS	\$7,571.67	
TOTAL.....	\$430,656.84	\$430,656.84

GRAND CHAPTER 2014 - 2015			
5/1/2015	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>O/U</u>
<u>ANTICIPATED INCOME</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>
PER-CAPITA	\$71,278.00	\$71,801.00	\$523.00
INTEREST-Savings	\$8,000.00	\$5,734.00	\$2,266.00
TRANSFER FROM INVESTMENTS	\$0.00	\$7,572.00	\$7,572.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$79,278.00	\$85,106.00	\$0.00
<u>GRAND CHAPTER OPERATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>O/U</u>
AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS	\$600.00	\$1,659.00	\$(1,059.00)
CPA COMPILATION	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
GRAND OFFICER REGALIA REPAIR	\$600.00	\$1,359.00	\$(759.00)
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
INVESTMENT FEE (SUN TRUST)	\$3,800.00	\$2,611.00	\$1,189.00
PER CAPITA-GENERAL GRAND	\$5,000.00	\$4,344.00	\$656.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	\$340.00	\$100.00	\$240.00
SESSION PHOTOS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
TRIENNIAL (3DAIS - \$500 & GR. SEC. \$250	\$1,750.00	\$3,250.00	\$(500.00)
<u>GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXP.</u>			
STATIONERY/POSTAGE	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
REGALIA	\$600.00	\$573.00	\$27.00
TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
<u>CHARITY DONATIONS</u>			
GR. LODGE CHILDREN'S GARDEN	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$(500.00)
DeMOLAY	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
RAINBOW	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
NORTH CAROLINA SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET	\$79,278.00	\$79,784.00	\$(506.00)

Companions, I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve the craft for another year. It has been my pleasure. A special thanks to Ms. Ericka Matheny, for her patience and valuable assistance, To ME Comp. Wade Smith, for his guidance, and a special thanks to my wife Brenda, for her help, encouragement, and understanding my passion for this Brotherhood.  
Fraternally, Robert L. Gill

#### 2015 GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Wilson, the Grand Line Officers, the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, and my Royal Arch Mason Companions All; I herewith submit my fourth Grand Chapter Grand Secretary Report for the year ending December 31, 2014 for your May 4, 2015 Grand Convocation. Number of Chartered Chapters as of December 31, 2014 was 68. Zerubbabel Chapter Number 131 consolidated with Valdosta Chapter Number 107 effective December 1, 2014. Valdosta Chapter Number 107 changed its name to Valdosta-Zerubbabel Chapter Number 107. Alapaha Chapter Number 79 Surrendered its Charter Effective December 11, 2014. Columbian Chapter Number 136 forfeited its Charter effective December 31, 2014. The number of active Charters effective December 31, 2014 is 65.

Members on the Roll as of December 31, 2013 5,498

#### GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP 2014

Exalted	110	
Affiliated	17	
Reinstated	19	
Gross Gain		<u>146</u>

#### LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP 2014

Demitted	90	
Suspended	204	
Deceased	279	
Gross Loss		<u>573</u>

Net Gain / Loss in 2014		<u>-427</u>
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MEMBERS ON ROLL AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 5,071

#### PER CAPITA

Projected Per Capita to be collected for the 2015-16 Budgeted Year is \$65,355.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That each Chapter re-write their By-Laws, using the adopted STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to this Office for approval and placement in the Grand Chapter archives.
- 2) That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Chapter Officers in stemming the NPD hemorrhaging and bring those who have departed via NPD back into the fold.

#### THANKS

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere and profound thanks to the Companions of this great York Rite body for once again permitting me the honor and opportunity of serving you during this past year. A very special thanks is extended to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Wilson, the Grand Chapter Officers, and the constituent Secretaries for your outstanding, unwavering support during this past year. Secretaries, you are doing a great job in keeping the records of your Chapters in proper order by continuing to make timely Monthly Reports, which is essential to keeping your Grand Chapter Records and Data Base current and relevant. Many Thanks Team! A Special Thanks is extended to Companions Joe Turner and Larry Zwahlen for continuing to upgrade and maintain a better, more accurate, and more relevant database. They are also the authors of your Per Capita

Statements and your Annual Data Drops. We are so fortunate to have two Companions with that type knowledge and skill advising, and supporting this great fraternity. A big thank you is extended to Companion Lloyd R. Lane for volunteering to assist in the maintenance of our Financial Data base during this past year. He has devoted many hours to this project. Thanks Rusty. You are a great team asset. I also want to thank REPGC Paul E. Wells for his devotion to creating and maintaining a better financial accounting and reporting procedure. His advice and support has made the difference these past four years. A VERY, VERY SPECIAL THANKS is extended to Ericka Matheny, our outstanding Administrative Assistant, who was with us through December 31st, when She, Christopher Lee, and Kylie Grace were required to pack their suitcases and follow Jimmy (Sergeant - Air Force) to MacDill Air Force Base. Ericka went to work for the Florida York Rite Bodies upon her arrival in Tampa. May God Bless My Matheny Four in their new MacDill Ocean Front Quarters. We are fortunate to have found Laine Lasseter Bolton to replace Ericka. Laine is a Stratford Academy Graduate, who was recruited and accepted on a full four-year Basketball Scholarship at Florida State University. She lived up to her Stratford basketball playing reputation during her four years at Florida State. Laine is a Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Inductee. After school, Laine spent six years in Washington, working for our Representative and furthering her education by attending several Hotel Management and Sales Graduate Schools. She then worked in Hotel Management. Laine is proving to be a team member and valued asset to the York Rite Bodies. She is learning how to interact with our several concordant, dependent, independent and affiliate Masonic Bodies. Welcome aboard Laine. I want to thank Pat, my child bride of 58 years, for permitting me to serve you another year. Without her support and encouragement, I could not have continued to serve this Great Fraternity. Fraernally; Wade Smith, Grand Secretary

#### **REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, Officers, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, and most have their proceedings on their website. "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." — George Washington — U.S. President & Freemason. Without a doubt the fraternal fellowship and profound friendships forged in our York Rite are some of the most important reasons why we have dedicated our lives to Masonry. These rights and benefits appertaining to our craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our Chapters, District Meetings, Committee Work and in our recruitment of new Companions in the York Rite. While we have the responsibility to share the story of York Rite masonry with fellow Masons across our State and Nation, we are missing a significant opportunity to help in igniting and conducting the flame of York Rite masonry internationally. It is vital that we work to expand the sphere of York Rite Masonry internationally. The General Grand Chapter is recommending that every jurisdiction be an Ambassador to other jurisdictions who are not in the York Rite system to promote our organization and offer assistance to any who may wish to inquire about membership from the Europe/Africa regions, Latin and South America regions, etc. As a Christian who seeks to spread the Gospel, it is easy to see that our dissemination of our York Rite Fraternity is a clear and present means to make disciples among all people across the Globe. What greater benefit can we have for our Christian Masonic tradition to be involved in this mission? We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our Royal

Arch System and you and I can help by communicating and working with General Grand Chapter through our Grand Chapter to provide information they need. We can broaden our communication to take advantage of our electronic age, to shrink our world, and become true Companions in the universality of international Royal Arch Masonry. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft within our Chapters and expand our efforts to encourage our Blue Lodge Brethren to seek further light. We must be Ambassadors for our Craft, and continue to be a positive example in our communities in service to our Chapter, Country and even the entire World.

Respectfully submitted: Daniel V. Hagan, PHP (59), KYCH

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS**

"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great Love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; There fore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."(Lam 3:19-26 NM)

As this Grand Chapter year comes to a close, it is our sad duty to report, that the dread messenger death has again knocked on the door of life and 279 of our beloved Companions have been called to their Heavenly Reward. While here on earth, they may have traveled a rugged Road and walked in the shadows of Misfortune, it is our prayer that they received their righteous reward at the hand of their Creator and were welcomed into that glorious Kingdom above. We all have Companions, whom we venerate, as they had a great influence upon our lives. It could be that they were Mentors, Encouragers, Supporters, Listeners, Teachers, or any combination thereof, including Friends, Brothers, and Companions. It is because of who they were to us that causes us to have faith in the Lord and to recognize that because of their faith, and ours, we have the hope of a reunion when we reach that Celestial Chapter above. Truly the Lord is good to those whose Hope is in Him. I would close with these words from CS Lewis, "If all is lost, thanks be to God. If I must see it go, watch it go, watch it fade away, die, and thanks, be to God, for He is all I have. And if I have Him not, I have nothing at all." May the light from the Heavens above guide You on your pathway here on earth and be a beacon to guide you Home at the end of this earthly Life and may the Lords mercy surround all those who have gone before us and whose faith was patient and true!! So may it ever be, Amen!!

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Head, Rev. William R. Weston, Rev. Donald C. Combs



## **In Memoriam**

This Memorial is affectionately inscribed to the memory of

*Wilford H. Hall MEPGHP 1999*

*Bobby Joe Townsend MEPGHP 1984*

*Reed S. Britt, PHP, PIM, PEC*

And all Companions of Georgia and those of  
Sister Jurisdictions who have Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN (NORTH)**

First, I thank Almighty God for His blessings on Me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Wilson, for appointing me to this position. I thank Excellent Companion Tommy Marshall, Custodian of the South, for his assistance, support and co-operation. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred at The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the 11<sup>th</sup> District Royal Arch Convention, the Covington York Rite Festival, the 9<sup>th</sup> District Royal Arch Convention and the Grand Master's Class. Hopefully, some of the other District Conventions will start conferring Degrees or have some type of Instruction at their Conventions. Excellent Companion Tommy Marshall and I, along with the help of a number of Companions, have re-written the opening/closing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, revised the Reception of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Reception of the District Grand Deputy to the Grand High Priest, and have dispersed a list of some sources for the Companions to buy a jacket or blazer. We did not hold a one-day school of instruction in Macon this year. I agree with those who believe there must be a better way to get the Instructions to the local Directors of Work and into our local Bodies, where it is needed most. Historically, most of our local Officers cannot or will not attend this School in Macon. I thank all of our great Companions, who assisted Companion Tommy and myself in our work this year. I greatly appreciate those Royal Arch Secretaries who forwarded me the contact info for their 2015 High Priests so I could communicate with them without having to wait until this fall to get the York Rite Directory. With everyone working together, in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia. Fraternally, Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN (SOUTH)**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander and Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of Georgia: I am happy to report that we have had another successful year in York Rite Masonry. I have attended a couple of one day Festivals where attendance was great and the work was superb. My yard stick for measuring success is not only the number of Candidates that were present, but the number that stays active after the Class. I am happy to report that I have seen some new faces conferring Degrees. We can have large classes, but if we do not get the new Companions and Sir Knights active we are not accomplishing much. The 11th district has tried something new this year. They have conferred the Royal Arch Degrees at their Convention and two weeks later, at their Council Convention, they conferred the Council degrees and the Orders of the Temple. All who participated seemed to enjoy this format better. Instead of one long day they had two shorter days. Since this is my final year as Custodian of the South, I would like to thank all of the Leaders of the Bodies (past and present) for their support over the last few years. I can only hope that I lived up to your expectations. I would also like to thank all of the Companions and Sir Knights who have made me feel welcome at the different Events around the State. I hope that I was able to help those that needed it. Even though I will not be serving as a Custodian next year I will still be available to help any York Rite Body or Companion/ Sir Knight that needs it.

Respectfully submitted, Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian, South

### **REPORT OF CHARTERS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report: We recommend the approval of the complete revisions of the By-Laws of Douglasville Chapter No.

50, which were actually adopted in 2013. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Taylor Chapter No. 48, RA M. changing the annual dues and fees charged for degrees and changing the meeting date to a Thursday. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Pythagoras Chapter No.10, changing the meeting date to a different Thursday. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of William J. Penn, Jr. Chapter No.15 changing the meeting date from a Thursday to a Monday. Your Committee believes the amendment to the bylaws of Newnan Chapter No.34, changing the arrangement of the meeting date to a rotational basis with the Council and Commandery may be confusing, but will approve the amendment as submitted. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Alleghaney Chapter No. 64, changing the annual dues and fees charged for degrees. Your Committee notes that the Charter of Alapaha Chapter No.79 in Nashville, was surrendered on December 11, 2014. The members were all issued Demits by the Grand Secretary's office, except those members who belonged to the Council or Commandery in Tifton or Valdosta and they were affiliated with the chapter in Tifton or Valdosta, depending on where their membership was. Your Committee notes that the Charter of Columbian Chapter No. 136 in Washington, with a membership of 41, was declared forfeited as of December 31, 2014. The members were all issued Demits by the Grand Secretary's office, except the 14 Emeritus Members. Oliver Chapter No. 25, at Elberton, graciously agreed to take the 14 Emeritus Members, many whom had 35 - 40 years as members. Your Committee thanks Oliver Chapter No. 25 and its Secretary, Tony Dickerson, for this favor. Your Committee notes that The Grand High Priest has issued His Dispensation #4 to allow Western Chapter No. 80 in Dalton to change their name to Wilford H. Hall Chapter No. 80 effective January 1, 2015. Your Committee recommends approval of this name change. Your Committee notes that Zerubbabel Chapter No. 131 at Quitman was consolidated with Valdosta Chapter No. 107 on December 1, 2014, Your Committee notes that The Grand High Priest has issued His Dispensation #5 to allow Valdosta Chapter No. 107 to change their name to Valdosta - Zerubbabel Chapter No. 107 effective March 2, 2015. Your Committee recommends approval of this name change. This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters. However, we note that for good and sufficient cause, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has issued His Dispensation on March 4, 2015 authorizing certain Companions, exceeding the required 9 in number, to meet as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under the name of Moultrie Chapter U. D. in the city of Moultrie, County of Colquitt. We therefore recommend that this Dispensation continue until the next annual Convocation, unless sooner terminated by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or by the Companions, when they may wish to apply for a charter.

Respectfully submitted, May 4, 2015

Joe E. Turner, PHP (10) CHMN. C. Danny Wofford, PHP (84)

Gary D. Lemmons, PHP (61) James B. Phillips, PHP (61)

#### **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

Bill No. 1

**Defeated**

A BILL, to amend Section 1.99.1 of the Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Amendments to the Constitution section of the Code by deleting said section and substituting a new section therein. BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 1.99.1 be deleted in its entirety and a new section substituted therein. So that said section as amended shall read as follows: Section 1.99.1 Amendments: This Constitution Section of the Royal Arch Mason Code, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any Annual Convocation, may be revised, amended, or altered,



provided, however, that a written copy of the motion so to revise, amend or alter, shall be filed with the Grand Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Provided further, that with the unanimous consent of the Members present, any member may introduce such an amendment in writing, on the first day of the Annual Convocation, and before the election of Officers has been concluded.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10

Bill No. 2

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.99.1 of the Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Amendments to the By-Laws Section of the Code by deleting said section and substituting a new section therein.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.99.1 be deleted in its entirety and a new section substituted therein. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.99.1 Amendments: This By-Laws Section of the Royal Arch Mason Code, upon the concurrence of two-thirds of its members present at any Annual Convocation, may be revised, amended, or altered, provided, however, that a written copy of the motion so to revise, amend or alter, shall be filed with the Grand Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Provided further, that with the unanimous consent of the members present, any member may introduce such an amendment in writing, on the first day of the Annual Convocation, and before the election of Officers has been concluded.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10

Bill No. 3

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.4.4.4 of the Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Employee Benefit Fund by deleting it in its entirety:

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.4.4.4 "Employee Benefit Fund" be deleted in its entirety. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.4.4.4 (Deleted)

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10

Bill No. 4

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.10.2.5 of the Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Membership as between Old and New Chapter by deleting said section and substituting a new section therein.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.10.2.5 be deleted in its entirety and a new section substituted therein. So that said section as amended shall read as follows: Section 2.10.2.5 Membership as Between Old and New Chapters: The members of a Chapter under Dispensation continue to be members of the Chapter to which they belonged when the dispensation was granted. Any Petitioner for a Dispensation for a new Chapter may sever his connection with such new Chapter at any time before a Charter is granted by notice to the Grand Secretary, and the new Chapter, and his Certificate of Good Standing or Demit shall be returned; and his membership shall remain with his former Chapter. Whenever the new Chapter is chartered and constituted, the members immediately become members of the new Chapters, and their membership in the former Chapter ceases without the necessity of obtaining a demit. Such member may signify their desire to hold dual membership and they will continue as dual members. The Secretary of the new Chapter shall notify the Secretary of the former Chapter to which the Companion belonged of their intention to hold dual membership.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10

Bill No. 5

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.10.2 of the Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to New Chapters by adding a new subsection 2.10.2.7 regarding the naming of New Chapters.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.10.2 be amended by adding a new subsection 2.10.2.7 therein. So that said section as added shall read as follows:

Section 2.10.2.7 Name of Chapter: No Chapter shall be named for, nor may a Chapter change its name, to that of a living person or any person who has been deceased less than 3 years, nor a name held by an active Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10

Gary D. Lemmons, PHP, Kellogg #61

Bill No. 6

**Defeated**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.10.5.2 of the Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Suspension for Non-Payment by deleting said section and substituting a new section therein.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.10.5.2 be deleted in its entirety and a new section substituted therein. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.10.5.2 Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. A Companion in arrears for dues for six (6) months may be suspended, after due notice, without trial. If said dues together with fee for restoration are paid within twelve (12) months from such suspension, he shall be reinstated automatically; if more than twelve (12) months elapse before payment, the reinstatement must be by petition and unanimous secret ballot. This Legislation to revise Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted: J. R. (Dick) Jones, PHP, Sardis #77

#### **REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Line Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions all. Your Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance makes the following Report for the year of 2014-2015. I would like to thank MEGHP Michael H. Wilson for appointing me as Chairman of this Committee and giving me the opportunity to work with such hard working and devoted Companions as Stephen C. Higgins, EG Principal Sojourner, J. Russell Hazelwood, EGM 2nd Veil, and John Henry Johnson, District Grand Deputy. I ask Companion Higgins to take over showing the Power Point. His job as a Special Education Teacher in a Public School has made his report more interesting and informative as to Autism and CAPD. We are still #2 in the Eastern Region and #6 in the Nation in giving. Companions Hazelwood and Johnson have also been a great help in our giving each year. With the Power Point Program, we now present at each RAM Convention thus increasing our giving success. Companions are now able to see exactly where and how our money is being spent. During the last two years, we have issued challenges to the Conventions and they have exceeded those challenges each year. The challenges next year will be the same - beat what you gave in 2014/15. Dr. Musiek is now at the University of Arizona and receives \$60,000.00. Hearing Health Foundation is awarded a \$120,000.00 grant and gives those monies to (4) M.D.'s or Ph.D.'s - \$30,000 each for CAPD Research. Autism Speaks receives a Grant of \$100,000.00 for their Toddlers Program. This involves the testing of infants from 12 to 36 months of age for both Autism and for CAPD. Once again Georgia had an outstanding year. I know of 15 Chapters that were 100% and I am sure there are more. I am not going to try to give the total of each District, but I note once again that the 5th with another donation from Mt. Zion #16 of

\$4,000.00 was around \$4,200.00. The 9th beat last year with \$1,800.00 this year. Last year at Grand Chapter, we passed the baskets and collected \$708.00 for RARA. I would like to do the same this year and challenge you to beat last year. I ask you to save your change or at least all of your pennies to give to your Chapter or Convention and let's try to top the \$14,026.00 next year. The year will run from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Theodore (Terry) Farmer, REGK (10) Chairman; Stephen C. Higgins EGPS (135) J. Russell Hazelwood EGM2nd VEIL (71)

#### **BUILDING TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Companions all: We, your Building Trustee Committee, report that our Building is in the best shape that it has been in a very long time. The Building has been completely sealed and there are no leaks from the rain, etc. Also, the Parking Lot in the rear of the Building has been sealed. At this time, the only project not completed is the resurfacing of the rear and lower parking lot, and the repair of the side walk to ensure that no more leaks occur. We also must seal our duct work to ensure that we are getting the maximum efficiency out of our heating and cooling systems. The stairwell has a new bannister on the outside wall. All the toilets have been repaired and new bushings have been put in the wash basins. The air compressor was repaired and several leaking valves have been replaced in the mechanical room.

Respectfully Submitted, Emmett R. Johns, Chair, J. Edward Jennings, Jr., Jimmy T. Porter, Wayne H. Garrett, Wade C. Smith

#### **REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND WEB PAGE COMMITTEE**

The Website Committee would like to thank Ben Polston for his guidance and mentoring during this time of transition to a new Webmaster. During the year, we inserted the Google Calendar into the website under the Menu "Grand York Rite Calendar". This calendar enables easier viewing of York Rite Events across the state and allows anyone to copy an event to their own personal Google Calendar or into an application such as Calengoo. Also, this calendar provides a map to the locations of events, such as the District Conventions. We are happy to report that the cost for hosting the website did not increase this year. The vast majority of the pictures for our website as well as the current Grand Officers, have been provided by our own Grand Photographer, Robert Tidwell. The Committee wants to express its sincere gratitude for all the time and effort he contributes to providing a photographic report of our events.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hyde PM, PHP, PIM, COMM, DDGHP, DDMIGM, DDGM Chairman

#### **REPORT OF THE CODE REVISION COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your committee on Code Revision wishes to make the following report: Among the several changes that were made are these; we are pleased to report that the 1995 Royal Arch Mason Code Book is now History. The various Code Sections were examined, editorially changed in some cases, revised, updated and reviewed on several occasions by the Grand Chapter Officers and others for suggestions, comments and approval. Among the several changes that were made are these:

1. Requires the Sentinel of the local body to be a member of the Chapter.
2. Added a new section that specifies that dues are payable on January 1 of each year, in advance. This was already the case in the Council and Commandery codes.

3. All forms pertaining to trials in the 1995 Code on pages 46-53, were deleted from this Edition.

4. Added a new Section that requires the Secretary of a District Convention to notify the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, who the new officers are, and the time and date of the next Convention.

5. Added a new short form Installation Service that can be used by Chapters or District Conventions.

We are pleased to present to you the NEW 2014 Royal Arch Masonic Code Book which is now available in the Grand Secretary's office.

The committee wishes to thank all the Grand Officers, who assisted in reviewing the code, and we wish to extend a special thanks to Companions Ryan Nealy and Wade Smith, for their extensive review of punctuation and grammar usage.

Respectfully submitted Joe E. Turner, MEPGHP (10) Chair.

Benjamin W. Polston, II, PHP (71), T. ED TANTE, IV, PHP (7)

#### **REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: We want to say thank you to the Chapters and Degree Teams that did such an outstanding job presenting the Degrees in your own Chapter or in the several Festivals. Thanks to the Companions of the Atlanta Area for starting a new Festival in Atlanta.

Thanks to the Companions, who travel to Macon to make the Grand Masters Festival a success. If you pick out a few, you are sure to leave some out, to those, Thank You! Now for your suggestions on gaining and maintaining members:

1. Going to church as a group.

2. In your Meetings, invite Speakers to encourage members to seek more light by studying the degrees.

3. Presenting Programs at the Lodge to encourage Brethren to seek more light in the York Rite Degrees.

Yours in Christian Love: Jimmy T. Porter, Charirman, A. Joseph Clark, Rubin Martinez, Robert L. Gill

#### **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

This Committee has met twice during the current Year to review and make suggestions for Companion Richard Hallwood's proposal for the York Rite Leadership Program, 4th Year Project. He has designed a self-adhesive digital high resolution vinyl (Avery SuperCast) color wall image of the York Rite Degrees including the Blue Lodge which he hopes at some point to distribute to all lodges.

This would of course require either private or public funding from some source.

After much discussion and many emails, your E & H Committee has approved the Design and the Symbols relating to the Degrees. This proposal has also been presented to the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission for their guidance and approval at the appropriate time. Several members of this Committee are also members of the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission and were able to see the proposal at their meetings also. Your Committee wishes Companion Hallwood much success in his Project. The Committee again wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters of Georgia: Recommendations and Requests and Comments:

1. We would request each Chapter and Council in Georgia to prepare a history and submit it to the Committee. So much history is out there and some of it is now lost due to the ravages of time and deaths.

2. We also request that any York Rite Mason prepare a paper on any subject regarding notable Companions, historical or informational Topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published or distributed for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in Georgia.

3. The Committee recommends that each Chapter and Council have an educational Program during the year for the benefit of the Companions.  
 4. The Committee wishes a Happy 177th Birthday to Constantine Chapter No.4 in Macon. It was chartered September 14, 1838 by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, while the Grand Chapter of Georgia was asleep during the Morgan Affair. Washington Council No.6 in Macon is also celebrating its 172nd Birthday, being chartered February 14, 1843, by the Grand Council of Georgia.  
 5. The Committee also wishes a Happy 170th Birthday to Cherokee Chapter No. 13 in Marietta. It was chartered May 5, 1845. These three Bodies have served Capitular and Cryptic Masonry well for these many years.  
 Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PHP, #10; Gary D. Lemmons, PHP, #61  
 J. Benny Allen, PHP, #64; Clyde E. Griffin, PIM, #2

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your Committee on Long Range Planning wishes to make the following report: This Committee has not met this year. The Long Range Planning Committee Report from 2014 listed certain goals for the future of Georgia York Rite. Some of the Goals that were listed are shown below:

1. That an elevator or chair lift be installed
2. That a Building Security System be installed.

This Committee sees other possible Long Range Questions that may need to be addressed in the future:

1. Does the Grand Chapter building at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon need to be appraised and placed on the market for sale? The building is a 90 year old structure that is non handicap accessible, with limited funds to maintain it and it has limited use during the year except for offices.
2. If the building were sold, what would be done with the beautiful stained glass windows?
3. Would the York Rite Bodies and Grand Lodge lease office space and have their annual Meetings at a hotel or other auditorium type facility with adequate parking?
4. Is it possible to increase membership in the York Rite Bodies through more Festivals, District Convention Degree Work and Degree conferrals within the local Bodies?

Your Committee is also aware that the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, has requested all the Grand Chapters to furnish a history of their Grand Chapter from 1996 to 2015, or the last 20 years since the History of Royal Arch Masonry, Volume 4 was published. Our very own C. Danny Wofford, has been appointed the Editorial Coordinator for the whole project.

WHAT SHALL OUR HISTORY SAY?

Respectfully submitted, Joe E. Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10;  
 C. Danny Wofford, PHP, Winder #84; W. Larry Hicks, PHP, Mt Zion #16

### **JOHN S. PERRY TROPHY PRESENTED**

M.E. Grand High Priest Michael H. Wilson presented the John S. Perry Trophy to Winder Chapter 84. This trophy is presented annually to the Chapter that best meets the goals of the Program established by the Grand High Priest.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Most Excellent Grand Companion Michael H. Wilson, MEGHP, appointed tellers and the election of Officers was held with the following results:

James Theodore Farmer (10)	M.E. Grand High Priest
William F. Shepard (66)	R. E. Grand King
Mark A. Bradley (84)	R. E. Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill (9)	R. E. Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith, (24)	R. E. Grand Secretary
Stephen C. Higgins (135)	E.G. Captain of the Host
Harry B. Allen (135)	E.G. Principal Sojourner
Edward V. Massaro (13)	E.G. Royal Arch Captain

J. Russell Hazelwood (71)  
James W. Tate (73)  
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)

E. Grand Master, 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil  
E. Grand Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil  
E. Grand Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Veil

#### **OFFICERS APPOINTED**

J. Theodore Farmer, Grand High Priest-elect, announced the following appointment: Companion J. Wesley Blalock, Grand Chaplain; Companion John D. Morrow, Grand Organist; Companion Neil C. Maddock, Grand Sentinel.

#### **2015 – 2016 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Custodians of Work:** North: Floyd E. Edmondson, South: Tommy T. Marshall

**Assistant Custodians:** **NE:** William M. Jones, **SE:** Kevin L. Miller, **NW:**

Ryan C. Nealey (5<sup>th</sup>), Michael H. Sampsell (7<sup>th</sup>), Larry C. Bennett,  
Michael R. Sosebee, (9<sup>th</sup>)

**MEGHP Address:** Michael H. Wilson, Chair, Clyde E. Griffin; Jimmy T. Porter

**Finance:** Paul E. Wells, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Jan M. Giddens

**Memorial:** James W. Blalock, Chair; Morris M. Parks, Rev. Donald C. Combs

**Jurisprudence:** Gary D. Lemmons, Chair, James E. Stevens, James T. Ingram

**Charters/Bylaws/Dispensations:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, C. Danny Wofford,  
James B. Phillips

**Foreign Correspondent:** Dr. Daniel V. Hagan

**Credentials:** Bobby B. Simmons, Chair, John A. Minnich, Ronald F. Keel,  
Robert C. Lord

**Auditing:** Ronnie B. Hill, Chair, Lloyd R. Bowen, Doyle R. Hatfield

**Royal Arch Research Assistance:** Stephen C. Higgins, Chair,  
John H. Johnson, Michael H. Sampsell

**Building Board of Trustees:** Emmett R. Johns, Chair, Jimmy T. Porter,  
Wade C. Smith (Secretary), Robert L. Gill, (Treasurer)

**Entertainment:** David M. Wellman, Chair, Ernest A. McCorkle, William F. Shepard

**Education/Historical:** C. Danny Wofford, Chair, Gary D. Lemmons, Joe E. Turner

**Long Range Planning:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, C. Danny Wofford, Clyde E. Griffin

**Membership:** Jimmy T. Porter, Chair, Hugh F. Watson, Robert L. Gill

**Code Revision:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, Ryan C. Nealey, Benjamin W. Polston, II

**Masonic Magazine Supplement Editor:** Michael H. Sampsell

**Web Master:** Kevin L. Hyde, Chair, Benjamin W. Polston, II

**Photographer:** Robert W. Tidwell

**Organist:** John D. Morrow

**Parliamentarian:** Thomas E. Tante, IV

#### **GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Wilson, declared the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia adjourned until Tuesday morning at 8:30 A.M.

#### **SECOND DAY'S SESSION**

The Grand Chapter was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday. E. Companion and Rev. Albert W. Head gave the opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER OF GRAND COUNCIL RECOGNIZED**

M.I. Grand Companion Floyd E. Edmondson., newly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, was received with Grand Honors and spoke briefly.

#### **GENERAL GRAND KING RECOGNIZED**

MEGG Companion James Hodges, General Grand King, brought greetings from the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International.

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER FINANCE COMMITTEE MAY 2015**

To The Grand Chapter, RAM: Based on the Grand Chapter Financial statements we recommend that the following budget be adopted for the 2015-2016 year.

<b>GRAND CHAPTER FINANCE REPORT</b>	<b>2015 – 2016 BUDGET</b>
<b>OPERATIONS:</b>	
Awards/Recognitions	\$1000.00
CPA Compilation	\$800.00
Grand Officer Jewel & Apron Maint. Fund	\$600.00
Hospitality Expense	\$200.00
Investment Fee (SunTrust Bank)	\$3,800.00
Per Capita Dues- General Grand	\$8,714.00
Regional Conference	\$340.00
Session Photos	\$100.00
Triennial (3Dais - \$500 & Gr. Sec. \$250)	\$800.00
Building Rent	\$3,982.00
RAM Operations	\$60,492.00
Expense, Grand Presiding Officer	\$4,000.00
Stationery/Postage (Presiding Officer)	\$200.00
Regalia	\$600.00
<b>CHARITY DONATIONS:</b>	
DeMolay	\$100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$100.00
Rainbow	\$100.00
Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	\$100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	\$100.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$85,828.00</b>

#### **PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Elect, J. Theodore (Terry) Farmer, and the other newly elected and/or appointed Grand Chapter Officers were installed by M.E. Grand Companion Joe E. Turner, MEPGHP, assisted by M. E. Grand Companion C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP, Grand Captain of the Host, and M. E. Companion Tom Nesbitt serving as Grand Chaplain.

#### **MINUTES ADOPTED**

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Georgia be adopted, printed and distributed.

#### **TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

The 194<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia will be holden in the Grand Chapter Building, in the City of Macon on the 1st Monday in May. (May 2, 2016) The Grand Chapter officers will open at 1:00 P.M.

#### **TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL**

The 70th Triennial of G. G. Chapter will be held at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. August 23-29, 2017.

## **GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED**

Most Excellent Grand Companion James T. Farmer, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form with the closing prayer being delivered by the newly appointed Grand Chaplain, Excellent Grand Companion J. Wesley Blalock.

Wade C. Smith  
Grand Secretary



Jams T. Farmer  
M.E.G. High Priest

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL. ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. GRAND CONVOCATION**

**Monday, May 4, 2015 - A.B. 3925**

The One Hundred Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon on May 4, 2015, A.B. 3925, with the Elected and Appointed Officers in their respective stations:

Michael R. Sosebee	Excellent President
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Vice President
Michael H. Wilson	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Chaplain
Edward C. Barclay	Excellent Conductor
Doyle H. Hatfield	Excellent Herald
William F. Shepard	Excellent Steward
Story A. Tate	Excellent Sentinel
Pledge of Allegiance by all. Opening Prayer by Excellent Chaplain,	
Benjamin W. Polston, II	

## **LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS**

1977 H. Grady Keith	1978 James C. Bentley, Jr.
1984 John W. Halliday, Jr. (Sus)	1988 Joseph P. Suttles
1989 Thomas L. Reese, II	1990 William E. Cantrell
1991 James E. Moseley	1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)
1996 Andre E. Lovas	1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
1998 C. Danny Wofford	2000 Bobby J. Townsend
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	2003 F. Lamar Pearson, Jr
2005 Charles B. Stephens (exp)	2006 Edmond H. Shaw
2007 William L. Montgomery	2009 J. Timothy Ingram
2010 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.	2011 Emmett R. Johns
2012 Wade C. Smith	2013 James T. Farmer
2014 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.	2015 Michael R. Sosebee

## **2015 CANDIDATES**

Martin Wyatt Fowler.	Steven M. Perry
Richard W. Echols	Leon S. Lewis
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Robert Soderstorm
Kevin Lee Miller	Alessandro da Silva
Robert Hall	Lawrence M. Rich
Wiley Q. Forrester, III	Erik Sebastian Tress
Steve A. Kirk	Boyce J. Andrews
Richard S. Bailey	Roger W. Coursey
David Orell Johnson	Charles W. Trott



### ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2015-2016 OFFICERS

Mark A. Bradley	Excellent President
Michael H. Wilson	Ex. Vice President
Edward C. Barclay	Ex. Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Rec-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston	Excellent Chaplain
Doyle R. Hatfield	Excellent Conductor
William F. Shepard	Excellent Herald
Storey A. Tate	Excellent Steward
James W. Tate	Excellent Sentinel

The Officers were installed by Most Excellent Companion, C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP. Closing Prayer by Excellent Chaplain, Benjamin W. Polston, II

### RECIPEIS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

2014 John Benny Allen – Custodian .....	Alleganey No. 64, Enotah No. 24
2015 Wade C. Smith – Co-Custodian .....	Enotah No. 24
2015 Clyde E. Griffin .....	Georgia No. 03
2015 Edward Helton .....	Alleganey No. 64

### RECIPENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

YEAR	NAME	CHAPTER
1952 .....	*Ottis Brewer (O. B.). Turner .....	Pythagoras No. 10, Griffin
1953 .....	*Robert Wiley Beall .....	Mt. Horeb No. 155, Atlanta
1954 .....	*Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. ....	Temple No. 6, Milledgeville
1955 .....	*Thomas Earl Gaines .....	Columbian No. 136, Washington
1956 .....	*Ezekiel K. Clifton.....	Georgia No. 3, Savannah
1957 .....	*W. Tom Bateman.....	Austin No. 18, Fort Valley
1958 .....	*Edward P. Hitafter.....	Ft. Benning No. 73, Fort Benning
1959 .....	**Merrill D. Payton.....	Albany No. 15, Albany
1960 .....	*L. Guy Hughes.....	Cartersville No. 144, Cartersville
1961 .....	*T. S. Wells, Sr.....	Stone Mountain No. 85, Stone Mountain
1962 .....	*Walter M. Housch .....	Chickamauga No. 99, Chickamauga
1963 .....	*Graydon W. Kitchens .....	Y.A. Wright No. 122, Worthville
1964 .....	*Ralph Saye.....	Keystone No. 1, Athens
1965 .....	*Richard S. Sagar .....	Sweetwater No. 49, Luxomni
1966 .....	*James W. (Shorty) Davis .....	Sardis No. 77, Atlanta
1967 .....	*Charles H. Davis.....	Constantine No. 4, Macon
1968 .....	*John B. Hubert, Jr.....	Bolton No. 112, Atlanta
1969 .....	*Ernest F. Campbell.....	Jesup No. 70, Jesup
1970 .....	*C. Dowling Pate.....	Valdosta No. 107, Valdosta
1971 .....	*Preston Young (P. Y.) Luther .....	Constantine No. 4, Macon
1972 .....	*J. Sheffield Thompson .....	Ben Hill No. 37, Atlanta
1973 .....	*George T. Buchan .....	Brunswick No. 66, Brunswick
1974 .....	*Clyde C. Brown.....	Leland No. 83, Mableton
1975 .....	*Dave H. Keever .....	Sweetwater No. 49, Luxomni
1976 .....	*Benjamin R. Martin, Jr. ....	Camden No. 121, Woodbine
1977 .....	*Oliver H. Sheppard .....	Rutledge No. 158, Rutledge
1978 .....	*Charles W. Eaton.....	Greensboro No. 154, Greensboro
1979 .....	*Grady T. Bozeman.....	Pickens No. 28, Jasper
1980 .....	Joseph P. Suttles .....	Ben Hill No. 37, Atlanta
1981 .....	*Robert E. Taylor .....	Constantine No. 4, Macon
1982 .....	*Oran Gary Moore.....	Alapaha No. 79, Nashville
1983 .....	*Willie P. Hammond .....	Fayetteville No. 72, Fayetteville
1984 .....	*Lee David Holcomb .....	Douglasville No. 50, Douglasville
1985 .....	*Lewis H. Keith.....	Lakewood No. 27, Atlanta

1986	C. Danny Wofford	Winder No. 84, Winder
1987	David B. Dukes	Jesup No. 70, Jesup
1988	*Kenneth R. Smith	Cartersville No. 144, Cartersville
1989	*Minor C. Shadburn	Cartersville No. 144, Cartersville
1990	William J. Bird	Jesup No. 70, Jesup
1991	***Lawrence E. Anderson	Carroll No. 22, Carrollton
1992	*William Henry Lewis	Valdosta No. 107, Valdosta
1993	*Edward C. Davis	Y. A. Wright No. 122, Worthville
1994	W. George Bean	Sweetwater No. 49, Luxomni
1995	*James E. Salter	Forest Park No. 75, Forest Park
1996	*Rudolph Fuglaar	Decatur No. 119, Decatur
1997	*George Utiss, Sr	Brunswick No. 66, Brunswick
1998	Robert L. Gill	Waycross No. 9, Waycross
1999	*Russell L. Baker	Tifton No. 47, Tifton
2000	J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	Western No. 80, Dalton
2001	William L. Montgomery	Ft. Benning No. 73, Columbus
2002	Stephen C. Higgins	Canton No. 135, Canton
2003	*William H. McDaniel	Keystone No. 1, Athens
2004	William F. Shepard	Brunswick No. 66, Brunswick
2005	James D. Davis	St. John's No. 11, Long Cane
2006	Johnie M. Garmon	Enotah No. 24, Blairsville
2007	*Kerry J. Buchan	Georgia 3, Savannah
2008	A. Wayne Norton	Toccoa 21, Toccoa
2009	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh	Cherokee, No. 13, Marietta
2010	*G. Everett Cox	Smyrna No. 160, Smyrna
2011	*Phillip H. Floyd	Taylor No. 48, Buford
2012	Leonard A. Davis	St. John's No. 11, West Point
2013	Edward C. Barclay	Silver Shoals No. 14, Cumming
2014	Bruce A. McNall	Georgia G03, Savannah
2015	Benjamin W. Polson, II	Covington No. 71, Covington
* Indicates Death      ** Indicates Suspension      *** Indicates Dimit		

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL	
TRIENNium PERIOD	RECIPIENT

1984-1987 .....	*Richard S. Sagar
1993-1996 .....	James E. Moseley
2002-2005 .....	*Grady T. Bozeman
2002-2005 .....	Edward Helton

\*Indicates Death

## RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

1969-1972	*Richard B. Russell, Jr.
1993-1996	Samuel A. Nunn, Jr.
2002-2005	Thomas T. Irvin
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**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIESTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER  
 OF GEORGIA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION ON 2-4-1822**

YEAR	NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
1822-1846	William Schley	Union No. 1/Augusta No. 2	11-20-1858
1847-1853	William T. Gould	Augusta No. 2	07-18-1882
1854-1861	Philip T. Schley	Darley No. 7/Georgia No. 3	08-31-1862
1862-1868	Samuel S. Lawrence	Cherokee No. 13	10-02-1890
1869-1871	Moses P. Kellogg	Newnan No. 34	11-25-1889
1872-1873	George W. Adams	Georgia No. 3	01-05-1893
1874-1877	Luther J. Glenn	Mt. Zion No. 16	06-09-1886
1878	William J. Johnson	LaFayette No. 12	05-12-1886
1879-1880	James W. Oslin	West Point No. 55	01-09-1906
1881-1883	Charles E. Lambdin	Mystic No. 51	03-03-1888
1884	William A. Graham	LaFayette No. 12	02-24-1904
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany No. 15	02-22-1897
1886-1894	James W. Taylor	Glenn No. 8	12-15-1925
1895-1897	Charles Wessolowsky	Albany No. 15	07-08-1904
1898-1900	Henry C. Burr	Pythagoras No. 10	03-15-1901
1901	Henry Banks	St. John's No. 11	06-03-1920
1902	Robert L. Colding	Georgia No. 3	10-21-1927
1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin	Mystic No. 51	07-06-1909
1904	Young A. Wright	Jackson No. 54	05-12-1911
1905	John C. Joiner	Mt. Zion No. 16	12-26-1927
1906	J. Luther Gable	Brantley No. 40	01-12-1929
1907	Thomas F. Moody	Cuthbert No. 31	01-14-1927
1908	Luther M. Heard	Oliver No. 25	01-20-1917
1909	Jacob A. Walton	Darley No. 7	06-01-1925
1910	William F. Bowe	Augusta No. 2	08-25-1932
1911	John R. Wilkinson	Mt. Zion No. 16	04-07-1915
1912	William G. England	Adoniram No. 41	03-26-1931
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin	Adairsville No. 92	08-07-1942
1914	Frank O. Miller	Austin No. 18	03-17-1937

1915 ----- Hiram Warner Hill ----- Greenville No. 52 ----- 01-13-1934  
 1916 ----- J. Furman Bell ----- Temple No. 6 ----- 12-03-1940  
 1917 ----- Thomas H. Jeffries ----- Mt. Zion No. 16 ----- 11-06-1948  
 1918 ----- Elliot W. Parish ----- Georgia No. 3 ----- 10-13-1963  
 1919 ----- Andrew S. Harvey ----- Rome No. 26 ----- 11-22-1946  
 1920 ----- Joseph C. Greenfield ----- Mt. Zion No. 16 ----- 12-20-1920  
 1921 ----- Welby C. Jordan ----- Keystone No. 1 ----- 01-16-1954  
 1922 ----- Augustus G. Miller ----- Waycross No. 9 ----- 07-31-1931  
 1923 ----- Clarence H. Andrew ----- A.M. Wolihin No. 104 ----- 08-20-1930  
 1924 ----- Early H. Johnson ----- Darley No. 7 ----- 09-06-1947  
 1924 ----- Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] ----- Fairburn No. 24 ----- 07-12-1928  
 1925 ----- William A. Sims ----- Mt. Zion No. 16 ----- 11-24-1952  
 1926 ----- Hugh W. Taylor ----- Cuthbert No. 31 ----- 05-18-1966  
 1927 ----- W. Frank Wells ----- East Point No. 97 ----- 11-07-1947  
 1928 ----- John Swain ----- Georgia No. 3 ----- 01-02-1944  
 1929 ----- William B. Graham ----- LaFayette No. 12 ----- 07-02-1931  
 1930 ----- Charles L. Bass ----- Cornelia No. 93 ----- 12-29-1937  
 1930 ----- Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) ----- Augusta No. 2 ----- 05-13-1950  
 1931 ----- Charles Percival Taylor ----- Mt. Horeb No. 155 ----- 01-14-1934  
 1932 ----- Joseph A. Moore ----- Temple No. 6 ----- 09-04-1972  
 1933 ----- Charles R. McCord ----- Constantine No. 4 ----- 03-22-1938  
 1934 ----- John B. Russell ----- Fitzgerald No. 32 ----- 01-20-1955  
 1935 ----- N. H. Ballard (Hon) ----- Brunswick No. 66 ----- 02-19-1936  
 1935 ----- Francis A. Johnson ----- East Point No. 97 ----- 03-31-1940  
 1936 ----- B. Palmer Axson ----- Georgia No. 3 ----- 05-23-1943  
 1937 ----- Newman N. Johnson ----- Carroll No. 22 ----- 11-03-1972  
 1938 ----- Paul H. Ponder ----- Rutledge No. 158 ----- 11-23-1967  
 1938 ----- P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) ----- Newnan No. 34 ----- 03-27-1947  
 1939 ----- Jack G. Standifer ----- Blakely No. 44 ----- 11-20-1972  
 1940 ----- Thomas W. Sewell ----- Newnan No. 34 ----- 06-25-1966  
 1941 ----- J. Warner Neal ----- Darley No. 7 ----- 11-19-1960  
 1942 ----- John W. Riley ----- Temple No. 6 ----- 01-06-1949  
 1943 ----- E. Paul Newhard ----- Perry No. 62 ----- 05-16-1963  
 1944 ----- J. Tillman Morgan ----- Roswell No. 74 ----- 09-20-1969  
 1945 ----- Bartis E. Goodman ----- Mt. Zion No. 16 ----- 01-09-1959  
 1946 ----- Emanuel W. Rhoden ----- Moultrie No. 91 ----- 10-20-1962  
 1947 ----- W. Furman King ----- Georgia No. 3 ----- 11-07-1950  
 1948 ----- Daniel W. Locklin ----- Keystone No. 1 ----- 10-09-1988  
 1949 ----- James R. Belflower ----- Tifton No. 47 ----- 10-07-1981  
 1950 ----- John W. Ball, Jr. ----- Bolton No. 112 ----- 03-09-1958  
 1951 ----- William J. Penn, Jr. ----- Albany No. 15 ----- 07-30-1959  
 1951 ----- Arthur T. Harrison ----- Brunswick No. 66 ----- 11-29-1954  
 1952 ----- Thomas C. Sanders ----- Mt. Horeb No. 155 ----- 11-27-1974  
 1953 ----- David L. Paulk ----- Fitzgerald No. 32 ----- 04-23-1979  
 1954 ----- John H. Haddock ----- Constantine No. 4 ----- 03-03-1981

1955 ----- J. Willard Register -----Darley No. 7 ----- 04-24-1999  
 1956 ----- Cecil F. Hall ----- Haynes No. 33 ----- 11-01-1979  
 1957 ----- Austin P. Phillips ----- Bainbridge No. 94 ----- 03-18-1981  
 1958 ----- Lyndon S. Patterson ----- Pythagoras No. 10 ----- 05-07-1958  
 1958 ----- Jay D. Barton ----- Augusta No. 2 ----- 03-09-1981  
 1959 ----- Harry M. Stanley, Jr. ----- Decatur No. 119 ----- 07-24-1992  
 1960 ----- Raymond E. Keen ----- Sinai No. 30 ----- 08-06-1999  
 1961 ----- James C. Newton ----- Jackson No. 54 ----- 06-06-1970  
 1961 ----- G. Hice Gilbert ----- Rossville No. 149 ----- 08-19-1985  
 1962 ----- E. Alton Rogers ----- Temple No. 6 ----- 06-24-2001  
 1963 ----- Ralph C. James ----- Rutledge No. 158 ----- 06-14-1989  
 1964 ----- Charles H. Bush ----- Zerubbabel No. 131 --- 12-20-1969  
 1965 ----- James M. Head ----- Mt. Moriah No. 63 ----- 03-11-1999  
 1966 ----- Joseph R. Richardson ----- Rome No. 26 ----- 01-27-1990  
 1967 ----- James E. Moseley ----- Pythagoras No. 10  
 1967 - \*Merrill D. Payton (SUS 1-1-1971) - W. J. Penn, Jr. No. 15 --- 02-12-1997  
 1968 ----- Ira R. Huffaker ----- Mt. Zion No. 16 ----- 05-21-1973  
 1969 ----- Thomas J. Brake, Jr. .... Pythagoras No. 10.....09-24-1971  
 1970 ----- Herman E. Freeman ..... Georgia No. 3.....08-01-1984  
 1971 ----- Graydon W. Kitchens.....Y.A. Wright No. 122..... 08-12-1987  
 1972 ----- John M. McClurd, Sr. .... Brunswick No. 66.....04-17-2001  
 1973 ----- William M. Drinnon..... Constantine No. 4.....02-03-1987  
 1974 ----- Richard S. Sagar ..... Mt. Carmel No. 98.....12-11-2013  
 1975 ----- J. Lewis Lester..... Austell No. 87.....05-26-2009  
 1976 ----- Charlie O. Murphy..... Mt. Horeb No. 155.....11-21-1992  
 1977 ----- Marvin E. Oldham..... Keystone No. 1.....08-13-2000  
 1978 ----- H. Grady Keith..... Lakewood No. 27  
 1979 ----- John Benny Allen..... Alleghaney No. 64  
 1980 ----- Felix Gersten ..... Darley No. 7.....06-10-1993  
 1981 ----- Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. .... Douglas No. 52.....04-07-2000  
 1982-----James T. Stanley..... Panthersville No. 98...05-02-1991  
 1983-----William M. Hutcheson..... Mt. Zion No. 16.....03-25-2010  
 1984-----C. Downing Pate (Hon.)..... Valdosta No. 107...10-25-1997  
 1984-----Bobby Joe Townsend ..... Leland No. 83. ....09-20-2014  
 1985-----Grady T. Bozeman ..... Pickens No. 28.....05-10-2007  
 1986-----Steven V. Carter..... Tri-City No. 90  
 1987-----J. Walter Cowart..... Georgia No. 3.....09-11-2001  
 1988-----William E. Cantrell ..... Cartersville No. 144  
 1989-----P. Woodrow Houston..... Blakely No. 44.....06-30-1994  
 1990-----George E. Jones ..... Austin No. 18.....08-27-1993  
 1991-----James E. Miller..... Ft. Benning No. 73...04-21-2013  
 1992-----John S. Perry..... Forest Park No. 75 ..09-04-1995  
 1993-----Ernest J. Gaines ..... Sweetwater No. 49 ..11-23-1995  
 1994-----Ruben Martinez..... Forest Park No. 75  
 1995-----Joe E. Turner ..... Pythagoras No. 10

1996-----William J. Bird ..... Jesup No. 70  
1997-----William Henry Lewis ..... Valdosta No. 107.....06-07-1998  
1998-----Leon S. (Sam) Lee, III ..... W. J. Penn, Jr. No. 15  
1999-----Joseph P. Suttles ..... Ben Hill No. 37  
1999-----Wilford H. Hall ..... Western No. 80.....07-12-2014  
2000-----Wayne H. Garrett ..... Alleghaney No. 64  
2000-----Ted H. Hendon (Hon.)..... Douglasville No. 50 .04-27-2007  
2001 ..... William D. Miles ..... Mt. Zion No. 16  
2002 ..... Earl D. Harris (Hon.) ..... Covington No. 71...07-23-2002  
2002 ..... A. Joseph Clark ..... Keystone No. 1  
2003 ..... Eli A. Stafford..... Georgia No. 3.....2-22- 2007  
2004 ..... Emmett R. Johns..... Constantine No. 4  
2005 ..... Hugh F. Watson..... Cherokee No. 13  
2006-----Robert L. Gill..... Waycross No. 9  
2007-----Charles L. Taylor, Jr..... Toccoa No. 21....09-05- 2010  
2008-----Drewey W. Hendry, Sr..... Mt. Moriah No. 63  
2009-----C. Danny Wofford..... Winder No. 84  
2009-----Wade C. Smith..... Enotah No. 24  
2010-----J. Timothy Ingram..... Pickens No. 28  
2011-----William L. Montgomery..... Ft. Benning No. 73  
2012 ..... Jimmy T. Porter ..... Alapha No. 79  
2013 ..... Clyde E. Griffin ..... Georgia No. G03  
2014 ..... Michael H. Wilson ..... Covington No. 71  
2015 ----- James T. Farmer ..... Pythagoras No. 10

\*Indicates Suspension

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British Columbia .....	George Coupland .....	Benjamin L. Johnson
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Colorado.....	Humbert Rees .....	William L. Montgomery
Connecticut .....	Edward S. Eby.....	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Delaware .....	Edward Naylor, Jr. ....	Leon S. Lee, III
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England .....		Kenneth J. Stafford
Finland .....	Toivo Virkkunen.....	Reed S. Britt, Jr.
Florida .....	Arthur John Larose.....	Bobby J. Townsend
France .....		William J. Bird
Germany .....	Robert C. Simpson.....	Emmett R. Johns
Greece .....	Vassilios Charalabidis .	Wayne H. Garrett
Hawaii .....	Charles Wegeneer.....	Paul E. Wells
Idaho .....	James L. Curtis.....	Sherman Rankin

Illinois .....	Harold Greer .....	James H. Bates
India .....	Devinder Gupta .....	William F. Shepard
Indiana .....	Gary A. Snyder, Jr. ....	E. C. Kelley, Jr.
Iowa .....	Tim S. Anderson .....	Jimmy T. Porter
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Israel .....	Joseph Cohen .....	Andrew P. Wright
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Wisconsin .....	Donald C. Hoeft .....	Leonard A. Davis
Wyoming .....	Kenneth S. Watts.....	C. Danny Wofford



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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
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GRAND COUNCIL  
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
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HOLDEN IN THE CITY OF MACON  
MONDAY  
MAY 4, 2015  
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**Charles E. Taylor**  
**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**  
**2014 - 2015**

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The One Hundred Eighty-Ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 1:30 PM on Monday, May 4, 2015 in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, with Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles E. Taylor, presiding and with all Grand Officers present and in their respective stations. The opening prayer was offered by Illustrious Grand Companion C. Hendry Howard, Grand Chaplain, and the MIGM Charles E. Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Being assured that a quorum was present, Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor declared the One Hundred Eighty-Ninth Annual Assembly duly convened.

### GRAND COUNCIL ROLL CALL

Charles E. Taylor (16)	M.I. Grand Master
Floyd E. Edmondson (19)	V.I.D. Grand Master
Benjamin W. Polston (41)	R.I.G. Prin.Conductor of Work
Robert L. Gill (9)	III. Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith (79)	III. Grand Recorder
C. Hendry Howard	III. Grand Chaplain
John D. Morrow (19)	III. Grand Organist
John I. Haggas (04)	III. G. Captain of the Guard
Larry C. Bennett (55)	III. G.C. of Council
Ryan C. Nealey (13)	III. Grand Marshal
Robert B. Wolbert (02)	III. Grand Steward
Tommy T. Marshall (30)	III. Grand Sentinel

### LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

1967 James E. Moseley (8)	2002 John P. Bohanan (3)
1973 Bobbie L. Bird	2003 Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (64)
1985 Howard W. VanScoy (6) (Aff.)	2004 Benjamin L. Johnson (33)
1985 James E. Underwood (75)	2005 W. Larry Hicks (13)
1987 Cyld E. Griffin (2)	2006 Daniel C. Ricketts (74)
1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)	2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)
1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)
1997 J.R. Jones (53)	2009 James C. Bentley, Jr. (20)
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2010 Thomas W. Tinley, III (G01)
2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	2011 Harry B. Allen (3)
2001 Joseph P. Suttles (Hon) (33)	2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)
2001 Rubin Martinez (75)	2013 F. Andrew Lane Jr. (29)
	2014 Charles E. Taylor
	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)

The G. Recorder stated that with the permission of the MIGM he would take the Roll Call for the Committees and G. Representatives from the Registration Desk.

### 2014-2015 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**CUSTODIANS OF WORK: NORTH:** Floyd E. Edmondson, **SOUTH:** Tommy T. Marshall  
**MIGM'S ADDRESS:** Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair, C. Danny Wofford, Wayne H. Garrett  
**FINANCE:** Lloyd R. Lane, Chair, Paul E. Wells, Joe Colvert  
**MEMORIAL:** C. Hendry Howard, Chair, Rev. Terry L. Hensley, Rev. Donald C. Combs  
**JURISPRUDENCE:** Gary D. Lemmons, Chair, F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Thomas W. Tinley, III  
**CHARTERS/BY-LAWS/DISP:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, Gary D. Lemmons, C. Danny Wofford  
**FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE:** Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair  
**CREDENTIALS:** Bobby B. Simmons, Chair, John A. Minnich, Ronald F. Keel, Robert C. Lord  
**AUDITING:** Ronnie E. Hill, Chair, Lloyd R. Bowen, Doyle R. Hatfield  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Hugh F. Watson, Chair, David M. Wellman, Earnest A. McCorkle, William F. Shepard  
**EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, Clyde E. Griffin;  
 John Benny Allen; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons  
**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Joe E. Turner, Chair W. Larry Hicks C. Danny Wofford

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jimmy T. Porter, Chair, A. Joseph Clark, Ruben Martinez; Robert L. Gill  
**CODE REVISION:** Thomas W. Tinley, III, Chair, Joe E. Turner, Thomas E. Tante, IV  
**MASONIC MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT:** Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair, Phillip P. Wyatt  
**WEB MASTER:** Kevin L. Hyde, Chair, Benjamin W. Polston, II  
**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Robert W. Tidwell  
**ORGANIST:** John D. Morrow  
**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Thomas E. Tante, IV, Chair, Thomas W. Tinley, III, Joe E. Turner  
**CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION:** James W. Bard, Chair

### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

Alabama .....	James C. Bentley, Jr.
Arizona .....	Robert L. Gill
Arkansas .....	James E. Stevens
California .....	Thomas L. Blanton
Colorado .....	C. Danny Wofford
Connecticut .....	John I. Haggas
Delaware .....	*Bobbie L. Byrd
District of Columbia.....	Harry B. Allen
Eastern Canada.....	
England & Wales .....	F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
Florida .....	Ryan C. Nealey
Germany.....	J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
Hawaii .....	Benjamin W. Polston, II
Idaho .....	Ruben Martinez
Illinois .....	James C. Newsome, Jr.
Indiana .....	Greeley R. Graves, Jr.
Iowa.....	Glenn R. Weber
Israel .....	Mark S. Johnson
Kansas .....	*John P. Bohanan
Kentucky.....	William F. Shepard
Louisiana.....	Ernest A. McCorkle
Maine .....	Paul E. Wells
Maryland.....	Doyle R. Hatfield
Massachusetts.....	*J. R. Jones
Michigan .....	Andre E. Lovas
Minnesota.....	Larry C. Bennett
Mississippi.....	Joseph W. Brooks
Missouri.....	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Montana .....	David L. Canaday
Nebraska .....	C. Michael Ellis
Nevada .....	J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
New Hampshire.....	Leon S. Lee, III
New Jersey.....	Charles E. Taylor
New Mexico.....	Michael R. Sosebee
New York.....	Daniel O. Causey
North Carolina .....	Joe E. Turner
North Dakota .....	Hugh F. Watson
Ohio.....	*William R. Kayma, Jr.
Oklahoma.....	William G. Economy, Jr.
Ontario .....	William E. Cantrell
Oregon .....	James E. Underwood
Pennsylvania .....	Thomas R. Conn
Philippines.....	Bobby B. Simmons
Rhode Island .....	J. Timothy Ingram
Scotland .....	Wade C. Smith
South Carolina.....	Rodney A. Couch

South Dakota.....	Richard H. Hoibraten
Tennessee.....	W. Larry Hicks
Texas .....	Clyde E. Griffin
Utah.....	Dr. Gary D. Lemmons
Vermont.....	Wayne H. Garrett
Washington .....	Thomas W. Tinley, III
Western Canada.....	*Daniel C. Ricketts
Wisconsin.....	James T. Farmer
Wyoming .....	Donald C. Combs
* Indicates absence	
** Indicates Death	

#### REPRESENTATIVE OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

1. Adoniram, Augusta	Bobby Jenkins, I.M.
2. Georgia, Savannah	Roger W. Coursey, I.M.
3. Canton, Canton	Stephen C. Higgins, Proxy
G4. Georgia, Milledgeville	M. Van Melder, I.M.
H4. Hope, Columbus	Joseph F. Oelgoetz, I.M.
6. Washington, Macon	Emmentt R. Johns, Proxy
7. Hugh L. Smith, Albany	Ronald F. Keel, Proxy
8. Griffin, Griffin	Billy Joe Payton, Sr., D.M.
10. Lakewood, Lovejoy	Larry T. Croy, Proxy
11. Camden, Woodbine	No Representation.
12. Dublin, Cochran	A. Neal Mimbs, Proxy
13. Jason Burr, Atlanta	Alessandro V. da Silva, I.M.
15. Rome, Rome	No Representation
16. Ballard, Brunswick	Kevin L. Miller, I.M.
18. Graydon W. Kitchens, Worthville	Neil C. Maddock, Proxy
19. Summit, Ellijay	Leroy H. Stenberg, I.M.
20. Hunter, Quitman	No Representation
24. Walker, Chickamauga	No Representation
25. Elbert, Elberton	Steve Wooten, Proxy
28. A. W. Goodwin, Valdosta	Wendell L. Browning, Proxy
29. Western, Dallas	Carl J. Gamel, Proxy
30. Waycross, Waycross	James R. Gill, I.M.
	Nikki W Jordan, D.M.
33. Euclid, Sandy Springs	Robert Soderstrom, Proxy.
35. H. C. Rigdon, Fort Valley	Phillip P. Wyatt, Proxy
36. Walton C. Griffin, Dalton	Leon S. Lewis, I.M.
37. Douglasville, Douglasville	Carl J. Gamel, D.M.
	Lloyd R. Lane, P.C.W.
38. George H. Fields, Bainbridge	No Representation
39. Blakely, Blakely	No Representation
40. E. L. McConnell, Toccoa	Boyce Andrews I.M.
41. Covington, Covington	David O. Johnson, I.M.
42. Triangle, Madison	No Representation
44. Gwinnett, Luxomni	Michael L. Rich, I.M.
46. Statesboro, Statesboro	No Representation
47. Austell, Austell	Carl J. Ward I.M.
49. Minor C. Shadburn, Cartersville	Charles W. Trott, I.M.
53. Sardis, Chamblee	Richard W. Echols, I.M.
	Lanier S. Dasher, Jr, P.C.W.
54. Alpharetta, Alpharetta	Daniel P. Linihan, I.M.
55. Pickens, Jasper	Steve A. Kirk, I.M.
	F. Keith Hales D.M.
56. Piedmont, Rockmart	No Representation

58. Tifton, Tifton	Elbert R. Connell, I.M.
60. Smyrna, Smyrna	Keith Bryant, I.M.
61. Calhoun, Calhoun	Terry L. Hensley, Proxy
62. Hiram, Newnan	Larry Havell, Proxy
64. Zabud, Gainesville	Ed Helton, Proxy
65. N.T. Pirkle, Buford	Harvey E. Entrekin, Proxy
66. Fayetteville, Fayetteville	Charles R. Beasley, Proxy
73. Fort Benning, Fort Benning	James W. Tate, I.M.
74. Marietta, Marietta	Robert L. Hall, I.M.
	James G. Mashburn
75. Tara, Forest Park	C. Wayne Glass, P.C.W.
76. Lithonia, Lithonia	Dus Hendricks, Proxy
77. Winder, Winder	Matthew S. Perry, I.M.
	P. Mike Tate, D.M.
78. Warrenton, Warrenton	William G. Wagner I.M.
79. Brasstown, Blairsville	Johnie M. Garmon, Proxy
	Richard H. Hoibraten, P.C.W.
83. Covenant, Warner Robins	Charles E. Ferguson I.M.
	Phillip A. Booth, D.M.
	David B. Williams, Jr. P.C.W.

#### **GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

To the Grand Council Officers, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, General Grand Council Representatives, Distinguished In-State and Out-Of-State Guests and Companions All: It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to the One Hundred Eighty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia. If any of the Grand Council Officers or I can make your visit more pleasant or be of any assistance to you, I hope that you will not hesitate to let us know.

#### **OUT-OF STATE AND IN-STATE VISITATION**

In the past year, it has been my pleasure to represent the Grand Council of Georgia at the 45<sup>th</sup> Triennial Session of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International in Buffalo, NY and the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Greenville, SC. I had planned to attend the York Rite Grand Sessions of Alabama, N. Carolina and S. Carolina, but had to defer from attending due to my work load this past tax season. I was honored to represent our Grand Council and install officers at four of the five District Council Conventions: Midwest District Council in Newnan, the Seventh District Council in Chickamauga, the Fifth District Council in Douglasville and the Northeast District Council in Covington. I want to thank VIDGM Floyd E. Edmonson for representing the Grand Council at the Sixth District Council Convention while I was at the General Grand Council Session in New York. It was a pleasure to attend several Royal Arch District Conventions and Commandery Inspections and an honor to be the Grand Inspecting Officer in Tifton. Thank you ME Grand Commander for the appointment. While performing general Masonic Duties, I was honored by recognition as MI Grand Master at several Masonic Blue Lodges and District Conventions. I enjoyed making Official Visitations at sixteen (16) of our Constituent Councils. Each Council extended me every courtesy and hospitality. My visits were most enjoyable and informative. During the year, I was honored to represent the Grand Council of Georgia at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia; the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia; the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar; the Statewide Meeting of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Warner Robins; the Annual Meeting of the Grand Court, Order of the Eastern Star; the DeMolay Grand Ball; Supreme Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; the Feast of

Tishiri in Columbus, Georgia and traveling to Washington DC to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown Soldier, with GM McDonald, MEGHP Wilson and REGC Hensley. Additionally, I had the privilege of recognition at Stated Meetings of the following appendant Bodies: Savannah Council 328, Allied Masonic Degrees; Priory No 39, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Alexander Conclave, Augusta, Georgia Red Cross of Constantine and Herman E. Freeman York Rite College No 186, Savannah, Georgia. It was an honor and pleasure to participate in the Degrees at several District Chapter and Council Conventions. Last month I was honored to be here in Macon for the Annual Grand Masters Class where 36 men received the York Rite Degrees and Orders. The work was excellent and I enjoyed watching and participating in the Degrees.

#### **NECROLOGY**

We are all saddened by the loss of 175 Council Companions in our Jurisdiction this past year. Among the deceased are MI Past Grand Master: Wilford H. Hall. All of the departed companions will be missed by those who remain. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

#### **DISPENSATIONS**

During the Council year, I issued numerous dispensations of a routine nature, all of which are on file in the Grand Recorder's Office and have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

It was my privilege to appoint as Grand Council Officers Illustrious Companions C. Hendry Howard, Grand Chaplain; Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Sentinel; and John D. Morrow, Grand Organist. I also had the privilege of appointing District Deputies to the Grand Council, with James W. Tate as the State Chairman. Thank all of you for your hard work.

#### **CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

The General Grand Council's charitable arm, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) is working very hard to find cures for several diseases (Heart Disease, Diabetes, Arthritis, Blindness, Peripheral Artery and Vascular Disease, Wound Healing, COPD/lung Disease and Erectile Dysfunction). They are close to finding cures and life extending treatments and are in the process of starting clinical trials. They are looking for volunteers, so please call them if you are interested. On behalf of the Grand Council of Georgia, I thank each of you for your generous contributions to our Charity especially those Constituent Councils that contributed at least one dollar per member and the Council Conventions for their offerings.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

After traveling across the State observing, participating in Degrees, and fellowshiping with the Companions, I respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That all Companions contribute at least \$1.00 per capita per year to CMMRF, either directly or through our Constituent Councils, District Conventions, or a combination of such.
2. That the Grand Council continue to sponsor Annual Schools of Instruction in Macon, and/or District Conventions conducted by the Custodians in the North and South. These schools should cover the opening and closing on the Royal and Select Masters Degrees as well as the conferral of the Degrees.
3. That our Constituent Councils practice regularly and make every effort to open and close in full form without use of the Ritual Book. This may solidify and enhance our knowledge of the numerous lessons set forth in the Ritual.



4. That our Constituent Councils continue to reach out to our Blue Lodges, by presenting Programs to educate our Brother Master Masons as to the additional light available in York Rite Masonry.

#### **STATE OF THE CRAFT**

Traveling to various parts of the State, I have found the Craft to be sound. Some Councils open regularly in full form with little help from the Ritual Book, while some struggle to open. Councils are growing, we delivered Covenant Council No. 83's Charter in Warner Robins last October and issued dispensations to Moultrie Council and the 11th District Council Convention this spring. This year we appointed District Deputies to the Grand Council, which are points of contact for the local Councils and keep the Grand Council informed of local activity. We continue to welcome new Companions into Cryptic Masonry every day, however, our Companions that have passed continue to outnumber our new Companions.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION**

I thank each and every Companion, who has supported the Grand Council Officers, Committeemen, District Deputies and me this past year. I thank the Companions of Ballard Council No.16 for all the support and advice they have provided. MEGHP Mike Wilson, thank you for your advice and counsel. You're assisting and sharing of information was vital to me in starting the Council District Deputies. They will be a great asset to the incoming MIGM. REGC Terry Hensley thank you for allowing me to participate in the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a distinct pleasure to serve parts of the year with MWBs Edgar M. Land and Douglas W. McDonald, Grand Masters of Masons n Georgia. It has been an honor to serve with VIDGM, Floyd E. Edmonson and Benjamin Polston, RIGPCW and I thank them for their advice and support. Additionally, all of the other Grand Council Officers (John Haggas, Larry Bennett, Ryan Nealey, Ronald Wolbert, C. Hendry Howard and Tommy T. Marshal) it has been a pleasure to serve with you and I thank you for your assistance and support at District Conventions. Without the hard work and administrative support of the Grand Council Office we would not be here today. Thank you MECs Grand Secretary Wade Smith and Grand Treasury Robrt Gill. Your choice in administrative assistances has been excellent. Ericka Matheny's cheerful voice on the phone always brightened my day and she was always helpful in resolving my issues. I know that Laine Bolton has been hard at work learning the Office Procedures and keeping me informed. Thank you for your assistance, I know that you and the incoming Illustrious Master will have a great year working together. I thank all of the Companions and Friends that have worked diligently for Cryptic Masons behind the scene or in front. Without your work we could not have accomplish anything. Finally, I am grateful to Lady Susan, for all the love, support and patience. God bless you and keep you, and may York Rite Masonry continue to grow and prosper.

Respectfully submitted.

Charles E. Taylor, MIGM (2014-2015) Grand Council, R&S Masters, of Georgia

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MIGM'S ADDRESS**

To: The Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and the Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia: We, the Committee on the Illustrious Grand Master's Address have listened intently to the report of the Illustrious Grand Master as he has outlined his stewardship of Cryptic Masonry this year. We join with our Illustrious Grand Master in welcoming all in-state and out-of-state guests to this 189<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly and trust that all will have an enjoyable time. We commend our Illustrious Grand Master for his many travels this year. In all his journeys, he has represented the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master for the State of Georgia with the finest deportment and decorum. We

pause with our Illustrious Grand Master to remember the passing of some 175 Companions of our Grand Council who have found a door left open for their reception and entered the secret vault above. We note the passing of Most Illustrious Companion Wilford Henry ""Bill" Hall, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master (Honorary). This Cryptic Mason of renown will be greatly missed. We join with the Illustrious Grand Master in commending his appointed officers this year and thank them for a job well done. We have listened to the report of our Illustrious Grand Master on the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and join with him in calling on our Companions to support this great charitable effort. We have listened to our Illustrious Grand Master's words as to the State of the Craft and his several recommendations for improvement. We encourage all our Companions to heed his admonitions and work for the improvement of our Cryptic Rite. We join with our Illustrious Grand Master in seconding his words of acknowledgement and appreciation to many for their assistance and support of his administration this year. As our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor lays down the working tools of the Grand East and resumes his place, again, on the sidelines with his Companions, we extend to him the hearty thanks of the Companions of this Grand Council and, indeed, all the Cryptic Masons of Georgia. As he and his lovely lady, Miss Susan, take a respite, relax and rest, we urge them not to tarry in recreation too long, for we are persuaded that further labors lie in their future, and we look forward to many, many more years of service together.

Respectfully summited, Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, MIPGM, No. 61, Chairman  
Wayne H. Garrett, MIPGM, No. 64, C. Danny Wofford, MIPGM, No. 77

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
CHECKING	\$59,250.34	\$57,530.50
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$35,054.43	\$36,100.91
DEPOSITS	\$52,637.03	(EXPENDED) \$54,356.87
INTERESTS/DIVIDENDS	\$741.49	
CAPITAL GAINS	\$304.99	
TOTAL.....	\$147,988.28	\$147,988.28

GRAND TREASURER REPORT				
GRAND COUNCIL 2014 - 2015				
ANTICIPATED INCOME	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>O/U</u>	
COLLECTIONS/PER CAPITA	\$51,548.00	\$52,173.00	\$625.00	
INTEREST-SAVINGS	\$1,101.00	\$1,037.00	\$34.00	
TRANSFER FROM INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED	\$52,649.00	\$53,210.00	\$561.00	
<b>OPERATIONS:</b>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>O/U</u>	
AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS	\$600.00	\$325.00	\$275.00	
CPA COMPILATION	\$900.00	\$900.00	-\$0.00	
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	\$500.00	\$1,507.00	-\$1007.00	
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
INVESTMENT FEE (SUN TRUST)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
PER CAPITA-GENERAL GRAND	\$3,300.00	\$3,626.00	-\$326.00	
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	\$330.00	\$100.00	\$230.00	

SESSION PHOTOS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$00.00	
TRIENNIAL (3DAIS-\$500 & GR. SEC. \$85	\$1,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$500.00	
BUILDING RENTAL	\$3,449.00	\$3,449.00	\$0.00	
OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$35,720.00	\$35,720.00	\$0.00	
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE				
TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$00.00	
STATIONERY/POSTAGE	\$100.00	\$00.00	\$100.00	
CHARITY DONATIONS:				
DeMOLAY	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
RAINBOW	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
NORTH CAROLINA SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$52,649.00</b>	<b>\$53,168.00</b>	<b>-\$519.00</b>	

#### **2015 GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT**

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor., The Grand Line Officers, the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, and Companions All: I herewith submit my fourth Grand Council Recorder Report for the year ending December 31, 2014 for your May 2015 Grand Assembly.

Number of Chartered Councils 53

Note: October 1, 2013 Hapeville Council #23 consolidated with Tara Council #75.

Members on the roll as of December 31, 2013 3,626

#### **GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP 2013**

Greeted 109

Affiliated 8

Reinstated 23

Gross Gain 140

#### **LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP 2013**

Demitted 46

Suspended 162

Deceased 175

Gross Loss 383

Net Loss 243

Errors in previous years from rebuilding database +10

Members on roll December 31, 2014 3,383

Projected Per Capita is \$51,548. All Councils have paid their Per Capita Tax.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That each Council re-write their By-Laws, using the adopted STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to this Office for approval and placement in the Grand Council archives.
- 2) That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Council Officers in stemming the NPD hemorrhaging and bring those who have departed via NPD back into the fold.

#### **THANKS**

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere and profound thanks to the Companions of this great State for once again permitting me the opportunity to

serve you. A very special thanks is extended to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor, the Grand Council Officers, and the constituent Recorders for your outstanding, unwavering support during this past year. You are doing a great job in keeping the records of your Councils in proper order by continuing to make your Monthly Reports, which is essential to keeping your Grand Council Records and Data Bases current and relevant Many Thanks Team! A Special Thanks is extended Companions Joe Turner and Larry Zwahlen for continuing to upgrade and maintain a better, more accurate and more relevant database. They are also the authors of your Per Capita Statements and your annual data drops. We are so fortunate to have Companions with that knowledge and skill working with, advising, and supporting this great fraternity. A big thank you is extended to Companion Lloyd R. Lane for volunteering to assist in the maintenance of our Financial Data bases during this past year. He has devoted many hours to this project Thanks Rusty. You are a great team asset. I also want to thank REPGC Paul E. Wells and MEPGHP Robert L. Gill (Bob) for their devotion to creating and maintaining a better, more comprehensive, financial accounting and reporting procedure. Their advice and support has made the difference these past three years. A VERY, VERY SPECIAL THANKS is extended to Ericka Matheny, our outstanding Administrative Assistant, who was with us through December 31<sup>st</sup>, when she, Christopher Lee, and Kylie Grace were required to pack their suitcases and follow Jimmy (Sergeant – Air Force) to MacDill Air Force Base. Ericka went to work for the Florida York Rite Bodies upon her arrival in Tampa. May God Bless My Matheny Four in their new MacDill ocean front Quarters. We are fortunate to have found Laine Lasseter Bolton to replace Ericka. Laine is a Stratford Academy Graduate, who was recruited and accepted on a full four-year Basketball Scholarship at Florida State University. She lived up to her Stratford basketball playing reputation during her four years at Florida State. Laine is a Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Inductee. After College, Laine spent six years in Washington working for our Representative and furthering her education by attending several Hotel Management and Sales Graduate Schools. She then worked in Hotel Management. Laine is proving to be a great team member and a valued asset to the York Rite Bodies. She is learning how to interact with our several concordant, dependent, independent and affiliate Masonic Bodies. Welcome aboard Laine. I want to thank my wife Pat, my Child Bride of 58 years, for permitting me to serve you another Year. Without her support, I could not have continued to serve this Great Body. Fraternally submitted, Wade Smith, Grand Custodian

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - NORTH**

To The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council Of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters: First, I thank Almighty God for His Blessings on me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor, for appointing me to this position. The Council Degrees were conferred at The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Covington York Rite Festival, the 7<sup>th</sup> District Council Convention and the Grand Master's Class. We did not hold a one-day School of Instruction in Macon this year. Some of our Councils have not purchased the new Ritual Books for their Councils. Some Councils are still using old Ritual Books and/or typed papers for their opening/closing and Degree Work. Some Councils are still having difficulty when the Conductor of the Council displays/closes the Three Great Lights, since the new Ritual Book contains the opening/closing and Ritual for both Council Degrees. Hopefully all of the Councils will use the new Ritual Book for all of their Work. Of the Companions who are active in their local Councils, dedication and enthusiasm is high. With everyone working together in peace and harmony, I

look forward to seeing great things in the future of Cryptic Masonry in Georgia. Fraternally, Floyd Edmondson, Grand Custodian of the North

#### **REPORT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN - SOUTH**

I am happy to report that we have had another successful year in York Rite Masonry. I have attended a couple of one day Festivals where attendance was great and the work was superb. My yard stick for measuring success is not only the number of candidates that were present, but the number that stays active after the Class. I am happy to report that I have seen some new faces conferring Degrees. We can have large classes, but if we do not get the new Companions and Sir Knights active we are not accomplishing much. The 11th District has tried something new this year, they have conferred the Royal Arch Degrees at their convention and two weeks later, at their Council Convention, they conferred the Council Degrees and the Orders of the Temple. All who participated seemed to enjoy this format better, instead of one long day they had two shorter days. Since this is my final year as Custodian of the South I would like to thank all of the Leaders of the Bodies (past and present) for their support over the last few years, I can only hope that I lived up to your expectations. I would also like to thank all of the Companions and Sir Knights, who have made me feel welcome at the different events around the State. I hope that I was able to help those that needed it. Even though I will not be serving as a Custodian, I will still be available to help any York Rite Body or Companion/ Sir Knight.

Respectfully submitted, Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian of the South

#### **REPORT OF CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia: Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following Report: We recommend the approval of the updated revision of the By-Laws of Graydon W. Kitchens Council No.18, R S. M which basically only changes the dues and fees payable. We recommend the approval of the of the By-Laws of Covenant Council No. 83, RSM, which were submitted to show the actual name and number of the Council after it was Chartered. We recommend the approval of the complete revisions of the By-Laws of Douglasville Council No. 37, RSM, which were actually adopted in 2013. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-laws of N. T. Pirkle Council No. 65, RSM changing the annual dues and fees charged for degrees and changing the meeting date to a Thursday. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-laws of Griffin Council No.8, RS. M. changing the meeting date to a different Thursday. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-laws of Hugh L. Smith Council No.7 changing the meeting date from a Thursday to a Monday. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-laws of Zabud Council No.64, R S. M. changing the annual dues and fees charged for degrees. Your Committee believes the amendment to the By-laws of Hiram Council No.62, RS. M. changing the arrangement of the meeting date to a rotational basis with the Chapter and Commandery may be confusing, but will approve the amendment as submitted. We recommend the approval of the complete revision of the By-Laws of Hunter Council No. 20, R S. M. which also includes a change in the meeting place from Quitman, Georgia, to Thomasville, Georgia. The Most Illustrious Grand Master issued a Dispensation dated October 30, 2014 for the Council to begin meeting there. Your Committee notes that for good and sufficient cause, the Most Illustrious Grand Master has issued His Dispensation on February 17, 2015 authorizing the Council Companions of the Eleventh District, to meet as a District Council of Royal and Select Masters under the name of Eleventh District Council Convention. We have reviewed the By-Laws of the newly formed Eleventh District Council Convention of Royal and Select Masters and find nothing in conflict with the Grand Council Code. We wish

them much success in the future. This Committee has received no requests for new Councils. However, we note that for good and sufficient cause, the Most Illustrious Grand Master has issued His Dispensation on March 4, 2015 authorizing certain Companions, exceeding the required 9 in number, to meet as a Council of Royal and Select Masters under the name of Moultrie Council U. D. in the City of Moultrie, County of Colquitt. We therefore recommend that this Dispensation continue until the next annual Assembly, unless sooner terminated by the Most Illustrious Grand Master or by the Companions, when they may wish to apply for a charter.

Respectfully submitted; Joe E. Turner, PIM (8) CHMN.;

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, MIPGM (61) C. Danny Wofford, MIPGM (77)

#### **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia: We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, report that five (5) bills to amend the Grand Council Code of Georgia, and no proposed Resolutions, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for review and consideration. We have examined the proposed legislations and find that all six (6) bills are in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Grand Council Code. However, we note that bill numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 must all pass, or the passage of some and the defeat of others will result in conflicts within the Code. No Rulings or Edicts have been made by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to be reviewed by the committee on Jurisprudence to determine whether in proper legal form and not in conflict with any section of the Code. The Dispensations issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master were reviewed and found to be in proper legal Form and not in conflict with any section of the Grand Council Code. The Committee recommends approval of the same. The Members of the Committee wish to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, MIPGM, Chairman, No. 61, R. & S.M.

F. Andrew Lane, Jr., MIPGM, No 29, R. & S.M.

#### **BILL #1**

**Defeated**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.3.5 of the Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to Employee Benefit Fund by deleting it in its entirety.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2:3.5 "Employee Benefit Fund" be deleted in its entirety. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.3.5 (Deleted)

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PIM, Griffin #8

#### **BILL #2**

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.8.6.2.2 of the Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to Recorder Must Issue Notice by deleting it in its entirety.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.8.6.2.2 "Recorder Must Issue Notice" be deleted in its entirety. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.8.6.2.2 (Deleted)

This Legislation to delete Recorder Must Issue Notice, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted: J. R. Jones, PIM, Sardis #53

#### **BILL #3**

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.8.6.2.3 of the Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to Twenty Days Notice Required by deleting it in its entirety.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.8.6.2.3 "Twenty Days Notice Required" be deleted in its entirety. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.8.6.2.3 (Deleted)

This Legislation to delete Twenty Days Notice Required, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted:

J. R. Jones, PIM, Sardis #53

**BILL #4**

**Withdrawn**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.8.6.2.5 of the Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to Payment of Dues Before Ballot or Within Twelve Months After Suspension by deleting it in its entirety.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.8.6.2.5 "Payment of Dues Before Ballot or Within Twelve Months after Suspension" be deleted in its entirety. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 2.8.6.2.5 (Deleted) This Legislation to delete Payment of Dues before Ballot or Within Twelve Months after Suspension, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted: J. R. Jones, PIM, Sardis #53

**BILL #5**

**Defeated**

A BILL, to amend Section 2.8.6.2.4 of the Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to Suspension by deleting it in its entirety and substituting a new section.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.8.6.2.4 "Suspension" be deleted in its entirety and a new section substituted therein. So that said section as amended shall read as follows: Section 2.8.6.2.4 Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. A Companion in arrears for dues for six (6) months may be suspended, after due notice, without trial. If said dues together with fee for restoration are paid within twelve (12) months from such suspension, he shall be reinstated automatically; if more than twelve (12) months elapse before payment, the reinstatement must be by petition and unanimous secret ballot. This Legislation to revise Suspension, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted: J. R. Jones, PIM, Sardis #53

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY**

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Charles E. Taylor; Grand Council Officers; and to the Companions of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, of the State of Georgia: In the Royal Master Degree, GM Hiram Abif and Adoniram have an insightful discussion on death. The lesson conveyed is that none of us know the time or place when the Supreme Architect shall send his Angel of Death to escort us to our eternal Home. This year 175 Companions were called to their eternal Home. They laid down their Working Tools of this Life, and entered their eternal House, not made with Hands, completed and waiting on them. We never know, when our labors here on Earth will be completed and we will be called to stand before Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The memories of our departed Companions will remain with us, even though they are no longer with us. We will remember their hard work and dedication to the Council. We will remember their dedication to their family. We will remember many of them for their time in the service defending our Nation. All will be remembered by those whose lives were touched in some way by them. With much sorrow, they will be missed by their family, loved ones, friends, and Fellow Companions. We pause at this time to reverently honor their lives and embrace their memories. In so doing let us keep mindfully in our devotions, their

family and loved ones still here with us. Even as they were our Companions, to others they were Father, Grandfather, Brother and Son. At our Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, May 3, 2015 in Macon, Georgia, we held a prayerful Service for our departed Companions. This was done in honor and respect of their Memories. May their Memories remain with us.  
Respectfully Submitted; C. Hendry Howard, III. Grand Chaplain

## ***In Memoriam***



***This Memorial is affectionately***

***Inscribed to the memory of***

***Wilford H. Hall MEPGIM 2006***

***And all Companions of Georgia***

***And those of***

***Sister Jurisdictions who have***

***Departed this life during the past Cryptic Year.***



## REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia: The Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM) continues to lead the way in studying the use of Stem Cells derived from Adipose Tissue (fat) and Bone Marrow in the treatment of many debilitating Diseases. The current areas of research include: Heart Disease, Diabetes, Blindness, COPD/Lung Disease, Regenerative Medicine, Peripheral Artery and Vascular Disease, Wound Healing, Erectile Dysfunction, and Hemophilia Arthritis. This past year the Researchers at ICVBM have partnered with Terry Loghmani PhD, PT of the Laboratory of Applied Regenerative Medicine to enhance the application of Regenerative Medicine and Rehabilitative Medicine to improve Clinical outcomes for Patients with a wide variety of Conditions. For many years, Cryptic Masons have provided the lion's share of the Funding for the Research of the treatment of the conditions listed above. Only 4 per cent of the Funding for this research comes from Government Entities. Georgia Cryptic Masons have for many years been among the leaders in contributions to the CMMRF. In 2014 we ranked 19th Nationally in Donations, contributing \$3,385 to CMMRF. Plaques for the \$1000.00 level in Donations were presented to the following York Rite Bodies in Georgia: Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123. Extender Bars for Plaques representing an additional \$1000.00 in Donations were presented to: Georgia Council #2; and Walton C. Griffin Council #36. Attached is a Breakdown of contributions from April 2014 through March 2015. Thank you to all the Councils and individuals that made donations this past year. Respectfully Submitted, James W. Bard, PIM, Chairman, CMMRF, Inc.

Date	Name	Paid Amount	
<b>Brasstown 079</b>			<b>20.00</b>
04/05/2014	Wade Smith	20.00	
<b>Luther G. Palmer Y. R 123</b>			<b>100.00</b>
06/04/2014	Luther G. Palmer Y. R. 123	100.00	
<b>W Joe Clarke YRC 203</b>			<b>50.00</b>
05/13/2014	W Joe Clarke YRC 203	50.00	
<b>Fourth District CC</b>			<b>369.00</b>
02/11/2015	4th District R&SM Convention	344.00	
02/11/2015	4th District R&SM Convention	25.00	
<b>Fifth District CC</b>			<b>200.00</b>
05/13/2014	5th District R&SM Convention	200.00	
<b>Seventh District CC</b>			<b>340.00</b>
04/05/2014	7th District CC	340.00	
<b>GA. Grand Lodge</b>			<b>200.00</b>
09/16/2014	GA Grand lodge	200.00	
<b>GA. Grand Council</b>			<b>150.00</b>
04/05/2014	GA Grand Council	105.00	
<b>Grand Council Knight Masons of GA</b>			<b>500.00</b>
11/26/2014	GC KM GA	500.00	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>4,486.00</b>

## REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND WEB PAGE COMMITTEE

The Website Committee would like to thank Ben Polston for his guidance and mentoring during this time of transition to a new Webmaster. During the year, we inserted the Google Calendar into the Website under the Menu "Grand York Rite Calendar". This Calendar enables easier viewing of York Rite Events across the State and allows anyone to copy an Event to their own personal Google Calendar or into an application such as Calengoo. Also, this Calendar provides a Map to the locations of Events, such as the District Conventions. We are happy to report that the cost for hosting the Website did not increase this year. The vast

majority of the pictures for our Website as well as the current Grand Officers, have been provided by our own Grand Photographer, Robert W. Tidwell. The Committee wants to express its sincere gratitude for all the time and effort he contributes to providing a Photographic Report of our Events.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Hyde, PM, PHP, PIM, COMM, DDGHP, DDMIGM, DDGM

#### **REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia: Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Councils and the General Grand Council, and most have their proceedings on their website. "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all Titles, the character of an honest man." - George Washington - U.S. President & Freemason. Without a doubt the fraternal Fellowship and profound Friendships forged in our York Rite are some of the most important reasons why we have dedicated our lives to Masonry. These rights and benefits appertaining to our Craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our Asylums, Inspections, Meetings, Committee Work and in our recruitment of new Companions in the York Rite. While we have the responsibility to share the story of York Rite Masonry with fellow Masons across our State and Nation, we are missing a significant opportunity to help in igniting and conducting the flame of York Rite Masonry Internationally. It is vital that we work to expand the Sphere of York Rite Masonry Internationally. The General Grand Council is recommending that every Jurisdiction be an Ambassador to other Jurisdictions, who are not in the York Rite System, to promote our organization and offer assistance to any, who may wish to inquire about Membership from the Europe/Africa regions, Latin and South America Regions, etc. As a Christian who seeks to spread the Gospel, it is easy to see that our dissemination of our York Rite Fraternity is a clear and present means to make disciples among all people across the Globe. What greater benefit can we have for our Christian Masonic Tradition than to be involved in this Mission? We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our Royal Arch System and you and I can help by communicating and working with General Grand Council through our Grand Council to provide information they need. We can broaden our communication to take advantage of our electronic age to shrink our World and become true Companions in the Universality of International Royal Arch Masonry. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft within our Chapters and expand our efforts to encourage our Blue Lodge Brethren to seek further light. We must be Ambassadors for our Craft, and continue to be a positive example in our Communities in service to our Council, Country and even the entire World.

Respectfully submitted;

Daniel V. Hagan, PHP (59), KYCH

#### **REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia: We want to say thank you to the Councils and Degree Teams that did such an outstanding job presenting the Degrees of the Council in their own Council or in the several Festivals. Thanks to the Companions of the Atlanta area for starting a new Festival in Atlanta. Thanks to the Companions who travel to Macon to make the Grand Masters Festival a success. If you pick out a few, you are sure to leave someone out, so to those, Thank You! Now for our suggestions on gaining and maintaining Members:

1. Going to church as a group.

- 2 In your meetings, invite Speakers in order to encourage members to seek more Light by studying the Degrees.
- 3 Presenting Programs at the Lodge in order to encourage Brethren to seek more Light in the York Rite Degrees.

Yours in Christian Love: Jimmy T. Porter; MEPGHP

A. Joseph Clark; Rubin Martinez; Robert L. Gill

#### **REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of the State of Georgia your Committee on Long Range Planning wishes to make the following Report: This Committee has not met this year. The Long Range Planning Committee report from 2014 listed certain goals for the future of Georgia York Rite. Some of the goals that were listed are shown below: 1. That an Elevator or Chair Lift needs to be installed; 2. That a Building Security System needs to be installed. This Committee sees other possible Long Range Questions that may need to be addressed in the future:

1. Does the Grand York Rite Building at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon need to be appraised and placed on the market for sale? The building is a 90 year old structure that is non handicap accessible, with limited funds to maintain it and it has limited use during the year except for Offices.
2. If the building were sold, what would be done with the beautiful stained glass windows?
3. Would the York Rite Bodies and Grand Lodge lease Office space somewhere and perhaps have their annual meetings at a hotel or other auditorium type facility with adequate parking?
4. Is it possible to increase membership in the York Rite Bodies through more Festivals, District Convention Degree Work and Degree conferrals within the local Bodies?

Respectfully submitted, Joe E. Turner, PHP, Pythagoras #10; C. Danny Wofford, PHP, Winder #84, W. Larry Hicks, PHP, Mt Zion #16

#### **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

To the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, the Educational and Historical Committee wishes to make the following Report: This Committee has met twice during the year to review and make suggestions for Companion Richard Hallwood's proposal for the York Rite Leadership Program 4th Year Project. He has designed a self-adhesive, digital, high resolution, vinyl (Avery SuperCast) color, wall image, of the York Rite Degrees, including the Blue Lodge, which he hopes at some point to distribute to all lodges. This would of course require either private or public funding from some source. After much discussion and many emails, your E & H committee has approved the design and the symbols relating to the Degrees. This proposal has also been presented to the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission for their guidance and approval at the appropriate time. Several members of this Committee are also members of the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission and were able to see the proposal at their meetings. Your Committee wishes Companion Hallwood much success in his Project. The Committee again wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Royal and Select Masters of Georgia:

1. We would request each Council prepare a History and submit it to the Committee. So much History is out there and some of it is now lost due to the ravages of time and deaths.
2. We also request that any York Rite Mason prepare a paper on any subject regarding notable Companions, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published or distributed for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in Georgia.

3. The Committee recommends that each Council have an Educational Program during the Year for the benefit of the Companions.
4. The Committee wishes a Happy 172th Birthday to Washington Council No.6 in Macon, it being chartered February 14, 1843, by the Grand Council of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe E. Turner, PHP, #10; Gary D. Lemmons, PHP, #61;

J. Benny Allen, PHP, #64; Clyde E. Griffin, PIM, #2

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To The Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia:

Based on the annual Grand Council financial statements we recommend that the following budget be adopted for the ensuing year.

<b>GRAND COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT</b>	
2015 -2016	
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b><u>BUDGETED</u></b>
AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS	\$600.00
CPA COMPILATION	\$900.00
GRAND OFFICER JEWEL & APRON MAINT	\$500.00
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	\$200.00
INVESTMENT FEE (SUN TRUST)	\$600.00
PER CAPITA-GENERAL GRAND	\$6,748.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	\$330.00
SESSION PHOTOS	\$100.00
TRIENNIAL (3DAIS - \$500 & GR. SEC. \$250)	\$800.00
BUILDING RENT	\$3,982.00
RAM OPERATIONS	\$40,560.00
<b>GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE</b>	
REGALIA	\$600.00
STATIONERY and POSTAGE	\$100.00
TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$4,000.00
<b>CHARITY DONATIONS:</b>	
DeMOLAY	\$100.00
MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND	\$100.00
RAINBOW	\$100.00
MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION	\$100.00
NORTH CAROLINA SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$100.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$60,520.00</b>

#### **GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY**

M. I. Grand Master Charles L. Taylor presented the Grand Master's Trophy to Marietta Council No. 74 for their efforts in carrying out his Program as outlined by the M. I. Grand Master at the beginning of his year.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor appointed tellers and the election was held with the following results:

Floyd E. Edmondson	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Very Ill. Deputy Grand Master
John I. Haggas	Right Ill. Grand Prin. Cond. Of Work
Wade C. Smith	Right Ill. Grand Recorder
Robert L. Gill	Right Ill. Grand Treasurer
Larry C. Bennett	Ill. Grand Captain of Guard
Ryan C. Nealey	Ill. Grand Conductor of The Council
Robert B. Wolbert	Ill. Grand Marshal
James W. Bard	Ill. Grand Steward

### OFFICERS APPOINTED

Companion Floyd E. Edmondson, Most Illustrious Grand Master-elect, appointed Companion Morris M. Parks to serve as Grand Chaplain; Companion John D. Morrow to serve as Grand Organist, Companion C. Paul Nealey to serve as Grand Sentinel and Robert W. Tidwell to serve as Grand Photographer.

### 2015-2016 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**Custodians of Work:** North: James T. Ingram, South: Robert L. Head, Jr  
**Ass't Custodians of Work:** **NE:** William M. Jones; **SE:** Kevin L. Miller;  
**NW:** Ryan C. Nealey (5<sup>th</sup>), Michael Sampsell (7<sup>th</sup>), Larry C. Bennett (9<sup>th</sup>),  
Michael Sosebee (9<sup>th</sup>)

**MIGM'S Address:** Wayne H. Garrett, Chair, Gary D. Lemmons,  
C. Danny Wofford

**Finance:** Paul E. Wells, Chair, Terry L. Hensley, Jan M. Giddens

**Memorial:** Morris M. Parks, Chair, James W. Blalock, Rev. Donald C. Combs

**Jurisprudence:** Gary D. Lemmons, Chair, James E. Stevens, James T. Ingram

**Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, C. Danny Wofford,  
James B. Phillips

**Foreign Correspondent:** Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

**Credentials:** Bobby B. Simmons, Chair, John a Minnich, Ronald F. Keel,  
Robert C. Lord

**Auditing:** Ronnie B. Hill, Chair, Lloyd R. Bowen, Doyle R. Hatfield

**Entertainment:** David M. Wellman, Chair, Earnest A. McCorkle,  
William F. Shepard

**Educational/Historical:** Gary D. Lemmons, Chair, Joe E. Turner,  
C. Danny Wofford

**Long Range Planning:** Joe E. Turner, Chair, Clyde E. Griffin, C. Danny Wofford

**Membership:** Jimmy T. Porter, Chair, Hugh F. Watson, Robert L. Gill

**Web Master:** Kevin L. Hyde, Chair, Benjamin W. Polston, II

**Parliamentarian:** Thomas E. Tante, IV, Chair, Thomas W. Tinley, III,  
Joe E. Turner

**Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation:** James Bard, Chair

**Organist:** John D. Morrow

### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BRING GREETINGS

David A. Grindle – General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, spoke briefly and brought greetings from General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

## INSTALLATION

The newly elected Officers were duly installed by M. I. Companion Wayne H. Garrett. He was assisted by M. I. Companion James T. Ingram, as Grand Marshal and M.I. Companion Edgar M. Land, P.G.M., as Grand Chaplain.

## MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 189th Annual Assembly be approved, printed and distributed.

## GRAND COUNCIL CLOSES

There being no further business the Grand Council of Georgia was closed in due form with Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Companion Morris M. Parks.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith  
Grand Recorder



Floyd E. Edmondson  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL MACON, GEORGIA - Monday, May 4, 2015

The Assembly of the Grand Council, Order of the Silver Trowel, was opened in the Grand Chapter Building May 2, 2015, with Thrice Illustrious Master Paul E. Wells presiding, assisted by other Officers as follows:

F. Andrew Lane, Jr.	Thrice III. Senior Warden
Charles E. Taylor	Thrice III. Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice III. Rec-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Thrice III. Steward
James W. Bard	Thrice III. Sentinel
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Thrice III. Chaplain

## LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1981 John Benny Allen	1985 James E. Underwood
1986 C. Danny Wofford	1990 Clyde E. Griffin
1991 Dannie L. Reed	1992 James E. Moseley
1993 Gary D. Lemmons	1996 Lanier S. Dasher
1997 Clarence E. Horne	1999 Leon S. Lee, III
2000 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2001 Bobby B. Simmons
2003 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.	2005 Thomas L. Blanton
2006 J. Ed Jennings, Jr.	2007 A. Joseph Clark
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr	2010 William E. Cantrell
2011 C. Michael Ellis	2012 J. Theodore (Terry) Farmer
2013 Thomas W. Tinley, III	2014 Alan P. Pryor
2015 Paul E. Wells	

## 2015 CANDIDATES FOR ORDER OF SILVER TROWEL

Martin W. Fowler.	Steven M. Perry
Richard W. Echols	Leon S. Lewis
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Robert Soderstorm
Kevin L. Miller	Alessandro da Silva
Robert Hall	Lawrence M. Rich
Wiley Q. Forrester, III	Erik S. Tress
Steve A. Kirk	Boyce J. Andrews
Richard S. Bailey	Roger W. Coursey
David O. Johnson	Charles W. Trott

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating Committee, announced the following Officers for 2015-2016.

F. Andrew Lane, Jr.	Thrice Illustrious Master
Charles E. Taylor	Thrice III. Senior Warden
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Thrice III. Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice III. Rec-Treasurer

James W. Bard	Thrice III. Steward
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Thrice III. Sentinel
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice III. Chaplain

The Officers were elected by acclamation. There being no further business the Order of the Silver Trowel was closed with prayer.

ATTEST: Wade C. Smith  
Recorder-Treasurer

F. Andrew Lane Jr.  
Thrice Illustrious Master

## RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

1975	*	Luther G. Palmer .....	Euclid No. 33, Atlanta
1976		Lavern A. Kistler .....	Albany No. 7, Albany
1977	*	J. Sheffield Thompson .....	Hapeville No. 23, Hapeville
1978	*	Willis Reginald Bettis .....	Marietta No. 74, Marietta
1979	*	Graydon W. Kitchens .....	Euclid No. 33, Atlanta
1980		Billy E. Collins .....	Pickens No. 55, Jasper
1981	*	Wilford H. Hall .....	Walton C. Griffin No. 36, Dalton
1982	*	Eddie F. Forrester .....	Euclid No. 33, Atlanta
1983	*	George T. Poole .....	E. L. McConnell No. 40, Toccoa
1984	*	Homer Tyre .....	Ballard No. 16, Brunswick
1985	*	William L. Boynton .....	Albany No. 7, Albany
1986		Ruben Martinez .....	Tara No. 75, Forest Park
1987	*	Phillip H. Jackson .....	Hiram No. 62, Newnan
1988	*	Willie P. Hammond .....	Griffin No. 8, Griffin
1989	**	Ronald B. Kilgore .....	Winder No. 77, Winder
1990	*	James W. Cowart .....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
1991		James B. Phillips .....	Calhoun No. 61, Calhoun
1992		Joseph P. Suttles .....	Euclid No. 33, Euclid
1993	***	Donald R. McKinney .....	Smyrna No. 60, Smyrna
1994	*	John B. Modling .....	Jason Burr No. 13, Atlanta
1995	*	Russell Lee Baker, Sr. ....	Tifton No. 58, Tifton
1996		William Scott Cleland .....	Panthersville No. 76, Panthersville
1997		Peter Edwin Dean .....	Triangle No. 42, Madison
1998		Bill G. Messer .....	Chamblee No. 5, Chamblee
1999	*	Grady T. Bozeman .....	Pickens No. 55, Jasper
2000	*	Bobby Massey .....	Pickens No. 55, Jasper
2001	*	Charles E. Hanenkrat .....	Minor C. Shadburn No. 49, Cartersville
2002		James Timothy Ingram .....	Pickens No. 55, Jasper
2003	*	Kerry J. Buchan .....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
2004		Brent Griffin .....	DeKalb No. 57, Decatur
2005		Ernest A. McCorkle .....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
2006		Phillip H. Floyd .....	Winder No. 77, Winder
2007		Lloyd D. Caldwell .....	Walton C. Griffin No. 36, Dalton
2008		Alexander Loo .....	Adoniram No. 1, Augusta
2009		Floyd E. Edmondson .....	Summit No. 19, Ellijay
2010		Cornelius H. Howard .....	Waycross No. 30, Waycross
2011		Benjamin W. Polston, II .....	Covington No. 41, Covington
2012	.....	Edward V. Massaro .....	Marietta No. 74, Marietta
2013	.....	Andrew D. Rodgers .....	Lakewood No. 10, Lovejoy
2014		Michael H. Sampsell .....	Austell No 47, Austell
2015	.....	Kevin L. Miller .....	Ballard No. 16, Brunswick
* Indicates Death      ** Indicates Suspension      *** Indicates Demit			

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1984	* Thomas R. Chadwick .....	Ballard No. 16, Brunswick
1985	* Richard J. O'Keefe .....	Albany No. 7, Albany
1986	Andre E. Lovas .....	Panthersville No. 76, Panthersville
1987	* Homer Chapman .....	Hope No. 4, Columbus

1988	* Jack L. Hepner.....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
1989	Henry V. Tweedell.....	Triangle No. 42, Madison
1990	* Floyd Cox.....	Panthersville No. 76, Panthersville
1991	**Leo F. Bowersox, Jr.....	Albany No. 7, Albany
1992	* Oliver Grantham.....	Jason Burr No. 13, Atlanta
1993	John Pigott.....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
1994	* Titus F. Rodgers.....	Hope No. 4, Columbus
1995	William R. Carver.....	Jason Burr No. 13, Atlanta
1996	Ronald J. Tomazin.....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
1997	**John Terry Dixon.....	Camden No. 11, Woodbine
1998	* James Y. Wilson, Jr.....	Hapeville No. 23, Hapeville
1999	David L. Canaday.....	Euclid No. 33, Atlanta
2000	Mrs. Martha Hardison.....	Order of Rainbow for Girls
2001	Marc Bohn.....	Order of DeMolay
2002	Burton E. Jones.....	Walker No. 24, Chickamauga
2003	Larry M. Griggers.....	Omega No. 26, Lyons
2004	* Julius K. Moody.....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
2005	Thomas W. Tinley, III.....	Adoniram No. 1, Augusta
2006	Frank L. Stevens.....	Ballard No. 16, Brunswick
2007	William F. Hardison.....	Georgia No. 2, Savannah
2008	James W. Bard.....	Marietta No. 74, Marietta
2009	Mrs. Tina Brady.....	Gainesville
2010	Charles E. Reed.....	Hugh L. Smith No. 7, Albany
2011	Dana E. Schwarz.....	Marietta No. 74, Marietta
2012	James Stovall.....	
2013	Nathan L. (Skip) Mason.....	Hapeville No.23, Hapeville
2014	E. C. Kelley.....	Pickens 55, Jasper
2015	Joseph W. Watson.....	Washington No. 6, Macon
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#### TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 190<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon on May 2, 2016, beginning at 8:30 A.M.

#### TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL

The 46th Triennial of G. G. Council will be held at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. August 23-29, 2017.

#### MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF GEORGIA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION ON 5-2-1826

DATE	NAME	COUNCIL	DATE DECEASED
1826-1829	Burkett D. Thompson.....	Adoniram No. 1.....	05-21-1829
1829-1830	Isaac T. Cushing.....	Georgia No. 4.....	1846??
1830-1841	.....	?????	
1841-1844	Daniel Hook.....	Adoniram No. 1.....	07-27-1870
1845-1846	William T. Gould.....	Adoniram No. 1.....	07-18-1882
1847-1847	Albon Chase.....	William Hope No. 5.....	07-09-1867
1849.....	George W. Adams.....	Georgia No. 2.....	01-05-1893
1850-1852	Benjamin B. Russell.....	Adoniram No. 1.....	02-16-1889
1853-1855	Philip T. Schley.....	Hope No. 4.....	08-31-1862
1856-1862	Philip T. Schley.....	Georgia No. 2.....	08-31-1862
1862-1868	Stephen D. Heard.....	Adoniram No. 1.....	11-18-1875
1869.....	Joseph E. Wells.....	Washington No. 6.....	12-11-1887
1870-1876	Robert M. Smith.....	William Hope No.5.....	02-01-1879
1877.....	William A. Graham.....	W.A. Graham No. 22.....	02-24-1904
1878-1881	Charles R. Armstrong.....	Washington No. 6.....	11-01-1893
1882-1888	Christopher F. Lewis.....	Adoniram No. 1.....	05-21-1902
1889-1897	Henry C. Burr.....	Griffin No. 8.....	03-15-1901
1898-1899	Orlando McLendon.....	Hiram No. 18.....	09-26-1899
1899-1901	William A. Davis.....	Washington No. 6.....	01-19-1907
1902	Julius L. Brown.....	Jason Burr No. 13.....	09-04-1910



1903	Robert L. Colding .....	Georgia No. 1 .....	10-21-1927
1904	Joseph C. Greenfield .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	12-20-1920
1905	Linton W. Burkett .....	Washington No. 6 .....	01-10-1925
1906	Thomas F. Moody .....	Cuthbert No. 20 .....	01-14-1927
1907	William H. Nurnberger .....	Adoniram No. 1 .....	09-26-1923
1908	John C. Postell .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	06-19-1919
1909	John R. Wilkinson .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	04-07-1915
1910	John C. Harmon .....	Tennille No. 30 .....	04-11-1921
1911	J. Ben Roberts .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	08-30-1917
1912	Alvin E. Sansburn .....	Rome No. 15 .....	10-29-1924
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin .....	Adairsville No. 27 .....	08-07-1942
1914	B. Palmer Axson .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	05-23-1943
1915-1916	William A. Sims .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	11-24-1952
1917	Max Meyerhardt .....	Rome No. 15 .....	03-02-1923
1918	Charles L. Bass .....	Summit No. 19 .....	2-29-1937
1919	Augustus G. Miller .....	Waycross No. 20 .....	07-13-1931
1920	Henry S. Colding .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	10-26-1925
1921	W. Paul Martin .....	Adairsville No. 27 .....	05-16-1962
1922	Early H. Johnson .....	Hope No. 4 .....	09-06-1947
1923	Pleasant T. McCutchen .....	Hiram No. 18 .....	03-27-1947
1924	James W. Taylor [Hon] .....	Hiram No. 18 .....	12-15-1925
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon] .....	Washington No. 6 .....	07-12-1928
1924	Francis A. Johnson .....	East Point No. 23 .....	03-31-1940
1925	Clarence H. Andrew .....	Washington No. 6 .....	08-20-1930
1926	William S. Richardson .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	12-24-1934
1927	Nathaniel H. Ballard .....	Ballard No. 16 .....	02-09-1936
1928	John T. Waldrop .....	Griffin No. 8 .....	05-19-1931
1929	Thos. H. Jeffries [Hon] .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	11-06-1948
1929	Frank O. Miller .....	E. A. McHan No. 9 .....	03-17-1937
1930	Jack G. Standifer .....	Blakely No. 39 .....	11-20-1972
1931	Orlando C. Long .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	10-26-1937
1932	Chas. W. Pidcock, Jr. ....	Moultrie No. 14 .....	01-16-1961
1933	Walter Frank Wells .....	East Point No. 23 .....	11-07-1947
1934	W. Furman King .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	11-07-1950
1935	Hugh W. Taylor .....	Cuthbert No. 17 .....	05-18-1966
1936	Vivian O. Kimsey .....	DeKalb No. 21 .....	09-20-1966
1937	Byron L. Milling .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	10-28-1958
1938	Wm. Jeff. Aldridge .....	Western No. 29 .....	03-14-1964
1939	James D. Owens .....	Washington No. 6 .....	10-05-1961
1940	John F. Hatfield .....	Moultrie No. 14 .....	08-13-1958
1941	John Orson Smith .....	Geo. H. Fields No. 38 ..	11-23-1968
1942	John B. Russell .....	Fitzgerald No. 59 .....	01-20-1955
1943	Lloyd C. Prichard .....	Canton No. 3 .....	10-09-1982
1944	Ray O. Schill .....	East Point No. 23 .....	06-12-1975
1945	John P. Weisiger .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	01-08-1971
1946	Manning M Quattlebaum .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	12-29-1959
1947	David L. Paulk .....	Fitzgerald No. 59 .....	04-22-1979
1948	Joseph A. Moor .....	Georgia No. 4 .....	09-04-1972
1949	Charles E. Powers .....	Hope No. 4 .....	08-07-1977
1950	James R. Belflower .....	Tifton No. 58 .....	10-07-1981
1951	J. Tillman Morgan .....	Roswell No. 48 .....	09-20-1969
1952	William J. Penn, Jr. ....	Albany No. 7 .....	07-30-1959
1952	Clifton E. Franklin .....	Moultrie No. 14 .....	03-16-1967
1952	James P. Flynn .....	Euclid No. 33 .....	09-29-1957
1953	*Harold L. Walters .....	Marietta No. 74 4-20-1967 Susp.	12-01-1960
1954	Peter W. Reddick .....	Moultrie No. 14 .....	03-03-1970
1955	Corliss H. Edwards, Sr .....	Washington No. 6 .....	10-22-1992
1956	William J. Mobley .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	07-21-1981
1957	Charles C. Moon, Sr. ....	Dallas No. 32 .....	07-31-1966
1958	Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. ....	Georgia No. 4 .....	03-20-1969
1959	Walker Rush Camp .....	Sylvester No. 9 .....	01-15-1974
1960	Lonzo Pope .....	Albany No. 7 .....	06-23-1991

1961	John T. Sessions .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	01-19-1971
1962	Ottis Brewer Turner .....	Griffin No. 8 .....	02-10-1999
1963	Herman E. Freeman .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	08-01-1984
1964	Grady Eugene Wilkins .....	Omega No. 26 .....	09-12-1979
1965	T. Evans Gates .....	Washington No. 6 .....	12-30-1987
1966	Jay D. Barton .....	Adoniram No. 1 .....	03-09-1981
1967	James E. Moseley .....	Griffin No. 8 .....	
1967	Harry P. Boyd .....	East Atlanta No. 43 .....	04-06-1990
1968	Austin P. Phillips .....	Geo. H. Fields No. 38 .....	03-18-1981
1969	Harry E. Copelan .....	Rossville No. 69 .....	01-15-1999
1970	John W. Sisk .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	08-01-1996
1971	Harold C. Duncan .....	Waycross No. 30 .....	02-12-1996
1972	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr. ....	Georgia No. 4 .....	04-06-2012
1973	David S. Lemons .....	Lakewood No. 10 .....	05-23-2003
1974	Hayden M. Carmichael .....	Statesboro No. 46 .....	01-09-1993
1975	Oswald H. King, Jr. ....	Blakely No. 39 .....	06-21-2013
1976	Rupert Queen .....	Summit No. 19 .....	11-03-2005
1977	Lee D. Holcomb .....	Douglasville No. 37 .....	04-21-2009
1978	Clyde C. Brown .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	10-25-1997
1979	Bobbie L. Byrd .....	Monroe No. 52 .....	
1980	Rufus R. White .....	Walton C. Griffin No. 36 .....	12-31-1993
1981	Luther G. Palmer .....	Euclid No. 33 .....	06-11-1987
1982	Charles. L. Taylor, Jr. ....	E.L. McConnell No. 40 .....	09-05-2010
1983	Roy H. Homans .....	Ballard No. 16 .....	06-28-1998
1984	Hugh L. Smith .....	Albany No. 7 .....	03-01-1995
1985	Howard W. VanScoy, Jr. (Affil.)...	Washington No. 6 .....	
1985	James E. Underwood .....	Tara No. 75 .....	
1986	J. Willard Register .....	Hope No. 4 .....	04-24-1999
1987	Clyde E. Griffin .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	
1988	C. Danny Wofford .....	Winder No. 77 .....	
1989	Ralph C. James .....	Triangle No. 42 .....	06-14-1989
1989	Raymond E. Keen .....	Omega No. 26 .....	08-06-1999
1990	Gary D. Lemmons .....	Calhoun No. 61 .....	
1991	Thomas R. Gaines .....	Washington No. 6 .....	
1992	John A. Morse .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	12-08-1994
1992	J. Eugene Lowry .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	
1993	Charles R. Maffett .....	Fort Benning No. 73 .....	01-10-2007
1994	Willie P. Hammond .....	Griffin No. 8 .....	09-01-2011
1995	Buford M. Brand .....	Summit No. 19 .....	03-10-2002
1996	Roy R. Jackson .....	Tifton No. 58 .....	11-06-2007
1997	J. Richard Jones .....	Sardis No. 53 .....	
1998	Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	03-26-2010
1998	J. Edward Jennings, Jr. ....	Walton C. Griffin No. 36 .....	
1999	Ted H. Hendon .....	Douglasville No. 37 .....	04-20-2007
2000	Thomas L. Blanton .....	Minor C. Shadburn No. 49 .....	
2001	Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) .....	Euclid No. 33 .....	
2001	Ruben Martinez .....	Tara No. 75 .....	
2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) .....	Covington No. 41 .....	07-23-2002
2002	John P. Bohanan .....	Canton No. 3 .....	
2003	Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) .....	Pickens No. 55 .....	05-10-2007
2003	Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) .....	Zabud No. 64 .....	
2003	Jack Lee Hepner .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	12-04-2010
2004	Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) .....	Georgia No. 2 .....	12-22-2007
2004	Benjamin L. Johnson .....	Euclid No. 33 .....	
2005	W. Larry Hicks .....	Jason Burr No. 13 .....	
2006	Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] .....	Walton C. Griffin No. 36 .....	07-20-2014
2006	Daniel C. Ricketts .....	Marietta No. 74 .....	
2007	Rodney A. Couch .....	Triangle No. 42 .....	
2008	Wayne H. Garrett .....	Zabud No. 64 .....	
2009	James C. Bentley, Jr. ....	Hunter No. 20 .....	
2010	Thomas W. Tinley, III .....	Adoniram No. 1 .....	
2011	Harry B. Allen .....	Canton No. 3 .....	

2012 Mark S. Johnson.....Fayetteville No. 66  
 2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. ....Western No. 29  
 2014 Charles E. Taylor..... Ballard No. 16  
 2015 Floyd E. Edmondson ..... Summit No. 19

\*Indicates Suspension

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
MAY 5 - 6, 2015  
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**Terry L. Hensley**  
**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**  
**2014 - 2015**

## **2015 OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

The One Hundred Fifty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was held in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia on May 5 and 6, 2015 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley and all the Grand Officers present and in their respective stations.

### **FIRST ASSEMBLY**

The Sir Knights Assembled outside the Grand Chapter Building and marched in formation into the Grand Chapter Building for the Divine Service, which was conducted by the Grand Prelate, Rev. Donald C. Combs. Terry L. Hensley, Right Eminent Grand Commander then convened the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at 1:00 P.M. The Grand Commander being assured by the Grand Recorder that a quorum was present requested Rev. and Sir Knight Donald C. Combs, to offer the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Commander declared the 155<sup>th</sup> annual Conclave duly convened.

### **GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL**

Terry L. Hensley	R.E. Grand Commander
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh	V.E.D. Grand Commander
Doyle R. Hatfield	E. Grand Generalissimo
Drewery W. Hendry, Sr.	E. Grand Captain General
Charles R. Beasley	E. Grand Senior Warden
Joseph D. Westbrook	E. Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs	E. Grand Prelate
Robert L. Gill	E. Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith	E. Grand Recorder
Steve A. Kirk	E. Grand Standard Bearer
Brandon S. Yarbrough	E. Grand Sword Bearer
Mark S. Johnson	E. Grand Warder
William G. Economy	E. Captain of the Guard
R. Cris Lynch	E. Grand Sentinel

### **LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**

*1966 James E. Moseley (35)	Griffin
1986 Joseph P. Suttles (4)	College Park
1987 Ed Helton (15)	Gainesville
*1994 Rev. Bill Adams [Hon.] (8)	Rome
1996 James B. Phillips (19)	Dalton
1997 Steven V. Carter (36)	Waycross
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	Macon
*1999 Clarence E. Horne (4)	College Park
2001 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	Valdosta
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	Savannah
2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	Buford
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)	Columbus
*2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	Milledgeville
2010 Andre E. Lovas [Hon.] (11)	Newnan
*2010 C. Michael Ellis (29)	Chickamauga
2011 James E. Stevens (21)	Brunswick
2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)	Blairsville
2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)	Winder
2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)	Resaca
2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh	Powder Springs
* Indicates absence	

	<b>STANDING COMMITTEES 2014 – 2015</b>
<i>Finance</i>	Paul E. Wells, Chair; Charles E. Taylor; John Benny Allen
<i>Memorials</i>	Donald C. Combs, Chair; Richard H. Hoibraten; Storey A. Tate
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr., Chair, 1 Yr; Thomas W. Tinley, III, 2 Yr; James B. Phillips, 3 Yr; Michael H. Wilson. 4 Yr; Joseph R. Bush, 5 Yr
<i>Charters/ By Laws/ Dispensations</i>	Joe E. Turner, Chair, 2 Yr; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, 3 Yr; Clyde E. Griffin, 1 Yr
<i>Triennial</i>	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr., Chair; Bobby B. Simmons; Clyde E Griffin
<i>Education (KTEF, DIV, KTEF, Inc. &amp; MSM)</i>	Clyde E Griffin, Chair 1 Yr; James E. Stevens, 5 Yr; Bobby B Simmons, 4 Yr; Timothy M. Taylor, Sr, 3 Yr; James B. Phillips, 2 Yr;
<i>Relief</i>	Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith
<i>K.T. Eye Foundation (46th Campaign)</i>	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Chair, 1 Yr; Doyle R. Hatfield, 2 Yr; D.W. Hendry, 3 Yr.
<i>Patriotic &amp; Civic</i>	Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Walter F. Rosso; Joseph D. Westbrook
	<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2014 - 2015</b>
<i>Grand Commander's Address</i>	Paul E. Wells, Chair; Joseph P. Suttles; Johnie M. Garmon
<i>Credentials</i>	Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Reed S. Britt, Jr; John A Minnich; Ronald F. Keel
<i>Holy Land Pilgrimage</i>	Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs; Richard H. Hoibraten
<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i>	Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Robert W. Tidwell; Bobby B. Simmons
<i>Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation</i>	Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Steve A Kirk; Joseph W. Westbrook
<i>Inspection Reports</i>	William F. Shepard, Chair; Ronald B. Wolbert; C. Hendry Howard
<i>Long Range Planning</i>	Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; D.W. Hendry, Sr
<i>Membership</i>	Thomas R. Conn, Chair; James T. Farmer; Benjamin W. Polston, II
<i>Constitution, Statutes, and Regs</i>	Thomas W. Tinley, III, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; Joe E Turner
<i>Tactics and Ritual</i>	Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson; Mark A. Bradley; Robert L. Gill; Brandon S. Yarbrough
<i>Educational and Historical</i>	Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Bobby J. Townsend; James E. Underwood; Joseph R. Bush
<i>Editor, Kt Magazine</i>	Benjamin W. Polston, II
<i>Internet &amp; Web Page</i>	Benjamin W. Polston, II
<i>Foreign Correspondence</i>	Dr. Daniel V. Hagan
<i>Entertainment</i>	Hugh F. Watson, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle; David Wellman
<i>Audit</i>	Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield
<i>Adjutant</i>	Storey A. Tate
<i>Grand Custodian of Work</i>	North: Floyd E. Edmondson; South: Tommy T. Marshall



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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Arizona	Tracy Wright
Arkansas	Drew W. Hendry, Sr.
California	Michael R. Sosebee
Colorado	John I. Haggas
Connecticut	Richard D. Brogdon
Delaware	Bobby B. Simmons
District of Columbia	Floyd E. Edmondson
Florida	Jan M. Giddens
Idaho	Clyde E. Griffin
Illinois	Thomas W. Tinley, III
Indiana	Timothy E. Crimmins
Iowa	James T. Farmer
Italy	James E. Stevens
Kansas	Ernest A. McCorkle
Kentucky	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Louisiana	James B. Phillips
Maine	James T. Ingram
Maryland	Thomas R. Conn
Massachusetts & R.I.	Doyle R. Hatfield
Michigan	Joseph D. Westbrook
Minnesota	C. Danny Wofford
Mississippi	Robert W. Tidwell
Missouri	Carl J. Gamel
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Nebraska	Emmett R. Johns
Nevada	Brandon S. Yarbrough
New Hampshire	Ryan C. Nealey
New Jersey	Storey A. Tate
New Mexico	Ronald B. Wolbert
New York	William G. Economy
North Carolina	Mark A. Bradley
North Dakota	F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
Ohio	Reed S. Britt, Jr.
Oklahoma	Joe E. Turner
Oregon	Robert L. Gill
Pennsylvania	Charles R. Fendley
Republic of the Philippines	Hugh F. Watson
South Carolina	Paul E. Wells
South Dakota	James D. Reese
Tennessee	Wayne H. Garrett
Texas	Wilford H. Hall
Utah	Michael H. Wilson
Vermont	William F. Shepard
Virginia	Lanier S. Dasher, Jr.
Washington	James C. Bentley, Jr.
West Virginia	Charles R. Beasley
Wisconsin	John A. Minnich
Wyoming	Eulan R. Wheeler
* Indicates absence	** Indicates death

# **REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

1.	GEORGIA, AUGUSTA	Thomas W. Tinley, III – Proxy
2.	ST. OMER, MACON	Billie H. Campbell – Gen. Brian S. Vaughan – Com. William G. Wagner – Gen. Jason C. West – CG
3.	ST. ALDEMAR, COLUMBUS	Richard D. Brogdon – Proxy
4.	COEUR DE LION, COLLEGE PARK	Robert W. Tidwell – Proxy James T. House – Gen. No Representation
5.	ST. PAUL, ALBANY	Belford C. Blaine, Jr. – Gen.
7.	PALESTINE, SAVANNAH	Roger W. Coursey – CG
8.	ROME, ROME	Karl Waechtler – Proxy
9.	ATLANTA, ATLANTA	Alessandro da Silva – Gen. Robert E. Gordon – CG
10.	IVANHOE, FORT VALLEY	Phillip Wyatt – Proxy
11.	TANCRED, NEWNAN	William T. Sasser, Jr. – Com. James D. Davis – CG No Representation
12.	PLANTAGENET, MILLEDGEVILLE	Steven E. Wooten – Com.
14.	GODFREY DE BOUILLON, ATHENS	Joseph N. Arquette – Gen. Eric Puchstein – Gen.
15.	PILGRIM, GAINESVILLE	Roy C. Darby – Proxy
16.	MALTA, VALDOSTA	Gerald D. Powell – Gen.
17.	CRUSADER, BAINBRIDGE	Leon S. Lewis – Gen.
19.	ST. JOHN'S, DALTON	Raymond C. Lynch – CG
21.	ST. ELMO, BRUNSWICK	Charles R. Outland – Com.
22.	ALEXIUS, JACKSON	Christopher Chapman – Com.
25.	ST. BERNARD, COVINGTON	James A. Thomas – Com. Kevin L. Hyde – Gen.
26.	CONSTANTINE, MARIETTA	Edward V. Massaro – Com. Kenneth W. Dye – Gen. James W. Bard – CG No Representation
29.	CHARLES MARTEL, CHICKAMAUGA	Ronald L. Marcinski – CG
30.	BETHLEHEM, THOMASVILLE	Joseph R. Bush – Com.
31.	ARNOLD DE TROYE, BUFORD	Lawrence M. Rich – Gen. Henry D. Clay, Jr.
33.	PHILEMON, TOCCOA	James W. Patterson – Gen.
35.	GRIFFIN, GRIFFIN	Billy Payton, Sr. – Com.
36.	WAYCROSS, WAYCROSS	Nikki W. Jordan – Gen. Cornelious H. Howard – CG
37.	BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN, MCCAYSVILLE	William W. Grist – Proxy
38.	DEKALB, DECATUR	Marcus C. Dugger, III – Com.
39.	TRINITY, BLAKELY	No Representation
40.	DOUGLASVILLE, DOUGLASVILLE	Greely R. Graves, Jr. – Gen.
41.	AMICALOLA, JASPER	Alfred A. Lincoln – Com. Ronald S. Matthews – CG.
42.	COASTAL PLAIN, TIFTON	Jeremy W. Hobbs – Proxy
43.	ST. MICHAEL, COCHRAN	
45.	ST. PETER, WARNER ROBINS	Charles E. Ferguson – Com. David B. Williams, Jr. – CG

### **COMMUNICATIONS READ**

Sir Knight Smith, Grand Recorder, stated that a number of Communications had been received from Sister Grand Jurisdictions and Sir Knights from within our own Jurisdiction expressing their regrets at being unable to attend the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave. All Correspondents extended their best wishes for the Grand Commandery to have a most successful, harmonious Conclave.

### **ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar. It is with pleasure and honor that I welcome each of you to our One Hundred and Fifty Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar. We hope that your visit to the beautiful city of Macon and to this Session proves to be an enjoyable, comfortable and memorable experience. A special welcome is extended to our Personal Grand Representative of our Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, and our Southeastern Department Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight H. Ted Burgess. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us and for all that you do for Templary. Freemasonry has played a large part in my life for thirty-six years. I began my Masonic life at the age of twenty- one, receiving a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry from two of my Church Brothers, whom I noticed made a difference in everything they did, and I wanted to be like them. I asked them what was different about them and the other Brothers in Church, and they said, the only difference was, they were Masons. I said then that's what I wanted to be and asked how, so they gave me a petition. By their example and leadership, I grew in this great Fraternity. Even like when I was saved, I wanted to know about my Savior, and as a Mason I wanted to know more of what Freemasonry was all about. I became a Member of the Chapter, Council and later joined the Commandery, and the Scottish Rite. Over the years I have had so many wonderful opportunities to serve in the Masonic Order. To have had the privilege to know so many outstanding Men and their Families all over our great State This has been a most rewarding and fulfilling experience; to have served as your Grand Commander. It has been the "capstone" of my Journey in the York Rite. I can only pray that my Service has met your expectations and merited the trust you placed in me last May.

### **STATE OF THE ORDER**

While we experience most of the problems that other Grand Commanderies across the United States are confronted with, I am uplifted in spirit by the efforts of a number of our Commanderies here in Georgia, who eagerly work toward individual improvement in the Tactics and Ritual; as well as involving new Sir Knights in the work of Templary; being charitable, and working to obtain new Members for admission into our Christian Order. However, we need to concentrate our efforts on eliminating suspensions for non-payment of dues. One sure way to proceed is through personal contact rather than impersonal dues notices sent by mail. Further, we need to be sure when inviting a Brother to join our Order that he is made aware of what will be expected of him as a Member. That as Knights Templar, we are more than just an Organization, we are Christian Knights, who uplift, encourage, and labor for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. Not having all the answers, let us be the example, by holding steadfast to the teaching of God's Holy Word, as we are admonished in Galatians 6:10: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

### **NECROLOGY**

We wish to thank our Heavenly Father that our Grand Line Officers remained unbroken by death this year, however we mourn the loss of two of our Past

Grand Commanders, RE SK Wilford H. (Bill) Hall, and RE SK Bobby Joe (BJ) Townsend, and many of our Sir Knights, dear Friends, and Family Members. We express our sympathies to all concerned and pray God's comfort in their earthly loss.

#### **ADJUTANT**

I was pleased to appoint Eminent Sir Knight William G. Economy, Past Commander of St. Johns Commandery No. 19, as adjutant for this Grand Conclave. Thank you Sir Knight Bill, for your assistance during the Grand Conclave and for all your assistance over the many miles we have traveled throughout the past year. God Bless you my dear Friend!

#### **HOST COMMANDERY**

St. Johns Commandery No. 19 is the Host Commandery. I thank them for their wonderful support during the past year. St. Johns Commandery was constituted on August 7, 1907. Over the years, the Sir Knights of No. 19 have always demonstrated the highest example of Templary. Four of our Past Commanders have been honored to serve as Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

#### **GRAND INSPECTING OFFICERS**

I wish to thank the Sir Knights who served as Grand Inspecting Officers this Year. The Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Officers of the Grand York Rite, and Past Grand Masters. I had noticed that many of our Past Grand Officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies as well as our Past Grand Masters were not in attendance at the Inspections. So I decided to involve them again as Grand Inspecting Officers. Thank you all so much for serving and for your encouragement and words of counsel to the Commanderies.

#### **COMMITTEES**

We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated Sir Knights serving on the various Committees of Grand Commandery. Thank you for your many efforts and for your steadfast support.

#### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

A special word of thanks is extended to the five Past Grand Commanders serving as KTEF Trustees. A special thanks is extended to Right Eminent Sir Knight Clyde E. Griffin for serving as Chairman. Thank you all so much for your outstanding work in the administration of Funds for Eye Research, Educational Grants, Mollie S. Mosley Eye Foundation Trust and the other important activities of the Foundation.

#### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN**

I wish to thank Eminent Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, for serving as Chairman of the campaign. He and the Committee continue to provide the necessary leadership in promoting our charitable efforts in Eye Research, and for speaking on many occasions throughout the year regarding the Knights Templar Eye Research.

#### **MSM FOUNDATION VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN**

I also wish to thank Eminent Sir Knight Charles R. Beasley, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, for serving as Chairman of the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust Committee, and for his labors in coming up with a tangible way of gaining more contributions and for speaking many times throughout the year regarding the Trust.

#### **DECISIONS AND DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for decisions were received for consideration by the Grand Commander. We issued a dispensation to reconstitute Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 28, in Moultrie, Georgia. All other dispensations were of a routine nature and in accordance with Templar Law. Copies are on file in the Grand Recorder's Office should you wish to review them.

## **INSPECTIONS**

I am thankful that I was able to attend all Inspections with the exception of two; Crusader No. 17, and Bethlehem No. 30, due to family sickness. I was capably represented at these Inspections by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Lloyd J. Leinbaugh. Thank you Sir Knight Lloyd! At each of the inspections, I attempted to bring a message of interest and inspiration and to encourage the Sir Knights to continue their efforts to improve themselves in the Work of our Order, and to always keep our Lord Jesus in focus. My appreciation to all of the Eminent Commanders, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Commanderies for your kind receptions, fellowship, and hospitality during my visits with you. May God Bless!

## **VISITATIONS**

It has been my privilege to represent the Grand Commandery of Georgia at a number of Masonic and Masonic Related Events this Year within the State of Georgia. The list of visits are included below: It has been an honor and privilege to represent the Grand Commandery at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M., the Grand Chapter of Georgia; Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, the Rufus R. White Council AMD No. 310, the Rufus R. White Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, KYCH, the Upper Room Tabernacle No. 45, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, the Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite Feast of the Tabernacles and the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite Feast of the Tabernacles, in the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Georgia, The Supreme Assembly International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Georgia, The Supreme Council of DeMolay of Georgia, The State Wide Meeting of the Allied Masonic Degrees, The Chartering, Constituting, and Installation of Officers of the Georgia Statewide Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, The Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth of Georgia. I attended and participated with the Southeastern Department Commander RESK H. Ted Burgess of the Grand Encampment, at the University of Georgia Research Foundation, where a check from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in the amount of \$50,000.00 was presented to Dr. Jena L. Chojnowski, PhD, to fund her Research in Congenital Eye Disorder. We toured the facility and I found that I got to see more of the eye than desired. Dr. Chojnowski's work was enlightening and is very promising. I presented Eight (8) Twenty-Five year awards at St. John's Commandery No. 19. I presented Two (2) Grand Encampment Membership Awards at Griffin Commandery No. 35. I Presented (1) Grand Encampment Membership Award at St. Orner Commandery No.2. I attended Peachtree City Chapter of DeMolay in East Point Georgia, where I conducted the First Ceremonial Knighting of Sir Knight Jackson D. Fussell, in the "Knight of the Order of the Cross of Jerusalem", in Georgia. I was able to attend the Christmas Observances of St. Johns No. 19, Rome No.8, The Greater Atlanta Area Commandery's: Coeur de Lion No.4, Atlanta No.9, Constantine No. 26, Griffin No. 35, DeKalb No. 38, and Douglasville No. 40. The joint Christmas Observance of Arnold de Troye No. 31, Philemon No. 33, and Pilgrim No. 15. I regret that I was unable to attend all due to death, family, and other conflicts.

## **OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS**

I was pleased to represent the Grand Commandery at the South Carolina Grand York Rite Session in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I was able to attend the Southeastern York Rite Conference, in Greenville, South Carolina. I am grateful for all the invitations received from other out of State Grand Bodies. Time and duty prevented my attendance.

### **WHITESIDE JEWEL**

To have had the honor of wearing the Whiteside Jewel for a year has been a very humbling and unique experience. The jewel represents the service of so many Grand Commanders down through the years and their devotion to honor and duty. It was presented to Right Eminent Sir Knight George B. Whiteside, who served as Grand Commander in 1903.

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

A special word of gratitude to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, for the great job you do in promoting and coordinating the Pilgrimage each year. One of our most outstanding opportunities presents itself in sponsoring Ministers to the Holy Land. I encourage more Commanderies to become involved in our efforts to provide added enlightenment to those who spread the good news of Jesus Christ in our Communities. The Committee will have more information concerning the Pilgrimage later in our Grand Conclave. Many of our Commanderies hold Christmas Observances, while others join together with other Commanderies to celebrate the Birth of our Savior. I was privileged to attend several of these Observances during the Christmas Season. In Celebration of the Holy Days of Christmas and Easter, we rejoice in the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Blessed Redeemer.

### **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Thanks are extended to Eminent Sir Knight Mark A. Bradley and his Lady Gay for their excellent planning and coordination of the Trip to Alexandria, Virginia and Washington D.C. The Tour, consisted of a group of (85 people), who followed the below Itinerary. We departed Atlanta, by buses, on April 1st traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina for a visit to the Billy Graham Library; then on Thursday April 02 to Harrison Landing to tour the Berkeley Plantation and Gardens; the place of the first Thanksgiving (to Almighty God), then to Jamestown, touring the Jamestown Settlement; then on to Pope's Creek, Virginia to tour the birthplace of Bro. George Washington, and the Washington Family Cemetery, then on to the host hotel in Alexandria, Virginia. On Friday, April 03 we toured the US Capital Building; and after lunch, we departed for Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, later in the evening taking a night tour of the DC Monuments. On Saturday, April 4, we traveled to Arlington National Cemetery, where I had the honor and privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, being accompanied by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., our Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Michael H. Wilson, our Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Charles E. Taylor. One of the highlights of my life, which will be forever etched in my memory, We stopped at the US Marine Memorial of Iwo Jima, then on to do some souvenir shopping. Later in the evening we attended the Grand Encampment Banquet. The next day, on Easter Sunday morning, we gathered on Shooter's Hill as Knights Templar to experience and participate in the Easter Sunrise Service. At the conclusion of the Service the group made its way back to Georgia with wonderful memories of an exciting and meaningful trip. I am happy to report that the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo stated that Georgia had the honors of having the most present at this year's East Coast Easter Service.

### **SCHOOLS OF TACTICS AND INSTRUCTION**

I wish to thank Eminent Sir Knights, Floyd E. Edmondson and Tommy T. Marshall, our Custodians, for holding several Schools of Tactics this year. And Eminent Sir Knight Floyd Edmondson for serving as Chairman of the Tactics Committee. These Schools give us the opportunity to secure valuable instruction in the Tactics as we are striving to improve and perfect our Commanderies, but we must attend to receive the benefit. I encourage all Commandery Officers to attend an upcoming School in your area or request assistance from the

Committee. There are many qualified Sir Knights serving on the Tactics Committee and other qualified Sir Knights throughout our State, who will be happy to assist you in your efforts to become proficient in the "Tactics of the Asylum." According to Templar Law, the wording from the Grand Encampment Ritual in our Tactics Manual must only be in referencing the page and paragraph of said area. So, with more work to be done in compliance with Grand Encampment, I extend a special Thank You to all those involved in the production of the revised manual, and especially Eminent Sir Knight Floyd Edmondson, who has labored tirelessly during the process.

#### **GRAND MASTER'S CLASS**

I was privileged to attend the Grand Master's Class on April 18, 2015, which honored Most Worshipful Grand Master Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., and the Leaders of the three Grand York Rite Bodies in Georgia. All of the Degrees of the Chapter and Council and the three Orders of the Commandery were conferred by an outstanding array of Ritualists. It was another great day for Freemasonry and we look forward to the continuance of the Class for many years to come. Congratulations to Eminent Sir Knight Terry Farmer, and those assisting him, for a job well done!

#### **MASONIC UNITY IN GEORGIA**

It has been a great honor to serve as Grand Commander with Most Worshipful Brothers Edgar M. Land and Douglas W. McDonald, Sr.; Most Excellent Grand Companion Michael H. Wilson, MEGHP, and Most Illustrious Grand Companion Charles E. Taylor, MIGM. I also wish to thank Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Leonard E. Buffington, SGIG in Georgia, for his support during the year. All of those mentioned are Sir Knights in every sense and provide outstanding Leadership for our fraternity. We are blessed to have true Masonic Unity.

#### **APPRECIATION**

To say thank you seems somehow inadequate to express my thoughts at the close of this year. Words can never express how much I appreciate those who have contributed so much to my life in so many ways. However, I do wish to extend my highest regards, love, and appreciation to the following: St. John's Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Members, Grand Liaison Officers, Eminent Commanders, and Sir Knights of the Commanderies of Georgia. Eminent Sir Knight James Edward Jennings, Jr., Eminent Grand Orator; Eminent Sir Knight William G. Economy, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, Eminent Sir Knight Cris Lynch, Eminent Grand Sentinel; Eminent Sir Knights Benjamin W. Polston, II and Mike Sampsell - KT Magazine Supplement Editors; Eminent Sir Knight Kevin Hyde, Web Master; Eminent Sir Knight Floyd E. Edmondson, Custodian of the North; Eminent Sir Knight Tommy T. Marshall, Custodian of the South; Eminent Sir Knight Mark A. Bradley, Easter Sunrise (DC) Service Chairman; Eminent Sir Knight Joe E. Turner; Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith, Grand Recorder; "lil Sister" Ericka Matheny, and Laine Bolton. My Mentor's: Right Eminent Sir Knights: James B. Phillips, Johnnie M. Garmon, C. Danny Wofford, My Grand Installing Officers. To my lovely wife Sheila, whom I have been blessed to have in my life for 40 years. I can only say, "I Love you with all that I am." You have always been there with me and for me. Our Children are blessed to have such a wonderful Mother and our Grandchildren, and Great Grandson, have the greatest "Nana". Sir Knights, as my term as Grand Commander comes to a close, I want you to know that I am so thankful for just being a part of you and your efforts, and for the opportunity to serve you as Grand Commander. You have given me some of the greatest gifts that could ever be given: your trust: your prayers: and your love and support. I am truly blessed to have all of you as my family in Christ, and this great fraternity of Brothers. So Onward Christian Knights Author: Terry

Hensley. So Onward Christian Knights, pressing forward for the Lord, and for all we know that's right, holding tightly in formation, and always ready for the fight. The Enemy is advancing and preparing for the attack. So Onward Christian Knights, in the power of his might. FOR JESUS IS HIS NAME. FOR VICTORY IS IN SIGHT. I have full confidence in the Sir Knight who will succeed me and pray God's continued blessings upon him, the Grand Officers, and the Sir Knights of Georgia.

In God's Love,

Terry L. Hensley, REGC 2014-2015

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Grand Encampment Representatives, Distinguished Guests, Sir Knights and my Brethren. Right Eminent Sir, this Committee is honored to be chosen to give the response to your address. It is difficult to put into words the commitment and dedication exhibited by you this past Grand Commandery Year. A commitment started many years ago as a young man, Christian, and mason. Mentors can be found in various walks of life, but finding your foundation of mentors was within your church, a place where the truest and strongest foundation is located. From this early stage of your life you found your true calling, serving, and witnessing for our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is my pleasure to speak in your behalf. The Grand Commander has thanked so many outstanding Masons who have taken time out of their busy schedule to attend the One Hundred and Fifty- Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Among these distinguished Guests, representing, MESK David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment are Right Eminent Sir Knight Lawrence Tucker, Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment and Right Eminent Sir Knight Ted Burgess, Southeastern Department Commander. The Sir Knights of Georgia welcome you. Our Grand Commander expresses his sincere thanks to the members of Saint John's Commandery #19 for supporting him through his Masonic life and especially this past year. These members have always exemplified the principals of Christian Knighthood and have produced four Past Grand Commanders, along with Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Illustrious Masters, and Past Grand Masters. The Grand Commander expresses his concern for the loss of members due to suspensions. His approach is for personal contact with these Sir Knights and witness to them, and urge their return to our Order. Our future depends on maintaining our membership and exposing new men to our Christian Order. The Grand Commander acknowledged the service and dedication of the Committees, appointed by him, as they study and continue to improve the Ritual and our Ritualistic Work. He reached back to involve Past Grand Commanders and other distinguished Masons to serve as Grand Inspecting Officers. He thanked them for the uplifting messages delivered at the Inspections, which made a difference in attendance and inspired all who were present. The Committee overseeing the Knight Templar Education Foundation and the Mollie S. Mosley Eye Foundation Trust are to be commended for their hard work to provide educational grants for eye research. Bringing people to light is our main purpose. These Research Grants are used to study how eye problems occur, treatment, and cure. Thank you, Right Eminent Sir Knight Clyde E. Griffin for your Committee's dedication and service. The Grand Commander along with Right Eminent Sir Knight Ted Burgess, Southeast Department Commander, presented a Research Grant Check of \$50,000 to the University of Georgia Research Foundation. The Grand Commander had a very busy year traveling to Masonic events held in his behalf and represented the Grand Commandery very well. He supported the other Grand Officers of other Masonic Bodies within the Great State of Georgia. When he was introduced to the Sir Knights and Brethren he was well received and



always delivered a message from within his Heart. These types of visitations reinforce the Masonic Ties of Unity. The Grand Commander had the pleasure to travel to other Grand Jurisdictions to include the Grand Commandery of South Carolina held in Myrtle Beach, and the Southeastern York Rite Conference held in Greenville South Carolina. The Grand Commander acknowledged many Friends and Sir Knights, who put down the working tools of life and sheathed their sword for the final time. Among these was Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Wilford H. "Bill" Hall, and Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Bobby Joe Townsend. These two Masonic Giants have left a void within our Fraternity that will be difficult to fill. We pray that the Great Captain of our Salvation will extend his mercy to them and present them with the Crown of Victory, the Crown of Eternal Life. We mourn their loss along with their Families. The Holy Land Pilgrimage holds a special place within the heart of our Grand Commander. He had the pleasure to attend this Crusade and came home with a new understanding of his Christian Faith. As a Minister, he often reflects on his journey and does not hesitate to tell of the great experience he gained. The Grand Encampment along with the local Commandery and the sponsorship of the Knights Templar Education Foundation make it possible to send Ministers to the Holy Land. The Grand Commander urges each Commandery to get involved and select a minister from their area to send on this trip and return with a new Light of understanding of our Christian Faith. The Grand Commander followed a long list of Grand Commanders who have worn the Whiteside Jewel proudly upon their Breasts. This Jewel signifies dignity and respect to the highest degree. The Grand Commander considers the wearing of this emblem one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon him. His greatest wish is for this Grand Commandery to find him worthy. The Easter Sunrise Trip to Washington D.C. was one of the highlights of this Grand Commander's year. The Trip was composed of eighty-five people, planned and coordinated by Sir Knight Mark Bradley and his Wife, Gay, two untiring and dedicated people, who never say "no". The trip included tours of many of our Country's most famous National Monuments. The Grand Commander held the high honor of placing a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery. The Grand Commander was assisted in the Wreath Laying by The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, The Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Georgia. Masonry united at a most solemn Ceremony. Our Grand Commander was present and participated in the conferral of the Order of the Temple during the Grand Master's Class, held April 18. Thirty-six Candidates were knighted at this ceremony. This Class was named in honor of Most Worshipful Douglas W. McDonald, Most Worshipful Grand Master of all Masons in Georgia. These Candidates also received the Degrees of the Chapter, Council, the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta. The Grand Master's Class is an annual Event, coordinated by Sir Knight Terry Farmer, who also serves as Excellent Grand King of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. The Grand Commander sends his thanks to the new Sir Knights and to all who participated in the Conferral. The Grand Commander expresses his thanks and appreciation to all the Committees, Liaison Officers, and Grand Inspection Officers. Many tireless hours were given in support of his Programs. A special thanks goes to Sir Knight William Economy, who served as Adjutant; SK Mark Bradley and Gay, chairman, Easter Sunrise Service; SK James B. Phillips, PGC; SK James Edward Jennings, Jr., Grand Orator; SK Wade Smith, Grand Recorder; and his staff; Past Grand Commanders SK C. Danny Wofford and SK Johnny M. Garmon, his Installing Officers, and SK Joe Turner and Ericka Matheny" Iii sister". Right Eminent Grand Commander, this Committee has witnessed the love and devotion that you have shown to your Wife and Family. Mrs. Sheila and

Sir Knight Terry have been devoted to each other for almost forty years. She is "first lady" and listening to her sing Amazing Grace stirs our souls. Blessed with children and grandchildren, this Christian Family practices the faith of Jesus Christ, the "rock" upon which this Great Order is built. Right Eminent Grand Commander, this Committee applauds your service to our great Country and to this Fraternity. As the pages of history are recorded, we pray that your Service Record will shine favorably for all to emulate. Right Eminent Sir, we wish you smooth sailing in your future endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted  
Paul E. Wells PCG

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
INVESTMENT	\$347,292.21	\$316,733.61
CHECKING	\$76,540.71	\$100,445.46
DEPOSITS	\$124,903.34 (EXPENDED)	\$100,998.59
INT., DIV.	\$8,357.26 (DRAWN/INV.)	\$40,000.00
CAPITAL GAINS	\$1,084.14	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$558,177.66</b>	<b>\$558,177.66</b>

GRAND TREASURER REPORT	2014-2015	2014-2015	
GRAND COMMANDERY MAY 6,2015	Budgeted	Collected	O/U
ANTICIPATED INCOME			
Per Capita	\$84,273.00	\$84,273.00	\$0.00
Interest-Savings	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Investment	\$11,022.00	\$28,978.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME:	\$107,395.00	\$125,651.00	\$18,256.00
	Budgeted	Expended	O/U
OPERATIONS:			
Awards/ Recognition	\$900.00	\$1,412.00	(\$512.00)
CPA Compilation	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Grand Officers Regalia Repair	\$500.00	\$555.00	(\$55.00)
Hospitality Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Investment Fee (SunTrust Bank)	\$3,500.00	\$3,255.00	\$245.00
Per Capita Dues - General Grand	\$31,000.00	\$30,825.00	\$175.00
Print and Office (unique)	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Regional Conference	\$430.00	\$300.00	\$130.00
Session Photos	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Triennial (3Dais - \$500 & Gr. Sec. \$250)	\$1,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$500.00
Building Rent	\$10,649.00	\$10,649.00	\$0.00
RAM Operations	\$47,816.00	\$47,816.00	\$0.00
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXP.:			

Regalia	\$600.00	\$391.00	\$209.00
Stationary and Postage	\$133.00	\$56.00	\$77.00
Travel Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
CHARITY			
Children's	\$00.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
DeMolay	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rainbow	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Mollie S. Moseley Eye Found. Trust	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
N. Carolina Summer Assembly	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Direct:</b>	<b>\$107,395.00</b>	<b>\$102,709.0</b>	<b>\$4,686.00</b>

#### **APPRECIATION**

Sir Knights, I Wish To Thank You For Allowing Me To Serve The Craft For Another Year, It Has Been My Pleasure. A Special Thanks to Ms. Ericka Matheny, For Her Patience and Valuable Assistance, To M.E. Comp. Wade Smith, For His Guidance, And A Special Thanks To My Wife Brenda, For Her Help, Encouragement, And Understanding My Passion For This Brotherhood. Fraternally, Robert L. Gill

#### **2015 GRAND RECORDER REPORT**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley., the Grand Line Officers, the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights All: I herewith submit my fourth Grand Commandery Recorder Report for your May 5, 2015 Grand Conclave.

Number of Chartered Commanderies 34

Members on the roll as of December 31, 2013 3,315

#### **GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP**

Knighted 100

Affiliated 19

Reinstated 10

Gross Gain 129

#### **LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP**

Demitted 23

Suspended 150

Deceased 219

Gross Loss -392

Net Gain/Loss -253

Members on Roll December 31, 2014 3,062

#### **PER CAPITA**

Projected Per Capita to be collected is \$84,273. All Commanderies have paid their Per Capita Tax.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That each Commandery, who has not done so, re-write their By-Laws, using the adopted STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to this Office for approval and placement in the Grand Commandery Archives.
- 2) That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Commandery Officers in stemming the NPD hemorrhaging and bring those who have departed via NPD back into the fold.

## THANKS

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere and profound thanks to the Companions of this great York Rite Body for once again permitting me the honor and opportunity of serving you during this past year. A very special thanks is extended to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, the Grand Commandery Officers, and the Constituent Recorders for their outstanding, unwavering support during this past year. You are doing a great job in keeping the records of your Commanderies in proper order by making timely Monthly Reports, which is essential to keeping your Grand Commandery Records and Data Base current and relevant. Many Thanks Team! A Special Thanks is extended to Companions Joe Turner and Larry Zwahlen for continuing to upgrade and maintain a better, more accurate, and more relevant database. They are also the authors of your Per Capita Statements and your Annual Data Drops. We are so fortunate to have two Companions with that type knowledge and skill advising, and supporting this great Fraternity. A big thank you is extended to Companion Lloyd R. Lane for volunteering to assist in the maintenance of our Financial Data Base during this past year. He has devoted many hours to this Project. Thanks Rusty. You are a great Team Asset. I also want to thank REPGC Paul E. Wells and MEPGHP Robert L. Gill for their devotion to creating and maintaining a better, more comprehensive financial accounting and reporting Procedure. Their advice and support has made the difference these past four years. A VERY, VERY SPECIAL THANKS is extended to Ericka Matheny, our outstanding Administrative Assistant, who was with us through December 31st, when She, Christopher Lee, and Kylie Grace were required to pack their suitcases and follow Jimmy (Sergeant - Air Force) to MacDill Air Force Base. Ericka went to work for the Florida York Rite Bodies upon her arrival in Tampa. May God Bless My Matheny Four in their new MacDill Ocean Front Quarters. We are fortunate to have found Laine Lasseter Bolton to replace Ericka. Laine is a Stratford Academy Graduate, who after graduation was recruited and accepted on a full four-year Basketball Scholarship at Florida State University. She lived up to her Stratford basketball playing reputation during her four years at Florida State. Laine is a Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Inductee. After school Laine spent six years in Washington working for our Representative and furthering her education by attending several Hotel Management and Sales Graduate Schools. She then worked in Hotel Management. Laine is proving to be a great team member and valued asset to the York Rite Bodies. She is learning how to interact with our several concordant, dependent, independent and affiliate Masonic Bodies. Welcome aboard Laine. I want to thank Pat, my Child Bride of 58 years, for permitting me to serve you another year. Without her support and encouragement, I could not have continued to serve this Great Fraternity. Respectfully Submitted, Wade C. Smith, Grand Recorder

## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights of this Grand Conclave: We want to say thank you to the Commanderies and degree teams that did such an outstanding job of presenting the Christian Orders in your own Commandery and/or in the several Festivals. Thanks to the Sir Knights of the Atlanta Area for starting a new Festival in Atlanta. Thanks to the Sir Knights, who travelled to Macon to make the Grand Master's Festival a success. If you pick out a few, you are sure to leave some out, to ALL: Thank you. Now for our suggestions on gaining members. The Commanderies, who show the most gains and maintaining members are the ones who practice the following:

1. Sending a pastor to the holy land
2. Going to Church as a group and in Uniform
3. Having an open Celebration for both the Christmas and Easter Observances in

your meeting places, with a Speaker to explain their importance to us as Templars, and invite family and friends to be with us.

4 Dedicating time in your meeting for the Prelate to bring a message about Jesus Christ and his Love for us.

5 Go to Blue Lodge, Chapters, Councils, and Church to let the Christian Community see us for what we are and testify about our faith.

Yours in Christian love,

D.W. Hendry, Rev. Donald C. Combs, William G. Economy

#### **REPORT OF THE CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia: Your committee on Charters, By-Laws, and Dispensations wishes to make the following Report: Your Committee is in receipt of a complete set of bylaws for Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery No.37 that were amended in 2013, but which do not appear to have been approved by this Committee. The Committee approves the stating of the meeting place in the By-Laws and the changing of the dues payable. Your Committee notes that the By-Laws provide for a stated Conclave on the 4th Monday of each month and also on Good Friday each year, with the election of Officers on that date. Your Committee approves that! The Committee suggests that the Commandery consider deleting Section 3, Article VI, pertaining to Life Memberships as this is no longer applicable. Additionally, Section I-D and I-E of Article X should be re- written or deleted as the Commandery cannot limit a Sir Knight's ability to acquire his own uniform from the market-place. Your Committee approves the amendment to the by-laws of Amicalola Commandery No.41, changing the annual dues and possible assessments, if any. This Change was actually made in 2013. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-Laws of Pilgrim Commandery No.15, changing the fees charged for degrees.

Your Committee approves the amendments to the By-Laws of Tancred Commandery No. 11, changing the meeting dates, and fees charged for degrees. While there does appear to be a conflict in the Grand Commandery Code, that requires each Commandery to hold their annual Conclave in March, (Article I, Section 2), the Code only requires that each Commandery meet quarterly (Article III, Section 1). Tancred Commandery will have their annual Conclave in February, since it does not meet in March. This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery Charters. However, we note that for good and sufficient cause, the Right Eminent Grand Commander has issued His Dispensation on March 4, 2015 authorizing certain Sir Knights, exceeding the required 9 in number, to meet as a Commandery of Knights Templar, under the name of Calvary Commandery U. D. in the City of Moultrie, County of Colquitt. We therefore recommend that this Dispensation continue until the next annual Conclave, unless sooner terminated by the Right Eminent Grand Commander or by the Sir Knights, when they may wish to apply for a charter.

Respectfully submitted, Joe E. Turner, PC (35); Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19)  
F. Andrew Lane, Jr, PC (37)

#### **BILL 1**

#### **Adopted**

A BILL, to amend Article I, Section 18 of the General Statutes Section of the Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to Employee Benefit Fund by deleting it in its entirety:

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia that Article 1 of the General Statutes Section, Section 18, "Employee Benefit Fund" be amended by deleting it in its entirety. So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

General Statutes Section, Article 1, Section 18, (Deleted)

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe E. Turner, PC, Griffin #35

**BILL 2****Adopted**

A BILL, to amend Article I, Section 3 of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to Returns and Dues by deleting the first two Paragraphs in their entirety and substituting a new two paragraphs therein. BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia that Article I, of the Constituent Commanderies Section, Section 3, Returns and Dues, be amended by deleting the first two Paragraphs and substituting a new Section 3, Returns and Dues, first two Paragraphs, so that when amended, Section 3, first two paragraphs, will read:

SECTION 3, RETURNS AND DUES. Every Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery by remittance to the Grand Recorder, the following fees for its members

1. \$20.00 for every Sir Knight who is a member of said Commandery on the last day of December
2. \$7.00 for each Sir Knight who received the Order of the Temple in the preceding year.
3. \$7.00 for each Sir Knight reinstated in the preceding year.

4. \$1.00 per Sir Knight for every Sir Knight who is not a life sponsor.

5. \$9.00 per Sir Knight, which is the current assessed, Per Capita Tax or fee that Grand Encampment charges per Sir Knight. No Sir Knight shall be exempted.

The monthly Report for December 2015 and each year thereafter, must be in the Grand Recorder's Office not later than January 10th following, and all Per Capita Tax must be paid on or before March 1. Commanderies failing to make such payment shall be assessed ten per cent (10) penalty for such delinquency.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Turner, PC, #35

**REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia: Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment. Most have their proceedings on their website. "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all Titles, the Character of an honest Man." - George Washington - U.S. President & Freemason. Without a doubt the fraternal fellowship and profound friendships forged in our York Rite are some of the most important reasons why we have dedicated our lives to Masonry. These rights and benefits appertaining to our craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our asylums, inspections, Meetings, Committee Work and in our recruitment of new Companions in the York Rite. While we have the responsibility to share the Story of York Rite masonry with fellow Masons across our State and Nation, we are missing a significant opportunity to help in igniting and conducting the flame of York Rite masonry internationally. It is vital that we work to expand the sphere of York Rite Masonry Internationally. The Grand Encampment is recommending that every Jurisdiction be an Ambassador to other Jurisdictions, who are not in the York Rite System to promote our Organization and offer assistance to any, who may wish to inquire about membership from the Europe/Africa Regions, Latin and South America Regions, etc. As a Christian, who seeks to spread the Gospel, it is easy to see that our dissemination of our York Rite Fraternity is a clear and present means to make Disciples among all people across the Globe. What greater benefit can we have for our Christian Masonic Tradition than to be involved in this Mission? We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our Commandery System and you and I can help by communicating and working with Grand Encampment through our Grand Commandery to provide information they need. We can broaden our communication to take advantage of our electronic age to shrink our world and become true Companions in the universality of International Grand Commandery. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft within our Commandery and expand our efforts to encourage our Blue Lodge Brethren to seek further Light. We must be Ambassadors for our Craft, and continue to be a positive

example in our Communities in service to our Commandery, Country and even the entire World.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel V. Hagan, PHP (59), KYCH

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF GEORGIA, CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH**

First, I thank Almighty God for His Blessings on me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, for appointing me to this position. I thank Sir Knight Tommy T. Marshall, Custodian of the South, for his assistance, support and co-operation. The Knights Templar degrees were conferred at The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the 11th District Knights Templar Convention and the Grand Master's Class. Hopefully, some of the other District Conventions will start conferring degrees or have some type of instruction at their Conventions. We did not hold a one-day School of Instruction in Macon this year. I agree with those, who believe there must be a better way to get the Instructions to the local Directors of Work and into our local Bodies, where it is needed most. Historically, most of our local Officers cannot or will not attend the School in Macon. I thank all of our great Sir Knights, who assisted Sir Knight Tommy and myself in our work this year. I greatly appreciate those Recorders, who forwarded me the contact info for their 2015 Eminent Commanders so I could communicate with them without having to wait until this fall to get the York Rite Directory. With everyone working together in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Knights Templar Masonry in Georgia.

Fraternally,

Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN (SOUTH)**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia: I am happy to report that we have had another successful year in York Rite Masonry. I have attended a couple of one day Festivals, where attendance was great and the Work was superb. My yard stick for measuring success is not only the number of Candidates that were present, but the numbers that stay active after the Class. I am happy to report that I have seen some new faces conferring Degrees. We can have large Classes, but if we do not get the new Companions and Sir Knights active, we are not accomplishing much. The 11th district has tried something new this year. They have conferred the Royal Arch Degrees at their Convention and two weeks later at their Council Convention Convention, they conferred the Council degrees and the Orders of the Temple. All who participated seemed to enjoy this format better. Instead of one long day, they had two shorter days. Since this is my final Year as Custodian of the South, I would like to thank all of the Heads of the Bodies (past and present) for their support over the last few years, I can only hope that I lived up to your expectations. I would also like to thank all of the Companions and Sir Knights, who have made me feel welcome at the different events around the state, and I hope that I was able to help those that that needed it. Even though I will not be serving as a Custodian next year, I will still be available to help any York Rite body or Companion/ Sir Knight that needs it.

Respectfully submitted, Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian, South

**REPORT OF THE KTEF, DIV. OF GA., THE KTEF, Inc. AND THE MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GEORGIA, Inc.**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia: This Committee is charged with the responsibility of administering the funds of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, and the funds of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. and the funds of the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. The Division funds, which are controlled by rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment allowed the committee to award five \$1000 scholarships to deserving students to further their education. The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, permitted \$42,000-gifts to Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia; and Ministerial Gifts of \$1,500

each to Denise Haskins and Zandra Jordan of Emory University's Candler School of Theology. The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia funds are invested with only the interest used and sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. \$10,000 was sent this year to allow the purchase of another Golden Chalice. We are pleased to report that the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, funds has a present net worth of over \$250,000. The present net worth of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. funds is over 3.5 million and the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation Trust of Georgia stands at just over half a million. Since REPGC Clyde E. Griffin's term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve REPGC Griffin to succeed himself for a five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2018. We wish to thank Dr. Fleetwood Maddox for his expert advice and recommendations in giving to the two Schools of Ophthalmology, Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia. He has been a valuable source of information for many years and we continue to call upon him. Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon hosted by Dr. Maddox at his office on February 11, 2015. Representatives from the two institutions were in attendance to receive the gifts. As always, our Records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested. We wish to thank our Secretary Wade Smith for his complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and Record keeping that keeps us abreast of the status of all our Accounts. Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted;  
Clyde e. Griffin, Chair

#### **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE 2014-15**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar: As there were no matters of business referred to this Committee for its action, there were no Official Meetings of this body during this Templar year. The Chairman of this Committee did collaborate with the Chairman of the Educational and Historical Committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, and the Chairman of the Educational and Historical Commission of the Grand Lodge in reviewing and making suggestions for Companion Richard Hallwood's proposal for the York Rite Leadership Program, 4th Year Project (a function of the Southeastern York Rite Conference). He has designed a self-adhesive, digital, high resolution, vinyl (Avery SuperCast) color, wall image of the York Rite Degrees, to include the Blue Lodge, which he hopes at some point to distribute to all lodges. This, of course, would require either private or public funding from some source, and the Committee makes no recommendation relative to the source of such funding at this time. The Educational and Historical Committee of the Grand Commandery joins with the Educational and Historical Committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council in making the following recommendations for consideration of Knights Templars of Georgia:

1. We request that each Commandery prepare and submit a History to the Committee. So much history is being lost due to the ravages of time and deaths.
2. We encourage any Knight Templar to prepare a paper on any subject regarding notable Sir Knights, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published and distributed for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in general, but the Grand Commandery in particular.
3. The Committee recommends that each Commandery have an Educational Program during the year for the benefit of the Sir Knights. In closing, the Committee notes that one of our Members, Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby Joe Townsend, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, passed the veil of this mortal existence, this year, and entered into the realm of the Supreme Commandery of the Universe. While he will be missed by all the Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction, his knowledge and wisdom will be especially missed by this Committee as it continues to function on behalf of Templary in Georgia. We ask that all Sir Knights continue to remember Right Eminent Sir Knight Townsend's family in your prayers.



Respectfully submitted, Dr. Gary D. Lemmons (19), Chair; Joe E. Turner (35); James E. Underwood (4); Joe R. Bush (31)

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Long Range Planning Committee continues to work with the Grand Commandery Line Officers to implement their plans and goals. The multi-year Plan that was submitted in 2014 continues to be a process in work. Most of these goals are being met. The Committee thanks you for the opportunity to serve the Georgia York Rite in general and the Grand Commandery in particular this year. Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26) Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield (3); D.W. Hendry (25)

#### **REPORT ON EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 2015**

I would like to begin by saying Thank You to Right Eminent Grand Commander Terry Hensley and his wife Sheila for allowing me to serve on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee. We began our journey this year by meeting with RESK Terry and Lady Sheila at the 2014 Grand York Right Session to discuss the trip and explore possibilities. After the decision was made to invite the presiding heads of the Georgia Masonic Bodies to participate in the Wreath Ceremony of Arlington National Cemetery, we proceeded to create an itinerary that would include a little Masonic History. American History and Spiritual History. Leaving April 1.2015 on two Charter Buses, we made stops at the Billy Graham Library, Berkeley Plantation, Jamestown Settlement, the U. S. Capitol Building, and Ft. McHenry before joining other Sir Knights from around the Eastern United States to participate in the Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria. Virginia. The highlight of the excursion was by far the placing of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns by Right Eminent Grand Commander Terry Hensley. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael Wilson. Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Taylor and Most Worshipful Grand Master Douglas McDonald on Saturday April 4th. With 84 Sir Knights and Ladies participating this year, our group had an enjoyable time while displaying the joy of being Christian Mason's to everyone that we encountered. Gay and I consider it an honor to be included in this part of the Grand Commandery year. Upon reflection we both agree that we spent five unbelievable days with 84 of the finest people ever assembled. Respectfully Submitted.

Mark A. Bradley, Chairman. Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Committee

#### **COMMITTEE ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia: The Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage makes the following report: It was indeed an honor and pleasure for us to serve on the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank the Grand Commander for this appointment. There were two Ministers sent this year to the Holy Land from Georgia, sponsored by two Commanderies, assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation of Georgia. The Ministers that were sent will have a more knowledgeable understanding of Biblical geography, by having visited and having walked where our Savior walked, and by having traveled to the many different areas where Jesus ministered. As a result of this experience, they will be able to preach and teach, with more enthusiasm and excitement, and be better able to describe the scenes of these events to their congregations. The Commanderies and Ministers who participated were: Jason Allen Towe – Sponsor: Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery No. 37 and George Earl Murdaugh – Sponsor: Douglasville Commandery No. 40

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Combs, Gary H. Leazer,

Terry L. Hensley (19) Chair

# In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

*Bobby Joe Townsend MEPGC*

*Wilford H. Hall MEPGC*

All Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of

Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TACTICS COMMITTEE REPORT**

First, I thank Almighty God for His blessings on me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, for appointing me to this position. I held two schools of instruction for the Commandery this year. The first was after the Gainesville Commandery Festival on June 21, 2014 and was well attended. The second was on December 17, 2014 in Lexington for the benefit of Godfrey de Bouillon # 14 and was attended by several members of their Commandery. A good bit of time has been spent on getting the revised green Tactics Manual which was approved at our last Grand Commandery session ready for printing. I thank Right Eminent Sir Knight C. Danny Wofford, Past Grand Commander, the members of the Tactics and Ritual Committee, Right Eminent Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley, Grand Commander, and Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith, Grand Recorder, for their advice, support and assistance in getting this book ready for printing. Also, special thanks to Eminent Sir Knight Ryan Nealey for his editing and computer work. We are printing a version of the green Tactics Manual that refers to the black book entitled Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America issued 1979 where reference is made to "see black book, page X, line y". It will take some getting used to, but I believe when we have learned the work well enough to not need to refer to the book, we will be in pretty good shape. I have confidence the Knights Templar of Georgia have the determination and willpower to overcome this minor obstacle and will move forward enthusiastically with some beautiful openings and Inspections. With everyone working together in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Templary in Georgia. Fraternally,  
Floyd Edmondson, Chairman

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Georgia, Grand Encampment Representative, Distinguished Guests, and Sir Knights: As the true image of Templary is exemplified by deeds, not words, it is important that we start work so that the general public becomes aware of us and know what we are and what we stand for. To transmit that awareness to them, we must do something, and that something must be an activity that demonstrates the purpose of Templary. I have traveled to and had the opportunity to speak in most of the Commanderies in the Grand Commandery of Georgia. I have given copies of the Guidelines for Patriotic and Civic Activities, or information how to get a copy, to the records of the Commanderies, and attempted to energize them to start programs locally. While our communities are somewhat aware of our Masonic Brothers, and their Lodges, we are an unknown organization, even in some of our Lodges, or are confused with other organizations, because of our Uniforms. We need to work harder to make our communities and our Lodge Brothers aware of who we are and what we hope to accomplish, and that we exist. This would be best done by the following activities. We should have in every Commandery: A Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee. The Committee should be Representative of the Membership. Expect each Commandery to execute a project during the Templar year. Enlist a panel of able speakers to be available to Commanderies. To evaluate, follow the progress, and re-encourage Commanderies not reporting activity. To recognize and honor those Commanderies participating in the program. With these plans in place, we should start to see our programs take place, and our Commanderies be recognized for their hard work.  
Respectfully submitted:  
Joseph D. Westbrook, Chair; Steve A. Kirk

### WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

The website committee would like to thank Ben Polston for his guidance and mentoring during this time of transition to a new webmaster. During the year, we inserted the Google Calendar into the website under the Menu "Grand York Rite Calendar". This calendar enables easier viewing of York Rite events across the state and allows anyone to copy an event to their own personal Google Calendar or into an application such as Calengoo. Also, this calendar provides a map to the locations of events, such as the District Conventions. We are happy to report that the cost for hosting the website did not increase this year. The vast majority of the pictures for our website as well as the current Grand Officers, have been provided by our own Grand Photographer, Robert Tidwell. The committee wants to express its sincere gratitude for all the time and effort he contributes to providing a photographic report of our events.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hyde PM, PHP, PIM, COMM, DDGHP, DDMIGM, DDGM, Chair

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION RETURNS

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This Committee has reviewed the Annual Inspection Returns for 34 Commanderies of the State for the Templar Year 2014-2015, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

P. Commanders 13; G. Line Officers 11; PG Commanders 8 REG Commander1

### FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 283.

### ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 11

### DUES STATUS

Reports show 216 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears with dues for two years were 104 and in arrears for three years 5.

Number of Commanderies	Amount	Charged for the orders
2		\$200.00
1		\$185.00
1		\$170.00
2		\$150.00
9		\$130.00
1		\$128.00
3		\$125.00
1		\$121.00
1		\$120.00
1		\$115.00
1		\$105.00
5		\$100.00
1		\$95.00
1		\$90.00
2		\$85.00
1		\$50.00
1		Not Reported

CASH: The total reported cash in treasuries was \$316,561.13

The general condition for each Commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91) 2,3,4,7,9,10,15,19,21,25,26,29,31,33,35,37,40,41,45

Very Good: (90-81) 1,11,12,16,22,30,36

Good: (80-71) 8,14,17,38

Fair: (70-0) 5,39,42,43 Mark A Bradley (31)

Respectfully Submitted,

William F Shepard (21) CHMN; Timothy Ingram (41); Mark A. Bradley (31)

GRAND COMMANDERY FINANCE REPORT	2015-2016 BUDGET
OPERATIONS:	
Awards/ Recognition	\$1,400.00
CPA Compilation	\$900.00
Grand Officers Regalia Repair	\$500.00
Hospitality Expense	\$200.00
Investment Fee (SunTrust Bank)	\$3,500.00
Per Capita Dues - General Grand	\$39,501.00
Print and Office (unique)	\$200.00
Regional Conference	\$430.00
Session Photos	\$100.00
Triennial (3Dais - \$500 & Gr. Sec. \$250)	\$6000.00
Building Rent	\$ 8,483.00
RAM Operations	\$ 36,798.00
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXP.:	
Regalia	\$600.00
Stationary and Postage	\$100.00
Travel Expense	\$4,000.00
<b>CHARITY</b>	
DeMolay	\$100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$100.00
Rainbow	\$100.00
Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	\$100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	\$100.00
TOTAL DIRECT:	\$103,337.00

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, appointed Tellers and the Election was held and resulted in the following Officers being elected:

Lloyd J. Leinbaugh	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Doyle R. Hatfield	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Drewry W. Hendry, Sr.	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Charles R. Beasley	Eminent Grand Captain General
Joseph D. Westbrook	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Steve A. Kirk	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Eminent Grand Prelate
Hugh F. Watson	Eminent Grand Orator
Robert L. Gill	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith	Eminent Grand Recorder
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Mark S. Johnson	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

## APPOINTMENTS

The Right Eminent Grand Commander Elect, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, appointed Sir Knight Robert Hall, Sr., Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard and Sir Knight James G. Mashburn, Eminent Grand Sentinel.

The REG Commander made the following Committee Appointments

	<b>STANDING COMMITTEES 2015 – 2016</b>
<i>Finance</i>	Paul E. Wells, Chair; Terry L. Hensley, Jan M. Giddens
<i>Memorials</i>	Donald C. Combs, Chair; James W. Blalock; Morris M. Parks
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	Johnie M. Garmon, Chair, 4 Yr; Terry L. Hensley, 5 Yr; James B. Phillips, 1 Yr; Michael H. Wilson. 2 Yr; Joseph R. Bush, 3 Yr
<i>Charters/ By Laws/ Dispensations</i>	Joe E. Turner, Chair, 3 Yr; F. Andrew Lane, Jr., 2 Yr; Gary D. Lemmons, 1 Yr;
<i>Triennial</i>	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr., Chair; Bobby B. Simmons; Clyde E. Griffin
<i>Education (Ktef, Div, Ktef, Inc and MSM)</i>	Clyde E. Griffin, Chair 5 Yr; James E. Stevens, 4 Yr; Bobby B Simmons, 3 Yr; Timothy M. Taylor, Sr, 2 Yr; James B. Phillips, 1 Yr
<i>Relief</i>	Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; D.W. Hendry; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith; Paul E. Wells
<i>K.T. Eye Foundation (46th Campaign)</i>	Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair, 1 Yr; D.W. Hendry, 2 Yr; Charles R. Beasley, 3 Yr.; Joseph D. Westbrook, 4 Yr.
<i>Patriotic &amp; Civic</i>	Joseph D. Westbrook, Chair; Charles R. Beasley; Steve A. Kirk
	<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2014 - 2015</b>
<i>Grand Commander's Address</i>	Paul E. Wells, Chair; Joseph P. Suttles; Johnie M. Garmon
<i>Credentials</i>	Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord
<i>Holy Land Pilgrimage</i>	Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs; Gary H. Leazer
<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i>	Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Robert W. Tidwell; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
<i>Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation</i>	Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A Kirk; Joseph W. Westbrook
<i>Inspection Reports</i>	William F. Shepard, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; James T. Ingram
<i>Long Range Planning</i>	Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; D.W. Hendry, Sr; Charles R. Beasley
<i>Membership</i>	Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs; William G. Economy
<i>Constitution, Statutes, And Regs</i>	Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Joe E Turner; Ryan C. Nealey
<i>Tactics and Ritual</i>	Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair, Tommy T. Marshall; Mark A. Bradley; Robert L. Gill; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
<i>Educational and Historical</i>	C Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; James E. Underwood; Joseph R. Bush; Gary D. Lemmons
<i>Editor, Kt Magazine</i>	Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II
<i>Internet &amp; Web Page</i>	Kevin L. Hyde, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; Benjamin W. Polston, II
<i>Foreign Correspondence</i>	Daniel V. Hagan
<i>Entertainment</i>	David Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle; William F. Shepard
<i>Audit</i>	Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield
<i>Adjutant</i>	Dana E. Schwarz
<i>Grand Custodian of Work</i>	North: Floyd E. Edmondson; South: Tommy T. Marshall

The R.E. Grand Commander announced that the first order of business on Wednesday morning would be the election of the Grand Warder.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Grand Commander declared the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave adjourned until 8:30 A.M. Wednesday morning, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### **SECOND DAY SESSION**

The Grand Commandery was called to order at 8:30 A.M. Wednesday morning, May 6, 2015, at the Grand Chapter Building. The opening prayer was offered by Sir Knight and Rev. Donald C. Combs.

#### **ELECTION OF GRAND WARDER**

Grand Commander Wofford announced the first order of business was the election of the Grand Warder. He instructed the Sir Knights to prepare their ballots accordingly. The election resulted in Sir Knight Carl J. Gamel, being elected as Grand Warder.

#### **THE GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTED**

Sir Knight Wofford recognized Right Eminent Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the U.S.A. who brought greetings and thanked the Sir Knights of Georgia for all the courtesies that had been extended.

#### **INSTALLATION**

The newly elected officers were installed by Sir Knight Paul E. Wells, REPGC, assisted by Sir Knight Jams E. Stevens, REPGC, as Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley, REPGC, as Grand Prelate. After the installation the VEDGC, Doyle R. Hatfield, on behalf of the Grand Officers, pledged their support to the Grand Commander in the cause of promoting Templary.

#### **MINUTES APPROVED**

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave be approved, printed and distributed.

#### **TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

The 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave will be held on May 2, 2016 in Macon, Georgia.

#### **TIME OF NEXT GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL**

The 66<sup>th</sup> Triennial will be holden in buffalo, New Yrok, August 8-12, 2015

#### **GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED**

There being no further business Eminent Sir Knight Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave which will convene in Macon on May 2, 2016.

ATTEST:

WADE C. SMITH  
Grand Recorder



Lloyd J. Leinbaugh  
Grand Commander

TO: Constituent Commanderies, Grand Commandery Officers, and Past Grand Commanders: From the apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, 2015-2016

#### **GENERAL ORDER # 1**

THIS ORDER SHALL BE READ AT THE HEAD OF THE LINES IN EACH COMMANDERY AT THE NEXT STATED CONCLAVE AFTER ITS RECEPTION AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES THEREOF

To: Constituent Commanderies Grand Commandery Officers Past Grand Commanders: Greetings; **Be it hereby Ordered**, that for the purpose of this Grand Commandery year, 2015-2016, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall remain organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall remain grouped into three Divisions each. The First Corp shall continue to contain Divisions One, Two and

Three. The Second Corp shall continue to contain Divisions Four, Five and Six, with the following Commanderies in each respective division:

**FIRST CORP**

**First Division**

St. Paul No. 5 (Albany)	Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville)
Malta No. 16 (Valdosta)	Trinity No. 39 (Blakely)
Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge)	Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)

**Second Division**

Palestine No. 7 (Savannah)	St. Elmo No. 26 (Brunswick)
Waycross No. 36 (Waycross)	

**Third Division**

St. Omer No. 2 (Macon)	Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley)
Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville)	St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus)
St. Michael No. 43 (Cochran)	St Peter No. 44 (Warner Robins)

**SECOND CORP**

**Fourth Division**

Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park)	Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta)
Tancred No. 11 (Newnan)	DeKalb No. 38 (Decatur)
Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville)	Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy)
Constantine No. 26 (Marietta)	Griffin No. 35 (Griffin)

**Fifth Division**

Rome No. 8 (Rome)	St. Johns No. 19 (Dalton)
Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga)	Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper)
Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37 (McCaysville)	

**Sixth Division**

Godfrey de Bouillon No.14 (Athens)	Pilgrim No.15 (Gainesville)
St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington)	Arnold de Troye No.31 (Buford)
Philemon No. 33 (Toccoa)	Georgia No. 1 (Augusta)

Be it further Ordered, That the First Corps shall be assigned to the Eminent Grand Generalissimo and the Second Corps shall be assigned to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

**Be it further Ordered**, that each Division shall have a Grand Commandery Officer as Division Commander. The assignment of each officer shall be as follows:

Division One	The Grand Warder
Division Two	The Grand Sword Bearer
Division Three	The Grand Standard Bearer
Division Four	The Grand Junior Warden
Division Five	The Grand Senior Warden
Division Six.	The Grand Captain General.

**Be it further Ordered**, that the Grand Officer assigned to each Division will Maintain direct communications with the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder's office with respect to each Commandery within his Division, as to ritual opening, tactics, armory, regalia, programs and any special needs or assistance. Visit each Commandery in their respective Division as often as needed but at least once during this Commandery year. Represent the Grand Commander when requested to do so.

**Be it further Ordered**, that the Grand Officer assigned to each Corps shall command, assist, and oversee his respective Division.

**Be it further Ordered**, that the Division Commanders shall conduct at least two (2) inspections in their Division and assist all other Grand Inspecting Officers so appointed by the Grand Commander in their respective Divisions.



## **GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS**

**Be it further Ordered**, that one (or more as needed) Grand Liaison Officer(s) be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, from recommendations by the Division Commander, to assist the Grand Officers assigned to each division in the various duties assigned. Grand Liaison Officers report to and represent the Division Commander while on official business, and will be afforded the respect and honors due a Grand Commandery Officer.

**Be it further Ordered**, that Grand Liaison Officers shall be appointed to serve within their respective Division. The Grand Liaison Officers shall be expected to assist the Grand Commandery Officer assigned as their Division Commander in the duties of their office, relevant to that Division. The Grand Liaison Officers shall wear a red shoulder cord as recognition of their office.

## **INSPECTIONS**

**All Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2016.**

**Be it further Ordered** that the Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned date, for the purpose of holding their annual inspection. The inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is the duty and obligation of each Grand Inspecting Officer to be fair, objective and impartial in performing his work. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight in the line be in full uniform at the inspection. The full uniform consists of a chapeau, white shirt, black tie, black coat, black trousers, black shoes, black socks, sword and belt. The wearing of this uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent.

**Be it further Ordered**, that each Recorder is directed to furnish the Grand Inspecting Officer with such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the inspection form. The completed inspection form is requested to be forwarded to the office of the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after the inspection.

## **BONDS**

**Be it further Ordered**, that the Grand Commandery Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations require that the Treasurer and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery be bonded, unless the Commandery By-laws require more than one signature on a voucher or check before any monies are disbursed. The Grand Inspecting Officer will verify if either method is in order. Written proof of the last audit, showing date audited, will be provided to the Grand Inspecting Officer.

## **CHARITIES**

It is my hope that each Sir Knight within this Grand Jurisdiction shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as your ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., and the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia Inc. I also encourage each Commandery to implement a program whereby funds will be set aside to sponsor a Minister on a trip to the Holy Land.

## **FESTIVALS**

All Commanderies participating in festivals, where all York Rite Degrees are conferred, are encouraged to confer the Templar Orders on a separate date when possible. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates are to be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Masonic Fraternity as a whole is suffering a decline in membership. Our Christian Order is unfortunately not exempt from this decline. As Christian Knights, we should always keep a watchful eye for a worthy candidate to become a member of our Christian Order. As Christian Knights we have, the bestselling point in all of Masonry, the belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In our daily walk through life, we should each act a disciple of our Lord and Savior. We should each act daily in a manner that demonstrates the true value of our Christian Order. By so doing, others will want to be a part of our Order.

## COMMITTEES

The successful completion of the many projects rests solely on the work and dedication of the members appointed to the various committees. I have appointed those Sir Knights that I feel will excel in the tasks at hand.

## APPRECIATION

Words alone cannot begin to express the gratitude I have for each and every Fellow Sir Knight within this Grand Jurisdiction. This is indeed a great honor. You have shown confidence in me by electing me to the highest office of Christian Masonry in Georgia. I pledge my loyalty, devotion and Christian honor that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia. I especially thank the members of Constantine Commandery No. 26 for allowing me to join their ranks. I solicit each of your prayers, council, guidance and recommendations throughout this Templar year. Finally, let us all remember that we are Soldiers of Christ. Let us all act as such before God and Man. May God continue to richly bless each and every one of us. All Sir Knights of Georgia shall take due notice and govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this magnanimous order.

Respectfully ordered on this the 6th day of May in the year of our Lord 2015.

Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: Wade Smith, Grand Recorder

## RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR	NAME	COMMANDERY & CITY
1965.....	*Preston Young (P. Y.) Luther.....	St. Omer No. 2 - Macon
1966.....	*Ira R. Huffaker.....	Coeur de Lion No. 4 - Atlanta
1967.....	*William M. Drinnon.....	St. Omer No. 2 - Macon
1968.....	*Graydon W. Kitchens.....	Coeur de Lion No. 4 - Atlanta
1969.....	*Julius I. Nease, Jr.....	Palestine No. 7 - Savannah
1970.....	*T. Malcolm Gray.....	St. Paul No. 24 - Albany
1971.....	*Ross Fortune Mainor.....	St. Omer No. 2 - Macon
1972.....	James C. Bentley, Jr.....	Malta No. 16 - Valdosta
1973.....	Dannie L. Reed.....	Griffin No. 35 - Griffin
1974.....	*Joel M. Hammond.....	St. Paul No. 24 - Albany
1975.....	*George H. Balentine.....	Philemon No. 33- Toccoa
1976.....	*Aaron Eugene Cole.....	Constantine No. 26 - Marietta
1977.....	*George Cecil King.....	DeMolay No. 5 - Americus
1978.....	*Dave H. Keever.....	Arnold de Troye No. 31 - Buford
1979.....	*S. Talmadge Lord.....	Rome No. 8 - Rome
1980.....	Joseph P. Suttles.....	Coeur de Lion No. 4 - Atlanta
1981.....	*Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr.....	Plantagenet No. 12 - Milledgeville
1982.....	*Jack O. Smith.....	Amicalola No. 41 - Jasper
1983.....	*William M. Hutcheson.....	Coeur de Lion No. 4 - Atlanta
1984.....	*Rufus R. White.....	St. John's No. 19 - Dalton
1985.....	*J. Sheffield Thompson.....	Douglasville No. 40 - Douglasville
1986.....	*Virlyn Y. Jones.....	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 - Athens
1987.....	C. Danny Wofford.....	Arnold de Troye No. 31 - Buford
1988.....	*H. Clayton Garrett.....	Pilgrim No. 15 - Gainesville
1989.....	*Otis. B. (O.B.) Turner.....	Griffin No. 35 - Griffin
1990.....	*Lewis H. Keith.....	Atlanta No. 9 - Atlanta
1991.....	*Walter A. Walker.....	St. Omer No. 2 - Macon

1992.....	*J. Walter Cowart.....	Palestine No. 7 - Savannah
1993.....	*John S. Perry.....	Coeur de Lion No. 4 - Atlanta
1994.....	A. Wayne Norton.....	Philemon No. 33 - Toccoa
1995.....	Reed S. Britt, Jr.....	Arnold de Troye No. 31 - Buford
1996.....	Henry L. Stonecypher.....	Philemon No. 33 - Toccoa
1997.....	Gary D. Lemmons.....	St. John's No. 19 - Dalton
1998.....	*Bobby L. Massey.....	Amicalola No. 41 - Jasper
1999.....	*Otis Medley.....	St. Omer No. 2 - Macon
2000.....	*Roy R. Jackson, Sr. ....	Coastal Plain No. 42 - Tifton
2001.....	Wallace D. Mays.....	DeMolay No. 5 - Americus
2001.....	Robert L. Gill.....	Waycross No. 36 - Waycross
2002.....	Austin E. Pearce.....	St. Elmo No. 21 - Brunswick
2003.....	*James E. Miller.....	St. Aldemar No. 3 - Columbus
2004.....	**Carl W. Dohn.....	St. Omer No. 2 - Macon
2005.....	Emory L. Morris.....	Charles Martel No. 29 - Chickamauga
2006.....	*R. Lowman Oglesby.....	Atlanta No. 9 - Atlanta
2007.....	Craig A. Haggas.....	St. Aldemar No. 3 - Columbus
2008.....	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh.....	Constantine No. 26 - Marietta
2009.....	John T. Holt.....	Atlanta No. 9 - Atlanta
2010.....	James T. Farmer.....	Griffin No. 35 - Griffin
2011.....	Robert W. Tidwell.....	Coeur de Lion No. 4 - Atlanta
2012.....	Mark S. Johnson.....	Griffin No. 35 - Griffin
2013.....	Benjamin W. Polston, II .....	St. Bernard No. 25 - Covington
2014.....	Mark A. Bradley.....	Alexius No 22 - Lovejoy
2015.....	William F. Shepard.....	St. Elmo No. 21, Brunswick

\* Indicates death      \*\* Indicates expelled

#### RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

	James Erwin	Moseley	35	12/1/1992
*	James Walter	Cowart	7	4/2/1993
*	Wilford Henry	Hall	19	4/2/1993
*	Willie Pershing	Hammond	35	4/2/1993
*	William Marion	Hutcheson	4	4/2/1993
*	James Willard	Register	3	4/2/1993
*	William Monroe	Roach (Sr)	21	4/2/1993
	Joseph Pierce	Suttles	4	4/2/1993
*	Ted Holt	Hendon	9	4/27/1993
*	Lee David	Holcomb	40	4/27/1993
*	Carl Francis	Lester, Jr	9	4/27/1993
*	John Slayden	Perry	4	4/27/1993
	James Edward	Underwood	4	4/27/1993
	Clyde Everett	Griffin	7	7/20/1993
*	Rufus Clifton	Johnson, Jr	20	7/20/1993
	James Edwin	Miller	3	7/20/1993
*	Shepherd Green	Pryor, III	9	7/20/1993
*	Emmett Alton	Rogers	12	7/20/1993
*	Hugh Leavell	Smith	24	7/20/1993
	Clarence Ernest	Horne	4	1/26/1995
*	Roy Rogie	Jackson (Sr)	42	1/26/1995
*	Raymond Edgar	Keen	27	1/26/1995
	Gary Dale	Lemmons	19	1/26/1995
	Dannie Lee	Reed	35	1/26/1995
	Billy Fred	Adams	8	10/13/1995
*	Joseph Clay	Billingsley	2	10/13/1995
*	Jack	Cluck	1	10/13/1995
	Edward	Helton	15	10/13/1995
*	Roy Howard	Homans	21	10/13/1995

*	Robert Hiram	Kines, Jr	12	10/13/1995
*	Charles Richard	Maffett	3	10/13/1995
	William Douglas	Miles	9	10/13/1995
*	Lloyd Clatis	Odom	10	10/13/1995
*	Charles Leroy	Taylor, Jr	33	10/13/1995
	Hugh Floyd	Watson	26	10/13/1995
	John Benny	Allen	15	9/15/1997
	James Claude	Bentley, Jr	16	9/15/1997
	Thomas Lee	Blanton	8	9/15/1997
	John Plunkett	Bohanan	41	9/15/1997
*	Grady Tillman	Bozeman	41	9/15/1997
*	Reed Simpson	Britt, Jr	31	9/15/1997
	Steven Verlon	Carter	36	9/15/1997
*	Jim Fussell	Dickerson	21	9/15/1997
	Vernon Wesley	Evans	36	9/15/1997
*	Earl Douglas	Harris	25	9/15/1997
	Henry Grady	Keith Sr	9	9/15/1997
	Alexander	Loo	1	9/15/1997
*	Samuel Bennett	Owens	36	9/15/1997
	James Bradford	Phillips	19	9/15/1997
	James William	Seymour	14	9/15/1997
	Bobby Blackman	Simmons	2	9/15/1997
	Charles Dempsey	Strickland	25	9/15/1997
	Timothy Moore	Taylor	31	9/15/1997
*	Bobby Joe	Townsend	9	9/15/1997
	Charles Walter	Martin	3	4/7/1998
	Charles Clyde	White, Jr	3	4/7/1998
	Henry Luther	Stonecypher	33	5/1/2000
	Charles Danny	Wofford	31	5/1/2000
*	Eli Austin	Stafford	7	2/6/2003
	Paul Edwin	Wells	3	2/6/2003
	Freddie Ray	Jackson	2	5/2/2004
	James Edward	Jennings, Jr	19	5/2/2004
*	Jack Lee	Hepner	7	5/1/2005
	James Timothy	Ingram	41	5/1/2005
*	Ernest Almer	Forthman	24	4/30/2006
	Ruben	Martinez	4	4/30/2006
	Alfred Joe	Clark	14	5/6/2007
	Wayne Horace	Garrett	15	5/6/2007
	Merrill George	Folendore Jr.	12	5/4/2008
	Robert Lester	Gill	36	5/4/2008
	Joe Edward	Turner	35	5/4/2008
	Andre Ernest	Lovas	11	5/6/2008
	Phillip Harold	Floyd	31	5/6/2009
	Johnie Michael	Garmon	37	5/6/2009
*	Jeff Wilson	Hodges, Jr	9	5/6/2009
	Emmett Richmond	Johns	2	5/6/2009
	Terry Lee	Hensley	19	5/4/2010
	James Edward	Stevens	21	5/4/2010
	Charles Michael	Ellis	29	5/1/2011
	William Franklin	Shepard	21	5/1/2011
	John Albert	Wages	25	5/1/2011
	Benjamin Wesley	Polston, II	25	5/3/2012
	Wade Clay	Smith, Sr.	37	5/3/2012

Mark Anthony	Bradley	31	5/5/2013
Steve Alton	Kirk	41	5/5/2013
Story Adams	Tate	31	5/4/2014
Ernest Allen	McCorkle	07	5/4/2014
Leonard A.	Davis	11	5/1-2015
John A.	Minnich	02	5/1/2015

#### **COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD**

2001	*Mrs. Mollie S. Moseley
2001	Mrs. Frances Dohn
2002	*Mrs. Mildred Spradley
2004	*Mrs. Loyce Price
2006	Dr. Fleetwood Maddox
2008	Mrs. Rebecca Taylor
2008	Mrs. Nora Wells
2010	Mrs. Fae Suttles
2012	Mrs. Barbara Townsend
2014	Mrs. Judy Griffin

#### **PROCEEDING OF GRAND CONCLAVE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS of the STATE OF GEORGIA**

Holden in

**MACON, GEORGIA, TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

The Eleventh Annual Conclave of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross was held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 with the following officers in their respective stations.

Knight Crusader of the East	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Knight Crusader of the West	C. Danny Wofford
Knight Crusader of the South	Paul E. Wells
Knight Crusader of the North	Craig A. Haggas
Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross	James T. Farmer
Knight Crusader of the Asylum	Charles R. Beasley
Knight Crusader of the Temple	Mark S. Johnson
Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder	Wade C. Smith

#### **LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST**

2004	Clyde E. Griffin	2005	Edward Helton
2006	Wilford H. Hall	2008	Joe Turner
2009	Wayne H. Garrett	2010	William D. Miles
2011	M. George Folendore, Jr.	2012	Lanier Dasher
2013	Doyle R. Hatfield	2014	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
2015	C. Danny Wofford		

#### **CANDIDATES**

John Paul Crowe	Kevin Lee Hyde
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Alessandro da Silva
Kevin Lee Miller	James Wesley Tate
Leon S. Lewis	Roger W. Coursey
Jan Maaskant	Ronald Matthews
William Grant Wagner	Russell Gee
Belford Christy Blaine	James Byron Flanagan
Douglas E. Warr	

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Knight Crusader of the East	C. Danny Wofford
Knight Crusader of the West	Paul E. Wells
Knight Crusader of the South	J. Terry Farmer
Knight Crusader of the North	Charles R. Beasley
Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross	Mark S. Johnson

Knight Crusader of the Asylum  
 Knight Crusader of the Temple  
 Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder  
 There being no further business, the Order of Knight Crusaders of the Cross was closed with prayer by Mark A. Bradley.

James E. Stevens  
 Mark A. Bradley  
 Wade C. Smith

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
 OF GEORGIA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION ON APRIL 25, 1860**

DATE	NAME	COMMANDERY	DIED
1860-1867	William Tracy Gould	Georgia No. 1	07/18/1882
1868-1869	Thomas Whitty Chandler	Coeur de Lion No. 4	05/11/1890
1870-1871	George Smith Obear	St. Omer No. 2	12/23/1888
1872	Allen Sherod Cutts	DeMolay No. 5	03/17/1896
1873	William Henry Tuller	Coeur de Lion	11/26/1880
1874	Samuel Pugh Hamilton	Palestine No. 7	06/21/1899
1875	George Thomas Anderson	Coeur de Lion No. 4	04/04/1901
1876	Thomas Hardeman, Jr.	St. Omer No. 2	03/07/1891
1877-1878	William Johnston Pollard	Georgia No. 1	06/08/1899
1879	Charles Rudd Armstrong	St. Omer No. 2	11/01/1893
1880	William Dickinson Luckie	Coeur de Lion No. 4	04/23/1885
1881-1882	William Samuel Rockwell	Palestine No. 7	09/20/1909
1883-1884	William Benjamin Young	Georgia No. 1	11/12/1916
1885-1886	Thomas Ballantyne	Palestine No. 7	04/24/1903
1887	Charles Thomas Watson	Coeur de Lion No. 4	05/09/1913
1888	James Luther Fleming	Georgia No. 1	12/12/1926
1889-1890	Azariah Graves Howard	Coeur de Lion No. 4	01/26/1893
1891	Richard Joseph Nunn	Palestine No. 7	06/29/1910
1892	George W. McElhaney	St. Aldemar No. 3	09/15/1893
1893	Washington Pitt Baldwin	St. Omer No. 2	12/13/1919
1894	Alsop Park Woodward	Coeur de Lion No. 4	03/17/1915
1895	Joseph Kyle Orr Sr	St. Aldemar No. 3	09/18/1938
1896	William Henry Fleming	Georgia No. 1	06/09/1944
1897	Charles Moses Wiley	St. Omer No. 2	02/25/1927
1898	Almeron Wales Walton	Rome No. 8	10/28/1929
1899	Julius Lewis Brown	Coeur de Lion No. 4	09/04/1910
1900	Thomas Edgar Fletcher Sr	Wm. Tracy Gould No. 6	01/07/1925
1901	Ernest Allen Cutts	Palestine No. 7	03/02/1927
1902	Frank Osborne Miller	Ivanhoe No. 10	03/17/1937
1903	George Bucknam Whiteside	St. Aldemar No. 3	03/10/1920
1904	William Schweigert	Georgia No. 1	10/24/1939
1905	Robert Benjamin Barron	St. Omer No. 2	10/02/1915
1906	John Joseph Seay	Rome No. 8	08/17/1916
1907	John Rucker Dickey	Atlanta No. 9	06/14/1939
1908	Luther Parks Stephens	Coeur de Lion No. 4	03/18/1925
1909	Alpheus Butts Simmons	Palestine No. 7	02/11/1915
1910	Joseph Cholmondeley Greenfield	Atlanta No. 9	12/20/1920
1911	George Daniel Case	Plantagenet No. 12	06/12/1922
1912	Frederick Theodore Petri	St. Aldemar No. 3	07/26/1928
1913	Augustus Griffin Miller	DeMolay No. 5	07/13/1931
1914	William Fairbanks Bowe	Georgia No. 1	08/25/1932
1915	Benjamin Franklin Hardeman	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14	08/31/1924
1916	Robert Lee Wyly	Crusader No. 17	06/03/1944
1917	John William Murrell	Coeur de Lion No. 4	01/14/1959
1918	Frederick Wyly Clarke	Palestine No. 7	10/20/1934
1919	Alva Cowardian Atkins Sr	Cyrene No. 13	05/02/1933
1920	James Curtis Watts	Rome No. 8	02/03/1931
1921	Charles Augustus McAlister	St. Omer No. 2	12/15/1951
1922	Thomas David Ridley	St. Johns No. 19	07/24/1934
1923	William Griggs Mealor	Pilgrim No. 15	10/12/1953
1924	Harry Sydney Jones	Plantagenet No. 12	03/27/1945
1925	Perry Lynnfield Blackshear	Atlanta No. 9	07/22/1974
1926	John Bennett Russell	Gethsemane No. 20	01/20/1955

1927	Edward Benjamin Cohen	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14	02/24/1937
1928	Charles Spurgeon Wood	Palestine No. 7	02/16/1941
1929	Charles Lee Bailey	Georgia No. 1	02/26/1945
1930	Early Hurt Johnson	St. Aldemar No. 3	09/06/1947
1931	Thomas Cassels Law	Coeur de Lion No. 4	05/04/1962
1932	Lunie Jefferson Brock	Hebron No. 23	03/28/1968
1933	Ralph James Hancock	Constantine No. 26	06/18/1937
1934	William Julius Penn, Jr.	St. Paul No. 24	07/30/1959
1935	Edgar Duskin Kenyon	Pilgrim No. 15	11/07/1981
1936	Charles Rufus McCord Sr	St. Omer No. 2	03/22/1938
1937	Francis Chandler Jones	Bethlehem No. 30	02/09/1942
1938	James Carmichael Newton	Alexius No. 22	06/06/1970
1939	Watts Bostwick Powell Sr	Cyrene No. 13	11/12/1945
1940	John Paul Stephens	Georgia No. 1	02/19/1976
1941	Frank Bartow Willingham	Wm. Tracy Gould No. 6	06/12/1955
1942	Bolling Stovall DuBose	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14	11/06/1973
1943	Walter Franklin Wells Sr	Coeur de Lion No. 4	11/07/1947
1944	Joseph Alfred Moore	Plantagenet No. 12	09/04/1972
1945	David Lee Paulk Sr	Gethsemane No. 20	04/22/1979
1946	Lawrence Charles Petri	St. Aldemar No. 3	11/05/1977
1947	William Alfred Sims	Atlanta No. 9	11/24/1952
1948	Arthur Whittus Goodin	Malta No. 16	12/21/1975
1949	Samuel Martin Alsop	Olivet No. 27	05/10/1977
1950	William Stephen Ray	Palestine No. 7	06/04/1966
1951	Charles Wilcox Pidcock, Jr	Mt. Calvary No. 28	01/16/1961
1952	Walter Matthew Housch	Charles Martel No. 29	12/23/1965
1953	David Warner Wells	Ivanhoe No. 10	03/04/1973
1954	Joseph Warner Neal	St. Aldemar No. 3	11/19/1960
1955	James Robert Belflower Sr	Gethsemane No. 20	10/07/1981
1956	Lee Aaron Green	Coeur de Lion No. 4	04/13/1984
1957	Cody Odell James	Arnold de Troye No. 31	06/08/1965
1958	Emmett Alton Rogers	Plantagenet No. 12	06/24/2001
1959	William Arthur Patat	Philemon No. 33	12/10/1977
1960	William Cliff Sanders	Cyrene No. 13	07/25/1985
1961	Carl Francis Lester, Jr.	Atlanta No. 9	02/04/1996
1962	William Thomas Bateman	Ivanhoe No. 10	07/19/1964
1963	Floyd Lee Reynolds	Rhodes No. 34	01/20/1969
1964	Lonzo Pope	St. Paul No. 24	06/23/1991
1965	James Corbett Slaughter	St. Elmo No. 21	09/10/1977
1966	James Erwin Moseley	Griffin No. 35	
1967	Douglas Herndon Tidwell	Coeur de Lion No. 4	10/30/1969
1968	William Jefferson Mobley	Palestine No. 7	07/21/1981
1969	Thomas John Jones	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14	08/06/1976
1970	Shepherd Green Pryor, III	Atlanta No. 9	05/07/2003
1971	Chester Madison Cameron Sr	Malta No. 16	03/01/1983
1972	Rufus Clifton Johnson, Jr.	Gethsemane No. 20	04/07/2000
1973	James Willard Register	St. Aldemar No. 3	04/24/1999
1974	George Edward Jones	Ivanhoe No. 10	08/27/1993
1975	Clinton Omer Morris	DeKalb No. 38	04/07/1990
1976	Charles Rufus McCord, Jr [Hon]	St. Omer No. 2	06/12/1978
1976	Smith Wilson Brown [Hon]	St. Omer No. 2	10/14/1981
1976	Joseph Clay Billingsley	St. Omer No. 2	06/28/2006
1977	William Joseph Clarke	Arnold de Troye No. 31	09/22/1993
1978	Joseph Robert Richardson	Rome No. 8	01/27/1990
1979	Ralph Charles James [Hon]	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14	06/14/1989
1979	John Morris McClurd Sr	St. Elmo No. 21	04/17/2001
1980	George Carl Rogers	Constantine No. 26	12/21/1989
1981	Jack Cluck	Georgia No. 1	04/15/2002
1982	Willie Pershing Hammond	Griffin No. 35	09/01/2011
1983	George Milton Davenport, Jr.	DeMolay No. 5	09/01/2005
1984	*Robert Edward Hughes	St. Paul No. 24 (Susp. 12-27-2001)	
1985	John William Halliday, Jr.(Suspended)	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 (Susp. 6-2008)	

1986	Joseph Pierce Suttles	Coeur de Lion No. 4
1987	Edward Helton	Pilgrim No. 15
1988	Robert Hiram Kines, Jr.	Plantagenet No. 12 02/08/1999
1989	Wilford Henry Hall	St. Johns No. 19 07/20/2014
1990	John Christian Kaufman [Hon]	St. Elmo No. 21 11/09/1993
1990	Ted Holt Hendon	Atlanta No. 9 04/27/2007
1991	Horace Lee Whitlock [Hon]	St. Omer No. 2 12/01/1992
1991	Lee David Holcomb	Douglasville No. 40 04/21/2009
1992	William Monroe Roach Sr	St. Elmo No. 21 10/21/1999
1993	Charles Lee Roy Taylor, Jr	Philemon No. 33 09/05/2010
1994	Billy Fred Adams [Hon]	Rome No. 8
1994	Hugh Leavell Smith	St. Paul No. 24 03/01/1995
1995	William Marion Hutcheson [Hon]	Coeur de Lion No. 4 03/25/2010
1995	Lloyd Clatis Odom	Ivanhoe No. 10 07/29/2009
1996	James Bradford Phillips	St. Johns No. 19
1997	Steven Verlon Carter	Waycross No. 36
1998	Bobby Blackman Simmons	St. Omer No. 2
1999	Clarence Ernest Horne	Coeur de Lion No. 4
2000	Grady Tillman Bozeman	Amicalola No. 41 05/10/2007
2001	Charles Richard Maffett [Hon]	St. Aldemar No. 3 01/10/2007
2001	James Claude Bentley, Jr	Malta No. 16
2002	Earl Douglas Harris	St. Bernard No. 25 07/23/2002
2002	Bobby Joe Townsend	Atlanta No. 9 09/20/2014
2003	Clyde Everett Griffin	Palestine No. 7
2004	Timothy Moore Taylor, Sr	Arnold de Troye No. 31
2005	Charles Byron Stephens (Resigned)	Constantine No. 26
2006	Ernest Almer Forthman	St. Paul No. 24 12/09/2008
2007	Paul Edwin Wells	St. Aldemar No. 3
2008	Jeff Wilson Hodges, Jr	Atlanta No. 9 10/26/2011
2009	Merrill George Folendore, Jr	Plantagenet No. 12
2010	Andre Ernest Lovas [Hon]	Tancred No. 11
2010	Charles Michael Ellis	Charles Martel No. 29
2011	James Edward Stevens	St. Elmo No. 21
2012	Johnie Michael Garmon	Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37
2013	C. Danny Wofford	Arnold de Troy No. 31
2014	Terry L. Hensley	Constantine No. 26

\*Indicates Suspension

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION: THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE GRAND MASTERS FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE DEATH OF DEMOLAY

1.....Hugh de Payens.....1118	14.....Philip de Plesis.....1201
2.....Robert of Burgundy.....1139	15.....William de Carnota.....1217
3.....Everard de Barr.....1147	16.....Peter de Montagu.....1218
4.....Bernard de Trenellape.....1151	17.....Armand Peragrossa.....1229
5.....Bertrand de Blanchefort.....1154	18.....Herman Petragorius.....1237
6.....Andrew de Montbar.....1165	19.....William de Rupefort.....1244
7.....Philipo od Naplus.....1169	20.....William de Sonnac.....1247
8.....Odo de St. Amand.....1171	21.....Reginald Vichierius.....1250
9.....Arnold de Troye.....1180	22.....Thomas Beraud.....1257
10.....John Terricus.....1185	23.....William de Beaujeau.....1274
11.....Gerald Ridefot.....1187	24.....Theobald Gaudinius.....1291
12.....Robert Sablacus.....1191	25.....Jacques de Molay.....1298
13.....Gilbert Gralius.....1196	(De Molay died in 1314)

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#### **TABULAR STATEMENT FOR CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES 2014**

NO	NAME & LOCATION	E. COMMANDER	RECORDER	MEETING DATE
01	Georgia, Augusta: .....	Jeremy E. Wilson ...	Jeremy E. Wilson ...	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.
02	St. Omer, Macon:.....	William G. Wagner ...	Robert C. Lord.....	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon.
03	St. Aldemar, Columbus.....	James W. Tate ...	Robert L. Head, Jr.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon.
04	Coeur de Lion, College Park: James T. House Preston D. Cutler ...			2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.
05	St. Paul, Albany .....	Marvin B. Bannister .....	Leon S. Lee, III .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.
07	Palestine, Savannah ...	Roger W. Coursey ...	Ronald B. Wolbert .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed.
08	Rome, Rome .....	Kenneth S. Walker ...	P. Wayne Lovvorn ..	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.
09	Atlanta, Atlanta .....	Alessandro V. Da Silva ...	Majd G. Saboura .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.
10	Ivanhoe, Fort Valley .....	Kevin D. Gomes ..	Roy H. Miller, Jr. ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.
11	Tancred, Newnan.....	James D. Seymour. ...	Leonard A. Davis ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.
12	Plantagenet, Milledgeville..	Gregory S. Mahan M. Van Melder.....		4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.
14	Godfrey de Bouillon, Athens Joseph N. Arquette J. Walter McCannon, Jr. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri.			
15	Pilgrim, Gainesville ...	Russell McGee.....	John E. Davis .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.
16	Malta, Valdosta ..	William K. Bass .....	Wendell L. Browning ..	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.
17	Crusader, Bainbridge ...	Michael R. Rentz....	Bruce D. Mann .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.
19	St. John's, Dalton.....	Leon S. Lewis .....	Kevin R. Deverell .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon.
21	St. Elmo, Brunswick ...	Kevin L. Miller. ....	James E. Stevens .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.
22	Alexius, Jackson .....	Douglas A. Koschel.....	Gerry G. Stewart... ..	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.
25	St. Bernard, Covington ...	Kevin L. Hyde....	Benjamin W. Polston,III...3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.	
26	Constantine, Marietta .....	Kenneth W. Dye ...	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh ...	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.
29	Charles Martel, Chickamauga, Gary L. Nichols. Kenneth A. Hartman 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon.			
30	Bethlehem, Thomasville .....	Earl W. Peters, Jr.....	Bruce T. Fykes ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs.
31	Arnold de Troye, Buford .Lawrence M. Rich ...		C. Danny Wofford ...	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.
33	Philemon, Toccoa .....	Douglas E. Warr .....	Christopher J. Ayers.....	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.
35	Griffin, Griffin .....	R. David McEntyre ...	Brandon S. Yarbrough ...	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.
36	Waycross, Waycross ...	Nikki W. Jordan....	James C. Clark. ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs.
37	Blue Ridge Mtn, McCaysville ..	Walter Kissel .Floyd Edmondson. ....		4 <sup>th</sup> Mon.
38	DeKalb, Decatur .....	Daniel Boyles.....	Jerry D. Moss .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon.
39	Trinity, Blakely .....	Olin F. Thompson ...	John C. Allen.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.
40	Douglasville, Douglasville ..	Greely R. Graves, Jr. Emmet R. McCall .3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.		
41	Amicalola, Jasper .....	Ronald S. Matthews....	Steven G. Harris .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.
42	Coastal Plain, Tifton .....	John W. Henderson ..	Jeremy W. Hobbs .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.
43	St. Michael, Cochran ...	Brian K. Mason .....	A. Neil Mims.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.
45	St. Peter, Warner Robins .Charles E. Ferguson.Arthur H. Clarke, Jr. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.			

#### **GRAND RECORDERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **JURISDICTION GRAND RECORDER TO GEORGIA FROM GEORGIA**

Alabama .....	Arthur C. Harding.....	Claude C. McGraw .	Gary Lemmons
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Delaware .....	Donald D. Thomas....	C. William Tulloch	Bobby B. Simmons
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Iowa.....	Edward T. Johnson....	Robert K. Griffith.....	James T. Farmer
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Kentucky.....	John F. Kirby.....	William F. Alderdice	Lloyd Lienbaugh
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Missouri .....	Kevin B. Sample .....	Kevin B. Sample .....	Carl J. Gamel
Montana .....	C. Thomas Bersuch ..	Ralph R. Coleman	Johnnie M. Garmon
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**MASONIC CALENDAR**  
**ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS**

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "In the year of light."

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.Inv.), "In the year of the discovery."

**ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD**

Dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Benefacionis (A.B.), "The year of the blessing."

**ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.), "In the year of deposit."

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

Commence the era with the organization of the Order. Anno Ordinis, (A.O.), "In the year of the Order."

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**RULES FOR MASONIC DATES IN 2015**

**Ancient Craft Masons-**

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus:  $2015 + 4000 = 6015$

**Royal Arch Masons-**

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus:  $2015 + 530 = 2545$

**Order of High Priesthood-**

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus:  $2015 + 1913 = 3928$

**Royal and Select Masters-**

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus:  $2015 + 1000 = 3015$

**Knights Templar-**

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus:  $2015 - 1118 = 897$

**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
March 31, 2015**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**  
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We have compiled the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons (a not-for-profit organization), as of March 31, 2015, and the related consolidated statement of activities for the twelve months then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles requires that marketable securities be reported at fair market value. Management is reporting the Organization's marketable securities at historical cost as determined by the original purchase price of the security. The effect of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles has not been determined. Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the consolidated statement of cash flows required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures and consolidated statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters,

March 15, 2016

**\*\*NOTE:** An identical letter was submitted for the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery

GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
CONSOLIDATED  
March 31, 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts \$ 518,432.20

Investments, at cost

Moseley Pension Fund, at cost

Due from other

Total current assets \$ 10.00

862.87

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

1844.00

Building improvements

2,716.87

Less accumulated depreciation

Net property and equipment

TOTAL ASSETS

475,864.18

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

39,851.15

515,715.33

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to CCMRF

Due to RARA

Payroll taxes payable

Total current liabilities

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted

Temporarily restricted

Total net assets

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET

ASSETS \$518,432.20

\$ 152,328.53

254,896.93

37,634.31

3,312.41

\$448,172.18

73,031.92

(2,771.90)

70,260.02

CONSOLIDATED

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income

Building income

Gain on sale of securities

Dividend income

Rituals and miscellaneous income

Long-term capital gain distributions

Other income

Net support and  
revenue

NET ASSETS RELEASED

FROM RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions satisfied by  
payments

Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	229,894.66
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PROGRAM EXPENSES

Conference expense	3,265.39
Dues-General Grand Chapter	
Grand High Priest expense	233,160.05
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	
Investment expense	1,188.87
Investment fee	4,344.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	2,184.66
North Carolina Summer Assembly	
RARA	1,932.00
Rainbow	265.39
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension expense	2,611.40
Travel	100.00
Triennial	100.00
DeMolay	(71.00)
Entertainment -distinguished guests	100.00
Grand Recorder expense	3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	4,000.00
Investment fee	1,750.00
Rituals and other printed material	100.00
Total program expenses	17,386.50
	30,346.14
	3,000.00
	70.56
	<u>6175.48</u>
	78,584.00

12 Months ended  
Mar. 31, 2015

\$ 145,341.00
42,700.16
19,682.70
8,198.51
8,019.66
4,937.65
<u>1 014.98</u>

CONSOLIDATED

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Bank service charges  
Charitable contributions  
Depreciation expense  
Insurance  
Legal and professional expense  
Office supplies and expense

Postage  
Printing  
Repairs and maintenance  
Salaries  
Taxes-payroll  
Telephone  
Utilities  
Total management and general expenses

Total expenses	52,477.16
	4,051.72
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,747.85
	<u>21,634.32</u>
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	141,627.83
Investment income	
Net assets released from restrictions	220,211.83
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	12,948.22
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	(1,391.43)
NET ASSETS, beginning	(3,265.39)
NET ASSETS, ending	(4,656.82)
	8,291.40
	<u>507,423.93</u>
	\$ 515,715.33

12 Months ended  
Mar. 31, 2015

30.00  
725.00  
1,825.80  
2,359.30  
600.00  
13,489.92  
1,139.32  
7,523.32  
31,024.12

#### GENERAL FUND

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS  
SUPPORT AND REVENUE  
Per capita income  
Gain (loss) on sale of securities  
Dividend income  
Long-term capital gain distributions  
Rituals and miscellaneous income  
Net support and revenue  
  
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM  
RESTRICTIONS  
Restrictions satisfied by payments

Total unrestricted support,  
revenue and net assets  
released from restrictions

PROGRAM EXPENSES  
Conference expense  
Dues-General Grand  
Chapter  
Grand High Priest expense  
Grand Officers Jewel and  
apron maintenance fund  
Investment expense  
Investment fee  
Masonic Home Endowment  
Fund



North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
RARA	3,000.00
Rainbow	4,000.00
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension expense	1 750.00
Travel	21,505.32
Triennial	
Total program expenses	
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	600.00
Charitable contributions	100.00
Office supplies and expense	3449.00
Utilities	4149.00
Total management and general expenses	25,654.32
Total expenses	70,847.02
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(1,391.43)
Net investment income	(3,265.39)
Net assets released from restrictions	
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY	(4,656.82)
RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	66,190.20
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	370,373.17
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>\$ 436,563.37</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	

	BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND
12 Months ended Mar. 31, 2015	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
	SUPPORT AND REVENUE
\$61,805.00	Per capita income
19,600.94	Building income
6,940.41	Other income
4,736.60	Dividend income
153.00	Other income
93,235.95	Long-term capital gain distributions
	Gain (loss) on sale of securities
3265.39	Net support and revenue
96,501.34	NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS
	Restrictions satisfied by payments
1,188.87	Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions
4,344.00	
2,184.66	
1,932.00	
265.39	
2,611.40	PROGRAM EXPENSES
100.00	DeMolay
100.00	Entertainment - distinguished guests
(71.00)	Grand Recorder expense

Grand Treasurer Expense	
Investment fee	
Rituals and other printed material	0.00
Total program expenses	136,658.71

#### MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Bank service charges	
Charitable contributions	100.00
Depreciation expense	17,386.50
Insurance	30,346.14
Legal and professional expense	3,000.00
Office supplies and expense	70.56
Postage	6 175.48
Printing	57,078.68
Repairs and maintenance	
Salaries	
Taxes-payroll	30.00
Telephone	125.00
Utilities	1,825.80
Total management and general expenses	2,359.30
Total expenses	600.00
	13,389.92
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	1,139.32
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	7,523.32
NET ASSETS, beginning	31,024.12
NET ASSETS, ending	52,477.16

4,051.72  
4,747.85  
18,185.32  
137,478.83  
194,557.51

	0.00
12 Months ended	(57,898.80)
<u>Mar. 31, 2015</u>	<u>137,050.76</u>
	<u>\$79 151 96</u>

\$ 83,536.00  
42,700.16  
7,866.66  
1,258.10  
1,014.98  
201.05  
81.76  
136,658.71

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FINANCIAL REPORT  
March 31, 2015

**ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 57,953.40
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	34,730.84
N/R-Grand Chapter of GA	875.25
Total current assets	<u>93,559.49</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 93,559.49

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due to/from RAM	
Total current liabilities	\$ 4,880.62
NET ASSETS	4,880.62
Undistracted	
Total net assets	88,678.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	88,678.87
	\$ 93,559.49

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	51,547.93
Dividend income	935.57
Long-term capital gain distributions	760.39
Rituals and miscellaneous income	390.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	232.44
Net support and revenue	<u>53,866.33</u>

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	325.00
DeMolay	(1055.00)
Dues-General Grand Council	3,626.00
Entertainment -distinguished guests	300.00
Grand Chapter expense	36,970.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maint. Fund	6,098.00
K. T. Eye Foundation	100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rent	<u>3449.00</u>
Total program expenses	50,113.00

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES

Charitable contributions	500.00
Investment fee	252.63
Legal and professional expense	900.00
Office supplies and expense	<u>288.87</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>1,941.50</u>
Total expenses	52,054.50

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS, beginning	1,811.83
	86,867.04
NET ASSETS, ending	\$ 88,618.81

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
April 30, 2015  
ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	110,078.43
SunTrust Bank-money market	3,609.81
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	316,904.58
Moseley Pension Fund, at cost	<u>35,313.94</u>
Total current assets	465,906.76
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	(992.37)
Net property and equipment	<u>27,027.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 492,934.34
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due to RAM	<u>\$3,690.00</u>
Total current liabilities	\$ 3,690.00
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	451,548.31
Temporarily restricted	37,696.03
Total net assets	489,244.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 492,934.34</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Per capita income	\$ 84,272.88
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	30,076.73
Dividend income	9,933.36
Long-term capital gain distributions	6,184.50
Moseley Coin Income	3,000.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>100.00</u>
Net support and revenue	133,567.47
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM	
RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	3,249.72
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	136,817.19
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	1,411.86
Conference expense	300.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	30,825.00
Grand Lodge Children's Garden	500.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	915.00
Hospitality expense	100.00
Investment expense	249.72
K.T. Eye Foundation	100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
Rainbow	100.00

Shady Dale Rodeo	125.00
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension expense	3000.00
Travel	<u>4000.00</u>
Total program expenses	41,926.00

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL  
EXPENSES

Depreciation expense	700.50
Hospitality expense	200.00
Investment fee	3,255.12
Legal and professional expense	900.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	47,816.00
Moseley Coin Expenses	3,050.60
Office supplies and expense	1,345.32
Rent expense	<u>10,649.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>67,916.54</u>

Total expenses	<u>109,843.12</u>
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INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	26,974.07
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TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net investment gain	1,783.39
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(3,249.72)</u>

DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSET	<u>(1,466.33)</u>
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	25,507.74
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>463,736.60</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	\$489,244.34