

2022 PROCEEDINGS
THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA
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JOINT MEMORIAL

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, at 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 14, 2022. A warm welcome was extended to all in attendance for the Joint York Rite Ceremony of Remembrance for deceased Companions/Sir Knights. Most Excellent Grand High Priest John H. Johnson lit the red candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan. Most Illustrious Grand Master James W. Bard lit the purple candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel lit the white candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

EDWARD HELTON

FEBRUARY 1, 1925 – AUGUST 22, 2021

PASSED TO THE GREAT BEYOND IN HIS NINTY SIXTH YEAR

WHEREAS; The Officers and Members of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia desire to record their deepest sorrow at the death of their Masonic Brother.

RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDER EDWARD HELTON

Who, since 1968, has served the York Bodies of Georgia in several capacities.

ESK Helton has contributed greatly to mankind and our nation. His accomplishments will not soon be forgotten, and we are much better for the life he shared with us on earth. He was a special friend to many of us and always had a warm smile and outgoing personality.

RESK Helton attended the public schools of Hall County and served from 1943-1946 in the US Navy during World War II. He also served three years in the US Air Force, 1951-1954, during the Korean Conflict. RESK Helton attended Georgia State University and was employed as an auto mechanic with both Chevrolet and Ford dealerships in the Gainesville area. He then was employed with the Georgia Department of Corrections for twenty years as an Auto Mechanic Instructor at the Georgia Training and Development Center in Buford, Georgia. He retired in 1986. In retirement he enjoyed serving his community by volunteering with the N. E. Georgia Medical Center, Lifeline, and Meals on Wheels.

Brother Helton was initiated in Murrayville Lodge #30 in Murrayville, Georgia on November 21, 1952, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on January 16, 1953, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 6, 1953. He served as Worshipful Master of Murrayville Lodge in 1957 and 1964. He also served as Secretary of that lodge for fifteen years. WB Helton served as Worshipful Master of the Ninth Masonic District Convention in 1985. WB Ed served as District Deputy to the Grand Master for three years. Additionally, he was appointed as Ninth District Trustee to the Masonic Home of Georgia for three years.

Excellent Companion Helton joined Allegheny Chapter #64 Royal Arch Masons in 1968 and served as High Priest in 1972. He then served as District Deputy to the Grand High Priest for three years and in 1979 he served as Sentential of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia. Excellent Companion Helton served as Secretary to the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention for twenty years and then served the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention as District High Priest in 1999. Excellent Companion Helton served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason of Georgia in 2000.

Our Excellent Companion served as General Grand Chaplain of General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International from 2002 to 2005 with General Grand High Priest John Bennie Allen. He received the General Grand Chapter

Distinguished Service Award in Silver in 2005. The Silver Medal is only awarded to one person in each region every three years. In 2015, Excellent Companion Helton was further honored by receiving the Ephraim Kirby Award from General Grand Chapter, RAM, International for companions who have attained a past presiding rank in their Grand York Rite bodies who have continued their work and commitment to service beyond the term of their office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication.

Our Illustrious Companion was greeted in Gwinnett Council #44 Royal and Select Masters at Buford, Georgia on April 8, 1972. He served that Council as Illustrious Master in 1975. He then demitted from Gwinnett Council #44 in 1977 and affiliated with Zabud Council #64 in Gainesville, Georgia. He served as Illustrious Master of the Northeast Georgia Council Convention in 1983. Illustrious Companion Helton served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia in 2008.

Companion Helton was Knighted in Pilgrim Commandery #15, Knights Templar, at Gainesville, Georgia on August 27, 1971. He served as Eminent Commander of Pilgrim Commandery two times before being elected to the Grand Commandery Line. He was elected as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Georgia in 1987 where he served with distinction.

Being a past presiding officer of all three York Rite Bodies, he was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, on March 30, 1976. He served as Eminent Prior of Cherokee Rose Priory #56 in 1996. Knight Helton was very active in the degrees associated with the KYCH. Brother Helton was invited to become a member of most of the Appendant Honorary Masonic bodies of Georgia. He served in positions of leadership in many of them. He was a Charter Member of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123 and served as Preeminent Governor of the College from 1991-1992. He served the York Rite Sovereign College of North America as Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of Georgia from 2002-2006. Brother Helton was a charter member of Blue Ridge Council, Allied Mason Degrees, and served as Puissant Sovereign several times.

Brother Helton became a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on February 27, 1976, in the Jack Isenberg 33* Bicentennial Class in Atlanta, Georgia. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) on October 19, 1981 and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33* on November 13, 1999. Illustrious Brother Helton worked on the stage crew several years and was very active in the Gainesville Scottish Rite Association.

Worshipful Brother Helton was a member of MT. Vernon Baptist Church where served as clerk for thirteen years. He also taught Sunday School Classes for young people and adults. Brother Ed was known for giving children of his church \$100.00 if they memorized the Ten Commandants. Brother Ed's wife of sixty-six years, Tommie, died on December 22, 2013. He is survived by a son and two daughters, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Ed and his wife Tommie are buried in the historic Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville, Georgia. NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; That the officers and members of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia do hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss in the death of Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Edward Helton and does hereby note in its records the passing from life of a man who was loved by his friends and respected by all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this resolution be made a part of

the permanent records of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia and posted as appropriate as a humble expression of the York Rite Bodies heartfelt sympathy. Respectfully Submitted: Johnnie M. Garmon, MWPGM

EMMETT RICHMOND JOHNS
NOVEMBER 20, 1938 – OCTOBER 15, 2021

On October 15, 2021, Macon, Georgia and the Middle Georgia area lost one of its most decorated and most active masons, a Fifty-Three year member of the fraternity. Emmett Johns passed the final veil and completed his masonic pilgrimage that stretched from Europe to the United States. I am sure I knew Emmett for at least 30 years or so as we were both in the Red Cross of Constantine in 1994. We had many good times. Now, he is unable to answer the roll call and somebody should do that sad duty. It is our hope that Emmett is in a better place, where there is no sickness and other illnesses that overtake us in the twilight of our years.

Emmett was born in Macon, Georgia and attended the public schools of Bibb and Chattahoochee counties and Kubasaki American High School in Okinawa, Japan. After graduating from high school, he served in the Armed Forces in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. After being discharged, he returned to Europe and worked for the U.S. Army as a civilian employee until 1975 when he returned to the United States. He began working as a technical engineer for YKK USA, Inc, a Japanese zipper manufacturer and worked there twenty years.

Emmett began his Masonic pilgrimage on June 10, 1968, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Dachau Lodge No. 887 in Munich, Germany, one of the lodges of the American Canadian Provincial Grand Lodge in Germany. He served as Master of the lodge in 1970, and then served as secretary for several years. Brother Emmett served the American Canadian Grand lodge as Grand Pursuivant in 1973 and as Grand Master of Ceremonies in 1974. The lodge consolidated with other Munich lodges in 1975 to become Bavaria Lodge No. 935 of which he was still a member at his death.

Brother Emmett affiliated with Lizella Lodge No. 663 as a dual member on May 8, 1992 and served as Master in 1997. He affiliated as a dual member with Macon Lodge No. 5 on June 26, 2001 and served as Master of that lodge in 2008. He became a dual charter member of William A. Davis Daylight Lodge No. 753 in Macon in 2002 and served as its Master in 2011 and 2016. He served as Master of the Sixth District Masonic Convention in 2014. He was also a member of Grand Lodge Credentials Committee from 2008 to 2018.

Brother Emmett became a Royal Arch Mason in Alpine Chapter No. 5 in Germany on August 1, 1968 and served as High Priest in 1971. He affiliated with Constantine Chapter No. 4 in Macon, Georgia on March 14, 1983 and served as High Priest in 1999. He served as High Priest of the Sixth District Royal Arch Convention in 2000. He was appointed Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1996 and in 1997 was elected Grand Master of the First Veil. He was installed as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia in May 2004, and served well during his time in office. He became a member of the Grand Chapter Building Board of Trustees about 2000, became chairman in 2008 and served as chairman until 2018. He was at the Grand Chapter building almost daily for many of those years, seeing if anything needed repairing. He was the Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood in 2011.

He was greeted in Edelweiss Council No. 1 in Germany on August 1, 1968 and served as Illustrious Master in 1972. He affiliated with Washington Council No. 6

in Macon, Georgia on March 28, 1983 and served as Illustrious Master in 1998. He served as Illustrious Master of the Sixth District Council Convention in 2011. Companion Emmett was also an active member of Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, RAM and Dublin Council No. 12, RSM, both held at Cochran, Georgia from 2005 until he demitted in 2013.

Emmett was knighted in Bavaria Commandery No. 3 in Munich, Germany on August 1, 1968 and served as commander in 1972. He transferred his membership to St. Omer Commandery No. 2 on March 17, 1983 and served as Commander in 1997 He was the Knight Templar of the Year in St. Omer Commandery No. 2 in 2003. He became the Charter Commander of St. Michael's Commandery No. 43 at Cochran, Georgia on May 4, 2004. and was active in that commandery until he demitted on October 17, 2013. He was awarded the Knight Companion of the Temple award from Grand Encampment in 2009.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Macon on March 19, 1994. He served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He became General Secretary of the Macon Valley in 2006 and served until 2010. He was also the Degree Master of the Rose Croix degrees 15th -18th for a period of time. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 4, 1999, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33^o on November 17, 2007. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia.

Emmett was invited to join many honorary invitational bodies and he presided over some of them; Georgia Priory No. 39, KYCH, New Covenant Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Chattahoochee York Rite College #166, Horace L.

Whitlock Council No. 309, Allied Masonic Degrees: Carl. F. Lester, Jr. Council No. 65, Knight Masons, Upper Room Tabernacle #45 H.R.A.K.T.P. and Georgia College, S.R.I.C.F. He was also a member of Al Sihah Shrine Temple where he served on the ritualistic cast and as a member of the Knights of Mecca.

Brother Emmett and his wife Marianne whom he married on July 16, 1965 in Dachau, Germany were married fifty six years and had two sons and three grandchildren. He is buried at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens in Macon, Georgia. Rest in Peace, my Companion.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PGHP

BENJAMIN LESTER JOHNSON
AUGUST 13, 1935 – JANUARY 10, 2022

Benjamin Lester Johnson, 86, of Marietta, Georgia, passed away January 10, 2022. He was born in 1935, in Warrenton, GA, to William Norman Johnson and Maureen Anderson Johnson and was a graduate of Warrenton High School, class of 1953. He attended Mercer University in Macon, GA, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1957.

While at Mercer, he served as No. 1 of the Kappa Alpha Order and was a member of the Blue Key Honor Society. After completing two years of law school at Mercer, Ben was called to active duty with the U.S. Army Reserve and served two years at Ft. Lee, VA, attaining the rank of first lieutenant, He continued to serve in the Army Reserve until 1978, when he retired with the rank of major.

In 1960 he returned to Georgia for his final year of law school and received his juris doctor from the University of Georgia Law School in 1961. Upon graduation he accepted a position with the Georgia State Law Department in the Office of the Attorney General, where he rose to the position of assistant attorney general.

In 1966 Ben joined the law firm of Mitchell, Clarke, Pate & Anderson in Atlanta and remained with the firm until 1988, when he opened his own law practice, Johnson and Houston, with a focus on real estate law. He retired from practicing law in 1994.

He also served as president of the River Bend Gun Club in Dawsonville and as president of the Buckhead 50 Club. In 1996 he volunteered as a driver for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. During his college years at Mercer University Ben met his future wife, Joan LeCroy of Savannah, GA, whom he married in 1956. Ben was predeceased by his parents and his infant sister, Faith. He is survived by his wife, Joan; his daughter, Carole W. Johnson, of Atlanta; his son Russell N. Johnson (Mark D. Hudson) of Chicago, IL; and his son Arthur B. Johnson (Donna D. Ashley) of Atlanta.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, in Moore Chapel at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta. A graveside service was held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Johnson Cemetery in Warrenton, GA.

Ben was a very dedicated and active free mason. He was thrice a past Master of the Sandy Springs Lodge #124 1986 & 87 and again in 1999. Ben was a member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite and a member of the Yaarab Shrine.

Ben served as District Master of the 5th Masonic District in 1994. He was a Trial Commissioner for a number of years and went on to serve as a custodian for the Georgia Masonic Children's Home. WB Ben said, shortly after assuming the position, that he wanted this job because he felt the finances of the home were being poorly managed and he wanted to straighten them out. He soon changed his mind and determined that the finances of the Home were well managed. He quickly became a strong supporter and advocate of the Children's Home. I admired him for being honest enough to admit he was wrong and man enough to defend the opposing position.

Ben was an active York Rite Mason. He served as High Priest of Mt Horeb Chapter #155 in 1992 and Illustrious Master of Euclid Council #33 in 1994 and Commander of Atlanta Commandery #9 in 2010.

Traditionally, Atlanta Commandery inspection falls shortly before the annual meeting. When WB was the Commander, at his inspection, when it came time to send the Commander to the ante room, Ben turned to his deputy Commander and said, "Lloyd, it's all yours." Ben sat on the sidelines and observed the remainder of the Inspection.

Illustrious Companion Ben served as our Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, representing Euclid Council No 33, in 2004.

Two events stand out in that year. First was a meeting held in this building on a Saturday and Ben decided to take advantage of attending the meeting in Macon and then going to his ancestral home in Warrenton. At the conclusion of the Macon meeting, WB Ben decided to take a bathroom break before continuing his journey Warrenton. He must have stayed longer than he anticipated so that when he finally came out of the bathroom, he learned that all the doors to building were locked, and he had no way to get out. He finally called Jim Moseley to come let him out.

The second incident occurred when Ben misplaced his MIGM jewel and apron. It was a rather distressing event, especially when Ben learned the replacement cost that he was responsible for. Fortunately, a few weeks later, the Lodge, where he had left them, called to let him know they found his regalia.

He was a member of Cherokee Rose Priory No 56 KYCH.

A Past Master of Sandy Springs Lodge, when asked about WB Ben said, "From the day that I visited Sandy Springs Lodge for the first time (2006), Ben Johnson was always a friendly face and a welcoming heart. My only memory of Ben is with his characteristic smile, looking at you straight in the eye, always a sincerely warm greeting."

"In 2014, I was serving as the Worshipful Master of his beloved Sandy Springs Lodge #124 was facing some challenges, one of which was financial, and the other was a possible negotiation with the City of Sandy Springs to sell our building. Ben was equipped to help, as he was a retired attorney who specialized in real estate condemnations. In addition to his professional bona fides, Brother Ben served as Worshipful Master twice, but also held roles with the Juris Prudence committee with the Grand Lodge and the board of the Masonic Home of Georgia."

"Just as the team from Sandy Springs asked to meet for an early breakfast, Ben was invited to the meeting, and he was there at 7:30 and he positioned himself to sit between the representatives from the city. As another PM remarked in my ear, Brother Ben sure can sound like a Lawyer when he needs to. That single meeting set us on a path that allowed the Lodge and the City to come to favorable terms."

"As we sold the building, he reviewed the documents, and he did the same for the purchase of the current location. Ben loved the law, but he loved Freemasonry and Sandy Springs Lodge just as much. It was clear that he enjoyed combining his two passions for a singular purpose."

"I will miss Ben, his big brain and his sense of humor. He was a good man and a good Mason."

Another longtime member and Past Master of Sandy Springs Lodge, went on to say, "Let it be known that I knew Ben Johnson for 41 years and he was my mentor both personally and as a Mason. As I approach my 40th year as a Mason and brother of Sandy Springs Lodge #124, I will always remember the coaching and instruction given to me by Ben. He encouraged me to be an officer in the lodge and to sit in every chair, concluding with being Master of the lodge. In the 30 years since that time Ben has always been a pillar of Sandy Springs Lodge with his counsel and leadership in making Sandy Springs one the top lodges in the 5th District. I will be forever thankful that Ben Johnson took a young man out of West Georgia and made him a better man."

Ben was the Grand Lodge Organist for multiple years and played the organ and/or piano for Grand Lodge, Sandy Springs Lodge and Atlanta Commandery #9.

One night in Sandy Springs Lodge, WB Ben was playing the piano while the word was being passed. One of our Past Masters whispered to me, "listen, he's playing 3 little words."

WB Ben had a habit of doing things that he felt needed to be done for our Lodge, without being asked or receiving recognition for his efforts.

One day I happened to be at the Lodge when Ben came in. After a brief discussion, he said about the York Rite Storage room that it was a mess and had been neglected for many years. He said let us clean it up. We spent several hours on that task, and it did make a major improvement in the appearance. To my knowledge, Ben never told anyone about this effort.

While I was serving as Treasurer, our Lodge which had been paying the monthly water bill at \$60 - 70 suddenly received a bill for over \$2400 for one month.

Calls to the water company were simply answered by "you must have had a water leak that month" Without making any repairs or changes to our Lodge, the next month's bill came in at its normal average.

Atlanta Water company was receiving so many complaints at that time that the mayor's office called for an investigation, but in the meantime, we were stuck arguing that this bill was ridiculous, but without result.

WB Ben was asked if he could help resolve this issue and without ever explaining how or why, after several months the exorbitant bill was forgiven. \$2,400 would have put our finances in deep jeopardy, but thanks to WB Ben's efforts, it was finally resolved.

I told WB Ben that in spite of the fact that you're a lawyer, I said you're still a pretty good guy. I said "you know Ben that 99% of the lawyers... give the other 1% a bad reputation." He liked lawyer jokes.

I had formed the habit of saying "It's a beautiful day" and then one day WB Ben must have had a bad hair day, because he asked me "yeh, what's so beautiful about it?" and I replied, "You just try missing a few and you'll find out." He appreciated that reply and reminded me of it, many times.

WB Ben recognized that Sandy Springs Lodge had no written history and many of our charter members were passing away. WB Ben created a history that has been on our website for nearly 20 years.

In 2014, the City of Sandy Springs, approached our Lodge about selling our location to the city to build a retention pond to clear water being run into the Chattahoochee River. They had a Grant from the US EPA to fund the project. We soon learned that if we did not cooperate, the city could claim Eminent Domain and purchase our property at a price so low, we would have a tough time producing an equitable replacement, so we worked with the City Management to see if we could reach a mutually agreeable price.

A young new member of our Lodge was with a Commercial Real Estate Broker and so he went to work to find comp values of similar real estate that had sold in the last few years. He informed the Lodge that based on comps he believed the reasonable value of our property was within a \$100K of high to low estimate.

When the City came with their offer, it matched the high value exactly.

No one has ever learned if WB Ben influenced that purchase offer or not, but we felt sure that someone was watching out for us.

And then came that fateful day, while WB Ben was driving in Marietta, near the Big Chicken, two hoodlums rear ended his car and when he got out of his car, they proceeded to beat him to a pulp.

Ben spent many days in a coma in intensive care before he was able to fend for himself, but he was never the same Ben. He later told two of our brethren, that if he knew how much the damage would affect the quality of his remaining years, he would just as soon have died from his injuries.

WB Benjamin Lester Johnson was a good man, a good friend and great Mason. He will be missed. Rest Well, my Brother!

Respectfully Submitted: William R. Kayma, Jr.

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA
The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in a Joint Session on Monday, May 2, 2022. The Grand Secretary/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. MEGHP John H. Johnson declared the 200th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. MIGM

James W. Bard declared the 196th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. REGC Carl J. Gamel declared the 162nd Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PMEGHP Joe E. Turner welcomed the following Distinguished Guests:

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

Clyde E. Griffin, PGHP, PIGM, PGC, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Past Intendant General for the Southern Division of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine, KCC, and Grand Superintendent for Georgia, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA,

C. Danny Wofford, PGHP, PIGM, PGC, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Intendant General for the Northern Division of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine

James W. Tate, PGHP; Grand Superintendent for Georgia and South Carolina, Grand Council, Knight Masons, USA.

Paul E. Wells, PGC, Past Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine for the Southern Division of Georgia.

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

Joe R. Bush, GRAC, Very Eminently Distinguished Deputy Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia

Gordon B. Ruthruff, Past MEGHP, Michigan, and Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

Wade C. Smith, PGHP, PIGM, and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int. and General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int.

Harry V. Eisenberg, PGHP, Florida, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southeast Region, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

GRAND YORK RITE OF ALABAMA

James C. McGee, Past MEGHP, Past MIGM, Past REGC Alabama, York Rite Grand Secretary/Recorder for Alabama, Past Grand Master, Order of Demolay, Int., Eminent Grand Marshall, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and Past Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RAM

G. Walker Moore, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, MEGC South Carolina

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

Thomas Nesbitt, PGHP, PIGM, PGC of Alabama, Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama, and the Southeastern Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, Int.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Doyle R. Hatfield, PGC, Grand Coordinator for Georgia Grand Encampment, KT., USA

Robert W. Waldron, PREGC, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

Bobby B. Simmons, PGHP, PGC, PMWGM of Georgia, Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Very Eminent Grand Third Pillar, Grand College of America, HRAKTP and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by RE Companion Hendry Howard, RE Grand King, Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, VI Companion Robert Cordle, VI Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, and VE Sir Knight Tommy Marshall, VE Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT, that all out-of-state Distinguished Guests that are not already Honorary Members be made Honorary Members of the three Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies. Seconded and Approved. Certificates were presented to each in recognition of this honor.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Line Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia

As we remember the 133 Companions we lost this last year, we are comforted in the knowledge that this life is not the end, but that these our friends are in Heaven, possibly opening a chapter of Royal Arch Masons with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in Heaven, our Father and our God. It is good to know that they are now at peace and beyond all the pain and suffering of this world. As we recall their names, help us to remember the many years of companionship and good times, not the sad ones. Although our hearts are heavy thinking of the loved ones they have left behind, we are blessed with the assurance that one day we will once again all be united.

Now, may we bow our head in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, as you receive these Companions into your fold, we ask your mercy to fall on the families and friends left behind. Be with them through their loss and allow the good memories to bring them comfort in these times of need. We know that for our departed Companions, their days of suffering are over, and we rejoice in the fulfillment of your great promise of spending eternity with you. We come to you in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted: James E. Stevens, Chair

GRAND COUNCIL

'Yizkor' is a Hebrew word that means 'Remember'; it is the first word of a series of Jewish prayers and a meditation offered specifically for the memory of lost loved ones. The Yizkor meditation reads, in part:

'Our God and God of our Fathers, may the memories of those whom we lovingly recall as we say yizkor this day influence our lives for good and direct our thoughts away from the vain and fleeting toward that which is eternal. Teach us to emulate the virtues of our dear ones so that we too may be inspired to devote ourselves to Thee.'

Koheleth, the Teacher, otherwise known to us as Solomon, King of Israel, tells us in Ecclesiastes 3 'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;'. For our Grand Council this year, 101 Companions were called into the Celestial presence of God. We remember them this day. We grieve with their Families as they were part of our Family of Companions. We remember them in our prayers. And we remember

to emulate the good work that they did with us and the influence that they were to us. May our lives in this existence be a living memorial to them. A good life is a series of progressive steps from darkness towards light and ultimate enlightenment where we too hope to be united again with our Companions in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe. On Behalf of the 2021-2022 Grand Council Memorial Committee
Fraternally Submitted: Rev. Jerry Vogler, Jr., Chair; James E. Stevens; Donald C. Combs

GRAND COMMANDERY

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 NIV) We have often been reminded of the fact that we are born to die. Mortality has been brought into view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life. As another Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it our sad duty to report that 108 of our Companion Sir Knights have been called home to their heavenly reward. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote of a person's legacy:

*The lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime.
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.*

This past year has been a very strange one in that we have not been able to enjoy the face-to-face fellowship that we so enjoy and perhaps in retrospect taken for granted. As time progresses, I pray we get back to whatever the norm will be and we can clasp each other's hand in friendship once more. Something taken away has this tendency to make the heart want it more and I think the same is true for our companion Sir Knights. Many Sir Knights have left their footprints on the sand of our time and did so for each of us in unique ways. Together, we as fellow pilgrims, who travel the same paths of life toward death, mourn the loss of those we hold so dear. Yet, intermingled with the sadness is the high note of gladness as these men lived lives full of accomplishment, supported by high moral value, and their legacy will carry on. We celebrate their belief that eternal life comes from faith. We celebrate their lives as men who touched us deeply. Our memories are personal and unique, and they offer us aid in dealing with our grief. However, we can also use these memories as a resource for greater living. These men were Churchmen, men of integrity, influence, optimism, and men of faith. Where do knightly traits like these come from?? They come from God above and through our Savior Jesus Christ! We will miss them, love them, and mourn their separation from us, but we also know with abounding assurance, that we will gather again in that far country and never know separation again! Until then our Friends, Brothers, and Sir Knights, farewell!!! And May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all!! O God, we draw near to you with the assurance that you already turned toward us in the eternity of your love. We thank you for the light of your presence, shining through the shadows of our darkness. We thank you for your Word, which is a well of living water springing

up into everlasting life. As we drink deeply of its meaning, may it be an oasis for our spirits in a dry and thirsty land!! Amen!! By Grace alone.

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

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I was honored and humbled to be asked by Most Excellent Grand High Priest John Henry Johnson, Most Illustrious Grand Master James W. Bard and Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel to serve as Chairman of the Sunshine Committee for the Grand York Rite Bodies this year. I have tried to keep the members informed of the prayer requests for the members and families of our Grand York Rite Bodies for those sick and those who have passed away. Thank you for your prayers and requests. I have also tried to keep our membership updated on Masonic events happening around our state in an attempt to strengthen the attendance and support of those functions. I would very much like to send out some sunshine messages to help brighten your days, but unfortunately I have not done so except for occasional Praise Reports when our prayers have been answered. It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm and interest of the Craft as we seem to be coming out from under the effects of the COVID restrictions and return to a somewhat more normal environment. Let's continue to keep check on the needs of our widows, sick and elderly. If you would like to be added to my state-wide prayer and information e-mail list, please let me know at fedmondson@ellijay.com. I greatly appreciate your forwarding my info to your local Masonic membership.

Fraternally: Floyd Edmondson, Chair

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH GRAND CHAPTER

First, I want to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Companion John H. Johnson, for appointing me to this position. I am very honored to serve the craft as Custodian of the North. We have conducted two (2) Schools of Instruction for the 2021-2022 year. We held a one-day school at Pickens Chapter # 28 in Jasper, GA on November 13, 2021 with five (5) Chapters represented. We also held a one-day School of Instruction at Taylor Chapter # 48 in Buford, GA on January 8, 2022. We had six (6) Chapters represented at this school. The attendance was very good and is evidence that the companions are ready to get back to York Rite meetings and back to work. We are hopeful, with fewer restrictions and our Companions feeling a little more comfortable getting out, that we will be able to schedule and conduct more schools for the year 2022-2023.

I and the Assistant Custodians of the North are ready to assist wherever needed and looking forward to a very successful 2022-2023.

Assistant Custodians: Michael Wolcott, Peter Bard, Mike Jones, Daniel Bennett and Tyler Pledger

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, Chairman

GRAND COUNCIL

First, I want to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Companion James W. Bard, for appointing me to this position. I am very honored to serve the craft as Custodian of the North. We have conducted two (2) Schools of Instruction for the 2021-2022 year. We held a one-day school at Pickens Council # 55 in Jasper, GA on November 13, 2021 with four (4) Councils represented. We also held a one-day School of Instruction at N.T. Pirkle Council # 65 in Buford, GA on January 8, 2022. We had seven (7) Councils represented at this school. The attendance was very good and is evidence that the companions are ready to get

back to York Rite meetings and back to work. We are hopeful, with fewer restrictions and our Companions feeling a little more comfortable getting out, that we will be able to schedule and conduct more schools for the year 2022-2023.

I and the Assistant Custodians of the North are ready to assist wherever needed and looking forward to a very successful 2022-2023.

Assistant Custodians: Michael Wolcott, Peter Bard, Mike Jones, Daniel Bennett and Tyler Pledger

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel and Members of the Grand Commandery of the state of Georgia: Greetings, I am pleased to report that there is renewed determination and purpose that began with the spark of our ability to once again meet as Sir Knights! Camaraderie and fellowship is growing as we continue to work past the issues of the pandemic. I have fielded many questions, phone calls, text messages and emails concerning tactics and ritual. I am pleased with the excitement of our meetings and inspections, but I know we have much further to go. I am also pleased and excited for the opportunity to schedule schools of instruction in the coming months and next year. The Chivalric Orders are once again being conferred and the ritualistic teams across North Georgia are excited to bring new Sir Knights into our Christian Order. There have been several York Rite classes and even more local Commanderies that are doing the Orders themselves. I know that we are not yet where we need to be but I am confident that, with the good Lord above leading, guiding and directing our path, we will continue to spread the good news, both far and wide!

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts, Grand Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

GRAND CHAPTER

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

This has been another trying year as we have still been dealing with Covid.

Degrees are once again being conferred beginning last fall. Many Chapters are still not meeting frequently, and I have not received any requests for any instructional help.

In closing, thanks to the Craft for allowing me to serve you again this year.

Companions, stay committed to our great Fraternity and strive to improve it to the best of your abilities.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Hendry Howard, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COUNCIL

I would like to thank our MIGM James Bard for this appointment and allowing me to serve the craft. I would also like to express my thanks to the assistant custodians for their service this year.

This has been another unusual year as we continued dealing with Covid. Degree work did resume last fall. There are many Councils that are still not meeting frequently. I have done one school of instruction for Jesup Council #70 this year.

In closing, thank you to all my Companions for again having confidence in me to assist and to serve you this year. Companions, support your local and district bodies to the best of your abilities. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Hendry Howard, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights All;
I am happy to report that many of our groups were ready to get back to work after being shut down for so long. Several of the conventions performed degree work. It was difficult to get back to work, but once the Companions and Sir Knights got up and running again things started running smoothly. Although the work was challenging to start again after so long of a hiatus, it did not take long to work out the rough areas and the work improved greatly. I also noticed that attendance started rising as the year progressed. I have high expectations for next year and expect the great work to continue. It is my hope that we've have seen the last of the restrictions and that we can continue to perform our Chivalric Orders and increase our membership.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall

**REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
GRAND CHAPTER**

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR GRAND CHAPTER The membership of our Grand Chapter has continued to decrease throughout the past 20 years. The following chart shows the amount of decrease:

2000	12,250	2008	8,026	2016	4380
loss	-357	-430		-150	
2001	11,893	2009	7,596	2017	4230
	-811	-406		-325	
2002	11,082	2010	7,190	2018	3849
	-607	-310		-354	
2003	10,475	2011	6,880	2019	3495
	-528	-335		-104	
2004	9,947	2012	6,356	2020	3391
	-508	-291		-451	
2005	9,439	2013	6065	2021	2840
	-539	-567		-551	
2006	8,900	2014	5498		
	-534	-593			
2007	8,366	2015	5071		
	-340	-691			

We are hopeful the 2022 figures will show a balance or even a net gain for the first time.

Programs enacted for this year include the presentation of information to the blue lodge about the York Rite and the development of a Mark Master program where the lodge members can become a member of a Mark Master lodge without a fee. These two programs are primarily presented by the District Deputies and Grand / Past Grand officers. Interest in the York Rite by Lodge members does seem to be increasing. It is important that we continue to communicate with and encourage our Masonic Lodges to look for more light in Freemasonry by becoming a York Rite member.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Higgins, Chairman pro-tem

GRAND COUNCIL

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers, Companions All:
We have some, we lost some, and we still have some. How easy it would be to just say that. We have heard that sentence on many occasions, but it just does not belong here. Companions, we continue to lose members at a high rate every year. What is the solution to get us on the upswing? I wish I could tell you, but I

do not have the answer to that question. There were 4 Councils this year that had a 10% gain in membership: Rome #15, Tifton #58, Warrenton #78, and Brasstown #79. A big “Thank you” goes out to these Councils for this, and a thank you goes out to all the Councils that added new members as well. We were thinking if each Council could add 10% to its membership, on average that would add 5.5 new members to each Council and in turn over 300 new members to the Grand Council of Georgia. There are about 29,000 Masons in Georgia Blue Lodges, of which only 10% are York Rite Masons. Companions, what we need to do is visit our Blue Lodges and ask the Worshipful Master for a few minutes to talk about the York Rite. Most lodges are looking for a program to present to the members. We have a program that you can use to present to the lodge and do it more than once. We really need to get out and add new members so that the future of the Grand Council, and the Grand York Rite, will continue to shine.

Respectfully Submitted: Rusty Cordle, Chair
GRAND COMMANDERY

Sir Knights:

In looking at the membership numbers reported for 2021, I am encouraged that although we continued to see a net decrease in membership, the Sir Knights of Georgia have continued with the membership endeavors which were begun prior to the Covid-19 shut down. Before I present those numbers, however, I would like to recognize Sir Knights John “Jay” Finch and Michael “Mike” Sampsell, both of Constantine Commandery #26 for their hard work in pushing this membership drive forward. Both of these Sir Knights were awarded the Silver Level Membership Award for being top line signers on at least 10 petitions for membership. With that, I make the following report:

The graph below (fig. 1) represents the total number of Sir Knights on record, as well as the increases, decreases, and net loss for each year since May 2010:

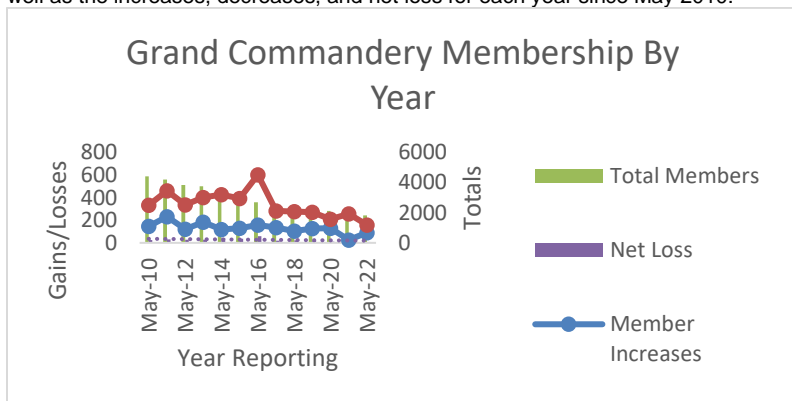


Figure 1

If we look at the total numbers of Sir Knights per year (fig. 2), we see the consistent downward trend in membership per annum. What makes this figure so concerning to your committee and myself, is that we have approximately 41% as many Sir Knights in 2022 as we did in 2010. The number has dropped from 4418 Sir Knights across the state to 1813. Sir Knights, this loss is unsustainable!

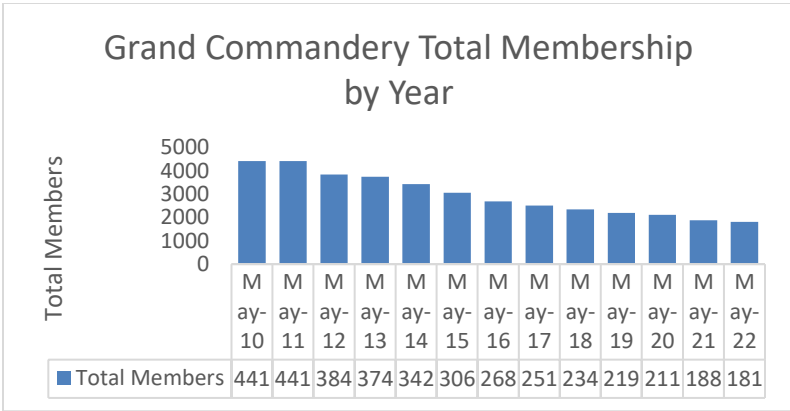


Figure 2

That being said, we have the lowest overall net loss this past year than we have recorded since 2010! This year, we have a net loss of 69 Sir Knights. At the end of 2020, we had 1882 Sir Knights on record. To this we added 77 new Sir Knights, 5 affiliated, and 8 were reinstated. This is a total gain in membership of 90. We lost a total of 159 Sir Knights. Of these, 14 demitted, 37 were suspended, and 108 were called to the Eternal Asylum. The net loss (69 Sir Knights) was a net decrease of 3.66% of the total membership. This net loss is represented in figure 3.

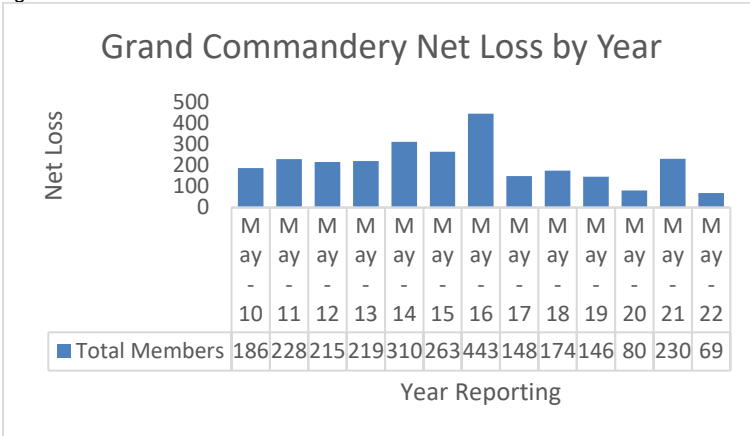


Figure 3

In closing, on behalf of the Membership Committee, I would like to congratulate our Commanderies on continuing to push for membership, even when we've been faced with circumstances outside of our control. I have hope that in the upcoming year we can realize our goal of a net increase in membership!
Fraternally Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair

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.

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, John H. Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Daniel P. Bennett

GRAND COUNCIL

The Education and Historical Committee submits the following report:

During this past year we have attempted to recover from the pandemic, but it still lingers with us. It has made a significant impact on attempting to return to somewhat normal activities. In the coming months, let us redouble our efforts in advancing Cryptic Masonry in Georgia.

A brief explanation of the Council Degrees follows for your benefit.

ROYAL MASTER DEGREE

This is the first degree of the Cryptic Rite as conferred in the United States of America. Candidates who receive the degree are impressed with its dignified ritual and relevant teachings. It contains one section, which is generally regarded as an outstanding display of symbolism and content of philosophy. The ritualistic presentations in the degree explain the articles contained in the Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple, including the Ark of the Covenant. A knowledge of which is essential to those who would fully understand the preceding degrees. The principal characters in the degree are Solomon and his royal assistant.

SELECT MASTER DEGREE

The degree of Select Master has not always been associated with that of Royal Master. Jeremy Cross, a traveling Masonic lecturer, author, and educator of the early 1800's, is given credit by most writers for having combined the two degrees into one rite. There is strong evidence to support the theory that the degree came from a similar degree in the Scottish Rite called Intimate Secretary or Grand Tyler of King Solomon. Regardless of its origin, the legend of this degree is old. The scene of this degree is laid in the underground vault of King Solomon's Temple. The events, which characterize the degree, are stirring enough to make it one of intense interest. The ritualistic presentations contain the story to "complete the Circle of Perfection" in Ancient Craft Masonry.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

As we have stated, the degree of Super Excellent Master is not a degree of the Crypt. But it relates events that lead to the recovery of the lost Word. This degree beautifully tells of a period in history in which all Freemasons are interested, that

period following the destruction of the first Temple. The essence of the degree is foretold in the presentation by the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree when he makes reference "Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem, and he did which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God," etc.

The degree of Super Excellent Master is one of the best devised, most impressive, and beautiful degrees. It is most enlightening and relevant to one's daily life. In a display of exciting events, Biblical characters come to life exemplifying the historical drama of the Holy Bible. Here Nebuchadnezzar rules again; Zedekiah proves the results of his wicked life; Ezekiel and Jeremiah prophesy the promises of Almighty God.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, James W. Bard.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling

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

1. We again request each Commandery in Georgia to prepare a history of the Commandery and submit it to the Committee.
2. 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.
3. That consideration is given by Grand Commandery to writing an updated History of Templary in Georgia.
4. The Committee recommends that each Commandery have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Sir Knights.
5. 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 Carl Gamel, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Daniel P. Bennett

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

MEGHP, Companions, and Distinguished Guests All: Your Long-Range Planning committee makes the following report. The finances of the Grand Chapter are in great shape due to the diligent work of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee. We want to thank the leadership of the Craft and the Finance committee for their continued diligence and transparency. This committee would also like to remind the Craft of the importance of the Perpetual Membership Program and its ability to help financially support the Grand Bodies and Constituent Bodies long-term.

We want to thank the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers for their continued support of the Grand Chapter as we continue the work of the York Rite. Your dedication to the craft during the recovery from Covid has been exemplary.

The Grand Chapter Building is the Crown Jewel of Georgia York Rite Masonry. We want to thank the building Trustees and the Grand Secretary/Recorder for their dedication. Long-term, the building will need an elevator and we recommend that continued research be focused on completing this project. Membership decline in our bodies has lessened due to the exemplary work of our members in bringing our Blue Lodge brethren into the York Rite. As our York Rite bodies have reopened, our members have been very diligent in volunteering to do degree work to bring Lodge members into our fold. We recommend our York Rite leaders and members continue to present the York Rite to our Blue Lodge members to foster interest in our York Rite. Going forward, we believe programs such as the Mark Master Program, presented and encouraged to the blue lodges of our state, will increase interest in our York Rite and increase our membership. Ritual is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and thus the York Rite. We recommend that all Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia re-dedicate themselves to learning and, to presenting the finest ritual possible to incoming Companions and Sir Knights. Fraternal Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; J. Timothy Ingram; James W. Tate

GRAND COUNCIL AND GRAND COMMANDERY

MIGM, REGC, Sir Knights, Companions, and Distinguished Guests All; Your Long-Range Planning committee makes the following report: The finances of the York Rite Bodies are in great shape due to the diligent work of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee. We want to thank the leadership of the craft and the Finance committee for their continued diligence and transparency. This committee would also like to remind the Craft of the importance of the Perpetual Membership and its ability to help financially support the Grand Bodies and Constituent Bodies long-term. We want to thank the MIGM and REGC and their Grand Officers for their continued support of the Grand York Rite bodies. Your dedication to the craft has been exemplary. The Grand Chapter Building is the Crown Jewel of Georgia York Rite Masonry. We want to thank the building committee for their dedication. Long-term, the building will need an elevator and we recommend that continued research be focused on completing this project. Membership has continually declined in unison with other Masonic organizations. We recommend our York Rite leaders commit to presenting the York Rite Program to our blue lodge members to foster interest in our York Rite. Ritual is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and thus the York Rite. We recommend that all Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia re-dedicate themselves to learning and presenting the finest ritual possible to incoming Companions and Sir Knights. Fraternal Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, Chair

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC DUTIES COMMITTEE

The true image of Templary is exemplified by deeds, not words. It is important that others (the general public) know what we stand for. Our general focus as Knights Templar should be in four areas: Christianity, Country, Community and Commandery. Patriotic and Civic Activity has long been recognized as an integral part of Templar responsibility but has suffered from lack of direction. It needs to receive full and wholehearted programming in every commandery. Commanderies are encouraged to use their local initiative in planning Patriotic and Civic Activities, which some commanderies in this state perform on holidays every year. Lead a discussion on the Asylum floor on how your commandery can

express itself through community service. Join other local organizations in patriotic parades and public displays. Encourage members to assist in all youth organizations: DeMolay, Rainbow Boy, Scouts, etc... Sponsor school essay contest on patriotism. Charge every Sir Knight with this responsibility: to set an example to his children and others by obeying the laws himself, to vote his convictions in every public election, and to accept this bill of responsibility as well as the Bill of Rights. 2021-22 was a year of getting back to normal while still trying to stay safe during COVID Protocol.

Respectfully Submitted: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;
William W. Grist

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE YORK RITE PAGE FOR THE MASONIC MESSENGER

It is truly an honor to be able to continue to perform this function for the Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia. I look forward to doing all that I can to promote and highlight the wonderful activities of the York Rite of Georgia. This is our opportunity for us to show the Brethren of the Blue Lodge the beauty and enlightenment that can come from receiving the York Rite degrees and truly laboring in the quarries.

The York Rite page in the Masonic Messenger varies in location in the magazine depending on other content within the magazine. The deadline for submission of information for consideration has changed. It will now be on the 15th day of the month, approximately 45 days prior to the 1st day of the month of the issue. For example, if you would like something in the August issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 15th. Please contact me at mike@thesampells.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

Due to our limited space in the Masonic Messenger, we will continue to leverage our webpage for additional information regarding the promotion of the York Rite in Georgia. The website for all of York Rite Masonry in Georgia continues to be WWW.YORKRITEOFGA.ORG. Be sure to visit this site regularly to stay informed about the activities of the York Rite bodies.

I would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest John H Johnson, the Most Illustrious Grand Master James W Bard and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J Gamel for the confidence they have shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate all three on a fantastic year as the presiding officer for the state of Georgia in their respective body.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Editor

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE GEORGIA SUPPLEMENT TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

It is truly an honor to be able to continue to perform this function for the Sir Knights of Georgia. I look forward to the time that I will spend providing information to the Grand Commandery of Georgia. I have enjoyed working with the Right Eminent Grand Commander and am sure to enjoy working with the incoming Grand Commander as well. I will continue to include content on the activities of the Grand Commandery and its subordinate Commanderies as well as interesting and pertinent information on the Orders of Knighthood, the history of the Knight Templars and the Christian Faith.

The monthly supplement for the Knights Templar magazine is no longer being distributed with the printed copy of the magazine. It is only available through the online version which can be accessed from the Grand York Rite of Georgia website, www.yorkriteofga.org. The deadline for submissions will continue to be the 20th of the month but will be published the 1st of the next month. For

example, if you would like something in the June issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 20th. Please contact me at mike@thesampells.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J Gamel for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Gamel on a good year as Grand Commander and working to guide us through the recovery of the COVID shutdowns.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Editor

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. With the continued input for our fellow Companions and Sir Knights our website has remained a valuable tool and a wealth of information not only to Georgia Masons but to the entire world. We hope to continue to add current and historical information for our members and public in the months and years to come.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; J. Chris Brown; Keith R. Taylor

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS COMMITTEE

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia

The Grand Master's Class honoring our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Donald C. Combs, and our 3 presiding Grand Officers of the York Rite, MEGHP John H. Johnson, MIGM James W. Bard, and REGC Carl J. Gamel was held on April 2, 2022 at the Grand Chapter building in Macon, GA.

The Degrees and the Orders were presented in admirable fashion and several Chapters, Councils and Commanderies were represented to assist with the fine ritual work in honor of our presiding officers. The work was impressive and ensured our new candidates were impressed with the lessons of the degrees and orders.

The following numbers show the candidates that were brought into each respective body:

Chapter - 17 - Royal Arch Masons

Council - 18 - Royal and Select Masters

Commandery - 22 - Sir Knights

Several members assisted in ensuring that the day went without any issues and the committee is looking forward to continuing this great day of degree work in the future!

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshal; Michael H. Sampsell; Daniel C. Ricketts

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is pleased to report that as of 01/31/2022 the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 66 Perpetual Members with a total of \$173,585.01 invested. The moneys are invested with Wells Fargo Advisors.

We would like to thank the Finance Committee, Grand Secretary/Recorder and Heads of York Rite Bodies for not withdrawing moneys from the account and allowing compound investment growth.

The members of the committee know that if this fund is managed properly, it will add financial stability to the Grand York Rite of Georgia and its constituent bodies.

Below is copy of details for 2022 and application.

Respectively Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Wade C. Smith; Larry W. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Ryan C. Nealey

2022 York Rite Perpetual Membership Q&A

1. What is a Perpetual Membership? Pay a One Time Fee and Never Pay Dues Again.
2. How does it work? Perpetual Committee will invest your Fee.
3. What is Cost? New Members see No. 7. Current Members see No. 4.
4. What will fee be on January 1st? 25 Times Dues. Except if you joined during the previous 4 years. See No. 7.
5. Can I buy Perpetual Membership for just One Body? Yes
6. Can I get my money back? Once Application Approved, NO.
7. What if I join the York Rite this calendar year? Your Fee will be 21 Times during the calendar year you joined going up to 22 Times on January 1st and every year after stopping at 25 Times.
8. What about Current year Dues? You must be current to purchase a Perpetual Membership.
9. What Money comes back to My Local Bodies? Local Dues, District Dues if Applicable (Chapter-See PM Form, A&B and Council-See PM Form, A&B , See PM Form, E&F and Local Dues (Commandery-See PM Form I) at the amount at time of purchase.
10. How will my Local Bodies receive my money? As a credit (Forever) on their annual statement (See Question 9). Plus a credit for State Fees Amount of time of Purchase (During your Lifetime).
11. What happens when I Die? How much will my local bodies receive? See question 9, forever, as credit on statement?
12. Can I transfer my membership? Yes, if approved. For more information contact Grand York Rite office.
13. Can I buy multiple memberships? Yes, if approved. See Question 12.
13. Where is the Perpetual Membership Application? On Grand York Rite of Georgia Website

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter Building Trustees met periodically this year and addressed many concerns 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 repair. We pressure washed the entire building and repaired, resealed and painted all cracks in the exterior finish. The HVAC system that was installed as part of the renovations done in 1969-1971 was completely removed and a new modern system installed. This was due in large part to the generosity of a major benefactor providing a grant to our building restoration efforts. This system will be much more efficient than the previous system and should last for many years to come. Unfortunately, it would be safe to assume that the expenses to maintain our beloved Masonic building will never go away. But with 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. A special thank you goes to the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia. Ms. Julie Hickman continues to care for our custodial issues and is doing an

outstanding job. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Brother Michael Hamlin and Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs this past year.
Respectfully Submitted: Mark Bradley, Chair

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Carl J. Gamel; MEGHP John H. Johnson; MIGM James W. Bard; Grand Line Officers, REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; Companions and Sir Knights: It has been a joy to serve this past year 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 continue in a role that I love has been rewarding beyond measure. In dealing with conditions beyond our control, we've encountered challenges, changes, and celebrations this year, and we've faced them together. While we may not always agree, we are always stronger because of our different perspectives. Your Grand York Rite Office is working 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 a continued emphasis on improving 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 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.

Your Grand York Rite Office is blessed to have an Administrative Assistant like Ms. Marla Horton. Her knowledge of our fraternity, and specifically the York Rite, continues to grow and hers remains the voice of our office. We are also thankful for our tower of strength that is Companion and Sir Knight Wade C. Smith. His wisdom in all things York Rite is unsurpassed. He also has been a wonderful teacher in my life. Thank you Wade for all you mean to us!

GRAND CHAPTER		GRAND COUNCIL		GRAND COMMANDERY	
Chapters effective 12-31-20	56	Councils effective 12-31-20	51	Commanderies 12-31-20	33
Chapters effective 12-31-21	55	Councils effective 12-31-21	50	Commanderies 12-31-21	34
Data adjustment from 2020	-1	Data Adjustment from 2020	-1	Data Adjustment from 2020	1
Members effective 12-31-20	2815	Members effective 12-31-20	2097	Members effective 12-31-20	1882
Exalted	61	Greeted	84	Knights	77
Affiliated	65	Affiliated	41	Affiliated	5
Reinstated	20	Reinstated	16	Reinstated	8
GAIN	146	GAIN	141	GAIN	90
Demitted	23	Demitted	18	Demitted	14
Suspended	73	Suspended	52	Suspended	37
Deceased	133	Deceased	100	Deceased	108
LOSS	-229	LOSS	-170	LOSS	-159
NET GAIN/LOSS	-83	NET GAIN/LOSS	-29	NET GAIN/LOSS	-69
Members 12-31-21	2732	Members 12-31-20	2068	Members 12-31-20	1813

Pray for us as we continue our journey and thank you for letting us be a part of yours.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

MEGHP John H. Johnson; MIGM James W. Bard; REGC Carl J. Gamel; Grand York Rite Grand Line Officers; MEPGHs; MIPGMs; REPGCs; Distinguished Guests; My Brethren All: Thank you for permitting me the honor and privilege of serving you for the past four years as your Grand Treasurer. You have honored me beyond all expectations. Thank you!

My Friends: Let me again assure you that you could not have elected and selected a more superb functional administrative team. Mark and Marla have operated this past year like a well-oiled machine, each ensuring that each task and request is immediately and professionally addressed. Each supporting the other in all endeavors.

They have also worked diligently in continuing to create a more professional family-oriented bond with your Grand Lodge office staff. Each side works with and supports each other on a daily basis.

Have you noticed that the new data base has continued to be upgraded and streamlined this past year? Any time a problem has surfaced the team has immediately conducted an analysis and solved the problem.

Behold the temple. How beautiful it is. Nigh on completed. How well we have labored under our wise and wonderful Grand Master. Worshipful Brother Mark, as your building superintendent and replication of that ancient historical Grand Master, has steadily led and supervised the essential renovations of your beautiful, historical temple during the past year. I invite you to view the upgrading accomplishments and commend him and his building and finance committees for an outstanding job.

Marla has very superbly operated this office any time Mark and I are out of pocket. She is an outstanding administrator.

Did you notice how competently and professionally your 2022 one day Grand Sessions were conducted? That was not by accident. You Grand Secretary-Recorder had researched, developed, revised, and practiced multiple times prior to the Sessions. Mark's one day model is now being used by several other Grand Bodies. We now have an annual model that is superior to our prior Covid three day agendas. Please assist in moving forward with this superior one day approach. It's also a money saver.

Your 2021 investment and checking account totals have been reflected in the KTEF Trustees' Report. May God Bless and keep my beloved Georgia Grand York Rite family safe and prosperous for another year.

Your Humble Servant: Wade C. Smith, 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 John Henry Johnson, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, for appointing me once again as Chairman of the Georgia RARA Committee for this very exciting year where objectives have been achieved. A big Thank You to my Companion and Friend whom I am so very honored to serve with, Excellent Companion Jack J. Bell, Grand Master of the Third Veil. I thank him for his valuable assistance in presenting the RARA story at each of our District Conventions as well as at other Chapter and Lodge events. And none of this achievement could have happened without the charitable spirit of the Companions of Georgia. It is through the efforts of the Committee and those of

the Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia that we have continued in our support of research in the understanding and mitigation of Central Auditory Processing Disorder.

For the calendar year 2021, Georgia Royal Arch Masons gave generously for a total of \$15,359.00. Importantly, Georgia is fifth in the world in total giving since the inception of RARA with \$549,759.22.

In Georgia, a total of 44 separate contributions were generously given in the name of RARA. Of these 31 were from individual Chapters, 1 from Grand Chapter, 6 from individual donors and 6 from affiliated organizations.

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 support of this very worthwhile program during this past year of 2021.

Respectfully Submitted: Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Chair; Jack J. Bell

REPORT OF THE

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

CMMRF continues to fund cutting edge research in many medical fields into the use of stem cells to treat various diseases. These diseases include stroke, COPD, juvenile diabetes, peripheral artery disease, heart failure, and abdominal aortic aneurysm. Thanks to the work funded by our charity it has been discovered that Aortic Aneurysms are actually the result of an auto-immune response to a protein the wall of the aorta, it has led to the development of a blood test to see if people do have an aneurysm, and it has led to clinical investigations using stem cells to prevent the enlargement of aneurysms. Companions, 2021 was a great year for Georgia. Thanks to a most generosity of the Companions of Georgia, our state continues to rank among the leaders in total donations both Internationally and Nationally. The challenge going forward is to increase our giving. I am calling on all Councils in Georgia to increase their giving for the year, I am also calling on all Cryptic Masons in Georgia to look into your hearts and support our charity.

Fraternally: John Miller, Chairman

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 hard work given by the Grand Secretary/Recorder, the Grand Treasurer, and the Administrative Assistant. 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. As of our last review, all accounts are in good shape and the balance is a true representation of monies available.

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 it is in compliance with our code requiring a balanced budget. The Grand Secretary/Recorder, the Grand Treasurer, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Dais Officers, and the Finance Committee were consulted in the Budget preparation.

The easing of COVID Restrictions has allowed candidates to once again petition York Rite Masonry. Increased membership will help allow all York Rite Bodies to

stay within their 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, Chair; Barry L. Pinson;
Roger W. Buterbaugh

**2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT**

	2022-2023 PROPOSAL	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL
INCOME			
Grand Session	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,291.85
Grand Chapter Sales	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 4,217.53
Grand Council Sales	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,298.08
Grand Commandery Sales	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,429.66
Per Capita	\$140,672.00	\$137,575.00	\$137,575.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 22,319.22
TOTAL INCOME	\$148,372.00	\$ 146,387.00	\$ 172,131.34

EXPENSE			
Accrued Capital	\$ 7,172.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,424.18
Administrative Assistant (Payroll)	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 33,750.03
Computer/Copier Maintenance	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,450.39
Condolences	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00
Grand Session	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 3,393.88
Grand Secretary/Recorder (Payroll)	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 35,500.02
Masonic Messenger	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 8,670.00	\$ 3,605.70
Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,618.72
Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,705.80
Public Relations	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 2,231.82
Printing	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 9,617.00	\$ 5,316.18
Travel	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,661.60
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$148,372.00	\$146,387.00	\$ 110,758.32

BUILDING CHECKING ACCOUNT

	2022-2023 PROPOSAL	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL
INCOME			
Accrued Capital	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00	\$
Building Donation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 97,148.00
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	\$ 28,309.00	\$ 28,309.00	\$ 28,309.00
Meeting Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 900.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 57,900.00	\$ 57,900.00	\$ 154,667.00

EXPENSE			
Accrued Capital	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 100.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,850.00	\$ 87,498.90
Building Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,787.16
Database Design and Maintenance	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 0.00
Electricity/Georgia Power	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 7,098.39
Gas/Scana	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,625.64
Landscaping and Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,125.00
Pest Control/Allgood	\$ 900.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 547.00
Property Insurance and Bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,930.45
Trash/Advanced Disposal	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,741.92
Water/Macon Water Authority	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,381.35
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 57,900.00	\$ 57,900.00	\$ 109,835.81

CHAPTER CHECKING ACCOUNT

	2022-2023 PROPOSED	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL
INCOME			
Chair Order	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 160.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,388.85

Investment	\$ 25,660.00	\$ 18,260.00	\$ 11,460.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 64.85
Per Capita	\$ 63,930.00	\$ 70,030.00	\$ 61,565.10
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 89,790.00	\$ 89,790.00	\$ 81,638.80

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,090.65
Awards/Recognitions	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
Building Rent	\$ 11,890.00	\$ 11,890.00	\$ 11,890.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,395.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
MEGHP Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 60,888.00	\$ 62,114.00
Per Capita Dues – GGC	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,212.00	\$ 5,862.00
Regalia	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,410.39
Se Regional Conference	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 300.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 89,790.00	\$ 89,790.00	\$ 94,162.04

COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT

	2022-2023 PROPOSED	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL
INCOME			
Chair Order	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 12,255.00	\$ 6,474.00	\$ 3,526.61
Accrued Capital	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 50,554.00	\$ 56,335.00	\$ 46,160.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 63,809.00	\$ 63,809.00	\$ 49,786.61

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Awards/Recognitions	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,175.00
Building Rent	\$ 8,776.00	\$ 8,776.00	\$ 8,776.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,395.00
G. Session Photos	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
MIGM Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,672.58
Operating Expenses	\$ 41,233.00	\$ 40,448.00	\$ 40,463.00
Per Capita Dues/GGC	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 4,292.50
Regalia	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 349.88
SE Regional Conference	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 300.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 63,809.00	\$ 63,809.00	\$ 61,923.96

COMMANDERY CHECKING ACCOUNT

	2022-2023 PROPOSAL	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL
INCOME			
Chair Order	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 125.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 11,682.00	\$ 4,691.00	\$ 0.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,600.00
Per Capita	\$ 63,686.00	\$ 70,677.00	\$ 59,556.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 75,368.00	\$ 75,368.00	\$ 66,281.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 700.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,950.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 93.60
Building Rent	\$ 7,644.00	\$ 7,644.00	\$ 7,644.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,395.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 750.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 36,939.00	\$ 36,239.00	\$ 36,254.00
Per Capita Dues – GE	\$ 19,035.00	\$ 19,035.00	\$ 18,246.00
Regalia	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 206.40
REGC Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,909.19
SE Regional Conference	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
Triennial	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,187.50
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 75,368.00	\$ 75,368.00	\$ 78,585.69

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John H. Johnson, Most Illustrious Grand Master, James W. Bard, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Carl J. Gamel, and the Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia:

The Committee on Audit failed to perform an official audit of the books this year, and I take responsibility for that. However, a review of the QuickBooks files was conducted on April 2nd verifying that all bank reconciliations had been completed and all payroll taxes had been remitted. During the year various other accounting questions posed by Mark and/or Marla were addressed as presented. I am appreciative of all the work that has been done this year and in prior years to make the financial statements of the Grand York Rite Bodies and Office more transparent and more reliable for the Companions of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted: Ryan Nealey, Chair

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 2, 2022
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JAMES WILLIAM BARD
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2021 – 2022

JAMES WILLIAM BARD
PERSONAL

James Bard (Jim) was born in Bedford Ohio on March 3, 1951. He grew up in Bainbridge Township Ohio, the youngest son of Gale and Betty Bard. He attended Kenston High School, graduating in 1969. In high school he was active in the Drama Club, becoming a member of the Thespian Society, as a student trainer for the athletic teams- earning varsity letters for his work, he was inducted into the National Honor Society, and most importantly he was active in the local DeMolay Chapter becoming a Representative DeMolay, earning the Past Master Councilors Meritorious Service Award, and receiving the Degree and honor of Chevalier.

Following high school he attended college at Cuyahoga Community College where he received an Associate Degree in Nursing in 1971. He worked at various jobs for the next 11 years before returning to school in 1983 to become a Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). He graduated from both Medical Center Hospitals school of Nurse Anesthesia and Old Dominion University in 1985, Summa Cum Laude. He spent his entire career employed at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital (now Emory Midtown) in Atlanta. During his career he published two articles in peer-reviewed journals. He retired in 2020.

Jim is the proud father of 2 sons Geoffrey Bard of Dalton, Ga. and Peter Bard of Peachtree Corners, Ga. Both of his sons where very active in DeMolay and both are now Masons.

MASONIC

Jim was raised in Kennesaw Lodge #33 on August 8, 2000. He became a member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite on October 6, 2000 and received his York Rite degrees and Orders on December 9, 2000. He affiliated with Samuel S. Lawrence Lodge #721 in 2003 and served as Master of that Lodge in 2013. He was for many years an active advisor with the Order of DeMolay serving as both Chapter Dad and Chairman of the advisory Council of Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter, Directory of State Events for Georgia DeMolay, a member of the Board of Directors of the Old South Ritual Tournament, and Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council. He was also a member of the Grand Lodge Youth Council Committee.

Jim has served as the Illustrious Master of Marietta Council #74, High Priest of Cherokee Chapter #13, and Eminent Commander of Constantine Commandery #26. He was Illustrious master of 7th District in 2019. He is member of Carl F. Lester Council #65 of Knight Masons, North Atlanta Council #313 of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Luther G. Palmer #123 York Rite College, Cherokee Rose Priory #56 Knight of the York Cross of Honor, and St. Ambrose Conclave #227 of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Jim has been in charge of the Knight of the Double Eagle program for the Valley of Atlanta since 2009. He was invested with the rank and honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2007 and served as Commander of the court in 2014. He is a Past Preceptor of the Council of Kadosh, and was coroneted with the rank of 33°, Inspector General Honorary in 2021.

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL,
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

The One Hundred Ninety-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Most Illustrious Grand Master James W. Bard at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 2, 2022. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Jerry B. Vogler, Jr., Illustrious Grand Chaplain. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the One Hundred Ninety-Sixth Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

James W. Bard (13)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Jerry B. Vogler, Jr. (74)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
John E. Finch, Jr. (74)	Illustrious Grand Orator
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Peter D. Bard (74)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood (75)	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2)	2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2017 John I. Haggas (4)
2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	2018 Wade C. Smith (79)
2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI)	2018 Larry C. Bennett (55)
2006 Daniel C. Ricketts (74)	2019 Joe E. Turner, Hon. (10)
2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)	2019 Ryan C. Nealey (13)
2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2020 Ronald B. Wolbert (02)
2011 Harry B. Allen (3)	
2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)	

2021-2022 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North-Larry C. Bennett; South-C. Hendry Howard

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel Bennett; Michael Jones; Michael Wolcott; Peter Bard; Joey Jackson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson

Memorial: Jerry B. Vogler, Chair; James E. Stevens; Donald C. Combs

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane

By-laws, Charters, Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Larry C. Bennett

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: John C. Miller, Chair;

Timothy K. Starling; James D. Arnold

Grand Illustrious Masters Address: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Larry C. Bennett; F. Andrew Lane; Robert R. Cordle

Committee on Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord; John Flener
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling.
Public Relations: Michael H. Sampsell; Daniel Bennett; Mark A. Bradley
Long Range Planning: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Robert R. Cordle; C. Hendry Howard; Tommy T. Marshall
Membership: Robert R. Cordle, Chair; Judd J. Wolfe; Ryan C. Nealey
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Floyd E. Edmondson; John C. Miller
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; John E. Finch
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; Alessandro V. Silva
Grand Master's Class: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; Thomas J. Chapman; Judd J. Wolfe
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Organist: Philip C. Faulkner
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

2021-2022 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Stephen C. Higgins (03)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (02)	1 st	James E. Landrum (47)	7 th
Timothy E. Crimmins (07)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (58)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (03)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael J. Etheridge (77)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (33)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (79)	9 th
Alessandro V. Silva (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
William F. Duggan, Jr. (66)	6 th	T. Matthew Sanford (30)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (06)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Companions of Georgia, Grand Council Officers, Past Illustrious Grand Masters, and friends-all. First, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Illustrious Grand Master for the past year. My Masonic career has had many highlights and this past year definitely rates at or near the top of those. I have had a lot of fun during the year and I will hold it dear in my heart, always.

VISITATION

Many Councils are still struggling to come back after Covid, however, I was honored to visit a good number of Councils this year and to present many 25 and 50 year awards to deserving companions. To all the Councils that I was able to visit I thank you for the warm fraternal welcome that I always received. I enjoyed meeting many Companions whom I had not met before, visiting Lodges that I had not previously seen, and enjoying the fun and fellowship at every meeting that I attended.

In June I had the honor of representing the Grand Council of Georgia at the Southeastern Department in Mobile where we received a commemorative plate for our donations to CMMRF in 2020. That Plate is on display in the Library of the Grand Chapter Building. On June 19 I was able to attend the Zoom assembly for

the installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Brazil. On June 25th I represented the Grand Council and brought greetings to the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls in Georgia.

I represented the Grand Council at five (5) out of State Grand Sessions including Michigan in August, Alabama in February, South and North Carolina in March. I was also very privileged to be able to represent Georgia at the General Grand Council Triennial in Minneapolis in August.

In July I attended and brought greetings from the Grand Council at the Honors night of the Georgia DeMolay Conclave, at which time I was honored to receive my 50 Year pin and Certificate as a Senior DeMolay. I also attended the Grand Banquet the following night and was able see my oldest son follow in my footsteps when he was installed as the State Chapter Dad. I was also pleased to attend and help with Degree conferrals at a festival in Waycross on July 31st.

It was a very high honor extended to me by the REGC to be allowed to be the Inspecting Officer for St. Elmo Commandery #21 in Brunswick in October. It was a full day of Commandery Inspections and one that I will never forget.

In all I visited 37 out of 50 Councils this year, some on multiple occasions. I was always made to feel welcomed and I felt that my message was well-received by our Companions.

DISPENSATIONS

A number of requests for dispensations were received this year and were of a routine nature, they were granted and are on file in the Grand Recorder's office.

CMMRF

It was a good year for CMMRF. I want to commend Ill. Companion John Miller and the CMMRF committee for all their hard work this year. I refer you to his report for details on amounts and where we placed this year.

During this year we were chartered to perform and began conferring The Royal Order of Zanzibar degree. This is a humorous degree that can be conferred upon any Mason and their wives. I encourage any Council that wants to have this degree done to contact the Chairman of the CMMRF committee to make the arrangements.

I also strongly encourage ALL Cryptic Masons to set up recurring donations to CMMRF through the General Grand Council website. A small monthly donation will go a long way in helping to fund our Charity. Just \$5/month is the suggested donation that is only \$60.00/year, but just imagine if only 500 of members did this, we would be generating \$30,000/year for our charity.

COMMUNICATIONS

I firmly believe that good communication is essential to the smooth operation of any organization. I really tried to improve communications both between the Grand Council and its members this year and among the Grand Officers. To those ends I have published The Grand Council newsletter every month. I hope all of you are receiving and enjoying the newsletter and I hope the publication of it is continued in the future. To improve communications among the Grand Officers I re-instituted a monthly conference call as was done by MI Ben Polston during his year as Illustrious Grand Master. This is something else that I hope to see continue into the future.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

It became apparent to me early in the year that there are many Companions around the state who have not received the benefit of having seen a conferral of the Super Excellent Master Degree. To that end, and with the help of MI Companion Floyd Edmondson, we had a conferral of the Super Excellent Master

Degree in Macon at the Grand Chapter Building on Saturday December 4. At that time there were 38 candidates who got to receive the degree. I do hope this will continue to be an annual event and attract more Candidates every year.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

The Craft is still struggling with attendance due to Covid. Many Councils are unable to meet or open even on the Royal Master Degree to conduct business. We lost another 100 members this past year due to the dread messenger of death. Our losses since the last return due to death all causes totaled 170. Our gains in membership from sources other than affiliation were 100 leaving us with a net loss of 70 members for the year. This is much better than in the past and hopefully is a sign of our numbers turning around. As most of you know membership was a key component of my program for the year and I am pleased to announce that there were four (4) Councils in Georgia that qualified for the General Grand Council 10% Gain Certificate and those will be presented at the Grand Luncheon on May 14. Please refer to the Grand Recorder's report for more detailed analysis of our membership.

APPOINTMENTS

It was an honor and privilege for me to make the following appointments for the year: Ill. Companion Jerry Vogler, Jr as Grand Chaplain, Ill. Companion Peter Bard as Grand Sentinel, Ill. Companion John Finch, Jr. as Grand Orator, Ill Companion Phillip Faulkner as Grand Organist, and Ill. Companion Robert Tidwell as Grand Photographer. These Companions have all served with distinction over the course of the year and have my sincere and profound thanks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is painfully apparent from our Grand Secretary's report that we are not even reaching 10% of Georgia Masons for membership in the York Rite. We can and must do a better job of recruiting from our Blue Lodges. Materials are available to help with this, let's use them! Let's also use the programs that are available through General Grand Council to help our Blue Lodges reach out to their local communities, namely the First Responder Award and Youth Advocate Award programs, by strengthening our Blue Lodges we will also help strengthen our York Rite bodies.

It is my sincere hope that the Grand Council Newsletter will continue and possibly expand to cover all the Grand Bodies. As I stated earlier, I firmly believe that good communication is essential to the success of any organization I believe there needs to be more coordination across our three Grand bodies with regards to long-range planning, membership, and fund raising. To this end I would either like to see committees for these efforts appointed across all three bodies or coordinate their functions for the good of all three bodies.

I very much enjoyed the Grand Chapter's 200th Anniversary Gala. I recommend that this be continued as a fund raiser for all three charities. I really think it could become one of the premiere events in all of Georgia Masonry.

And finally, this year with the help of General Grand Council and our two Custodians of the Work we published requirements to earn the Ronald L. Thomas Ritual Award. It is my hope to see many Companions receive this award in the years to follow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATION

First and foremost, my most sincere appreciation to the Grand Council of Georgia for having faith in me to the Grand Line for the last seven years and ultimately as your Illustrious Grand Master. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve in this line, I hope I met your expectations.

Next to my wife, Paula, thank you so much for your support, encouragement, and humor all these years. I love you so much and could not have done the job without you. To my family a HUGE thank you guys have been great this year. To my home Council, Marietta #74, you guys are the best and in my opinion you are the Council of the Year every year. Your support, both moral and financial meant more to me than you realize and I'm looking forward to seeing my portrait placed on the wall of the Lodge with the other past York Rite presiding officers from our York Rite Bodies.

I also wish to thank the Companions in my home Council who have been my mentors and supporters through the years, Hugh Watson, you have been a constant source wisdom, encouragement, and knowledge, I can't imagine having accomplished what I have without your help. Dan Ricketts, you conferred so many of the degrees I received coming into Masonry and York Rite, your ritual ability is a constant source of inspiration, some people are just natural born leaders and you are one of those. Lloyd Leinbaugh, like the others, I can't begin to imagine what the journey would have been without your support. Mike Sampsell, we were supposed to have shared the Grand East this year, I was really looking forward to that, but Eddie Massaro's passing changed that, I appreciate all you do for York Rite and Masonry in general you are one of the hardest working Companions we have. And finally, Eddie Massaro, I hope you are smiling up there in heaven. You were my biggest encourager to get involved in the Grand Council line and I hope I have made you proud.

I really appreciate each and every one of the Most Illustrious Grand Masters under whom I served; Floyd Edmondson, Ben Polston, John Haggas, Larry Bennett, Ryan Nealey, and Ron Wolbert. I enjoyed every one of your years coming up through the line and learned so much from each you I can't begin to express my thanks to you.

I think Grand Council is blessed with a very talented and dedicated group of Companions serving in the Grand Line. To all those in the progressive Grand Line I'm looking forward to watching each of progress through the line and seeing you do great things for the Grand Council and Grand York Rite. To my appointed officers thank you so much for your service this past year, Companions you made me very proud of my appointments. To my most frequent traveling Companions; Peter Bard, Jay Finch, and Jim Harris thank you so much for your dedication and time you made the year and the travels very enjoyable.

There has been one person who, throughout the year and even before the year, was guide and mentor. He helped keep me grounded when my head would be up in clouds. He was a constant source of guidance, encouragement, and ideas.

I am speaking of our Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Mark Bradley. Mark, you did so much for me throughout the year words cannot adequately describe how much I've come to appreciate you and all you do for us. THANK YOU SIR!

Finally, let me reiterate my thanks to the Grand Council of Georgia for providing me the honor of serving in the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master. I came into the year wanting to have no regrets at the end of the year for things left undone. I believe I have done the best I could to lead the Grand Council this year and I turn the gavel over to my successor knowing that I am leaving the Grand Council in good hands. I look forward to seeing the Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies grow and prosper under the leaders coming up through the line in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted with great appreciation for your support and encouragement: James W. Bard, Most Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia, we, the Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address, submit the following: We have reviewed the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address and it shows detailed attention to the many and varied topics it covers. As our great fraternity continues to respond positively at every opportunity afforded by the continuing virus dominated atmosphere, our Most Illustrious Grand Master shows he has made diligent efforts to help Cryptic Masonry survive in Georgia by his continued dedicated service to the Craft. We commend him for his fraternal visits to 37 out of 50 Councils where he presented many 25 and 50 year Membership Awards and was warmly greeted by the Companions. We realize he would probably have made more visits had it not been for COVID. We have enjoyed his monthly Grand Council Newsletter which was sent to all Georgia Councils. We found the information it contained to be pertinent and informative and we recommend its continuance. In an effort to improve communications among the Grand Officers, he also re-instituted the monthly conference call with the Grand Officers which was done by MIPGM Ben Polston. We commend him for this effort and encourage its continuance. We commend him for making 5 out-of-state visits, which included the General Grand Council Triennial in Minneapolis. We appreciate his continued devotion to the young people of our State as evidenced by his visit to the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls in Georgia and to the Georgia DeMolay Conclave where he received his 50-year pin and certificate as a Senior DeMolay. He was also privileged to see his son follow in his footsteps by being installed State Chapter Dad. Our Most Illustrious Grand Master was honored to be the Grand Inspecting Officer of St. Elmo Commandery #21 in Brunswick. As he is a former Chairman of the CMMRF Committee, we know he is proud of the hard work done by Illustrious Companion John Miller and his committee and we encourage continued support of CMMRF, of which one method is by making recurring donations through the General Grand Council website. He also attended the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Mobile, AL where he was presented a commemorative plate for Georgia's donations to CMMRF in 2020. The plate is on display in the lobby of the Grand Chapter Building. During his tenure Georgia was chartered to perform, and consequently began conferring, the Royal Order of Zanzibar, which is a humorous degree conferred upon any Mason and their wife with the proceeds going to CMMRF. Having observed that many of our Companions in Georgia, especially in the Southern portion of the state, have not had the opportunity to receive the Super Excellent Master degree, he was instrumental in having the degree conferred upon 38 candidates in Macon on December 4. We share his desire for this to become an annual event in the Macon area. Although the Grand Council continues to experience a decline in membership, it was not as bad this year thanks in part to Our Most Illustrious Grand Master's efforts to increase membership. Membership was a key component of his program for the year and 4 Councils qualified to receive the General Grand Council 10% Gain Certificate and we commend them for that achievement. We agree with our Most Illustrious Grand Master's assessment that we need to do a better job of recruiting from our Blue Lodges and reaching out to our communities through the First Responder Award and Youth Advocate Award. With the help of General Grand Council and our Custodians of Work, Georgia published requirements for the Ronald L. Thomas Ritual Award in efforts to continue to improve the quality of our ritualistic

work. We agree with his hope to see the Grand York Rite Bodies grow and prosper under the leadership of our talented and dedicated Grand Line Officers. We commend Most Illustrious Grand Master James W. Bard on his year of service to Cryptic Masonry and wish him continued blessings on his Masonic Journey.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chair; Larry C. Bennett;
F. Andrew Lane, Jr.; Rusty Cordle

REPORT FROM THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, 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 seven Bills were submitted to the Committee to amend the Royal and Select Master Code of Georgia. The Committee reports them to be in order to be considered by the Grand Council. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Recorder on his behalf were in strict accordance with Royal and Select Masters Code of Georgia. One Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Assembly, we find that it is in proper form.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
F. Andrew Lane Jr.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

All proposed legislation was approved as presented and recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee.

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to provide for Honorary Titles by amending Section 1.3, OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS Section, to add a new Section 1.3.1.5 of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Royal and Select Masters Code of the Grand Council of Georgia, which shall read:**

SECTION 1. 3.1.5. Honorary Titles.

Honorary titles may be conferred upon a Companion who has rendered LONG, OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE in the cause of Cryptic Masonry. This Grand Council may confer the honorary title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Honorary, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, and Grand Recorder Emeritus on a Companion who is proposed in writing by a member of Grand Council to the Grand Recorder's office by March 1, and is approved by the Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and the Grand Recorder who shall then forward the nomination with supporting documentation to the General Grand Master of General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, if required, for his approval. Such nomination shall then be presented at the Grand Assembly Session of Grand Council for approval by a 3/4 majority of the voting members.

The holder of such honorary title shall have no right, by virtue of such honorary title, to exercise any of the functions or powers of the office as to which he holds an honorary title, nor shall he by virtue of such honorary title wear the jewel of the office to which such title pertains. There may be conferred upon him a jewel and apron, but this shall not be required.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 2

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the **2019 ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS CODE of Georgia, by adding a new Section 1.5 Miscellaneous, which shall read as follows:**

1.5. MISCELLANEOUS

1.5.1. Questions not Covered by this Constitution. In questions where the Laws of the Grand Council and this Grand Constitution are silent, the Laws of the Grand Lodge, covering similar questions will obtain and govern the case.

1.5.2. Meetings of Grand Officers and District Grand Deputies. The Grand Council Officers, the State Chairman of the District Grand Deputies, and the District Deputies are directed to meet once during the first four months of the Grand Council year, and may at the discretion of dais officers meet three times during the recess of the Grand Council, at a time and place to be designated by the Illustrious Grand Master, at which time they shall discuss the individual Councils by Districts, and formulate plans to promote the work in the Councils in the areas of greatest need, helping such Councils to attain a high standard of proficiency on a broad scale.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner
Requested by the MIGM.

BILL NO. 3

A BILL, to provide for Virtual Grand Assemblies by amending Section 2.1.1 of the By-Laws Section of the **2019 ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS CODE of the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, which currently reads**

2.1.1 Regular Assemblies— The Grand Council shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment

By ADDING a second paragraph which shall read as follows:

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, The Grand Council may conduct a Grand Assembly by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of Grand Council. A dispensation from the Most Puissant General Grand Master if necessary, shall be obtained to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed.

Submitted: Joe Turner

BILL NO. 4

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of how the Fund Committee is appointed to the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund by amending the SECOND PARAGRAPH of section 2.8.6.13 of the **2019 ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS CODE of Georgia, which currently reads**

The Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one companion for a three year term. The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio

members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Council.

By AMENDING the first sentence of the second paragraph to read: **The Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Illustrious Grand Master shall NOMINATE one companion for a three year term, who shall be ELECTED at the Annual Assembly beginning in 2022.**

so that the second paragraph of section 2.8.6.13 of the **2019 ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS CODE of Georgia**, as approved, shall read as follows: **The Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Illustrious Grand Master shall NOMINATE one companion for a three year term, who shall be ELECTED at the Annual Assembly beginning in 2022. The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Council.**

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 5

A BILL, to provide for Virtual Assemblies of Constituent Councils by amending Section 2.8.1.6, Place of Meeting of the **2019 Royal and Select Masters Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.8.1.6. Place of Meeting.

- 1) Councils must hold all their Assemblies in some suitable room at the place named in the dispensation, or charter, and in no case are they permitted to change their place of meeting without special leave of the Illustrious Grand Master; provided, that no Council shall be allowed to remove its place of meeting to another City or Town except the same be approved by not less than two-thirds of all members present at a Stated Assembly, or at a Special Assembly set apart for that purpose. All resident members of the Council must have at least ten days' notice of the proposed removal and the time for taking action thereon.
- 2) If the hall of the Council authorized in the dispensation, or charter, becomes an unfit or improper place from any cause for holding the Assemblies, the Illustrious Grand Master may authorize it to hold its Assemblies elsewhere in the same City or Town as is specified in the dispensation or charter.
- 3) A Council desiring to move from one City or Town to another must also obtain the permission of the Illustrious Grand Master.

By ADDING a paragraph 4 which shall read as follows:

- 4) In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the Council may conduct an Assembly by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Council. A dispensation from the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall be necessary to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 6

A BILL, to amend the MINIMUM FEES Section 2.10.9, of the BY-LAWS SECTION OF THE **2019 Royal AND SELECT Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.10.9. Minimum Fee. The minimum fee for the Council Degrees shall be ten dollars, which amount must accompany the petition. Exemptions may not be granted from the payment of the fee, and this shall not be violated under any circumstances by the return of all or any part of said sum, as a donation, loan, or otherwise

By CHANGING THE CURRENT SECTION OF TEN DOLLARS TO THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS, SO THAT THE AMENDED SECTION SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

2.10.9. Minimum Fee. The minimum fee for the Council Degrees shall be thirty five dollars, which amount must accompany the petition. Exemptions may not be granted from the payment of the fee, and this shall not be violated under any circumstances by the return of all or any part of said sum, as a donation, loan, or otherwise

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 7

This bill is herewith submitted to change the annual meeting date from First Monday to First Friday of May:

A BILL, to amend Section 2.1.1, Regular Assemblies of the By-Laws Section of the **2019 Royal and Select Masters Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.1.1. Regular Assemblies. The Grand Council shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment.

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.1.1 Regular Assemblies WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

2.1.1. Regular Assemblies. The Grand Council shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2023, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Friday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. In 2024 the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Friday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2025, the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the first Friday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

This legislation is requested by the Grand Recorder and others.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Companion Bobby Blackman Simmons has been a Mason for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, Illustrious Master of his Royal and Select Master Council, Commander of his Commandery, and

Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia in 1998, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia in 2003 and as the Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge of Georgia and is currently serving as the Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States; and

WHEREAS, he has been High Priest of Constantine Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons, is a Past Illustrious Master of Washington Council No.6, is a member of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Georgia and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the order of the Silver Trowel in 2000; and

WHEREAS, he is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple award in 1997 and the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple award in 2016; and

WHEREAS, he is a past presiding officer of Georgia Priory No. 39 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Middle Georgia York Rite College No. 201; New Covenant Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; and a member of Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and is further a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of York; and is an Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; and

WHEREAS he served as Most Eminent Grand Master General of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 2017 and is currently serving as the Grand Third Pillar of The Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and he served for six years on the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Board of Trustees, from 2009 through 2015, and in 2016, he was honored with the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia that our honored and beloved Companion and Servant BOBBY BLACKMAN SIMMONS be further honored by being elected as MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, HONORARY, with all the rights and prerogatives appertaining thereto at this One Hundred Ninety Fifth Annual Assembly in the City of Macon, Georgia, this 2nd day of May 2022.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution and Election be spread upon the minutes of this Assembly and a suitable copy thereof be transmitted to our Most Illustrious Companion Simmons.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard, Most Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF CHARTER & 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:

Your Committee is aware that Griffin Council No. 8 removed itself in 2021 from its regular meeting place at Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 in Griffin to 4328 Jackson Rd, in the Ringgold Community of Spalding County. However no dispensation was issued to change meeting location and your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this council

Your Committee has received the requested changes to the bylaws of Euclid Council No. 33. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Fort Benning Council No. 73. Your Committee requested several corrections regarding meeting date and jurisdiction and the bylaws have been resubmitted with corrections and the committee recommends approval of the complete By-Laws.

Your Committee has received the requested change in the bylaws of Tara Council No. 75 changing the meeting location to College Park. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee is aware that Gwinnett Council No. 44 has removed itself from its regular meeting place at Sweetwater Lodge No. 421 in Lilburn to 1294 Rockbridge Rd, in the Stone Mountain area of Gwinnett County. However no dispensation was issued to change meeting location and your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this council.

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and they are of routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular assembly.

Your committee notes that the charter of Minor C. Shadburn Council No.49 was surrendered on June 1, 2021 and the members were consolidated with Rome Council No. 15 at Rome. He was a great mason in his day to those of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council charters.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY APRIL 2022: ALPHARETTA NO. 54,
Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford;
Larry C. Bennett

REPORT OF CODE REVISION 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 Code Revision wishes to make the following report:

The 2019 Royal and Select Masters Code is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

The 2019 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Assembly session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey;
Floyd E. Edmondson; John C. Miller

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

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 Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

No out of state or foreign proceedings have been received for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore.

I do receive the General Grand Council Newsletters and a couple of state council newsletters and I note with interest activities going on in other states.

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

DO THE YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA NEED TO RECOGNIZE PRINCE HALL YORK RITE MASONRY IN THE SAME MANNER WITH THE SAME DOCUMENTS AS GRAND LODGE DID IN OCTOBER 2021

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Benjamin L. Johnson

all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Cryptic Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

Robert R. Cordle (60)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Keith Hales (55)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MIGM made the following appointments: Jan M. Giddens (74), Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner (3), Grand Organist; Keith Bryant (60), Grand Sentinel; James W. Bard (74), Grand Orator; and Robert W. Tidwell (75), Grand Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed at the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May 14, 2022 by Most Illustrious Companion Floyd E. Edmondson.

2022-2023 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North-Larry C. Bennett; South-T. Matthew Sanford

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel Bennett; Michael Jones; Michael Wolcott; Peter Bard; Joey Jackson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson

Memorial: Jan M. Giddens, Chair; Jerry B. Vogler; Donald C. Combs

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane

By-laws, Charters, Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Larry C. Bennett

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: John C. Miller, Chair;

Timothy K. Starling; James D. Arnold

Grand Illustrious Masters Address: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Larry C. Bennett; F. Andrew Lane; Judd J. Wolfe

Committee on Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnick; Robert C. Lord; John Flener

Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling.

Public Relations: Michael H. Sampsell; Daniel Bennett; Mark A. Bradley

Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Judd J. Wolfe;

Timothy K. Starling; John C. Miller

Membership: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair; John C. Miller; Ryan C. Nealey; James Harris

Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Floyd E. Edmondson; John C. Miller

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; David Wellman; John E. Finch

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; Alessandro V. Silva

Grand Master's Class: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;

Thomas J. Chapman; Judd J. Wolfe

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Organist: Philip C. Faulkner

Fundraising:

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon

2022-2023 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (03)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (02)	1 st	James E. Landrum (47)	7 th
Bruce T. Fykes (20)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (58)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (03)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael J. Etheridge (77)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (33)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (79)	9 th
Alessandro V. Silva (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
William F. Duggan, Jr. (66)	6 th	James C. Clark (30)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (06)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 197th Annual Assembly will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 5, 2023.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 196th Annual Assembly be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSES

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia was closed in due form.

Robert R. Cordle
Most Illustrious Grand Master



ATTEST:
Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL
MACON, GEORGIA – MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

The Assembly of the Grand Council, Order of the Silver Trowel, of the State of Georgia was opened in the Grand York Rite Building in Macon, Georgia on Monday, May 2, 2022 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

Floyd E. Edmondson	Thrice Illustrious Master
William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Mark A. Bradley	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Larry C. Bennett	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Ryan C. Nealey	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Ben W. Polston, II	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood	1993 Gary D. Lemmons
1986 C. Danny Wofford	1996 Lanier S. Dasher
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2001 Bobby B. Simmons
1991 Dannie L. Reed	2005 Thomas L. Blanton
	2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.

2007 A. Joseph Clark
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr.
2010 William E. Cantrell
2011 C. Michael Ellis
2014 Alan P. Pryor
2015 Paul E. Wells

2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2017 Charles E. Taylor
2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
2019 James W. Bard
2020 James W. Bard
2022 Floyd E. Edmondson

CONFERRAL TEAM

William F. Shepard
C. Hendry Howard
Richard J. Corwin, Jr.
Joey E. Jackson
Ryan C. Nealey

Thrice Illustrious Master
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Thrice Illustrious Steward
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel

CANDIDATES

James D. Arnold (70)
Joshua M. Blakely (25)
Timothy O. Cooper (61)
Joey D. Crews (30)
John E. Finch, Jr. (74)
John T. Flener, Jr. (58)
Michael C. Halpin (13)
Eric R. Howell (44)
Patrick B. Kelley (44)
Samuel K. Lowder (10)

David A. Ludley (41)
Monte M. McDonald (10)
Jeffrey S. Ozburn (41)
Barry L. Pinson (74)
Thomas E. Robinson (37)
Brandon Simmons (19)
Douglas D. Skramstad (24)
Paul W. Thompkins (55)
Jerry B. Vogler, Jr. (74)

2022-2023 OFFICERS

A motion by the Nominating Committee was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the following officers be elected and installed:

William F. Shepard
Mark A. Bradley
Larry C. Bennett
Wade C. Smith
Ryan C. Nealey
Mark S. Johnson
Judd J. Wolfe

Thrice Illustrious Master
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Thrice Illustrious Steward
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

The officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion Clyde E. Griffin. The following resolution was presented and adopted by all present:

RESOLUTION:

Clyde E. Griffin

Order of the Silver Trowel

Whereas; Most Illustrious Grand Companion Clyde Everette Griffin was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 24, 1972; served as Worshipful Master in 1978; Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1995; Illustrious Master 1978; Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1987; Eminent Commander 1981; Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2003; High Priest 1984; and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2013; and

Whereas; Most Illustrious Grand Companion Griffin was Acknowledged Thrice Illustrious Master, Order of the Silver Trowel April 17, 1978; Anointed, Consecrated, and Set Apart to The Holy Order of High Priest Hood April 16, 1984; and was Dubbed a Knight Crusader of the Cross July 20, 1993; and

Whereas; after Most Illustrious Grand Master Griffin received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1978, he memorized and conferred the order, portraying King David, for eighteen years; and

Whereas: before vacating the exalted stations of King David and Director of Work for the Degree, Most Illustrious Clyde recruited the best Ritualists in the state as a permanent Conferral Team; and Therefore; Now let it be resolved that effective this 2nd day of May in 2022, the Georgia Order of the Silver Trowel shall henceforth, and forever, be known and named:

THE CLYDE E. GRIFFIN ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

Let it be further resolved that: effective this 2nd Day of May 2022 Most Illustrious Grand Master Clyde E. Griffin shall be designated Thrice Illustrious Master, Emeritus.

ATTEST:

James W. Bard
Most Illustrious Grand Master
With no further business. The order of the Silver Trowel was closed.

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer

Floyd E. Edmondson
Thrice Illustrious Master

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2021-2022 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Council awards were presented:

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

MIGM James W. Bard and SERGGM Tom Nesbit presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Elizabeth Finch, and Lady Linda Harris.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

MIGM James W. Bard presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Victor J. Somers.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM James W. Bard presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Michael J. Etheridge.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

Thomas Nesbitt, SE Deputy General Grand Master announced that the 2022 College of Preservation Award recipients were Most Illustrious Companions Wade C. Smith, Sr., Rodney A. Couch, James W. Bard, and Mark A. Bradley. Investitures took place in Macon on Saturday, April 2, 2022 by the officers of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

SERGGM Tom Nesbit presented MIGM James W. Bard with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM James W. Bard presented the Council of the Year Award to N.T. Pirkle Council No 65.

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

2016 F. Andrew Lane (#251)	2018 Gary D. Lemmons (#441)
2016 Floyd E. Edmondson (#253)	2019 Larry C. Bennett (55)
2016 Charles E. Taylor (#239)	2019 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)
2017 Bobby B. Simmons (#379)	2020 Tommy L. Blanton
2017 Benjamin W. Polston, II (#381)	2020 Ryan C. Nealey
2017 C. Danny Wofford (#382)	2021 Daniel C. Ricketts
2017 Clyde E. Griffin (#383)	2021 Ronald B. Wolbert
2018 John I. Haggas (#12514)	2022 Wade C. Smith, Sr.

2022 Rodney A. Couch
2022 James W. Bard

2022 Mark A. Bradley

RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33)	*1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)
1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7)	*2000 Bobby Massey (55)
*1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23)	*2001 Charles E. Hanenkrat (49)
*1978 Willis R. Bettis (74)	2002 James Timothy Ingram (55)
*1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33)	*2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2)
1980 Billy E. Collins (55)	2004 Brent Griffin (57)
*1981 Wilford H. Hall (36)	2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2)
*1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33)	*2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77)
*1983 George T. Poole (4)	*2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36)
*1984 Homer Tyre (16)	*2008 Alexander Loo (A01)
*1985 William L. Boynton (7)	2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
*1986 Ruben Martinez (75)	2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30)
*1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62)	2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
*1988 Willie P. Hammond (8)	*2012 Edward V. Massaro (74)
**1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77)	2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10)
*1990 James W. Cowart (2)	2014 Michael H. Sampsell (47)
1991 James B. Phillips (61)	2015 Kevin L. Miller (16)
*1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33)	2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60)
***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60)	2017 Michael H. Wilson (41)
*1994 John B. Modling (13)	2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)
*1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58)	2019 Tyler W. Pledger (24)
1996 William S. Cleland (76)	2020 Jack J. Bell
1997 Peter E. Dean (42)	2021 James W. Bard
1998 Bill G. Messer (5)	2022 Michael J. Etheridge

* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Demit

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

*1984 Thomas R. Chadwick (16)	*2004 Julius K. Moody (2)
*1985 Richard J. O'Keefe (7)	**2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01)
1986 Andre E. Lovas (76)	2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)
*1987 Homer Chapman (H04)	2007 William F. Hardison (2)
*1988 Jack L. Hepner (2)	2008 James W. Bard (74)
1989 Henry V. Tweedell (42)	2009 Mrs. Tina Brady
*1990 Floyd Cox (76)	2010 Charles E. Reed (7)
**1991 Leo F. Bowersox, Jr. (7)	2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)
*1992 Oliver Grantham (13)	2012 James W. Stovall
1993 John Pigott (2)	2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
*1994 Titus F. Rodgers (H04)	2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
1995 William R. Carver (13)	2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
1996 Ronald J. Tomazin (2)	2016 James W. Stovall
**1997 John Terry Dixon (11)	2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)
*1998 James Y. Wilson, Jr. (23)	2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04)
1999 David L. Canaday (33)	2019 Angi Harris
2000 Mrs. Martha Hardison - Rainbow	2020 Gena Kelley
2001 Marc Bohn - DeMolay	2021 Michael W. Canada
2002 Burton E. Jones (24)	2022 Victor J. Somers
2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)	

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RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

2006 Marguerite Zeigler-Buchan	2016 Barbara Land	2018 Gay Bradley
2007 Becky Couch	2017 Tammie Polston	2018 Jeanette Hendry
2008 Judy Griffin	2017 Lynne Hatfield	2018 Nora Wells
2010 Josie Bentley	2017 Deborah Jones	2018 Helen Leinbaugh
2010 Pat Smith	2017 Beth Hyde	2019 Sherri Kirk
2013 Karen Johnson	2017 Marla Horton	2019 Judy Nichols
2015 Cheryle Shepard	2017 Pat Schwarz	2019 Kay Higgins
2015 Susan Pope	2017 Pat Glass	2019 Eva Garmon
2015 Sheila Hensley	2017 Lisa Batt	2020 Becky Ann Wolbert
2015 Jane Wilson	2017 Debbie Lemmons	2020 Paula Berry
2015 Ruth Wellman	2017 Cheryle Turner	2020 Barbara Tate
2015 Ericka Matheny	2017 Roda Wofford	2021 Ruth Nash
2016 Barbara Edmondson	2017 Brenda Gill	2021 Shirley Tyner
2016 Margie Lane	2017 Nancy Simmons	2021 Emmie Sampsell
2016 Hilda Parks	2017 Fae Suttles	2022 Elizabeth Finch
2016 Diane Nealey	2017 Margaret Lovas	2022 Linda Harris
	2017 Sharon Jennings	2022 Brenda Cordle
	2018 Benigna Haggas	

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

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1826-29	Burkett D. Thompson (A01)	5-21-1829	1856-62	Philip T. Schley (2)	8-31-1862
1829-30	Isaac T. Cushing (G04)	1846?	1862-68	Stephen D. Heard (A01)	11-18-1875
1830-41			1869	Joseph E. Wells (6)	12-11-1887
1841-44	Daniel Hook (A01)	7-27-1870	1870-76	Robert M. Smith (5)	2-01-1879
1845-46	William T. Gould (A01)	7-18-1882	1877	William A. Graham (22)	2-24-1904
1847-47	Albon Chase (5)	7-9-1867	1878-81	Charles R. Armstrong (6)	11-01-1893
1850-52	Benjamin B. Russell (A01)	2-16-1889	1882-88	Christopher F. Lewis (A01)	5-21-1902
1853-55	Philip T. Schley (4)	8-31-1862	1889-97	Henry C. Burr (8)	3-15-1901

1898-99	Orlando McLendon (18)	9-26-1899	1965	T. Evans Gates (6)	12-30-1987
1899-01	William A. Davis (6)	1-19-1907	1966	Jay D. Barton (A01)	03-09-1981
1902	Julius L. Brown (13)	9-04-1910	1967	James E. Moseley (8)	02-10-2017
1903	Robert L. Colding (11)	10-21-1927	1967	Harry P. Boyd (43)	04-06-1990
1904	Joseph C. Greenfield (13)	12-20-1920	1968	Austin P. Phillips (38)	03-18-1981
1905	Linton W. Burkett (6)	1-10-1925	1969	Harry E. Copelan (69)	01-15-1999
1906	Thomas F. Moody (20)	1-14-1927	1970	John W. Sisk (13)	08-01-1996
1907	William H. Nurnberger (A01)	9-26-1923	1971	Harold C. Duncan (30)	02-12-1996
1908	John C. Postell (2)	06-19-1919	1972	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr (G04)	04-06-2012
1909	John R. Wilkinson (13)	04-07-1915	1973	David S. Lemons (10)	05-23-2003
1910	John C. Harmon (30)	04-11-1921	1974	Hayden M. Carmichael (46)	01-09-1993
1911	J. Ben Roberts (13)	08-30-1917	1975	Oswald H. King, Jr. (39)	06-21-2013
1912	Alvin E. Sansburn (15)	10-29-1924	1976	Rupert Queen (19)	11-03-2005
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (27)	08-07-1942	1977	Lee D. Holcomb (37)	04-21-2009
1914	B. Palmer Axson (2)	05-23-1943	1978	Clyde C. Brown (13)	10-25-1997
1915-16	William A. Sims (13)	11-24-1952	1979	Bobbie L. Byrd (52)	03-10-2017
1917	Max Meyerhardt (15)	03-02-1923	1980	Rufus R. White (36)	12-31-1993
1918	Charles L. Bass (19)	02-29-1937	1981	Luther G. Palmer (33)	06-11-1987
1919	Augustus G. Miller (20)	07-13-1931	1982	Charles. L. Taylor, Jr. (40)	09-05-2010
1920	Henry S. Colding (2)	10-26-1925	1983	Roy H. Homans (16)	06-28-1998
1921	W. Paul Martin (27)	05-16-1962	1984	Hugh L. Smith (7)	03-01-1995
1922	Early H. Johnson (H04)	09-06-1947	1985	Howard W. VanScoy, Jr. (6)	
1923	Pleasant T. McCutchen (18)	03-27-1947	1985	James E. Underwood (75)	
1924	James W. Taylor [Hon] (18)	12-15-1925	1986	J. Willard Register (H04)	04-24-1999
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon] (6)	07-12-1928	1987	Clyde E. Griffin (G02)	
1924	Francis A. Johnson (23)	03-31-1940	1988	C. Danny Wofford (77)	
1925	Clarence H. Andrew (6)	08-20-1930	1989	Ralph C. James (42)	06-14-1989
1926	William S. Richardson (13)	12-24-1934	1989	Raymond E. Keen (26)	08-06-1999
1927	Nathaniel H. Ballard (16)	02-09-1936	1990	Gary D. Lemmons (61)	
1928	John T. Waldrop (8)	05-19-1931	1991	Thomas R. Gaines (6)	08-18-2013
1929	Thos. H. Jeffries [Hon] (13)	11-06-1948	1992	John A. Morse (13)	12-08-1994
1929	Frank O. Miller (9)	03-17-1937	1992	J. Eugene Lowry (13)	02-25-2014
1930	Jack G. Standifer (39)	11-20-1972	1993	Charles R. Maffett (73)	01-10-2007
1931	Orlando C. Long (13)	10-26-1937	1994	Willie P. Hammond (8)	09-01-2011
1932	Chas. W. Pidcock, Jr. (14)	01-16-1961	1995	Burford M. Brand (19)	03-10-2002
1933	Walter Frank Wells (23)	11-07-1947	1996	Roy R. Jackson (58)	11-06-2007
1934	W. Furman King (2)	11-07-1950	1997	J. Richard Jones (53)	
1935	Hugh W. Taylor (17)	05-18-1966	1998	Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) (13)	03-26-2010
1936	Vivian O. Kimsey (21)	09-20-1966	1998	J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	
1937	Byron L. Milling (13)	10-28-1958	1999	Ted H. Hendon (37)	04-20-2007
1938	Wm. Jeff. Aldridge (29)	03-14-1964	2000	Thomas L. Blanton (49)	
1939	James D. Owens (6)	10-05-1961	2001	Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) (33)	09-11-2019
1940	John F. Hatfield (14)	08-13-1958	2001	Ruben Martinez (75)	03-28-2021
1941	John Orson Smith (38)	11-23-1968	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (41)	07-23-2002
1942	John B. Russell (59)	01-20-1955	2002	John P. Bohanan (3)	09-11-2019
1943	Lloyd C. Prichard (3)	10-09-1982	2003	Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) (55)	05-10-2007
1944	Ray O. Schill (23)	06-12-1975	2003	Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) (64)	
1945	John P. Weisiger (13)	01-08-1971	2003	Jack Lee Hepner (G02)	12-04-2010
1946	Manning M Quattlebaum (2)	12-29-1959	2004	Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) (G02)	12-22-2007
1947	David L. Paulk (59)	04-22-1979	2004	Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	01-10-2022
1948	Joseph A. Moor (G04)	09-04-1972	2005	W. Larry Hicks (13)	04-26-2016
1949	Charles E. Powers (H04)	08-07-1977	2006	Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] (36)	07-20-2014
1950	James R. Belflower (58)	10-07-1981	2006	Daniel C. Ricketts (74)	
1951	J. Tillman Morgan (48)	09-20-1969	2007	Rodney A. Couch (42)	
1952	William J. Penn, Jr. (7)	07-30-1959	2008	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1952	Clifton E. Franklin (14)	03-16-1967	2009	James C. Bentley, Jr. (20)	02-20-2021
1952	James P. Flynn (33)	09-29-1957	2011	Harry B. Allen (3)	
1953	Harold L. Walters (74)	12-01-1960	2012	Mark S. Johnson (66)	
1954	W. Reddick (14)	03-03-1970	2013	F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)	
1955	Cortliss H. Edwards, Sr. (6)	10-22-1992	2014	Charles E. Taylor (16)	
1956	William J. Mobley (2)	07-21-1981	2015	Floyd E. Edmondson (19)	
1957	Charles C. Moon, Sr. (32)	07-31-1966	2016	Benjamin W. Poiston, II (41)	
1958	Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (G04)	03-20-1969	2017	John I. Haggas (4)	
1959	Walker Rush Camp (9)	01-15-1974	2018	Larry C. Bennett (55)	
1960	Lonzo Pope (7)	06-23-1991	2019	Ryan C. Nealey (13)	
1961	John T. Sessions (13)	01-19-1971	2020	Ronald B. Wolbert (2)	
1962	Ottis Brewer Turner (8)	02-10-1999	2021	Bobby B. Simmons (6) (Hon)	
1963	Herman E. Freeman (2)	08-01-1984	2021	James W. Bard (74)	
1964	Grady Eugene Wilkins (26)	09-12-1979			

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation

G02. Georgia: Clyde E. Griffin; Roger W. Coursey; Ronald B. Wolbert

03. Canton: Steven G. Harris;

Stephen C. Higgins; Phillip C. Faulkner; James R. Harris

G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
 Ditmar W. Chavez; Doyle R. Hatfield; Timothy K. Starling
06. Washington: Michael L. Hamlin;
 John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;
 Bobby B. Simmons
07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation
08. Griffin: No Representation
10. Lakewood: Joe E. Turner
13. Jason Burr: Alessandro V. Silva;
 Ryan C. Nealey
15. Rome: No Representation
16. Ballard: Richard J. Corwin, Jr.;
 William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: No Representation
19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson
20. Hunter: Edgar M. Land
24. Walker: Thomas J. Rogers; Douglas D. Skramstad; Tyler W. Pledger; Tracy D. Wright
25. Elbert: No Representation
28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
29. Western: Eric S. Tress
30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford; James R. Bennett; Tommy T. Marshall;
 C. Hendry Howard, Jr.
33. Euclid: No Representation
35. H. C. Rigdon: No Representation
36. Walton C. Griffin: No Representation
37. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel;
 Clarence E. North, III
38. George H. Fields: No Representation
40. E. L. McConnell: Michael R. Sosebee
41. Covington: Raymond G. Laird;

Benjamin W. Polston, II; Michael H. Wilson;
 William M. Jones; David Ludley
44. Gwinnett: Joe R. Bush; Jerry D. Moss
46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson
47. Austell: Michael H. Sampsel
49. Minor C. Shadburn: No Representation
53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary;
54. Alpharetta: Charles D. Humphrey; Jack J. Bell
55. Pickens: Keith Hales; Walter D. Waddell, Jr.;
 James T. Ingram
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs;
 John H. Johnson
60. G. Everett Cox: John C. Miller; Robert R. Cordle; G. Keith Bryant;
61. Calhoun: Terry L. Hensley
62. Hiram: No Representation
64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott; Wayne H. Garrett
65. N.T. Pirkle: Wiley Q. Forrester, III;
 Judd J. Wolfe
66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold
73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh;
 Paul E. Wells; James W. Tate
74. Marietta: John E. Finch, Jr.; Peter D. Bard;
 Jan M. Giddens; Daniel C. Ricketts;
 James W. Bard; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
75. Tara: R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq.
77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
 C. Danny Wofford
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: William W. Grist; William T. White;
 Johnie M. Garmon; Wade C. Smith
83. Covenant: No Representation

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation
G02. Georgia: Joey E. Jackson; Roger Coursey
03. Canton: Steven Harris
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz; Doyle R. Hatfield
06. Washington: George A. Hart; Michael Hamlin
07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation
08. Griffin: No Representation
10. Lakewood: Monte McDonald
13. Jason Burr: Ryan C. Nealey
15. Rome: No Representation
16. Ballard: James D. Arnold
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: Raford J. Chambers
19. Summit: Brandon P. Simmons
20. Hunter: No Representation
24. Walker: Stephen W. Larson, Jr.; William B. Rigsby
25. Elbert: Joshua M. Blakely
28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
29. Western: Carl J. Gamel; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford
33. Euclid: No Representation
35. H. C. Rigdon: No Representation
36. Walton C. Griffin: Leon Lewis
37. Douglasville: Thomas E. Robinson; Carl J. Gamel
38. George H. Fields: No Representation

40. E. L. McConnell: Michael Sosebee
41. Covington: Mike Wilson
44. Gwinnett: Eric R. Howell
46. Statesboro: No Representation
47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
49. Minor C. Shadburn: No Representation
53. Sardis: Brent Griffin
54. Alpharetta: Charles Humphrey
55. Pickens: Paul W. Thompkins
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: John Flener
60. G. Everett Cox: No Representation
61. Calhoun: Terry Hensley
62. Hiram: No Representation
64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott
65. N.T. Pirkle: James C. Stewart
66. Fayetteville: No Representation
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold
73. Fort Benning: Paul E. Wells
74. Marietta: Barry L. Pinson; Matthew R. Medley
75. Tara: No Representation
77. Winder: Michael J. Etheridge
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: William T. White; William W. Grist
83. Covenant: Gordon B. Ruthruff

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**PROCEEDINGS
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ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 2, 2022
A. O. 904**



CARL JOHN GAMEL
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2021 - 2022

CARL JOHN GAMEL

Carl J. Gamel was born in Ft Meade, MD, son of T.R. Gamel of Dallas, GA and Rosemarie Gamel of Ermslaben, Germany. His father was a career soldier and Carl went to many different schools in the US and Germany. Carl graduated from Dallas HS in 1967 and then joined the Army. He stayed in for 20 years until retirement with two tours in Vietnam. He then worked for RODEO USA in Germany for 7 years putting on rodeos in Europe. Returning from Europe, he drove flatbed trucks throughout the US and Canada for 8 years and then school bus for 11 years.

Carl is a third generation Mason, his Grandfather W.T.Gamel was WM of Union Lodge in Paulding County in 1918 and later was a 50-year member of Dallas Lodge #182. His father was WM of Beulah Lodge #698 in 1978 and then Treasurer until he died. His mother was in the OES and was Grand Marshal in 1992.

Carl was raised a Master Mason at Beulah Lodge #698 in 1997, was WM of Beulah #698 in 2001, WM of W.G.England Lodge #747 in 2009 and currently Treasurer, WM of Paulding County Daylight in 2010, HP of Dallas RAC #142, HP of Douglasville RAC #50, IM of Western Council #37, two-time EC of Douglasville Commandry #40, Master of 1st Veil-7th District Royal Arch Convention, Steward-7th District Council Convention, 3rd Veil-5th District Royal Arch Convention, Marshal-5th District, Lt Commander of the KCCH-Valley of Atlanta, KYCH-Cherokee Rose Piory #56, Luther B, Palmer York Rite College and Grand Tall Cedar, GA Forrest #181-Tall Ceders of North America.

ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE VERY EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The One Hundred Sixty-First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 2, 2022. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the One Hundred Sixty-First Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Carl J. Gamel (40)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
*Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Ryan C. Nealey (9)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Michael H. Sampsell (26)	Eminent Grand Warder
William E. Dickert (8)	Eminent Captain of the Guard
Eric S. Tress (40)	Eminent Grand Adjutant
Clarence E. North, III (40)	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (4)	Eminent Grand Photographer

*Indicates Absence

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1996 James B. Phillips (19)

1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)
2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)
2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)
2010 C. Michael Ellis (29)
2011 James E. Stevens (21)
2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)

2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64)
2020 Mark S. Johnson (22)

2021-2022 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson

Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; A. Lee Nash, Jr.

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Paul E. Wells; Johnie M. Garmon;
C. Danny Wofford

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; F. Andrew Lane Jr.,
C. Danny Wofford

Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips

Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair;

Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens;
Doyle R. Hatfield

Relief: Tommy T. Marshal, Chair; Ditmar W. Chavez; Mark A. Bradley;
Wade C. Smith; Doyle R. Hatfield

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Ditmar W. Chavez, Chair; Tyler W. Pledger;
Ryan C. Nealey

Patriotic & Civic: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; William W. Grist
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnie M. Garmon;
Paul E. Wells

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs;
Gregory B. Foster

Easter Sunrise Service: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Lawrence M. Rich
Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;

Floyd E. Edmondson

Long Range Planning: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Carl J. Gamel;

Tommy T. Marshall; Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger; Raymond G. Laird;
Daniel C. Ricketts; William W. Grist; Ryan C. Nealey

Membership: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; 1st Division: _____;
2nd Division: S. Matthew Sanford; 3rd Division: Tracy W. Lemasters;
4th Division: Daniel C. Ricketts; 5th Division: M. Shane Fann; 6th Division:
Raymond G. Laird

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre E. Lovas; F. Andrew Lane Jr.

Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall, Carl J. Gamel

Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
Daniel P. Bennett

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;

Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor

Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; J. Chris Brown

Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair

Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle;
William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Pery

Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.

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

GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman;
Daniel C. Ricketts; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

Fundraising: Jameson R. Head, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston II; Perry J. Gibbs

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights and Distinguished guests, it is my honor to welcome you to the 162 Annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar.

A special welcome is extended to Representatives of Grand Encampment and Distinguished Guests of other Grand Jurisdictions.

To the York Rite Officers, Sir Knight Mark Bradley (MEPGHP) EG Recorder, Sir Knight Wade Smith (MEPGHP) Grand Treasurer and our Office Administrator, Marla Horton, a special thanks for all their guidance and hard work.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I am pleased to report that our Order has been recovering from the effects of the COVID Virus. There has been a lot of degree work and Orders conferred, bringing much needed new members to replace our losses from the past two years of being shut down. Many of these new Sir Knights have been younger, which points the way to a good future. While a lot of the new Knighthoods were from pent-up demand from the year and a half shut down by Grand Encampment, there are also new Candidates desiring the Orders. I also had the honor of presenting Fort Benning Commandery #73 their Charter. Unfortunately, the Southwestern part of our State was hit hard by the COVID Virus. It suffered the worst because it was the first part of our State to be affected, before the latter medicines and treatments were found to be effective against the virus. As a result, the Commanderies there lost a lot of their best and most loyal members. Hopefully they will soon be able to attract new members. We can only grow if the Fraternity as a whole grows, since we can only recruit from Master Masons. I have encouraged the wearing of our uniforms in public at patriotic events by participating in them. Our uniforms are a great advertisement for our Order and Masonry in general. By participating in patriotic parades, such as 4th of July and Labor Day, patriotic Ceremonies such as laying Masonic wreaths on Memorial Day and Veterans Day at County or City War Memorials, we can better inform the public who we are. Telling the curious that we are Knights Templar and Masons and then telling them about all the great charities that Masons do, from the Georgia Masonic Children's Home to Shrine Hospitals, Scottish Rite Care, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and especially our Holy Land Pilgrimage for Pastors. Sir Knights, we need to rebuild our depleted ranks. We have begun making increases, so let us continue and make our Order larger and stronger.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

I would like to thank Sir Knight Clarence (Jimmy) North, my EG Sentinel, who traveled and drove me to almost all of the inspections and assisted when needed at those inspections. Also, Sir Knight Eric Tress, my EG Adjutant, who assisted and traveled with me. Unfortunately, Sir Knight William Dickert was unable to fulfill his duties due to illness. I would like to commend Sir Knight R. Winslow Tidwell, ESQ. for his excellent job of being the Grand Photographer. When he asked me, as I was making out my list of Appointed Officers, if I wanted to continue having him as the official photographer, I told him that I had never considered anyone else.

HOST COMMANDERY

I would like to thank Douglasville Commandery #40 and all of its Sir Knights, for all of their assistance through the years of my journey through the line. This is the Commandery that accepted and made me a Knight Templar. This Commandery, along with my Mother Lodge Beulah #698, will always have a special place in my heart. I will always continue to be loyal to both of them.

GRAND INSPECTING OFFICERS

I would like to thank all of those that accepted the responsibility of being a Grand Inspecting Officer. Sometimes traveling long distances to perform that duty. I appreciate them taking the time from their other responsibilities to perform that duty for me.

COMMITTEES

I would like to thank all those who agreed to Chair or serve on a committee for this past year. Without the work of these Sir Knights our Grand Commandery could not operate.

DISPENSATIONS

All dispensations were of a routine nature and are in accordance with Templar Law. Copies of the dispensations are in file in the Grand Recorder's office.

INSPECTIONS

I was surprised and pleased that many of the Commanderies had recovered from the COVID shut down and could perform outstanding work for opening and inspection. Unfortunately, two Commandery's were so hard hit by COVID that they had to receive an incomplete grade, as we were able to inspect their paperwork and finance records, but they were not able to perform any of the drill and ceremonies with limited participation. The inspection schedule had to be changed several times, when requested, because of COVID. The changes were posted on the Internet and on the electronic version on the insert of the Templar Magazine.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

12 June 2021	Southeastern YR Convention	Mobile, Alabama
16-17 August 2021	68th Triennial Conclave	Minneapolis, Minnesota
18 December 2021	Christmas Observance	Birmingham, Alabama
25-26 February 2022	AL York Rite Convention	Birmingham, Alabama
12 March 2022	Called Conclave	Fort Wayne, Indiana
21-22 March	NC York Rite Convention	Clemmons, North Carolina

IN-STATE VISITATIONS

15 May 2021	GYR of Georgia Installation	Macon
22 May 2021	Grand Masters Class	Marietta
25 May 2021	Rainbow Girls Assembly	Macon
26 May 2021	Cornerstone Laying Scottish Rite	Savannah
23 July 2021	DeMolay Convention	Carrollton
31 July 2021	Chapter & Council Festival	Waycross

14 August 2021	Masonic Home	Macon
4 September 2021	Commandery Orders	Waycross
9 September 2021	50 year Award	Tifton
18 September 2021	Chapter/Council Degrees	Atlanta
9 October 2021	Commandery Orders	Atlanta
5 February 2022	York Rite Festival	Covington
2 April 2022	Grand Masters Class York Rite	Macon
4 April 2022	KTEF Luncheon	Macon

I also attended Christmas Observances at the following Commanderies; #14 Godfrey De Bouillon, # A01 Georgia, #36 Waycross, #19 St John's, #11 Tancred, #8 Rome, #42 Coastal Plains, #38 Dekalb, #2 St. Omer, #29 Charles Martel, and #22 Alexis. I also visited many more Commanderies in the State.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage was canceled this year because of COVID. As Knights Templar, we also support the sending of Religious Pilgrims to the Holy Land as did our ancient Brethren. It is one of our most important projects. By sending these Ministers to the land where our Lord and Savior walked, performed his miracles, taught his disciples, and was crucified, died, buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven, they may be able to better preach the Gospel and save souls. I would like to thank Sir Knight Terry Hensley REPGC for continuing as Chairman of that Committee and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation matching half of the fee for sending our ministers.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The trip was canceled this year, I still plan on going this year and laying the wreath, along with the Grand High Priest and the Illustrious Grand Master at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

I have had the honor of presenting four Golden Chalice this year to the following Commandery Douglasville #40, the Shady Dale Rodeo, Atlanta Commandery #9, and Arnold de Troye Commandery #31. I hope other Commanderies will continue to try to secure their own Golden Chalice by contributing to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, continuing the important work of helping blind children see and preventing other children from going blind.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This is the Foundation that provides half of the funds for sending Ministers from Georgia to the Holy Land. In addition to this important work, the Foundation also gives Scholarships for Students going to Georgia Colleges and Universities. I commend them for their important work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That membership remains our primary focus; Recruit, Retain and Reinstate. That we assist the Masonic Fraternity in gaining new quality members.
2. That a long-range strategic plan be created and updated annually.
3. That all elected Officers of the Grand Commandery be encouraged to attend more activities and meetings to better prepare themselves for the journey to come.
4. That each Commandery works on being able to confer the Orders within their own Commandery. It means a lot to a candidate if he received his Orders from the Commandery he is about to join.
5. That a school of Tactics be held in each Division.
6. That the Golden Spur Award and the Sir Knight Award programs be continued.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all who have assisted me throughout the years in progressing through the line, to those Past Grand Commanders, Past Commanders and all Sir Knights, who have built up our organization and those that remain active in keeping the Knight Templar legacy. I have said before that we can only grow if the Masonic Fraternity grows, let us show by example to the rest of our State what kind of Christians we are, so that men will once again be proud to become a Knight Templar.

In His Service: Carl J. Gamel, Right Eminent Grand Commander

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar.

Your committee joins with our Grand Commander in welcoming all Sir Knights to The 162nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. In particular, we welcome all our out-of-state, in-state guests and dignitaries. You indeed Honor us with your presence. We thank our host Commandery, Douglasville # 40, for all the hospitality and kindness extended to all visitors and members at this Grand Conclave.

We fully understand the COVID Virus has had great effects had on membership but very pleased to see the increase in the number of Orders conferred after the Order of Grand Encampment was Lifted. We salute you in recognizing that "Membership" should always be a top Priority in our agenda. The younger members becoming Knights is a big plus for our future. We agree wearing our uniform at every opportunity is a great way to let others know who we are and what we stand for as Christian Knights. Your efforts in leading the way as Christians by demonstrating "Charity" is needed identity. Being the leader in all of our charitable endeavors should set the example for others to follow and look for ways to do even better because there is a great need in sending Ministers to the Holy Land, Eye Research, Education Foundation, and the Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust.

In your Necrology Report, we are saddened at the loss of all Sir Knights who have done their part in carrying the sword in defense of the Christian Religion. Due to Covid our commanderies have lost some of their best and most loyal members who will be greatly missed.

Presenting the Charter to Ft Benning Commandery # 73 was a favorable way to make their Sir Knights proud of this achievement. They were very thankful to the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder and Sir Knights to make a dream come true.

We join our Grand Commander in recognizing the services of Sir Knight Clarence (Jimmy) North, Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight Eric Tress, Grand Adjutant, and Sir Knight R. Winslow Tidwell, ESQ, Grand Photographer. These Sir Knights gave their best and supported you in many extra special ways.

Your selections of Grand Inspecting Officers was well done and they far exceeded

their assignments by going beyond their required duties. We fully agree the Commanderies did an outstanding in their preparing and carrying out their duties for very successful inspections. Committee appointments are very important to achieve the goals that were set and we feel they assisted you in the spirit of "Teamwork" getting the job done.

Events, - Your attendance at the Triennial, Called Conclave of Grand Encampment, Grand Master's Class, and the out & in-state visits were commendable and this demonstrated your dedication as Grand Commander. Your accomplishments, like wearing the Whiteside Jewel with honor and distinction to this Grand Commandery, always demonstrating humility and brotherly love. Thanks for wearing the Whiteside Jewel with pride. We endorse your recommendations and hope they will be approved or studied to improve our Grand Commandery.

Our Grand Commander has expressed appreciation to his Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Members, Inspection Officers, Appointed Officers, and all Sir Knights, for their support and dedication. We also are proud of your recognition of our Grand Recorder, Mark Bradley, Grand Treasurer, Wade Smith and Administrative Assistant, Marla Horton for always being there for us to support and help through our endeavors. As our Grand Commander surrenders the command of our Grand Commandery to His successor, we wish SK Carl J. Gamel many happy days ahead on the journey of life. Personal note; in my travels as a Grand Encampment officer, your Grand Commander, his officers, and the Sir Knights are the best and I salute them for a "JOB WELL DONE".

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnie M. Garmon;
Paul E. Wells

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia;

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, report there were eighteen (18) Bills submitted to the committee to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, find these Bills are in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations. We are pleased to report all the Orders and Dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander through the office of the Grand Recorder were in strict accordance with the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia.

The Committee wishes to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; Paul E. Wells;
Johnie M. Garmon; C. Danny Wofford

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

All proposed legislation was approved as presented and recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee.

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to correct a printing error in Article III, Organization, Section 1 of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads SECTION 1.** This Grand Commandery consists of the following Officers and members:

The Grand Commander,
The Deputy Grand Commander,
The Grand Generalissimo
The Grand Captain General,
The Grand Senior Warden,

The Grand Junior Warden,
The Grand Prelate,
The Grand Treasurer,
The Grand Recorder,
The Grand Standard Bearer,
The Grand Sword Bearer,
The Grand Warder.
The Grand Sentinel,

(The Grand Sentinel, Grand Captain of the Guard, and up to two Grand Custodians, are to be appointed by the Grand Commander at each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery), all Past Grand Generalissimos, all Past Grand Captains General, all Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies; and the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each Commandery within this jurisdiction, so long as they remain members of a Constituent Commandery. The above indicated members shall be entitled to one vote each in all proceedings of this Grand Body, if he be present, except the Grand Prelate, Grand Sentinel, and Grand Captain of the Guard, unless they are either qualified as a Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General or Past Commander.

(Grand Custodian adopted by Resolution May 13, 1981)

TO ADD: Past Grand Commanders, and Past Deputy Grand Commanders, so that the corrected SECTION 1 Reads:

This Grand Commandery consists of the following Officers and members:

The Grand Commander,
The Deputy Grand Commander,
The Grand Generalissimo
The Grand Captain General,
The Grand Senior Warden,
The Grand Junior Warden,
The Grand Prelate,
The Grand Treasurer,
The Grand Recorder,
The Grand Standard Bearer,
The Grand Sword Bearer,
The Grand Warder.
The Grand Sentinel,

(The Grand Sentinel, Grand Captain of the Guard, and up to two Grand Custodians, are to be appointed by the Grand Commander at each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery), all Past Grand Commanders, all Past Deputy Grand Commanders, all Past Grand Generalissimos, all Past Grand Captains General, all Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies; and the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each Commandery within this jurisdiction, so long as they remain members of a Constituent Commandery. The above indicated members shall be entitled to one vote each in all proceedings of this Grand Body, if he be present, except the Grand Prelate, Grand Sentinel, and Grand Captain of the Guard, unless they are either qualified as a Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General or Past Commander.

(Grand Custodian adopted by Resolution May 13, 1981)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 2

A BILL, to provide for Honorary Titles by amending Article III, Organization, Proxies, Titles Section, to add a new Section 5, of the Constitution Section of the

2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which shall read:

SECTION 5. Honorary Titles.

Honorary titles may be conferred upon a Sir Knight who has rendered LONG, OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE in the cause of Templary. This Grand Commandery may confer the honorary title of Honorary Past Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Grand Recorder Emeritus, and Grand Prelate Emeritus on a Sir Knight who is proposed in writing by a member of Grand Commandery to the Grand Recorder's office by March 1, and is approved by The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and the Grand Recorder, who shall then forward the nomination with supporting documentation to the Grand Master of Grand Encampment for his approval. Such nomination shall then be presented at the Grand Conclave Session of Grand Commandery for approval by a 3/4 majority of the voting members.

The holder of such honorary title shall have no right, by virtue of such honorary title, to exercise any of the functions or powers of the office as to which he holds an honorary title, nor shall he by virtue of such honorary title wear the jewel of the office to which such title pertains. The holder of such honorary title, however, shall be privileged to wear the uniform and shoulder straps of the office to which such honorary title applies, and there may be conferred upon him a jewel and, shoulder straps appropriate to his honorary title, provided that such jewel and shoulder straps must bear a specific notation that the title which it represents is honorary only.

(Section 237(a) Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America Revised March 28, 2019)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

Requested by Sir Knight Tommy Marshall and others

BILL NO. 3

A BILL, to provide for Virtual Grand Conclaves by amending Article IV, Business, Section 1 of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 1. – ANNUAL CONCLAVE. The Grand Commandery shall hold an Annual Conclave in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. It is the duty of each Constituent By ADDING a second paragraph which shall read as follows:

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, The Grand Commandery may conduct a Grand Conclave by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are

widely available to the members of Grand Commandery. A dispensation from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment shall be necessary to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed. (Grand Encampment Section 36, amended 2021-06)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 4

A BILL, to amend Article V, Duties of Officers and Committees, Section 11 Jurisprudence Committee of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 11. A Permanent Jurisprudence Committee of five members, as now organized on terms of one, two, three, four and five years, (the newly elected Grand Commander after adjournment of each Grand Conclave, appointing to the vacancy caused by the term expiration, a member for the term of five years, and at same time designating and appointing for the Templar year the Chairman of said Committee) shall consider and report upon all matters which may be properly referred to them; generally questions of Templar law and regulations, on the occasion of Grand Conclaves or which may be asked of them by the Grand Commander during his administration.,.

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 11 WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 11. A Permanent Jurisprudence Committee of five members, as now organized on terms of one, two, three, four and five years. **Annually thereafter the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander shall NOMINATE one Sir Knight to fill the expiring term, who shall be ELECTED at the Annual Conclave beginning in 2022.** (Grand Master Grand Encampment Section 48, Decision 3 January 11, 2021 Grand Encampment, K.T.)

The incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander shall at the same time designate and appoint for the Templar year the Chairman of said Committee. The Committee shall consider and report upon all matters which may be properly referred to them; generally questions of Templar law and regulations, on the occasion of Grand Conclaves or which may be asked of them by the Grand Commander during his administration.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 5

A BILL, to amend Article V, Duties of Officers and Committees, Section 13 Triennial Committee of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 13. A Permanent Triennial Committee of three members (who are members of Grand Encampment) shall be appointed by the incoming Grand Commander at the first Annual Grand Conclave after the Triennial Conclave. This Committee is to have complete charge of all details relative to the next meeting of the Grand Encampment, including Entertainment propaganda, Transportation, etc. The Committee shall serve until after the next Triennial, and they shall be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for any necessary expenses from funds authorized by Grand Commandery to be expended for Triennial expenses.

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 13 WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 13. A Permanent Triennial Committee of three members (who are members of Grand Encampment) shall be NOMINATED by the incoming Grand

Commander at the first Annual Grand Conclave after the Triennial Conclave and **ELECTED at the Annual Conclave beginning in 2022.** (Grand Master Grand Encampment Section 48, Decision 3 January 11, 2021).

This Committee is to have complete charge of all details relative to the next meeting of the Grand Encampment, including Entertainment propaganda, Transportation, etc. The Committee shall serve until after the next Triennial, and they shall be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for any necessary expenses from funds authorized by Grand Commandery to be expended for Triennial expenses

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 6

A BILL, to clarify Article V, Duties of Officers and Committees, Section 14, Educational Foundation Committee of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 14. There shall be a permanent Educational Foundation Committee composed of five trustees of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., said trustees to be elected by the Grand Commandery of Georgia as provided in the charter of incorporation of said Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., as granted by the Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia on the 22nd day of March, 1940. It shall be the duty of this Committee to work with and under the plans of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation of the division of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. The members of this Committee shall be elected and hold office as provided in the charter above referred to.

This Committee shall have in charge funds formerly in the hands of the Educational Committee and the Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, known as the George B. Whiteside Templar Memorial Fund; the Lucy Russell Educational Fund; the W. C. Cantrell Fund; the Thank Offering Fund, and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Ga., Inc. and they are hereby placed in the hands of the trustees of Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., to be INVESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INVESTMENT GUIDANCE OF SUCH INVESTMENT FUND MANAGER OR TRUST MANAGER AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE SELECTED BY THE PERMANENT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE. All Funds shall be administered by said trustees in accordance with the terms as expressed by the donors in making said gifts. A separate set of books will be kept in connection with the administration of these funds.

A separate set of books to be kept in connection with the administration of these funds. (Pro., 1940)

By DELETING the last redundant sentence in the second paragraph which reads: A separate set of books will be kept in connection with the administration of these funds. And adding a NEW LAST SENTENCE which reads: Provided further, that the interest income, and principal of the fund may be used for student grants or scholarships, or grants to educational institutions to provide student grants or scholarships under such rules as the Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment may prescribe. (Grand Encampment Section 18, amended 2021-01).

so that Section 14, Educational Foundation Committee of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar**, of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

SECTION 14. There shall be a permanent Educational Foundation Committee composed of five trustees of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., said trustees to be elected by the Grand Commandery of Georgia as provided in the charter of incorporation of said Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., as granted by the Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia on the 22nd day of March, 1940. It shall be the duty of this Committee to work with and under the plans of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation of the division of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. The members of this Committee shall be elected and hold office as provided in the charter above referred to.

This Committee shall have in charge funds formerly in the hands of the Educational Committee and the Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, known as the George B. Whiteside Templar Memorial Fund; the Lucy Russell Educational Fund; the W. C. Cantrell Fund; the Thank Offering Fund, and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Ga., Inc. and they are hereby placed in the hands of the trustees of Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., to be INVESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INVESTMENT GUIDANCE OF SUCH INVESTMENT FUND MANAGER OR TRUST MANAGER AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE SELECTED BY THE PERMANENT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE. All Funds shall be administered by said trustees in accordance with the terms as expressed by the donors in making said gifts. Provided further, that the interest income, and principal of the fund may be used for student grants or scholarships, or grants to educational institutions to provide student grants or scholarships under such rules as the Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment may prescribe. (Grand Encampment Sec 18, amended 2021-01)
A separate set of books to be kept in connection with the administration of these funds. (Pro., 1940)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 7

A BILL, to amend Article V, Duties of Officers and Committees, Section 16, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 16. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION. "A permanent Eye Foundation Committee of three members on terms of one, two and three years in office shall be maintained in this Grand Commandery by appointment by the incoming Grand Commander, of members to fill the vacancies at each Grand Conclave. The Grand Commander shall also designate the Chairman for the ensuing year. The geographical location of the committee members should be such as to best promote and advance our Eye Foundation work throughout the State of Georgia. All members of this committee shall diligently work to support the Eye Foundation program and the Committee shall make a report annually to the Grand Commandery

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16 WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 16. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION. A permanent Eye Foundation Committee of three members on terms of one, two and three years in office shall be maintained in this Grand Commandery. The incoming Grand Commander shall NOMINATE a member to fill the expiring term or other vacancy, who shall be **ELECTED at the Annual Conclave beginning in 2022.** (Grand Master Grand Encampment Section 48, Decision 3 January 11, 2021). The Grand Commander shall also designate the Chairman for the ensuing year. The geographical location of the committee members should be such as to best promote and advance our Eye Foundation work throughout the State of Georgia. All members of this committee shall diligently work to support the Eye Foundation program and the Committee shall make a report annually to the Grand Commandery

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 8

A BILL, to provide for Public Appearances of Knight Templars by amending Article 1, SECTION 11, Parades of the General Statutes Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads:**

SECTION 11. Public Parades. This Grand Commandery hereby prohibits members of the Order as Knights Templar and all bodies of Knights Templar of this Constituency, from participating in any parade, except Masonic funerals, and to escort the Grand Commandery before the opening session, or to attend Divine Services or religious memorial services, unless proper Dispensation is obtained; the granting of same being at the discretion of the Grand Commander as to a proper occasion for a parade. On occasion of parades, the display of the Beauseant Banner, together with the United States Flag, only may be made. By DELETING the current Section 11 and adding a new SECTION 11 which shall read as follows:

SECTION 11. Public Parades. This Grand Commandery does hereby allow members of the Order as Knights Templar and all bodies of Knights Templar of this Constituency, to participate in any parade, Masonic funeral, Church or Religious service and escort the Grand Commandery before the opening session, without Dispensation being obtained. On occasion of parades, the display of the Beauseant Banner, together with the United States Flag, only, may be made. Any approved Knight Templar uniform may be worn in public as provided, except when escorting Grand Commandery which requires a full-dress uniform, provided all Participating Knights must wear the same uniform. (Grand Encampment Sections 214-215 Deleted, Amendment 2021-05).

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 9

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of how the Fund Committee is appointed to the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund by amending Article 1, Section 18.5 of the General Statutes Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 18.5 - York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia: Provided similar action is approved by the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, this Grand Commandery does hereby authorize

the creation and the joint operation of a Perpetual Membership Program under the name and style of the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. This Fund shall be administered by a joint committee of the said three Grand Bodies which committee shall be known as the Fund Committee

The Right Eminent Grand Commander shall appoint one Sir Knight for a term of one year, another Sir Knight for two years, and another Sir Knight for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander shall appoint one Sir Knight for a three year term. The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Commandery.

By AMENDING the second sentence of the second paragraph to read: **The Right Eminent Grand Commander shall appoint one Sir Knight for a term of one year, another Sir Knight for two years, and another Sir Knight for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander shall NOMINATE one Sir Knight for a three-year term, who shall be elected at the Annual Conclave beginning in 2022.** (Grand Master Grand Encampment Section 48, Decision 3 January 11, 2021).

so that section 18.5, second paragraph of the General Statutes Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar**, of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

The Right Eminent Grand Commander shall appoint one Sir Knight for a term of one year, another Sir Knight for two years, and another Sir Knight for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander shall NOMINATE one Sir Knight for a three-year term, who shall be ELECTED at the Annual Conclave beginning in 2022. (Grand Master Grand Encampment Section 48, Decision 3 January 11, 2021). **The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Commandery.**

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 10

A HOUSE KEEPING BILL to amend Article 1, Rules Of Order Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar**, by adding a new Section 7 “Display of Holy Bible” which is currently on the end page of the code to its proper place, so that Article 1 in its entirety shall read

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. Before opening the Grand Commandery, the Grand Recorder shall call the roll, and if it appears therefrom that a constitutional number is present, the Grand commander shall announce that fact and proceed with the opening.

SECTION 2. The Grand commander shall then extend an invitation to all Sir Knights of good standing to seats in the Grand Commandery.

SECTION 3. The Grand Commander shall then announce the appointment of Committee on Credentials and such other Committees as may be necessary, which shall report subsequently in the order of business.

SECTION 4. If the records of the last Grand conclave have been printed and distributed, their reading shall be dispensed with, unless a motion to read them is made and carried.

SECTION 5. The Grand Commander's report shall then be read and referred to the proper committee for distribution.

SECTION 6. After the first session of the Grand Commandery, the wearing of full Uniform may be dispensed with, unless otherwise directed.

SECTION 7. DISPLAY OF HOLY BIBLE : The Holy Bible shall be displayed at all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commanderies and all Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, on a stand, pedestal, or small altar in front of the Prelate's station on the floor of the Asylum, to the left (South) of the United States flag; it shall be placed with the top to the east, opened to the Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter XXVIII, with a small wooden passion cross displayed on the right and square and compasses displayed on the left thereon. Two crossed swords may also be displayed thereon. It is to be opened by the Grand Prelate or Prelate, immediately after the Conclave is declared convened or opened; and closed by the Grand Prelate or Prelate when the Conclave is declared adjourned or closed. The altar shall be covered with a black or white cloth cover; on the front of which a red Passion Cross may be embroidered.

(The Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and approved Decisions 1967 & 1982 of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America Revised August 3, 2016

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 11

A BILL, to amend and clarify Item 19, Other Uniforms Section of the Templar Uniform Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads** The Uniform Committee of Grand Commandery recommended that the Uniforms approved by the Grand Encampment be adopted by the Grand Commandery of Georgia and that the guidelines for wearing them in the subordinate Commanderies are as follows:

1. The summer uniforms are approved for wear during regular conclaves held from after the adjournment of Grand Commandery through Labor Day of each year; however, full Templar Uniform must be worn during Inspections.
2. The cap and mantle is approved for wear during all meetings of a Subordinate Commandery including conferral of the Orders and inspections. **Section 256 and 258 of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America Revised August 3, 2016)**
3. The design and material of the summer uniform and the cap and mantle shall be approved by the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

This was adopted on May 4, 2004 and again on May 3, 2005. It was further defined and modified on June 29, 2004 by the issuance of General Order #2 by Sir Knight Timothy M. Taylor, Right Eminent Grand Commander, as follows: Summer Uniforms may be worn by Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia provided the following conditions are met: The Summer Uniform must comply with the original ruling of Sir Knight James Morris Ward, Most Eminent Grand Master, and all subsequent rulings as may from time to time be expounded by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The Summer Uniform may only be worn between the adjournment of Grand Commandery in May and Labor Day, inclusive. The Summer Uniform may not be

worn during any Inspections or the conferral of any of the several Orders of Christian Knighthood which comprise the Orders of the Knights Templar. Although it is a Sir Knight's individual decision to purchase and wear a Summer Uniform to Conclaves that do not involve Inspections or Ritualistic work, no group may appear outside the asylum unless all are wearing the same uniform whether it be the Class A/Full Dress Uniform, the Fatigue Uniform, or the Summer Uniform. There is to be no mixing of uniforms outside of the asylum (i.e. parades, drill competitions, or Religious services).

This General Order was approved May 3, 2005 by Grand Commandery.

By AMENDING ITEM 1 TO READ: 1. The summer uniforms are approved for wear during regular conclaves. The Incoming Grand Commander may set the dates for wearing the uniforms; however, full Templar Uniform must be worn during Inspections.

And by AMENDING the May 3, 2005 General Order, paragraph 3 TO READ: The Summer Uniform may only be worn during the time designated by the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Summer Uniform may not be worn during any Inspections, but MAY be worn during the conferral of any of the several Orders of Christian Knighthood which comprise the Orders of the Knights Templar.

(Both Changes Grand Encampment SECTION 259 amended 2021-8)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 12

A BILL, to provide for the wearing of a TEMPLAR APRON by amending Other Uniforms Section of the Templar Uniform Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

The Uniform Committee of Grand Commandery recommended that the Uniforms approved by the Grand Encampment be adopted by the Grand Commandery of Georgia and that the guidelines for wearing them in the subordinate Commanderies are as follows:

1. The summer uniforms are approved for wear during regular conclaves held from after the adjournment of Grand Commandery through Labor Day of each year; however, full Templar Uniform must be worn during Inspections.
2. The cap and mantle is approved for wear during all meetings of a Subordinate Commandery including conferral of the Orders and inspections. **Section 256 and 258 of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America Revised August 3, 2016)**
3. The design and material of the summer uniform and the cap and mantle shall be approved by the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

This was adopted on May 4, 2004, and again on May 3, 2005. It was further defined and modified on June 29, 2004, by the issuance of General Order #2 by Sir Knight Timothy M. Taylor, Right Eminent Grand Commander, as follows: Summer Uniforms may be worn by Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia provided the following conditions are met: The Summer Uniform must comply with the original ruling of Sir Knight James Morris Ward, Most Eminent Grand Master, and all subsequent rulings as may from time to time be expounded by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The Summer Uniform may only be worn between the adjournment of Grand Commandery in May and Labor Day, inclusive. The Summer Uniform may not be

worn during any Inspections or the conferral of any of the several Orders of Christian Knighthood which comprise the Orders of the Knights Templar. Although it is a Sir Knight's individual decision to purchase and wear a Summer Uniform to Conclaves that do not involve Inspections or Ritualistic work, no group may appear outside the asylum unless all are wearing the same uniform whether it be the Class A/Full Dress Uniform, the Fatigue Uniform, or the Summer Uniform. There is to be no mixing of uniforms outside of the asylum (i.e. parades, drill competitions, or Religious services).

This General Order was approved May 3, 2005 by Grand Commandery.

By ADDING a NEW SECTION at the end which shall read:

Knight Templar aprons may be worn by all Sir Knights with all Templar Uniforms. The aprons shall be of a design approved by Grand Encampment at its 2021 Triennial Conclave. There are two types of Aprons. 1. A Traditional Apron which may have a Laurel Wreath around the three sides or may have a Skull and Crossbones in the center and which shall be trimmed in Gold for Sir Knights holding the rank of Commander or Past Commander and trimmed in silver for all other Sir Knights. This Apron may only be worn in the Asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present. 2. A Contemporary Apron which has the Crown and Cross Emblem in the center which shall be trimmed in Gold for Sir Knights holding the rank of Commander or Past Commander and trimmed in silver for all other Sir Knights. This Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. A Sir Knight may purchase and wear an Apron having the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other side. The Contemporary Apron may not be worn at any Masonic meeting, using, or not using, other type Aprons, unless the Sir Knight is Representing the Commandery at that meeting and is in a Knight Templar Uniform. (Grand Encampment SEC 260 amended 2021-20)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 13

A BILL, to provide for SHORT FORM OPENING CEREMONY of Knight Templars by amending ARTICLE II, SECTION 4, OPENING of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads:**

SECTION 4. Opening. All Constituent Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall be opened in Full form according to ceremonials provided in the Ritual, unless in extreme cases, but they may be closed in Short form as provided.

By ADDING a new sentence that READS: If there are less than nine members, but five or more, the SHORT FORM OPENING contained in the 2019 Grand Encampment Ritual shall be used. (Grand Encampment Section 66, amended 2021-09)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 14

A BILL, to provide for Virtual Conclaves of Constituent Commanderies by amending Article III, Section 1, Conclaves, of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 1. Conclaves. Every Commandery shall meet at least quarterly, but any failure to meet for twelve successive months, without a satisfactory excuse to the Grand commander or Grand Commandery, shall be deemed a sufficient cause to arrest the Charter. No Commandery in this jurisdiction shall be

permitted to hold a Conclave on Sunday, except for the purpose of attending funerals or Divine Worship, including religious Memorial Services.
By ADDING a second paragraph following the words "Memorial Service" which shall read as follows:

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, The Commandery may conduct a Conclave by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery. A dispensation from the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall be necessary to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed. (Grand Encampment Sec 36, amended 2021-07)

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 15

A BILL, to provide for Public Appearances of Knight Templars by amending Article III Section 1, Conclaves, Second Paragraph, of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads:**

Article III, Section 1 second paragraph

No Commandery shall appear in public as such without the express permission of the Grand Commander except upon funeral occasions, as herein stated, or to attend church or Religious Services, including Religious Memorial services for deceased Fraters.

By DELETING the second paragraph of Article III, section 1 of the Constituent Commanderies Section.

(Grand Encampment Sections 214-215 Deleted, Amendment 2021-05).

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 16

A BILL, to amend clarify and provide for dual officers, Article III, Section 11, DUAL MEMBER of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the **2019 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, which currently reads**

SECTION 11. Dual Member. A Knight Templar may be admitted as a dual member of any Constituent Commandery of this Grand Commandery, a Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment, a Constituent Commandery of another Grand Commandery if the laws of that Grand Commandery also permit such dual membership, or a Preceptory or Commandery under a recognized foreign Sovereign Jurisdiction if the laws of that Jurisdiction also permit such dual membership. Such dual member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership in both Commanderies except he cannot be a dais officer in more than one Commandery at the same time, and he is subject to all dues and assessments of both Commanderies. Loss of active membership by action of any Commandery shall cause loss of membership in all Commanderies; provided, however, a dual member may demit from any Commandery. Such dual membership may be accomplished by a certificate of good standing and petition for affiliation. Adopted May 9, 2000

Additionally, no Dual Member shall be a dais officer in more than one commandery at the same time.

By AMENDING SECTION 11 TO READ:

SECTION 11. Dual Member. A Knight Templar may be admitted as a dual member of any Constituent Commandery of this Grand Commandery, a Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment, a Constituent

Commandery of another Grand Commandery if the laws of that Grand Commandery also permit such dual membership, or a Preceptory or Commandery under a recognized foreign Sovereign Jurisdiction if the laws of that Jurisdiction also permit such dual membership. Such dual member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership in both Commanderies except he cannot be Commander of more than one Commandery at the same time, and he is subject to all dues and assessments of both Commanderies. Loss of active membership by action of any Commandery shall cause loss of membership in all Commanderies; provided, however, a dual member may demit from any Commandery. Such dual membership may be accomplished by a certificate of good standing and petition for affiliation. Adopted May 9, 2000

Additionally, a Dual Member may be an officer in more than one commandery at the same time, except the station of Commander.

(Grand Encampment Section 190(a) amended 2021-14).

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 17

A HOUSE KEEPING BILL: WHERE AS: THE STANDARD BY-LAWS FOR COMMANDERIES section of the 2019

Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, needs to be revised and placed on the Grand York Rite of Georgia web page for general use of the commanderies,

AND WHEREAS; certain changes having been adopted by the Grand Commandery Conclave of 2022 which changes certain sections of the Standard By-Laws, this Bill shall provide for the updating of all sections of the By-Laws now in conflict with the code. i.e., public appearances, virtual meetings, etc. so that the web page By-Laws are current for all commanderies wishing to use them.

ADD 2ND PARAGRAPH TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1 CONCLAVES WHICH SHALL READ:

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, The Commandery may conduct a Conclave by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery. A dispensation from the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall be necessary to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed. (Grand Encampment Sec 36, amended 2021-07)

AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1. RULES, ITEM (5) WHICH READS

- A Commandery shall appear in public only in full dress uniform except for attendance at church services or funerals.

BY DELETING THIS SECTION AND ADDING

A Commandery may participate in any parade, Masonic funeral, Church or Religious service and escort the Grand Commandery before the opening session, without Dispensation being obtained. On occasion of parades, the display of the Beauseant Banner, together with the United States Flag, only, may be made. Any approved Knight Templar uniform may be worn in public as provided, except when escorting Grand Commandery which requires a full dress uniform, provided ALL PARTICIPATING KNIGHTS must wear the same uniform.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 18

This bill is herewith submitted to change the annual meeting date from First Monday of May to First Friday of May:

A BILL, to amend Article IV, Section 1, Annual Conclave of the **2019 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

Section 1 Annual Conclave.

Section 1. Annual Conclave. The Grand Commandery shall hold an Annual Conclave in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. It is the duty of each Constituent Commandery to be there represented as provided in Article III, Section 3

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 1 Annual Conclave WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Annual Conclave. The Grand Commandery shall hold an Annual Conclave in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2023, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Friday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. In 2024 the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Friday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2025, the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Friday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. It is the duty of each Constituent Commandery to be there represented as provided in Article III, Section 3
Submitted: Joe E. Turner

This legislation is requested by the Grand Recorder and others.

REPORT OF CHARTER & 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 and By-Laws wishes to make the following report:

Sadly we CONTINUE to NOTE the lack of attention to this committee's recommendations and requirements to the bylaws: Dekalb Commandery No. 38. This has now been in limbo for THREE years.

Your **2019** Committee examined and reviewed a complete revision of the bylaws of DeKalb Commandery No. 38. Your Committee did not recommend approval of this revision of the By-Laws and sent the Commandery numerous changes that are necessary. No changes or amendments have been received and your committee is still unable to approve the By-Laws revision. This commandery needs to submit a new revision with all the changes.

Your Committee is aware that Griffin Commandery No. 35 removed itself from its regular meeting place at Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 in Griffin to 4328 Jackson Rd, in the Ringgold Community of Spalding County. However, no dispensation was issued to change meeting location and your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this commandery.

Your Committee has examined a complete revision of the bylaws of Blue Ridge Commandery No. 37 and returned them for corrections on 9-26-21. Nothing further has been submitted.

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and they are of routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular conclave. Your Committee notes with pleasure the Grand Commander invited the Grand Commandery of Florida to come and join with Waycross Commandery No. 36 and participate in a one day commandery festival on September 4, 2021.

HAPPY 115th BIRTHDAY MAY 2022: ST JOHNS NO. 19

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.;
C. Danny Wofford

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia:

Your committee on Code Revision wishes to make the following report:

The 2019 Commandery Code is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

The 2019 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Conclave session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

IN AS MUCH AS THERE ARE 17 AMEMNDMENTS TO THE CODE TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2022 ANNUAL CONCLAVE, DOES THE CODE NEED TO BE REPRINTED?

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre E. Lovas;
F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia:

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

No out of state or foreign proceedings have been received for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore. No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

DO THE YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA NEED TO RECOGNIZE PRINCE HALL YORK RITE MASONRY IN THE SAME MANNER WITH THE SAME DOCUMENTS AS GRAND LODGE DID IN OCTOBER 2021

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, DIVISION OF GEORGIA AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, 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., as well as the investment accounts for the Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, Grand Chapter of Georgia Building, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT.

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, awarded \$50,000 gifts each to Emory University and Augusta Medical University.

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. \$30,000 was sent this year to Grand Encampment allowing the purchase of three Golden Chalice Awards.

We are pleased to report the net worth of the following investment accounts effective December 31, 2021: KTEF, Division = \$363,298.44; KTEF, Inc. = \$4,950,576.37; MSM Trust = \$983,848.91; Grand Chapter = \$384,200.10; Grand Council = \$53,822.28; Grand Commandery = \$535,959.87; and Building Fund = \$52,228.92.

Since REPGC Doyle Hatfield's term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve REPGC Doyle Hatfield to succeed himself for a five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2027.

Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon on April 4, 2022. Representatives from the two institutions were in attendance to receive the gifts presented by Chairman Clyde E. Griffin.

As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested.

We wish to thank our Secretary Mark Bradley and Treasurer Wade Smith for their complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and record keeping that keep us abreast of the status of all our accounts.

Thanks especially to our REGC Carl Gamel and the Grand Commandery Officers for their encouragement, support, and comments at our meetings. We consider it a privilege and an honor to serve our Grand Commandery. It is truly a rewarding experience to help others as we do in so many ways with this wonderful Committee.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; Doyle Hatfield; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

I want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee. I was excited to serve on this committee and was looking forward to the trip. The REGC and I had several discussions regarding the Easter Sunrise Service Trip and talked about several wonderful places to visit along the way. This trip was to include a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and to participate in the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Unfortunately, with the issues surrounding the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic we were not able to have the Easter Sunrise Service Trip again this year; however, Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel, Most Illustrious Grand Master James W. Bard, and Most Excellent High Priest John H. Johnson were able to travel to Arlington National Cemetery and on Saturday, April 16, 2022 the three participated in a public Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We are hopeful that we can resume the Easter Sunrise Service Trip in 2023 and look forward to this trip for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

To: The RE Grand Commander, RE Past Grand Commanders, Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee, Inc., and Grand Commandery Officers, of the Grand Commandery of Georgia:

As Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, I submit the following report:

It is indeed an honor and great pleasure to serve and be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander for this appointment. We are very busy in working to make it easier for Sir Knights and Commanderies to be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. It is my opinion that this is one of the greatest works in Templary. The Minister(s) we send have the greatest opportunity to increase in knowledge, not only of the geography of the Promise Land, but also of themselves, by walking where Jesus walked. They can, with this experience, open the scriptures with more understanding than ever before, because "we" as Knight Templars helped make it possible. We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved. Due to the Covid pandemic last year, Israel closed the door of the Country for tourism, and by consequence, the Holy Land Pilgrimage. But things are better this year and they have opened the Country back up. We have sent out all information to the Commanderies but travel fear is still high due to Covid and especially for overseas travel.

We are sending only One Minister this year (2022) to the Holy Land from Georgia, sponsored by St. Johns Commandery No. 19, and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation, Incorporated of Georgia.

The Minister(s) and Commandery sponsor(s) are:

MINISTER

SPONSOR

Joe Willard Hall

St. Johns Commandery No. 19.

Respectfully Submitted: Terry L. Hensley, Chair

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION RETURNS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This Committee has reviewed the Annual inspection reports of the 33 Commanderies of the State for the Templar Year 2021-2022, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Grand Commander	1
Past Grand Commanders	8
Grand Line Officers	18
Past Commanders	6

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 194.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 9

DUES STATUS

Reports show 184 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears for two years were 91 and in arrears for three years 23.

Number of Commanderies	Amount Charged for the orders
2	\$200.00
7	\$150.00
1	\$140.00
1	\$135.00

7	\$130.00
2	\$125.00
6	\$100.00
1	\$95.00
1	\$90.00
2	\$85.00
1	\$60.00
1	\$50.00

One not reported

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$579,480.00

The general condition for each commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91)

1,3,4,7,9,10,11,12,14,15,19,21,22,25,26,29,30,31,36,37,38,40,41,42,45,73

Very Good: (90-81) 2,5,8,33

Good: (80-71) 16

Fair: No Score (70-0) 35,17

Respectfully Submitted: William F Shepard, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;

Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE TACTICS AND RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl J. Gamel and Members of the Grand Commandery of the state of Georgia:

The Tactics and Ritual committee is pleased that the Grand Commandery of Georgia is back up and running from our hiatus due to the closure from the pandemic. There were no requests for revisions or other as to the tactics or the ritual. All requests for clarification, instruction or other were referred to the Grand Custodian of the North or South and were handled appropriately. The continued success of our tactics and ritual will only further with the assistance of all Sir Knights and the renewed interest in instruction of our forms and ceremonies. The committee is pleased that there will be several schools of instruction that are planned in both the North and South in the coming year for the instruction of all our Sir Knights.

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;
Carl J. Gamel

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Carl J. Gamel, led a group of Sir Knights and their ladies to the 68th Triennial in August 2021 at Minneapolis, Minnesota. We participated in all the activities, learning about other Grand Commanderies, making friends, and sharing time together as your representatives from the Grand Commandery of Georgia. During the Business Sessions we had 28 proposed constitutional amendments to be considered. The Sir Knights performed their duties and had respect for each the different opinions of others. The results of the changes were sent to our Grand Recorders office. Thanks to all the Sir Knights and Ladies from Georgia who attended. Our next Triennial will be held in Salt Lake City Utah in August 2024. Mark your Calendars and make plans to attend. For more information, visit the Grand Encampment Website www.knightstemplar.org A Special Conclave was held in Fort Wayne Indiana March 12, 2022. Notice of Actions Taken is attached.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley;
James B. Phillips

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Edward Helton

And all Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Ryan C. Nealey (9)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Michael H. Sampsell (26)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Alessandro V. Silva (9)	Eminent Grand Warder

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: James R. Bennett (36), Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Lawrence A. Purdom (36), Eminent Grand Sentinel; Robert L. Gill (36), Eminent Grand Adjutant; and Robert W. Tidwell (4), Eminent Grand Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed at the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May, 14, 2022 by Right Eminent Sir Knight Paul E. Wells.

2022-2023 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson

Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; T. Matthew Sanford; James W. Bard

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Paul E. Wells; Johnie M. Garmon; C. Danny Wofford

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; F. Andrew Lane Jr., C. Danny Wofford

Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips

Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair;

Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens;

Doyle R. Hatfield

Relief: Ditmar W. Chavez, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith;

Doyle R. Hatfield

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey;

Michael H. Sampsell

Patriotic & Civic: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; William W. Grist

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnie M. Garmon; Paul E. Wells

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs;

Gregory B. Foster

Easter Sunrise Service: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Lawrence M. Rich

Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;

Floyd E. Edmondson

Long Range Planning: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;

Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger; Raymond G. Laird; Daniel C. Ricketts;

William W. Grist; Ryan C. Nealey

Membership: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; 2nd Division: S. Matthew Sanford;
3rd Division: Tracy W. Lemasters; 4th Division: Daniel C. Ricketts;
5th Division: M. Shane Fann; 6th Division: Raymond G. Laird
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre E. Lovas; F. Andrew Lane Jr.
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall, Carl J. Gamel
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
Daniel P. Bennett
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; J. Chris Brown
Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle;
William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Pery
Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel C. Ricketts;
South: Tommy T. Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
TOMMY T. MARSHALL
GENERAL ORDER NO. 1**

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

**TO: Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand
Commanders and Constituent Commanderies.**

Greetings:

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That during the 2022-2023 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall have three Divisions. The First Corps containing Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

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 will have a Grand Commandery Officer assigned as Division Commander. The Division Commander assignments are as follows:

- Division One: The Grand Warder, Alessandro V. Silva
- Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, Michael H. Sampsell
- Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, Ryan C. Nealey
- Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, William W. Grist
- Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Daniel C. Ricketts

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Raymond G. Laird

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Commanderies will be assigned to Divisions as follows:

FIRST CORPS: **Tyler W. Pledger (28)** 706-506-2113 doc42884@aol.com

FIRST DIVISION: **Alessandro V. Silva (9)** 404-273-0315 alexvds@live.com

Division Officers: **Bruce D. Mann (17)** 229-246-3046 bmanncpa@yahoo.com

Timothy E. Crimmins (5) 229-881-2495 tiedcrm@gmail.com

Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge); Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville); St. Paul No. 5 (Albany)

SECOND DIVISION: **Michael H. Sampsell (26)** 770-366-1800 mike@thesampells.com

Division Officers: **James D. Reese (7)** 912-659-4265 No Email Address

James R. Bennett (36) 912-337-0601 rustybennett038@gmail.com

Palestine No. 7 (Savannah); St. Elmo No. 21 (Brunswick); Malta No. 16 (Valdosta);

Waycross No. 36 (Waycross); Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)

THIRD DIVISION: **Ryan C. Nealey (9)** 706-889-6464 rcnealey@gmail.com

Division Officers: **Jerry H. Purvis (2)** 770-468-1073 jhp1861@gmail.com

Timothy K. Starling (3) 706-341-8284 tstar1960@aol.com

St. Omer No. 2 (Macon); Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville); St. Peter No. 45 (Warner

Robins); Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley); St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus);

Ft. Benning No. 73 (Columbus)

SECOND CORPS: **Ditmar W. Chavez (3)** 706-442-4534 ditmarc47@gmail.com

FOURTH DIVISION: **William W. Grist (37)** 706-633-0796 wwgrist1@gmail.com

Division Officers: **Robert L. Hall, Jr. (26)** 770-971-9856 robertjr.hall@att.net

Jack J. Bell (9) 770-570-2446 jbell00@aol.com

Constantine No. 26 (Marietta); Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville); Coeur de Lion No. 4

(College Park); Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta); Dekalb No. 38 (Decatur); Tancred No. 11

(Newnan); Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy); Griffin No. 35 (Griffin)

FIFTH DIVISION: **Daniel C. Ricketts (26)** 404-819-1850 sonneyles1@gmail.com

Division Officers: **William T. White (37)** 478-997-1011 whiteyinga@gmail.com

James C. Durbin, Sr. (8) 706-409-0496 durbin1015@aol.com

Blue Ridge Mtn. No. 37 (McCaysville); Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper); Rome No. 8

(Rome); St. John's No. 19 (Dalton); Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga)

SIXTH DIVISION: **Raymond G. Laird (25)** 678-642-7367 dyebama@bellsouth.net

Division Officers: **Dale B. Cliett (1)** 706-831-9273 cliett@knology.net

William E. Adams (25) 770-601-4509 weadamsjr@gmail.com

Philemon No. 33 (Toccoa); Arnold de Troye No. 31 (Buford); Pilgrim No. 15

(Gainesville); Georgia No. 1 (Augusta); Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 (Elberton);

St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington)

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Corps Commanders will Command, Assist, and supervise their respective Divisions.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Division Commanders shall (1) Maintain direct communication with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Corps Commander and the Eminent Grand Recorder's Office with respect to each Commandery in his Division, as to ritual, opening, tactics, armory, regalia, programs, and/or any special needs or assistance; (2) Visit each Commandery in his respective Division as often as needed, but at least once during the Commandery year; and (3) Represent the Grand Commander when requested to do so. (4) To promote programs of involvement that will enhance Templary.

GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That Grand Liaison Officers are appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Grand Liaison Officers will report to and represent the Grand Commander and or the Division Commander while on official business and will be afforded the respect and honors due a Grand Commandery Officer. Each Grand Liaison Officer will make one Official Visit to their Respective Commanderies in the Templar Year, assist the Division Commander in coordinating the Annual Divisional Inspection of their Respective Commanderies and Attend the Grand Commandery Conclave. The Grand Liaison Officers shall wear a red and green shoulder cord as recognition of their office.

INSPECTIONS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2023. Each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Divisional Inspection Date and at the assigned time, for the purpose of participating in their respective Annual Divisional Inspection. The Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction and shall include a Tactics and Ritual School of Instruction facilitated by the appropriate Grand Commandery Custodians. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight, in the line, is in full uniform in accordance with the Grand Commandery Code and the Grand Encampment Constitution. The 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: At the Annual Divisional Inspection, each Recorder will furnish their assigned Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Inspection Form. The completed Inspection Form will be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after the Inspection by the Grand Inspecting Officer. All Grand Inspecting Officers MUST use the current Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That as per the Grand Commandery Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations that the Treasurer and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery will 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That written proof of the last audit, showing date audited and a copy of tax form 990 will be provided to the Grand Inspecting Officer.

CHARITIES

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. I would like for every Commandery in Georgia to work toward the goal of sending a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I therefore encourage each Commandery that cannot individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. I would like for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2023.

FUNDRAISERS

I encourage every Commandery to hold at least one fundraiser per year to support the Commanderies programs and the Charitable efforts of the Grand Commandery. Please support as many fundraisers as you can, either monetarily or by spending time participating in these worthwhile projects.

FESTIVALS

All Commanderies participating in York Rite Festivals, where all the York Rite Degrees/Orders are conferred, are encouraged to confer the Templar Orders on a separate date when possible. I encourage the full conferral of the Templar Orders. We rob much from our candidates and ourselves when we exemplify the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in short form. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

COMMITTEES

The successful completion of our many projects rests solely on the dedicated work of the members appointed to the various Committees. I have appointed those Sir

Knights that I feel will excel in the tasks at hand. Your knowledge, experience and dedication to the Order have afforded you this important trust. Changes have been made, so please use due diligence in the Committees, to which you have been assigned.

Respectfully ordered on this the 14th day of May in the year of our Lord 2022.

ATTEST:

Tommy T. Marshall
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

Mark A. Bradley
Eminent Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 163rd Annual Conclave will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 5, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 162nd Annual Conclave be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Eminent Sir Knight Tommy T. Marshall, Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave.

Tommy T. Marshall
Grand Commander



ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS
MACON, GEORGIA – MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

The Annual Conclave of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross was held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia with the following Officers in their respective stations:

Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)	Knight Crusader of the East
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Knight Crusader of the West
Floyd E. Edmondson (41)	Knight Crusader of the South
Jan M. Giddens (26)	Knight Crusader of the North
William F. Shepard (21)	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2016 Paul E. Wells (3)
2007 Joe E. Turner (35)	2017 Mark S. Johnson (22)
2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)	2018 James E. Stevens (21)
2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	2019 Mark A. Bradley (31)
2013 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	2020 Mark A. Bradley (31)
2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	2022 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
2015 C. Danny Wofford (31)	

CONFERRAL TEAM

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)	Knight Crusader of the East
Ryan C. Nealey (9)	Knight Crusader of the West
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Knight Crusader of the South
Jan M. Giddens (04)	Knight Crusader of the North
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Doyle R. Hatfield (03)	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
James E. Stevens (21)	Knight Crusader of the Temple

CANDIDATES

Roger W. Buterbaugh (73)
Sherald J. Colvard (14)
Joey D. Crews (36)
Tony N. Dickerson (14)
John T. Flener, Jr. (42)
Wiley Q. Forrester, III (31)
Michael C. Halpin (9)
Michael L. Hamlin (2)

Eric R. Howell (38)
David A. Ludley (25)
Brent E. Naylor (14)
Thomas E. Robinson (40)
Danny L. Russell (37)
Douglas D. Skramstad (29)
Jerry B. Vogler, Jr. (26)
Tracy D. Wright (29)

2022-2023 OFFICERS

A motion by the Nominating Committee was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the following Officers be elected and installed:

Carl J. Gamel (40)	Knight Crusader of the East
Floyd E. Edmondson (37)	Knight Crusader of the West
Jan M. Giddens (4)	Knight Crusader of the South
William F. Shepard (21)	Knight Crusader of the North
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder

The Officers were installed by Right Eminent Sir Knight Paul E. Wells

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley	Carl J. Gamel
Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer	Knight Crusader of the East

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2021-2022 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Commandery awards were presented:

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Carl J. Gamel and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Carole Odom.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Carl J. Gamel and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knight Michael L. Hamlin and Sir Knight James D. Reese.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Carl J. Gamel and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight Gary A. Palmer.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons and SE Department Commander Robert Waldron presented REGC Carl J. Gamel with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
*1965	Preston Y. Luther (2)	1973	Dannie L. Reed (35)
*1966	Ira R. Huffaker (4)	*1974	Joel M. Hammond (24)
*1967	William M. Drinnon (2)	*1975	George H. Balentine (33)
*1968	Graydon W. Kitchens (4)	*1976	Aaron E. Cole (26)
*1999	Otis Medley (02)	*1977	George C. King (5)
*1970	T. Malcolm Gray (24)	*1978	Dave H. Keever (31)
*1971	Ross F. Mainor (2)	*1979	S. Talmadge Lord (8)
*1972	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	*1980	Joseph P. Suttles (4)

*1981 Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)
 *1982 Jack O. Smith (41)
 *1983 William M. Hutcheson (4)
 *1984 Rufus R. White (19)
 *1985 J. Sheffield Thompson (40)
 *1986 Virlyn Y. Jones (14)
 1987 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *1988 H. Clayton Garrett (15)
 *1989 Ottis. B. Turner (35)
 *1990 Lewis H. Keith (9)
 *1991 Walter A. Walker (2)
 *1992 J. Walter Cowart (7)
 *1993 John S. Perry (4)
 1994 A. Wayne Norton (33)
 *1995 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
 *1996 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 1997 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 *1998 Bobby L. Massey (41)
 *1999 Otis Medley (2)
 *2000 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 2001 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 2001 Robert L. Gill (36)

* Indicates death ** Indicates demitted

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

*12-1-92 James E. Moseley (35)
 *4-2-93 James W. Coward (7)
 *4-2-93 Wilford H. Hall (19)
 *4-2-93 Willie P. Hammond (35)
 *4-2-93 William M. Hutcheson (4)
 *4-2-93 James W. Register (3)
 *4-2-92 William M. Roach, Sr. (21)
 *4-2-93 Joseph P. Suttles (4)
 *4-27-93 Ted H. Hendon (9)
 *4-27-93 Lee D. Holcomb (40)
 *4-27-93 Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)
 *4-27-93 John S. Perry (4)
 4-27-93 James E. Underwood (4)
 7-20-93 Clyde E. Griffin (7)
 *7-20-93 C. Johnson, Jr. (20)
 *7-20-93 James E. Miller (3)
 *7-20-93 Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)
 *7-20-93 Emmett A. Rogers (12)
 *7-20-93 Hugh L. Smith (24)
 *1-26-95 Clarence E. Horne (4)
 *1-26-95 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 *1-26-95 Raymond E. Keen (27)
 1-26-95 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 1-26-95 Dannie L. Reed (35)
 *10-13-95 Billy F. Adams (8)
 *10-13-95 Joseph C. Billingsley (2)
 *10-13-95 Jack Cluck (1)
 *10-13-95 Edward Helton (15)
 *10-13-95 Roy H. Homans (21)

2002 Austin E. Pearce (21)
 *2003 James E. Miller (3)
 **2004 Carl W. Dohn (2) **
 2005 Emory L. Morris (29)
 *2006 R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
 **2007 Craig A. Haggas (3)
 2008 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2009 John T. Holt (9)
 *2010 James T. Farmer (35)
 2011 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 2012 Mark S. Johnson (35)
 2013 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 2014 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)
 2017 John I. Haggas (3)
 2018 Raymond G. Laird (25)
 2019 William R. Kayma (9)
 2020 James C. Huffman, III (10)
 2021 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 2022 Gary A. Palmer (4)

*10-13-95 Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)
 *10-13-95 Charles R. Maffett (3)
 *10-13-95 William D. Miles (9)
 *10-13-95 Lloyd C. Odom (10)
 *10-13-95 Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)
 10-13-95 Hugh F. Watson (26)
 *9-15-97 John B. Allen (15)
 *9-15-97 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)
 9-15-97 Thomas L. Blanton (8)
 *9-15-97 John P. Bohanan (41)
 *9-15-97 Grady T. Bozeman (41)
 *9-15-97 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
 *9-15-97 Steven V. Carter (36)
 *9-15-97 Jim F. Dickerson (21)
 9-15-97 Vernon W. Evans (36)
 *9-15-97 Earl D. Harris (25)
 9-15-97 Henry G. Keith, Sr. (9)
 *9-15-97 Alexander Loo (1)
 *9-15-97 Samuel B. Owens (36)
 9-15-97 James B. Phillips (19)
 9-15-97 James W. Seymour (14)
 9-15-97 Bobby B. Simmons (2)
 9-15-97 Charles D. Strickland (25)
 9-15-97 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
 *9-15-97 Bobby J. Townsend (9)
 4-7-98 Charles W. Martin (3)
 4-7-98 Charles C. White, Jr. (3)
 *5-1-00 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 5-1-00 C. Danny Wofford (31)

*2-6-03 Eli A. Stafford (7)
 2-6-03 Paul E. Wells (3)
 5-2-04 Freddie R. Jackson (2)
 5-2-04 James E. Jennings, Jr. (19)
 *5-1-05 Jack L. Hepner (7)
 5-1-05 James T. Ingram (41)
 *4-30-06 Ernest A. Forthman (24)
 *4-30-06 Ruben Martinez (4)
 5-6-07 Alfred J. Clark (14)
 5-6-07 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 5-4-08 Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)
 5-4-08 Robert L. Gill (36)
 5-4-08 Joe E. Turner (35)
 5-6-08 Andre E. Lovas (11)
 *5-6-09 Phillip H. Floyd (31)
 5-6-09 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
 *5-6-09 Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)
 *5-6-09 Emmett R. Johns (2)
 5-4-10 Terry L. Hensley (19)
 5-4-10 James E. Stevens (21)
 5-1-11 Charles M. Ellis (29)
 5-1-11 William F. Shepard (21)
 *5-1-11 John A. Wages (25)
 5-3-12 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 5-3-12 Wade C. Smith, Sr. (37)
 5-5-13 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 *5-5-13 Steve A. Kirk (41)

5-4-14 Story A. Tate (31)
 5-4-14 Ernest A. McCorkle (7)
 5-1-15 Leonard A. Davis (11)
 5-1-15 John A. Minnich (02)
 5-1-16 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 *5-1-16 Charles R. Beasley (04)
 5-1-16 Robert L. Head, Jr. (03)
 4-30-17 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 4-30-17 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
 4-30-17 Bruce D. Mann (17)
 4-30-17 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 *5-7-18 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
 5-7-18 Jerry D. Moss (38)
 5-7-19 Brit T. Massey (41)
 5-7-19 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 5-7-19 Roy H. Miller, Jr. (10)
 5-7-19 Bruce H. McNall (7)
 5-7-19 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (14)
 5-30-20 Tommy T. Marshall (36)
 5-30-20 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 5-15-21 Carl J. Gamel (40)
 5-15-21 Emmet R. McCall, Sr. (40)
 5-14-22 Lanier S. Dasher, Jr. (4)
 5-14-22 Kevin R. Deverell (19)
 5-14-22 Michael L. Hamlin (2)
 5-14-22 James D. Reese (7)

*Indicates death

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

*2001 Mollie S. Moseley
 2001 Frances Dohn
 *2002 Mildred Spradley
 *2004 Loyce Price
 *2006 Dr. Fleetwood Maddox
 2008 Rebecca Taylor
 2008 Nora Wells
 2010 Fae Suttles
 2012 Barbara Townsend
 2014 Judy Griffin
 2016 Terry Westbrook
 2016 Helen Leinbaugh
 2016 Gay Bradley

2018 Nancy Simmons
 2018 Liz Miller
 2019 Brenda Gill
 2019 Sherri Kirk
 2020 Barbara Tate
 2020 Charlene Huffman
 2021 Halli Stevens
 2021 Lorene Carter
 2021 Karen Johnson
 2022 Carole Odom
 2022 Faye Phillips
 2022 Betty Beasley
 2022 Sheila Hensley

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2021-2024

David J. Kussman
 Jeffrey A. Bolstad
 Jack M. Harper
 David W. Studley
 Bobby B. Simmons
 Lawrence E. Tucker
 Robert W. Waldron

R. E. Grand Master
 R. E. Deputy Grand Master
 R.E. Grand Generalissimo
 R.E. Grand Captain General
 R.E. Grand Treasurer
 R.E. Grand Recorder
 R.E. S.E. Department Commander

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

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1860-67	William T. Gould (G01)	7/18/1882	1944	Joseph A. Moore (12)	09/04/1972
1868-69	Thomas W. Chandler (4)	5/11/1890	1945	David L. Paulk, Sr. (20)	04/22/1979
1870-71	George S. Obeart (2)	12/23/1888	1946	Lawrence C. Petri (3)	11/05/1977
1872	Allen S. Cutts (5)	3/17/1896	1947	William A. Sims (9)	11/24/1952
1873	William H. Tuller (4)	11/26/1880	1948	Arthur W. Goodin (16)	12/21/1975
1874	Samuel P. Hamilton (7)	06/21/1899	1949	Samuel M. Alsup (27)	05/10/1977
1875	George T. Anderson (4)	04/04/1901	1950	William S. Ray (7)	06/04/1966
1876	Thomas Hardeman, Jr. (2)	03/07/1891	1951	Charles W. Pidcock, Jr. (28)	01/16/1961
1877-78	William J. Pollard (1)	06/08/1899	1952	Walter M. Housch (29)	12/23/1965
1879	Charles R. Armstrong (2)	11/01/1893	1953	David W. Wells (10)	03/04/1973
1880	William D. Luckie (4)	04/23/1885	1954	Joseph W. Neal (3)	11/19/1960
1881-82	William S. Rockwell (7)	09/20/1909	1955	James R. Belflower, Sr. (20)	10/07/1981
1883-84	William B. Young (1)	11/12/1916	1956	Lee A. Green(4)	04/13/1984
1885-86	Thomas Ballantyne(7)	04/24/1903	1957	Cody O. James (31)	06/08/1965
1887	Charles T. Watson (4)	05/09/1913	1958	Emmett A. Rogers (12)	06/24/2001
1888	James L. Fleming (1)	12/12/1926	1959	William A. Patat (33)	12/10/1977
1889-90	Azariah G. Howard (4)	01/26/1893	1960	William C. Sanders (13)	07/25/1985
1891	Richard J. Nunn (7)	06/29/1910	1961	Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	02/04/1996
1892	George W. McElhane(3)	09/15/1893	1962	William T. Bateman (10)	07/19/1964
1893	Washington P. Baldwin (2)	12/13/1919	1963	Floyd L. Reynolds (34)	01/20/1969
1894	Alsop P. Woodward (4)	03/17/1915	1964	Lonzo Pope (24)	06/23/1991
1895	Joseph K. Orr, Sr. (3)	09/18/1938	1965	James C. Slaughter (21)	09/10/1977
1896	William H. Fleming (1)	06/09/1944	1966	James E. Moseley (35)	02-10-2017
1897	Charles M. Wiley (2)	02/25/1927	1967	Douglas H. Tidwell (4)	10/30/1969
1898	Almeron W. Walton (8)	10/28/1929	1968	William J. Mobley (7)	07/21/1981
1899	Julius L. Brown (4)	09/04/1910	1969	Thomas J. Jones (14)	08/06/1976
1900	Thomas E. Fletcher, Sr. (6)	01/07/1925	1970	Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	05/07/2003
1901	Ernest A. Cuts (7)	03/02/1927	1971	Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16)	03/01/1983
1902	Frank O. Miller (10)	03/17/1937	1972	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	04/07/2000
1903	George B. Whiteside (3)	03/10/1920	1973	James W. Register (3)	04/24/1999
1904	William Schweigert (1)	10/24/1939	1974	George E. Jones (10)	08/27/1993
1905	Robert B. Barron (2)	10/02/1915	1975	Clinton O. Morris (38)	04/07/1990
1906	John J. Seay (8)	08/17/1916	1976	Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2)	06/12/1978
1907	John R. Dickey (9)	06/14/1939	1976	Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2)	10/14/1981
1908	Luther P. Stephens (4)	03/18/1925	1976	Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	06/28/2006
1909	Alpheus B. Simmons (7)	02/11/1915	1977	William J. Clarke (31)	09/22/1993
1910	Joseph C. Greenfield (9)	12/20/1920	1978	Joseph R. Richardson (8)	01/27/1990
1911	George D. Case(12)	06/12/1922	1979	Ralph C. James [Hon] (14)	06/14/1989
1912	Frederick T. Petri (3)	07/26/1928	1979	John M. McClurd, Sr. (21)	04/17/2001
1913	Augustus G. Miller (5)	07/13/1931	1980	George C. Rogers (26)	12/21/1989
1914	William F. Bowe (G01)	08/25/1932	1981	Jack Cluck (G01)	04/15/2002
1915	Benjamin F. Hardeman (14)	08/31/1924	1982	Willie P. Hammond (35)	09/01/2011
1916	Robert L. Wylly (17)	06/03/1944	1983	George M. Davenport, Jr. (5)	09/01/2005
1917	John W. Murrell (4)	01/14/1959	1984	*Robert E. Hughes (24) (Susp. 12/2001)	
1918	Frederick W. Clarke (7)	10/20/1934	1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14) (Susp. 6/2008)	
1919	Alva C. Atkins, Sr. (13)	05/02/1933	1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	09/11/2019
1920	James C. Watts (8)	02/03/1931	1987	Edward Helton (15)	08/22/2021
1921	Charles A. McAlister (2)	12/15/1951	1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999
1922	Thomas D. Ridley (19)	07/24/1934	1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014
1923	William G. Mealor (15)	10/12/1953	1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993
1924	Harry S. Jones (12)	03/27/1945	1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007
1925	Perry L. Blackshear (9)	07/22/1974	1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992
1926	John B. Russell (20)	01/20/1955	1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009
1927	Edward B. Cohen (14)	02/24/1937	1992	William M. Roach Sr. (21)	10/21/1999
1928	Charles S. Wood (7)	02/16/1941	1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010
1929	Charles L. Bailey (G01)	02/26/1945	1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)	
1930	Early H. Johnson (3)	09/06/1947	1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995
1931	Thomas C. Law (4)	05/04/1962	1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010
1932	Lunie J. Brock (23)	03/28/1968	1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009
1933	Ralph J. Hancock (26)	06/18/1937	1996	James B. Phillips (19)	
1934	William J. Penn, Jr. (24)	07/30/1959	1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	11/11/2017
1935	Edgar D. Kenyon (15)	11/07/1981	1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)	
1936	Charles R. McCord, Sr. (2)	03/22/1938	1999	Clarence E. Home (4)	10/05/2018
1937	Francis C. Jones (30)	02/09/1942	2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007
1938	James C. Newton (22)	06/06/1970	2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007
1939	Watts B. Powell, Sr. (13)	11/12/1945	2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	02/20/2021
1940	John P. Stephens (G01)	02/19/1976	2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002
1941	Frank B. Willingham (6)	06/12/1955	2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014
1942	Bolling S. DuBose (14)	11/06/1973	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1943	Walter F. Wells, Sr. (4)	11/07/1947	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	

2005 Charles B. Stephens (26) (Resigned)
 2006 Ernest A. Forthman (24) 12/09/2008
 2007 Paul E. Wells (3)
 2008 Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9) 10/26/2011
 2009 Merrill G. Folemdore, Jr. (12)
 2010 Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)
 2010 Charles M. Ellis (29)
 2011 James E. Stevens (21)
 2012 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
 2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)

2014 Terry L. Hensley (26)
 2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2015 Joe E. Turner (35)
 2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 2017 Drewey W. Hendry (25) 02/02/2021
 2018 Steve A. Kirk (41)
 2019 Robert W. Waldron (25)
 2019 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) (Suspended)
 2020 Mark S. Johnson (22)
 2021 Carl J. Gamel (40)

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

1. Georgia: No Representation
2. St. Omer: Jerry H. Purvis, Jr.;
 Michael L. Hamlin; John A. Minnich;
 Robert C. Lord; Bobby B. Simmons
3. St. Aldemar: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
 Timothy K. Starling; James W. Tate;
 Doyle R. Hatfield; Ditmar W. Chavez;
 Paul E. Wells
4. Coeur de Lion: R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq.
5. St. Paul: No Representation
7. Palestine: Roger W. Coursey;
 Joey E. Jackson; Clyde E. Griffin;
 Ronald B. Wolbert
8. Rome: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.;
 William E. Dickert
9. Atlanta: Alessandro V. Silva;
 Ryan C. Nealey; Jan Maaskant, Jr.
10. Ivanhoe: No Representation
11. Tancred: No Representation
12. Plantagenet: No Representation
14. Godfrey de Bouillon:
 Charles D. Humphrey; Rodney A. Couch
15. Pilgrim: Michael L. Wolcott;
 Wayne H. Garrett
16. Malta: No Representation
17. Crusader: No Representation
19. St. John's: James B. Phillips;
 Leon S. Lewis
21. St. Elmo: Thomas J. Chapman;
 Richard J. Corwin, Jr.; James E. Stevens
22. Alexius: Rafor J. Chambers;
 Mark S. Johnson; Larry T. Croy
25. St. Bernard: Michael H. Wilson;

William M. Jones; Raymond G. Laird;
 Jeffery L. Anderson
26. Constantine: James W. Bard;
 Daniel C. Ricketts; Michael H. Sampsell;
 John C. Finch; Robert Cordle;
 Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; John C. Miller
29. Charles Martel: Tyler W. Pledger;
 Thomas J. Rogers; Tracy D. Wright;
 Douglas D. Skramstad
30. Bethlehem: No Representation
31. Arnold de Troye: Joe R. Bush;
 Judd J. Wolfe; Mark A. Bradley;
 C. Danny Wofford; Wiley Q. Forrester
33. Philemon: Michael R. Sosebee
35. Griffin: Joe E. Turner
36. Waycross: C. Hendry Howard, Jr.;
 Tommy T. Marshall; James R. Bennett;
 Robert L. Gill; Matthew Sanford
37. Blue Ridge Mountain: J. Ivy Smith;
 William T. White; Floyd E. Edmondson;
 Wade C. Smith; William W. Grist;
 Johnnie M. Garmon; Edgar M. Land
38. DeKalb: Jerry D. Moss
40. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel; Eric S. Tress;
 Clarence E. North, III
41. Amicalola: Keith Hales; James R. Harris,
 Sr.; Stephen C. Higgins; Steve G. Harris;
 James T. Ingram;
42. Coastal Plain: Howard L. Maddox;
 John H. Johnson; John T. Flener, Jr.
45. St. Peter: Gordon B. Ruthruff
73. Ft. Benning: Paul E. Wells

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. Georgia: No Representation
2. St. Omer: Jerry Purvis
3. St. Aldemar: Doyle R. Hatfield;
 Ditmar W. Chavez
4. Coeur De Lion: R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq.
5. St. Paul: No Representation
7. Palestine: Roger W. Coursey
8. Rome: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
9. Atlanta: James Maaskant
10. Ivanhoe: No Representation
11. Tancred: No Representation
12. Plantagenet: No Representation
14. Godfrey De Bouillon: Joshua M. Blakely
15. Pilgrim: Michael L. Wolcott
16. Malta: Wendell Browning
17. Crusader: No Representation
19. St. John's: Leon Lewis
21. St. Elmo: James D. Arnold

22. Alexius: Monte McDonald; Samuel Lowder
25. St. Bernard: Dr. David A. Ludley
26. Constantine: Robert R. Cordle
29. Charles Martel: Stephen W. Larson;
 William B. Rigsby; Tyler W. Pledger
30. Bethlehem: No Representation
31. Arnold De Troye: Michael J. Etheridge
33. Philemon: Mitchell Sossett
35. Griffin: No Representation
36. Waycross: Hendry Howard, Sr.
37. Blue Ridge Mountain: Walter Kissel
38. DeKalb: Brent K. Griffin
40. Douglasville: Thomas E. Robinson
41. Amicalola: James R. Harris
42. Coastal Plain: John T. Flener, Jr.
45. St. Peter: Gordon B. Ruthruff
73 Ft. Benning: Paul E. Wells

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**PROCEEDINGS
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OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 2, 2022
A. INV. 2552**



**JOHN HENRY JOHNSON
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2021-2022**

JOHN HENRY JOHNSON

PERSONAL

John Henry was born on February 24, 1951 in Tifton, GA to Henry Herbert Johnson and Dorothy Ann Hurt Johnson. He is married to Dr. Rosemarie Szostak. He has two children, Johnna Nicole Bridges and John David Johnson. Johnna is married to Bryan Bridges and they have two daughters, Anna Elizabeth and Sadie Faith. John David is married to Dr. Terri Humphries and they have one daughter, Lydia Anneliese.

Companion Johnson graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology. He continued his education at Georgia Southern University and was an honor graduate receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He did graduate work at Valdosta State University with an emphasis in Anthropology and Gerontology. Later, he served on the Advisory Council for Graduate Studies in Gerontology at the University. John retired after 34 years of service to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture as Deputy Director. During his tenure he was Curator and Historian, Interpretation/Education Director as well as Public Safety Director. A highlight of his museum career was the move and restoration of the Abba Masonic Lodge to the museum. John also served on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries and was state treasurer of that organization for many years.

Companion John has been very active in supporting his community in the public service sector. He was one of the first Emergency Medical Technicians hired by Tift County EMS. He has served as Chief of the Tift County EMA Rescue team, Captain of the Tifton Police Reserve Unit, Chief of the City of Tifton Volunteer Fire Department and recently received his 50-year helmet.

He was an adjunct professor at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Police Academy for over a decade, Department Head and student advisor of the Fire Science curriculum at Southern Regional Technical College. He has served as a board member and emergency medical instructor for the Tift County Chapter American Red Cross for over 30 years.

MASONIC

Blue Lodge

- Past Master and Perpetual Member of Tifton Lodge #47, Tifton, GA
Currently serving as Senior Deacon.
- Charter Member of Monument Daylight Lodge #741, Albany, GA
- Past Master and Charter Member of Tiftarea Daylight Lodge #745, Tifton, GA
Currently serving as Masonic Home Ambassador.
- Past Master of Second Masonic District Convention
- Past Master of Sowega Masonic Convention
- Past Secretary of Wiregrass Masonic Convention
- Past District Deputy to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia for the Second Masonic District

York Rite

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons for the state of Georgia
Recipient of Distinguished Service Medal
- Past High Priest and Perpetual Member of Tifton Chapter #47, Tifton, GA

- Currently serving as Treasurer
 - Past Excellent High Priest for the Second District Royal Arch Masons Convention
 - Past Illustrious Master and Perpetual Member of Tifton Council #58, Tifton, GA
 - Currently serving as Conductor of the Council
 - Past Illustrious Master of the Southeast Georgia District Council Convention
 - Charter Member of Jesup Council #70, Jesup, GA
 - Past Commander of Coastal Plains Commandry #42, Tifton, GA
 - Currently serving as Treasurer
 - Recipient of Knights Templar Meritorious Service Award
 - Past Governor and Charter Member of Wiregrass York Rite College #189, Tifton, GA
 - Currently serving as Secretary
 - Recipient of Order of the Purple Cross
 - Past Prior and member of Georgia Priory #39
 - Charter Member Tall Pines Forrest #191 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
 - Charter Member of Savannah Forrest #217 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
 - Past Member of Alban Grotto, Chief Justice
 - Currently a Member-at-Large
 - Past Sovereign Master of Dixie Council #314, Allied Masonic Degrees, Valdosta, GA
 - Member of the Royal Order of Zanzibar International, Grand Lodge of Georgia and Florida
 - Member of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Upper-room Tabernacle XLV
 - Currently serving as Fourth Pillar
 - Member of Masonic Order of Athelstan, Georgia Court #124
 - Currently serving as Burg
 - Recipient of Knight Crusader of the Cross
 - Recipient of the Order of the Silver Trowel
 - Member of the Order of High Priesthood
 - Currently serving as Excellent Master of Ceremonies and Member of the Degree team
 - Charter member of *Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Federatis*, South Georgia College
 - Currently serving as First Ancient with the rank of Adept
- Scottish Rite
- Member Scottish Rite Valley of Southwest Georgia, Albany, GA
 - Recipient of Knight Commander Cross of Honor
 - Currently serving as Junior Warden and Member of Executive Committee
 - Committee member for Rite Care and Dyslexia Clinics at Valdosta State University
 - Recipient of Double Eagle Award
 - Cast member for 18th and 32nd Degrees

- 14th Degree Master for the Orient of Georgia Virtual Reunion
- Member of the Royal Order of Scotland
- Member of Red Cross of Constantine Good Shepherd Conclave, Albany
- Currently serving as Viceroy

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

The Two Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 2, 2022 with Most Excellent Grand High Priest John H. Johnson presiding and with all Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. Being assured by the Grand Secretary that a quorum was present, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the Two Hundredth Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

John H. Johnson (47)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Right Excellent Grand King
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
James E. Stevens (66)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Most
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Joe R. Bush (49)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Jack J. Bell (162)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Johnie M. Garmon (24)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Howard L. Maddox (47)	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (75)	Excellent Grand Photographer

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1978 H. Grady Keith (27)	2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
1988 William E. Cantrell (144)	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01)	2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)	2018 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
2006 Robert L. Gill (9)	2018 Gary D. Lemmons (61)
2009 Wade C. Smith (24)	2019 James W. Tate (73)
2009 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2019 Andre E. Lovas (34)
2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)	2020 Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)

2021-2022 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett; South: C. Hendry Howard
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel P. Bennett; W. Michael Jones;
 Michael R. Sosebee; Isaiah T. Hardin; Dale B. Cliett; Joey E. Jackson
MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; Howard Maddox
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson
Memorial: James E. Stevens, Chair; Donald C. Combs; Mark S. Johnson
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;
 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; John T. Flener, Jr.; Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
R. A. R. A.: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, Chair; Jack J. Bell; John T. Flener, Jr
Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson; William Shepard; Jan M. Giddens; Van S. McGee; Jack J. Bell;
C. Hendry Howard;
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle; Wiley Q. Forrester
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Daniel P. Bennett
Long Range Planning: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; James W. Tate; J. Timothy Ingram; Mark A. Bradley; C. Hendry Howard
Membership: Keith R. Taylor, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Roger W. Coursey; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; T. Matthew Sanford
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols; Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; James O. Hood
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman; J. Chris Brown; Keith R. Taylor
Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman; Michael H. Sampsell
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Daniel P. Bennett, Chair
Fundraising:
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair
Bicentennial: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; William F. Shepard; J. Edward Jennings, Jr.

2021-2022 GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st	James E. Landrum (87)	7 th
Timothy E. Crimmins (15)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (47)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (11/73)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (135)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael J. Etheridge (84)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (155)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (24)	9 th
Alessandro V. Silva (16)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
William F. Duggan, Jr. (72)	6 th	T. Matthew Sanford (9)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (4)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th		

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons International, Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests, District Grand Deputies, Distinguished Guests, Companions, Sir Knights, and Brothers All; it is a personal honor and privilege to welcome each of

you to the 200th annual convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons. It is my prayer that your attendance may be enjoyable and that each of you will experience the fellowship and brotherly love that is the bedrock of our great Fraternity.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Over the past 2 years the craft has faced unprecedented challenges relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many chapters have not been able to meet and all have suffered losses from this dread disease. The darkness is finally being broken; light is returning.

Even through this darkness, the light of fraternal love continues to shine. We are once again able to meet and break bread together. Over my travels throughout the state, I have seen a robust rebound in many areas. Some chapters are weak and struggling to have enough members to open while others are regaining their pre-pandemic momentum. I've had the privilege to see many new companions initiated this year. I want to commend the Chapters and District Conventions that are conferring these degrees. New members are the lifeblood of our fraternity. I also encourage all Chapters to reach out to support each other as all companions should do.

Our Chapters are blessed to have many active leaders throughout the state; they are the great hope of our fraternity. Finally, I want to commend the dedication of the Grand Line Officers and I know the future is in great hands.

NECROLOGY

It is with a sadden heart that I report that many of our companions and District Deputy Nickie Jordan have passed through the last veil to that foreign country on which no traveler ever returns. We selfishly mourn their loss but we are sustained by our faith that yet they are gone from this world, we know we will be reunited when the Grand Architect of the Universe calls us home to be with them in everlasting paradise.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Companion and Excellent Principal Sojourner Joseph Oelgoetz, Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Vail Jack Bell, Companion John Flener, Excellent Companion Jay Lynch, and Most Excellent Companion Mark Bradley for their service on this committee. Their leadership and the overwhelming generosity of our Companions, Chapters and District Conventions have kept the Grand Chapter of Georgia in the top tier of donations in the world. Please see RARA report for further details.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations are routine in nature and are on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

BICENTENIAL

It has been an honor to serve the craft as the 200th Grand High Priest. I want to thank Most Worshipful Past Grand Master C. Danny Wofford, Chairman, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joe E. Turner, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Shephard, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master J. Ed Jennings Jr., for their support of present and ongoing activities. Additional thanks to our Gala committee for a very successful event. Please see the Bicentennial Report for full details.

VISITATIONS

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have had the opportunity to represent the Grand Chapter of Georgia throughout the state. I have traveled many miles on this amazing journey and have always been received with Fraternal love and friendship. From Thomasville, in the south, to Dalton in the north, West Point in the west, and Savannah in the east.

My Grand Journey began with the unified reception of the Grand Illustrious Master Jim Bard, Grand Commander Carl Gamel, and myself at the Grand Chapter building in Macon. I had the honor to attend and install officers at all of the District Conventions as well as attending four of the District Council Conventions. I had the special privilege of being the District Illustrious Master of the Southeast District Council Convention.

The Grand Commander granted me the privilege of being the Inspecting Officer for Malta Commandery #16 in Valdosta. I was also able to participate in several other Commandery inspections, the Joint Christmas Observance of Malta #16/Coastal Plain #42/St. Paul #5, the Christmas Observance of St. Bernard #25, and the Easter Observance of Godfrey de Bouillon #14.

I was able to attend several York Rite and Blue Lodge family nights, York Rite festivals, as well as numerous regular Chapter and Council meetings. It was also an honor to present 25/50/60-year awards and aprons at several meetings. I attended Most Worshipful Brother Jan Giddens' Grand Lodge Session in Macon. Likewise, I was allowed to visit many Blue Lodge meetings giving York Rite presentations and helping with the conferral of all three degrees. I also had the pleasure to see our current Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald C. Combs roasted in Savannah, support him at the 100 Mason meeting, the dedication of the fifth cottage of our Children's Home and witness the historic signing of the Amity Agreement with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia.

It was a pleasure to visit with and be recognized by our Scottish Rite Brethren in the Valley of Atlanta and my home Valley of Southwest Georgia. I have visited many appendant and associate bodies including several Zoom Masonic Fellowship sessions hosted by Maryland's Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Bruce Colburn, the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls, Georgia Priory #39, Knight York Cross of Honor presenting the Grand High Priest lecture, Cherokee Rose Priory Knight York Cross of Honor and helping with the conferral of the Super Excellent Masters Degree, Allied Masonic Degree Statewide Council in Warner Robins. Dixie Council #314 initiating new members as well as installing officers, the Red Cross of Constantine in Atlanta and Albany, Grand Session Georgia Order of the Amaranth, Upper Room Tabernacle Knights Templar Priest, George Washington Funeral March Memorial at St. Mary's, South Georgia College *Societas Rosicruciana*, Grand Court #124 Masonic Order of Athelstan, and W. Joe Clark #203, Middle GA #201, Luthor Palmer #123, Herman E. Freeman #186, Wiregrass #189, York Rite Colleges as well as the Zoom initiation of Georgia recipients of the Order of the Purple Cross held at Scottish Rite Valley of Savannah.

OUT OF STATE VISITS

Out of state visitations continued to be hampered by the on-going pandemic. Several of our regional Grand Chapters elected to have limited in-person sessions restricted to their membership only. I was honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Georgia at the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Mobile

Alabama, the North Carolina Grand Chapter session in Clemmons, NC, and the Alabama Grand Chapter Session in Birmingham, Alabama. The most memorable out-of-state experience was in Virginia. The laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery was awe-inspiring. Only to be supplanted by the Easter Sunrise Service the next day at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial honoring the Great Captain of our Salvation. I extend heart-felt appreciation to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Carl Gamel, for his invitation to accompany him and our most Illustrious Grand Master, Jim Bard, to these august activities.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

I am exceedingly proud of the District Deputies. They are some of the most hardworking Companions in the state and are the backbone of the Grand Chapter. A special thanks to Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Stephen Higgins, for agreeing to be state chairman this year. He went above and beyond the call of duty in preparing information that is helping revitalize and grow Chapters throughout the state.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To continue the Bicentennial Celebration by compiling Chapter and District histories. Have a Fall Gala culminating with a dedication of a commemorative marker and time capsule.

To continue membership recruitment programs in the Blue Lodges coupled with the free Mark Masters Degree.

Encourage Chapters to reach out to their Companions to encourage them to attend meetings while engaging new members.

To continue annual RARA fundraising event and expand donor base to include Corporations and other Foundations.

To continue pairing Grand Line Officers with Committee assignments. This mutually benefits the Committees and also educates the officers as to their function.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This has been an incredible year and would not have been possible without the aid and assistance of the Grand Architect of the Universe and his Son, the Great Captain of our Salvation. I would like to expressly thank my wife, Rosemarie, for her love and understanding though the many early hour departures and late-night returns. To my home chapter, Tifton #47 and Tifton Lodge #47; your support was greatly appreciated. You may be small in number but are strong in heart. I regret that Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jimmy Porter and Companion Ronnie Keel could not have physically accompanied me on this odyssey but I know they are with me in spirit.

To the Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests Bill Shepherd, Mark Bradley, Steve Higgins, Jim Tate, and Mike Sampsell; thank you for your friendship and guidance. Your mentorship was invaluable. To the Grand Line Officers, elected and appointed; I express my heartfelt appreciation. Your loyalty and support has been an inspiration and I know your future Masonic journey will be phenomenal. To Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Jan Giddens and Most Worshipful Grand Master Don Combs, your assistance and sage advice was greatly needed. We must never lose sight of the fact that the Blue Lodge is the foundation of all Masonic Bodies.

To the very hard working and often underappreciated Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Mark Bradley, goes my hearty thanks. Your dedication to myself and the craft has helped smooth out a sometimes-bumpy ride. A special thanks to Marla Horton. Your professionalism and up-lifting spirit brightens the Grand Chapter Office.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master Jim Bard and Paula, as well as the Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl Gamel, I would like to express my personal gratitude. I was indeed blessed to have served with you this year.

Finally, to my Companions All; you are who we serve and work for. Your brotherly love and friendship are what separates us from the profane world. May the Lord Bless thee, His Face shine upon thee, and give thee Peace.

Respectfully Submitted: John H. Johnson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

To the Right Excellent Grand King, Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address is honored to make the following report:

We, the committee on the Grand High Priest's Address have read and 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 Most Excellent Grand High Priest in welcoming all guests and members to the Two Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. We pray that this Grand Convocation will be enjoyed by all present.

We have reviewed the words of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as to the State of the Craft and find ourselves in agreement. This has been a difficult time, but through it all there are Chapters and District Conventions that are conferring degrees and Exalting new companions. We also concur with his Recommendations that all Chapters reach out to support each other. We join with the Grand High Priest to commend the dedication of the Grand line Officers and we know the future is in good hands.

We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in marking the passing of so many of our companions this year. In particular, we note the loss of District Deputy Nickie Jordan. While we will miss them, we are comforted by the knowledge that these great companions have "passed the veils of the outer courts and entered into the Grand Chapter of Heaven, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides forever reigns."

We appreciate the support our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has provided to the Royal Arch Research Assistance program. Through his support and the efforts of the Excellent Principal Sojourner Joseph Oelgoetz, Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Jack Bell, Companion John Flener, Excellent Companion Jay Lynch, and Most Excellent Companion Mark Bradley we continue to be a strong and leading supporter of this great work. We acknowledge the dispensations and decisions that our Grand High Priest has had to make this year and applaud his leadership in all issues. We join the Grand High Priest in thanking the Bicentennial Committee and commend Most Worshipful Past Grand Master C. Danny Wofford, Chairman, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Joe e. Turner, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, William F. Shepard, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master J. Ed Jennings Jr. for their support of these activities. We join the Grand High Priest in the thanking the Gala Subcommittee

for a successful event. We acknowledge the travels of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this year, and we appreciate the distinguished manner in which he has represented our Grand Chapter and the Royal Masons of Georgia in his journeys. We join with the Grand High Priest in complimenting the work of the District Deputies to the Grand High Priest, and a special thanks to Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Steven Higgins as Chairman. 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. We echo the word of the Grand High Priest that nothing is possible without the aid and assistance of the Grand Architect of the Universe and his son, the Great Captain of our Salvation. We wish to join the Grand High Priest in thanking Tifton Lodge No. 47 and Tifton Chapter No. 47 for their support of our Grand High Priest and regret that Most Excellent Companion Jimmy Porter and Companion Ronnie Keel could not physically accompany the Grand High Priest on this journey. We read with interest the Most Excellent Grand High Priest comments on Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Mark Bradley, Steve Higgins, Jim Tate, Mike Sampsell and Bill Shepard. We agree the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has been truly blessed having these Companions as his mentor and guide throughout his Masonic journey.

We agree with the Grand High Priest, that working with Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald C. Combs, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Jan M. Giddens, Most Illustrious Grand Master Jim Bard, and Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl Gamel has been a blessing.

We wish to join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Mark Bradley and Marla Horton for their service, their hard work makes it easy for the rest of us.

We whole-heartily join with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in acknowledging the great contributions of his lovely wife, the First lady of Royal Arch Masonry, Ms. Rosemarie. She surely has been a source of strength and comfort to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Now as our Most Excellent Companion John Henry Johnson lays down the gavel of the Grand Chapter, we are assured that his service to our great fraternity is not ended. That soon the time will come for him to arise again to deeds of even more exalted usefulness.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; Howard L. Maddox

REPORT FROM THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia: We, your committee on jurisprudence, report that eight Bills to amend the Royal Arch Code was referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation. The Committee find them to be in order to be considered by the Grand Chapter. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Secretary were in strict accordance with the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia. No Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Convocation. We, your Committee, wish to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Fraternaly Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane Jr.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

All proposed legislation was approved as presented and recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee.

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to provide for Honorary Titles by amending Section 1.3, of the Constitution section, OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS Section, to add a new Section 1.3.1.5 of the Constitution Section of the **2019 Royal Arch Mason Code of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, which shall read:**

SECTION 1. 3.1.5. Honorary Titles.

Honorary titles may be conferred upon a Companion who has rendered LONG, OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE in the cause of Capitular Masonry. This Grand Chapter may confer the honorary title of Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Honorary, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, and Grand Secretary Emeritus on a Companion who is proposed in writing by a member of Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary's office by March 1, and is approved by the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain of the Host and the Grand Secretary who shall then forward the nomination with supporting documentation to the General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, if required, for his approval. Such nomination shall then be presented at the Grand Convocation Session of Grand Chapter for approval by a 3/4 majority of the voting members.

The holder of such honorary title shall have no right, by virtue of such honorary title, to exercise any of the functions or powers of the office as to which he holds an honorary title, nor shall he by virtue of such honorary title wear the jewel of the office to which such title pertains. There may be conferred upon him a jewel and apron, but this shall not be required.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 2

A BILL, to provide for Virtual Grand Convocations by amending Section 1.4.1 of the Constitution Section of the **2019 ROYAL ARCH MASON CODE of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, which currently reads**

1.4.1. Place of Meeting. The Grand Chapter shall meet annually in May, in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building, as provided by Code Section 2.1.1 unless some special exigency shall arise to prevent; in that case, the Grand High Priest, or Grand Officer acting in his stead, shall summon the Grand Chapter at such place as he may deem proper.

By ADDING a second paragraph which shall read as follows:

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, The Grand Chapter may conduct a Grand Convocation by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of Grand Chapter. A dispensation from the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest if necessary, shall be obtained to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 3

A BILL, to amend Section 2.6.1.1, Board of Trustees, Number and Method of Appointment of the By-Laws Section of the **2019 Royal Arch Mason Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.6.1.1. Board of Trustees, Number and Method of Appointments. The

Board of Trustees of the Grand Chapter Building shall be composed of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Grand Secretary, and three present or Past High Priests with staggered terms. Said three Trustees shall be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest as follows: one for a one year term, one for a two year term, and one to a three year term. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint one Trustee for a three year term to succeed the Trustee whose term expires that year. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the Grand High Priest in office at the time the vacancy occurs.

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 11 WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

2.6.1.1. Board of Trustees, Number and Method of Appointments. The Board of Trustees of the Grand Chapter Building shall be composed of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Grand Secretary, and three present or Past High Priests with staggered terms. Said three Trustees shall be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest as follows: one for a one year term, one for a two year term, and one to a three year term. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand High Priest shall **NOMINATE one Companion to fill the expiring term of a Trustee, and any additional vacancy occurring during the year, who shall be ELECTED at the Annual Convocation beginning in 2022.**

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO.4

A BILL, to provide for Virtual Convocations of Constituent Chapters by amending Section 2.10.1.9, Meetings not held elsewhere of the **2019 Royal Arch Mason Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.10.1.9. Meetings Not Held Elsewhere. A Chapter cannot be removed from the place of its location without an order of the Grand Chapter, but on the application of the High Priest and a majority of its members, the Grand High Priest may grant a dispensation for removing any Chapter until the next Annual Grand Convocation.

By ADDING a second paragraph which shall read as follows:

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the Chapter may conduct a Conclave by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Chapter. A dispensation from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall be necessary to hold such meeting and no ritual work may be performed.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 5

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of how the Fund Committee is appointed to the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund by amending section 2.10.5.5 of the **2019 ROYAL ARCH MASON CODE of Georgia, which currently reads SECTION 2.10.5.5 - York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia: Provided similar action is approved by the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, this Grand Commandery does hereby authorize the creation and the joint operation of a Perpetual Membership Program under the name and style of the York Rite Perpetual Membership**

Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. This Fund shall be administered by a joint committee of the said three Grand Bodies which committee shall be known as the Fund Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint one companion for a three year term. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Chapter.

By AMENDING the first sentence of the second paragraph to read: **The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall NOMINATE one companion for a three year term, who shall be elected at the Annual Convocation beginning in 2022.**

so that section 2.10.5.5, second paragraph of the **2019 ROYAL ARCH MASON CODE of Georgia**, as approved, shall read as follows:

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall NOMINATE one companion for a three year term, who shall be ELECTED at the Annual Convocation beginning in 2022. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Commandery.

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 6

A BILL, to amend the MINIMUM FEES Section 2.12.4, of the BY-LAWS SECTION OF THE **2019 Royal Arch Mason Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.12.4. Minimum Fees. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for less sum than \$20.00, and no portion of it can be returned; either as a loan, donation, or otherwise. Provided, however, that any subordinate Chapter in obedience to this Grand Chapter may collect and pay over to any Council of the Cryptic Rite having territorial jurisdiction, the fee for the degrees in order that the degrees of said Cryptic Rite may be conferred on an applicant for the Capitular degrees. If and when a Chapter collects the fee for the Cryptic Rite, the minimum fee collected by the Chapter must be at least \$20.00 plus the amount of the regular fee charged by the Council involved.

This provision, however, is only to be in force or effect if said applicant petitions for the Cryptic degrees within thirty days after his exaltation, and said Cryptic degrees are conferred within six months after the application is received. The subordinate Chapter may divide its fee for each degree, or it may require the payment of the entire fee for the four degrees with the application for the degrees; in case the fee is divided the entire fee must be paid before the Royal Arch Degree shall be conferred.

By CHANGING THE CURRENT SECTION OF \$20. 00 TO \$35.00, SO THAT THE AMENDED SECTION SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

2.12.4. Minimum Fees. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for less sum than \$35.00, and no portion of it can be returned; either as a loan, donation, or otherwise. Provided, however, that any subordinate Chapter in obedience to this Grand Chapter may collect and pay over to any Council of the Cryptic Rite having territorial jurisdiction, the fee for the degrees in order that the degrees of said Cryptic Rite may be conferred on an applicant for the Capitular degrees. If and when a Chapter collects the fee for the Cryptic Rite, the minimum fee collected by the Chapter must be at least \$35.00 plus the amount of the regular fee charged by the Council involved.

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Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 7

A BILL, to provide clarity for the balloting and examination of the ballot by amending the BYLAWS Section, SECRECY 2.13.2 of the 2019 ROYAL ARCH MASON CODE of Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.13.2 relating to the Secrecy and declaration of the ballot which currently reads

2.13.2. Secrecy. The ballot on petitions must be inviolably secret, and once begun must be completed without postponement. The result shall be declared by the High Priest, after exhibiting the ballot to the King and Scribe for inspection. It is the duty of every member of the Chapter present to vote, and one negative ballot shall reject.

By adding the following after the word "inspection" _ "unless, only one negative ballot appears, in which case he shall order a second ballot, which shall in all cases be final; PROVIDED, that the Grand High Priest may, in his discretion and for good cause, grant a dispensation authorizing another ballot at a Stated Convocation of the Chapter, to be by him designated, of which ballot, all members shall have notice. The same course of procedure shall be had on a ballot for affiliation." And deleting the words "and one negative ballot shall reject"

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

2.13.2 Secrecy: The ballot on petitions must be inviolably secret, and once begun must be completed without postponement. The result shall be declared by the High Priest after exhibiting the ballot to the King and Scribe for inspection; unless, only one negative ballot appears, in which case he shall order a second ballot, which shall in all cases be final; PROVIDED, that the Grand High priest may, in his discretion, and for good cause, grant a dispensation authorizing another ballot at a Stated Convocation of the Chapter, to be by him designated, of which ballot, all

members shall have notice. The same course of procedure shall be had on a ballot for affiliation. It is the duty of every member of the Chapter present to vote. Submitted: Larry C. Bennett; John H. Johnson; Stephen C. Higgins

BILL NO. 8

This bill is herewith submitted to change the annual meeting date from First Monday to First Friday of May:

A BILL, to amend Section 2.1.1, Regular Convocation of the By-Laws Section of the **2019 Royal Arch Mason Code of Georgia, which currently reads**

2.1.1. Regular Convocations. The Grand Chapter shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, in the Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment.

By DELETING THE CURRENT SECTION, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.1.1 Regular Convocations WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

2.1.1. Regular Convocations. The Grand Chapter shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, in the Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2023, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Friday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. In 2024 the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Friday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2025, the Grand Council will open at 8:00 A.M. on the First Friday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment

Submitted: Joe E. Turner

This legislation is requested by the Grand Secretary and others.

REPORT OF CHARTER & 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:

Your Committee is aware that Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 removed itself in 2021 from its regular meeting place at Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 in Griffin to 4328 Jackson Rd, in the Ringgold Community of Spalding County. However no dispensation was issued to change meeting location and your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this chapter

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Fort Benning Chapter No. 73. Your Committee requested several corrections regarding meeting date and jurisdiction and the bylaws have been resubmitted with corrections and the committee recommends approval of the complete By-Laws. Your Committee has received the requested changes to the bylaws of Roswell Chapter No.74 to correct the dates times and meeting places during the year and

to correct or provide for different or additional trustees. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received the requested change in the bylaws of Forest Park Chapter No. 75 changing the meeting location to College Park. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee is aware that Sweetwater Chapter No. 49 has removed itself from its regular meeting place at Sweetwater Lodge No. 421 in Lilburn to 1294 Rockbridge Rd, in the Stone Mountain area of Gwinnett County. However no dispensation was issued to change meeting location and your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this chapter

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and they are of routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular convocation.

Your committee notes that the charter of Cartersville Chapter No.144 was surrendered on June 1, 2021 and the members were consolidated with Rome Chapter No. 26 at Rome.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF GEORGIA, FEBRUARY 4, 2022, 200 YEARS, KELLOGG NO. 61, 150 YEARS, CHICKAMAUGA NO. 99, 100 YEARS, AND ENOTAH NO. 24, 75 YEARS.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

REPORT OF 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:

The 2019 Royal Arch Mason Code is available from the Grand Secretary's office.

The 2019 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Convocation session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; James O. Hood

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

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 Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

No out of state or foreign proceedings have been received for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore. I do receive the General Grand Chapter Newsletters and a couple of states newsletters and I note with interest activities going on in other states. I also get the Royal Arch Mason magazine and find items of interest included in those pages.

I now KNOW the California and possibly other states Mark Master degree program will work in Georgia. The Chapters invite Blue Lodge Masons to come get the Mark Master Degree at the chapter hall or the lodge hall with dispensation for FREE!

The member submits a petition to the local Chapter, asking to be advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. No fee is submitted with this petition. If the petition is approved by the local Chapter, the petitioner will be qualified to receive all the Degrees of the Chapter, should he ever wish to do so at a future date.

However, he will only be scheduled for advancement to the Degree of Mark Master and having been advanced, he may elect to receive the other degrees upon payment of the normal fee, or not proceed. But the curiosity is there. AND IT GIVES THE LOCAL CHAPTER A PURPOSE, CONFER A DEGREE! IT HAS BEEN DONE IN GEORGIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

DO THE YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA NEED TO RECOGNIZE PRINCE HALL YORK RITE MASONRY IN THE SAME MANNER WITH THE SAME DOCUMENTS AS GRAND LODGE DID IN OCTOBER 2021.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair

REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Bicentennial Committee was appointed by the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion John H. Johnson to look into adequate ways to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons; the same being organized on February 4, 1822.

The Committee offers the following plans, some of which have come to fruition and some that are coming forward in the ensuing Chapter year.

Bicentennial Coin – Most Worshipful and ME Companion J. Ed Jennings, Jr. has designed an appropriate coin signifying the 200th year of the Grand Chapter. The coin has the name of John H. Johnson and C. Hendry Howard inscribed thereon since the anniversary will include the terms of both as leaders of Grand Chapter. It also will include the seal of Grand Chapter and the years 1822-2022. The coin, as of this writing, is in production and will be available soon.

History of Grand Chapter – Most Excellent Companion Joe E. Turner, Past Grand High Priest, has written an outstanding history entitled “A Brief History of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia.” The history is now or will be available on the York Rite website. All Companions are encouraged to read ME Companion Turner’s work on the subject.

Bicentennial Gala – The 200th Anniversary Gala of the Grand Chapter of Georgia benefitting Royal Arch Research Assistance was held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at the Al Sihah Shrine Center in Macon. It was a very successful celebration event and another like activity in being planned for the fall of 2022.

Chapter Histories – The Committee urges each chapter to submit a history to the Grand Chapter. It does not need to be lengthy but a view of where your chapter began and progressed through the years.

Time Capsule – It is anticipated that a time capsule will be deposited at the Grand Chapter building with various artifacts pertaining to the Grand Chapter history. This will be an interesting avenue for those who come after us perhaps in another place and time in the future. The committee is in full support of this idea and recommends its accomplishment.

Cornerstone or Plaque – The committee recommends the placement of a cornerstone or plaque recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons at the Grand Chapter Building. This could be done in conjunction with the time capsule as mentioned above.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on this committee and appreciation is extended to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest John H. Johnson for his confidence and support throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; William F. Shepard; J. Ed Jennings

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Emmett R. Johns

And all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

C. Hendry Howard (30)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Right Excellent Grand King
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Joe R. Bush (49)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Jack J. Bell (162)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Johnie M. Garmon (24)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
John E. Finch, Jr. (13)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MEGHP announced the following appointments: Matthew Sanford (9), Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist (14); Joey D. Crews (9), Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell (75), Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 14, 2022 by Most Excellent Companion Robert L. Gill.

2022-2023 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett; South: T. Matthew Sanford
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel P. Bennett; W. Michael Jones; Michael R. Sosebee; Isaiah T. Hardin; Dale B. Cliett; Joey E. Jackson
MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; Thomas Chapman
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson
Memorial: James E. Stevens, Chair; Donald C. Combs; Mark S. Johnson
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; John T. Flener, Jr.; Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
R. A. R. A.: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, Chair; Jack J. Bell; John E. Finch
Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson; William Shepard; Jan M. Giddens; Van S. McGee; Jack J. Bell; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle; Wiley Q. Forrester
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Daniel P. Bennett
Long Range Planning: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; Jack J. Bell; J. Timothy Ingram; Mark A. Bradley; John H. Johnson
Membership: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; Jim Arnold; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; T. Matthew Sanford; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols; Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Daniel C. Ricketts
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch
Web Master: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman; J. Chris Brown
Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Mark S. Johnson, Chair
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair
Time Capsule: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; John E. Finch; Larry Purdom

2021-2022 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st	James E. Landrum (87)	7 th
Bruce T. Fykes (23)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (47)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (11/73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (135)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael J. Etheridge (84)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (155)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (24)	9 th
Alessandro V. Silva (16)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
William F. Duggan, Jr. (72)	6 th	James C. Clark (9)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (4)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th		

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 200th Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 201st Annual Convocation will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 5, 2023.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIAL

The 74th Triennial will be held in September of 2023 (TBA).

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion C. Hendry Howard, MEGHP, declared the 200th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form.

C. Hendry Howard
 Most Excellent
 Grand High Priest



ATTEST:
 Mark A. Bradley
 EG Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD

HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

MACON, GEORGIA – MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on May 2, 2022 to receive those companions that desired more Masonic light by being anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the C. Danny Wofford Holy Order of High Priesthood. The following Officers were in their respective stations:

James W. Tate	Excellent President
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Vice President
John H. Johnson	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Chaplain

Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Conductor
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Herald
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Steward
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Sentinel

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1986 C. Brantley Morgan	2014 Michael R. Sosebee
1990 William E. Cantrell	2015 Mark A. Bradley
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)	2016 Michael H. Wilson
1996 Andre E. Lovas	2017 Edward C. Barclay
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2018 Doyle R. Hatfield
1998 C. Danny Wofford	2019 William F. Shepard
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	2020 William F. Shepard
2009 J. Timothy Ingram	2022 James W. Tate
2012 Wade C. Smith	

CONFERRAL TEAM

Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent President
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Chaplain
Edward C. Barclay	Excellent Conductor
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Herald
Floyd E. Edmondson	Excellent Steward
John H. Johnson	Excellent Sentinel

CANDIDATES

Joshua M. Blakely (25)	David A. Ludley (71)
Timothy O. Cooper (61)	Monte M. McDonald (27)
Joey D. Crews (9)	Jeffrey S. Ozburn (71)
John E. Finch, Jr. (13)	Thomas E. Robinson (50)
John T. Flener, Jr. (47)	Brandon Simmons (150)
Michael C. Halpin (16)	Douglas D. Skramstad (99)
Eric R. Howell (44)	Paul W. Thompkins (28)
Patrick B. Kelley (49)	Jerry B. Vogler, Jr. (13)
Samuel K. Lowder (27)	

2022-2023 OFFICERS

A motion by the Nominating Committee was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the following officers be elected and installed:

Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent President
John H. Johnson	Excellent Vice President
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Secretary-Treasurer
Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Chaplain
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Conductor
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Herald
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Steward
Jack J. Bell	Excellent Sentinel

The officers were installed by MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley	Michael H. Sampsell
Excellent Secretary-Treasurer	Excellent President

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2021-2022 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Chapter awards were presented:

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEGHP John H. Johnson and General Grand Chapter Ambassador Wade C. Smith presented Sweetheart Awards to Lady Becky Wolbert, Lady Paula Bard, Lady Halli Stevens, Lady Denise Maddox, and Lady Amanda Flener.

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

C. Danny Wofford presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Most Excellent Companion Mark A. Bradley.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEGHP John H. Johnson and GGC Ambassador Wade C. Smith presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

GGC Ambassador Wade C. Smith presented MEGHP John H. Johnson with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

MEGHP John H. Johnson presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Covington Chapter No. 71.

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

*2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24)	*2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155)
2015 Wade C. Smith (24)	2018 Floyd E. Edmondson (150)
2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)	2018 Joe E. Turner (27)
*2015 Edward Helton (64)	2019 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
2016 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2020 William F. Shepard (66)
2016 Wayne H Garrett (64)	2021 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2017 Robert L. Gill (9)	2022 Mark A. Bradley (84)

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

*1952 Ottis B. Turner (10)	*1971 Preston Y. Luther (4)
*1953 Robert Wiley Beall (55)	*1972 J. Sheffield Thompson (37)
*1954 Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (6)	*1973 George T. Buchan (66)
*1955 Thomas E. Gaines (136)	*1974 Clyde C. Brown (83)
*1956 Ezekiel K. Clifton (3)	*1975 Dave H. Keever (49)
*1957 W. Tom Bateman (18)	*1976 Benjamin R. Martin, Jr. (121)
*1958 Edward P. Hitaffer (73)	*1977 Oliver H. Sheppard (158)
**1959 Merrill D. Payton (15)	*1978 Charles W. Eaton (154)
*1960 L. Guy Hughes (144)	*1979 Grady T. Bozeman (28)
*1961 T. S. Wells, Sr. (85)	*1980 Joseph P. Suttles (37)
*1962 Walter M. Housch (99)	*1981 Robert E. Taylor (4)
*1963 Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	*1982 Oran G. Moore (79)
*1964 Ralph Saye (K01)	*1983 Willie P. Hammond (72)
*1965 Richard S. Sagar (49)	*1984 Lee D. Holcomb (50)
*1966 James W. Davis (77)	*1985 Lewis H. Keith (27)
*1967 Charles H. Davis (4)	1986 C. Danny Wofford (84)
*1968 John B. Hubert, Jr. (112)	1987 David B. Dukes (70)
*1969 Ernest F. Campbell (70)	**1988 Kenneth R. Smith (144)
*1970 C. Dowling Pate (107)	*1989 Minor C. Shadburn (144)

*1990 William J. Bird (70)	*2007 Kerry J. Buchan (G03)
***1991 Lawrence E. Anderson (22)	2008 A. Wayne Norton (21)
*1992 William H. Lewis (107)	2009 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (13)
*1993 Edward C. Davis (122)	*2010 G. Everett Cox (160)
*1994 W. George Bean (49)	*2011 Phillip H. Floyd (48)
*1995 James E. Salter (75)	2012 Leonard A. Davis (11)
*1996 Rudolph Fuglaar (119)	2013 Edward C. Barclay (14)
*1997 George Utiss, Sr. (66)	2014 Bruce A. McNall (G03)
1998 Robert L. Gill (9)	2015 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71)
*1999 Russell L. Baker (47)	2016 Ronald H. Wallace (24)
2000 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)	2017 James E. Stevens (66)
*2001 William L. Montgomery (73)	2018 Judd J. Wolfe (48)
2002 Stephen C. Higgins (135)	2019 Robert W. Tidwell (75)
*2003 William H. McDaniell (K01)	2020 John H. Johnson (47)
2004 William F. Shepard (66)	2021 John E. Finch, (13)
2005 James D. Davis (11)	2022 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)
2006 Johnie M. Garmon (24)	

* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dimit

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

2010 Josie Bentley	2015 Joan Head	2018 Terry Massaro
2010 Loyce Price	2015 Sharon Bailey	2018 Jeanette Hendry
2010 Margaret Lovas	2015 Sheila Hensley	2018 Benigna Haggas
2010 Pat Smith	2015 Susan Pope	2019 Sherri Kirk
2010 Rebecca Taylor	2015 Tammie Polston	2019 Angi Harris
2012 Anna Montgomery	2016 Barbara Edmondson	2019 Barbara Tate
2012 Cheryle Shepard	2016 Buffi Peacock	2019 Nancy Simmons
2012 Halli Stevens	2016 Debbie Lemmons	2020 Ivy Harris
2012 Jana Watson	2016 Helen Leinbaugh	2020 Diane Nealey
2012 Marilyn Yeary	2016 Laine Bolton	2020 McKenzie Knight
2012 Ruth Wellman	2017 Eva Garmon	2020 Leigh Knight
2013 Erica Matheny	2017 Marla Horton	2020 Sue Mason
2013 Glenda Porter	2017 Gay Bradley	2021 Stephanie Ricketts
2014 Barbara Bozeman	2017 Emmie Sampsell	2021 Elizabeth Finch
2014 Fae Suttles	2017 Lynne Hatfield	2021 Shelly Howard
2014 Judy Griffin	2017 Karen Johnson	2021 Rosemarie Johnson
2014 Lily Stafford	2017 Cheryle Turner	2022 Becky Wolbert
2014 Liz Miller	2018 Sheila Ingram	2022 Paula Bard
2014 Nora Wells	2018 Joy Wolfe	2022 Halli Stevens
2015 Brenda Gill	2018 Judy Nichols	2022 Denise Maddox
2015 Carol McDonald	2018 Nancy Rich	2022 Amanda Flener
2015 Jane Wilson	2018 Kay Higgins	

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

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

*Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

*1969-1972 Richard B. Russell, Jr.	*2002-2005 Thomas T. Irvin, Jr.
1993-1996 Samuel A. Nunn, Jr.	

*Indicates Death

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**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIESTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
 OF GEORGIA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION ON 2-4-1822**

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1822-46	William Schley (1/2)	11-20-1858	1915	Hiram Warner Hill (52)	01-13-1934
1847-53	William T. Gould (2)	07-18-1882	1916	J. Furman Bell (6)	12-03-1940
1854-61	Philip T. Schley (7/3)	08-31-1862	1917	Thomas H. Jeffries (16)	11-06-1948
1862-68	Samuel S. Lawrence (13)	10-02-1890	1918	Elliot W. Parish (3)	10-13-1963
1869-71	Moses P. Kellogg (34)	11-25-1889	1919	Andrew S. Harvey (26)	11-22-1946
1872-73	George W. Adams (3)	01-05-1893	1920	Joseph C. Greenfield (16)	12-20-1920
1874-77	Luther J. Glenn (16)	06-09-1886	1921	Welby C. Jordan (K01)	01-16-1954
1878	William J. Johnson (12)	05-12-1886	1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931
1879-80	James W. Oslin (55)	01-09-1906	1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930
1881-83	Charles E. Lambdin (51)	03-03-1888	1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947
1884	William A. Graham (12)	02-24-1904	1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin (15)	02-22-1897	1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952
1886-94	James W. Taylor (8)	12-15-1925	1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966
1895-97	Charles Wessolowsky (15)	07-08-1904	1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947
1898-00	Henry C. Burr (10)	03-15-1901	1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944
1901	Henry Banks (11)	06-03-1920	1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931
1902	Robert L. Colding (3)	10-21-1927	1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937
1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51)	07-06-1909	1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950
1904	Young A. Wright (54)	05-12-1911	1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934
1905	John C. Joiner (16)	12-26-1927	1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972
1906	J. Luther Gable (40)	01-12-1929	1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938
1907	Thomas F. Moody (31)	01-14-1927	1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955
1908	Luther M. Heard (25)	01-20-1917	1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66)	02-19-1936
1909	Jacob A. Walton (7)	06-01-1925	1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940
1910	William F. Bowe (2)	08-25-1932	1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943
1911	John R. Wilkinson (16)	04-07-1915	1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972
1912	William G. England (41)	03-26-1931	1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (92)	08-07-1942	1938	P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947
1914	Frank O. Miller (18)	03-17-1937	1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972

1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966	1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991
1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960	1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010
1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949	1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997
1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963	1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014
1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969	1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007
1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959	1986	Steven V. Carter (90)	11-11-2017
1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962	1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001
1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950	1988	William E. Cantrell (144)	
1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988	1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994
1949	James R. Bellflower (47)	10-07-1981	1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993
1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958	1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013
1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959	1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995
1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954	1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995
1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974	1994	Ruben Martinez (75)	03-28-2021
1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979	1995	Joe E. Turner (10)	
1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981	1996	William J. Bird (70)	02-15-2016
1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999	1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998
1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979	1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)	09-11-2019
1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981	1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014
1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958	2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992	2001	William D. Miles (16)	03-04-2017
1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	02-22-2007
1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001	2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	10-15-2021
1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1969	2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05-2010
1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990	2008	Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	02-02-2021
1967	James E. Moseley (10)	02-10-2017	2009	C. Danny Wolford (84)	
1967	Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971	2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	11-13-2020
1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984	2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	11-29-2015
1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987	2012	James C. Bentley, Jr. (Hon) (107)	02-20-2021
1972	John M. McClurud, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001	2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987	2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013	2015	James T. Farmer (10)	03-06-2016
1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009	2016	William F. Shepard (66)	
1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992	2017	Mark A. Bradley (84)	
1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000	2018	Stephen C. Higgins (135)	
1978	H. Grady Keith (27)		2019	James W. Tate (73)	
1979	John Benny Allen (64)		2020	Michael H. Sampsell 13/87)	
1980	Felix Garsten (7) 06-10-1993		2021	John H. Johnson (47)	
1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000			

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: No Representation

K01. Keystone: Rodney A. Couch

03. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey;

Ronald B. Wolbert; Clyde E. Griffin

04. Constantine: Michael L. Hamlin;

Bobby B. Simmons

06. Temple: No Representation

07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez;

Joseph E. Oelgoetz, III; Timothy K. Staring

09. Waycross: Robert L. Gill; Joey D. Crews;

Matthew Sanford; James R. Bennett

10. Pythagoras: Joe E. Turner

11. St. John's: No Representation

13. Cherokee: Peter D. Bard;

James W. Bard; Michael H. Sampsell;

John E. Finch, Jr.; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.;

Jan M. Giddens; Daniel C. Ricketts

14. Silver Shoals: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.;

Phillip C. Faulkner

15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation

16. Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey

18. Austin: No Representation

21. Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee

23. J. M. Rushin: No Representation

24. Enotah: William T. White; William W. Grist;

Johnie M. Garmon; Wade C. Smith

25. Oliver: No Representation

26. Rome: No Representation

27. Lakewood: Samuel Lowder; Larry T. Croy

28. Pickens: Keith Hales; Paul Thompkins

34. Newnan: No Representation

41. Adoniram: William E. Dickert

47. Tifton: John H. Johnson;

Howard L. Maddox; Jeremy W. Hobbs

48. Taylor: James C. Stewart, II;

Wiley Q. Forrester; Judd J. Wolfe

49. Sweetwater: Joe R. Bush; Jerry D. Moss

50. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel;

Clarence E. North, III; Eric S. Tress

59. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson

61. Kellogg: No Representation

64. Alleghany: Michael L. Wolcott

66. Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman;

William F. Shepard; Richard J. Corwin

70. Jesup: James D. Arnold

71. Covington: Raymond G. Laird;

Michael H. Wilson; Jeffery L. Anderson;

David Ludley; William M. Jones

72. Fayetteville: No Representation

73. Fort Benning: James W. Tate
74. Roswell: Jesse Allen
75. Forest Park: R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq.
77. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary
80. Wilford H. Hall: No Representation
84. Winder: Mark A. Bradley; C. Danny Wofford
87. Austell: Michael H. Sampsell
89. West Point: No Representation
94. Bainbridge: No Representation
99. Chickamauga: Thomas J. Rogers; Douglas D. Skramstad; Tracy D. Wright
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel:

No Representation
120. Hubert: No Representation
122. Y. A. Wright: No Representation
135. Canton: Stephen C. Higgins; James R. Harris, Sr.
142. Dallas: Eric S. Tress
144. Cartersville: No Representation
150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson; Edgar Land
155. Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160. Smyrna: Robert R. Cordle
162. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell; Charles D. Humphrey
166. Genesis: Gordon B. Ruthruff

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

K01Keystone: Rodney Couch
A01 Augusta: No Representation
03 Georgia: Joey E. Jackson
04 Constantine: George A. Hart
06 Temple: No Representation
07 Darley: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; Doyle R. Hatfield
09 Waycross: Matthew Sanford
10 Pythagoras: No Representation
11 St. John's: No Representation
13 Cherokee: Barry L. Pinson; Matthew R. Medley
14 Silver Shoals: No Representation
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation
16 Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey
18 Austin: No Representation
21 Toccoa: Michael Sosebee
23 J.M. Rushin: No Representation
24 Enotah: William Grist
25 Oliver: Joshua M. Blakely
26 Rome: No Representation
27 Lakewood: Monte McDonald
28 Pickens: Keith Hales
34 Newnan: No Representation
41 Adoniram: William Dickert
47 Tifton: John Flener
48 Taylor: James C. Stewart
49 Sweetwater: Eric R. Howell
50 Douglasville: Thomas Robinson; Carl J. Gamel; Eric S. Tress

59 Statesboro: Joel Jackson
61 Kellogg: Tim Cooper
64 Alleghaney: Michael L. Wolcott
66 Brunswick: Don A. Scheuerle
70 Jesup: James D. Arnold
71 Covington: Jeffery Anderson
72 Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson
73 Fort Benning: Paul E. Wells
74 Roswell: Jan Giddens; Jesse Allan
75 Forest Park: No Representation
77 Sardis: Brent Griffin
80 Wilford H. Hall: Leon S. Lewis
84 Winder: Michael J. Etheridge
87 Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
94 Bainbridge: No Representation
99 Chickamauga: Stephen W. Larson, Jr.; William B. Rigby
107 Valdosta: No Representation
120 Hubert: No Representation
122 Y.A. Wright: Raforod J. Chambers
135 Canton: Stephen G. Harris
142 Dallas: Carl J. Gamel
144 Cartersville: No Representation
150 Ellijay: Brandon P. Simmons
155 Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160 Smyrna: John C. Miller
162 Alpharetta: Jack Bell
166 Genesis: Gordon B. Ruthruff

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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."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES IN 2022

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2022 + 4000 = 6022$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2022 + 530 = 2552$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2022 + 1913 = 3935$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2022 + 1000 = 3022$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2022 - 1118 = 904$

**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons 811 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201
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 December 31, 2021, 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.

**NOTE: An identical letter was submitted to this office for the Building Maintenance Fund, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, KTEF, Inc., and The Mollie S. Moseley Trust, Inc. The KTEF, Division Financials are submitted to Grand Encampment each year and they account to the IRS for those funds.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
CONSOLIDATED**

December 31, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 168,946.02
Investments, at cost	<u>514,022.12</u>
Total current assets	682,968.14

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	158,911.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(17,243.05)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>141,668.87</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 824,637.01</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payroll taxes payable	\$ 1,232.53
Total current liabilities	1,232.53

NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions	817,987.19
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>5,417.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>823,404.48</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 823,404.48</u>
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GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 11,047.80
Per capita income	172,808.13
Rituals and miscellaneous income	10,668.40
Other income	16,532.16
Building income	0.00

Interest income	1.09
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	52,017.20
Long-term capital gain distributions	7,219.55
Gifts and donations	<u>10,000.00</u>
Net support and revenue	280,294.33
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	280,294.33
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	300.00
Awards	600.00
Conference expense	4,169.03
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	15,862.00
Grand Secretary expense	6,870.38
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	350.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	<u>1,544.00</u>
Total program expenses	32,995.41
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	68,500.08
Investment fees	4,782.87
Depreciation expense	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Insurance – Liability	6,030.50
Legal and professional expense	1,540.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	30,000.00
Office supplies and expense	7,818.81
Postage	1,670.43
Printing	3,240.99
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	7,333.64
Taxes-payroll	7,211.06
Telephone	2,704.70
Travel	1,342.72
Utilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	154,065.80
Total expenses	<u>187,061.21</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	
WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	93,233.12
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>406,285.45</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 499,518.57</u>
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 917.99
Per capita income	0.00

Rituals and miscellaneous income	0.00
Other income	0.00
Building income	87,288.99
Interest income	87,288.99
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	2,266.90
Long-term capital gain distributions	981.90
Gifts and donations	<u>86,000.00</u>
Net support and revenue	177,455.78
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	177,455.78
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	0.00
Awards	0.00
Conference expense	0.00
DeMolay	0.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	0.00
Grand Secretary expense	0.00
Grand Treasurer expense	0.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	0.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	0.00
Rainbow	0.00
Rituals and other printed material	<u>0.00</u>
Total program expenses	0.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	0.00
Investment fees	662.24
Depreciation expense	3,972.80
Insurance	3,930.45
Insurance – Liability	0.00
Legal and professional expense	0.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	0.00
Office supplies and expense	2,336.63
Postage	0.00
Printing	0.00
Rent	0.00
Repairs and maintenance	25,073.97
Taxes-payroll	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Travel	0.00
Utilities	<u>14,050.13</u>
Total management and general expenses	50,026.22
Total expenses	<u>50,026.22</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	
	127,429.56
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>196,456.35</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 323,885.91</u>

CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 1,965.79
Per capita income	172,808.13
Rituals and miscellaneous income	10,668.40
Other income	16,532.16
Building income	87,288.99
Interest income	1.09
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	54,284.10
Long-term capital gain distributions	8,201.45
Gifts and donations	<u>96,000.00</u>
Net support and revenue	457,750.11
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	457,750.11
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	300.00
Awards	600.00
Conference expense	4,169.03
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	15,862.00
Grand Secretary expense	6,870.38
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	350.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	<u>1,544.00</u>
Total program expenses	32,995.41
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	68,500.08
Investment fees	5,445.11
Depreciation expense	3,972.80
Insurance	3,930.45
Insurance – Liability	6,030.50
Legal and professional expense	1,540.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	30,000.00
Office supplies and expense	10,155.44
Postage	1,670.43
Printing	3,240.99
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	32,407.61
Taxes-payroll	7,211.06
Telephone	2,704.70
Travel	1,342.72
Utilities	<u>14,050.13</u>
Total management and general expenses	204,092.02
Total expenses	<u>237,087.43</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	220,662.68
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>602,741.80</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 823,404.48</u>

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2021**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 10,522.18
Wells Fargo-investments, at cost	<u>49,933.14</u>
Total current assets	<u>60,455.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 60,455.32</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>60,455.32</u>
Total net assets	<u>60,455.32</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 60,455.32</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 1,386.06
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	10,765.18
Per capita income	50,460.80
Rituals and miscellaneous income	160.00
Interest income	<u>0.36</u>
Net support and revenue	62,772.40

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	775.00
Conference expense	300.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	4,292.50
Grand Chapter expense	30,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	200.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rent	8,776.00
Rituals and other printed material	183.50
Travel	<u>5,586.09</u>
Total program expenses	50,313.09

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Investment fee	301.17
Legal and professional expense	<u>1,489.33</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>1,790.50</u>
Total expenses	<u>52,103.59</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT

DONOR RESTRICTIONS	10,668.81
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>49,786.51</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 60,455.32</u>

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2021**

<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 27,197.65
Investments, at cost	<u>435,354.23</u>
Total current assets	462,551.88
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,662.37)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>22,357.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 484,909.46</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>484,909.46</u>
Total net assets	<u>484,909.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 484,909.46</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 9,507.88
Long-term capital gain distributions	10,130.51
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	30,720.01
Per capita income	68,215.47
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>5,285.00</u>
Net support and revenue	123,858.87
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	1,509.13
Conference expense	1,200.00
DeMolay	100.00
Grand Encampment per capita expense	18,246.00
K. T. Eye Foundation	4,830.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Other charitable donations	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	40.00
Charitable expenses	<u>2,909.19</u>
Total program expenses	34,571.82
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Building expense	7,644.00
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	4,002.96
Legal and professional expense	1,275.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	<u>36,344.86</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>49,967.32</u>
Total expenses	<u>84,539.14</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	39,319.73
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>445,589.73</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 484,909.46</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>615,690.89</u>
Total current assets	<u>615,690.89</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 615,690.89</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ <u>615,690.89</u>
Total net assets	<u>615,690.89</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 615,690.89</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 17,205.11
Long-term capital gain distributions	18,453.84
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	46,724.61
Contributions	<u>27,287.20</u>
Net support and revenue	109,670.76
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>39,570.00</u>
Total program expenses	39,570.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fee	<u>7,048.71</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>7,048.71</u>
Total expenses	<u>46,618.71</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	63,052.05
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>552,638.84</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 615,690.89</u>

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 2,586.57
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>3,375,962.78</u>
Total current assets	3,378,549.35
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Equipment	<u>8,511.17</u>
Net property and equipment	8,511.17

OTHER ASSETS	
Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>60,000.00</u>
Total other assets	<u>60,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,447,060.52</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payable to GA Division	<u>\$ 139.05</u>
Total current liabilities	139.05
NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>3,446,921.47</u>
Total net assets	<u>3,446,921.47</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,447,060.52</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2021

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 80,328.13
Interest income	4,825.00
Long-term capital gain distributions	58,073.97
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>172,472.33</u>
Net support and revenue	315,699.43
Restrictions satisfied by payments	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>3,835.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	319,534.43
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	5,700.00
Honorariums	5,000.00
Research grants and donations	100,000.00
Scholarship Awards	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	122,700.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Gifts and donations	86,000.00
Dues dispensation	750.00
Insurance	3,445.05
Investment fees	34,714.38
Legal and professional expense	<u>2,628.25</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>127,537.68</u>
Total expenses	<u>250,237.68</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	0.00
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	69,296.75
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,377,624.72</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,446,921.47</u>