

2026 GRAND YORK RITE SESSION



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GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2025 - 2026

Right Eminent Grand Commander ----- Daniel C. Ricketts
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander ----- William W. Grist
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Eminent Grand Captain General ----- Alessandro V. Silva
Eminent Grand Senior Warden ----- William T. White
Eminent Grand Junior Warden ----- John T. Flener, Jr.
Eminent Grand Prelate ----- Rev. Donald C. Combs
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Eminent Grand Recorder ----- Mark A. Bradley
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Eminent Grand Warden ----- Tyler W. Pledger
Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard ----- John E. Finch, Jr.
Eminent Grand Sentinel ----- Ainsley E. Coley
Eminent Grand Adjutant ----- Anthony C. Williams

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2025 - 2026

Most Excellent Grand High Priest ----- Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Right Excellent Grand King ----- Joe R. Bush
Right Excellent Grand Scribe ----- Jack J. Bell
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer ----- Matthew R. Astin
Right Excellent Grand Secretary ----- Mark A. Bradley
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Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner ----- Johnie M. Garmon
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain ----- John E. Finch, Jr.
Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil ----- Matthew Sanford
Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil ----- Brandon P. Simmons
Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil ----- Michael J. Etheridge
Excellent Grand Sentinel ----- Ditar W. Chavez

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025 - 2026

Most Illustrious Grand Master ----- John C. Miller
Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master ----- James R. Harris, Sr.
RI Grand Principal Conductor of Work ----- James D. Arnold
RI Grand Treasurer ----- Matthew R. Astin
RI Grand Recorder ----- Mark A. Bradley
Illustrious Grand Captain of Guard ----- Keith Hales
Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council ----- Michael L. Hamlin
Illustrious Grand Chaplain ----- Robert R. Cordle
Illustrious Grand Marshal ----- Peter D. Bard
Illustrious Grand Steward ----- Richard L. Tanner
Illustrious Grand Sentinel ----- John W. Beckum

**GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA
2026 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

May 1-2, 2026

**Grand Lodge-Chapter Building
811 Mulberry Street
Macon, Georgia 31201**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

7:30 AM Grand Master's Class ----- Grand Chapter Building

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration ----- Grand Chapter Building

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

6:30 AM Registration ----- Grand Chapter Building
7:30 AM Joint Business ----- Grand Chapter Building
9:00 AM Grand Commandery Annual Conclave ----- Grand Chapter Building
10:30 AM Grand Chapter Annual Convocation ----- Grand Chapter Building
12:00 PM *Break for Lunch*
1:30 PM Grand Council Annual Assembly ----- Grand Chapter Building
3:00 PM KTEF Trustee Meeting ----- Grand Chapter Building
3:00 PM Chair Degrees ----- Grand Chapter Building
7:00 PM Awards Banquet ----- Marriott Macon City Center

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

9:00 AM Joint Memorial/Divine Service ----- Grand Chapter Building
9:45 AM Grand Chapter Open Installation ----- Grand Chapter Building
10:30 AM Grand Council Open Installation ----- Grand Chapter Building
11:15 AM Grand Commandery Open Installation ----- Grand Chapter Building
NOON Grand York Rite Reception ----- Grand Chapter Building
2:00 PM Georgia Priority # 39, KYCH ----- Al Sihah Shrine Center
3:00 PM Upper Room Tabernacle HRAKTP ----- Al Sihah Shrine Center

2025-2026 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Tyler Pledger; South: Matthew Sanford and Joey Jackson

Assistant Custodians: Peter Bard and Mike Etheridge

MEGHP Address: William Shepard, Chair; Hugh Watson; and John Henry Johnson

Finance: Jack Bell, Chair; Keith Hales; and Keith Bryant

Memorial: Donald Combs; Robert Cordle; and Timothy Starling

Jurisprudence: William Shepard, Chair; Danny Wofford; and Andrew Lane

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe Turner, Chair; Stephen Higgins; and Matthew Sanford

Foreign Correspondent: Joe Turner

Credentials: Bobby Simmons, Chair; David Simmons; Tommy Kimbrell; Matthew Astin

Auditing: Mike Taylor; Lloyd Lane; James Arnold

R. A. R. A.: John Finch, Chair; Thomas Chapman; Johnnie Garmon

Building Trustees: Mark Bradley, Chair; Michael Wilson; Hugh Watson; William Shepard; Jack Bell; Matthew Sanford

Entertainment: Mark Bradley, Chair; Judd Wolfe

Educational/Historical: Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe Turner; Timothy Starling; Jimmy Densmore; and Matthew Sanford

Long Range Planning: James Bard, Chair; Joe Bush; Tyler Pledger; and Jim Harris

Public Relations: John Flener, Chair; Mark Bradley; Rick Hallwood

Membership: Tyler Pledger Chair; James Bard; Brandon Simmons

Perpetual Memberships: Benjamin Polston, Chair; Larry Nichols; Michael Wilson; Mark Bradley; and Matthew Astin

Code Revision: Joe Turner, Chair; Ryan Nealey; and William White

Masonic Messenger Supplement: John Flener, Chair; and John Finch

Web Master: Thomas Chapman, Chair; Richard Peterson; and Mark Bradley

Grand Master Y.R. Festival: John Flener, Chair; Daniel Ricketts; Peter Bard; and Joey Jackson

Photographer: Thomas Chapman, Chair; Bayardo Reyes; and Robert Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnnie Garmon

Fundraising: Keith Hales, Chair; and John Flener

Sunshine: Floyd Edmondson

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Foreign Correspondent: Joe Turner

Credentials: Bobby Simmons, Chair; David Simmons; Tommy Kimbrell; and Matthew Astin

Auditing: Mike Taylor, Chair; Lloyd Lane; and James Arnold

CMMRF: Peter Bard; Sudhanshu Shukla; Mike Taylor; James Arnold; Keith Bryant; and Joe Bradley

Entertainment: Mark Bradley, Chair; and Judd Wolfe

Educational/Historical: Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe Turner; Timothy Starling; Jimmy Densmore; and Matthew Sanford

Long Range Planning: James Bard, Chair; Joe Bush; Tyler Pledger; and Jim Harris

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Photographer: Thomas Chapman, Chair; Bayardo Reyes; and Robert Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie Garmon

Fundraising: Keith Hales, Chair; and John Flener

Sunshine: Floyd Edmondson

2025-2026 GRAND COMMANDERY APPOINTMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Finance: Jack Bell, Chair; Keith Hales; and John Finch

Memorial: Donald Combs (Commandery); Tim Starling (Chapter); and Rusty Cordle (Council)

Jurisprudence: William Shepard, Chair; Danny Wofford; Daniel Ricketts; Tommy Marshall; and Tyler Pledger

Charter/ By-Law/ Dispensation: Joe Turner, Chair; Stephen Higgins; and Matthew Sanford

Triennial: Bobby Simmons, Chair; Ryan Nealey; and Tommy Marshall

Education (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM): Clyde Griffin, Chair; Bobby Simmons, Vice Chair; Johnie Garmon; James Stevens; and Ditmar Chavez

Relief: William Grist, Chair; Mark Bradley; Matthew Astin; Tyler Pledger; and Tommy Marshall

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: William White, Chair; and Ryan Nealey

Patriotic & Civic: Ryan Nealey, Chair; John Flener; William White; and Alessandro Silva

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby Simmons, Chair; Johnie Garmon; and Lloyd Leinbaugh

Credentials: Bobby Simmons, Chair; David Simmons; Tommy Kimbrell; and Matthew Astin

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry Hensley, Chair; Donald Combs;

and Gregory Foster

Easter Sunrise Service: John Flener, Chair; William White; Brad Simmons; Tracy Wright; Mark Bradley; and Judd Wolfe

Inspection Reports: William Shepard, Chair; Lloyd Leinbaugh; and Floyd Edmondson

Long Range Planning: James Bard, Chair; Joe Bush; Tyler Pledger; and *All Dais Officers*

Membership: Tyler Pledger, Chair; Ryan Nealey; Matthew Sanford; and Brandon Simmons

Code Revision: Joe Turner, Chair; Ryan Nealey; and William White

Perpetual Membership: Benjamin Polston, Chair; Michael Wilson; Larry Nichols; Mark Bradley; and Matthew Astin

Tactics and Ritual: Daniel Ricketts, Chair; and Tommy Marshall

Education and Historical: Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe Turner; Jimmy Densmore; William Cantrell; and Matthew Sanford

Masonic Messenger Supplement: John Flener, Chair; and John Finch

Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: John Flener, Chair; Daniel Bennett; and Thomas Chapman

Public Relations: John Flener, Chair; Mark Bradley; Thomas Chapman; John Finch; and Rick Hallwood

Web Master: Thomas Chapman, Chair; Richard Petersen; and Mark Bradley

Fraternal Correspondence: Joe Turner, Chair

Entertainment: Mark Bradley, Chair; Judd Wolfe; and William Shepard

Audit: Mike Taylor, Chair; Lloyd Lane; and James Arnold

Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel Ricketts; South: Tommy Marshall

GM York Rite Festival: John Flener, Chair; Daniel Ricketts; Peter Bard; and Matt Sanford

Photographer: Thomas Chapman, Chair; Bayardo Reyes; and Robert Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie Garmon

Sunshine: Floyd Edmondson

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

Companions, it is my sad duty to report that 89 Companions of the Chapter have lain aside their working tools and traveled upon that Level of time to that undiscovered country from whose Bourne no traveler ever returns. Psalms 147:3 reminds us that "*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*". Revelation 21:4 promises us "*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*" While we mourn the loss of our companions, let us rejoice in the knowledge that they no longer have to suffer the ills and imperfections of this secular world. They have earned their celestial rewards and ascended to that house not made with hands. Let us rejoice in the promise of eternal peace and salvation.

Respectful Submitted: Timothy K. Starling

GRAND COUNCIL

Honoring the Legacy and Service of Our Departed Members

The Grand Council Memorial Report respectfully acknowledges and honors the memory of our distinguished members who have passed away during the past year- Their dedication, service, and commitment to our organization have left an indelible mark on the history and values of our Council.

We remember with gratitude the contributions each member made to our community, reflecting on their achievements and the positive impact they had on both colleagues and the broader society- As we mourn their loss, we also celebrate their lives and legacies, which continue to inspire us all.

Let this report serve not only as a record of remembrance but also as a reminder of our shared responsibility to uphold the standards and traditions they so faithfully embodied. May their memory be a blessing and their example a guiding light for current and future members.

In this spirit of remembrance, we also extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of the 71 Companions who have gone home to be with our Lord. Their loved ones remain in our hearts as we honor the cherished memories and enduring legacies of those we have lost.

Respectfully Submitted: Rusty Cordle

GRAND COMMANDERY

"Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also, may be where I am." (John 14:1-3 NIV)

We have often been reminded of the fact that we are born to die. Mortality has been brought to view, that we might more intently seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life. As this Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it our sad duty to report that 65 of our Companion Sir Knights have been called home to their heavenly reward. Sir Knights we knew and loved. The light of their eyes and their expressions of fraternal greeting have ceased here on this earth. Their swords, vowed to be drawn only in the cause of truth, justice and liberty, rest peacefully in their scabbards, and our arms can no longer shield or protect them. But as they rest in heavenly sleep, we bow our heads in sympathetic sorrow like the martyrs of old and proclaim with jubilation their triumphant faith. The spirits of our departed Sir Knights have entered into the life immortal. We remember their Knightly qualities and commend their spirits unto God. We can confidently dedicate them into the hands of an Eternal Father. Delivered from the limitations of this life, the spirit lives and abides in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ; whose life is the judgment of our works and whose resurrection is the pledge of our immortality. Sir Knights, farewell, and may the sunshine of Heaven's beam be bright upon your reawakening.

Almighty God, we humbly lift our hearts and remember in loving mercy those souls whom we turn over to you. Give unto them the consolation they so need and cause us to look above to the life which lies in your immortality. Lead us by your grace and spirit, to seek those things which make for us our everlasting peace, so that when at last our earthly pilgrimage ends, *"when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken,"* you will indeed be Immanuel - God with us. May the lamp of your love dispel

the gloom of the dark and may we be enabled by our faith in the Son of Glory to gain admission into the blessed temple above. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Eminent Grand Prelate

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I want to thank Almighty God for all His many blessings on me, my family and our Masonic family. I also want to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joe Oelgoetz, Most Illustrious Grand Master John Miller, and Right Eminent Grand Commander Dan Ricketts for appointing me to this committee. I thank all of you who have informed me of those members of our Masonic family who need prayers, updates on their situations and also for information about masonic events around our great state. Also, thank you for your prayers on behalf of the requests that have been made. May God continue to bless you and our Masonic Fraternity.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd Edmondson

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

Greetings to the Most Excellent High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions:

I am very satisfied to report that there were a couple of schools of instruction. One at Buford, which was well attended, and another for Chapter only in Alpharetta, which was also well attended. There seems to be more interest in getting more Schools of Instruction going as there will be one in Rome later this year on September 12. Hoping for great attendance there.

There have been several times where the degrees were conferred this past year, such as the Covington York Rite Festival, Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, Seventh District, and The Grand Masters Class. I am very encouraged by the amount of Chapters and Councils stepping up to perform degrees at festivals and in-house as well. If any Chapter or Council needs help performing any degree, don't hesitate to reach out to your Custodians.

Respectfully Submitted: Tyler Pledger and Peter Bard, Grand Custodians of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

GRAND CHAPTER

I would like to thank our MEGHP Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity. I would also like to express my thanks to the assistant custodians for their help this year.

This year has been another year of renewal and restoration for the craft as we have continued to meet regularly and confer degrees. I have assisted several chapters in the conferral of the Chapter degrees, but I have not received any requests for instructional help as of the date of this report.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to the craft for allowing me to serve you. Companions, stay committed to this Fraternity, the greatest Fraternity on Earth and continue to strive to improve it to the best of your abilities.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COUNCIL

I would like to thank our MIGM John C. Miller for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity. I would also like to express my thanks to the assistant custodians for their help this year.

This year has seen the craft make strides in our mission to imbue brothers with more light as we gain new members in all bodies of York Rite. I am pleased to report that York Rite lodges and conventions in the southern part of the state continue to meet regularly and confer degrees. I have had the pleasure of assisting several councils in the conferral of the cryptic degrees. As of the date of this report, I have not received any requests for instructional help.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to the craft for allowing me to serve you. Companions, stay committed to the Craft and continue to strive to improve it to the best of your abilities.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COMMANDERY

We have experienced a highly successful year, as evidenced by the number of new York Rite members reported during the administrative inspections. Numerous individual bodies have demonstrated initiative by conducting their own work, a practice that is both commendable and beneficial to the Craft. The festivals conducted throughout the year have continued to be well attended, and the overall caliber of the work performed has been exceptional.

Furthermore, several Schools of Instruction were conducted throughout the state for the Royal Arch and the Council of Royal and Select Masters. During the course of the administrative inspections, Schools of Instruction were also conducted by the Grand Commander and myself. Attendance at each of these Schools was excellent, and they served to enhance proficiency, consistency, and excellence in the work across the jurisdiction.

The York Rite Masons of Georgia are to be commended and should take great pride in the dedication, effort, and accomplishments demonstrated during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian of the South

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

Your Membership Committee respectfully submits the following report for the Grand Chapter of Georgia:

As of December 31, 2025, the Grand Chapter reflects a total membership of 2,436 Companions, representing a net loss of 17 members from the previous year, after accounting for a data adjustment of two Chapters.

During the year, the Chapter experienced positive growth through:

- 74 Exaltations
- 99 Affiliations
- 4 Reinstatements

Total gains amounted to 144 Companions.

However, losses included:

- 31 Demits
- 41 Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues
- 89 Deaths

Total losses amounted to 161 Companions.

While the net change reflects a slight decrease, the strong number of exaltations and affiliations demonstrates continued interest in Capitular Masonry. The Committee encourages continued focus on:

- Retention through engagement and relevance
- Reduction in suspensions for non-payment of dues
- Strengthening local Chapter visibility and recruitment efforts

Respectfully Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chairman

GRAND COUNCIL

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions:

Your Membership Committee respectfully submits the following report for the Grand Council of Georgia:

As of December 31, 2025, the Grand Council reports a total membership of 1,915 Companions, reflecting a net loss of 22 members, inclusive of a data adjustment of two Councils.

Membership gains included:

- 76 Greeted
- 43 Affiliations
- 2 Reinstatements

Total gains: 121 Companions

Membership losses included:

- 27 Demits
- 45 Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues
- 71 Deaths

Total losses: 143 Companions

While losses slightly exceeded gains, the number of new Companions demonstrates continued interest in Cryptic Masonry. The Committee recommends:

- Increased emphasis on member engagement and education
- Proactive follow-up to prevent suspensions
- Strengthening the pathway from Chapter to Council participation

Respectfully Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

Your Membership Committee respectfully submits the following report for the Grand Commandery of Georgia:

As of December 31, 2025, the Grand Commandery reports a total membership of 1,702 Sir Knights, reflecting a net loss of 62 members, following a data adjustment of one Commandery.

Membership gains included:

- 93 Knightings
- 45 Affiliations
- 3 Reinstatements

Total gains: 141 Sir Knights

Membership losses included:

- 65 Demits
- 73 Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues
- 65 Deaths

Total losses: 203 Sir Knights

While the number of Knightings remains strong, the overall decline highlights the need for renewed focus on retention and engagement. The Committee strongly encourages:

- Intentional mentorship of newly Knighted Sir Knights
- Active engagement in Commandery programs and Christian chivalric work
- Reduction in suspensions through early intervention and communication

The future strength of our Commanderies depends not only on recruitment, but on meaningful involvement and purpose.

Respectfully Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

To the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, the Education and Historical Committee wishes to make the following report:

We offer the following recommendations:

Worshipful Masters are constantly seeking programs for their communications and if requested we need the ability to provide an interesting and informative program on York Rite Masonry. We have numerous well-qualified Companions who are ready and willing to offer assistance.

The Committee recommends that each Chapter have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Companions. We need to do more than open, read the minutes, and close.

As a Chapter, visit other Chapters to provide extended fellowship, and assistance when needed.

The Committee recommends that each Royal Arch Mason read the paper entitled "A Brief History of the Grand Chapter of Georgia" written by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner. As we look to the future let us take a look at the past and our great tradition of bringing "more light" to Masons.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; Jimmy Densmore; and Matthew Sanford

GRAND COUNCIL

To the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, the Education and Historical Committee wishes to make the following report:

1. Worshipful Masters are constantly seeking programs for their communications and if requested we need the ability to provide an interesting and informative program on York Rite Masonry. We have numerous well-qualified Companions who are ready and willing to offer assistance.
2. It is recommended that each Companion who has not received the Super Excellent Master Degree make it a point during the year to receive this most impressive and educational Degree. There are normally two or more opportunities across our State each year to receive the Degree. There are no fees or dues, and it is a lifetime membership.
3. The Committee recommends that each Council have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Companions. We need to do more than open, read the minutes, and close.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, John C. Miller.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; Matthew Sanford; Timothy K. Starling; and Jimmy Densmore

GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, the Education and Historical Committee wishes to make the following report:

Sir Knights, please review the following recommendations and requests.

Recommendations and Requests

4. We again request each Commandery in Georgia to prepare a history of the Commandery and submit it to the Committee.
5. That the Sir Knights of Georgia prepare papers on any subject regarding notable Sir Knights, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in Georgia.
6. That consideration is given by Grand Commandery to writing an updated History of Templary in Georgia.
7. The Committee recommends that each Commandery have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Sir Knights.
8. Visit Symbolic Lodges, first requesting an opportunity to provide educational information on the advantages of York Rite membership.

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Daniel C. Ricketts, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; Jimmy Densmore; William E. Cantrell; and Matthew Sanford

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Greetings Companions,

Once again, I appreciate the confidence shown by our leaders by re-appointing me to chair this committee for 2025-2026. After several years of being very active and productive, the Long-Range Planning Committee did not meet this year. As there will be a need to assess the results of our work from previous years, I do anticipate that the committee will need to meet to do just that in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC COMMITTEE

Sir Knights:

On behalf of your Committee on Patriotic & Civic Activities, we submit the following: Knight Templar Masonry and Patriotism are inseparably linked. During the final act of a new member's Knighting ceremony, the Flag of our Country is not only saluted, but an entire lecture is also given over to it. During the Easter Sunrise trip a wreath is always laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—a stark reminder of those that have given all they had for the freedoms we enjoy (and those we take for granted every day).

While many of our members have served in the various armed forces, there are numerous ways that we can show patriotism and participate in Civic Activities:

Volunteering with a community youth group or food bank, stopping to speak to and help the needy we encounter in our daily lives, and voting in local elections. Other examples

include marching in parades, going to churches in uniform, and sponsoring a family at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sir Knights, the best way we can demonstrate our Patriotism in the local communities however is to be moral, law abiding, upstanding members of our communities and to follow the command of our Lord Jesus Christ in Mark Chapter 12, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If we are able to do this and only this, our communities will see and feel the impact our commanderies can have.

Respectfully Submitted: Ryan Nealey, Chairman; John Flener; William T. White; and Alessandro Silva

REPORT OF THE MASONIC MESSENGER SUPPLEMENT COMMITTEE

On behalf of the members of this Committee, EC John E. Finch, Jr. and I wish to respectfully express our sincere appreciation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joseph F. Oelgoetz III; the Most Illustrious Grand Master, John C. Miller; and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Daniel C. Ricketts for the confidence reposed in us through our appointment to this Committee.

The Committee is honored to continue performing this important function in service to the Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia. We look forward to promoting and highlighting the many commendable activities of the York Rite throughout the State. Through these efforts, we are afforded a valuable opportunity to present to our Brethren of the Symbolic Lodge the beauty, instruction, and enlightenment that may be attained through participation in the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite.

Publication Coordination

Spring Issue (March): January 10

Summer Issue (June): April 10

Fall Issue (September): July 10

Winter Issue (December): October 10

All submissions should be sent to: jtflener1@gmail.com

Digital Presence

Due to the limitations of space within the Masonic Messenger, the Committee will continue to utilize digital platforms to further promote the York Rite in Georgia. We encourage all Companions and Sir Knights to regularly visit the official website to remain informed of current activities and developments.

Official Website: www.yorkriteofga.org

Conclusion

The Committee remains steadfast in its commitment to the duties entrusted to it and will continue its labors to strengthen communication, enhance visibility, and promote the unity and growth of the York Rite in Georgia. We respectfully submit this report and look forward to continued progress in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted: John Flener, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GEORGIA SUPPLEMENT OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the members of this Committee, WB Daniel Bennett, EC Thomas Chapman, and I wish to respectfully express our sincere appreciation to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Daniel C. Ricketts, for the confidence reposed in us through our appointment to this Committee.

It is both an honor and a privilege to provide the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America with regular updates regarding the activities, labors, and accomplishments of the Christian Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Through this work, we strive to ensure that the efforts of our Commanderies are properly represented and preserved within the broader Templar fraternity.

Publication Access and Format

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Official Website Address: www.usageekt.org

Submission Guidelines

In accordance with updated submission requirements and publication standards, this Committee is actively working to establish a consistent format and timeline to ensure the timely and effective reporting of Georgia Templar activities. We respectfully encourage all Sir Knights and Commanderies to submit reports of Templar and Masonic activities—both past and forthcoming—for inclusion in the supplement. Submissions should be received no later than fifteen (15) days before the end of each month.

All submissions should be directed to: jtflener1@gmail.com

Conclusion

The Committee remains committed to faithfully discharging the duties entrusted to it and to strengthening communication between the Grand Commandery of Georgia and the Grand Encampment. We look forward to continued improvement in the reporting and visibility of our collective labor.

Respectfully Submitted: John Flener, Chairman

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, Sir Knights and Companions of the Grand York Rite of Georgia,

Your committee thanks you for the opportunity to maintain our York Rite website.

The Website Committee is dedicated to maintaining and improving the York Rite's online presence to better serve our members and visitors. We recognize that this is an ongoing effort and appreciate the support and input from all Companions and Sir Knights.

The Website Committee is committed to making the website as effective and user-friendly as possible. We appreciate the patience, support, and feedback from everyone as we continue to improve your important resource.

Thank you to all of the companions and Sir Knights that contributed to the website's photo gallery. Thank you to our Grand Secretary Mark Bradley for the documentation and training material provided for our Membership database and its uses. Please remember to update the membership information for your local York Rite body each month in the York Rite database. The Grand York Rite of Georgia database is only as good as the information that you provide.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman; Richard T. Petersen; and Mark A. Bradley

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the members of this Committee, MWB Mark A. Bradley, EC Thomas J. Chapman; EC John E. Finch, Jr., WB Rick Hallwood, and I wish to respectfully express our sincere appreciation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joseph F. Oelgoetz III; the Most Illustrious Grand Master, John C. Miller; and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Daniel C. Ricketts for their vision and leadership in establishing this Committee.

Mission of the Committee

To unify and elevate the public image, communication, and outreach of the York Rite in Georgia by promoting its teachings, activities, and Masonic values through coordinated, professional, and consistent public relations efforts.

Current Focus and Progress

The Committee has begun its work toward achieving a unified York Rite identity across the State of Georgia. Central to this effort is the enhancement of both public and Masonic perception of Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric Masonry. Through these efforts, we aim to strengthen the membership pipeline and foster a clearer understanding of the York Rite journey.

We are encouraged to note that both the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery have established quarterly newsletters during the present year. This represents a significant step toward improved communication and coordination among the several bodies of the York Rite.

Recommendations for the Ensuing Year

1. Establishment of a Unified York Rite Newsletter

- That consideration be given to the creation of a single, unified York Rite publication encompassing Chapter, Council, and Commandery, highlighting upcoming events, coverage before, during, and after events, and notable achievements.

2. Development of a Centralized Communication Platform

- An email subscription feature should be established on the official website to allow members and interested Master Masons to receive updates and observe the good works of our Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies.

3. Appointment of Public Relations Representatives

- That each Grand Body appoint a designated Public Relations lead or point of contact for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery to ensure consistent communication statewide, utilizing the Official Social Media accounts.

4. Creation of Informational and Promotional Materials

- That the Committee develops simple explainer graphics and short informational videos to illustrate the pathway of progression within the York Rite: Blue Lodge → Chapter → Council → Commandery.

Conclusion

The Committee remains committed to its charge and will continue its labors to strengthen communication, improve visibility, and promote the unity of the York Rite in Georgia. We respectfully submit this report and look forward to continued progress in the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted: John Flener, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Committee is pleased to report that, as of February 28, 2026, the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 89 Perpetual Members, with a total of \$304,540.95 invested. These funds are invested with Wells Fargo Advisors.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Finance Committee, the Grand Secretary/Recorder, and the Heads of the York Rite Bodies for allowing this investment to continue to grow without withdrawals, thereby maximizing the benefit of compound growth.

The members of the Committee believe that, if this fund is managed properly, it will continue to provide financial stability to the Grand York Rite of Georgia and its constituent Bodies.

Respectfully Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chairman; Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; and Ryan C. Nealey

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter Building Trustees met periodically this year and addressed many issues with our building at 811 Mulberry Street, some ongoing and some new. Most of our previous issues have been addressed, either by repairing them or planning for repairs. The dated electrical wiring and junction boxes in the auditorium required replacement this year. We have also renewed our investigation into an elevator for the building, as well as replacement of the Mulberry Street and rear stoop entrance doors. Updates to follow as we proceed. It is the recommendation of this committee that we return to a building superintendent structure that would allow full-time monitoring and maintenance of our century-old building. This type of building management would include, but not be limited to, regularly scheduled maintenance, facilitating necessary repairs by outside contractors, janitorial services, and lawn care. Unfortunately, the expenses to maintain our beloved Masonic building will never go away. However, with proper management and the continued support of the brethren, companions and sir knights of Georgia, we will move forward in our quest to provide a comfortable, functioning work environment for both our Grand Lodge of Georgia Administrative Office, as well as our own Grand York Rite Office, while also providing an affordable meeting place for those Masonic organizations in search of the same. This year Ms. Julie Hickman continued in caring for our custodial issues, and we also owe a debt of gratitude to Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs since our last report.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Daniel C. Ricketts; MEGHP Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; MIGM John C. Miller; Grand Line Officers, REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; Companions and Sir Knights: It has been a joy to serve these past seven plus years as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve our craft in this meaningful way. To be allowed through your generosity to serve in a role that I love has been rewarding beyond measure. Your Grand York Rite Office has always worked hard to help our local York Rite bodies grow by providing better communications and by being open to feedback from our local and state leaders. With the continued emphasis on shared management of our York Rite database, there has been a broader focus on simplifying the information sharing process. Although this remains an ongoing effort, we

have made great strides in membership management and local administration, while improving the way we communicate to our prospective members.

I would like to commend all our secretaries and recorders for stepping forward and accepting a volunteer role in your local bodies that requires more from you than most of us realize. You remain the backbone of our constituent Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. THANK YOU FOR DOING A GREAT JOB!!! My recommendations as your retiring statewide York Rite counterpart would be to continue your commitment to our York Rite database, diligently working towards getting your bylaws updated, and minimizing our suspensions from non-payment of dues, and our continued focus on recruitment and retention through relevance. Your Grand York Rite Office is blessed to have an Office Manager like Ms. Marla Horton. Working side-by-side with her as we served you has been one of the greatest growth experiences of my life. Her kindness to others is present in everything she does, as she remains the strength of your Georgia Grand York Rite office.

GRAND CHAPTER	
Chapters effective 12-31-2024	48
Chapters effective 12-31-2025	46
Data adjustment from 2024	-2
Members effective 12-31-24	2419
Exalted	74
Affiliated	99
Reinstated	4
GAIN	144
Demitted	31
Suspended	41
Deceased	89
LOSS	-161
NET GAIN/LOSS	-17
Members 12-31-2025	2436

GRAND COUNCIL	
Councils effective 12-31-2024	46
Councils effective 12-31-2025	44
Data Adjustment from 2024	-2
Members effective 12-31-24	1937
Greeted	76
Affiliated	43
Reinstated	2
GAIN	121
Demitted	27
Suspended	45
Deceased	71
LOSS	-143
NET GAIN/LOSS	-22
Members 12-31-2025	1915

GRAND COMMANDERY	
Commanderies 12-31-2024	32
Commanderies 12-31-2025	31
Data Adjustment from 2024	-1
Members effective 12-31-24	1764
Knighted	93
Affiliated	45
Reinstated	3
GAIN	141
Demitted	65
Suspended	73
Deceased	65
LOSS	-203
NET GAIN/LOSS	-62
Members 12-31-2025	1702

Pray for me as I continue my journey and thank you for letting me be a part of yours.
Respectfully Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

MEGHP Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; MIGM John C. Miiler; REGC Daniel C. Ricketts; Grand York Rite Grand Line Officers; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; REPGCs; Distinguished Guests; My Companions and Sir Knights All: Thank you for permitting me the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Treasurer for the past several months.

The years of immense service to the Grand York Rite Bodies by PMEGHP and Grand Treasurer Wade C. Smith cannot be overlooked. I am humbled to follow this giant in Georgia Freemasonry as your Grand Treasurer.

The Grand York Rite Office has continued to operate with the utmost efficiency in this year of change. The twelve-month office management calendar continues to insure seamless operations flow. I express my extreme gratitude to both Mark and Marla for welcoming me into the fold.

Financially, the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia are in good hands. All accounts are actively monitored, and regular review is made by the Finance Committee. The investment and checking accounts are reflected in the KTEF Trustees Report. One of the big investments made this year was the purchase of the voting system being used at this years' Grand Sessions. This will also provide the opportunity to generate revenue by offering the system for rental.

It is my hope that the future of the Georgia Grand York Rite holds continued success with growth in membership and greater contributions to our charities.

May God Bless and keep my beloved Georgia Grand York Rite family safe and prosperous for another year.

Your Humble Servant: Matthew R. Astin, Grand Treasurer.

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 for the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program make the following report. My sincere gratitude goes out to Most Excellent Companion Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia for appointing me chairman of the Georgia RARA Committee for 2025. I also want to thank those Friends and Companions whom I am so very honored to serve with: Excellent Companion Tom Chapman, Grand Captain of the Host, and MW & Excellent Companion Johnie Garmon, Grand Principal Sojourner. Thank you both for your help this year, in representing RARA to all the Lodges, Chapters and District Conventions you attended this year.

And none of this would have been possible without the charitable spirit and generous giving by the Companions of Georgia. It is through the continued dedication of this Committee and the efforts of those Companions around the state that we can provide support to the research into the understanding and mitigation of Central Auditory Processing Disorder.

In Georgia, a total of 73 separate contributions were generously given in the name of RARA. Of these 34 were from individual Chapters, 17 from District Conventions, 1 from Grand Chapter, 16 from individual donors, 3 from other Masonic bodies, with \$2,000 raised during the RARA Cruise.

For the year from March 2025 through March 2026, Georgia Royal Arch Masons gave generously for a grand total of \$47,537. There are over 70 jurisdictions that donate to RARA, so the generosity of the Companions of Georgia have helped keep Georgia in the top 5 in worldwide giving!

On behalf of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program Committee, we want to thank all the Georgia York Rite Masons for their generous donations and active support of this very worthwhile program during this past year.

Respectfully Submitted: John (Jay) E. Finch, Jr., Chairman; Tom Chapman, and Johnie Garmon

REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Greetings to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions:

I am pleased to announce that Georgia had a great year when it came to CMMRF donations! The state donated \$21,443 which means we finished #3 in the world.

Companions, I truly cannot thank you enough. Well done!

I was pleased to see the Royal Order of Zanzibar come back as well. It is a fun degree and all the proceeds go to CMMRF. Special thank you to Lakewood Council #10 for hosting the event back in October of 2025.

Special shout out to Marietta Council #74 (my home Council by the way) as well for hosting a Table Council back in November of 2025 where the proceeds and donations went to CMMRF. It was a great event with a silent auction and a great program as well. It has been a great year for Georgia. Let us strive to beat these numbers in order to support CMMRF further next year and stay in the top 5 where the great state of Georgia belongs!

Respectfully Submitted: Peter D. Bard

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Companions and Sir Knights of the York Rite Bodies of the State of Georgia. The Finance Committee met on a quarterly basis to review the books and reconcile the checking accounts. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for the dedication of the hard work given by the Grand Secretary/Recorder, the Grand Treasurer, and the Office Manager. Their excellent record keeping, the presentation of all accounts, and their ability to answer questions made it easy to review all bank statements and accounts in a timely manner. All accounts are current, and the balance accurately reflects available funds.

After much consideration from our Leadership, a budget was determined for the ensuing year. The proposed budget for next year is the result of many hours of hard work to ensure the budget follows our code requiring it to be balanced. The Leadership and the Finance Committee were consulted in the budget preparation. Increased membership will help all York Rite Bodies to stay within our budget. The Finance Committee recommends the principal monies in the investment accounts NOT be touched and all future spending comes from income only. We recommend the proposed budget for the ensuing year be passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chairman; Keith Hales; Keith Bryant

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Excellent Grand Chapter, the Most Illustrious Grand Council, and the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of the Grand York Rite of Georgia.

FROM: The Audit Committee

DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Internal Audit of Financial Accounts and Operational Processes

I. Purpose and Scope

On March 2, 2026, the Audit Committee completed an internal audit of the financial records of the Grand York Rite of Georgia. The primary objective was to ensure the integrity of financial reporting, verify account balances, and evaluate the efficiency of internal fiscal processes.

Of the seven (7) total accounts maintained by the Grand York Rite, the Committee focused its intensive review on the following two primary accounts:

1. Building Account
2. Operating Account

Additionally, the Committee conducted a high-level review of the Investment Accounts to ensure alignment with the organization's long-term financial goals.

II. Audit Findings

Account Accuracy and Balances

The Committee performed a reconciliation of the Building and Operating accounts. Based on our review of bank statements, ledgers, and transaction history:

- Both accounts were found to be in proper balance.
- Financial entries were recorded with a high degree of accuracy.
- The Investment Accounts are being managed in accordance with established oversight protocols.

Process Analysis

The Committee analyzed the internal workflows for:

- Reimbursement Requests: Evaluation of the documentation and approval chain.
- Invoicing and Payments: Review of the timeliness and verification of outgoing payments to vendors.

The processes currently in place are functional; however, the Committee identified opportunities for cost-saving measures and increased administrative efficiency.

III. Recommendations and Administrative Actions

The Audit Committee submitted two primary recommendations based on our findings:

1. Transition to Fee-Free Banking

- Recommendation: To seek a new banking institution or account tier that eliminates monthly maintenance and transaction fees.
- Status: This recommendation is currently being explored. It should be noted that the Grand Secretary/Recorder proactively identified and pushed for this detail prior to the formal committee recommendation, demonstrating commendable fiscal foresight.

2. Vendor Diversification for Refuse Services

- Recommendation: To seek a different vendor for building refuse pickup to potentially lower operational overhead.
- Status: Not Adopted. After an exhaustive search, it was determined that there is a lack of available local vendors to provide competitive alternatives. The current service provider will be retained due to market necessity.

IV. Conclusion

The financial state of the Grand York Rite of Georgia appears stable and the records are being maintained with diligence. The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Grand Secretary/Recorder's office for their cooperation and transparency during this process.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael W. Taylor, Chairman

2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL					
OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT					
	2025-2026 BUDGET		2025-2026 ACTUAL		2026-2027 PROPOSAL
INCOME					
Accrued Capital	\$1,759.40		\$45,142.96		\$2,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00
Grand Session	\$5,500.00		\$8,382.88		\$5,500.00
Grand Chapter Sales	\$2,800.00		\$2,400.00		\$2,800.00
Grand Council Sales	\$2,000.00		\$1,945.00		\$2,000.00
Grand Commandery Sales	\$2,000.00		\$905.00		\$2,000.00
Per Capita	\$140,953.00		\$97,220.00		\$140,953.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$172,012.40		\$172,995.84		\$172,253.00
EXPENSE					
Accrued Capital	\$33.00		\$39,529.94		\$2,153.00
Computer/Copier Maintenance	\$8,500.00		\$6,701.37		\$5,000.00
Grand Session	\$25,000.00		\$17,204.44		\$25,000.00
Grand Secretary/Recorder (Payroll)	\$39,500.00		\$39,796.29		\$40,000.00
Health Insurance Expense *New*	\$17,000.00		\$14,526.82		\$17,000.00
Office Manager (Payroll)	\$42,179.40		\$42,202.51		\$44,000.00
Office Supplies	\$5,500.00		\$5,865.83		\$6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$8,000.00		\$9,063.14		\$9,000.00
Postage	\$2,200.00		\$1,891.93		\$1,800.00
Public Relations	\$100.00		\$651.76		\$100.00
Printing	\$5,000.00		\$4,316.67		\$4,200.00
Telephone/Internet	\$2,500.00		\$2,569.23		\$3,000.00
Travel	\$15,000.00		\$11,480.78		\$15,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$170,512.40		\$195,800.71		\$172,253.00

2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL					
BUILDING CHECKING ACCOUNT					
	2025-2026 BUDGET		2025-2026 ACTUAL		2026-2027 PROPOSAL
INCOME					
Accrued Capital	200.00		2,310.00		200.00
Building Donations	2,000.00		1,100.00		5,000.00
Grand Chapter Rent	11,890.00		11,890.00		11,890.00
Grand Council Rent	8,776.00		8,776.00		8,776.00
Grand Commandery Rent	7,644.00		7,644.00		7,644.00
Grand Lodge Rent	30,254.00		30,254.00		30,254.00
Meeting Fees	1,800.00		2,000.00		1,800.00
TOTAL INCOME	62,564.00		63,974.00		65,564.00
EXPENSE					
Accrued Capital	5,164.00		3,610.00		3,164.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	20,000.00		17,407.66		19,000.00
Building Supplies	6,000.00		5,985.96		5,000.00
Electricity/Georgia Power	14,000.00		11,509.66		12,500.00
Landscaping and Maintenance	5,000.00		4,145.00		4,000.00
Pest Control/Allgood	900.00		827.01		900.00
Property Insurance and Bonds	7,000.00		15,568.71		17,000.00
Trash/Advanced Disposal	2,500.00		2,410.26		2,500.00
Water/Macon Water Authority	2,000.00		1,282.17		1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,564.00		62,746.43		65,564.00

2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL					
CHAPTER CHECKING ACCOUNT					
	2025-2026 BUDGET		2025-2026 ACTUAL		2026-2027 PROPOSAL
INCOME					
Chair Order	\$500.00		\$640.00		\$500.00
Fundraising	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Investment	\$22,365.00		\$0.00		\$22,365.00
Accrued Capital	\$1,000.00		\$314.56		\$1,000.00
Per Capita	\$68,325.00		\$74,020.41		\$68,325.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$92,190.00		\$74,974.97		\$92,190.00
EXPENSE					
Accrued Capital	\$0.00		\$15.00		\$0.00
Awards/Recognition	\$500.00		\$300.00		\$500.00
Building Rent	\$11,890.00		\$11,890.00		\$11,890.00
CPA Compilation	\$1,700.00		\$1,495.00		\$1,700.00
Fundraising	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Grand Session Photos	\$100.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Masonic Charities	\$600.00		\$300.00		\$600.00
MEGHP Travel	\$5,000.00		\$5,482.68		\$5,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$62,500.00		\$35,015.00		\$62,500.00
Per Capita Dues - GGC	\$7,500.00		\$7,305.00		\$7,500.00
Regalia	\$700.00		\$778.40		\$700.00
SE Regional Conference	\$900.00		\$0.00		\$900.00
Triennial	\$800.00		\$0.00		\$800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$92,190.00		\$62,581.08		\$92,190.00

2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL					
COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT					
	2025-2026 BUDGET		2025-2026 ACTUAL		2026-2027 PROPOSAL
INCOME					
Chair Order	\$300.00		\$525.00		\$300.00
Fundraising	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Investment	\$10,505.64		\$0.00		\$10,505.64
Accrued Capital	\$0.00		\$450.00		\$0.00
Per Capita	\$54,703.36		\$57,946.26		\$54,703.36
TOTAL INCOME	\$65,509.00		\$58,921.26		\$65,509.00
EXPENSE					
Accrued Capital	\$0.00		\$20.00		\$0.00
Awards/Recognition	\$700.00		\$1,210.00		\$700.00
Building Rent	\$8,776.00		\$8,776.00		\$8,776.00
CPA Compilation	\$1,700.00		\$1,495.00		\$1,700.00
Grand Session Photos	\$100.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Masonic Charities	\$600.00		\$300.00		\$600.00
MIGM Travel	\$5,000.00		\$4,397.76		\$5,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$41,233.00		\$25,015.00		\$41,233.00
Per Capita Dues - GGC	\$5,000.00		\$4,177.50		\$5,000.00
Regalia	\$700.00		\$788.40		\$700.00
SE Regional Conference	\$900.00		\$0.00		\$900.00
Triennial	\$800.00		\$0.00		\$800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,509.00		\$46,179.66		\$65,509.00

2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL					
COMMANDERY CHECKING ACCOUNT					
	2025-2026 BUDGET		2025-2026 ACTUAL		2026-2027 PROPOSAL
INCOME					
Chair Order	\$300.00		\$375.00		\$300.00
Fundraising			\$0.00		
Investment	\$8,932.00		\$0.00		\$8,932.00
Accrued Capital			\$1,200.00		
Per Capita	\$65,882.00		\$84,568.50		\$65,882.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$75,114.00		\$86,143.50		\$75,114.00
EXPENSE					
Accrued Capital	\$0.00		\$942.95		\$0.00
Awards/Recognition	\$2,000.00		\$2,948.42		\$2,000.00
Building Rent	\$7,644.00		\$7,644.00		\$7,644.00
CPA Compilation	\$1,700.00		\$1,495.00		\$1,700.00
Grand Session Photos	\$100.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Masonic Charities	\$750.00		\$300.00		\$750.00
Operating Expenses	\$37,220.00		\$37,235.00		\$37,220.00
Per Capita Dues - GE	\$17,000.00		\$15,958.00		\$17,000.00
Regalia	\$1,000.00		\$2,900.40		\$1,000.00
REGC Travel	\$5,000.00		\$2,021.55		\$5,000.00
SE Regional Conference	\$1,200.00		\$300.00		\$1,200.00
Triennial	\$1,500.00		\$0.00		\$1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$75,114.00		\$71,745.32		\$75,114.00