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**2018 PROCEEDINGS
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JOINT MEMORIAL/DIVINE SERVICE

May 6, 2018

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, at 4:00 PM, Sunday, May 6, 2018. 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 Mark A. Bradley lit the Red Candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan since the past year. Very Imminent Deputy Grand Master Larry C. Bennett lit the Purple Candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Drew W. Hendry, Sr. lit the White Candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year. Grand Chaplains Eulan R. Wheeler and Timothy K. Starling, and Grand Prelate and Reverend Donald C. Combs conducted the Service. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

CHARLES ROBERT BEASLEY

APRIL 7, 1937 – JUNE 15, 2017

The ships Boatswain Mate blew his pipe and called "attention on deck" the ships bell sounded eight times and a moment of silence was observed when the earthly life of Charles R. Beasley ended. Charles was born in Hinton, West Virginia and was raised and served in the time of great peril for our country: World War II, Korean Conflict, Cuban missile crisis and Vietnam. Charles felt the need to serve his country when he became of age and tried to enlist in the U. S. ARMY. Entry was denied so the U. S. Navy accepted him with the signature of his parents. Sir Knight Charles served with distinction and honor. He was honorably discharged after twenty years of service as a 1st class petty officer and a Vietnam Veteran. He was a squared away 4.0 sailor.

Sir Knight Charles was a true Knights Templar: serving his country as an airplane Mechanic, a search and air rescue team member, and served several missions in Vietnam as a Navy Seal. He was one of those men with green faces. Sir Knight Charles was a part of Ships Company and served on the USS Enterprise, the USS Independence, and the USS Ticonderoga. His service for our country took him and his family to many ports of call and duty stations all across the United States and many foreign countries.

Charles served as crew chief aboard a new Kaman rescue helicopter the "sea sprite" when it was called upon to air lift a wounded sailor from the USS Wood, a destroyer operating in the Mediterranean Sea. The operation took place at night in 15-20-foot seas and it was the first time a rescue took place from the deck of a destroyer in darkness. The operation was a success and Charles was awarded the Kamam Scroll for his actions. His crew was called again to an Israeli ship that collided with another ship. Eleven men were adrift in a life boat and his crew rescued four. Charles is quoted saying, "If we never rescue another person, this made the daily training and preparation all worth it." Charles was willing to lay his life on the Altar of Freedom for his country, his god, his family and his fellow man. In his off-duty times, Charles played golf and was a good player. His team consisted of officers. He was the only enlisted man to be selected to play on the officer team.

He served at Naval Air Stations in Texas, Florida, California, New Jersey and Virginia. While serving our country he was married to his first wife Barbara. This union produced four beautiful daughters. When the third daughter was born, the doctors told Barbara, "We will see you at this time next year." Barbara exclaimed, "Like hell you will," but they were right and the next year the fourth daughter was

born. All these little girls were born about a year apart. It seems like every time Charles took leave a new family member was added. These four little ladies, Cheryl, Deanne, Melinda, and Regana, gave Charles and Barbara seven grandchildren and these seven brought forth five great grandchildren.

We all know Sir Knight Charles loved motorcycles. His first introduction to riding motorcycles was in Corpus Christi, Texas. He purchased a red moped to travel to work so his wife had use of the car while caring for the kids. After discharge from active duty, I can only imagine that Charles missed the freedom of sailing the blue seas with the wind and salt water spray in his face and fell in love again and married Miss Betty. That union lasted thirty-seven years, until his death. They both loved the freedom that motorcycles provided. Charles and Betty rode from coast to coast, over mountains and through valleys. They joined a cross country racing team. Sir Knight Charles loved to work on those bikes. He produced many record breaking bikes. He owned four bikes when he passed away.

Our Brother was a member of the Sons of Confederate Soldiers and participated in civil war enactments. He always dressed in full Confederate regalia. As a personal note, Charles also looked good in that uniform.

Charles was a longtime member of Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church and served as a Trustee. His devotion helped to preserve Fulton County's oldest historic church. Charles and Betty were honored for their service and dedication. Brother Beasley was initiated in Fayetteville Lodge #711 on August 28, 1997, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on September 22, 1997 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 1 1997 and served as Worshipful Master in 2003. He became a dual member of Ben Hill Lodge #674 and served as Worshipful Master In 2004, 2008, 2009 and 2010. He served as Worshipful Master of the Fifth Masonic District Convention in 2011. He joined Fayetteville Chapter #72 RAM and Fayetteville Council #166 RSM on July 15, 2000 and Coeur de Lion Commandery # 4 on December 9, 2000. He was a past presiding officer of all these bodies. He was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56 on September 8, 2011. He became a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta on September 18, 1999 and was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of Court of Honor on November 1, 2003 and Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33rd Degree on November 21, 2009. He served as the Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard in 2002 and served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 2006. He was a member and past President of the Southside Scottish Rite Association.

Charles was a member of Chattahoochee York Rite Sovereign College #166 and was nominated by the Associate Regents too receive the Order of the Purple Cross of York in 2017. The Grand Encampment College of Honors selected Sir Knight Charles to receive the Knight Commander of the Temple Award in 2015. Sir Knight Charles Beasley's life was complex. One third was serving his country in secrecy and silence. Many missions were never discussed even with his family. One third was serving his family, his church and his personal ambitions and one third was serving his Masonic journey. His greatest quest was to hold the title of Right Eminent Grand Commander and after his term of office, surrendering his red cord for a purple one and becoming a member of Grand Encampment Knights Templar.

Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Charles believed, as all Masons believe, that after the strong hand of death has leveled all in the humiliation of the grave, the almighty hand of the Supreme Master shall prevail and exult every brother into that glorious companionship in that un-dissolving lodge. There the designs on the

trestle board will be seen completed - There the adoration of the twelfth hour will be everlasting joy - There the noontide bliss will forever shine and there the scales of doubt and darkness shall fall from his eyes and the divine plans of the Great Captain of our salvation shall be displayed in all their splendor. Sir Knight Charles told his daughters that he wanted to be remembered after he became a Mason, not the first part of his life. His raising to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and receiving The Order of the Temple changed his life in a profound manner. "Non Nobis, Domine, Non Nobis: Sed Nomine Tau Da Gloriam"—May we so serve the Master, that having passed through the portals of the grave we may receive from His Hands the Crown of Victory, while we exclaim, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give Glory." As we close the final chapter of the life of Sir Knight Charles Robert Beasley, The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, we hope and pray that history will record his life with favor and with honor. We wish you smooth sailing with following seas, and that your next port of call be happy and refreshing. It is our great honor to have known you and to have served with you.

Respectfully Submitted: Paul E. Wells, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander

THOMAS TELFORD IRVIN

JULY 14, 1929 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Our Brother Irvin was the son of a sharecropper farmer. His father was killed in a sawmill accident when Brother Tommy was seventeen years old, forcing him to quit school and go to work to help support his mother and four younger siblings. By the time he was twenty-five, he had become a very successful lumber businessman in Northeast Georgia. At the age of twenty-seven and having dropped out of high school, he was elected to the Board of Education in Habersham County, and held that position for almost twenty years. The next year he was elected to the State Legislature and represented that area for eight years. While he was in the Legislature, he ran the gubernatorial campaign of Governor Lester Maddox. The Governor appointed him as his Floor Leader, and later as his Chief Executive Officer. In 1969, Governor Maddox, appointed him to fill the unexpired term of Agriculture Commissioner Phil Campbell and he served in that position until January of 2011, being elected by the voters of Georgia to 10 terms, 40 years. He was the longest serving State Commissioner of Agriculture in the nation and the longest serving statewide elected official in Georgia history. During his long career of public service, Brother Tommy was elected as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture, President of the Southern United States Trade Association, and President of the Georgia School Boards Association. He was also a Trustee of the National Livestock Merchandising Institute. He was honored by The Progressive Farmer magazine as Man of the Year in Service to Georgia Agriculture. He received the Georgia School Boards Association Distinguished Leadership and Distinguished Service Awards, and was the first person elected to the Georgia Agrirama Hall of Fame. He was at some point in his career appointed a Trustee of Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Georgia and served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Brother Irvin was initiated in Mt. Airy Lodge #141 in Mt. Airy, Georgia on January 5, 1954, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on January 19, 1954, and raised as a Master Mason on February 2, 1954, serving as Worshipful Master in 1956. He served as Master of the Ninth Masonic District Convention and was awarded the

Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Award in 1983. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia on October 27, 1993 and served the fraternity with distinction. For many years he provided a Past Master tie pin with the gavel and PM on it to every Past Master in Georgia. Having been a Mason for 63 years, he was awarded a 25-year and 50-year Masonic membership pin and apron.

He joined Clarkesville Chapter #67, RAM on October 20, 1954, E. L. McConnell Council #40, RSM in Toccoa on March 31, 1955 and then joined Philemon Commandery #33, KT in Toccoa on July 28, 1955. He was a Past High Priest of Clarkesville Chapter and served as High Priest of the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention. He was a member of Atlanta Yaarab Shrine Temple.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on September 28, 1966, and was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 19, 1981. He was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on October 21, 1987.

Brother Irvin was a longtime member and deacon of Antioch Baptist Church of Mt. Airy, Georgia. He is survived by two daughters, three sons, fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. His wife Bernice, whom he married when he was eighteen years old, died April 29, 2014.

Brother Irvin contributed greatly to mankind, our state, country and even worldwide. His zest for life and his accomplishments will never be forgotten. We are much better for his life here on earth.

Masonic graveside services were held as he was laid to rest in his eternal earthly resting place at Yonah Memorial Gardens, in Demorest, Georgia. A Memorial service was held in his honor, at the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, with speakers among others, Governor and Illustrious Brother Roy E. Barnes, 33° Mason, and retired United States Senator and Illustrious Brother Sam Nunn, 33° Mason, presiding.

Respectfully Submitted: Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., PGM

JOHN BENNY ALLEN
JANUARY 29, 1941 – OCTOBER 24, 2017

Who, since becoming affiliated with the fraternity in 1966 has served in many important capacities? Companion Allen contributed much of his time and resources to Freemasonry in our state and nationally. His zest for life, his accomplishments individually and with assistance will not soon be forgotten and we are much better for his life here on earth. Companion Benny had a splendid personality, which enabled him to win friends readily. His obituary states he was a kind and good-hearted person. Indeed he was!

Companion Allen attended Truett-McConnell College and received a degree in Business Administration in 1963. He was in the US Army Reserves from 1960-1966. He worked in several positions as a sales representative for the C. F. Sauer Company out of Richmond, Virginia in the wholesale and retail foods supply industry, finally owning J & J Foods in Gainesville. In later years he and his second wife Ruenelle, were involved in real estate and rental properties. Lastly, he became associated with a crematorium and remained busy in useful endeavors until his health failed in his final years.

Benny was initiated in Etowah Lodge #222 in Dawsonville, Georgia on November 16, 1965, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on January 18, 1966, and raised as a Master Mason on February 1, 1966, serving as Worshipful Master in 1971. He served as Master of the Ninth Masonic District Convention and was the Grand Marshal for our recently deceased Grand Master Tommy Irvin. He was

awarded the Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Award in 1994. He affiliated with Allegheny Lodge #114 in Blairsville in 1999 as a dual member. He joined Dawsonville Chapter #78, RAM on November 19, 1966, Zabud Council #64, R&SM in Gainesville on November 17, 1967 and Pilgrim Commandery #15, KT in Gainesville on November 3, 1966. He was a past presiding officer of all these bodies and was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on April 30, 1974. He served as Prior of the Priory in 1986. He served as High Priest of the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention in 1975. Companion Benny was elected the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia in 1979. He was appointed as the General Grand Royal Arch Captain for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International in 1984 serving for a three-year term. He was elected in 2002 as the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International and served with distinction, bringing much recognition to Georgia. He was only the third person elected from Georgia since the formation of General Grand Chapter in 1797 and only the second person to actually serve. He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on November 16, 1973 as a member of the George P. Whitman, 33° Class. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 17, 1977, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on November 25, 1995. While he never held an office in the Scottish Rite, he was able to promote the Scottish Rite and its programs through the many opportunities that were afforded him during his many years in the business world. He provided assistance and resources to the Lanier Gainesville Scottish Rite Association in the 1980s often sending a refrigerated truck to their "Chicken Fry" for two days at the time. He became a Life Member of the Scottish Rite in 1979. Companion Allen was at one time a member of The House of Prayer Church and later became a member of the Blairsville Baptist Church. He is survived by one son and one grandchild. His first wife Betty died in 1987 and his second wife Ruenelle died in 2014.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PGHP

STEVEN VERLON CARTER

MAY 2, 1929 – NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Steven Verlon Carter was born in Blackshear, Georgia, but moved to Alma, Georgia at an early age. He received his education at a public school in Bacon County. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for four years during the Korean Conflict. Following discharge from the Navy, he worked as a printer for twelve years with several newspapers. He then began working with the United States Postal Service until his retirement. Married to the former Lorene Manning of Dudley. They had two children, Steven Verlon Carter, Jr. and Eve Michelle Garcia. They are grandparents to three granddaughters, Chelsea Anne Carter, Amanda Leigh Garcia, and Emily Catherine Garcia.

Steven served as president of the Bacon County Jaycees, and was an active supporter of the Bands and Athletic Boosters Clubs. He was also very active in the Scout Programs, and was once a deacon of First Baptist Church of Alma. Steven was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1957 in Bacon Lodge No. 56. He served as Worshipful Master in 1963 and as Treasurer for thirty-two years. He served as District Deputy to the Grand Master for several

years and as Trustee of the Masonic Home for nine years. He served as 11th District Worshipful Master in 1978.

He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in 1960 and served as High Priest in 1969 in Tri-City Chapter No. 90. He started in the Grand Chapter line in 1980 and became the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia in 1986. He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in 1969 in Waycross Council No. 30. He served as Illustrious Master in 1986 until 1987. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1987. Steven was created a Knight Templar in Waycross Commandery No.36 in 1969 and served as Eminent Commander in 1986 until 1987. He was elected to the Grand Commandery Line in 1990 and served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia in 1997 until 1998. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple in 1997. Steven served as Worthy Patron of Eastern Star for Alma Chapter No. 324 for several years. He was a lifetime member of the Patron's Club of Georgia, OES. Steven received the degrees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, becoming a 32 Degree Mason in the Valley of Albany, Georgia. He became a Noble in Hasan Shrine Temple in 1969 in Albany, Georgia. He was a member of the Waycross Shrine Club. He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, New Covenant Conclave in Macon, Georgia. He was a member of the Georgia Priory No. 39, Knights York Cross of Honour, serving as Eminent Prior in 2002. Steven was a charter member of the Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a member of Upper Room Tabernacle XLV, Knight Templar Priest, Past Preceptor. Steven was a peacemaker, server, and a shepherd for God and his fellow man. With great appreciation, we treasure the memories of the life we shared. Job well done, my brother.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.

EDWARD VINCENT MASSARO
SEPTEMBER 4, 1961 – APRIL 21, 2018

Companions, once again the dread messenger of death has entered our ranks and taken from us one of the sons of light. In the early morning hours of April 21, 2018 the angel of death called upon our Companion Edward "Eddie" Vincent Massaro and took him by the hand to the Celestial Lodge above. Companion Eddie was taken from us at the age of 56, long before we were ready for him to leave. Just as we know not the hour of our Lord's return, the hour of our departure is just as much a Celestial secret.

Right Excellent Companion Eddie was born September 4, 1961 in New York, to a typical New York Italian family. Reared in a family of three boys, Mother and Father with a large extended family where Italian was spoken and vast amounts of food was served, He grew into a young man before leaving the "city" and moving south to Savannah, Georgia. It was in Savannah that Eddie met and married Terry Goode, the love of his life and his companion for 29 years. Terry was from a Masonic family and Eddie soon saw the value of becoming a Mason, spending the rest of his short life in active service in the Fraternity.

Companion Eddie was raised to the subline degree of Master Mason in 1989 in Richard T. Turner Lodge No. 116 in Bloomingdale, Georgia. The rest of his life was spent expanding his Masonic knowledge by joining many of the bodies of Freemasonry. After moving to Marietta, Georgia Eddie affiliated with Kennesaw Lodge No. 33, serving as Worshipful Master in 2003. He was a Scottish Rite Mason 32° from the Valley of Savannah, later moving his membership to the Valley of Atlanta where he served in the Chapter of Rose Croix. Eddie loved York

Rite Masonry, he was Past High Priest of Cherokee Chapter No. 13 and was High Priest of the Seventh District Royal Arch Convention at the time of his passing. He was a member and Past Illustrious Master of Marietta Council No. 74 and was serving as Captain of the Guard of the Seventh District Council Convention. He was also a member and Past Commander of Constantine Commandery No. 26. A longtime member of North Atlanta Council No. 313 Allied Masonic Degrees, serving that body as Sovereign Master, a member of the Carl F. Lester Jr. Council No. 65 Knight Masons, and a member of the Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123. Our Companion was an avid member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of OES Chapter No. 414 in Kennesaw Georgia where he served as Worthy Patron, more than once, and served the Grand Body in many positions throughout the years. Eddie and his wife Terry were very involved for many years with Friendship Assembly 16, Order of Rainbow Girls, developing many relationships with the girls that have carried over into their adulthood.

Right Excellent Companion Eddie Massaro's office, at the time of his death, was as the Right Excellent Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. He was proposed by his longtime friend and Past Grand High Priest Hugh F. Watson. Eddie moved quickly through the chairs due to resignations and etc. He was making plans for the year he would serve as Grand High Priest and although in awe of the heavy responsibility he was looking forward to his contribution to Our York Rite bodies. Companion Eddie possessed great organizational skills that would have been an asset to our Grand Chapter.

It seems that the angel of death has been working overtime in our Fraternity as of late. The loss of so many of our leaders and hardworking Brothers and Companions has left our craft with a heavy heart and a great sense of loss. Yet while we once again mourn the loss of one of our dear Companions, we should be anxiously engaged at the great work before us. Pick up the mantle of service left to us by our deceased Companions, in a way that they would have us to do. Our time will come, "and the wisest know not when", we will join our Brothers and Companions in that great Celestial Lodge above. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Respectfully Submitted: Jan M. Giddens

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Banquet was held at 6:30 PM, Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the Macon Marriott City Center with MIPGM Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Master of Ceremonies, introducing the Grand Commandery, Grand Council, and Grand Chapter Officers, followed by an introduction of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Michael H. Wilson. MEGHP Mark A. Bradley extended a short welcome to those in attendance. A special performance by William G. Wagner as George Washington was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and then an Invocation by Reverend Donald C. Combs. MEGHP Mark A. Bradley then presented Excellent Companion David M. Wellman and his lady Ruth with a Certificate for many years of dedicated service as the Entertainment Staff. All guests were then invited to enjoy a buffet meal. After the meal, MIPGM Dr. Lemmons orchestrated the following presentations and events.

GEORGIA DEMOLAY PRESENTATION

State Master Councilor, Christopher Blake McElroy, of Georgia DeMolay, was introduced and brought forward to bring his remarks.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS PRESENTATION

Grand Worthy Advisor, Carissa Wright, of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, was introduced and brought forward to bring her remarks.

GOLDEN CHALICE AWARD

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker and REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. presented Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Lacey Rooks, of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls with the Golden Chalice Award for her tremendous efforts in raising over \$10,000.00 for the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation the previous year during her tenure. Lady Rooks indicated that she would present the Golden Chalice to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, International for safekeeping.

SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT PRESENTATION

Mrs. James Stevens (Hallijeane) presented a \$1,000.00 check to REGC Hendry for the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. She and Mrs. Dean Rein, Supreme Worthy President, presented a \$1,000.00 check to Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

SK Lawrence E. Tucker and REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. presented the Companion of the Temple Awards to Ladies Nancy Simmons and Liz Miller.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker presented REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

SE Regional Deputy General Grand Master Larry R. Gillespie and VIDG Master Larry C. Bennett presented Lady Gay Bradley, Lady Jeannette Hendry, Lady Nora Wells, and Lady Helen Leinbaugh with Lady of the Council Awards.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

SE Regional Deputy General Grand Master Larry R. Gillespie asked VIDG Master Larry C. Bennett to receive a Plaque and Lapel Pin on behalf of MIGM John I. Haggas, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEGGHP James H. Hodge and MEGHP Mark A. Bradley presented Lady Sheila Ingram, Lady Joy Wolfe, Lady Judy Nichols, Lady Nancy Rich, Lady Kay Higgins, and Lady Jeanette Hendry with Sweetheart Awards.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

MEGGHP James H. Hodge presented MEGHP Mark A. Bradley with a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

MWPGM Lemmons introduced Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Michael H. Wilson to bring remarks on behalf of Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry W. Nichols, after which MEGHP Mark A. Bradley introduced Mark Johnson, the entertainment for the evening. After entertainment Rev. Donald C. Combs, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, closed with prayer.

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in Joint Session at the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon on Monday, May 7, 2018 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and other Business. The Grand Sec/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. MEGHP Mark A. Bradley and his Grand Officers opened the 196th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia in full form at 7:30 AM. After the Opening, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance, the MEGHP declared the 196th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter duly convened for the purpose of hosting a Joint Grand York Rite Session, receiving Distinguished Guests, and conducting Joint Grand York Rite

Business. MEGHP Bradley received VIDGC Larry C. Bennett who then extended a cordial welcome and declared the 192nd 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. MEGHP Bradley received REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. who then extended a welcome and declared the 158th 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. The MEGHP ordered the Grand Steward to inform the Sentinel that the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia were open for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Joint Grand York Rite Business. Distinguished Guests were requested to retire for introductions. Distinguished Guests were introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MEGHP Bradley, VIDGC Bennett, and REGC Hendry welcomed the following Distinguished Guests to the Grand York Rite Sessions of Georgia:

ALABAMA

James A. (Jamie) Smith, MEGHP and REGC, MWPGM, MIPGM, and SGIG, AASR, Orient of Alabama

Thomas H. Nesbit, VEDGC, MIPGM, and MEPGHP

James C. McGee, REGC, MEPGHP, and MIPGM

ALASKA

James Hogg, Excellent Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, Illustrious Grand Steward, Grand Council, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery and PM, Internet Lodge No. 9659, Manchester, England, United Grand Lodge of England

FLORIDA

Ronald C. Newton, MEGHP

Robert C. St. John, Jr. MIGM

MICHIGAN

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

NORTH CAROLINA

Billy W. Canupp, Jr. MIGM

David C. Ladd, REGC

TENNESSEE

Richard R. Petty, Jr. MEGHP

Kenneth W. Matheney, Excellent Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter and Eminent Grand Sentinel, Grand Commandery

UTAH

Dean D. Rein, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, MWPGM and Grand Treasurer

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

William F. Shepard, MEGHP, and Worshipful Third Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia, and Eminent Prior, Georgia Priory No. 39, K.Y.C.H.

Johnnie M. Garmon, REPGC, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Georgia, and Eminent Prior, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, K.Y.C.H.

Clyde E. Griffin, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, MWPGM; Grand Superintendent for Georgia, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA,

Andre E. Lovas, REGC, Honorary; Intendant General for the Northern Division of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine; Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Most Worthy Past Grand Master, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of

Acon, USA, Most Excellent Past Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons of the USA, and Grand Preceptor, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptors;

CONVENT GENERAL KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Steven Q. Steele, MEPGHP, Fla; REPGC, Alaska, and Most Eminent Past Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

James W. Tate, Excellent Grand Captain of Host, and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, MWPGM; General Grand Librarian, General Grand Chapter. Royal Arch Masons, Int.

James H. Hodge, MEGGHP, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

F. A. (Drew) Lane, Jr. MIPGM, MWPGM and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int.

Larry R. Gillespie, MIPGM, Florida and Regional Deputy for the Southeast Region, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int.

Charles L. Hollinger, MIPGM, Florida, Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int. and the Personal Representative of David A. Grindle, Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KT. OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Paul E. Wells, PREGC, 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, and Right Eminent Deputy in Georgia for College of Honors.

Henry A. Adams, REPGC, Florida, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar

Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC, MWPGM, Most Eminent Past Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Very Eminent Grand Inner Guard, Grand College of America, HRAKTP and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment.

Lawrence E. Tucker, Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, KYCH, Past Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Most Excellent Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons of the USA, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, Masonic Order of Athelstan, and Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar representing Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master,

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by Stephen C. Higgins, Right Excellent Grand King; and Larry C. Bennett, Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master; and Steve A. Kirk, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander that all out-of-state Distinguished Guests, that are not already Honorary Members, be made Honorary Members of the three Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies. Seconded and Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS READ

MEGHP, MIGM, REGC, Grand Line Officers, and Distinguished All: Many Communications have been received from Sister Grand Jurisdictions, other Distinguished Masons, within and out of our Jurisdiction, expressing regrets at being unable to attend your Annual Grand Sessions and have extended best wishes for a very prosperous and harmonious Grand Session.

Fraternally Submitted: Wade Smith, Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28 (NIV): To the MEGHP, Grand Line Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia: It is this Committee's sad duty to report that the High Priest of the Heavens and the Earth has called home 238 of our fellow Companions. They have laid down the working tools of life and went on to that place of wages, rest, and refreshment. We mourn their loss and pray that their loved ones be comforted by Him as only He can. While the loss of these Companions leaves a void in our Fraternity, we can't help but to cherish the memories we have of them and reflect on the contributions each made in bringing more Light to their fellow man. We honor their memories by continuing to build on the legacy that they have left for us. We hope and pray that when the time comes for us to lay down our working tools of this life and go to that place of wages, rest, and refreshment that we will once again be joined with our departed Companions. May we hear, as our departed Companions surely have, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Respectfully Submitted: Eulan R. Wheeler, EG Chaplain

GRAND COUNCIL

"Behold I stand at the door and knock; If any man hear my voice, open the door, and I will abide with him and he with me." (Revelation 3:20 KJV Revised)

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Line Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia:

It is this Committee's sad duty to report that 115 of our fellow Council Companions have knocked at the door of the Grand Creator of Universe. He has opened the door and now they are abiding with him in the celestial heavens. Our departed Companions have laid down the working tools of this life and went on to that place of wages, rest, and refreshment. We mourn their loss and pray that their loved ones be comforted by Him as only He can, but at the same time we rejoice in knowing they are in the presence of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and they no longer face the trials and tribulations of this mortal world. We hope and pray that when the time comes for us to lay down our working tools of this life and go to that place of wages, rest, and refreshment that we will once again be joined with our departed Companions. May we hear, as our departed Companion surely have, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt: 25:21, NIV)

Respectfully Submitted: Timothy K. Starling, Illustrious Grand Chaplain

GRAND COMMANDERY

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8:35&38-39)

As another Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it my sad duty to report that 95 of our Sir Knights have been called home to their heavenly reward. This is a time for reflection as we remember these Sir Knights and perhaps recall the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans asking the question; "*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*" As we belong to a faction of Freemasonry that is totally Christian, this question becomes more real. It calls us to reflect upon whether or not we are ever truly separated from each other, even

in death, if we have a memory or a remembrance to hold and cherish. I offer to you that we hold those memories dear because of love. Love for our Fraters, their families, each other, and the love of Christ within us. It is because we love so deeply their absence hurts so much. When we are separated from someone we love we feel as though a part of us has been cut off. However, while death can physically separate us from loved ones, it is because of our love and God's love for us that we are never truly apart mentally or spiritually. So as we remember those Sir Knights who fell from the battle of life, let us cherish their memory in our hearts and minds eye and let these words ring out and echo true: "May the memory of their virtues linger in our memory, and reflect their shining luster beyond the portals of the tomb. May also their memory be like flowers in perpetual bloom, sweetening their environment and winning the thoughts of all those who knew them to be pure and true!" So mote it be, Amen!

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

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I was humbled to be asked by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Mark a. Bradley; the Most Illustrious Grand Master, John I. Haggas; and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Drew W. "Bill" Hendry to serve as the Chairman of the Sunshine Committee for the Grand York Rite. I have attempted to keep the Companions and Sir Knights informed of the health status and deaths of our fellow Companions/Sir Knights and their families. Most of my e-mails may have been depressing since we have had so much sickness and so many deaths this past year. I greatly appreciate the prayers of those who have joined me in offering up petitions to the Great Physician, Healer and Comforter. Together we made an effort to pray for the restoration of the health of those in need and for the comfort of those who had lost loved ones. I believe that we are supposed to help bear one another's burdens. Occasionally we were able to give praise reports for those who had been able to recover from their problems. I appreciate the information from the Companions/Sir Knights for letting me know of circumstances where prayer is needed. I am an imperfect and fallible human being subject to frailty and error and I daily fall so short of those things I should do or should not do; so I humbly ask you to continue to pray for me that I may be found in such condition as to be able to offer these prayers to the Supreme Architect of the Universe on behalf of those in need and that they may be heard by the One who is able to do all things, if it is His will.

Fraternally Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

It is my pleasure to provide this report as the Grand Custodian of North. This year has been a very busy year for all of Masonry but especially the Grand York Rite of Georgia. I first want to say how honored I am to have been appointed to this position by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master and our Right Eminent Grand Commander. The confidence that they showed in me and the assistant Custodians is remarkable. I have not been able to get to as many of the bodies and inspections as I would have liked to this year but if carried over for another year, I will be looking forward to eventually making to all of them.

I want to thank the Assistant Custodians for all the work that they have done through this past year. They are really the heart and soul of this operation. The Assistants are the ones that are in front of the Companions and Sir Knights and are working with them to ensure their work is exemplary. I am excited about continuing to work with the Assistant Custodians that are currently on board and

am also looking to add a couple of more Assistants to effectively cover the York Rite Bodies in the North.

I am proud to say that the North GA Chapters, Councils and Commanderies are performing their ritualistic work with much pride and proficiency. I have visited a number of these bodies and while some are still relying on the ritual books to get them through the opening and closing of their bodies, many are making the effort to wean themselves from this reliance on the books.

The Degree and Order work in the North is stellar. There have been several one-day festivals that I have been able to be a part of including the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Paulding/Douglas York Rite festival and the Covington Festival. Each of these conferred all the degrees of the Chapter and Council and the Orders of the Commandery. There were many more new companions brought into the York Rite bodies through the efforts of these festivals. Also, some of the District Conventions are conferring the degrees and have brought in many Companions. Finally, some of the local bodies have begun doing their own work. As Custodians of the Work, we are strongly encouraging these local bodies to perform their own degree work and if necessary, reach out to neighboring bodies to enlist their assistance as well. It is my hope and desire that this team can influence our Companions and encourage them to strive for greater proficiency in the work and to provide an excellent experience for all those new candidates that are coming into our York Rite bodies. I am truly looking forward to exciting times in the upcoming year.
Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Grand Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the MEGHP, MIGM and the REGC for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the Craft in this capacity.

The mechanism put in place by MEPGHP Terry Farmer is working. The Chapters of our Grand Jurisdiction are implementing the changes that have been made and are doing well. While there is always room for improvement, as perfection cannot be obtained, I am pleased with the progress and the level of proficiency the Chapters are reaching.

The Councils are doing just as well. The new manual that was reproduced a few years ago has been fully integrated into our system and is being used.

The Commanderies are what gives the biggest sense of pride. We bombarded them with a great many changes and they have adapted at a faster rate than I had anticipated. I was astonished at the uniformity displayed across the State during the last Inspection Cycle. Of course, as I stated previously, there is always room for improvement.

I only conducted one School this past year as that was the only school requested. I nor any of my Assistants can show up at a Chapter, Council or Commandery meeting and insist on running a school. This MUST be requested by the East of each body. We are always prepared to execute a school, all a Chapter, Council or Commandery need do is request it. I would also state that since leaders are always looking for a program, it would be better suited for all if The East of a body coordinated with us to come to a Regular meeting and conduct a school. I feel good about the State of the Craft in as far as its proficiency and again I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert "Sonny" Head, Custodian of the South

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

The Office of the York Rite Foreign Correspondent Committee has received a number of printings and associated documents reporting on the various activities of the Craft throughout the preceding year. While a good number of reports, pamphlets, and associated documents have been shared, there continue to be a decline in effective sharing of Masonic life.

Materials that have been shared with the Grand York Rite are housed in the Grand Secretary/Recorder's Office and may be examined as needed.

Continued use of this information should be practiced, and the Companions and Sir Knights should endeavor to make use of this material as needed.

Respectively Submitted: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, MIPGM, PGM

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Membership Revitalization Committee was organized in 2015. The committee was authorized by the Grand Presiding Officers with the directive to develop informational and educational materials and to implement programs to re-engage existing members to become more active.

The York Rite Public Relations and Membership Revitalization Committees have been working in conjunction for the past three years.

The committees developed a membership revitalization plan starting in 2016.

The committee developed original information materials such as a one page (double sided) York Rite informational brochure to be presented to Blue Lodge Brothers, a Blue Lodge membership recruitment PowerPoint presentation and a York Rite Membership revitalization and educational PowerPoint presentation.

The Committee would like to thank PGM Gary Leazer and Companion/Sir Knight Robert Davis of Oklahoma (Head of York Rite Education) for very constructive assistance in the development of the brochure and PowerPoint presentations.

The latest joint project by the Committees is the design and implementation of a generic York Rite Website that can be easily replicated throughout the state. The website will allow Chapters, Councils and Commanderies to create a customized local informational one page static cover home page for each body and inserted into the generic website. We would like to thank Brother Mike Pappafotis for his valuable assistance with the website design and implementation.

The generic website has been presented to the York Rite Educational & Historical Committee for review and approval. The York Rite Public Relations and Membership Revitalization Committees will split in the upcoming year. The Membership and the Membership Revitalization Committees will be merged into one committee with Companion Keith Taylor DGD, DDGM assuming Chairman for the 2018 -2019 upcoming year. Companion Taylor will be focusing on developing a Mentor program for York Rite. Committee members are Companions/Sir Knights Keith Taylor, James Watkins, and Rusty Cordle. Fraternaly Submitted: Richard J. Hallwood, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The York Rite Public Relations Committee was organized in 2015. The committee was authorized by the three (3) Grand York Rite Presiding Officers with the directive to develop informational and educational materials for the membership and general public.

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Fraternally Submitted: Richard J. Hallwood, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL 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:

1. Worshipful Masters are constantly seeking programs for their communications and if requested we need the ability to provide an interesting and informative program on York Rite Masonry. We have numerous well-qualified Companions who are ready and willing to offer assistance.
2. The General Grand Chapter was in the process of writing Volume 5 of the History of Royal Arch Masonry. Each member Grand Chapter was asked to appoint a Historian to write an historical update for the new volume with guidelines prepared by Most Excellent Companion George Marshall of Alabama, who was to compile the updated history. Unfortunately, the project has been suspended for the time being.
3. 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 is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Mark A. Bradley.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PHP #84, Chairman; Gary D.

Lemmons, PHP #61, Joe E. Turner, PHP #27

GRAND COUNCIL

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

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2. It is recommended that each Companion who has not received the Super Excellent Master Degree make it a point during the year to receive this most impressive and educational Degree. There are normally three or four

opportunities across our State each year to receive the Degree. There are no fees or dues and it is a lifetime membership.

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

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PIM #77, Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons, PIM #61, Joe E. Turner, PIM #8, Member #10

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

The Committee wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Sir Knights of Georgia:

Recommendations and Requests

1. We again request that each Commandery in Georgia 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 and 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 D.W. Hendry, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PC #31, Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons, PC #19, Joe E. Turner, PC #35, Member #22

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEGHP Mark A. Bradley, MIGM John I. Haggas, REGC Drew W. Hendry, Sr., Grand Line Officers, MEPGHPs, MIPGMs, REPGCs, Distinguished Guests, Companions and Sir Knights All:

Your Long-Range Planning Committee makes the following report:

The Finances of the York Rite Bodies is stabilizing due to the changes made in per-capita. We want to thank the leadership and all members of the craft. We want to thank 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 MEGHP, MIGM, and REGC for their continued support for the Grand York Rite Fundraisers. These fundraisers have been instrumental in balancing our finances. We want to recommend to the incoming officers that they continue to support statewide fundraising.

The Grand Chapter Building is the Crown Jewel of Georgia York Rite Masonry. We want to thank the Building Committee and the Grand Sec/Rec for his

dedication. Long-term the building does need an elevator and MIG Companion Floyd E. Edmondson is researching this project. Membership has continually declined in unison with other Masonic organizations. Ritual is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and thus the York Rite. We recommend that all Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia re-dedicate themselves annually to presenting the finest ritual possible to incoming Companions and Sir Knights. Fraternal Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II (71, 41, 25), Chairman; William F. Shepard (66, 16, 21; Steve A. Kirk (28, 55, 41)

REPORT OF THE BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, MEPGHPs, MIPGMs, and REPGCs, Distinguished Guests, Companions all: We your Building Committee Trustees make the following Report for 2017-2018: Your building and surrounding grounds are in great shape. Note how well they are being maintained.

The building is still sealed and no leaks have been detected since the renovation three years ago, with the exception of two roof leaks that occurred during the spring tornado high winds. That deficiency is being addressed. The new compressor has required maintenance, but thankfully no replacement.

Several Sir Knights, led by that expert electrician and Eminent Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, and his cohorts, have placed LED lighting in the vault this year – another significant electrical saving. The free labor and purchasing abilities of these dedicated Sir Knights has resulted in an elimination of all labor costs and a significant reduction in purchasing prices for all required materials. The enhanced lighting has been a godsend for your Grand Lodge and York Rite Employees. The remaining old electrical systems in the building will be replaced by these same Sir Knights in the future. We thank you for permitting us to serve on this vital committee.

Respectfully Submitted: Emmett R. Johns, MEPGHP, Chairman; Robert L. Gill, MEPGHP; Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP; Doyle R. Hatfield, REPGC, Finance Chair; Wade C. Smith, MEPGHP, Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE EDITOR FOR THE MASONIC MESSENGER

It is truly an honor to have been asked 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 Mark A. Bradley, the Most Illustrious Grand Master John I. Haggas and the Right Eminent Grand

Commander Drewew W. "Bill" Hendry 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.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Grand Principal Sojourner

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

It is truly an honor to have been asked 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 already enjoyed working with the Right Eminent Grand Commander and am sure to enjoy working with the incoming Grand Commander as well. I will continue has done 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 will continue to be on pages 18 and 19 in the Knight Templar magazine. The deadline for submission of information for consideration will be the 20th day of the month, two months prior to the issue. For example, if you would like something in the July issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 20th. Please contact me at mike@thesampsells.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

Due to our limited space in the Knight Templar magazine, we will continue to leverage our webpage for additional information on our Inspections, Christmas observances and other information regarding Knight Templary 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 Right Eminent Grand Commander Drewew W. "Bill" Hendry for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Hendry on a fantastic year as Grand Commander.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell (26), Eminent Commander

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

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

The website of the Grand York Rite is our public face to the world and continues to be a valuable tool for the Sir Knights and Companions of Georgia. The committee would like to thank all the brothers who have taken the time to help us identify problems and thereby contribute to our website's improvement. We would like to especially thank Brother J. Chris Brown for his time and expertise in maintaining the website.

Respectfully Submitted: Kevin L. Hyde, Web Master; Benjamin W. Polston II, PMIGM; J. Chris Brown

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Line Officers, Conferral Teams, Distinguished Guests, Companions and Sir Knights All:

It was my honor to chair the 10th Annual Grand Master's Class. I would like to personally thank all who participated in the Degrees. I would also like to thank the Companions from Savannah who drove out to rescue the Companions on the side of the road and the props for the Degrees. I would like to thank Companion

Tyler Pledger for stepping up at a moment's notice to confer the ME Master's Degree. He did an excellent job.

We conferred Chapter and Council Degrees for twenty-eight candidates. There were thirty Knightings in the Order of the Temple. This was one of the biggest classes in the last several years. For those that sponsored candidates, please insure that they stay active. That will help you remain strong. I would also like to request that the various York Rite Bodies take a look at all of their props. If you have extra props and would like to donate them to the Grand York Rite, we would greatly appreciate it.

In closing, I would again like to thank everyone for the dedicated collective hard work that went into this great day for York Rite Masonry. A special thanks is extended to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Larry W. Nichols, for taking time from his busy schedule to speak to the class, issue Diplomas, take pictures with each candidate, and give each candidate one of his Grand Master's pins. Remember that next year's class is right around the corner and those who would like to confer certain degrees should contact me as soon as possible. Thank you to the Grand Officers who have the confidence in me to get the job done.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, Past MEGHPs, MIGMs, and REGCs, Companions All: Your committee is pleased to report that as of 4/30/2018 the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 45 Perpetual Members with a total of \$87,520.00 invested and additional \$10K in approved applications and members making payments. The moneys have been invested with Edward Jones Investments. We would like to thank the Finance Committee, Grand Sec/Recorder and Heads of York Rite Bodies for allowing this investment to grow without withdrawing moneys from the account and allowing compound 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. We urge the Heads of the Grand York Rite Bodies to appoint a Grand Officer responsible for promoting the Perpetual Membership at all Inspections and District Conventions. The Committee is in the process of approving Perpetual Membership Lapel Pins. Below is copy of details for 2018 and application!

Respectively Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chairman, PMIGM, 1st Gr. Stew. GLOFGA; Michael H. Wilson, PGHP, Dep Gr. Master, GLOFGA; Jan Giddens, Gr. Jr. Warden, GLOFGA; Larry W. Nichols, Most Worshipful Grand Master, GLOFGA

Q&A: PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

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, 2018? Membership prior to 2016 is 23 times regular dues, and every year after on January 1st it will go up 1 times the dues until reaching 25 times.
5. Can I buy Perpetual Membership for just One Body? Yes
6. Can I get my money back? Not once the application has been approved.
7. What if I join the York Rite in 2018? Your fee will be 21 times during the calendar year you joined going up to 22 times on January 1st and every year after until reaching 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 No. 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 No. 12.
13. Where is the Perpetual Membership Application? On the Grand York Rite of Georgia Website.

Respectfully Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, MIPGM, Chair

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

MEGHP Mark A. Bradley; MIGM John I. Haggas; REGC Drewey W. Hendry; Grand Line Officers; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; REPGCs; Distinguished Guests, Companions, and Sir Knights All: I thank you, individually and collectively, for another wonderful year of peace and harmony as we have collectively and diligently labored in the quarry, ever focused on the improvement of our beloved Georgia York Rite Masonry. You have raised the bar. In humble recognition of the honor that you have bestowed on me by permitting me to serve you as your Grand Secretary/Recorder, I herewith respectfully submit my Seventh Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery Grand Secretary/Recorder Reports for your May 6-8, 2018 Annual Grand York Rite Convocation/Assembly/Conclave. Your Grand York Rite Bodies' data is below enumerated.

<u>GRAND CHAPTER</u>		<u>GRAND COUNCIL</u>		<u>GRAND COMMANDERY</u>	
Chapters 12-31-16	59	Councils 12- 31-16	52	Commanderies 12-31-16	33
#63 merged with 71	6-19-17	#76 merged with 41	6-19-17	Commanderies 12-31-17	33
Chapters 12-31-17	58	#42 surrendered	4-25-18	Members 12-31-16	2517
Members 12-31-16	4,230	Councils 12-31-17	50	Knighted	76
Exalted	100	Members 12-31-16	2,833	Affiliated	19
Affiliated	50	Greeted	96	Reinstated	8
Reinstated	14	Affiliated	31	GAIN	103
GAIN	164	Reinstated	10	Demitted	78
Demitted	92	GAIN	137	Suspended	104
Suspended	159	Demitted	62	Deceased	95
Deceased	238	Suspended	127	LOSS	-277
LOSS	489	Deceased	115	NET GAIN/LOSS	-148
NET GAIN/LOSS	-325	LOSS	-304	Members 12-31-17	2,342
Members 12-31-17	4,176	NET GAIN/LOSS	-96		
		Members 12-31- 17	2,657		

COMMENDATION

All Leaders, past Leaders, and Companions are commended for your efforts in reducing the Demits and Suspensions. Please continue the good works.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That each Body, that has not previously accomplished this task, please rewrite your By-Laws, using the STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to this Office for approval and placement in the York Rite archives.
- 2) That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Officers in stemming the NPDs and Demits and increasing recruitment.

THANKS

A very special thanks is extended to MEG Companion Mark A. Bradley, MEGHP; MGC John I. Haggas, MIGM; and REG Sir Knight Drewey W. Hendry, REGC and their Grand Line Officers. These Leaders, Masons and Gentlemen were always focused on how to improve our York Rite Masonry and make it more appealing to our Blue Lodge Brethren. We are very fortunate to have three superb elected and appointed Grand Lines.

My Secretaries/Recorders: I thank you for your outstanding, unwavering support and assistance during the year. You are the lynch pins that holds these three bodies together. I thank you for doing a great job in keeping your records in proper order and continuing to make timely Reports, which are essential to keeping your Grand York Rite Records and Data Bases current and relevant.

A Special Thanks is extended to Most Excellent Grand Companion Joe E. Turner, MEPGHP and Companion Larry Zwahlen for continuing to upgrade and maintain our databases. They are the authors of your Per Capita Statements, Annual Data Drops, and this year they again refined the annual statistical data sheet. Great job, team!

I want to extend a special thanks to your Finance Team: REPGC Doyle R. Hatfield (Finance Chair), Jan M. Giddens, and Timothy K Starling and Most Excellent Grand Companion, Robert L. Gill, MEPGHP and Your Grand Treasurer. They have once again refined and improved the financial management process – a seven-year labor of love that gets better with each passing year.

And a special shout out is extended to MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston, II for his insight, research, and development of our system. He continues to watch over the process and help at every turn. Most Illustrious Sir – We are proud of you and we need your continued support and guidance.

A very special thanks is extended to Marla Rene' Horton, our outstanding, accomplished, very professional, very knowledgeable Administrative Assistant. She is the voice of and go-to person for your Grand Office. Her front office professionalism, demeanor, and positive reception of all callers and/or visitors is phenomenal. She is now researching, composing, and editing much of your correspondence. She has proven to be a dedicated worker and a tremendous asset to this office and the York Rite Bodies. She is a tremendous, efficient office manager.

Finally, I want to thank Pat, my child Bride, for permitting me to continue to serve. MAY GOD BLESS!

Fraternally Submitted: Wade Smith, Right Excellent Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

GRAND CHAPTER APRIL 2017 – MARCH 2018			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	3,164		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	1,033		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	33		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	4,230		
INCOME	BUDGETED	EARNED	
PER CAPITA	66,444		
FUDRAISERS	6,250		
INVESTMENTS	10,787		

TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	83,481		
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	1,200	120
CPA COMPILATION	900	0	0
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	543	109
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	0
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	6,348	6,394	101
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	340	300	88
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	550	69
BUILDING RENT	7,280	7,280	100
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888	60,888	100
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	0	0	0
REGALIA	600	1,856	309
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	100
MASONIC CHARITY	525	300	57
TOTAL EXPENSES	83,481	83,411	100
TOTAL INCOME	83,481		
BALANCE	0		

GRAND COUNCIL APRIL 2017 – MARCH 2018			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,342		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	459		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	32		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,833		
INCOME	BUDGETED	EARNED	
PER CAPITA	55,589		
FUDRAISERS	6,250		
INVESTMENTS	0		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	61,839		
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	500	1,216	243
CPA COMPILATION	900	0	0
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	500	100
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	397	199
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	5,900	5,900	100
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	340	250	74
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	0	0
BUILDING RENT	4,836	4,836	100
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	40,448	40,448	100
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	0	0	0

REGALIA	600	1,713	286
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	100
MASONIC CHARITY	525	300	57
TOTAL EXPENSES	59,649	59,660	100
TOTAL INCOME	61,839		
BALANCE	+2,190		

GRAND COMMANDERY APRIL 2017 – MARCH 2018			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,075		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	442		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	26		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,517		
INCOME	BUDGETED	EARNED	
PER CAPITA	76,279		
FUDRAISERS	6,250		
INVESTMENTS	0		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	82,529		
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,400	1,200	86
CPA COMPILATION	900	0	0
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	0	0
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	0
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	22,761	22,719	100
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	2,000	1,500	75
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	4,170	0	0
BUILDING RENT	4,332	4,332	100
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	36,239	36,636	101
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	0	0	0
REGALIA	600	0	0
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	100
MASONIC CHARITY	525	550	105
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,727		91
TOTAL INCOME	82,529		
BALANCE	+4,802		

REGC, MEGHP, MIGM, all Grand Line Officers, all Past Grand Line Officers, and my Companions/Sir Knights All: I herewith submit my seventh Grand Treasurer Report for the May 7-8, 2018 Grand Convocation, Assembly, and Conclave.

First, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all Companions/Sir Knights for permitting me to serve another year as your Grand Treasurer. A special thanks is extended to Marla Horton, an outstanding Administrative Assistant, and Wade Smith, the Grand Secretary/Recorder, for their support this past year. Finally, a special thanks and an 'I love you' is extended to my wife, Brenda, for her love and support and for handling the computer requirements for me.

Fraternally Submitted: Robert L. Gill, 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 on Royal Arch Research Assistance makes the following Report for the year of 2017-2018. I would like to thank MEGHP Mark A. Bradley for appointing me as Chairman of this Committee and giving me the opportunity to work with such hard working and devoted Companions as Michael H. Sampsell, EG Principal Sojourner, and John H. Johnson, EG Royal Arch Captain. With the help of the committee we were able to present RARA at every District Convention and to several Chapters and other Masonic bodies. Through the generosity of our members we are still #2 in the Eastern Region and #6 in the Nation in giving. During the last several years, we have issued challenges to the Conventions and they have been very generous in their giving each year. I know of 11 Chapters that were 100% and I am sure there are more. All of our District Conventions donated this year. I do want to recognize the donation from Mt. Zion #16 of \$7,000.00. They have been blessed with funds and are very giving to RARA. Last year at Grand Chapter, we passed the baskets and collected \$585.00 for RARA. The total given statewide this year was again at the \$14,000 level. 9 of our Chapters, District Conventions and others earned the RARA Jewel from the last Triennial. This jewel is available to anyone that donates \$500 or more during the three year Triennial period. I would like to ask each of our Chapters to consider making a donation this upcoming year. The year will run from April 15, 2018 to April 14, 2019. It has been a great honor for me to serve the Craft in this capacity and I have enjoyed each minute of my time as Chairman of RARA. Ex. Companion Robert Wing, EGM2V, has been appointed to serve as Chairman for the 2018/2019 year. Please make his first year a success by being very generous in your giving. Respectfully Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, REGK (135) Chairman; Michael H. Sampsell, EGPS (13/87); John H. Johnson EGRAC (58/91)

REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions All: Greetings! 2017 was a good year for CMMRF donations in Georgia. At the Grand Session last year I was proud to announce that Georgia had moved up to 9th place.

Companions we maintained our ranking even though donations were slightly down for the year. We rank 9th nationwide in donations to our charity.

Donations by year for the last five years

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$3,590.00	\$3,385.00	\$6858.50	\$7837.00	\$6876.0.

While the goal of having all Councils at least at \$1.00/per member is still in effect.

I want to challenge all Councils to increase their donation by at least

\$0.50/member over last year.

Our donations go to funding cutting edge research through the Indiana Center for Vascular and Biologic Medicine using adult stem cells harvested either from adipose tissue (fat) or the patient's own bone marrow. These are not the embryonic stem cells taken from fetuses but the patient's own adult stem cells. CMMRF has a very active donor recognition program and during the past year the following individuals or Councils were recognized for their contributions:

Wallace D. Mays, Gold pin with 17 diamonds

James W. Bard, Gold pin with 2 diamonds

I had the pleasure of presenting General Grand Masters Awards, literally from one corner of the state to the other.

Clyde Griffin, General Grand Masters Plaque

E.L. McConnell Council # 40, General Grand Masters Plaque
 Covington Council #41, Extender Bar for General Grand Masters Plaque
 Sardis Council #53, Extender Bar for General Grand Masters Plaque
 Marietta Council #74, Extender Bar for General Grand Masters Plaque
 Fifth District Council Convention, Extender Bar for General Grand Masters Plaque.

CMMRF continues to fund cutting edge research at the Indiana Center for Vascular and Biologic Medicine. Current areas of research include using adult stem cells to treat:

1. Peripheral Vascular Disease
 2. Heart, both Coronary Artery Disease and Congestive Heart failure.
- There is also pre-clinical research ongoing in using adult stem cells for the treatment of:

1. Diabetes and Diabetic retinopathy
2. Emphysema
3. Aortic Aneurysms
4. Burn healing
5. Delayed wound healing

Other possible areas of research for the future include Arthritis and Erectile dysfunction.

The new slogan for CMMRF is HELP 4 ALL, which stands for Heart-Eyes-Lungs-Pancreas, 4 Aorta-Legs, Lingering, Wound Healing.

Companions, thank you for all your work and donations this past year. Let's double our efforts for the year to come.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard, Grand Conductor of the Council,
 Chairman CMMRF Committee

REPORT OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

MEGHP, MIGM, REPGC, Companions/Sir Knights All:

Your Fundraising Committee is proud to report that for the second year you committee raised enough money to donate \$6,250.00 to each Grand Body. We want to extend a special thanks to everyone supported these fundraising initiatives.

Fraternally Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield, REPGC, Chair; William F. Shepard, MEGHP; and Benjamin W. Polston, II, MIPGM

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCIAL BUDGETS FOR 2018-2019

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCES	CHAPTER 2018-2019	COUNCIL 2018-2019	COMMANDERY 2018-2019
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,927	2,216	1,951
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	874	395	391
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	39	40	34
TOTAL	3,840	2,651	2,376
INCOME			
PER CAPITA	73,175	55,400	72,602
FUDRAISERS	6,250	6,250	6,250
INVESTMENTS	9,326	726	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,495	1,225	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	90,246	63,637	78,852
EXPENSES			

AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	500	1,200
CPA COMPILATION	900	900	900
REGALIA	1,100	1,100	1,100
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	200	200
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	8,163	5,608	21,159
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	680	680	1,200
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	800	2,500
BUILDING RENT	11,890	8,776	7,644
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888	40,448	36,239
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	4,000
MASONIC CHARITY	525	525	540
TOTAL EXPENSES	90,246	63,637	76,782
TOTAL INCOME	90,246	63,637	78,852
BALANCE	0	0	+2,070

RAM OPERATIONS	2018-2019
INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	60,888
GRAND COUNCIL	40,448
GRAND COMMANDERY	36,239
GRAND SESSION	7,475
SALES	1,235
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	146,285
EXPENSES	
MASONIC MESSENGER	1,000
SHADY DALE RODEO	250
BOND (1/3 PIF EVERY 3 YEARS)	600
COMPUTER AND COPIER MAINTENANCE	9,000
CONDOLENCES	575
ANNUAL GRAND SESSION EXPENSE	21,415
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE	0
GRAND RECORDER EXPENSE	5,800
OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,045
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	41,600
GRAND RECORDER	27,500
GRAND TREASURER	3,000
PAYROLL TAXES/HEALTH BENEFITS	12,200
POSTAGE	1,500
TELEPHONE/FAX	5,000
WEB/INTERNET	700
DUES CARDS	500
MONTHLY REPORT FORMS	300
PRELIMINARY REPORTS	500
PRINT (NON-REIMBURSABLE)	3,000
PROCEEDINGS (PRINTING/MAILING)	1,000
RITUALS/OTHER	500
PUBLIC RELATIONS	500
YORK RITE DIRECTORIES	800
TOTAL EXPENSES	146,285
TOTAL INCOME	146,285
BALANCE	0

RAM BUILDING	2018-2019
INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	11,890
GRAND COUNCIL	8,776
GRAND COMMANDERY	7,644
GRAND LODGE	28,309
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	56,619

EXPENSES	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3,000
BUILDING REPAIR	5,500
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	3,000
LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE	5,000
SALARY/WAGES/TAXES	7,000
PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,000
TRASH/ADVANCED DISPOSAL	1,900
WATER/MACON WATER	1,000
GAS/SCANA ENERGY	5,000
GA POWER	16,000
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	6,219
TOTAL EXPENSES	56,619
TOTAL INCOME	56,619
BALANCE	0

Motion Made, Seconded, and Approved May 7, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield, REPGC

The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies Business having been completed: Most Excellent Grand High Priest Mark A. Bradley declared the 196th Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Very Imminent Deputy Grand Master Larry C. Bennett declared the 192nd Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Right Eminent Grand Commander Drewey W. Hendry declared the 158th Annual Joint Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly closed.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 7, 2018
A. INV. 2548**



**MARK ANTHONY BRADLEY
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2017-2018**

MARK ANTHONY BRADLEY
PERSONAL

Mark A. Bradley was born in Tampa, Florida on September 4, 1962. His family moved to Georgia when Mark was very young and he has always considered himself a Georgia native. He graduated from Forest Park High School in 1980. He has been married to the former Gay Bettevy of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana since 1989. Mark and Gay are the proud grandparents of Lily and Ella, born to their daughter Lacie and her husband Jeremy. Mark and Gay attend a Methodist church.

Mark began his apprenticeship in the tire industry while in high school and has owned and operated Trinity Tire & Auto in Jefferson, Ga. since 1998. He and his company maintain membership in numerous professional organizations and have been honored with several vocational based awards, including being named "Best Tire Store" in Jackson County every year since 2011.

Mark serves as a Director on several non-profit Boards in Jackson County, including the Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Family Connection, Young Life and Peace Place, a domestic violence ministry serving Barrow, Banks and Jackson counties. He is a Past President, Secretary and Treasurer of both the Jefferson Lions Club and the Jefferson Rotary Club. He served the Lions Clubs of Georgia as the State Chairman of Youth Services from 2010 until 2014, is currently serving District 18-I as District Governor and is a member of the Lions District 18-I Hall of Fame. He is a member of the Jackson West Camp of the Gideons International as well as Woodman of the World Lodge 1344, where he was named "Fraternalist of the Year" in 2004. He organized an "Honor and Remembrance" Ceremony in Jefferson every September 11th from 2003 until 2013. Mark was named "Citizen of the Year" by Albert Gordon American Legion Post No 56 in 2008. He was recognized as "Citizen of the Year" by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce both in 2007 and 2013.

MASONIC

Mark has enjoyed an active Masonic journey since being raised a Master Mason in 1999. He is a Past Master and perpetual member of Unity Lodge No 36 in Jefferson, where he has served as Chaplain since 2007. He is a Past President of the Barrow/Jackson Masonic Association. He is the current Senior Steward of the Ninth Masonic District Convention. He served as the 9th District Director for GACHIP from its beginning under Most Worshipful Brother Ted Collins in 2007 until 2009 when he was asked to serve as a District Deputy to the Grand Master. Mark served as the 9th District Chairman, as well as the State Chairman of the District Deputies to the Grand Master from 2011 until 2014 under Most Worshipful Brothers Jerry Moss, Ray Knittel and Edgar Land. He is a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Georgia "Distinguished Service Award" as well as the "Rupert H. Bramblett Past Grand Masters Award". Mark served as Grand Marshal in 2015 for Most Worshipful Brother Douglas McDonald and received the honor, by proclamation, of being named "Grand Marshal Emeritus". He also served Most Worshipful Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. as Grand Tyler in 2016. Mark joined the Grand Lodge of Georgia progressive line of officers by being appointed as Third Grand Steward by WB Johnnie Garmon in October 2016. He serves the Grand Lodge of Georgia as a member of the Jurisprudence and General Welfare Committees, as well as serving on the Education and Historical Commission.

Mark is a Past High Priest of Winder Chapter No 84, Royal Arch Masons, as well as the Past High Priest of the 9th District Royal Arch Convention. He is a Past

President of the Georgia Council of the Holy Order of Anointed High Priests and is also currently serving the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. As a Past Illustrious Master of Winder Council No 77, Royal & Select Masters, he is a Past Illustrious Master of the Northeast Georgia Council Convention. He is a Past Commander of Arnold de Troye Commandery No 31 in Buford where he currently serves as Prelate. Mark served the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, as Grand Liaison Officer for the 6th Division from 2009-2012 and currently serves on the Ritual & Tactics Committee, Inspection Committee and the Easter Sunrise Service Committee. He is a recipient of the "Knight Commander of the Temple" as well as the "Knight Templar Cross of Honor" from the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar USA. He serves as the Knight Crusader of the West in the Order of the Knight Crusader of the Cross. Mark has served as Governor of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No 123 in Atlanta and is also a Charter Member of W. Joe Clarke York Rite College No 203 in Jefferson where he served as Secretary from its beginning until 2016. He is a recipient of the "Order of the Purple Cross" from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Mark currently serves as an officer of Cherokee Rose Priory No 56, Knight York Cross of Honor. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Dave H. Keever Council No 365, Allied Masonic Degrees. Mark is also an officer of Fidelitas Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Mark is a Life Member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2011. He currently serves as an officer in the Council of Kadosh and is active in several Degrees, including the 6th and 14th Degrees, as well as serving as Degree Master for the 30th Degree. Since 2003, Mark has been an active participant in, and currently serves as the coordinator of, the Valley of Atlanta ROTC/JROTC Americanism and Patriotism Award Committee. He is also a Past President of the Athens-Piedmont Scottish Rite Association. Mark has been a cast member of "The Traitor" since 2006. Mark holds membership in numerous other Masonic bodies including the Royal Order of Scotland, Georgia Highlands Clan, Knight Masons, Order of Eastern Star, Red Cross of Constantine, Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Georgia College S.R.I.C.F and is a Charter Member of the George Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Mark is also a Noble of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine and a member of Yaarab Shrine. Mark is honored to serve Georgia Masonry and prays that his journey will be pleasing to his God, as well as to all those brethren and sisters who had faith in him since he became a part of this great Fraternity.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 7:30 AM, Monday, May 7, 2018, in the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, in the City of Macon, with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Mark A. Bradley presiding with all Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Excellent Companion Eulan R. Wheeler, Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. After being assured that a quorum was present, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Bradley declared the One Hundred Ninety Sixth Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

Mark A. Bradley (84)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Right Excellent Grand King
C. Danny Wofford (84), Pro Tem	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill (9)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Eulan R. Wheeler (84)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
James W. Tate (73)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
John H. Johnson (47)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Robert D. Wing (84)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Henry D. Clay, Jr. (84)	Excellent Grand Sentinel

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The MEPGH Priests retired to be introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner:

1978 H. Grady Keith (27) *	2008 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)
1988 William E. Cantrell (144) *	2009 Wade C. Smith (24)
1994 Ruben Martinez (75)	2009 C. Danny Wofford (84) (Hon)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
1998 Leon S. Lee, III (15)	2011 William L. Montgomery (73) *
1999 Joseph P. Suttles (37) (Hon)	2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2012 James C. Bentley, Jr. (131)
2001 William D. Miles (16) *	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01) *	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2004 Emmett R. Johns (04)	2015 William F. Shepard (66)
2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
2006 Robert L. Gill (9)	2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)

* Indicates absent

2017-2018 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: N: Michael H. Sampsell; S: Robert L. Head, Jr.

Assistant Custodians: NE: Larry C. Bennett; SE: Joey E. Jackson; SW: Timothy K. Starling; NW: Ryan C. Nealey

MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Clyde E. Griffin; J. Timothy Ingram

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Timothy K. Starling; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Eulan R. Wheeler, Chair; Rev Donald C. Combs; Timothy K. Starling

Jurisprudence: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; James E. Stevens; J. Timothy Ingram

Charters/Bylaws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner; C. Danny Wofford; James E. Stevens

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord

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

R. A. R. A.: Steven C. Higgins, Chair; John H. Johnson; Michael H. Sampsell

Building Trustees: Emmett R. Johns, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Robert L. Gill; Doyle R. Hatfield; Michael H. Wilson

Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle; S. Matthew Perry; William F. Shepard

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

Long Range Planning: Benjamin W. Polston, II; Doyle R. Hatfield;

William F. Shepard

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MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Chapter Officers, District Grand Deputies, Companions, Sir Knights, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren all: It is a pleasure to welcome each of you to the One Hundred Ninety Sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons.

To our Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, we are honored to have you with us and hope you have an enjoyable stay. If you need anything, please let us know.

To the Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, it has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve this year as your Grand High Priest. To all Royal Arch Chapters of Georgia, as I have traveled across our great state, I have been overwhelmed by your friendship, support, and hospitality.

To all of our progressive Grand Chapter Officers, I thank you for your help, support, hard work, and dedication. I also pray that your journey forward is as rewarding as mine has been. A special thank you to my dear friends, Excellent Companions Henry Clay and Eulan Wheeler, for accepting the responsibilities of Grand Sentinel and Grand Chaplain, respectively. You have honored me and our home Chapter by your service this year. I pray that someday I will be able to repay the favor.

To our Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Wade Smith, you have the patience of Job. Thank you for all you do for all of us. To Marla Horton, you are a

woman of many talents. Thank you for being a part of our Georgia York Rite family.

To our District Grand Deputies, thank you isn't enough to express to each of you my gratitude for the sacrifices you have made for our companions in Georgia. The miles driven, meetings attended, questions answered and reports submitted are just part of the responsibilities that you accepted when you were appointed to these positions. Having served as a District Grand Deputy, I know that the reward of mentoring others and watching a struggling Chapter come to life again makes this journey worthwhile. You are the best of the best and we should all celebrate your commitment to us.

To Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight D.W Hendry and Most Illustrious Grand Master John Haggas, I will cherish the time served with you gentlemen.

To Most Worshipful Brothers Gary Leazer and Larry Nichols, it has been an honor to share this journey with you. Your leadership as Grand Masters of Masons in Georgia should be an example to every Mason in our state. Thank you for being you.

To the companions of Winder Chapter No. 84, my home Chapter. I appreciate all you have done for me and thank you for your patience with me as I have had to miss numerous meetings these past few years. I am honored to call you my home. If you will have me, I look forward to again being in Auburn, Georgia on the third Monday each month.

NECROLOGY

In addition to those honored Companions recognized at our Memorial Service yesterday, including our beloved Past General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion J. Benny Allen, we have lost a number of companions to death this year. I would like to honor all of these companions by dedicating the remainder of this Grand Chapter Session to them. Let's pray for the families of these deceased companions, while we continue to pray for each companion that remains with us.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Thank you to our Right Excellent Grand King Stephen C. Higgins for the outstanding work that he has done for us with Royal Arch Research Assistance. Because of his enthusiasm, extensive travel, numerous presentations and many collections, the Grand Chapter of Georgia remains near the top nationwide in Royal Arch charitable giving. We are all indebted to Right Excellent Companion Steve for his devotion and dedication over the last several years to this project.

DISPENSATIONS

All Dispensations issued this year were of routine nature. These were processed according to proper procedures and are available for review in the Grand Secretary's office.

IN-STATE VISITS

My Companions, you don't want to read about, and I don't want to list every visit made by me in our state. I would, however, like to highlight a few of our Official Events for you.

May 7 th	Grand York Rite of Georgia Reception, Atlanta
June 8 th	Grand Chapter Session of Order of Eastern Star, Columbus
June 24 th	Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls, Macon
June 21 st	Grand Conclave of Order of DeMolay, Carrollton
August 5 th	Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, Atlanta
September 8 th & 9 th	Annual Conclave of Convent General, KYCH, Macon
September 30 th	Pete Bentley York Rite Festival, Valdosta

October 14 th	4 th District Royal Arch Convention, West Point
January 13 th	2 nd District Royal Arch Convention, Tifton
February 3 rd	11 th District Royal Arch Convention, Brunswick
March 3 rd	7 th District Royal Arch Convention, Marietta
March 6 th	2 th District Royal Arch Convention, Ft Valley
March 10 th	9 th District Royal Arch Convention, Canton
March 14 th	10 th District Royal Arch Convention, Milledgeville
March 15 th	Grand Amaranth Annual Session, Atlanta
March 24 th	5 th District Royal Arch Convention, Atlanta
April 21 st	Grand Master's York Rite Festival, Macon
April 28 th	8 th District Royal Arch Convention, Greensboro

I was presented Chapter pennies from many Chapters throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Receiving these was truly a humbling experience and I will cherish them forever.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITS

May 18 th & May 19 th	Mississippi Grand York Rite, Meridian, MS
May 21 st - 24 th	Florida Grand York Rite, Lake Mary, Florida
June 16 th - 18 th	Southeastern Y.R. Conference, Melbourne, Florida
August 26 th - 30 th	General Grand Chapter Int. Triennial, Portland OR
February 23 rd - 25 th	Alabama Grand York Rite, Birmingham Alabama
March 11 th - 13 th	South Carolina Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach, SC
March 18 th - 20 th	North Carolina Grand York Rite, Greensboro, NC
March 28 th – April 1 st	Grand Commandery Easter Trip, Washington

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I am pleased to report that Royal Arch Masonry is alive and well in Georgia. As your Grand Chapter Officers have traveled across Georgia, we have been encouraged to see brotherly love and enthusiasm for our fraternity exhibited by all our Companions. Membership continues to be a concern in all our Masonic bodies. Although we cannot do anything about our membership losses because of death, we can certainly do something about our losses through lack of participation. I will always believe that membership alone is not our problem, it's an ongoing symptom of our failures. We must do a better job of educating our Blue Lodge brethren about Capitular Masonry. We must then mentor and invest in our companions as they place their trust in us by joining our organization. While I will never be confused by others as a great ritualist, I believe that we must focus on the highest quality degree work possible for our candidates. This begins in our chapters. Festivals will always have a place in York Rite Masonry, but they should never compete with nor replace our desire to confer our beautiful degrees in our own chapters and by utilizing our own companions. Our efforts to grow others have a much better chance of succeeding when the candidate has a personal and ongoing connection with those guiding him in the journey. If we are willing to vouch for and sponsor a candidate, then we should be just as willing to pour ourselves into his growth as a Mason. As Masons, we are above all else in the people business.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the schools of instruction should continue in their current format, holding local schools at the Chapters and Districts;
2. That each Chapter be encouraged to confer some part of our Degree work in house and independent of festivals;
3. That each District Royal Arch Convention be encouraged to include some, if not all, of the Chapter Degree conferrals during their annual convocations;

4. That all candidates are voted on in the Chapters they petition and that any voting on candidates at conventions or festivals should be avoided;
5. That Chapters and District Royal Arch Conventions should include programs that will encourage companions to attend;
6. That the Grand Chapter Officers continue to support our District Grand Deputy program by identifying and investing in qualified companions throughout our state;
7. That Chapters should mentor their new members, give them something to do, make them feel a part of their Chapter, and encourage them to be active in their Chapter;
8. That we continue to develop and implement York Rite educational programs to be presented at our Blue Lodges;
9. That all Officers elected to serve the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons be encouraged to attend all statewide activities, committee meetings and District Grand Deputy meetings to help each of them prepare for the journey ahead.

CONCLUSION

There are some that I owe much to. My wife asked me many years ago what my ambitions were in Masonry. My response was that we don't plan our journey, it's planned for us. We are just stewards of the things that have been entrusted to us. Like most of you, I've had many people that have invested in me and they became much more than just friends to me over the years. I value each of you for what you have meant to me on this journey.

Now please forgive me, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention some that have invested more. Most Worshipful Brother Danny Wofford has been a mentor to me and has never lost faith in me throughout my Masonic journey. Having no idea why he believed in me, I can only pray that I should never let him down. Brother Phil Floyd was one of the few people I've met that no matter what he asked me to do, the answer would be yes. I was always sure that whatever it was he wanted me to do, it was for the betterment of everyone. I miss him.

Finally, to the people who mean more to me than anyone. My family has always been, and will always be, the most significant accomplishment of my life. At the very core of this is my best friend and life partner. Gay, you have not just been my wife, but you have been my biggest supporter, my accountability partner and my rock. I love you more than life and appreciate you letting me be me.

Thank you. May God continue to bless each of you, our Fraternity, and our Nation.

Fraternally Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, 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, the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address is honored to make the following report:

We join with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in welcoming all guests and members to the One Hundred Ninety Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. We pray that this Grand Convocation will be enjoyed by all. We complement our Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his appointment of the two "appointed" Grand Officers...Excellent Companion Eulan Wheeler, Grand Chaplain, and Excellent Companion Henry Clay, Grand Sentinel. These two great companions have added much to our Grand Chapter this year.

We read with interest the Most Excellent Grand High Priest comments on Most Worshipful Brother C. Danny Wofford and Brother Phil Floyd. 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 wish to join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Wade Smith and Marla Horton for their service, their hard work makes it easy for the rest of us.

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 our Most Excellent Companion J. Benny Allen. 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 Right Excellent Grand king, we continue to be a strong and leading supporter of this great work.

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 acknowledge the dispensations and decisions that our Grand High Priest has had to make this year and applaud his leadership in all issues.

We have reviewed the words of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as to the State of the Craft and find ourselves in agreement. We also concur with his Recommendations.

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, Miss Gay. She surely has been a source of strength and comfort to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Now as our Most Excellent Companion Mark A. Bradley 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 (66), Chairman; Clyde E. Griffin (3); James T. Ingram (28)

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 notes that a DISPENSATION has been issued to one chapter to change places of location: Constantine Chapter No. 4 to change meeting location. Your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this chapter.

We therefore leave the approval of this item to the Grand Chapter.

We note that the Grand Secretary on January 15, 2017, requested all Secretaries to send in complete copies of all their by-laws for filing in the office. Your Committee does not believe but few have been received and your committee again requests this year that this be complied with.

Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Keystone Chapter No. 1 that was adopted in November of 2016 changing the meeting dates to quarterly. This was overlooked by the committee last year.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Roswell Chapter No. 74. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws with the following change: Change Article III, Section 5 to provide for

different or additional Trustees, since the inaugural named officers may at some point no longer be members of the chapter.

Matter of Interest: Your Committee believes that Roswell Chapter #74, Mount Horeb Chapter #155, and Alpharetta Chapter #162 may be holding joint meetings in various places instead of regular meetings at the stated locations where the Chapter normally meets. If this is the case, each Chapter is required to submit a by-law change to provide a date, time, and place for each meeting during the year.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the by-laws of Alpharetta Chapter No. 162 at Alpharetta. This revision of the By-Laws of Alpharetta Chapter #162 provides for a monthly rotating meeting of the chapter to be held at Alpharetta, Sandy Springs or Roswell on the THIRD Wednesday in each month. Months are specified in the By-Laws and your committee recommends approval. Your Committee has before it an amendment to the bylaws of Austell Chapter No. 87 changing its dues. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted change of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Y. A. Wright Chapter No. 122. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Smyrna No. 160. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 01 from twelve months to SIX months so that this sentence in the section will read "When a candidate is rejected by the chapter, his petition cannot again be received for a period of SIX months".

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the bylaws of 8th District Royal Arch Convention changing who can be officers. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted change of the By-Laws.

Your committee requested those District Conventions that had no By-Law copies in the Grand Secretary's office to please send them in. We now have all District Convention By-Laws except the SEVENTH and TENTH. It is hoped we will get those soon.

Your Committee notes that the Charter of Mount Moriah Chapter No.63 in Lithonia was surrendered on June 19, 2017. The members were all consolidated into Covington Chapter No. 71 at Covington. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these members into Covington.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PHP (27) Chair; C. Danny Wofford, PHP (84); James E. Stevens, PHP (66)

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (ADOPTED)

Section 2.2.1.1 –Committee on Finance. The committee on finance shall consist of three Companions appointed by the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest, one of whom he shall designate as chairman of the committee. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business. The committee on finance shall meet at least once annually. The committee on finance shall prepare a full and complete report of the financial condition of the Grand Chapter and shall present a balanced budget proposal for the next year to be acted upon by the Grand Chapter at its annual Convocation.

BILL NO. 2 (ADOPTED)

Whereas no provision for investment of Grand Chapter Funds currently exists, therefore

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia, Section 2.4 Grand Chapter Officers by adding a new SECTION 2.4.3.3 to provide for INVESTMENT of Grand Chapter Funds not otherwise specified.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Section 2.4 Grand Chapter Officers be amended by adding a new SECTION 2.4.3.3 INVESTMENTS:

Section 2.4.3.3 INVESTMENTS – All funds and investment monies of the Grand Chapter of Georgia held in charge of the Grand Treasurer shall 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 of Grand Commandery of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E Turner, PHP (27)

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Your Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed two Bills presented to the Grand Chapter and find them to be in order for consideration by the grand body.

Your Jurisprudence Committee has examined a resolution offered to this grand body. We find it in order and appropriate for consideration by this grand body.

We have reviewed all the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest and find them to be in order.

Fraternally Submitted: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, PHP (61), Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram, PHP, MEPGHP (28); James E. Stevens, PHO (66)

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE (ADOPTED)

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 2014 Royal Arch Mason Code is in use among the various chapters in this jurisdiction and is a much needed improvement from the 1995 Code.

Your Committee recommends that a REPRINT of the Code is necessary based on a recommendation of the Grand Secretary. The newly reprinted code would contain all of the legislation adopted since 2014, and it is our recommendation that the FORMS section be deleted. All forms used by secretaries and companions are on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size. The forms in the Code book are very small and difficult to copy when needed.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PHP (27), Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey, PHP (16); Michael H. Sampsell (87)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

John Benny Allen

Edward Vincent Massaro

And all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEGHP Mark A. Bradley presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion Judd J. Wolfe.

KIRBY AWARD

MEGHP Mark A. Bradley and MEGGHP Hodges presented Kirby Awards to Excellent Companions Floyd E. Edmondson and Joe E. Turner.

RESOLUTION:

BOBBY B. SIMMONS, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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 now serves 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 member of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Georgia (Order of the High Priesthood) 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 and its Registrar since 2001; Middle Georgia York Rite College No. 201; New Covenant Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; and a member and Registrar 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 Inner Guard 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, is currently serving as the Imperial Chaplain for Shriners International and in 2016, he was honored with the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia that our honored and beloved Companion and Servant BOBBY BLACKMAN SIMMONS be further honored by being elected as MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST with all the rights and prerogatives appertaining thereto at this One Hundred Ninety Sixth Annual Convocation in the City of Macon, Georgia, this 7th day of May 2018 and that he preside during a part of this Annual Convocation.

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

Mark A. Bradley
MEG High Priest

ATTEST:
Wade C. Smith
MEG Recorder

JOHN S. PERRY TROPHY

MEGHP Mark A. Bradley presented the John S. Perry Trophy to Winder Chapter Number 84.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MEGHP Mark A. Bradley appointed tellers and the election of Officers was held with the following results:

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
James W. Tate (73)	Right Excellent Grand King
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill (9)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
John H. Johnson (47)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Robert D. Wing (84)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins, Grand High Priest Elect, announced the following appointments: James R. Harris, Sr., Sentinel; Robert W. Tidwell, Photographer; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist; and Steven G. Harris, Chaplain.

2018-2019 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: N: Michael H. Sampsell; S: Robert L. Head, Jr.

Assistant Custodians: NE: Larry C. Bennett; SE: Joey E. Jackson

MEGHP Address: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Daniel P. Bennett; J. Timothy Ingram

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Edgar M. Land; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Edward Barclay, Chair; Rev Donald C. Combs; Steven Harris

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; James E. Stevens;

J. Timothy Ingram

Charters/Bylaws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; James E. Stevens

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord

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

R. A. R. A.: Robert D. Wing, Chair; John H. Johnson; Michael H. Sampsell

Building Trustees: Van S. McGee, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Robert L. Gill; Doyle R. Hatfield; Michael H. Wilson

Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle;

S. Matthew Perry; William F. Shepard

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

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Elect, Stephen C. Higgins, and the other newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Excellent Companion J. Timothy Ingram, Installing Officer, assisted by Excellent Companion Wayne H. Garrett, Installing Marshall, and Excellent Companion Floyd E. Edmondson, Installing Chaplain.

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 196th Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 197th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia will be held in the Grand Chapter Building, in the City of Macon on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The Grand Chapter Officers will open at 7:30 AM.

TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL

The 72nd Triennial of General Grand Chapter will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 23-30, 2020.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion Stephen C. Higgins, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared the 196th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form with the closing prayer being delivered by the newly appointed Grand Chaplain, Excellent Grand Companion Steven G. Harris.

Stephen C. Higgins
 MEG High Priest



ATTEST:
 Wade C. Smith
 MEG Recorder

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD
HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2018**

The One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Order of High Priesthood, of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on April 4, 2018 with the following elected Officers in their respective stations:

Edward C. Barclay	Excellent President
Doyle R. Hatfield	Excellent Vice President
William F. Shepard	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Chaplain
James W. Tate	Excellent Conductor
Robert L. Gill	Excellent Herald
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Steward
John H. Johnson	Excellent Sentinel

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith	2003 F. Lamar Pearson, Jr.
1978 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2006 William L. Montgomery
1986 C. Brantley Morgan	2009 J. Timothy Ingram
1988 Joseph P. Suttles	2011 Emmett R. Johns
1989 Thomas L. Reese, II	2012 Wade C. Smith
1990 William E. Cantrell	2014 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)	2015 Michael R. Sosebee
1996 Andre E. Lovas	2016 Mark A. Bradley
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2017 Michael H. Wilson
1998 C. Danny Wofford	2018 Edward C. Barclay
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	

CONFERRAL TEAM

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Michael H. Wilson	Excellent Vice President
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Jan M. Giddens	Excellent Chaplain
Edward C. Barclay	Excellent Conductor
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Herald
Floyd E. Edmondson	Excellent Steward
John H. Johnson	Excellent Sentinel

Past Excellent President C. Danny Wofford was presented a Resolution (Signed and Presented by Mark A. Bradley) for having conferred this Order for thirty years effective last year.

CANDIDATES

David Alsobrook (150)	Tommy T. Marshall (9)
Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	Matthew R. Metty, Sr. (66)
Peter D. Bard (13)	Robert A. Mulcay (162)
Wayne Cantrell (27)	Brent E. Naylor (25)
Sherald J. Colvard (25)	Thomas A. Ogletree (135)
Tony N. Dickerson (25)	Russell S. Sanders (89)
Z. Brant Fletcher (15)	Talmadge M. Sanford (9)
Stephen C. Kimbro (49)	Jerry A. Sweat (9)
R. Cris Lynch (80)	

2018-2019 OFFICERS

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

Doyle R. Hatfield	Excellent President
William F. Shepard	Excellent Vice President
James W. Tate	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Robert D. Wing	Excellent Chaplain
Robert L. Gill	Excellent Conductor
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Herald
John H. Johnson	Excellent Steward
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Sentinel

The officers were installed by Most Excellent Companion C. Danny Wofford with assistance by Excellent Companion Floyd E. Edmondson, Chaplain, and Excellent Companion Mark A. Bradley, Conductor. All business having been concluded, the Order of High Priesthood was closed with prayer.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith	Doyle R. Hatfield
Excellent Recorder-Treasurer	Excellent President

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

*1952 Ottis B. Turner (10)	*1983 Willie P. Hammond (72)
*1953 Robert Wiley Beall (55)	*1984 Lee D. Holcomb (50)
*1954 Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (6)	*1985 Lewis H. Keith (27)
*1955 Thomas E. Gaines (136)	1986 C. Danny Wofford (84)
*1956 Ezekiel K. Clifton (3)	1987 David B. Dukes (70)
*1957 W. Tom Bateman (18)	**1988 Kenneth R. Smith (144)
*1958 Edward P. Hitafter (73)	*1989 Minor C. Shadburn (144)
**1959 Merrill D. Payton (15)	*1990 William J. Bird (70)
*1960 L. Guy Hughes (144)	***1991 Lawrence E. Anderson (22)
*1961 T. S. Wells, Sr. (85)	*1992 William H. Lewis (107)
*1962 Walter M. Housch (99)	*1993 Edward C. Davis (122)
*1963 Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	*1994 W. George Bean (49)
*1964 Ralph Saye (K01)	*1995 James E. Salter (75)
*1965 Richard S. Sagar (49)	*1996 Rudolph Fuglaar (119)
*1966 James W. Davis (77)	*1997 George Utiss, Sr. (66)
*1967 Charles H. Davis (4)	1998 Robert L. Gill (9)
*1968 John B. Hubert, Jr. (112)	*1999 Russell L. Baker (47)
*1969 Ernest F. Campbell (70)	2000 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
*1970 C. Dowling Pate (107)	2001 William L. Montgomery (73)
*1971 Preston Y. Luther (4)	2002 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
*1972 J. Sheffield Thompson (37)	*2003 William H. McDaniel (K01)
*1973 George T. Buchan (66)	2004 William F. Shepard (66)
*1974 Clyde C. Brown (83)	2005 James D. Davis (11)
*1975 Dave H. Keever (49)	2006 Johnie M. Garmon (24)
*1976 Benjamin R. Martin, Jr. (121)	*2007 Kerry J. Buchan (G03)
*1977 Oliver H. Sheppard (158)	2008 A. Wayne Norton (21)
*1978 Charles W. Eaton (154)	2009 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (13)
*1979 Grady T. Bozeman (28)	*2010 G. Everett Cox (160)
1980 Joseph P. Suttles (37)	*2011 Phillip H. Floyd (48)
*1981 Robert E. Taylor (4)	2012 Leonard A. Davis (11)
*1982 Oran G. Moore (79)	2013 Edward C. Barclay (14)

2014 Bruce A. McNall (G03) 2017 James E. Stevens (66)
 2015 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71) 2018 Judd J. Wolfe (48)
 2016 Ronald H. Wallace (24)

* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dimit

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

*2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24)	2016 Wayne H Garrett (64)
2015 Wade C. Smith (24)	2017 Robert L. Gill (9)
2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)	2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155)
2015 Edward Helton (64)	2018 Floyd E. Edmondson (150)
2016 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2018 Joe E. Turner (27)

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

2010 Josie Bentley	2014 Lily Stafford	2016 Laine Bolton
2010 Loyce Price	2014 Liz Miller	2017 Eva Garmon
2010 Margaret Lovas	2014 Nora Wells	2017 Marla Horton
2010 Pat Smith	2015 Brenda Gill	2017 Gay Bradley
2010 Rebecca Taylor	2015 Carol McDonald	2017 Emmie Sampsell
2012 Anna Montgomery	2015 Jane Wilson	2017 Lynne Hatfield
2012 Cheryle Shepard	2015 Joan Head	2017 Karen Johnson
2012 Halli Stevens	2015 Sharon Bailey	2017 Cheryle Turner
2012 Jana Watson	2015 Sheila Hensley	2018 Sheila Ingram
2012 Marilyn Yeary	2015 Susan Pope	2018 Joy Wolfe
2012 Ruth Wellman	2015 Tammie Polston	2018 Judy Nichols
2013 Erica Matheny	2016 Barbara	2018 Nancy Rich
2013 Glenda Porter	Edmondson	2018 Kay Higgins
2014 Barbara Bozeman	2016 Buffi Peacock	2018 Terry Massaro
2014 Fae Suttles	2016 Debbie Lemmons	2018 Jeanette Hendry
2014 Judy Griffin	2016 Helen Leinbaugh	2018 Benigna Haggas

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	1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940
1847-53	William T. Gould (2)	07-18-1882	1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943
1854-61	Philip T. Schley (7/3)	08-31-1862	1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972
1862-68	Samuel S. Lawrence (13)	10-02-1890	1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967
1869-71	Moses P. Kellogg (34)	11-25-1889	1938	P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947
1872-73	George W. Adams (3)	01-05-1893	1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972
1874-77	Luther J. Glenn (16)	06-09-1886	1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966
1878	William J. Johnson (12)	05-12-1886	1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960
1879-80	James W. Oslin (55)	01-09-1906	1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949
1881-83	Charles E. Lambdin (51)	03-03-1888	1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963
1884	William A. Graham (12)	02-24-1904	1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin (15)	02-22-1897	1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959
1886-94	James W. Taylor (8)	12-15-1925	1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962
1895-97	Charles Wessolowsky (15)	07-08-1904	1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950
1898-00	Henry C. Burr (10)	03-15-1901	1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988
1901	Henry Banks (11)	06-03-1920	1949	James R. Belflower (47)	10-07-1981
1902	Robert L. Colding (3)	10-21-1927	1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958
1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51)	07-06-1909	1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959
1904	Young A. Wright (54)	05-12-1911	1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954
1905	John C. Joiner (16)	12-26-1927	1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974
1906	J. Luther Gable (40)	01-12-1929	1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979
1907	Thomas F. Moody (31)	01-14-1927	1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981
1908	Luther M. Heard (25)	01-20-1917	1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999
1909	Jacob A. Walton (7)	06-01-1925	1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979
1910	William F. Bowe (2)	08-25-1932	1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981
1911	John R. Wilkinson (16)	04-07-1915	1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958
1912	William G. England (41)	03-26-1931	1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (92)	08-07-1942	1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992
1914	Frank O. Miller (18)	03-17-1937	1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999
1915	Hiram Warner Hill (52)	01-13-1934	1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970
1916	J. Furman Bell (6)	12-03-1940	1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985
1917	Thomas H. Jeffries (16)	11-06-1948	1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001
1918	Elliot W. Parish (3)	10-13-1963	1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989
1919	Andrew S. Harvey (26)	11-22-1946	1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1969
1920	Joseph C. Greenfield (16)	12-20-1920	1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999
1921	Welby C. Jordan (K01)	01-16-1954	1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990
1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931	1967	James E. Moseley (10)	
1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930	1967	*Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997
1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947	1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928	1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971
1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952	1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984
1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966	1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987
1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947	1972	John M. McClurd, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001
1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944	1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987
1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931	1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013
1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937	1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009
1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950	1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992
1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934	1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000
1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972	1978	H. Grady Keith (27)	
1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938	1979	John Benny Allen (64)	
1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955	1980	Felix Gersten (7) 06-10-1993	
1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66)	02-19-1936	1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000

1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010	2001	William D. Miles (16)	
1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	2-22- 2007
1986	Steven V. Carter (90)		2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	
1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1988	William E. Cantrell (144)		2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05- 2010
1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993	2008	Drewew W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	
1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1994	Ruben Martinez (75)		2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	
1995	Joe E. Turner (10)		2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	
1996	William J. Bird (70)		2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998	2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1998	Leon S. (Sam) Lee, III (15)		2015	James T. Farmer (10)	
1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)		2016	William F. Shepard (66)	
1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014	2017	Mark A. Bradley (84)	
2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)		2018	Stephen C. Higgins (135)	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Georgia</u>	<u>From Georgia</u>
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PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: No Representation	18. Austin: No Representation
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04. Constantine: No Representation	24. Enotah: Johnnie M. Garmon; Wade C. Smith; William T. White
06. Temple: No Representation	25. Oliver: No Representation
07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez; Joseph F. Oelgoetz; R. Scott Pless	26. Rome: No Representation
09. Waycross: James R. Bennett; C. Hendry Howard	27. Lakewood: Joe E. Turner
10. Pythagoras: Wayne L. Burkett; Isaiah T. Hardin	28. Pickens: Larry C. Bennett; Freddie L. Eller; F. Keith Hales; Steve A. Kirk
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14. Silver Shoals: No Representation	47. Tifton: No Representation
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation	48. Taylor: Judd J. Wolfe
16. Mt. Zion: No Representation	49. Sweetwater: Joe R. Bush; Jerry D. Moss
	50. Douglasville: John T. Fernander; Carl J. Gamel; Emmet R. McCall; Larry D. Pattillo
	59. Statesboro: No Representation

61. Kellogg: James W. Bard; Terry L. Hensley
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64. Alleghaney: John E. Davis
66. Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman; William
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70. Jesup: No Representation
71. Covington: Dreyew W. Hendry; William M.
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72. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson
73. Fort Benning: Baron L. Conklin;
 Paul E. Wells
74. Roswell: No Representation
75. Forest Park: No Representation
77. Sardis: Joe R. Anthony; Thomas B.
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80. Wilford H. Hall: Leon S. Lewis
84. Winder: Mark A. Bradley; Steve M. Perry;
 Michael L. Wolcott
87. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;

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04 Constantine: John Minnich
06 Temple: No Representation
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09 Waycross: Mathew Sanford
10 Pythagoras: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Proxy
11 St. John's: Leonard Davis, Proxy
13 Cherokee: Peter Bard; Jude Gelman
14 Silver Shoals: Phillip C. Faulkner, Proxy
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: Ronnie Keel, Proxy
16 Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey, Proxy
18 Austin: Phillip P. Wyatt, Proxy
21 Toccoa: Ronnie H. Scott
23 J.M. Rushin: Bobby W. Cummings, Proxy
24 Enotah: William W. Grist, Proxy
25 Oliver: No Representation
26 Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr., Proxy
27 Lakewood: Andrew D. Rodgers, Sr.;
 Larry T. Croy
28 Pickens: Alfred Lincoln
34 Newnan: Rick Law
41 Adoniram: No Representation
47 Tifton: John H. Johnson, Proxy
48 Taylor: Wiley Forrester, Proxy
49 Sweetwater: Stephen C. Kimbro;
 Victor A. McKelvey; Thomas R. Conn, Proxy
50 Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel, Proxy
59 Statesboro: Joey Jackson, Proxy
61 Kellogg: James Phillips, Proxy;
 Timothy O. Cooper

Oliver C. Grounds; Steve T. Miers
89. West Point: No Representation
91. Moultrie: John H. Johnson
94. Bainbridge: No Representation
99. Chickamauga: No Representation
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel: No Representation
120. Hubert: No Representation
122. Y. A. Wright: No Representation
135. Canton: James R. Harris; Keith R. Taylor;
 David M. Wellman
142. Dallas: Carl J. Gamel
144. Cartersville: William E. Cantrell
150. Ellijay: James E. Nealey; Charles P.
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154. Greensboro: No Representation
155. Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160. Smyrna: Richard J. Hallwood; Robert D.
 Kilgore; Lawson W. Roland
162. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell; Walter D. Wilson
166. Genesis: No Representation

64 Alleghaney: Ed Helton, Proxy
66 Brunswick: Charles Taylor, Proxy
70 Jesup: Jim Arnold
71 Covington: Jeffrey L. Anderson
72 Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson, Proxy
73 Fort Benning: John D. Scott
74 Roswell: Michael Roman, III
75 Forest Park: C. Wayne Glass
77 Sardis: Joe Anthony
80 Wilford H. Hall: William Economy
84 Winder: Henry Clay
87 Austell: Carl J. Ward
89 West Point: Andrew G. Meadows;
 Russell Sanders
91 Moultrie: Andrew C. Bass
94 Bainbridge: No Representation
99 Chickamauga: Tyler W. Pledger
107 Valdosta: James P. Bentley
120 Hubert: William G. Wagner
122 Y.A. Wright: Rafor J. Chambers
135 Canton: Steven G. Harris;
 Stephen C. Higgins
142 Dallas: Lloyd R. Lane
144 Cartersville: Homer C. Cowart
150 Ellijay: David Alsobrook
154 Greensboro: No Representation
155 Mt. Horeb: Jan Maaskant, Jr.
160 Smyrna: John C. Miller
162 Alpharetta: Robert A. Mulcay
166 Genesis: Gordon Ruthruff, Proxy

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 7, 2018
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JOHN IBBOTSON HAGGAS
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2017 – 2018

JOHN IBBOTSON HAGGAS

PERSONAL

Born on July 24, 1934 in Methuen, Massachusetts. Graduated high school in 1952 in Taft, California. Served in the Army Ordinance Corp from 1953-1956. After service, employed by several companies in the installation and activation of missile sites in the United States. Finally employed by Sylvania-GTE for 29 years in design, test, installation, repair, and field support of classified electronic systems. Retired in 1991.

Studied addiction counseling at University of California in Santa Cruz. Received certificates in DUI, in-patient and out-patient addiction therapy, group and methadone counseling. Worked in addiction field part-time until retirement, and then full-time until moving to Georgia in 2005. Turned leather craft hobby into a business in 2005.

MASONIC

Raised by his son as a Master Mason in 2006 in Columbian Lodge No. 7 in Columbus, Georgia. Became Worshipful Master in 2010.

Received Royal Arch Degrees in 2006 and became High Priest of Darley Chapter No. 7 in 2011. Received Royal and Select Masters Degrees in 2006 and became Illustrious Master of Hope Council No. 4 in 2011. Received Knights Templar Degrees in 2007 and became Eminent Commander of St. Aldemar No. 3 in 2011. Affiliated with Georgia Commandery No. 1 in 2018.

Companion Haggas is also a member of National Sojourners, Heroes of 76, Scottish Rite, Rosicrucian, York Rite Sovereign College, Red Cross of Constantine, AMD, KYCH, and KTP.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 1:30 PM on Monday, May 7, 2018 in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, with VIDG Master Larry C. Bennett presiding and with all Grand Line Officers present and in their respective stations. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Timothy K. Starling, Grand Chaplain. The VIDGM led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Being assured that a quorum was present, the VIDGM declared the One Hundred Ninety-Second Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

John I. Haggas (04) (Absent – Hospital)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Larry C. Bennett (55)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Robert L. Gill (9)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
Robert B. Wolbert (02)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
James W. Bard (13)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

The MIPGMs retired to be introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner:

*1985 Howard W. Van Scoy (6)	1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2)
*1985 James E. Underwood (75)	1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)

1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)
*1997 J. R. Jones (53)	2009 James C. (Pete) Bentley (20)
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	*2010 Thomas W. Tinley, III (G01)
*2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	*2011 Harry B. Allen (3)
*2001 Joseph P. Suttles (Hon) (33)	2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)
2001 Rubin Martinez (75)	*2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
*2002 John P. Bohanan	*2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
*2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI)	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
*2004 Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
*2006 Daniel C. Rickets (74)	2017 John I. Haggas (4)
*2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)	2018 Larry C. Bennett (55)
*Indicates absence	

2017-2018 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of Work: North: Michael Sampsell; South: Robert L. Head, Jr.
Assistant Custodians of Work: NE: Larry C. Bennett; SE: Joey E. Jackson; SW: Timothy K. Starling; NW: Ryan C. Nealey
MIGM's Address: Wayne H. Garrett, Chair; Gary D. Lemmons; C. Danny Wofford
Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Timothy K. Starling; Jan M. Giddens
Memorial: Timothy K. Starling, Chair; Rev. Donald C. Combs; Eulan R. Wheeler
Jurisprudence: Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; James E. Stevens; J Timothy Ingram
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensation: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; James E. Stevens
Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ronnie B. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield
Perpetual Membership: Michael H. Wilson, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Larry W. Nichols; Benjamin W. Polston, II
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: James W. Bard, Chair
Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle; S. Matthew Perry; William F. Shepard
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Dr. Gary Lemmons
Long Range Planning: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield; William F. Shepard
Membership: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; Michael L. Wolcott; Daniel P. Bennett
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell
Masonic Magazine Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Kevin L. Hyde, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II; J. Chris Brown
GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Assistant Chair
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair
Fundraising: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield; William F. Shepard
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2017-2018 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis (62)	State Chair	Bruce D. Mann (38)	2 nd /3 rd
Bruce H. McNall (2)	1 st	Andrew D. Bass (14)	2 nd /3 rd

Lamont D. Pitts (62)	4 th	Steven E. Wooten (25)	8 th
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	4 th	Kevin L. Hyde (41)	8 th
Jack J. Bell (54)	5 th	Keith R. Taylor (3)	9 th
Alessandro V. Da Silva (13)	5 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
Van S. McGee (8)	6 th	William T. White (79)	9 th
Neil C. Maddock (18)	6 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th	Nikki D. Jordan (30)	11 th
Homer C. Cowart (49)	7 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th		

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER ADDRESS

To the elected and appointed Grand Council Officers, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, General Grand Council Officers, Distinguished In-State and Out-of-State Guests, and Companions All: It is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome each of you to the one hundred ninety second (192nd) annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia. Thank you for visiting our home and should you need any assistance during your stay please permit me or one of my Officers to assist you.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITATIONS

It was my honor to represent my Grand Council at the following out-of-state visitations: Southeastern York Rite Conference in Melbourne, Florida; General Grand Chapter/Council Triennial in Portland, Oregon; Masonic event in Eugene, Oregon; Alabama Grand York Rite Convention; Laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. and participating in the Easter Sunrise Service. Participation in the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Easter Sunrise Service were the greatest honor for me. I whole heartedly recommend that every York Rite Mason make it a point to participate in these two historic events.

IN-STATE VISITATIONS

I had the honor to represent the Grand Council at the following in-state functions: Numerous Blue Lodge, Council, and Commandery Visitations; All Annual Council Conventions, except two that I was forced to miss due to illness. I found that most Councils are having trouble with recruitment and participation by younger Masons. My observation is that this seems to be from lack of or very limited communication and understanding between the different generations. My program this year was an attempt to improve this common communication problem. The essence of my program was when teaching or talking to the younger Mason, "do not dictate, but listen and gently teach." Allow the younger generation to ask questions and have input during the talk thus enabling the instructor to learn what interests the student and, more importantly, how they think and learn. This concept permits the teacher and the student to teach and learn. This two-way conversation permits both parties to piece together the puzzle that is called effective communication. Once established, effective communication insures "peace, love, and unity."

NECROLOGY

It is my sad duty to report to you that the dread messenger of death has once again visited our beloved Grand and Subordinate Councils during the past year. The Good Lord has summoned 115 of our much beloved Companions to come and sit beside him in "that house not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens".

DISPENSATIONS

I have issued numerous Dispensations during the year. All Dispensations were of a routine nature and are filed in the Grand Recorder's Office. You are welcome to view them if you so desire. They have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for their perusal.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Our Perpetual Membership Endeavor continues to advance. I strongly recommend that each of you consider joining this worthy cause. It is a means by which each of you can make an annual life time charitable contribution to your Council and after your death your charitable effort continues to benefit your Council.

FUNDRAISERS

My Companions, your second year of Grand Line Officer Fundraiser Efforts have once again resulted in dividends for your Grand Council. Your dedication, support and hard work for these fundraisers has resulted in another \$6,250.00 being distributed to each body thus reducing the need for further Per Capita increases. You are to be commended. Keep up the good work.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I want to thank the Companions who energetically and positively received me at each of my visits during the year. Your enthusiasm for our craft is paying off. I think the future is bright for Georgia Cryptic Masonry. Please continue to support your District Council Conventions and the Grand Master's Class conferrals. Add those Festivals to your individual Council Conferrals and you will be destined to advance in membership.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all my Officers for their support and the wonderful work they performed this year. I especially want to thank Illustrious Grand Companion of the Council James W. Bard for his work in presenting and dedication to the CMMRF Program. He continues to do a great service for us and the foundation. I also want to thank Robert Cordle for his exceptional job as Marshall, especially during Installation of Officers at the Conventions — "he rivals Marshall Dillon." Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Companion Larry Bennett is certainly deserving of thanks for his support and assumption of my duties this past year. I also want to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for my Grand Sentinel and very best friend, REPGC Doyle R. Hatfield, without whose help, instruction, companionship, support and criticism this year would never have happened. He is the prime example of a true Mason in all he does. Thank you again for all you do and especially for being my friend. I would like to thank Companion Wade Smith for his instructions and service this year without whose help this year would have been impossible. And who could forget Marla Horton, who has continually kept Wade and all others straight with all the work she has done for the Grand York Rite Office. Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation to my lovely wife for her continued support, work, and love during this year. Without the support and encouragement from her this year would have been much more difficult. Thank you, Benigna! Thank you again my beloved Companions for allowing me to serve you during this year.

Respectfully Submitted: John I. Haggas, Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

To the Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, elected and appointed Grand Council Officers, Distinguished In-State and Out of State Guests, Members, and Companions all: Your Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address is pleased to join our Most Illustrious Grand Master in welcoming all to the One Hundred and Ninety-second (192nd) Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia.

It is a high privilege for our Committee to welcome the "out-of-state" visitors. We trust that you will enjoy our hospitality, and if there is any way in which we may assist and improve on your visit with us, please let us know.

To our "in-state visitors", you are where you are supposed to be. However, we singularly recognize the various responsibilities that you share this year, and we are delighted to welcome you to this Grand Assembly.

As our Most Illustrious Grand Master traveled in the various venues of Masonry, he was warmly welcomed this year and Freemasonry remains strong. It is with sorrow that we join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master in acknowledging the summons of 115 Council Companions to the Celestial Realm above. We cherish their memories.

The nature of our Most Illustrious Grand Master's dispensations was routine and within the bound of jurisprudence

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master joined with the other Grand York Rite "heads-of-bodies" in supporting the Perpetual Membership endeavor throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master joined with the other Grand York Rite "heads-of-bodies" in supporting the major fundraisers for the Grand York Rite this year. We join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master in holding that our Cryptic Masonry is strong and continues to grow within our York Rite.

We join our Most Illustrious Grand Master in thanking a variety of Companions and friends who supported him as leader of this craft this year.

We are saddened that our Most Illustrious Grand Master has been sidelined owing to illness here near the end of his term. We pray for his prompt recovery and as our Most Illustrious Grand Master and his lovely lady, Benigna, retire from the East, we wish for them health and happiness and many years of fellowship and friendship in the future.

Respectfully Submitted: Gary D. Lemmons, MIPGM, Chairman (61);

C. Danny Wofford, MIPGM (77)

REPORT OF CHARTERS & 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 notes that a DISPENSATION has been issued to Washington Council No. 6 to change meeting places. Your Committee has received no By-Law change from this council. We therefore leave the approval of this item to the Grand Council.

We also note that the Grand Recorder on January 15, 2017, requested all Recorders to send in complete copies of all their by-laws for filing in the office.

Your Committee does not believe but few have been received and your committee again requests this year that this be complied with.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Graydon W. Kitchens Council No. 18 at Worthville. Your Committee approves the submitted revision of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the bylaws of Austell Council No. 47 changing its dues. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted change of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Alpharetta Council No. 54 at Alpharetta. Your Committee recommends the approval of the revision of the By-Laws of Alpharetta Council No.54, R. S. M. with the following exceptions. Article III, Section I: the last sentence should read ".... Petition may

not be renewed until after a period of 6 months.....This was stated in the 2014 Charter and Bylaws report.

Article III, Section V is in error: New emeritus memberships were eliminated as of July 1, 2013. This did not affect previous emeritus members.

Matter of Interest: Your Committee believes that Alpharetta Council #54 and Euclid Council #54 may be holding joint meetings in various places instead of regular meetings at the stated locations where the councils normally meets. If this is the case, each Council is required to submit a by-law change to provide a date, time, and place for each meeting during the year.

This revision of the By-Laws of Alpharetta Council #54 provides for a monthly rotating meeting of the council to be held at Alpharetta, Sandy Springs or Roswell on the THIRD Wednesday in each month. Months are specified in the By-Laws and your committee recommends approval.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of G. Everett Cox Council No. 60 at Smyrna. Your Committee recommends the approval of the revision of the By-Laws of G. Everett Cox Council No.60, R. S. M. with the following exceptions. Article II, Section 01: the next to last sentence should read ".... Petition cannot again be received until after a period of 6 months

Your Committee notes that the Charter of Lithonia Council No.76 in Lithonia was surrendered on June 19, 2017. The members were all consolidated into Covington Council No. 41 at Covington. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these members into Covington.

Your Committee notes that the Charter of Triangle Council No.42 was forfeited on April 25, 2018, they having not met nor paid per capita tax in several years. Each of the thirty four members were sent demits to their last known address.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of the Seventh District Royal and Select Master Convention and recommends approval.

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the By-Laws of the South Georgia Council Convention providing dues money to host the Convention and your committee recommends approval.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council charters.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PIM (10), Chairman; C. Danny Wofford, PIM (77); James E. Stevens, PIM (16)

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (ADOPTED)

Section 2.2.1.4 –Committee on Finance. The committee on finance shall consist of three Companions appointed by the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master, one of whom he shall designate as chairman of the committee. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business. The committee on finance shall meet at least once annually. The committee on finance shall prepare a full and complete report of the financial condition of the Grand Council and shall present a balanced budget proposal for the next year to be acted upon by the Grand Council at its annual Assembly.

BILL NO. 2 (ADOPTED)

Whereas no provision for investment of Grand Council Funds currently exists, therefore a bill, to amend the By-Laws Section 2.0 of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia, Section 2.3 Grand Council Officers by adding a new SECTION 2.3.3.8 to provide for INVESTMENT of Grand Council Funds not otherwise specified.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Section 2.3 Grand Council Officers, be amended by adding a new SECTION 2.4.3.8 INVESTMENTS

Section 2.4.3.8 INVESTMENTS – All funds and investment monies of the Grand Council of Georgia held in charge of the Grand Treasurer shall 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 Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PIM (10)

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE (ADOPTED)

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 2014 Royal and Select Masters Code is in use among the various councils in this jurisdiction and is a much needed improvement from the 1995 Code.

Your Committee recommends that a REPRINT of the Code is necessary based on a recommendation of the Grand Recorder. The newly reprinted code would contain all of the legislation adopted since 2014, and it is our recommendation that the FORMS section be deleted. All forms used by recorders and companions are on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size. The forms in the Code book are very small and difficult to copy when needed.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PIM (10), Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey, (PIM); Michael H. Sampsell, PIM (47)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Cryptic Year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

VIDGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Doyle R. Hatfield.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

VIDGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Illustrious Companion Torrey O. Knight.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer Charles L. Hollinger and Regional Deputy for the Southeast Region for the General Grand Council Larry R. Gillespie presented the College of Preservation Award to MIGM John I. Haggas (due to illness, the award will be presented to MIGM John I. Haggas at a later date) and MIPGM Gary D. Lemmons.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

VIDGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Council of the Year Award to Georgia Council No. 2.

RESOLUTION:

WADE C. SMITH, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

WHEREAS, Companion Wade C. Smith has been a Mason for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Worshipful Master of Allegheny Lodge No. 114, F. & A.M.; Excellent High Priest of Enotah Chapter No. 24, Royal Arch Masons; Illustrious Master of Brasstown Council No. 79, Royal and Select Masters, and Eminent Commander of Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery No. 37, Knights Templar; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia in the year 2009, and is currently serving as the Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Georgia (Order of the High Priesthood) and has been a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; the York Rite College; the Rufus R. White Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; the Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and

WHEREAS, upon the death of Most Excellent, Most Illustrious, and Right Eminent Sir Knight Charles "Pete" Taylor in 2010, our good Companion, Wade C. Smith, was appointed as the General Grand Master of the 1st Veil of the Most Excellent General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International; and discharged the duties of this office for the remainder of the term; and

WHEREAS, Companion Smith has demonstrated leadership and service in a wide range of endeavors at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of Most Illustrious Companion, John I. Haggas, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia, Illustrious Past Master, Wade C. Smith, conducted business in opened Grand Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 192nd ASSEMBLY of the MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS for the STATE of GEORGIA that our honored and beloved Companion and Servant WADE C. SMITH be further honored by being elected as MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER with all the rights, powers, and prerogatives appertaining thereto until such time as he shall become a MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST

GRAND MASTER, which shall occur at the same time in this the City of Macon, Georgia, this 7th day of May 2018 and inasmuch as that he has presided during a part of this Annual Council Assembly we recognize him as such, and we call upon the GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL to observe and preserve the same.
RESOLVED, that this Resolution and Election be spread upon the minutes of this Assembly and a suitable copy be transmitted to our Most Illustrious Companion.
Respectfully Submitted: John I. Haggas, MIGM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

VIDGM Bennett appointed tellers and the following were elected:

Larry C. Bennett (55)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Ronald B. Wolbert (2)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Robert L. Gill (30)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
James W. Bard (74)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

MIGM-Elect Bennett appointed Companions Edward C. Barclay, Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Grand Organist; Freddie L. Eller, Grand Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell, Grand Photographer.

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Assistant Custodians of Work: NE: Larry C. Bennett; SE: Joey E. Jackson

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C. Danny Wofford

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Edgar M. Land; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Edward C. Barclay, Chair; Steve Harris; Rev. Donald C. Combs

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Perry; William F. Shepard

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J. Timothy Ingram

Long Range Planning: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield;
William F. Shepard

Public Relations: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; Robert R. Cordle

Membership: Keith R. Taylor, Chair; Michael L. Wolcott; Daniel P. Bennett;
Richard J. Hallwood

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell

Masonic Magazine Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;

Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor

Web Master: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Kevin L. Hyde; J. Chris Brown

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Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Larry C. Bennett, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Stephen C. Higgins

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected Officers were duly installed by Most Illustrious Companion Wayne H. Garrett. He was assisted by Companion J. Timothy Ingram as Grand Marshal and Companion Floyd E. Edmondson as Grand Chaplain.

2018-2019 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Leonard A. Davis (62)	State Chair	Homer C. Cowart (49)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (2)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th
Bruce D. Mann (38)	2 nd /3 rd	Steven E. Wooten (25)	8 th
Andrew D. Bass (14)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
David L. Moncus, Jr. (62)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (3)	9 th
Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (54)	5 th	William T. White (79)	9 th
Alessandro V. Da Silva (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (66)	6 th	Nikkie D. Jordan (30)	11 th
Jimmie W. Hobgood (18)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

The 48th Triennial Assembly of General Grand Council will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 23-30, 2020.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 193rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 7:00 AM.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 192nd 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 with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Companion Edward C. Barclay.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Grand Recorder



Larry C. Bennett
Most Illustrious Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

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 April 4, 2018 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

Benjamin W. Polston, II	Thrice Illustrious Master
James W. Bard	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Donald C. Combs	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Floyd E Edmondson	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood	2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
1986 C. Danny Wofford	2007 A. Joseph Clark
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2009 M. George Folendore, Jr.
1991 Dannie L. Reed	2010 William E. Cantrell
1993 Gary D. Lemmons	2011 C. Michael Ellis
1996 Lanier S. Dasher	2014 Alan P. Pryor
1997 Clarence E. Horne	2015 Paul E. Wells
2000 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2001 Bobby B. Simmons	2017 Charles E. Taylor
2005 Thomas L. Blanton	2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II

CONFERRAL TEAM

William F. Shepard	King David
Robert L. Head, Jr.	Benalah
C. Hendry Howard	Senior Warden
Richard J. Corwin, Jr.	Junior Warden
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Four Companions
James W. Tate	Four Companions
R. Scott Pless	Four Companions
Andrew D. Bass	Four Companions

For the second year in a row, the Order was conferred by MEPGHP William F. Shepard and his superbly proficient team.

CANDIDATES

Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	R. Cris Lynch (36)
James R. Bennett (30)	Tommy T. Marshall (30)
Wayne Cantrell (10)	Matthew R. Metty, Sr. (16)
Sherald J. Colvard (25)	Brent E. Naylor (25)
Tony N. Dickerson (25)	Thomas A. Ogletree (3)
Z. Brant Fletcher (7)	Russell S. Sanders (62)
Richard Himelfarb (19)	Jerry A. Sweat (30)
Stephen C. Kimbro (44)	Walter D. Wilson (54)

2018-2019 OFFICERS

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

James W. Bard	Thrice Illustrious Master
Donald C. Combs	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Floyd E. Edmondson	Thrice Illustrious Steward
William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Mark A. Bradley	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

The officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion C. Danny Wofford with assistance by Illustrious Companion Doyle R. Hatfield, Marshall, and Illustrious Companion Jan M. Giddens, Chaplain. All business having been concluded, the Order of the Silver Trowel was closed with prayer.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith	Benjamin W. Polston, II
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

2016 F. Andrew Lane (#251)	2017 Bobby B. Simmons (#379)
2016 Floyd E. Edmondson (#253)	2017 Benjamin W. Polston, II (#381)
2016 Charles E. Taylor (#239)	2017 C. Danny Wofford (#382)

2017 Clyde E. Griffin (#383)

2018 John I. Haggas (#12514)

2018 Gary D. Lemmons (#441)

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33)
1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7)
*1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23)
*1978 Willis R. Bettis (74)
*1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33)
1980 Billy E. Collins (55)
*1981 Wilford H. Hall (36)
*1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33)
*1983 George T. Poole (4)
*1984 Homer Tyre (16)
*1985 William L. Boynton (7)
1986 Ruben Martinez (75)
*1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62)
*1988 Willie P. Hammond (8)
**1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77)
*1990 James W. Cowart (2)
1991 James B. Phillips (61)
1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33)
***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60)
*1994 John B. Modling (13)
*1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58)
1996 William S. Cleland (76)

* Indicates Death

** Indicates Suspension

*** Indicates Demit

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

*1984 Thomas R. Chadwick (16)
*1985 Richard J. O'Keefe (7)
1986 Andre E. Lovas (76)
*1987 Homer Chapman (H04)
*1988 Jack L. Hepner (2)
1989 Henry V. Tweedell (42)
*1990 Floyd Cox (76)
1991 Leo F. Bowersox, Jr. (7) **
*1992 Oliver Grantham (13)
1993 John Pigott (2)
*1994 Titus F. Rodgers (H04)
1995 William R. Carver (13)
1996 Ronald J. Tomazin (2)
1997 John Terry Dixon (11) **
*1998 James Y. Wilson, Jr. (23)
1999 David L. Canaday (33)
2000 Mrs. Martha Hardison -
Rainbow Girls

* Indicates Death

** Indicates Suspension

*** Indicates Demit

RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

2006 Marguerite Zeigler-
Buchan
2007 Becky Couch
2008 Judy Griffin
2010 Josie Bentley

2010 Pat Smith
2013 Karen Johnson
2015 Cheryle Shepard
2015 Susan Pope
2015 Sheila Hensley

1997 Peter E. Dean (42)
1998 Bill G. Messer (5)
*1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)
*2000 Bobby Massey (55)
*2001 Charles E. Hanenkrat (49)
2002 James Timothy Ingram (55)
*2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2)
2004 Brent Griffin (57)
2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2)
*2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77)
2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36)
2008 Alexander Loo (A01)
2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30)
2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
2012 Edward V. Massaro (74)
2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10)
2014 Michael H. Sampsell (47)
2015 Kevin L. Miller (16)
2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60)
2017 Michael H. Wilson (41)
2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)

2001 Marc Bohn - DeMolay
2002 Burton E. Jones (24)
2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)
*2004 Julius K. Moody (2)
2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01) **
2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)
2007 William F. Hardison (2)
2008 James W. Bard (74)
2009 Mrs. Tina Brady
2010 Charles E. Reed (7)
2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)
2012 James W. Stovall
2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
2016 James W. Stovall
2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)
2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04)

2016 Margie Lane	2017 Pat Schwarz	2017 Margaret Lovas
2016 Hilda Parks	2017 Pat Glass	2017 Sharon Jennings
2016 Diane Nealey	2017 Lisa Batt	2018 Benigna Haggas
2016 Barbara Land	2017 Debbie Lemmons	2018 Gay Bradley
2017 Tammie Polston	2017 Cheryle Turner	2018 Jeanette Hendry
2017 Lynne Hatfield	2017 Roda Wofford	2018 Nora Wells
2017 Deborah Jones	2017 Brenda Gill	2018 Helen Leinbaugh
2017 Beth Hyde	2017 Nancy Simmons	
2017 Marla Horton	2017 Fae Suttles	

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2014 – 2018

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125 Angelo Rd., SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909	E: regni01@aol.com
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E. Jeffrey Craig	General Grand Chaplain
1420 NW Gilman Boulevard, Issaquah, WA 98027-5394	
Russell E. Bridges	General Grand Captain of the Guard
3957 Conservation Camp Road, Valdese, NC 28690-9710	
Gheorghe Vilceanu	General Grand Conductor of Council
Bld.Lacul Tei NR.63, bl.8, ap31, Bucharesti, Sector 2, Romania	
Terrence L. Rybarczyk	General Grand Marshal
1422 138 th Lane, NW, Andover, MN 55304-4082	
Mark E. Megee	Grand Steward
P. O. Box 966, Highstown, NJ 08520-0966	
John A. Bridgegroom	General Grand Sentinel
304 E 1225, N, Chesterton, IN 46304-9523	
Larry R. Gillespie	Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master
533 Schuette Road, Plant City, FL 33567-1783	

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	1911	J. Ben Roberts (13)	08-30-1917
1829-30	Isaac T. Cushing (G04)	1846?	1912	Alvin E. Sansburn (15)	10-29-1924
1830-41			1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (27)	08-07-1942
1841-44	Daniel Hook (A01)	7-27-1870	1914	B. Palmer Axson (2)	05-23-1943
1845-46	William T. Gould (A01)	7-18-1882	1915-16	William A. Sims (13)	11-24-1952
1847-47	Albon Chase (5)	7-9-1867	1917	Max Meyerhardt (15)	03-02-1923
1850-52	Benjamin B. Russell (A01)	2-16-1889	1918	Charles L. Bass (19)	02-29-1937
1853-55	Philip T. Schley (4)	8-31-1862	1919	Augustus G. Miller (20)	07-13-1931
1856-62	Philip T. Schley (2)	8-31-1862	1920	Henry S. Colding (2)	10-26-1925
1862-68	Stephen D. Heard (A01)	11-18-1875	1921	W. Paul Martin (27)	05-16-1962
1869	Joseph E. Wells (6)	12-11-1887	1922	Early H. Johnson (H04)	09-06-1947
1870-76	Robert M. Smith (5)	2-01-1879	1923	Pleasant T. McCutchen (18)	03-27-1947
1877	William A. Graham (22)	2-24-1904	1924	James W. Taylor [Hon] (18)	12-15-1925
1878-81	Charles R. Armstrong (6)	11-01-1893	1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon] (6)	07-12-1928
1882-88	Christopher F. Lewis (A01)	5-21-1902	1924	Francis A. Johnson (23)	03-31-1940
1889-97	Henry C. Burr (8)	3-15-1901	1925	Clarence H. Andrew (6)	08-20-1930
1898-99	Orlando McLendon (18)	9-26-1899	1926	William S. Richardson (13)	12-24-1934
1899-01	William A. Davis (6)	1-19-1907	1927	Nathaniel H. Ballard (16)	02-09-1936
1902	Julius L. Brown (13)	9-04-1910	1928	John T. Waldrop (8)	05-19-1931
1903	Robert L. Colding (1)	10-21-1927	1929	Thos. H. Jeffries [Hon] (13)	11-06-1948
1904	Joseph C. Greenfield (13)	12-20-1920	1929	Frank O. Miller (9)	03-17-1937
1905	Linton W. Burkett (6)	1-10-1925	1930	Jack G. Standifer (39)	11-20-1972
1906	Thomas F. Moody (20)	1-14-1927	1931	Orlando C. Long (13)	10-26-1937
1907	William H. Numberger (A01)	9-26-1923	1932	Chas. W. Pidcock, Jr. (14)	01-16-1961
1908	John C. Postell (2)	06-19-1919	1933	Walter Frank Wells (23)	11-07-1947
1909	John R. Wilkinson (13)	04-07-1915	1934	W. Furman King (2)	11-07-1950
1910	John C. Harmon (30)	04-11-1921	1935	Hugh W. Taylor (17)	05-18-1966

1936	Vivian O. Kimsey (21)	09-20-1966	1982	Charles. L. Taylor, Jr. (40)	09-05-2010
1937	Byron L. Milling (13)	10-28-1958	1983	Roy H. Homans (16)	06-28-1998
1938	Wm. Jeff. Aldridge (29)	03-14-1964	1984	Hugh L. Smith (7)	03-01-1995
1939	James D. Owens (6)	10-05-1961	1985	Howard W. VanScoy, Jr. (6)	
1940	John F. Hatfield (14)	08-13-1958	1985	James E. Underwood (75)	
1941	John Orson Smith (38)	11-23-1968	1986	J. Willard Register (H04)	04-24-1999
1942	John B. Russell (59)	01-20-1955	1987	Clyde E. Griffin (G02)	
1943	Lloyd C. Prichard (3)	10-09-1982	1988	C. Danny Wofford (77)	
1944	Ray O. Schill (23)	06-12-1975	1989	Ralph C. James (42)	06-14-1989
1945	John P. Weisiger (13)	01-08-1971	1989	Raymond E. Keen (26)	08-06-1999
1946	Manning M Quattlebaum (2)	12-29-1959	1990	Gary D. Lemmons (61)	
1947	David L. Paulk (59)	04-22-1979	1991	Thomas R. Gaines (6)	08-18-2013
1948	Joseph A. Moor (G04)	09-04-1972	1992	John A. Morse (13)	12-08-1994
1949	Charles E. Powers (H04)	08-07-1977	1992	J. Eugene Lowry (13)	02-25-2014
1950	James R. Bellflower (58)	10-07-1981	1993	Charles R. Maffett (73)	01-10-2007
1951	J. Tillman Morgan (48)	09-20-1969	1994	Willie P. Hammond (8)	09-01-2011
1952	William J. Penn, Jr. (7)	07-30-1959	1995	Buford M. Brand (19)	03-10-2002
1952	Clifton E. Franklin (14)	03-16-1967	1996	Roy R. Jackson (58)	11-06-2007
1952	James P. Flynn (33)	09-29-1957	1997	J. Richard Jones (53)	
1953	Harold L. Walters (74)	12-01-1960	1998	Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) (13)	03-26-2010
1954	W. Reddick (14)	03-03-1970	1998	J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	
1955	Corliss H. Edwards, Sr. (6)	10-22-1992	1999	Ted H. Hendon (37)	04-20-2007
1956	William J. Mobley (2)	07-21-1981	2000	Thomas L. Blanton (49)	
1957	Charles C. Moon, Sr. (32)	07-31-1966	2001	Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) (33)	
1958	Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (G04)	03-20-1969	2001	Ruben Martinez (75)	
1959	Walker Rush Camp (9)	01-15-1974	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (41)	07-23-2002
1960	Lonzo Pope (7)	06-23-1991	2002	John P. Bohanan (3)	
1961	John T. Sessions (13)	01-19-1971	2003	Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) (55)	05-10-2007
1962	Ottis Brewer Turner (8)	02-10-1999	2003	Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) (64)	
1963	Herman E. Freeman (2)	08-01-1984	2003	Jack Lee Hepner (G02)	12-04-2010
1964	Grady Eugene Wilkins (26)	09-12-1979	2004	Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) (G02)	12-22-2007
1965	T. Evans Gates (6)	12-30-1987	2004	Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	
1966	Jay D. Barton (A01)	03-09-1981	2005	W. Larry Hicks (13)	04-26-2016
1967	James E. Moseley (8)		2006	Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] (36)	07-20-2014
1967	Harry P. Boyd (43)	04-06-1990	2006	Daniel C. Ricketts (74)	
1968	Austin P. Phillips (38)	03-18-1981	2007	Rodney A. Couch (42)	
1969	Harry E. Copelan (69)	01-15-1999	2008	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1970	John W. Sisk (13)	08-01-1996	2009	James C. Bentley, Jr. (20)	
1971	Harold C. Duncan (30)	02-12-1996	2010	Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01)	
1972	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr (G04)	04-06-2012	2011	Harry B. Allen (3)	
1973	David S. Lemons (10)	05-23-2003	2012	Mark S. Johnson (66)	
1974	Hayden M. Carmichael (46)	01-09-1993	2013	F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)	
1975	Oswald H. King, Jr. (39)	06-21-2013	2014	Charles E. Taylor (16)	
1976	Rupert Queen (19)	11-03-2005	2015	Floyd E. Edmondson (19)	
1977	Lee D. Holcomb (37)	04-21-2009	2016	Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)	
1978	Clyde C. Brown (13)	10-25-1997	2017	John I. Haggas (4)	
1979	Bobbie L. Byrd (52)		2018	Larry C. Bennett (55)	
1980	Rufus R. White (36)	12-31-1993			
1981	Luther G. Palmer (33)	06-11-1987			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Georgia</u>	<u>From Georgia</u>
Alabama:	James S. Blanteno	Doyle R. Hatfield
Arizona:	Gus E. Weeks	Robert L. Gill
Arkansas:	Robert B. Mitchell	James E. Stevens
California:	Richard D. Kelly	Thomas L. Blanton
Colorado:	Sidney M. Waldrop	C. Danny Wofford
Connecticut:	Anthony E. Cirella	Joe E. Turner
Delaware:	Irwin R. Murray	Thomas R. Conn
District of Columbia:		James Bard
Eastern Canada:		Cornelius H. Howard
England & Wales:	Desmond Bowditch	F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
Florida:	Richard J. Carr	Ryan C. Nealey
Germany:	Robert C. Simpson	M. J. Jennings
Hawaii:	Harold Toombs	Benjamin W. Polston, II
Idaho:	Harry L. Huffer	Ruben Martinez
Illinois:	Dick J. Carroll	James C. Newsome, Jr.
Indiana:	William M. Imel	Greeley R. Graves, Jr.
Iowa:	Jay Cole Simser	Glenn R. Weber
Israel:	Yitzchak Levy	Mark S. Johnson
Kansas:	James A. Walker	Steve A. Kirk

Kentucky:	Arnold E. Wyatt	William F. Shepard
Louisiana:	Earl J. Durand	Ernest McCorkle
Maine:	C. Wilfred Brann	Paul E. Wells
Maryland:	Randolph B. Sayre	Doyle R. Hatfield
Massachusetts:	Edward Estes	Judd J. Wolfe
Michigan:		Gordon B. Ruthruff
Minnesota:	Jay U. Ipsen	Bruce McNall
Mississippi:	James M. Ward	Judd J. Wolfe
Missouri:	Paul R. Cannon	Ronald B. Wolbert
Montana:	Oliver J. Luoma	Wade C. Smith
Nebraska:	Fred O. Wyant	Joey E. Jackson
Nevada:	James R. Karr	J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
New Hampshire:		Keith Hales
New Jersey:	James L. Mason	Charles E. Taylor
New Mexico:	Glen W. Burttram	Michael R. Sosebee
New York:	I. Cole Stickle	Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
North Carolina:	Joseph J. Vale	Larry C. Bennett
North Dakota:	Willis G. Clark	Hugh F. Watson
Ohio:	Arthur E. Ross	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Oklahoma:	Leon A. Anderson	William G. Economy, Jr.
Ontario:	Harry D. Turner	William E. Cantrell
Oregon:	Robert F. Wagner	James E. Underwood
Pennsylvania:	Carl J. Dunlap	John Minnich
Philippines:	Teodoro B. Gonzales	Bobby B. Simmons
Rhode Island:	Rowland E. Hill	J. Timothy Ingram
Scotland:	T. Ogilvie	Andre E. Lovas
South Carolina:	George Peters	Stephen C. Higgins
South Dakota:	Herbert Swason	Richard H. Hoibraten
Tennessee:	T. Ben Hamilton, Jr.	Mark A. Bradley
Texas:	Weldon B. Day	Clyde E. Griffin
Utah:	Horace A. Thomas	Gary D. Lemmons
Vermont:	Forrest B. Butterfield	Wayne H. Garrett
Washington:	Harold F. Lambert	John I. Haggas
Western Canada:	Richard L. Mercer	John Davis
Wisconsin:	Harvey C. Black	Rodney Couch
Wyoming:	Verral V. Teague	Donald C. Combs

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation	24. Walker: No Representation
G02. Georgia: Belford C. Blaine; Roger W. Coursey; James D. Reese	25. Elbert: No Representation
03. Canton: James R. Harris; Stephen C. Higgins; Keith R. Taylor	28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
H04. Hope: Ditmar W. Chavez; Doyle R. Hatfield; Joseph F. Oelgoetz; R. Scott Pless; Timothy K. Starling	29. Western: Carl J. Gamel; Lloyd R. Lane
06. Washington: Robert C. Lord; Alfred J. Minnich; Bobby B. Simmons	30. Waycross: James R. Bennett; C. Hendry Howard
07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation	33. Euclid: No Representation
08. Griffin: Wayne L. Burkett; Isaiah T. Hardin; Joe E. Turner; Brandon S. Yarbrough	35. H. C. Rigdon: No Representation
10. Lakewood: No Representation	36. Walton C. Griffin: William G. Economy; Leon S. Lewis
13. Jason Burr: Alessandro V. Da Silva	37. Douglasville: John T. Fernander; Carl J. Gamel; Emmet R. McCall; Larry D. Pattillo
14. Moultrie: John H. Johnson	38. George H. Fields: No Representation
15. Rome: No Representation	40. E. L. McConnell: James W. Patterson
16. Ballard: Thomas J. Chapman; William F. Shepard	41. Covington: Drewey W. Hendry; William M. Jones; Raymond G. Laird; Robert D. Wing
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: No Representation	44. Gwinnett: Jerry D. Moss; Joseph Bush
19. Summit: Edgar M. Land	46. Statesboro: No Representation
20. Hunter: No Representation	47. Austell: Oliver C. Grounds; Steve T. Miers
	49. Minor C. Shadburn: William E. Cantrell
	53. Sardis: Joe R. Anthony; Richard W. Echols; Billy G. Messer; William J. Rodgers
	54. Alpharetta: No Representation

55. Pickens: Freddy L. Eller; Franklin K. Hales; J. Timothy Ingram; Steve A. Kirk; Walter D. Waddell
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: No Representation
60. G. Everett Cox: Robert D. Kilgore; Lawson W. Roland
61. Calhoun: Terry L. Hensley; Gary D. Lemmons; James B. Phillips
62. Hiram: Andre E. Lovas; Andrew Gaines
64. Zabud: John E. Davis; Edward Helton
65. N.T. Pirkle: Judd J. Wolfe
66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson

73. Fort Benning: Baron L. Conklin; James W. Tate; Paul E. Wells
74. Marietta: James W. Bard; Robert L. Hall; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; James G. Mashburn; Russell S. Mathuss; Hugh F. Watson
75. Tara: No Representation
77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley; Henry D. Clay; Steven M. Perry
78. Warrenton: William G. Wagner
79. Brasstown: Johnie M. Garmon; William W. Grist; William T. White; Wade C. Smith
83. Covenant: Phillip D. Booth; Gordon B. Ruthruff

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: Billie H. Campbell
G02. Georgia: James O. Hood; James R. Gorthy
03. Canton: James Harris, Proxy
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: Ditmar W. Chavez, Proxy
06. Washington: John Minnich, Proxy
07. Hugh L. Smith: Ronnie Keel
08. Griffin: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Proxy
10. Lakewood: Andrew Rogers; Larry T. Croy
13. Jason Burr: No Representation
14. Moultrie: Andrew D. Bass
15. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr., Proxy
16. Ballard: Thomas J. Chapman, Proxy
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: Rafor J. Chambers
19. Summit: David Alsobrook; Landry, Proxy
20. Hunter: Bobby Cumming, Proxy
24. Walker: Tyler W. Pledger, Proxy
25. Elbert: No Representation
28. A. W. Goodwin: James C. Bentley, Jr., Proxy
29. Western: Lloyd Lane, Proxy
30. Waycross: Mathew Sanford
33. Euclid: Jan Maaskant
35. H. C. Rigdon: Phillip Wyatt, Proxy
36. Walton C. Griffin: J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
37. Douglasville: James D. Roberts
38. George H. Fields: No Representation

40. E. L. McConnell: Ronnie H. Scott
41. Covington: Jeffrey L. Anderson
44. Gwinnett: Stephen C. Kimbro; Victor A. McKelvey; Thomas R. Conn, Sr., Proxy
46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson, Proxy
47. Austell: Carl J. Ward
49. Minor C. Shadburn: Homer Cowart, Proxy
53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary
54. Alpharetta: Walter D. Wilson, Proxy; Jack J. Bell, Proxy
55. Pickens: Alfred Lincoln
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: John H. Johnson, Proxy
60. G. Everett Cox: John C. Miller, Proxy
61. Calhoun: Timothy O. Cooper
62. Hiram: Russell Sanders
64. Zabud: Joel Turpin
65. N.T. Pirkle: Judd J. Wolfe; Wiley Forrester, Proxy
66. Fayetteville: No Representation
73. Fort Benning: John D. Scott, Proxy
74. Marietta: Jude A. Gellman; Peter D. Bard
75. Tara: C. Wayne Glass
77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley, Proxy
78. Warrenton: William G. Wagner, Proxy
79. Brasstown: William W. Grist, Proxy
83. Covenant: Charles E. Ferguson, Proxy

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
TUESDAY
MAY 8, 2018
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DREWEY WILLIAM HENDRY, SR.
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2017 - 2018

DREWEY WILLIAM HENDRY, SR.

PERSONAL

Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. was born in Franklin Parish, Louisiana. He was the first of six children of the late Drewey M. Hendry and Lillian Tarver Hendry. Bill grew up and attended Ogden High School in Franklin Parish, Louisiana. He attended technical schools for mechanical courses on theory. He worked for Southern Railroad in diesel mechanics and other railroad related jobs retiring 2000. Bill served as the representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Atlanta.

Bill served in the U. S. Army from January of 1961 until December of 1963. He served in the Transportation Corps as a staff driver and baseball player. Beginning with basic training at the home of General Patton's 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood Texas, then Fort Jackson South Carolina, and finally Fort McPherson Georgia. Bill was taking his final physical for discharge when President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Bill met his wife, Jeanette September 3 1961 at Fort McPherson. They raised her two children from a previous marriage and their son, D. W. Hendry, Jr. They are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Bill and Jeanette live in Rockdale County, Georgia where he plays golf, rides his Harley, and participates in many Masonic activities.

MASONIC

Bill was initiated in March of 1973, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master in June of 1973 at E. A. Minor Lodge No. 603. Shortly thereafter his great friend and mentor, Past Grand High Priest Jimmy Head, initiated him into the kitchen degree and allowed Bill to be his understudy as the third ruffian in the dramatization of the Master Degree. Bill served as Master of E. A. Minor Lodge No. 603 in 1980, 1996, and 2004. He also served as Senior Warden and as Director of Work. Bill is Past High Priest of Mount Moriah Chapter No. 63, Past Illustrious Master of East Atlanta Council and Lithonia Council No. 76, and Past Commander of Griffin Commandery No. 35 and St. Bernard Commandery No. 25. He is also a former member of Atlanta Commandery No. 9, where he had the honor of receiving the Orders of the Temple, conferred by REGC Shepard. Bill received the Order of the Silver Trowel and the Order of High Priesthood. In 2008, Bill served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. In 2017, he served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Bill has also had the honor of serving in Alexander Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Augusta Council No. 324, Allied Masonic Degrees, Luther Palmer York Rite College No. 123, KYCH, The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and YAARAB Temple AAOONS.

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

The One Hundred Fifty-Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was held in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia on May 8, 2018 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander Drewey W. Hendry and all the Grand Officers present and in their respective stations. The Grand Commander, being assured by the Grand Recorder that a quorum was present, requested the Prelate to offer the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Commander declared the 158th Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Steve A. Kirk (41)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Robert L. Head, Jr. (11)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	Eminent Grand Orator
Robert L. Gill (36)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26), Pro Tem	Eminent Grand Warder
*Isaiah T. Hardin (35)	Eminent Captain of the Guard
*David B. Williams, Jr. (45)	Eminent Grand Adjutant
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Mark A. Collins (25)	Aide de Camp
Robert W. Tidwell (4)	Eminent Grand Photographer
*Indicates Absence	

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The REPGCs then retired to be introduced by REGC (Honorary) Joe E. Turner:

*1986 Joseph P. Suttles (4)	2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)
1987 Ed Helton (15)	*2010 C. Michael Ellis (29)
*1994 Rev. Bill Adams (Hon) (8)	2011 James E. Stevens (21)
1996 James B. Phillips (19)	2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
*1999 Clarence E. Horne (4)	2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
2001 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
*2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)	2017 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
*2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	
*Indicates Absence	

2017-2018 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Timothy K. Starling
Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Eulan R. Wheeler; Timothy K. Starling
Jurisprudence: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Joseph R. Bush; Michael H. Wilson; James B. Phillips
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; C. Danny Wofford
Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips
Education: Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens; Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.
Relief: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Brandon S. Yarbrough;
KTEF & MSM: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; Charles R. Beasley; Steve A. Kirk
Patriotic & Civic: Steve A. Kirk, Chair; Mark S. Johnson; Carl J. Gamel

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; James E. Stevens; Johnie M. Garmon
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Rev. Donald C. Combs; Charles R. Beasley
Easter Sunrise Service: Lawrence M. Rich, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; J. Timothy Ingram
Long Range Planning: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Brandon S. Yarbrough
Membership: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel
Perpetual Membership: Michael H. Wilson, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II; Jan M. Giddens; Larry W. Nichols
Constitution/Statutes/Regulations: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Ryan C. Nealey
Tactics and Ritual: Robert L. Head, Jr., Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; Joe E. Turner
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Supplement & KT Editor: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II
Web Master: Kevin L. Hyde, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II; J. Chris Brown
Foreign Correspondence: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair
Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Earnest A. McCorkle; William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Perry
Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield
Grand Custodians of the Work: N: Michael H. Sampsell; S: Robert L. Head, Jr.
GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Vice Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair
Fundraising: Doyle Hatfield, Chair; William F. Shepard
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Welcome Grand Encampment Officers, Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights All, and other distinguished guests. I extend to each of you a warm, Georgia welcome. If there is anything we can do for you during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask.

There are many people I would like to thank, but it would be impossible to name everyone who has helped me this past year. I would first like to thank James M. Head, my mentor from the time we met in the East until the day he died. I would also like to thank Joe E. Turner who installed me as both Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Georgia and Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia. He has forgotten more about Freemasonry than I will ever know. A thank you to Michael H. Wilson who has rode all over Georgia and the Southeast with me. He is truly one of my best friends. I cannot give thanks without mentioning Wade C. Smith, my good friend and incredible leader. He served as Grand King when I was Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He has been telling me what to do ever since. Thanks, buddy. I would like to thank Doyle R. Hatfield for teaching me to lead from the front. I am thankful to have gotten to know Larry M. Rich this year and wish I would have gotten to know him much sooner. Thank you for orchestrating the Easter Sunrise Trip to Washington, D.C. It was a privilege to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, to march up Shooters

Hill and form a cross in the stands, and to hear an Easter Message from the Grand Encampment.

This year the Grand Line lost one of our most eager and hardworking members, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Charles R. Beasley. Our Lord God decided that Charles' work on earth was done and that he was needed in Heaven to continue his good work there. May the Lord bless Lady Betty and show her the way on earth until she can be with Charles again in Heaven. We also lost Past Grand Commander Steven V. Carter along with ninety-five other Sir Knights this year. Each of these dear brothers will be missed deeply.

The Inspections this year started with Dekalb Commandery No. 38 and ended with Atlanta Commandery No. 9. I made a few changes to the scoring sheet this year, emphasizing the importance of religious ceremonies and attendance at your Commandery meetings. Unfortunately, due to health issues, I was not able to attend all of the Inspections, but I was certainly there in spirit. There were great scores this year. I do not remember seeing a single score under ninety. Choosing the Inspecting Officers was one of the most difficult tasks as Right Eminent Grand Commander because there are so many qualified Sir Knights to choose from. I would like to thank each and every one for honoring my decision by fulfilling your duty so well.

I quickly learned that the Grand Line Officers are the most important asset a Right Eminent Grand Commander has. As a Grand Line Officer, it sometimes feels like your only purpose is to be introduced. I assure you, each position is far more valuable than that, a fact that I could not comprehend until I became the leader. You all have shown me tremendous support during my time as your leader. Again, due to health issues, I had to lean on my Grand Line more than usual, and each individual was more than willing to help. When Charles R. Beasley passed away, everyone stepped up and assumed their new stations. Grand Generalissimo Steve A. Kirk was installed as Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, which was a blessing for he filled in for me on several occasions I was unable to attend. I am also indebted to Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Lloyd J. Leinbaugh who filled in as Grand Warder for the remainder of the Templar year. The success of this year is a testament to the dedication of these remarkable Sir Knights. I will never forget all that you have done and I am endlessly grateful for all that you continue to do.

It is my opinion that one of the most significant things we Sir Knights do is help to send pastors to the Holy Land. There is no greater gift than walking where our Savior walked and bringing back the message of salvation in Christ. When you pray, consider the suffering of Christ, his sacrifice to us, and repent, asking forgiveness for your sins, and then dedicate your life in service to Jesus. Pray also for First Lady Jeanette. God gave her to me as a guiding light who has taught me what love is all about. My prayer is for everyone to see the miracles that the Most Worshipful Lord God accomplishes every day.

My goal this year was to bring our faith in Jesus back to the forefront of our meetings. I encourage all Sir Knights to remember that each time you wear your uniform, you become an Apostle of Christ. This is how we should live our lives.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve!

Respectfully Submitted: Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.

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

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Grand Line Officers,
Grand Encampment Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sir Knights All:

REGC: This Committee is honored to have been chosen to give this response to your address. Your Committee is pleased to report that we have reviewed the Right Eminent Grand Commander's Address and make the following report: Templary is the capstone of Freemasonry and should be respected as such. We want to congratulate the Grand Commander on the accomplishments in Templary in the State of Georgia during his year and under his leadership. The Grand Commander's support for the Holy Land Pilgrimage is the cornerstone of our Vows as Templars and was reflected in the Ministers that were sent to the Holy Land during his year. The Easter Sunrise Trip to Washington was well attended and the Grand Commander's generosity to the other bodies by allowing the heads to accompany him while laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is uplifting to the Craft. I've heard the Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry W. Nichols mention in public the great honor it was to him to have this opportunity. This committee wants to congratulate the Right Eminent Grand Commander Dewey W. "Bill" Hendry, Sr. on his year! We further pray for the healing hands of Jesus upon Jeannette and the Grand Commander. Fraternally Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II (25), Chairman; James E. Stevens (21); Johnnie M. Garmon (37)

REPORT OF THE CHARTERS & 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: Your Committee notes that a DISPENSATION has been issued to St. Omer Commandery No. 2 to move its meeting place. Your Committee has received no By-Law change from this Commandery and have no knowledge of when the changes were voted on or whether they were adopted by the members. However, we believe that Article III, Section 3, of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the Grand Commandery Code gives the Grand Commander the authority to approve this move and he has approved it. We also note that the Grand Recorder on January 15, 2017, requested all Recorders to send in complete copies of all their by-laws for filing in the office. Your Committee does not believe but few have been received and your committee again requests this year that this be complied with. Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Alexius Commandery No. 22. Your Committee recommends the approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws. This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery charters. Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PC (22), Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19); C. Danny Wofford, PC (31)

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (ADOPTED)

A Bill, to amend the 2014 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, by amending the Templar Uniform Section, Other Uniform parts, Paragraphs two (2) and three (3) by changing the wording to allow "Cap and Mantle" uniforms to be worn at all meetings and inspections as provided by 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)

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. The design and material of the summer uniform shall be approved by the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

2. The cap and mantle is approved for wear during all meetings of a Subordinate Commandery including conferral of the Orders and inspections. The design and material of the cap and mantle shall be approved by the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

BILL NO. 3 (ADOPTED)

A Bill, to amend the 2014 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, by amending the Templar Uniform Section, Shoulder Straps for Past Grand Commanders by correcting the wording for Past Grand Commanders to purple.

Shoulder Straps – For Past Grand Commanders now reads:

Same, as Commander, except field of strap to be bright red silk velvet

Amend Shoulder Straps – For Past Grand Commanders to read as follows:

Same, as Commander, except field of strap to be royal purple and lettering omitted. (1994 Grand Commandery Code)

BILL NO. 4 (ADOPTED)

SECTION 9 – FINANCE COMMITTEE: The committee on finance shall consist of three Sir Knights appointed by the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander, one of whom he shall designate as chairman of the committee. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business. The committee on finance shall meet at least once annually. The committee on finance shall prepare a full and complete report of the financial condition of the Grand Commandery and shall present a balanced budget proposal for the next year to be acted upon by the Grand Commandery at its annual Conclave.

BILL NO. 5 (NOT ADOPTED)

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article IV Business, Section 6 Elections, to provide for nominations of Grand Commandery Officers.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article IV Business, Section 6, Elections, which currently states

Section 6 Elections. The officers of this Grand Commandery, except the Grand Sentinel, shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall be installed before the close of each Annual Conclave, if present, and hold their offices until their several successors are elected and installed; a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice, and the officer presiding over the Grand Conclave shall be entitled to the casting of a determining vote, in addition to his own, whenever there is a tie. Any elected officer, who may be absent, may subsequently be installed under direction of the Grand Commander at a time and place designated. In case an election for any reason cannot be held at a regular Annual Conclave, it may be held at an adjourned Conclave of same, or at a special Conclave when called in case of necessity. There shall be no nominations by letters sent out before the Annual Conclave.

Each Sir Knight on being elected to office in the Grand Body, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall furnish for filing in the office of the Grand Recorder, a concise record of his Masonic History, along with other appropriate data for an historical sketch (Adopted 1915)

BE AMENDED by deleting Section 6 Elections in its entirety and substituting therefore and new Section 6 Elections, so that Section 6, Elections, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of

Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

The Officers of this Grand Commandery, except the Grand Sentinel, shall be chosen annually by ballot, or by acclamation if approved by a majority of those members present. Candidates for the lowest open elected office, after the above election has taken place, shall be nominated from the floor by a proposer and a seconder, the nominating speeches being limited to two minutes each. If more than one candidate is to be nominated, the proposers shall make themselves known and arrange among themselves the order of nomination. There being no further nominations, the candidates shall present themselves jointly west of the Holy Altar for the information of those present. Each Grand Officer so elected by a majority of the votes cast shall be installed before the close of each Annual Conclave, if present, and hold their offices until their several successors are elected and installed. Any elected officer, who may be absent, may subsequently be installed under direction of the Grand Commander at a time and place designated.

Each Sir Knight on being elected to office in the Grand Body, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall furnish for filing in the office of the Grand Recorder, a concise record of his Masonic History, along with other appropriate data for an historical sketch.

This Legislation to amend Section 6, Elections, if adopted, shall be effective immediately upon approval by the voting members of Grand Commandery. This Legislation amends a Constitutional Section of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code and will require approval of three fourths of the voting members.

BILL NO. 6 (ADOPTED)

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article V, Section 14, Permanent Educational Foundational Committee to provide for investment of all funds in charge of this Committee by amending the second paragraph of said section:

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article V, Section 14, Permanent Educational Foundation Committee which currently states:

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 hereafter 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.

BE AMENDED by adding thereto so that the second paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

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

BILL NO. 7 (ADOPTED)

Whereas no provision for investment of Grand Commandery Funds, other than those in charge of the Educational Foundation Committee currently exists, therefore

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article V Duties of Officers and Committees by adding a new SECTION 4.5 to provide for INVESTMENT of Grand Commandery Funds not otherwise specified.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article V Duties of Officers and Committees be amended by adding a new SECTION 4.5 INVESTMENTS – All funds and investment monies held in charge of the Grand Treasurer shall 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 of the Grand Commandery.

Respectively Submitted: Joe E Turner, PC (22); Brandon S. Yarbrough, PC (35)

REPORT OF THE CODE REVISION COMMITTEE (ADOPTED)

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia: Your Committee on Constitution / Statues / Regulations Code Revision wishes to make the following report: The 2014 Constitution / Statues / Regulations Grand Commandery Code is in use among the various commanderies in this jurisdiction and is a much needed improvement from the 1994 Code.

Your Committee recommends that a REPRINT of the Code is necessary based on a recommendation of the Grand Recorder. The newly reprinted code would contain all of the legislation adopted since 2014, and it is our recommendation that the FORMS section NOT BE ADDED. All forms used by recorders and sir knights are on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PC (22), Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19); Ryan C. Nealey, PC (9)

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 that seven (7) Bills to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia, and no proposed Resolutions, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for review and consideration.

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence find that these bills are in proper form and will not be in conflict with any other section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations if passed.

The Dispensations issued by the REGC were reviewed and found to be in proper form and not in conflict with any section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations.

The Members of the committee wish to thank the REGC for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted: Johnnie M. Garmon, PC, Chmn, (37); James B. Phillips, PC, (19); Terry L. Hensley, PC, (19); Joseph R. Bush, PC, (31); Michael H. Wilson, PC, (25)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Steven V. Carter

Charles R. Beasley

Thomas T. Irvin, MWGM

And all Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT LIFE SPONSORSHIP

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker presented REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. with a plaque, recognizing that all Georgia Commanderies have achieved 100% Life Sponsorship.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. and Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight Raymond G. Laird.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. and Sir Knight Jerry D. Moss.

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR AWARD

REGC Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. presented the Commandery of the Year Award to Mt. Calvary Commandery Number 28.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE 67TH TRIENNIAL

The 67th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held August 19-22, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. All events will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown at 350 West Maryland Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Sir Knights from all over the World will gather in Indianapolis to enjoy the beautiful city to help conduct the business for our Knights Templar Organization to carry us into the future. We will have time to search out the best eating places, do some site-seeing, and build friendships. I hope all will consider attending. If so, make your reservations soon. If there is any way that I can assist in making your plans, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chairman

REPORT OF THE KTEF, DIV., THE KTEF, INC., AND THE MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST, INC.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia:

This Committee is charged with the responsibility of administering the funds of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, and the funds of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. and the funds of the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc.

The Division funds, which are controlled by rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment allowed the Committee to award five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students to further their education.

The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, permitted a \$42,000 gift to Emory University and a \$50,000 gift to the Medical College of Georgia; five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students; and assisted eight ministers for visits to the Holy Land.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia funds are invested with only the interest to be used. The Foundation sent \$10,000 to KTEF, Grand Encampment, allowing the purchase of another Golden Chalice.

We are pleased to report that the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia funds has a present net worth of \$287,315. The present net worth of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. funds is \$3,944,056 and the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation Trust of Georgia stands at \$650,687.

Since REPGC Bobby B. Simmons' term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve REPGC Simmons to succeed himself for another five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2023.

We thank Dr. Julian Nussbaum for his expert advice and recommendations in giving to the two Schools of Ophthalmology, Emory University and Augusta University. He has been a valuable source of information for many years and we continue to call upon him. Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon hosted by the Committee at The Back Burner in March of this year. As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested.

We wish to thank our Secretary Wade C. Smith for his complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and record keeping that keeps us abreast of the status of all of our accounts.

Thanks especially to our REGC Drewey W. Hendry 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, REPGC, Chairman; Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC, Vice Chairman; Timothy M. Taylor, REPGC; James B. Phillips, REPGC; James E. Stevens, REPGC

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 50TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN & MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST, INC.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights: It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the 50th Voluntary Campaign and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. Your committee has worked hard during the last year to inform the Sir Knights of the opportunities to support these great charities.

We were grieved at the passing of our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Charles Beasley shortly after the Grand Session. VEDGC Beasley so loved the KTEF and MSM Trust and he will be greatly missed.

The 50th Voluntary Campaign is under way. As of April 1, 2018 Georgia is ranked 4th with a total donation of \$42,143.00. This gives us an average of \$18.02 donated per member in Georgia. The following Commanderies gave in excess of \$10.00 per member:

Coeur De Lion No. 4	St. Paul No. 5	Blue Ridge Mtn. No. 37
St. Omer No. 2	St. John's No. 19	Palestine No. 7
Ivanhoe No. 10	Amicalola No. 41	Waycross No. 36
Constantine No. 26	Arnold de Troye No. 31	
Georgia No. 1	Atlanta No. 9	
	Bethlehem No. 30	

We continue to challenge every Commandery to hold a fundraiser and donate all or a portion of the proceeds to the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust as a way to increase the Trust. Sir Knights, this Trust is a vehicle so that we may contribute generously to Voluntary Campaigns each year. The more we can support the Trust the more it can support us in our charitable giving to the Voluntary Campaigns. As of April 1, 2018, a total of \$24,005.00 was donated to the Trust. The committee would like to commend and thank the following for donations in excess of \$1,000.00 to the Trust:

St. Omer No. 2	William G. Wagner	Rainbow Girls of Georgia*
Coeur De Lion No. 4	Richard P. Marshall	The Social Order of the
Jasper Lodge No. 50	Walton Lodge No. 200	Beauceant - GA Assembly

*The Rainbow Girls of Georgia donated \$10,417.46 and are to be commended for their great efforts for our Trust. The Rainbow Girls outdid all Commanderies combined this year. We are going to honor them by presenting them with a

Golden Chalice in the near future. We continue to urge each Commandery to work toward the goal of receiving a Golden Chalice.

We continue the sale of the commemorative numbered coins minted for the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. The coins are available for \$10.00 each. More projects are in the works to raise money for the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation. Be ready to donate your money!

We thank Marla Horton and Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith for their assistance. Keep up the Good Work Sir Knights!

Respectfully Submitted: Brandon Yarbrough (35), Chairman; Steve Kirk (41); In Memory of Charles Beasley (4)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia:

The Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage makes the following report:

It was indeed an honor and pleasure for us to serve on the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank our Grand Commander for this appointment.

There were eight Ministers sent this year to the Holy Land from Georgia, sponsored by eight Commanderies, and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation of Georgia. By walking where Jesus walked, the Ministers we send have the greatest opportunity to increase in knowledge, not just of the geography of the Promise Land, but of themselves. With this experience, they can open the scriptures with more understanding than ever before, because "we" as Knight Templar have made it possible. I was told the other day that one of our Ministers made this statement: "Before when I studied my bible, I saw it in black and white, but now in color. We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved."

The Commanderies and Ministers who participated were:

Rev. Milton Heath Holly	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10
Rev. Andrew Richard Cunningham	St. Bernard Commandery No. 25
Rev. Roger Alan Vest	Atlanta Commandery No. 9
	Constantine Commandery No. 26
	Dekalb Commandery No. 38
Rev. Duane Eller	
Rev. Todd McCollum	Philemon Commandery No. 33
Rev. Russell Rollin Griffith	
Bishop Paul Alexander Shepherd	Griffin Commandery No. 35
Rev. Thomas B. Woolsey	Mt. Calvary No. 28
	St. Paul No. 5

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Terry L. Hensley, REPGC (19), Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION RETURNS

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 2017-2018, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Past Commanders	12
Grand Line Officers	12
Past Grand Commanders	9

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 288.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 11

DUES STATUS

Reports show 264 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears with dues for two years were 102 and in arrears for three years 11

Number of Commanderies Charged for the orders	Amount
1	\$200.00
1	\$185.00
6	\$150.00
1	\$140.00
1	\$135.00
3	\$130.00
1	\$128.00
1	\$127.00
3	\$125.00
1	\$120.00
1	\$110.00
4	\$100.00
2	\$95.00
2	\$90.00
3	\$85.00
1	\$50.00
1	No Report

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$458,679.00

The general condition for each Commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91)

1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,15,19,21,22,25,26,28,29,31,33,35,36,37,38,40,41,45

Very Good: (90-81) 14,12,16,42

Good: (80-71) 17,30

Respectfully Submitted: William F Shepard (21) Chair; Steve Kirk (41); and

Timothy Ingram (41)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Drewey W. Hendry, appointed Tellers and the Election was held and resulted in the following Officers being elected:

Steve A. Kirk (41)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Robert L. Head, Jr. (13)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Robert L. Gill (36)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Warder

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: J. Timothy Ingram, Eminent Grand Orator; Britt T. Massey, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; F. Keith Hales, Eminent Grand Sentinel; Alfred A. Lincoln, Eminent Grand Adjutant; and Robert W. Tidwell, Eminent Grand Photographer.

2018-2019 STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Edgar M. Land

Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Edward Barclay; Steven Harris

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; James Stevens; J. Timothy Ingram

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; C. Danny Wofford

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

Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin (3 yr), Chair; Bobby B. Simmons (5 yr), Vice Chair; James B. Phillips (1 yr); James E. Stevens (2 yr); Doyle R. Hatfield (4 yr)

Relief: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith; Mark S. Johnson

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; Carl J. Gamel; Robert L. Head

Patriotic & Civic: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel; Johnie M. Garmon

2018-2019 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield; Paul Wells

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Rev. Donald C. Combs; James E. Stevens

Easter Sunrise Service: Lawrence M. Rich, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; J. Timothy Ingram

Long Range Planning: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield; William F. Shepard

Membership: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; Robert L. Head; James Watkins; Rusty Cordle

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell

Perpetual Membership: Michael H. Wilson, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II; Jan M. Giddens

Constitution/Statutes/Regulations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; Ryan C. Nealey

Tactics and Ritual: Robert L. Head, Jr., Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; J. Timothy Ingram; Joe E. Turner

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: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Kevin L. Hyde; J. Chris Brown

Foreign Correspondence: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Earnest A. McCorkle; William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Perry

Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield

Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell;
South: Robert L. Head, Jr.

GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Vice Chair

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Steve A. Kirk, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Larry C. Bennett

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Steve A. Kirk

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1

for the Templar Year of 2018-2019

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: Constituent Commanderies, Grand Commandery Officers, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders GREETINGS:

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That during the 2018-2019 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall be grouped into three Divisions each with 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

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Ditmar W. Chavez

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Robert L. Head

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Carl J. Gamel

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

FIRST CORPS: Mark S. Johnson (22) 770-306-8708 mjfayette@aol.com

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

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

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

St. Paul No. 5 (Albany); Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville); Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge); Mt. Calvary No. 28 (Moultrie)

SECOND DIVISION: Tyler W. Pledger (29) 706-506-2113 doc42884@aol.com

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

James R. Bennett (36) 912-337-0601 rustybenett038@gmail.com

Palestine No. 7 (Savannah); Malta No. 16 (Valdosta); St. Elmo No. 26 (Brunswick);

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

THIRD DIVISION: Ditmar W. Chavez (3) 706-644-3397 ditmarc47@aol.com

Division Officers: Jerry H. Purvis (43) 770-468-1073 jhp1861@gmail.com

Richard D. Brogdon (3) 706-587-160 fortbenninglodge@bellsouth.net

St. Omer No. 2 (Macon); Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville); Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley);

St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus); St. Peter No. 45 (Warner Robins)

SECOND CORPS: Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) 404-473-1872 byarbrough@gmail.com

FOURTH DIVISION: Tommy T. Marshall (36) 912-282-4493 tmarshall@btconline.net

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

Jan Maaskant, Jr. (9) 404-579-1235 jan.maaskant@gmail.com

Gary A. Palmer (4) 404-326-9675 garypalmer40@gmail.com

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

FIFTH DIVISION: Robert L. Head, Jr. (3) 706-905-7730 sonnyxone@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

Rome No. 8 (Rome); St. John's No. 19 (Dalton); Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper); Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga); Blue Ridge Mtn. No. 37 (McCaysville)

SIXTH DIVISION: Carl J. Gamel (40) 404-435-6754 carlgamel@gmail.com

Division Officers: Joseph R. Bush (31) 628-308-0344 joebush1207@gmail.com

Dale B. Cliett (G01) 706-831-9273 cliett@knology.net

Georgia No. 1 (Augusta); Philemon No. 33 (Toccoa); St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington);

Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 (Elberton); Arnold de Troye No. 31 (Buford); Pilgrim No. 15 (Gainesville)

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. To assist the Division Commanders and Liaison officers a report form has been prepared for your use.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Division Commanders will assist all Grand Inspecting Officers assigned, by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, to their respective Divisions.

GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That one or more Grand Liaison Officers will be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, from recommendations by the Division and Corps Commanders, to assist the Division Commanders with their assigned duties. The Grand Liaison Officers will report to and represent the Division Commander while on official business and will be afforded the respect and honors due a Grand Commandery Officer. The Grand Liaison Officers shall wear a shoulder cord as recognition of their office.

INSPECTIONS

All Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2019. It is the duty and obligation of each Grand Inspecting Officer to be fair, objective, and impartial in inspecting a Commandery.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Inspection Date, for the purpose of holding their Annual Inspection. The Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight, in the line, is in full uniform. The full uniform consists of a chapeau, white shirt, black tie, black coat, black trousers, black shoes, black socks, sword and belt. The wearing of this uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Recorder will furnish the 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.

BONDS

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.

AUDIT

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That written proof of the last audit, showing date audited, 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., and the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. This year I would hope that every Commandery in Georgia could send 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 can't individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. So PLEASE plan a fundraiser whereby funds are annually set aside to sponsor a minister and then use those funds at the appropriate time to sponsor your selected minister.

FUNDRAISERS

Please support as many fundraisers as you can, either monetarily or by spending time participating in these worthwhile projects. Any ideas for future fundraisers will be well received by your Grand York Rite Officers. Let's try to execute the gun giveaway in a more timely and orderly fashion with all tickets sold by the beginning of January 2019.

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. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

MEMBERSHIP

The Masonic Fraternity, as a whole, is suffering from a decline in membership. Our beloved Christian Order unfortunately is not exempt from this decline. As a Christian Knight, we should always keep a watchful eye for a worthy candidate to become a member of our Christian Order. As Christian Knights, we have the best selling point in all of Masonry, the belief in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In our daily walk through life we should each act as a disciple of our Lord and Savior. Each day we should each act in a manner that demonstrates the true value of our Christian Order, so others will want to be a part of our Magnanimous Order. This year our participation in these following activities will appear on the inspection tally sheet and will be added to or subtracted from your inspection score: 1) Hold a Christmas Observance; 2) Hold an Easter Observance; 3) Holy Land Pilgrimage (sent or saving monies to send a minister). Each activity has a ten point value, 4) one fundraiser in each Commandery to support one of our charities or a need in the local community.

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. Some changes have been made, so please use due diligence in the Committees, to which you have you been assigned.

APPRECIATION

In appreciation for what they did for me, I would like to dedicate this Templar year to the memory of Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders Grady T. Bozeman and Bobby J. Townsend. Both were mentors to me and their advice and instruction has benefitted me greatly throughout my Masonic career. I am beholden to all my Masonic Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights, for their

fellowship, advice, and support. Words are insufficient to express my humility at being placed in this position. I am your humble servant and look forward to serving this year. Sir Knights, as we approach this new year in Templary, let us not forget that we are sworn defenders of the Christian Religion, not just when we are in the asylum but all day every day, in every situation. Sir Knights, when in doubt about which way to go, "take a knee" and seek that wisdom that only comes from above.

Sir Knights, it would be my hope that we enjoy the coming year. There is a time to be serious, but I am a firm believer that the Good Master appreciates a smiling face. Remember, if it isn't fun, why bother?

All Sir Knights of Georgia shall take due notice and govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this Magnanimous Order.

Respectfully ordered on this the 8th day of May in 2018.

Attest:

Steve A. Kirk
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

Wade C. Smith
Eminent Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Sir Knight C. Danny Wofford, REGC, with assistance from Sir Knight Paul E. Wells, Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley, Grand Prelate. After the installation and on behalf of the Grand Line Officers, the VEDGC, Brandon S. Yarbrough, pledged his support to the Grand Commander in the cause of promoting Templary.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 159th Annual Conclave will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 in Macon.

TIME OF NEXT GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

The 69th Triennial will be held in Indianapolis In., August 18-22, 2018.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 158th Annual Conclave be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Eminent Sir Knight Steve A. Kirk, Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave.

Steve A. Kirk
Grand Commander



ATTEST:
Wade C. Smith
Grand Recorder

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS

MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

The Sixteenth 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:

Mark S. Johnson (22)
James E. Stevens (21)
Mark A. Bradley (31)
Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
Carl J. Gamel (40)
Robert L. Head, Jr. (13)

Knight Crusader of the East
Knight Crusader of the West
Knight Crusader of the South
Knight Crusader of the North
Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Knight Crusader of the Temple

Wade C. Smith (37)

Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2007 Joe E. Turner (35)	2015 C. Danny Wofford (31)
2009 William D. Miles (16)	2016 Paul E. Wells (3)
2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)	2017 Mark S. Johnson (22)
2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	2018 James E. Stevens (21)
2013 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	

CONFERRAL TEAM

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)	Knight Crusader of the East
Mark A. Bradley (31)	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
Jan M. Giddens (04) Pro Tem	Knight Crusader of the Temple

For the third year in a row, the Order was conferred in the most proficient and impressive manner by MIPGM Floyd E. Edmondson and his outstanding team

CANDIDATES

Jack J. Bell (9)	Tommy T. Marshall (36)
Wayne Cantrell (10)	Van S. McGee (10)
Kevin R. Deverell (19)	Michael H. Sampsell (26)
Z. Brant Fletcher (5)	Talmadge M. Sanford (36)
F. Keith Hales (41)	Jerry A. Sweat (36)
James R. Harris (41)	Eric S. Tress (40)
R. Cris Lynch (9)	Ronald H. Wallace (37)

2018-2019 OFFICERS

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

James E. Stevens (21)	Knight Crusader of the East
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Knight Crusader of the West
Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Knight Crusader of the South
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)	Knight Crusader of the North
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Robert L. Head, Jr. (3)	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Floyd E. Edmondson (37)	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Wade C. Smith (37)	Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder

The Officers were installed by Sir Knight C. Danny Wofford, Sir Knight Paul E. Wells, Marshall, and Sir Knight Jan M. Giddens, Chaplain. All business having been concluded, the Knight Crusader of the Cross was closed with prayer.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
*1965	Preston Y. Luther (2)	*1975	George H. Balentine (33)
*1966	Ira R. Huffaker (4)	*1976	Aaron E. Cole (26)
*1967	William M. Drinnon (2)	*1977	George C. King (5)
*1968	Graydon W. Kitchens (4)	*1978	Dave H. Keever (31)
*1999	Otis Medley (02)	*1979	S. Talmadge Lord (8)
*1970	T. Malcolm Gray (24)	1980	Joseph P. Suttles (4)
*1971	Ross F. Mainor (2)	*1981	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)
1972	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	*1982	Jack O. Smith (41)
1973	Dannie L. Reed (35)	*1983	William M. Hutcheson (4)
*1974	Joel M. Hammond (24)	*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 Otis. 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 expelled

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)
 *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)

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 (22)
 2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)
 2017 John I. Haggas (3)
 2018 Raymond G. Laird (25)

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)

*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

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 James M. Wilson
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 Lawrence E. Tucker
 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401
 Sir Knight Henry Adams
 605 N. Ramona Avenue, Indialantic, FL 32903

M. 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	1887	Charles T. Watson (4)	05/09/1913
1868-69	Thomas W. Chandler (4)	5/11/1890	1888	James L. Fleming (1)	12/12/1926
1870-71	George S. Obeart (2)	12/23/1888	1889-90	Azariah G. Howard (4)	01/26/1893
1872	Allen S. Cutts (5)	3/17/1896	1891	Richard J. Nunn (7)	06/29/1910
1873	William H. Tuller (4)	11/26/1880	1892	George W. McElhaneay (3)	09/15/1893
1874	Samuel P. Hamilton (7)	06/21/1899	1893	Washington P. Baldwin (2)	12/13/1919
1875	George T. Anderson (4)	04/04/1901	1894	Alsop P. Woodward (4)	03/17/1915
1876	Thomas Hardeman, Jr. (2)	03/07/1891	1895	Joseph K. Orr, Sr. (3)	09/18/1938
1877-78	William J. Pollard (1)	06/08/1899	1896	William H. Fleming (1)	06/09/1944
1879	Charles R. Armstrong (2)	11/01/1893	1897	Charles M. Wiley (2)	02/25/1927
1880	William D. Luckie (4)	04/23/1885	1898	Almeron W. Walton (8)	10/28/1929
1881-82	William S. Rockwell (7)	09/20/1909	1899	Julius L. Brown (4)	09/04/1910
1883-84	William B. Young (1)	11/12/1916	1900	Thomas E. Fletcher, Sr. (6)	01/07/1925
1885-86	Thomas Ballantyne(7)	04/24/1903	1901	Ernest A. Cutts (7)	03/02/1927

1902	Frank O. Miller (10)	03/17/1937	1966	James E. Moseley (35)	02-10-2017
1903	George B. Whiteside (3)	03/10/1920	1967	Douglas H. Tidwell (4)	10/30/1969
1904	William Schweigert (1)	10/24/1939	1968	William J. Mobley (7)	07/21/1981
1905	Robert B. Barron (2)	10/02/1915	1969	Thomas J. Jones (14)	08/06/1976
1906	John J. Seay (8)	08/17/1916	1970	Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	05/07/2003
1907	John R. Dickey (9)	06/14/1939	1971	Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16)	03/01/1983
1908	Luther P. Stephens (4)	03/18/1925	1972	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	04/07/2000
1909	Alpheus B. Simmons (7)	02/11/1915	1973	James W. Register (3)	04/24/1999
1910	Joseph C. Greenfield (9)	12/20/1920	1974	George E. Jones (10)	08/27/1993
1911	George D. Case (12)	06/12/1922	1975	Clinton O. Morris (38)	04/07/1990
1912	Frederick T. Petri (3)	07/26/1928	1976	Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2)	06/12/1978
1913	Augustus G. Miller (5)	07/13/1931	1976	Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2)	10/14/1981
1914	William F. Bowe (G01)	08/25/1932	1976	Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	06/28/2006
1915	Benjamin F. Hardeman (14)	08/31/1924	1977	William J. Clarke (31)	09/22/1993
1916	Robert L. Wyily (17)	06/03/1944	1978	Joseph R. Richardson (8)	01/27/1990
1917	John W. Murrell (4)	01/14/1959	1979	Ralph C. James [Hon] (14)	06/14/1989
1918	Frederick W. Clarke (7)	10/20/1934	1979	John M. McClurd, Sr. (21)	04/17/2001
1919	Alva C. Atkins, Sr. (13)	05/02/1933	1980	George C. Rogers (26)	12/21/1989
1920	James C. Watts (8)	02/03/1931	1981	Jack Cluck (G01)	04/15/2002
1921	Charles A. McAlister (2)	12/15/1951	1982	Willie P. Hammond (35)	09/01/2011
1922	Thomas D. Ridley (9)	07/24/1934	1983	George M. Davenport, Jr. (5)	09/01/2005
1923	William G. Mealor (15)	10/12/1953	1984	*Robert E. Hughes (24)	(Susp. 12/2001)
1924	Harry S. Jones (12)	03/27/1945	1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14)	(Susp. 6/2008)
1925	Perry L. Blackshear (9)	07/22/1974	1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	
1926	John B. Russell (20)	01/20/1955	1987	Edward Helton (15)	
1927	Edward B. Cohen (14)	02/24/1937	1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999
1928	Charles S. Wood (7)	02/16/1941	1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014
1929	Charles L. Bailey (G01)	02/26/1945	1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993
1930	Early H. Johnson (3)	09/06/1947	1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007
1931	Thomas C. Law (4)	05/04/1962	1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992
1932	Lunie J. Brock (23)	03/28/1968	1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009
1933	Ralph J. Hancock (26)	06/18/1937	1992	William M. Roach Sp. (21)	10/21/1999
1934	William J. Penn, Jr. (24)	07/30/1959	1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010
1935	Edgar D. Kenyon (15)	11/07/1981	1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)	
1936	Charles R. McCord, Sr. (2)	03/22/1938	1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995
1937	Francis C. Jones (30)	02/09/1942	1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010
1938	James C. Newton (22)	06/06/1970	1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009
1939	Watts B. Powell, Sr. (13)	11/12/1945	1996	James B. Phillips (19)	
1940	John P. Stephens (G01)	02/19/1976	1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	
1941	Frank B. Willingham (6)	06/12/1955	1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)	
1942	Bolling S. DuBose (14)	11/06/1973	1999	Clarence E. Home (4)	
1943	Walter F. Wells, Sr. (4)	11/07/1947	2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007
1944	Joseph A. Moore (12)	09/04/1972	2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007
1945	David L. Paulk, Sr. (20)	04/22/1979	2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	
1946	Lawrence C. Petri (3)	11/05/1977	2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002
1947	William A. Sims (9)	11/24/1952	2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014
1948	Arthur W. Goodin (16)	12/21/1975	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1949	Samuel M. Alsip (27)	05/10/1977	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	
1950	William S. Ray (7)	06/04/1966	2005	Charles B. Stephens (26)	(Resigned)
1951	Charles W. Pidcock, Jr. (28)	01/16/1961	2006	Ernest A. Forthman (24)	12/09/2008
1952	Walter M. Housch (29)	12/23/1965	2007	Paul E. Wells (3)	
1953	David W. Wells (10)	03/04/1973	2008	Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)	10/26/2011
1954	Joseph W. Neal (3)	11/19/1960	2009	Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)	
1955	James R. Belflower, Sr. (20)	10/07/1981	2010	Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)	
1956	Lee A. Green (4)	04/13/1984	2010	Charles M. Ellis (29)	
1957	Cody O. James (31)	06/08/1965	2011	James E. Stevens (21)	
1958	Emmett A. Rogers (12)	06/24/2001	2012	Johnie M. Garmon (37)	
1959	William A. Patat (33)	12/10/1977	2013	C. Danny Wofford (31)	
1960	William C. Sanders (13)	07/25/1985	2014	Terry L. Hensley (26)	
1961	Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	02/04/1996	2015	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	
1962	William T. Bateman (10)	07/19/1964	2015	Joe E. Turner (35)	
1963	Floyd L. Reynolds (34)	01/20/1969	2016	Doyle R. Hattfield (3)	
1964	Lonzo Pope (24)	06/23/1991	2017	Drewew W. Hendry (25)	
1965	James C. Slaughter (21)	09/10/1977	2018	Steve A. Kirk (41)	

*Indicates Suspension

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Jurisdiction To Georgia From Georgia

Alabama: Claude C. McGraw Gary D. Lemmons

Arizona: Fred P. Talmadge Matthew Perry

Arkansas: Labon L. Tompkins Drewew W. Hendry

California: Philip D. Gibson Michael R. Sosebee

Colorado: Gaines S. Greene John I. Haggas

Connecticut: Joseph J. Howard Richard D. Brogdon

Delaware: C. William Tulloch Bobby B. Simmons

District of Columbia:	William T. Cox	Floyd E. Edmondson
Florida:	E. L. Green	Jan M. Giddens
Idaho:	Dale Stoller	Clyde E. Griffin
Illinois:	Bernard M. North	Tyler W. Pledger
Indiana:	Peter T. Zivanovich	Timothy Crimmins
Iowa:	Robert K. Griffith	Daniel C. Ricketts
Italy:	None	James E. Stevens
Kansas:	Eldon E. Keitzell	Ernest A. McCorkle
Kentucky:	William F. Alderdice	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Louisiana:	John L. Belanger	James B. Phillips
Maine:	Kenneth L. Dorman	J. Timothy Ingram
Maryland:	Caulder B. Morris	Thomas R. Conn
Mass & RI:	Edwin E. Fielder	Doyle R. Hatfield
Michigan:	George N. Loesch	Raymond G. Laird
Minnesota:	Ralph W. Bell	C. Danny Wofford
Mississippi:	Ellis F. Fehler	Robert W. Tidwell
Missouri:	Kevin B. Sample	Carl J. Gamel
Montana:	Ralph R. Coleman	Johnie M. Garmon
Nebraska:	Roger W. Miner	Jerry D. Moss
Nevada:	James F. W. Clark	Brandon S. Yarbrough
New Hampshire:	Ronald E. Metcalf	Ryan C. Nealey
New Jersey:	Raymond T. Tiso, Sr.	Storey A. Tate
New Mexico:	Phil Witherspoon	Ronald B. Wolbert
New York:	Thomas Beck	Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
North Carolina:	Cornelius E. Morris	Mark A. Bradley
North Dakota:	Vernon Johnson	F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
Ohio:	Sylvester L. Maust	J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
Oklahoma:	Max Kennemer	Joe E. Turner
Oregon:	George L. Eldredge	Robert L. Gill
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Philippines:	Raymond E. Wilmarth	Hugh F. Watson
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South Dakota:	John Sweaney	James D. Reese
Tennessee:	Roy C. Murdock	Wayne H. Garrett
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Utah:	Horace A. Thomas	Michael H. Wilson
Vermont:	Elmer M. Barlow	William F. Shepard
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Wisconsin:	Gerald Forrell	John A. Minnich
Wyoming:	Kenneth S. Watts	Eulan R. Wheeler

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

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| 1. Georgia: No Representation | 15. Pilgrim: Edward Helton |
| 2. St. Omer: Robert C. Lord; John A. Minnich; Bobby B. Simmons; William G. Wagner | 16. Malta: No Representation |
| 3. St. Aldemar: Robert L. Head, Jr.; Ditmar W. Chavez; Paul E. Wells; Doyle R. Hatfield; Richard D. Brogdon | 17. Crusader: No Representation |
| 4. Coeur de Lion: Robert W. Tidwell; Preston D. Cutler; Gary A. Palmer; Daniel G. Draper, II | 19. St. John's: James B. Phillips |
| 5. St. Paul: Marvin B. Bannister; Ronald F. Keel | 21. St. Elmo: James E. Stevens |
| 7. Palestine: Donald C. Combs; Clyde E. Griffin; Ronald B. Wolbert; Bruce H. McNall | 22. Alexius: Mark S. Johnson |
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| 11. Tancred: Robert L. Head, Jr.; Andre E. Lovas; Leonard A. Davis | 30. Bethlehem: No Representation |
| 12. Plantagenet: No Representation | 31. Arnold de Troye: Mark A. Bradley; Joe R. Bush; Thomas R. Conn; Lawrence M. Rich; Eulan R. Wheeler; C. Danny Wofford; Judd J. Wolfe |
| 14. Godfrey de Bouillon: No Representation | 33. Philemon: No Representation |
| | 35. Griffin: Brandon S. Yarbrough; Joe E. Turner |

36. Waycross: Tommy T. Marshall; Robert L. Gill; James R. Bennett; Nickie W. Jordan
37. Blue Ridge Mountain: Wade C. Smith; Johnnie M. Garmon; William T. White; Floyd E. Edmondson
38. DeKalb: Jerry D. Moss

40. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel
41 Amicalola: Steve A. Kirk; J. Timothy Ingram; Britt T. Massey; F. Keith Hales; Alfred A. Lincoln; Larry C. Bennett
42. Coastal Plain: John H. Johnson
45. St. Peter: No Representation

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5. ST. PAUL: William H. Buntin
7. PALESTINE: Ronald B. Wolbert
8. ROME: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
9. ATLANTA: Jack J. Bell
10. IVANHOE: Roy H. Miller
11. TANCRED: Leonard A. Davis
12. PLANTAGENET: No Representation
14. GODFREY DE BOUILLON: J. Walter McCannon
15. PILGRIM: Edward C. Barclay
16. MALTA: No Representation
17. CRUSADER: No Representation
19. ST. JOHN'S: Daniel P. Bennett

21. ST. ELMO: William F. Shepard
22. ALEXIUS: Mark S. Johnson
25. ST. BERNARD: Benjamin W. Polston
26. CONSTANTINE: Michael H. Sampsell
28. MT. CALVARY: Andrew D. Bass
29. CHARLES MARTEL: No Representation
30. BETHLEHEM: No Representation
31. ARNOLD DE TROYE: Mark A. Bradley
33. PHILEMON: Ronald H. Scott
35. GRIFFIN: Brandon S. Yarbrough
36. WAYCROSS: C. Hendry Howard
37. BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN: Ronald H. Wallace
38. DEKALB: Jerry D. Moss
40. DOUGLASVILLE: Carl J. Ward
41. AMICALOLA: F. Keith Hales
42. COASTAL PLAIN: John H. Johnson
45. ST. PETER: Charles E. Ferguson

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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 2018

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2018 + 4000 = 6018$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2018 + 530 = 2548$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2018 + 1913 = 3931$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2018 + 1000 = 3018$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2018 - 1118 = 900$

**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
FINANCIAL REPORT**

April 30, 2018

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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We have compiled the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons (a not-for-profit organization), as of March 31, 2017, 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,
April 30, 2018

****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

March 31, 2018

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 152,943.27
Investments, at cost	<u>412,904.18</u>
Total current assets	565,847.45

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	73,031.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,249.30)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>64,782.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 630,630.07</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to CMMRF	\$ 10.00
Due to/from other	130,705.89
Due to RARA	862.87
Payroll taxes payable	<u>1,946.13</u>
Total current liabilities	133,524.89

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	487,187.89
Temporarily restricted	<u>9,917.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>497,105.18</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 630,630.07</u>
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CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended

March 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Rituals and miscellaneous income	\$ 142,827.02
Per capita income	87,491.02
Building income	45,658.08
Charitable donations	21,353.97
Dividend income	6,677.79
Other income	4,459.05
Long-term capital gain distributions	4,185.23
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	2,013.31
Interest income	<u>1.04</u>
Net support and revenue	314,667.03
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	39,631.55
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	354,298.58
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	61,530.52
Apron and carrying case	1,856.00
Awards	1,200.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues cards	1,250.66
Dues – General Grand Chapter	7,812.00
Entertainment-distinguished guests	27,888.44
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	4,000.00
Grand Recorder	31,147.04
Grand Treasurer expense	3,111.96
Investment expense	5,693.51
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	5,019.42
Travel	<u>850.00</u>
Total program expenses	151,659.55
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Charitable contributions	1,070.00
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Fundraising expense	14,068.27
Insurance	2,924.23
Investment fees	3,593.20
Management fee-payroll and taxes	49,425.72
Office supplies and expense	33,147.99
Rent	7,280.00
Repairs and maintenance	13,085.40
Telephone	7,261.92
Travel	6,200.00
Utilities	<u>16,388.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	156,270.53
Total expenses	<u>307,930.08</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	46,368.50

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Investment income	2,216.70
Other contributions	4,500.00
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(39,631.53)</u>
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(32,914.83)</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	13,453.65
NET ASSETS, beginning	483,651.53
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 497,105.18</u>

GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
March 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Rituals and miscellaneous income	\$142,827.02
Per capita income	87,491.54
Charitable donations	21,353.97
Dividend income	6,422.34
Long-term capital gain distributions	4,104.94
Gain on sale of securities	1,945.63
Other income	250.00
Interest income	<u>1.40</u>
Net support and revenue	264,396.48

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>39,631.55</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	304,028.03

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Administrative expense	61,530.52
Apron and carrying case	1,856.00
Awards	1,200.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues cards	1,250.66
Dues-General Grand Chapter	7,812.00
Entertainment-distinguished guests	27,888.44
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	4,000.00
Grand Recorder	31,147.04
Grand Treasurer expense	3,111.96
Investment expense	5,693.51
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed materials	5,019.42
Travel	<u>850.00</u>
Total program expenses	151,659.55

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Charitable contributions	1,070.00
Fundraising expense	14,068.27
Investment fees	3,168.04
Management fee-payroll and taxes	36,425.72
Office supplies and expense	33,147.99
Telephone	7,280.00

Travel	<u>6,200.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	108,621.94
Total expenses	<u>260,281.49</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(43,746.54)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Net investment income	2,216.70
Other contributions	4,500.00
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(39,914.85)</u>
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(32,914.85)</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	10,831.69
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>391,864.06</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 402,695.75</u>
<u>BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND</u>	

12 Months ended
March 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Building income	\$ 45,658.08
Other income	4,209.05
Dividend income	255.45
Long-term capital gain distributions	80.29
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>67.68</u>
Net support and revenue	50,270.55
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>0.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	50,270.55
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Insurance	2,924.23
Investment fees	425.16
Management fee-payroll and taxes	13,000.00
Repairs and maintenance	13,085.40
Utilities	<u>16,388.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>47,648.59</u>
Total expenses	<u>47,648.59</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	2,621.96
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>0.00</u>
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>0.00</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	2,621.96
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>91,787.47</u>

NET ASSETS, ending \$ 94,409.43
GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
March 31, 2018

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 54,713.10
Edward Jones-investments, at cost	37,241.93
N/R-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>875.25</u>
Total current assets	<u>92,830.28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 92,830.28</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to/from RAM	<u>\$ 4,880.62</u>
Total current liabilities	4,880.62

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>87,949.66</u>
Total net assets	<u>87,949.66</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 92,830.28</u>
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12 Months ended
March 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 752.27
Long-term capital gain distributions	665.39
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(195.70)
Per capita income	56,557.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>8,835.00</u>
Net support and revenue	66,613.96

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	1,215.35
Conference expense	100.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	5,900.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	6,463.00
Grand Chapter expense	40,448.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	<u>100.00</u>
Total program expenses	54,426.35

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Building expense	4,836.00
Investment fee	309.24
Office supplies and expense	<u>396.52</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>5,541.76</u>
Total expenses	<u>59,968.11</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	6,645.85
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>81,303.81</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 87,949.66</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
April 30, 2018

<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 103,040.47
Investments, at cost	<u>368,818.61</u>
Total current assets	471,859.08
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,093.87)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>24,926.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 496,785.16</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due to RAM	<u>\$ 3,690.00</u>
Total current liabilities	3,690.00
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>493,095.16</u>
Temporarily restricted	<u>493,095.16</u>
Total net assets	<u>493,095.16</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 496,785.16</u>

12 Months ended
April 30, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 6,758.85
Long-term capital gain distributions	2,588.87
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	1,583.95
Per capita income	81,081.50
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>6,940.99</u>
Net support and revenue	98,954.16
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>31,769.97</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	130,724.13
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	930.26
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	33,719.81
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	4,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Shady Dale Rodeo	250.00
Travel	1,500.00
Investment expense	519.41
Transfer pension to Grand Chapter	<u>2,750.00</u>
Total program expenses	43,969.48

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	3,430.53
Management fee-payroll and taxes	36,635.52
Office supplies and expense	6,319.81
Rent	<u>4,332.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>51,418.36</u>
Total expenses	<u>95,387.84</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	35,336.29
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Net investment gain	1,897.41
Net assets released from restrictions	(31,769.97)
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(29,872.56)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	5,463.73
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>487,631.43</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 493,095.16</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>514,805.00</u>
Total current assets	<u>514,805.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 514,805.00</u>
	<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ <u>514,805.00</u>
Total net assets	<u>514,805.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 514,805.00</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 1,877.02
Long-term capital gain distributions	15,423.43
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	2,382.77
Contributions	<u>13,175.00</u>
Net support and revenue	32,858.22
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>27,711.00</u>
Total program expenses	27,711.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Investment fee	<u>5,472.04</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>5,472.04</u>
Total expenses	<u>33,183.04</u>

DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS (324.82)

NET ASSETS, beginning 515,129.82

NET ASSETS, ending \$ 514,805.00

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating \$ 10,608.89

SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost 3,308,043.97

3,318,652.86

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment 8,511.17

8,511.17

Net property and equipment

OTHER ASSETS

Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA 60,000.00

Due to/from RAM 11,931.00

Total other assets 71,931.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 3,399,095.03

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payable to GA Division \$ 139.05

139.05

Total current liabilities

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted 3,398,955.98

Total net assets 3,398,955.98

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 3,399,095.03

12 Months ended

December 31, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income \$ 62,526.84

Interest income 13,831.29

Long-term capital gain distributions 13,553.50

Public support and contributions 9,335.40

Loss on sale of securities (2,813.84)

Net support and revenue 96,433.19

Restrictions satisfied by payments

Holy Land Pilgrimage 13,160.00

Total unrestricted support, revenue

and net assets released from

restrictions

109,593.19

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Holy Land Pilgrimage expense 26,727.35

Honorariums 10,867.13

Ministerial grants 10,000.00

Research grants and donations 84,000.00

Total program expenses 131,594.48

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Investment fees 29,276.25

Total management and general

expenses	<u>29,276.25</u>
Total expenses	<u>160,870.73</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(51,277.54)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	13,160.00
Net assets released from restrictions	(13,160.00)
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>0.00</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(51,277.54)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,450,233.52</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,398,955.98</u>