

2025 PROCEEDINGS
THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA
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JOINT MEMORIAL

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, at 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 3, 2025. 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 William F. Shepard lit the red candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan. Most Illustrious Grand Master Timothy K. Starling lit the purple candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler W. Pledger lit the white candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year.

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in a Joint Session on Friday, May 2, 2025. The Grand Secretary/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. REGC Tyler W. Pledger declared the 165th 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. MEPGHP William F. Shepard declared the 203rd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. MIGM Timothy K. Starling declared the 199th 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.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MEPGHP Joe E. Turner welcomed the following Distinguished Guests:

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

Joe R. Bush, RE Grand Scribe, Georgia; Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor, YRSCNA Jurisdiction of Georgia

Donald C. Combs, MWPGM, Georgia; EG Prelate, Georgia

Johnnie M. Garmon, MWPGM, Grand Lodge, Georgia; PREGC, Georgia

Jan M. Giddens, MWPGM, Georgia

Clyde E. Griffin, MWPGM, Georgia; MEPGHP, Georgia; MIPGM, Georgia; REPGC, Georgia; Past Intendant General for the Southern Division of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine, KCC; and Grand Superintendent for Georgia, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA

Mike Nichols, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star

Edgar M. Land, MWPGM, Georgia

Gordon B. Ruthruff, MEPGHP, Georgia

Jerry Seaman, Grand Royal Patron, Order of Amaranth

Bobby B. Simmons, MWPGM, Georgia; MEPGHP, Georgia; MIPGM, Georgia; REPGC, Georgia; Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; VE Grand Fourth Pillar, Grand College of America, HRAKTP; RE Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment

Michael H. Wilson, MWPGM, Georgia; MEPGHP, Georgia; Assistant Personal Representative to the SGIG, Valley of Atlanta A&A Scottish Rite

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

Mark A. Bradley, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southeast Region, General Grand Chapter; MWGM, Georgia; MEPGHP, Georgia; MIPGM, Georgia

Reed Fanning, RE General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter; REGC, Utah; MEPGHP, Utah

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

James W. Bard, RP SE Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council; MIPGM, Georgia

Keith Powell, VI Deputy Grand Master, General Grand Council; MEPGHP, Louisiana; MIPGM, Louisiana

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Paul Friend, RE SE Department Commander, Grand Encampment; REPGC, Florida; MIPGM, Florida

GRAND YORK RITE OF ALABAMA

Joel Bryant, VI Deputy Grand Master, Alabama

William Burfitt, Jr., RE Grand Commander, Alabama

Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., RE Grand King, Alabama; MIPGM; REPGC

Ted Loggins, MI Grand Master, Alabama

Johnny Strickland, ME Grand High Priest, Alabama

GRAND YORK RITE OF FLORIDA

Ben Geiger, MI Grand Master, Florida

Corey Kosciuszko, ME Grand High Priest, Florida

Ronald Naumowicz, RE Grand Commander, Florida

GRAND YORK RITE OF INDIANA

Michael Doxsee, RI Grand Captain of the Guard, Indiana

Jason Miller, ME Grand High Priest, Indiana

GRAND YORK RITE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mike Hoff, RE Grand Commander, North Carolina

Ted Inman, MI Grand Master, North Carolina

Jimmy Moore, Grand Sentinel, North Carolina

Rick Patton, ME Grand High Priest, North Carolina

Tim Sutton, VE Deputy Grand Commander, North Carolina

GRAND YORK RITE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

William Ghent, RE Grand Commander, South Carolina

Rob Lacer, MI Grand Master, South Carolina

Kenny Miles, ME Grand High Priest, South Carolina

Bill Summerville, Deputy Grand Commander, South Carolina

GRAND YORK RITE OF TENNESSEE

Robert Farmer, ME Grand High Priest, Tennessee

Jesse Harper, SGW, Tennessee

Justin Huggins, MIPGM, Tennessee

Mike Neulander, Grand Representative, Grand Council, Tennessee

Terry Plemons, EG Captain of the Host, Tennessee

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by RE Companion Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, RE Grand King, Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, VI Companion John C. Miller, VI Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, and VE Sir Knight Daniel C. Ricketts, VE Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT, that all out-of-state Distinguished Guests that are not already Honorary Members be made Honorary Members of the three Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies. Seconded and Approved.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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

As yet Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it our sad duty to report, that the dread messenger death has again knocked on the door of life and 86 of our Sir Knights have been called to their heavenly reward. While here on earth they may have traveled a rugged road, and walked in the shadows of misfortune, however, it is our fervent prayer that they received their righteous reward at the hand of their Savior and Redeemer and were welcomed into that glorious kingdom above. We all have Sir Knights whom we revere as they had a great influence upon our lives. It could be that they were mentors, encouragers, supporters, listeners, teachers, or any combination thereof including friends, brothers, and Fraters of Knighthood. It is because of who they were to us, that causes us all to have to have faith in the Lord above and to recognize that because of their faith, and ours, we have the hope of a great reunion of saints when we reach that heavenly kingdom above. Truly the Lord is good to those whose Hope is in Him!! I would close this report with these words from CS Lewis, *"If all is lost, thanks be to God!! If I must see it go, watch it go, watch it fade away, die, then thanks be to God, for He is all I have. And if I have Him not, I have nothing at all."* May the light from the heavens above guide you on your pathway here on earth and be a beacon to guide you home at end of this earthly life!! May the Lords mercy and grace surround all those who have gone before us, and whose faith was patient and true!! So may it ever be, Amen!!

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

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I want to thank almighty God for all his many blessings on me, my family and our Masonic family. I also want to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joey Jackson, Most Illustrious Grand Master Timothy Starling and Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler Pledger for appointing me to this committee. Being on this committee brings sadness when I hear of the illness or death of a brother Mason and/or his family member. I have a state-wide Masonic e-mail list I use to try to let you know of deaths, so those of us who have the opportunity to do so can pay the last sad tribute of respect by attending their funeral. I have requested your prayers for the healing of those who need healing, comfort for those who need comforting and strength for those who need strengthening. As we all know, we are all exposed to birth, sickness and death during our stay on this earth. I also experience joy and happiness when I hear the good news that someone is recovering, or has recovered from an illness, and try to pass that information to you so you also can share this joy. If you know of anyone in our Masonic family where the death angel has visited or who is in need of prayers, please let me know (fedmondson@ellijay.com) so I can pass the information to those on my list. May Almighty God keep us safe from harm, danger and disease.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

I want to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joey Jackson and Most Illustrious Grand Master Timothy Starling for appointing me to this committee. I had the honor of adding companion Jagger Phillips as an Assistant Custodian of the North and look forward to his contributions to our fraternity. I want to express my grateful appreciation to co-custodian of the north, Mike Sampsell, to co-custodians of the south Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Hendry Howard and Excellent Companion Matt Sanford, to Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler Pledger, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joey Jackson, Excellent Companions Michael Wolcott and Peter Bard and Companion Jagger Phillips for the excellent cooperation and support we had this year. There are some chapters and councils who are struggling with attendance and proficient opening and closing without using books. I encourage everyone to study the new Royal Arch and Council books. Although not perfect, they contain most of the information needed to open and close and confer the degrees. If you do not have a new book, they are available from the Grand Secretary/Recorder's office. Once again excellent companion Michael Etheridge held a state-wide combined Royal Arch and Council school of instruction at Buford Lodge. It was well attended considering other Masonic events were held the same day and it was postponed from an earlier date because of the weather. The school was led by Companion Jagger Phillips who did an excellent job. I encourage everyone to continue to strive to open and close without books. I also encourage the promotion of the Mark Master program to your Blue Lodge brethren. For those in the North Georgia area needing assistance conferring the Mark Master and/or Past Master Degrees, please contact Dr. Richard Tanner (706-851-9621; parapuppy@gmail.com) or myself (706-273-4245; fedmondson@ellijay.com). Also, if you need help from your custodians, please contact them.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson.

CHAPTER AND COUNCIL

It is my honor to provide this report as the Grand Custodian of North. 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.

The Degree and Order work in the North is stellar. There have been a couple of one-day festivals including the Greater Atlanta 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 new companions brought into the York Rite bodies through the efforts of these festivals. Also, some of the District Conventions are conferring the degrees at their Conventions and have brought in many Companions as well. 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

excellent experience for all those new candidates that are coming into our York Rite bodies. I am truly looking forward to very exciting times in the upcoming year.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Grand Custodian of the North
COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler Pledger and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia:

Greetings,

I am very pleased to report that, with determination and unified guidance, we have continued the foundation for renewed purpose for each of the constituent Commanderies of the State of Georgia.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Tyler Pledger, tasked each of the Divisions to assemble and form a Divisional Inspection for the six Divisions of our great state. The purpose of which was to review, by a School of Instruction, proper sword etiquette, review of the established Tactics and Ritual, and general instructions for all Sir Knights and the respective Commanderies.

These six Divisional Inspections were again well received and continued the opportunity to allow the Sir Knight's a comprehensive and thorough guide of the tactics in opening a Commandery and other pertinent instruction.

I am grateful for the opportunity to field many questions, concerns, discussions, suggestions as to the tactics and ritual at each of these Divisional Inspections, as well as phone calls, text messages and emails before and after each of them. I am pleased with the continued excitement exhibited at these Divisional Inspections. I pray that these will continue to expand upon in the future as we know we have much more analysis, self-assessment, and instruction. The Chivalric Orders continue to be conferred and ritualistic teams across North Georgia are excited to bring new Sir Knights into our Christian Order. The York Rite classes continue, and I am pleased that even more local Commanderies are doing the Chivalric Orders themselves. I know that with the good Lord above leading, guiding and directing our path, we will continue to spread the good news, both far and wide!

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

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH
GRAND CHAPTER**

I would like to thank our MEGHP Joey Jackson for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity this year. I would also like to thank the Grand Custodians of the North for their dedication in preparing a syllabus so that we may all instruct the craft uniformly. And I would be remiss if I did not mention the assistant custodians and the hard work that they also put in. This year has been another year of renewal and restoration for the craft as we have continued to meet regularly and confer degrees. Our decline in membership has somewhat slowed but we still need to get out into the Blue Lodges and let them know what we offer in York Rite Masonry. I have been present at several chapters and assisted in the conferral of the Capitular Degrees, but as of the date of this report I have not received any requests for instructional help. In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to the craft for allowing me to serve you this year. Companions, stay committed to this Fraternity, the greatest Fraternity on Earth, and continue to strive to improve it to the best of your abilities.

GRAND COUNCIL

I would like to thank our MIGM Tim Starling for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity this year, as well as to the Grand Custodians of the North for compiling a syllabus for the instruction of the work in the York Rite Chapter and Council degrees and to the assistant Custodians for their hard work and help.

This year has seen the craft make strides in our mission to imbue brothers with more light as we gain new members in all bodies of York Rite Masonry. I am pleased to report that York Rite lodges and conventions in the southern part of the state continue to meet regularly and confer degrees. I have assisted several councils at the conferral of the Cryptic Degrees, and because of the hard work of councils across the state, our membership numbers continue to improve. We are still at a slight decline in our net membership, but we are close to having a net gain and that is an admirable goal to continue to work for. As of the date of this report, I have not received any requests for instructional help.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR GRAND CHAPTER Grand Officers and our Companions all:

The membership of our Grand Chapter had a decrease in membership for the past several years, but, as of 12/31/2024, we had a net increase of 29 Companions.

12/31/2023 - 2508

12/31/2024 - 2537

Net gain - +29

Programs continued for this year include the presentation of information to the Blue Lodge about the York Rite and the development of a Mark Master program where the lodge members can become a member of a Mark Master lodge without a fee. With the permission of the Worshipful Master, a Mark Master lodge in our local Blue Lodges can be opened. These programs can be presented by any chapter that is proficient in degree work. Interest in the York Rite by lodge members has increased. It is important that we continue to communicate with and encourage our Masonic lodges to look for more light in Freemasonry by becoming a York Rite member. Also, a program to contact suspended members needs to be enacted. We recommend the High Priests of the Chapters appoint a committee to research and contact the suspended members and invite them to come back into the Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted: James R. Harris, Sr. Chairman; Ryan Nealey, T. Matthew Sanford, and Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

GRAND COUNCIL

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers,
and Companions, All: We the Committee on Membership,
submit the following:

12/31/2023 - 1940

12/31/2024 - 1995

Net gain - +55

The numbers show that we have had an increase in membership for the past two years. We continue to encourage all of our Companions and Sir Knights in the York Rite to ask to give presentations to the Blue Lodges in your areas. Most Lodges are looking for programs to present to the lodge. If you need a presentation to use in the promotion of the York Rite, contact a District Deputy to the Grand Illustrious Master or a member of the Membership Committee. Companions, thank you again for your work and dedication to the growth of the York Rite. With your continued support, 2025 may be the year that we see more positive growth and numbers.

Respectfully Submitted: James R. Harris, Sr. Chairman; Ryan Nealey,
T. Matthew Sanford, and Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

GRAND COMMANDERY

The Grand Commandery has seen a net increase in membership over the past two years. As of 12/31/2024, we had an increase in 21 Sir Knights.

12/31/2023 - 1773

12/31/2024 - 1794

Net gain - +21

On behalf of the Membership Committee, we would like to congratulate our Commanderies on continuing to push for membership. Given this encouraging data, as well as preliminary membership reports for this year, it is our hope that in the next report, we show a continual increase in membership.

Respectfully Submitted: James R. Harris, Sr. Chairman; Ryan Nealey,
T. Matthew Sanford, and Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

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

We offer the following recommendations:

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

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

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

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

York Rite Brochure

The Committee has received and approved the revised York Rite Brochure submitted by Companion Richard Hallwood. The brochure was originally approved in 2017 and has been revised as to symbols (Council), layout and format, and reconfigured as a tri-fold document.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joey E. Jackson.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; William E. Cantrell; and Matthew Sanford

GRAND COUNCIL

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

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

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The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Timothy K. Starling.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; Matthew Sanford; William E. Cantrell; James R. Harris, Sr.

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

Sir Knights, please review the following recommendations and requests:

Recommendations and Requests

1. We again request each Commandery in Georgia to prepare a history of the Commandery and submit it to the Committee.
2. That the Sir Knights of Georgia prepare papers on any subject regarding notable Sir Knights, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in Georgia.
3. That consideration is given by Grand Commandery to writing an updated History of Templary in Georgia.
4. The Committee recommends that each Commandery have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Sir Knights.

5. Visit Symbolic Lodges, first requesting an opportunity to provide educational information on the advantages of York Rite membership.

York Rite Brochure

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The Committee wishes to express appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Tyler W. Pledger, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

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

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

This has once again been a very productive year and I am pleased to summarize our efforts. Last year we sponsored legislation to reform our election procedures that was adopted by Grand Chapter and Grand Council. In accordance with the new procedures we developed a form for Grand Officer nominations that were sent by the Grand Secretary/Recorder in late October to the Secretaries and Recorders throughout the State. Those forms were returned to the Grand Secretary's Office and the Masonic Resumes of those applying to run for election will be sent to the local York Rite Bodies well in advance of our Grand Sessions. In efforts to assist all Grand York Rite Bodies to serve you, we developed Officers Training Manuals for all three bodies and those manuals were given to all prospective Grand Officers for the 2025-2026 York Rite year. We will be happy to share a digital version with any Grand York Rite member after a request has been received by the Chairman of this committee and approval granted by a majority of the committee members.

Finally, as all good organizations should have a Mission Statement to guide the Grand Officers as they perform their duties, the Long-Range Planning committee submits the following Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia shall be to preserve and protect the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite, to contribute to the Masonic journey of its members, and to keep our members engaged and dedicated to their journey. This is to be accomplished by promoting involvement, growth, and education in all three York Rite Bodies through a variety of programs and promotions.

I propose that this Mission Statement is hereby offered as a resolution to be adopted by the Grand York Rite bodies of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard; Joey Jackson; Joe Oelgoetz; Joe Bush; Tim Starling; James Harris; William Grist; Daniel Ricketts

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC DUTIES COMMITTEE

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

every year. Lead a discussion on the Asylum floor on how your commandery can express itself. For community service: join other organizations in patriotic parades and public displays, encourage members to assist in all youth organizations (DeMolay, Rainbow, Boy Scouts, etc.), sponsor school essay contests on patriotism. Charge every Sir Knight with his responsibility to set an example to his children and others by obeying the laws himself, to vote his convictions at every public election, to accept the Bill of Responsibility as well as the Bill of Rights. 2024-25 was a year of getting back to normal. We had commanderies attending parades and getting back in the public view as well as sending preachers back to the Holy Land.

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

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

FOR THE YORK RITE PAGE IN THE MASONIC MESSENGER

It is truly an honor to be able to continue to perform this function for the Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia. I look forward to doing all that I can to promote and highlight the wonderful activities of the York Rite of Georgia. This is our opportunity 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@thesampsell.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 Joey E Jackson, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Timothy K Starling, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler W Pledger 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, Editor

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

FOR THE GEORGIA SUPPLEMENT IN THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

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

The monthly supplement for the Knights Templar magazine is only available through the online version which can be accessed from the Grand York Rite of Georgia website, www.yorkriteofga.org. The deadline for submissions will continue to be the 20th of the month but will be published the 1st of the next month. For example, if you would like something in the June issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 20th. Please contact me at mike@thesampsell.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler W. Pledger for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Pledger on a great year as Grand Commander and working to guide us through this past year.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Editor

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

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

of the Grand York Rite of Georgia,

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS COMMITTEE

The Grand Master's Class honoring our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Mark A. Bradley, and our 3 presiding Grand Officers of the York Rite, MEGHP Joey E. Jackson, MIGM Timothy K. Starling, and REGC Tyler W. Pledger was held on April 5, 2025 at the Grand Chapter building in Macon, GA. Dan Ricketts, Peter Bard, Hendry Howard and I have worked diligently to continue the tradition of this GM Class which was started by the late MEPGHP Terry Farmer.

The Degrees and the Orders were presented in admirable fashion and several Chapters, Councils and Commanderies were represented to assist with the fine ritual work in honor of our presiding officers. The work was impressive and ensured our 20 new candidates for Chapter and Council and 21 new candidates for Commandery were impressed with the lessons of the degrees and orders.

I would like to express a special thanks to Most Worshipful Brother and Right Excellent Companion Mark Bradley and Ms. Marla Horton for all their work in ensuring that the logistics of the day would be as seamless as possible. For those of you that have the pleasure of working with the Grand York Rite office,

they are a very professional team and do their absolute utmost to assist with anything you could possibly think of that moves the Grand York Rite to being a better Grand body than any other around.

I would also like to thank all the teams that stepped up to assist as degree teams for this class. For the Capitular degrees, Ellijay Chapter #150, Cherokee Chapter #13, Augusta Chapter #A01 and Steve Higgins and his DGD team conferred the RA degree. For the Cryptic degrees, Marietta Council #74 and Ballard Council #16. For the Orders of Knighthood, Eminent Sir Knight Matt Stanford and Eminent Sir Knight Edward Barclay conferred the first two orders in short form and then a select team from the Grand Commandery officers conferred the Order of the Temple.

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

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Your committee is pleased to report that as of 01/31/2025 the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 78 Perpetual Members with a total of \$236,190.79 invested with Wells Fargo Advisors.

We would like to thank the Finance Committee, Grand Sec/Recorder/Grand Master and Heads of York Rite Bodies for allowing this investment to grow without withdrawing money 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.

Below is a copy of details for 2025 and application:

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter Building Trustees met periodically this year and addressed many issues with our building at 811 Mulberry Street, some ongoing and some new. Most of our previous issues have been addressed, either by repairing them or planning for repairs. The dated HVAC in the auditorium has required several repairs this year. Plans are being made to replace the system as funds are available. We have also renewed our investigation into an elevator for the building. Updates to follow as we proceed. Unfortunately, it would be safe to assume that the expenses to maintain our beloved Masonic building will never go away. But with the continued support of the brethren, companions and sir knights of Georgia, we will move forward in our quest to provide a comfortable, functioning work environment for both our Grand Lodge of Georgia Administrative Office, as well as our own Grand York Rite Office, while also providing an affordable meeting place for those Masonic organizations in search of the same. Ms. Julie Hickman continues to care for our custodial issues and is doing an outstanding job. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs this past year.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Bradley, Chair

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Tyler W. Pledger; MEGHP Joey E. Jackson; MIGM Timothy M. Starling; Grand Line Officers, REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; Companions and Sir Knights: It has been a joy to serve this past year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve our craft in this meaningful way. To be allowed through your generosity to continue in a role that I love has been rewarding beyond measure. Your Grand York Rite Office is working hard to help our local York Rite bodies grow by providing better communications and by being open to feedback from our local and state leaders. With the continued emphasis on shared management of our York Rite database, there has been a broader focus on simplifying the information sharing process. Although this remains an ongoing effort, we have made great strides in membership management and local administration, while improving the way we communicate to our prospective members. I would like to commend all our secretaries and recorders for stepping forward and accepting a volunteer role in your local bodies that requires more from you than most of us realize. You remain the backbone of our constituent Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. **THANK YOU FOR DOING A GREAT JOB!!!** My recommendations as your statewide York Rite counterpart would be to continue your commitment to our York Rite database, diligently working towards getting your bylaws updated, and minimizing our suspensions from non-payment of dues, and our continued focus on recruitment and retention through relevance. Your Grand York Rite Office is blessed to have an Administrative Assistant like Ms. Marla Horton. She remains the voice of our office. We are also thankful for our tower of strength that is Companion and Sir Knight Wade C. Smith.

| GRAND CHAPTER | | GRAND COUNCIL | | GRAND COMMANDERY | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Chapters effective 12-31-23 | 53 | Councils effective 12-31-23 | 48 | Commanderies 12-31-23 | 32 |
| Chapters effective 12-31-24 | 49 | Councils effective 12-31-24 | 46 | Commanderies 12-31-24 | 32 |
| Data adjustment from 2023 | -4 | Data Adjustment from 2023 | -2 | Data Adjustment from 2023 | 0 |
| Members effective 12-31-23 | 2508 | Members effective 12-31-23 | 1940 | Members effective 12-31-23 | 1773 |
| Exalted | 108 | Greeted | 112 | Knighted | 110 |
| Affiliated | 70 | Affiliated | 49 | Affiliated | 18 |
| Reinstated | 11 | Reinstated | | Reinstated | 8 |
| GAIN | 189 | GAIN | 168 | GAIN | 136 |
| Demitted | 17 | Demitted | 19 | Demitted | 12 |
| Suspended | 40 | Suspended | 27 | Suspended | 17 |
| Deceased | 103 | Deceased | 67 | Deceased | 86 |
| LOSS | -160 | LOSS | -113 | LOSS | -115 |
| NET GAIN/LOSS | +29 | NET GAIN/LOSS | +55 | NET GAIN/LOSS | +21 |
| Members 12-31-24 | 2537 | Members 12-31-24 | 1995 | Members 12-31-24 | 1794 |

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

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

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Line Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions All: It has been my honor to be appointed as Chairman of the Royal Arch Research Committee this year and to have served with Excellent Companion John E. Finch Jr., Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil and Excellent Companion Thomas J. Chapman, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their valuable assistance in presenting RARA information at Chapter and Lodge events as well as District Conventions.

I would especially like to thank the Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia. It is through their efforts and charitable spirit that we continue to support this worthwhile cause that helps so many people that suffer from Central Auditory Processing Disorder as well as the other programs we support.

It is through the generosity of all the Companions that monies were raised in the amount of \$22,117.00 for the Charities that RARA supports from March 1, 2024 through March 15, 2025.

The Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee would like to thank all the Georgia York Rite Masons for their generous donations and support of this worthwhile program this year.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John E. Finch, Jr.; Thomas J. Chapman

REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The CMMRF had an outstanding year. The contributions for 2024 totaled \$16,585.00. Georgia came in 7th place this year for contributions. The donations fell a little short of our expectations, but overall it was a good year. The CMMRF committee started a new fundraising program this year: the Georgia Pin. It is a pin in the shape of the state of Georgia on a purple and white ribbon that companions can wear on their Council jacket. The committee ordered 300 pins, which were paid for by an anonymous donor, so 100% of the profits will go to CMMRF. I received the pins on January 28, 2025, and kicked off this fundraiser on February 1, 2025.

Fraternally Submitted: Michael L. Hamlin, Chair

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Companions and Sir Knights of the York Rite Bodies of the State of Georgia. The Finance Committee met on a quarterly basis to review the books and reconcile the checking accounts. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for the dedication and hard work given by the Grand Secretary/Recorded, the Grand Treasurer, and the Administrative Assistant. Their excellent recordkeeping, the presentation of all accounts, and their ability to answer questions has made it easy to review all bank statements and accounts in a timely manner. As of our last review, all accounts are in good shape and the balance is a true representation of monies available.

After much consideration from our Leadership, a budget was determined for the ensuing year. The proposed budget for next year is the result of many hours of hard work to ensure the budget follows our Code, requiring it to be balanced.

The Leadership and the Finance Committee were consulted in the budget preparation. Increased membership will help all York Rite Bodies to stay within our budget. The Finance Committee recommends the principal monies in the investment accounts NOT be touched and all future spending comes from income only. We recommend the proposed budget for the ensuing year be passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John C. Miller; John H. Finch, Jr.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 2, 2025
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TIMOTHY KRIS STARLING
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2024-2025

TIMOTHY KRIS STARLING

PERSONAL

Tim Starling was born in Columbus, GA. in 1960. He is the son of Rudolph Starling, a retired Methodist Minister and Mary Annette Starling, a public school high school teacher. During the 1960's and 70's the Methodist church mover their ministers every two to four year. As such, Tim lived in Meldrum, Preston, Columbus, Georgetown, Bainbridge, and Macon. In 1978 he graduated from Southwest High School and enlisted in the Navy Nuclear Power Program. After completing his training, he was stationed aboard fast attack submarines and as a Nuclear Power Instructor. He later attended the University of Florida where he met his wife, Megan Helip Starling. After graduation, he was the Commissioned and served on several ships in various job assignments. Tim retired from the Navy, as a Lieutenant Commander, in 1999.

Tim is married to Megan Helip Starling. They have two children, Jennifer Starling-Driggers and Adrian Starling. He currently resides in Columbus, GA., where he works as a Maintenance Consultant for Hunter Electric Motor & Supply, Inc.

MASONIC

In 2005 He relocated to Columbus and in 2008 he was he was raised in Columbian Lodge #7. The following year received the York Rite Degrees and joined Darley Chapter #7, Hope Council #H04, and St Aldermar Commandery #3. He also received the Scottish Rite Degrees at the Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Carl F. Lester Knights Masons ; River City Council Allied Masonic Degrees; the Columbus Council of the Red Cross of Constantine; Ga Priory #39 Knights of the Cross of Honor; Chattahoochee Valley York Rite College; Middle Georgia Scottish Rite; and the Order of the Purple Cross (2023). He has served the craft in the following positions:

Past Master – Columbian Lodge #7 (2013)

Past High Priest - Darley Chapter #7 (2013)

Past Illustrious Master – Hope Council #H04 (2013)

Past Commander of the Guard – Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite (2011)

Past Eminent Commander – St Aldermar Commandery #3 (2016, 2021)

Past President – Ft Benning Sojourners

Past Commander – Daniel Morgan Hero's of 76

Past Sovereign Master - River City Council 526 Allied Masonic Degrees

Assistant Custodian of the Work, Grand York Rite Bodies of GA, Southern Division (2015-2017)

Grand York Rite Building Committee (2015-2018)

Grand York Rite Bodies Finance Committee Member (2016)

Past Excellent Grand Adjutant – Grand Commandery of Georgia (2016)

Past Illustrious Grand Chaplin, Grand Council of Georgia (2017)

District Deputy 4th District to the MIGM Grand Council of Georgia (2015-2019)

District Deputy 4th District to the Grand REGHP Grand Chapter of Georgia (2015-2019)

3rd Division Liaison Officer Grand Commandery of Ga. (2018-2024)

Past Governor - Chattahoochee Valley York Rite College (2019, 2020)

Past Puissant Sovereign – Columbus Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine (2021)

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia (2024)

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Most Illustrious Grand Master Timothy K. Starling at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 2, 2025. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Baron L. Conklin, Illustrious Grand Chaplain. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the One Hundred Ninety-Ninth Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

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| Timothy K. Starling (H04) | Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| John C. Miller (60) | Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master |
| James R. Harris, Sr. (3) | Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work |
| Wade C. Smith (79) | Illustrious Grand Treasurer |
| Mark A. Bradley (77) | Illustrious Grand Recorder |
| Baron L. Conklin (73) | Illustrious Grand Chaplain |
| James W. Bard (74) | Illustrious Grand Orator |
| James D. Arnold (70) | Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard |
| F. Keith Hales (55) | Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council |
| Michael L. Hamlin (6) | Illustrious Grand Marshal |
| Peter D. Bard (74) | Illustrious Grand Steward |
| Ditmar W. Chavez (H04) | Illustrious Grand Sentinel |
| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (H04) | Illustrious Grand Adjutant |

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

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| 1985 James E. Underwood (75) | 2014 Charles E. Taylor (16) |
| 1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2) | 2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19) |
| 1988 C. Danny Wofford (77) | 2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41) |
| 1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61) | 2017 John I. Haggas (4) |
| 1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36) | 2018 Wade C. Smith (79) |
| 2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI) | 2019 Joe E. Turner, Hon. (10) |
| 2006 Daniel C. Rickets (74) | 2019 Ryan C. Nealey (13) |
| 2007 Rodney A. Couch (42) | 2020 Ronald B. Wolbert (02) |
| 2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64) | 2021 James W. Bard (74) |
| 2012 Mark S. Johnson (66) | 2022 Robert R. Cordle (60) |
| 2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29) | 2023 Judd J. Wolfe (65) |

2024-2025 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North - Larry C. Bennett and Floyd E. Edmondson;
South - T. Matthew Sanford and C. Hendry Howard

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Michael L. Wolcott; Peter D. Bard;
Joey E. Jackson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; John E. Finch, Jr.;
John Miller

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar E. Richards; Wiley A. Gammon;
Baron Conklin

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane

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

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: Michael L Hamlin Chair;
 Keith Hales; Incoming Steward
Grand Illustrious Masters Address: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Larry C. Bennett;
 Andrew Lane
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
 William E. Cantrell; James R. Harris; T. Matthew Sanford
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;
 Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Public Relations: F. Andrew Lane, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Stephens C. Higgins
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
 Tyler W. Pledger
Membership: James R Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Matthew T. Sanford;
 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; James Arnold
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson; Ryan C. Nealey
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch;
 John T. Flener, Jr.
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Grand Master's Class: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
 Peter D. Bard; C. Hendry Howard
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John T. Finch, Jr.; Raymond G. Laird
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Grand Council of Georgia Bicentennial: Jim Miller, Chair

2024-2025 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

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| Stephen C. Higgins (03/84) | Chair | Mitch Tripp (15) | 7 th |
| Jimmy L. Hires, Jr. (2) | 1 st | J. Walter McCannon (25) | 8 th |
| Howard L. Maddox (58) | 2 nd /3 rd /11 th | Jeffrey L. Anderson (41) | 8 th |
| Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73) | 4 th | David M. Wellman (03) | 9 th |
| Baron L. Conklin (73) | 4 th | William Garrison (65) | 9 th |
| Eric S. Tress (29/37) | 5 th | Richard L. Tanner (19) | 9 th |
| Robert E. Soderstrom (33) | 6 th | Gregory S. Mahan (G04) | 10 th |
| Samuel K. Lowder (10) | 6 th | Sherman D. Rankin (35) | 12 th |
| R. Cris Lynch (36) | 7 th | | |

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To all Companions of the Great State of Georgia, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, and to my family and friends, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Most Illustrious Grand Master for 2024-2025. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity and it is something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

VISITATION

During this last year, I have visited Blue Lodges as well as Scottish Rite, York Rite and Appendant Masonic Bodies. At each and every event, I was received with open arms and the utmost hospitality. Immediately after installation, I had the opportunity to speak with the Ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant. In June, I had the honor and privilege to speak at the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls and the State Assembly of the Eastern Star. I also presented the Council lecture in my own KYCH. In July, I had the honor and privilege to speak at the

Annual Assembly of the DeMolay. In October, I attended the Southwest Georgia Council Convention. In February, I attended Covington York Rite Festival where over 38 new York Rite Masons were initiated and installed into the York Rite. On February 15th, I attended the Southeastern Council Convention in Savannah. On February 22nd, I traveled to Alexandria, LA where I had the honor of representing Georgia Cryptic Masons at the Louisiana Grand York Rite Convention. On February 28th, I traveled to Prattville, for the Alabama Grand York Rite Session. In March I had the opportunity to visit the 7th District Council Convention in Calhoun, along with the Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee Grand York Rite Conventions.

In addition to Councils, I visited Blue Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, the Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite as well as several Appendant York Rite Bodies. It was a great honor to be asked by MIPGM Floyd Edmondson to attend Summit Council's annual meeting and install their newly elected officers.

DISPENSATIONS

A few dispensations were issued this year, including one to move a Council Charter in order to have a joint Council meeting between three separate Councils.

CMMRF

It was a great year for CMMRF. I would like to take a moment and thank and commend Illustrious Companion Michael Hamlin for serving as the CMMRF Committee Chairman. I am especially proud of the new CMMRF Medal Program that Ill Companion Hamlin spearheaded. Due to his efforts, we procured 300 Georgia CMMRF Medals at no cost, which means that 100% of the funds raised from this program go to CMMRF. I also want to thank Ill Companion Peter Bard for serving as the Assistant CMMRF Chairman and the rest of the CMMRF committee for their hard work this past year. Please refer to the CMMRF report for our final results for the year. Georgia did an outstanding job this year and I would like to thank all the Companions and Councils who contributed to CMMRF. It was all of you who made this year a success.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

As I traveled, I kept hearing a repeating theme. Companions talked about days of yore, when the chairs were full. Now many Councils struggle with attendance. If you see this is your area, ask your council to get together and visit them. My message this year is "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled!" Part of this message is to avoid dwelling on the vacancies, but instead rejoice in the presence of those who are here. Remember, negativity is contagious.

On another positive note, we had several Councils with greater than 10% Growth this year. The Certificates for these Councils will be presented during this year's Grand Session. Please refer to the Grand Recorder's report for more information.

APPOINTMENTS

It was an honor for me to make the following appointments for my year: MIPGM James Bard as Ill Grand Orator; Companion Baron Conklin as Ill Grand Chaplain; REPGC & Companion Ditmar Chavez as Ill Grand Sentinel; and REGK & Companion Joseph Oelgoetz III as Ill Grand Adjutant. I would like to thank all these companions for serving this year, and also thank them for being my traveling companions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

First, I give thanks to God for giving me this opportunity. Next, I want to thank the Companions of the Great State of Georgia for electing me to this line seven years ago. Thank you Hope Council H04 for your support. Thank you to my home lodge, Columbian Lodge #7, for starting me on my Masonic Journey. I would be especially remiss if I did not thank my loving wife, Megan, for her support and tolerance of me. I love you sweetheart from the bottom of my heart. I could not have done this without you.

In 2008, I saw a man reading a Bible in the fellowship hall at St Peter United Methodist Church. I asked him what the Compass and Square symbol on the front of the Bible meant. Brother Robert Little promptly pulled out a petition for me to sign. This was the start of my Masonic Journey. After being raised to the Sublimed Degree of Master Mason, John and Craig Haggas convinced me to join Darley Chapter #7, Hope Council H04, and St Aldemar Commandery #3. In 2013, I was asked to serve on the York Rite Building Committee. In 2015, MIPGM Floyd Edmundson asked me to serve as a Council District Grand Deputy. In 2016, REPGC Doyle Hatfield appointed me as the EG Adjutant to the Grand Commandery of Georgia. In 2017, MIPGM John Haggas ask me to serve as the ILL Grand Council Chaplain. In 2018, REPGK Wade Smith and others, convinced me to seek a position in the Grand Council Line. These great leaders are the reason why I am here today. To MWGM Mark Bradley, thank you for your gentle and firm guiding hand. You, sir, are the embodiment of the term "Mentor". To all my companions, my mentors, my leaders, my crusaders, and to my friends: thank you for being so much a part of my life. Because of you, I can say that I will follow my own motto: "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled!" I love you all. Timothy K. Starling, Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia, we submit the following: In adherence to our belief that, as Masons, we should invoke the Blessings of Almighty God before entering upon any great or important undertaking, we are pleased to tell you our Most Illustrious Grand Master Starling is a great example of the results of following that teaching. In the past few years, our Most Illustrious Grand Master had some serious health problems; so much so that he was unsure he would even live, much less receive his Doctor's permission to undertake the mission of serving as our Most Illustrious Grand Master. Being devoutly religious, he turned everything over into the hands of Almighty God. Shortly thereafter, his health greatly improved and he was able to serve his term as Most Illustrious Grand Master. We give God the praise honor and glory. We find he has had a very busy and successful year, making many visits and speeches both in-state and out-of-state, where he was always received with open arms and the utmost hospitality.

In-state, in addition to visiting Blue Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, he attended the meeting of the Social Order of the Beauceant, the Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow Girls, the Annual Order of DeMolayCon, the State Assembly of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Southwest Georgia Council Convention, the Southeastern Council Convention in Savannah, the 7th District Council Convention, the Northeast Georgia Council Convention, the Covington York Rite Festival and installed the officers of Summit

Council #19. He also had the honor of presenting the Council lecture at his Priory of Knights of York Cross of Honor.

Out-of-state, he had the honor of representing the State of Georgia at the Grand York Rite Sessions of Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee. He reports that, thanks to the efforts of Illustrious Companion Michael Hamlin as Chairman and Illustrious Companion Peter Bard as Vice-Chairman and the generosity and support of the Companions of Georgia, CMMRF (the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation) has had another good year!

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master informs us that although some Councils are struggling with low attendance at their meetings, several Councils had a greater than 10% growth in membership. He encourages those Councils who are doing well to visit those who are struggling.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Starling expressed his grateful appreciation to those who have encouraged and supported him on his Masonic journey. He encourages us to continue to work in the quarries of Masonry and follow his motto "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled". We thank him for his service to the Craft and wish him good health and continued Blessings on his journey.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chair; James W. Bard; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia: We your Committee on Jurisprudence report that no bill was submitted to the Committee to amend the Constitution Section of the Grand Council Code of Georgia.

We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Recorder in his behalf were in strict accordance with Royal and Select Masters Masonic Code of Georgia.

No Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Assembly. We your committee wishes to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

REPORT OF CHARTER, BY-LAWS, AND DISPENSATIONS 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, By-Laws and Dispensations wishes to make the following report:

Your Committee has received a complete revision of Summit Council No. 19 bylaws. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a change in the bylaws of Walton C. Griffin Council No. 36 changing the dues. Your Committee reluctantly recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of E. L. McConnell Council No. 40. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a change in the bylaws of Pickens Chapter No. 55 changing the meeting dates to even months during the year. Your Committee

recommends approval as submitted. Your Committee also received a complete revision of their bylaws but returned them for further corrections.

Your Committee has received a revision of the bylaws of Hiram Council No. 62 changing meeting dates, dues and fees and other minor changes. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee does not seem to have ever received a signed approval copy of the Bylaws of Silver Shoals Council No. 84 that was chartered in 2023.

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and they are of a routine nature and meet with our approval.

Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular assembly.

Your Committee notes with sadness that Griffin Council No. 8 at Griffin, Georgia was consolidated with Lakewood Council No. 10 at Lovejoy, Georgia on December 17, 2024. The council was 175 years old. Tara Council No. 75 at College Park consolidated with Fayette County Council No. 66 at Fayetteville also on December 17, 2024.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council charters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Georgia Council No. 3, 200 YEARS, Jason Burr Council No. 13, 170 years, Fort Benning Council No. 73, 50 years

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The May 2, 2022 Royal and Select Masters Code is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

The 2022 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Assembly session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

The Code will be reprinted this year with all amendments and changes.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson;

Ryan C. Nealey

REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

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

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

No requests for recognition from other Grand Councils have been received to my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

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| John C. Miller (60) | Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| James R. Harris, Sr. (3) | Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master |
| James D. Arnold (70) | Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work |
| Mark A. Bradley (77) | Right Illustrious Grand Recorder |
| Wade C. Smith (79) | Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer |
| Keith Hales (55) | Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard |
| Michael L. Hamlin (6) | Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council |
| Peter D. Bard (74) | Illustrious Grand Marshal |
| Richard L. Tanner (19) | Illustrious Grand Steward |

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MIGM made the following appointments: Robert R. Cordle (60), Grand Chaplain; and John W. Beckum (60), Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 3, 2025 by Most Illustrious Companion Benjamin W. Polston, II.

2025-2026 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell and Tyler W. Pledger

South: Matthew Sanford and Joey E. Jackson

Assistant Custodians: Peter D. Bard; Mike Etheridge

MIGM Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; John H. Johnson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Keith Hales; Keith Bryant

Memorial: Donald C. Combs, Robert R. Cordle, Timothy K. Starling

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane

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

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; David Simmons, Tommy Kimbrell, Matt Astin

Auditing: Mike Taylor; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold

CMMRF: Peter Bard, Sudhanshu Shukla, Mike Taylor, Jim Arnold, Keith Bryant, Joe Bradley

Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Judd Wolfe

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

Timothy K. Starling; Jimmy Densmore; Matthew Sanford

Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joe R. Bush; Tyler W. Pledger; Jim Harris

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

Membership: Tyler Pledger Chair; James Bard; Brandon P. Simmons

Perpetual Memberships: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;

Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; William White

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch; John T. Flener, Jr.

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Peterson; Mark A. Bradley

Grand Master Y.R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;

Peter Bard; Joey E. Jackson

Photographer: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Bayardo Reyes; Robert W. Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon

Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John Flener

Sunshine: Floyd Edmondson

2025-2026 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Stephen C. Higgins (3/84) | Chair | Phillip J. Spake (29) | 7 th |
| Jimmy L. Hires, Jr. (2) | 1 st | J. Walter McCannon (25) | 8 th |
| Howard L. Maddox (58) | 2 nd /3 rd | Jeffrey L. Anderson (41) | 8 th |
| Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73) | 4 th | David M. Wellman (3) | 9 th |
| Baron L. Conklin (73) | 4 th | William Garrison (65) | 9 th |
| Eric S. Tress (29/37) | 5 th | Danny L. Russell (19) | 9 th |
| Robert E. Soderstrom (33) | 5 th | Michael Schaefer (120) | 10 th |
| Samuel L. Lowder (10) | 6 th | Rusty Bennett (9) | 11 th |
| R. Cris Lynch (80) | 7 th | Sherman D. Rankin (35) | 12 th |

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 200th Annual Assembly will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 1, 2026.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 199th 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.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder



John C. Miller
Most Illustrious Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLYDE E. GRIFFIN ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

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 Friday, May 2, 2025 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

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| Ryan C. Nealey | Thrice Illustrious Master |
| Mark S. Johnson | Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden |
| Judd J. Wolfe | Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden |
| Mark A. Bradley | Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer |
| Robert R. Cordle | Thrice Illustrious Steward |
| Michael J. Etheridge | Thrice Illustrious Sentinel |
| Peter D. Bard | Thrice Illustrious Chaplain |

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

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

2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
2019 James W. Bard
2020 James W. Bard
2021 Donald C. Combs

2022 Floyd E. Edmondson
2023 William F. Shepard
2024 Mark A. Bradley
2025 Ryan C. Nealey

CONFERRAL TEAM

Roger W. Coursey
Michael L. Hamlin
Judd J. Wolfe
Matthew Sanford
Ryan C. Nealey

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

CANDIDATES

John W. Beckum
Joseph Bradley
Stephen Bulwinkle
John E. Chesser, Sr.
Ainsley Coley
Robert L. Durland, Jr.
Benjamin P. Faulkner
Micajah Gary
Robert M. Grant
Mikel R. Johns
James J. Kelley

Tommy Kimbrel
John Mock
John A. Mull
Ernest E. Ricks
Jacob A. Robideaux
Danny Russell
Michael S. Smith
Phillip J. Spake
Gary W. Thornton
Mitch Tripp
Darold A. Vissering

2025-2026 OFFICERS

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

Mark S. Johnson
Judd J. Wolfe
Robert R. Cordle
Mark A. Bradley
Michael J. Etheridge
Peter D. Bard
Edward Barclay

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

The officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion Mark A. Bradley.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer

Mark S. Johnson
Illustrious Master

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

On Friday, May 2, 2025, a banquet was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2024-2025 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Council awards were presented:

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

MIGM Timothy K. Starling and RPPGGDGM Keith Powell presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Erin Pledger.

YOUTH ADVOCATE AWARD

MIGM Timothy K. Starling presented the Youth Advocate Award to Torrey O. Knight.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Timothy K. Starling presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Peter D. Bard.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

Georgia Dead of the College of Preservation James W. Bard presented the College of Preservation Award to Timothy K. Starling.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

RPSE RDGM James W. Bard presented MIGM Timothy K. Starling with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Timothy K. Starling presented the Council of the Year Award to Ft. Benning Council No. 73.

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 F. Andrew Lane (#251) | 2021 Daniel C. Ricketts |
| 2016 Floyd E. Edmondson (#253) | 2021 Ronald B. Wolbert |
| 2016 Charles E. Taylor (#239) | 2022 Wade C. Smith, Sr. |
| 2017 Bobby B. Simmons (#379) | 2022 Rodney A. Couch |
| 2017 Benjamin W. Polston, II (#381) | 2022 James W. Bard |
| 2017 C. Danny Wofford (#382) | 2022 Mark A. Bradley |
| 2017 Clyde E. Griffin (#383) | 2023 Robert R. Cordle |
| 2018 John I. Haggas (#12514) | 2023 Wayne Garrett |
| 2018 Gary D. Lemmons (#441) | 2024 Mark S. Johnson |
| 2019 Larry C. Bennett (55) | 2024 Judd J. Wolfe |
| 2019 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36) | 2024 Joe E. Turner |
| 2020 Tommy L. Blanton | 2025 Timothy K. Starling |
| 2020 Ryan C. Nealey | |

RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *1975 Luther G. Palmer (33) | *2000 Bobby Massey (55) |
| 1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7) | *2001 Charles E. Hanenkrate (49) |
| *1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23) | 2002 James Timothy Ingram (55) |
| *1978 Willis R. Bettis (74) | *2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2) |
| *1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33) | 2004 Brent Griffin (57) |
| 1980 Billy E. Collins (55) | 2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2) |
| *1981 Wilford H. Hall (36) | *2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77) |
| *1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33) | *2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36) |
| *1983 George T. Poole (4) | *2008 Alexander Loo (A01) |
| *1984 Homer Tyre (16) | 2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19) |
| *1985 William L. Boynton (7) | 2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30) |
| *1986 Ruben Martinez (75) | 2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41) |
| *1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62) | *2012 Edward V. Massaro (74) |
| *1988 Willie P. Hammond (8) | 2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10) |
| **1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77) | 2014 Michael H. Sampson (47) |
| *1990 James W. Cowart (2) | 2015 Kevin L. Miller (16) |
| 1991 James B. Phillips (61) | 2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60) |
| *1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33) | 2017 Michael H. Wilson (41) |
| ***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60) | *2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04) |
| *1994 John B. Modling (13) | 2019 Tyler W. Pledger (24) |
| *1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58) | 2020 Jack J. Bell |
| 1996 William S. Cleland (76) | 2021 James W. Bard |
| 1997 Peter E. Dean (42) | 2022 Michael J. Etheridge |
| 1998 Bill G. Messer (5) | 2023 Michael Hamlin |
| *1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55) | 2024 Roger W. Buterbaugh |

2025 Peter D. Bard

* Indicates Death

** Indicates Suspension

*** Indicates Demit

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *1984 Thomas R. Chadwick (16) | **2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01) |
| *1985 Richard J. O'Keefe (7) | 2006 Frank L. Stevens (16) |
| 1986 Andre E. Lovas (76) | 2007 William F. Hardison (2) |
| *1987 Homer Chapman (H04) | 2008 James W. Bard (74) |
| *1988 Jack L. Hepner (2) | 2009 Mrs. Tina Brady |
| 1989 Henry V. Tweedell (42) | 2010 Charles E. Reed (7) |
| *1990 Floyd Cox (76) | 2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74) |
| **1991 Leo F. Bowersox, Jr. (7) | 2012 James W. Stovall |
| *1992 Oliver Grantham (13) | 2013 Nathan L. Mason (23) |
| 1993 John Pigott (2) | 2014 E. C. Kelley (55) |
| *1994 Titus F. Rodgers (H04) | *2015 Joseph W. Watson (6) |
| 1995 William R. Carver (13) | 2016 James W. Stovall |
| 1996 Ronald J. Tomazin (2) | 2017 Andrew D. Bass (14) |
| **1997 John Terry Dixon (11) | 2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04) |
| *1998 James Y. Wilson, Jr. (23) | 2019 Angi Harris |
| 1999 David L. Canaday (33) | 2020 Gena Kelley |
| 2000 Mrs. Martha Hardison - Rainbow | 2021 Michael W. Canada |
| 2001 Marc Bohn - DeMolay | 2022 Victor J. Somers |
| 2002 Burton E. Jones (24) | 2023 Mark Griffis |
| 2003 Larry M. Griggers (26) | 2024 Kim Marie May |
| *2004 Julius K. Moody (2) | 2025 Torrey O. Knight |

* Indicates Death

** Indicates Suspension

*** Indicates Demit

RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2006 Marguerite Zeigler-Buchan | 2017 Deborah Jones | 2019 Kay Higgins |
| 2007 Becky Couch | 2017 Beth Hyde | 2019 Eva Garmon |
| 2008 Judy Griffin | 2017 Marla Horton | 2020 Becky Ann Wolbert |
| 2010 Josie Bentley | 2017 Pat Schwarz | 2020 Paula Berry |
| 2010 Pat Smith | 2017 Pat Glass | 2020 Barbara Tate |
| 2013 Karen Johnson | 2017 Lisa Batt | 2021 Ruth Nash |
| 2015 Cheryle Shepard | 2017 Debbie Lemmons | 2021 Shirley Tyner |
| 2015 Susan Pope | 2017 Cheryle Turner | 2021 Emmie Sampsell |
| 2015 Sheila Hensley | 2017 Roda Wofford | 2022 Elizabeth Finch |
| 2015 Jane Wilson | 2017 Brenda Gill | 2022 Linda Harris |
| 2015 Ruth Wellman | 2017 Nancy Simmons | 2022 Brenda Cordle |
| 2015 Ericka Matheny | 2017 Fae Suttles | 2023 Margo Giddens |
| 2016 Barbara Edmondson | 2017 Margaret Lovas | 2023 Jennifer Bryant |
| 2016 Margie Lane | 2017 Sharon Jennings | 2024 Joy Wolfe |
| 2016 Hilda Parks | 2018 Benigna Haggas | 2024 Carla Etheridge |
| 2016 Diane Nealey | 2018 Gay Bradley | 2024 Linda Gammon |
| 2016 Barbara Land | 2018 Jeanette Hendry | 2024 JoLynn Para-Garrison |
| 2017 Tammie Polston | 2018 Nora Wells | 2024 Bobbie Chavez |
| 2017 Lynne Hatfield | 2018 Helen Leinbaugh | 2025 Erin Pledger |
| | 2019 Sherri Kirk | |
| | 2019 Judy Nichols | |

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025

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| William G. Snyder | General Grand Master |
| G. Thomas Taylor | General Grand Deputy Master |
| W. Keith Powell | General Grand Principle Conductor of the Work |
| Charles A. McCollum | General Grand Treasurer |
| Mark E. Irwin | General Grand Recorder |
| Mark Megee | Assistant General Grand Treasurer |
| R. Sean Gardiner | Assistant General Grand Recorder |
| E. Jeffrey Craig | General Grand Chaplain |
| Charles M. Roberts | Assistant General Grand Chaplain |
| Jeffery York | Assistant General Grand Chaplain |
| David Witt | General Grand Captain of the Guard |
| Corey Curtiss | General Grand Conductor of the Council |
| Brian Dimetter | General Grand Steward |
| Robert Davis | General Grand Orator |
| Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. | General Grand Lecturer |
| John Bridgegroom | General Grand Marshal |
| James W. Bard | Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master |

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 | 1925 | Clarence H. Andrew (6) | 08-20-1930 |
| 1829-30 | Isaac T. Cushing (G04) | 1846? | 1926 | William S. Richardson (13) | 12-24-1934 |
| 1830-41 | | | 1927 | Nathaniel H. Ballard (16) | 02-09-1936 |
| 1841-44 | Daniel Hook (A01) | 7-27-1870 | 1928 | John T. Waldrop (8) | 05-19-1931 |
| 1845-46 | William T. Gould (A01) | 7-18-1882 | 1929 | Thos. H. Jeffries [Hon] (13) | 11-06-1948 |
| 1847-47 | Albon Chase (5) | 7-9-1867 | 1929 | Frank O. Miller (9) | 03-17-1937 |
| 1850-52 | Benjamin B. Russell (A01) | 2-16-1889 | 1930 | Jack G. Standifer (39) | 11-20-1972 |
| 1853-55 | Philip T. Schley (4) | 8-31-1862 | 1931 | Orlando C. Long (13) | 10-26-1937 |
| 1856-62 | Philip T. Schley (2) | 8-31-1862 | 1932 | Chas. W. Pidcock, Jr. (14) | 01-16-1961 |
| 1862-68 | Stephen D. Heard (A01) | 11-18-1875 | 1933 | Walter Frank Wells (23) | 11-07-1947 |
| 1869 | Joseph E. Wells (6) | 12-11-1887 | 1934 | W. Furman King (2) | 11-07-1950 |
| 1870-76 | Robert M. Smith (5) | 2-01-1879 | 1935 | Hugh W. Taylor (17) | 05-18-1966 |
| 1877 | William A. Graham (22) | 2-24-1904 | 1936 | Vivian O. Kimsey (21) | 09-20-1966 |
| 1878-81 | Charles R. Armstrong (6) | 11-01-1893 | 1937 | Byron L. Milling (13) | 10-28-1958 |
| 1882-88 | Christopher F. Lewis (A01) | 5-21-1902 | 1938 | Wm. Jeff. Aldridge (29) | 03-14-1964 |
| 1889-97 | Henry C. Burr (8) | 3-15-1901 | 1939 | James D. Owens (6) | 10-05-1961 |
| 1898-99 | Orlando McLendon (18) | 9-26-1899 | 1940 | John F. Hatfield (14) | 08-13-1958 |
| 1899-01 | William A. Davis (6) | 1-19-1907 | 1941 | John Orson Smith (38) | 11-23-1968 |
| 1902 | Julius L. Brown (13) | 9-04-1910 | 1942 | John B. Russell (59) | 01-20-1955 |
| 1903 | Robert L. Colding (1) | 10-21-1927 | 1943 | Lloyd C. Pritchard (3) | 10-09-1982 |
| 1904 | Joseph C. Greenfield (13) | 12-20-1920 | 1944 | Ray O. Schill (23) | 06-12-1975 |
| 1905 | Linton W. Burkett (6) | 1-10-1925 | 1945 | John P. Weisiger (13) | 01-08-1971 |
| 1906 | Thomas F. Moody (20) | 1-14-1927 | 1946 | Manning M. Quattlebaum (2) | 12-29-1959 |
| 1907 | William H. Nurnberger (A01) | 9-26-1923 | 1947 | David L. Paulk (59) | 04-22-1979 |
| 1908 | John C. Postell (2) | 06-19-1919 | 1948 | Joseph A. Moor (G04) | 09-04-1972 |
| 1909 | John R. Wilkinson (13) | 04-07-1915 | 1949 | Charles E. Powers (H04) | 08-07-1977 |
| 1910 | John C. Harmon (30) | 04-11-1921 | 1950 | James R. Belflower (58) | 10-07-1981 |
| 1911 | J. Ben Roberts (13) | 08-30-1917 | 1951 | J. Tillman Morgan (48) | 09-20-1969 |
| 1912 | Alvin E. Sansburn (15) | 10-29-1924 | 1952 | William J. Penn, Jr. (7) | 07-30-1959 |
| 1913 | Joe P. Bowdoin (27) | 08-07-1942 | 1952 | Clifford E. Franklin (14) | 03-16-1967 |
| 1914 | B. Palmer Axson (2) | 05-23-1943 | 1952 | James P. Flynn (33) | 09-29-1957 |
| 1915-16 | William A. Sims (13) | 11-24-1952 | 1953 | Harold L. Walters (74) | 12-01-1960 |
| 1917 | Max Meyerhardt (15) | 03-02-1923 | 1954 | W. Reddick (14) | 03-03-1970 |
| 1918 | Charles L. Bass (19) | 02-29-1937 | 1955 | Corliss H. Edwards, Sr. (6) | 10-22-1992 |
| 1919 | Augustus G. Miller (20) | 07-13-1931 | 1956 | William J. Mobley (2) | 07-21-1981 |
| 1920 | Henry S. Colding (2) | 10-26-1925 | 1957 | Charles C. Moon, Sr. (32) | 07-31-1966 |
| 1921 | W. Paul Martin (27) | 05-16-1962 | 1958 | Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (G04) | 03-20-1969 |
| 1922 | Early H. Johnson (H04) | 09-06-1947 | 1959 | Walker Rush Camp (9) | 01-15-1974 |
| 1923 | Pleasant T. McCutchen (18) | 03-27-1947 | 1960 | Lonzo Pope (7) | 06-23-1991 |
| 1924 | James W. Taylor [Hon] (18) | 12-15-1925 | 1961 | John T. Sessions (13) | 01-19-1971 |
| 1924 | Edgar A. McHan [Hon] (6) | 07-12-1928 | 1962 | Ottis Brewer Turner (8) | 02-10-1999 |
| 1924 | Francis A. Johnson (23) | 03-31-1940 | 1963 | Herman E. Freeman (2) | 08-01-1984 |

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| 1964 | Grady Eugene Wilkins (26) | 09-12-1979 | 1997 | J. Richard Jones (53) | 08-03-2018 |
| 1965 | T. Evans Gates (6) | 12-30-1987 | 1998 | Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) (13) | 03-26-2010 |
| 1966 | Jay D. Barton (A01) | 03-09-1981 | 1998 | J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36) | |
| 1967 | James E. Moseley (8) | 02-10-2017 | 1999 | Ted H. Hendon (37) | 04-20-2007 |
| 1967 | Harry P. Boyd (43) | 04-06-1990 | 2000 | Thomas L. Blanton (49) | 04-27-2024 |
| 1968 | Austin P. Phillips (38) | 03-18-1981 | 2001 | Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) (33) | 09-11-2019 |
| 1969 | Harry E. Copelan (69) | 01-15-1999 | 2001 | Ruben Martinez (75) | 03-28-2021 |
| 1970 | John W. Sisk (13) | 08-01-1996 | 2002 | Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (41) | 07-23-2002 |
| 1971 | Harold C. Duncan (30) | 02-12-1996 | 2002 | John P. Bohanan (3) | 09-11-2019 |
| 1972 | Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr (G04) | 04-06-2012 | 2003 | Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) (55) | 05-10-2007 |
| 1973 | David S. Lemons (10) | 05-23-2003 | 2003 | Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) (64) | |
| 1974 | Hayden M. Carmichael (46) | 01-09-1993 | 2003 | Jack Lee Hepner (G02) | 12-04-2010 |
| 1975 | Oswald H. King, Jr. (39) | 06-21-2013 | 2004 | Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) (G02) | 12-22-2007 |
| 1976 | Rupert Queen (19) | 11-03-2005 | 2004 | Benjamin L. Johnson (33) | 01-10-2022 |
| 1977 | Lee D. Holcomb (37) | 04-21-2009 | 2005 | W. Larry Hicks (13) | 04-26-2016 |
| 1978 | Clyde C. Brown (13) | 10-25-1997 | 2006 | Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] (36) | 07-20-2014 |
| 1979 | Bobbie L. Byrd (52) | 03-10-2017 | 2006 | Daniel C. Ricketts (74) | |
| 1980 | Rufus R. White (36) | 12-31-1993 | 2007 | Rodney A. Couch (42) | |
| 1981 | Luther G. Palmer (33) | 06-11-1987 | 2008 | Wayne H. Garrett (64) | |
| 1982 | Charles. L. Taylor, Jr. (40) | 09-05-2010 | 2009 | James C. Bentley, Jr. (20) | 02-20-2021 |
| 1983 | Roy H. Homans (16) | 06-28-1998 | 2011 | Harry B. Allen (3) | 01-10-2024 |
| 1984 | Hugh L. Smith (7) | 03-01-1995 | 2012 | Mark S. Johnson (66) | |
| 1985 | Howard W. VanScoy, Jr. (6) | 05-11-2019 | 2013 | F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29) | |
| 1985 | James E. Underwood (75) | | 2014 | Charles E. Taylor (16) | |
| 1986 | J. Willard Register (H04) | 04-24-1999 | 2015 | Floyd E. Edmondson (19) | |
| 1987 | Clyde E. Griffin (G02) | | 2016 | Benjamin W. Polston, II (41) | |
| 1988 | C. Danny Wofford (77) | | 2017 | John I. Haggas (4) | |
| 1989 | Ralph C. James (42) | 06-14-1989 | 2018 | Larry C. Bennett (55) | 12-27-2023 |
| 1989 | Raymond E. Keen (26) | 08-06-1999 | 2019 | Ryan C. Nealey (13) | |
| 1990 | Gary D. Lemmons (61) | | 2020 | Ronald B. Wolbert (2) | |
| 1991 | Thomas R. Gaines (6) | 08-18-2013 | 2021 | Bobby B. Simmons (6) (Hon) | |
| 1992 | John A. Morse (13) | 12-08-1994 | 2021 | James W. Bard (74) | |
| 1992 | J. Eugene Lowry (13) | 02-25-2014 | 2022 | Robert R. Cordle (60) | |
| 1993 | Charles R. Maffett (73) | 01-10-2007 | 2023 | Judd J. Wolfe (65) | |
| 1994 | Willie P. Hammond (8) | 09-01-2011 | 2024 | Mark A. Bradley (77) | |
| 1995 | Buford M. Brand (19) | 03-10-2002 | 2025 | Timothy K. Starling (H04) | |
| 1996 | Roy R. Jackson (58) | 11-06-2007 | | | |

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram:

G02. Georgia: Clyde E. Griffin;
Roger W. Coursey; Ronald B. Wolbert;
Bruce H. McNall; Stephen Bulwinkle;
Donald C. Combs

03. Canton: Steven G. Harris;
James R. Harris, Sr.

G04. Georgia:

H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
Timothy K. Starling

06. Washington: Matthew Astin;
Michael L. Hamlin; Bobby B. Simmons

07. Hugh L. Smith: Timothy E. Crimmins

08. Griffin:

10. Lakewood: Joe E. Turner

13. Jason Burr: Alessandro V. Silva;
Ryan C. Nealey

15. Rome:

16. Ballard: James D. Arnold;
William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens;
Thomas J. Chapman; Christopher D. Gabor;
Charles E. Taylor

18. Graydon W. Kitchens:

19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson;
Edgar M. Land; Brandon P. Simmons;
William W. Grist

20. Hunter: Bruce T. Fykes

24. Walker: Tyler W. Pledger; Tracy D. Wright

25. Elbert: J. Walter D. McCannon, Jr.

28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation

29. Western: Eric S. Tress

30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford;

James R. Bennett; Tommy T. Marshall;
C. Hendry Howard, Jr.

33. Euclid:

35. H. C. Rigdon:

36. Walton C. Griffin: Jerry M. Hardigree;
James B. Phillips

37. Douglasville:

38. George H. Fields: No Representation

40. E. L. McConnell: Michael R. Sosebee

41. Covington: Benjamin W. Polston, II

44. Gwinnett:

46. Statesboro:

47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Carl J. Ward

53. Sardin:

54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell

55. Pickens: Keith Hales;

Walter D. Waddell, Jr.

56. Piedmont:

58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs;
John H. Johnson; Howard L. Maddox;

John T. Flener, Jr.

60. G. Everett Cox: Robert R. Cordle;
John C. Miller

61. Calhoun: No Representation

62. Hiram:

64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott

65. N.T. Pirkle: Wiley Q. Forrester, III;
Judd J. Wolfe

66. Fayette County: Mark S. Johnson

70. Jesup: James D. Arnold;

Brandon A. Jones

73. Fort Benning: Baron L. Conklin

74. Marietta: James W. Bard; Peter D. Bard;

John E. Finch, Jr.; Daniel C. Ricketts;
Michael H. Sampsel; Sudhanshu H. Shukla

75. Tara: Gregory B. Foster

77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;

Michael J. Etheridge; Michael L. Wolcott

78. Warrenton: Michael W. Schaefer

79. Brasstown: William W. Grist;

Johnie M. Garmon

83. Covenant:

84. Silver Shoals: No Representation

94. Bainbridge:

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: Robert L. Durland, Jr.

G02. Georgia:

03. Canton: Charles A. Maheu

G04. Georgia:

H04. Hope:

06. Washington:

07. Hugh L. Smith:

08. Griffin:

10. Lakewood:

13. Jason Burr: Joseph Bradley;
Anthony C. Williams

15. Rome: John Mull

16. Ballard: Anthony C. Bottita, Jr.; Ernest E. Ricks;
Robert W. Strayer, Sr.

18. Graydon W. Kitchens:

19. Summit: Danny L. Russell

20. Hunter:

24. Walker: Tracy D. Wright

25. Elbert:

28. A. W. Goodwin:

29. Western:

30. Waycross:

33. Euclid:

35. H. C. Rigdon:

36. Walton C. Griffin:

37. Douglasville: Phillip J. Spake

38. George H. Fields:

40. E. L. McConnell:

41. Covington:

44. Gwinnett:

46. Statesboro:

47. Austell:

53. Sardis:

54. Alpharetta: William S. Vincent

55. Pickens:

56. Piedmont:

58. Tifton: Tommy Kimbrel; David W. Simmons

60. G. Everett Cox:

61. Calhoun:

62. Hiram:

64. Zabud:

65. N.T. Pirkle:

66. Fayetteville:

70. Jesup: John C. Mock, Jr.

73. Fort Benning:

74. Marietta: Lyle T. Chadwick; Ainsley Coley

75. Tara:

77. Winder:

78. Warrenton: Benjamin P. Faulkner; Michael W.
Schaefer

79. Brasstown:

83. Covenant:

84. Silver Shoals: No Representation

94. Bainbridge:

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 2, 2025
A. O. 907**



TYLER WAYNE PLEDGER
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2024 - 2025

TYLER WAYNE PLEDGER

PERSONAL

Born on April 28, 1984 to Artis and Patricia Pledger in Lyerly, Georgia, Tyler earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Psychology and English from Shorter College in 2006 and a Master of Science in Applied Psychology in 2011. A Board Certified Behavior Analyst since 2011, Tyler worked with Elite Behavior Analysis in Chattanooga, Tennessee, before founding Pledger Behavior Consulting in 2014. Prior to that, he was employed at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital. While working as a training coordinator at the hospital, Tyler met Erin Marks in 2008. They got engaged in 2009 and were married on July 24, 2010. Together, they have three children: David, Olivia, and Ben.

Outside of Masonry, Tyler serves as pulpit supply for the Chattooga County Baptist Association and has served as interim pastor for numerous churches.

MASONIC

Following in his father's footsteps, Tyler always knew he wanted to be a Master Mason. Since he wasn't yet old enough to join in 2003, he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and went on to serve as Grand Master in 2009–2010. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2005 and joined the York Rite in 2007. He served as Worshipful Master of Alpine Lodge No. 211 in Menlo, Georgia in 2009, 2014, and 2023, and as District Deputy to the Grand Master from 2014 to 2017.

In the York Rite, he served as Excellent High Priest of Chickamauga Chapter No. 99 in 2016 and 2017, Illustrious Master of Walker Council No. 24 in 2017, and Eminent Commander of Charles Martel Commandery No. 29 from 2017 to 2018. He was elected Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery in 2018 and rose through the ranks to become Grand Commander in May of 2024.

He is a member of several appendant bodies, including the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, the York Rite College, the Knight Masons, the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, the Masonic Order of Athelstan, the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and the Order of Knight Commanders in Chattanooga. He is also an active member of the Valley of Atlanta and the Valley of Chattanooga, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

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

The One Hundred Sixty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler W. Pledger at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 2, 2025. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the One Hundred Sixty-Fifth Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tyler W. Pledger (29) | Right Eminent Grand Commander |
| Daniel C. Ricketts (26) | Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander |
| William W. Grist (37) | Eminent Grand Generalissimo |
| Ryan C. Nealey (9) | Eminent Grand Captain General |
| Michael H. Sampsell (26) | Eminent Grand Senior Warden |
| Alessandro V. Silva (9) | Eminent Grand Junior Warden |
| Rev. Donald C. Combs (7) | Eminent Grand Prelate |
| Wade C. Smith (37) | Eminent Grand Treasurer |
| Mark A. Bradley (31) | Eminent Grand Recorder |
| William T. White (37) | Eminent Grand Standard Bearer |
| John T. Flener, Jr. (42) | Eminent Grand Sword Bearer |
| Mark S. Johnson (22) | Eminent Grand Warder |
| James O. Blalock (41) | Eminent Captain of the Guard |
| Roger W. Buterbaugh (3/73) | Eminent Grand Adjutant |
| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (3) | Eminent Grand Sentinel |
| R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (04) | Eminent Grand Photographer |

*Indicates Absence

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1996 James B. Phillips (19) | 2013 C. Danny Wofford (31) |
| 1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2) | 2014 Terry L. Hensley (19) |
| 2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7) | 2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26) |
| 2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31) | 2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35) |
| 2007 Paul E. Wells (3) | 2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64) |
| 2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12) | 2020 Mark S. Johnson (22) |
| 2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11) | 2022 Tommy T. Marshall (36) |
| 2011 James E. Stevens (21) | 2023 Ditmar W. Chavez (3) |
| 2012 Johnnie M. Garmon (37) | |

2024-2025 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John C. Miller; John E. Finch, Jr.

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar Richards; Wiley Gammon

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane; Daniel C. Ricketts; Tommy T. Marshall

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

Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Tommy T. Marshall

Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens; Tommy T. Marshall

Relief: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith; Tommy T. Marshall

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: William T. White, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

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

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

Easter Sunrise Service: Whitey White, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Judd Wolfe

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

Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; Tyler W. Pledger

Membership: James R. Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Floyd E. Edmondson

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

Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall, William W. Grist

Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; William E. Cantrell; T. Matthew Sanford

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch; John T. Flener, Jr.

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

Thomas J. Chapman

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley

Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold

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

Tommy T. Marshall

GM York Rite Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;

Peter D. Bard; C. Hendry Howard

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights, and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar:

Sir Knights, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to the 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar. This gathering represents not only the culmination of a year of dedicated service but also a reaffirmation of our shared commitment to the principles of our Order. To all in attendance, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your participation. To our visiting dignitaries from the Grand Encampment, the Southeastern Department,

and other jurisdictions, I offer a warm Georgia welcome and my sincere appreciation for your presence.

STATE OF THE ORDER

Throughout this year, I have witnessed firsthand the strength and perseverance of our Sir Knights. Our Order remains steadfast in its mission, and I am pleased to report that we have continued to see new members join our ranks. Growth and engagement remain paramount, and it is essential that we not only bring new members into the fold but also ensure that they are actively involved and well-prepared for leadership.

Our charitable efforts have continued to make a significant impact. Georgia's contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) remain commendable, and we have upheld our tradition of supporting vision research and aid. Additionally, our commitment to the Holy Land Pilgrimage has not wavered, despite international challenges. Though conditions prevented our selected ministers from traveling this year, we remain dedicated to sending them when it is safe to do so.

The Divisional Inspections and Schools of Instruction have been invaluable tools in standardizing our work and strengthening our proficiency. Additionally, each Commandery was required to hold its own Tactics Inspection this year. While most Commanderies complied with General Order No. 1, a few fell short in meeting its requirements. However, I was deeply impressed by the enthusiasm, hard work, pride, and dedication displayed by those who undertook these inspections with earnest effort. The commitment of our Sir Knights to excellence in their Templar work is a testament to the strength of our Order and the perseverance of its members.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

This year, several officers of the Grand Commandery of Georgia had the honor of attending the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in Salt Lake City, Utah. This gathering provided an opportunity to form new friendships and reunite with Sir Knights from across the country, strengthening the bonds of Templary on a national level. A particularly noteworthy moment for Georgia occurred when Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby Simmons was named a Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment in recognition of his eight years of dedicated service in that office. His tireless work and commitment have left a lasting impact, and we are proud to celebrate this well-earned honor alongside him.

NECROLOGY

With heavy hearts, we remember the Sir Knights who have passed beyond the veil during this past year. Their service, friendship, and unwavering commitment to our Order will not be forgotten. Though they are no longer with us in body, their influence and legacy endure within the hearts of those they touched. May the Grand Architect of the Universe comfort their families and grant them peace.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

No Grand Commander can serve alone, and I extend my deepest gratitude to the officers and committee members who have dedicated their time and talents to the work of this Grand Commandery. Your efforts have ensured the continued success of our endeavors, and I am profoundly grateful for your support.

A special word of thanks is due to our Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Administrative Staff, who keep the operations of this Grand Commandery running smoothly. Your dedication often goes unnoticed, but your contributions are indispensable.

DISPENSATIONS & INSPECTIONS

All dispensations issued this year were routine and in accordance with Templar Law. The records are on file in the Grand Recorder's office for review.

This year's Divisional Inspections were well attended, and I commend the host Commanderies for their efforts in providing a welcoming and instructional environment. The inclusion of Schools of Instruction has proven invaluable in fostering uniformity and proficiency among our Sir Knights.

VISITATIONS & REPRESENTATION

Representing the Grand Commandery of Georgia has been both an honor and a privilege. I have had the opportunity to visit numerous events, including the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave, Grand York Rite sessions in neighboring states, and Masonic gatherings throughout Georgia. These experiences have reinforced my appreciation for the depth and breadth of our fraternity and the importance of fostering relationships within the broader Masonic family.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE & CHARITABLE WORKS

Though international circumstances prevented our ministers from traveling to the Holy Land this year, our commitment to this program remains strong. We stand ready to send our selected ministers as soon as conditions allow.

Additionally, our continued support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust has furthered our mission of service. Seeing the tangible impact of our contributions reinforces the value of our collective efforts.

APPRECIATION & FINAL THOUGHTS

First and foremost, I give thanks to Almighty God for His guidance, strength, and blessings throughout this year. Without His divine providence, none of our work would be possible.

To my fellow Sir Knights, thank you for your dedication, hospitality, and support. The friendships I have built and the experiences I have shared with you will remain with me always.

To my family, especially my beloved wife Erin and our children, David, Olivia, and Ben—your unwavering support and understanding have been my foundation throughout this journey.

As I conclude my tenure as Grand Commander, I reflect on this past year with immense gratitude. Though my time in this role comes to an end, my commitment to the Order remains steadfast. I have no doubt that those who follow will continue to build upon our efforts, ensuring that this Grand Commandery remains a beacon of Christian Knighthood.

May God bless each of you and guide this Grand Commandery in the years to come.

Let your light so shine!

Courteously: Tyler W. Pledger, Right Eminent Grand Commander

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

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

Your committee join with our Grand Commander in welcoming all Sir Knights to the 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. We welcome all out-of-state guests, in-state guests, and dignitaries. You indeed honor us with your presence.

We thank our host Commandery, Charles Martel No. 29 for all the hospitality and kindness extended to the visitors and members of this conclave.

We fully agree that the State of the Order of our Grand Commandery is in excellent condition.

The growth in membership, the high ranking in our contribution to the Eye Foundation, and the support and training given to each Commandery. We fully agree that the Divisional Inspections and Schools of Instruction has greatly improved the standardizing of the work and stronger proficiency.

Having the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment during your year is a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and be able to participate in making changes to improve our organization. We are very proud of one of our own, Bobby Simmons, Past Grand Commander, was recognized for his serving as Grand Treasurer and made an Emeritus.

The Necrology report always brings sadness at the loss of our Sir Knights but let us turn the coin and remember all the great times shared with them, and Thank God for the wonderful memories of the Sir Knights, they will surely be missed. Our Prayers will be with their families.

Your Choice of the Appointed Officers, and Committees Members were excellent choices. Grand Inspecting Officers were also great selections. We agree the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Administrative Staff are indispensable for all they do. We salute all for a Job well done, they took their responsibilities serious, and their performance was outstanding. We are grateful for their services. Well Done, Sir Knights.

We were pleased that all your Dispensations were routine and in accordance with Templar Laws.

Having Division Inspections with all the Commanderies participating and having great attendance gave excellent results, plus having the School of Tactics was a well-planned day. We congratulate all the Host Commanderies and everyone involved to make these Inspections very successful.

We are very hopeful that the Holy Land Pilgrimage will be able to continue soon. Standing ready to send our Ministers is a welcome position.

The charitable undertaking and support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Education Foundation, and the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation Trust are well done.

Your travels in-state and out-of-state took you many places representing our Grand Commandery and the time and miles help build relationships and witness how others manage their affairs. Reviewing the lists of places and events, we are very proud you, letting others see who we are and what we do. We hope that your memories with Erin will last forever.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander and his family attended the Easter Sunrise Service along with several other Georgia Sir Knights and their families. We hope the growth of Sir Knights and their lady's participation will increase as they witness this beautiful event as we celebrate Easter.

The Grand Master's Class gets better every year, and we hope we will continue providing this event to give our candidates the best degree works.

We are thankful for the Sir Knights supporting and giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Mollie Moseley Foundation Trust. Our forefathers set up the Knight Templar Education Foundation and we are very thankful. The management of these funds are outstanding by contributing for research at Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia, scholarships and assisting in sending Ministers to the Holy Land. The marketing of our charities by our Grand Commander, his officers and the Sir Knights is outstanding, we salute each of you.

In your appreciation you showed how proud and thankful you were for all the support received during your year as our Right Eminent Grand Commander. Speaking for all the Sir Knights of the Grand Commander of Georgia, you provided the leadership and the directions, which made it easy to follow and support you. You have a kind heart and loving spirit, which is the icing on cake as we enjoyed your year.

Additions to our report - Our uniform tells who we are and what we represent, so keep wearing the uniform. Under your leadership, you have demonstrated in your daily walk that we should proudly wear our uniform.

Our membership is growing due to hard work and the demonstration of our faith in our mission.

We welcome all new members and let us keep them by make them a part in all that we do.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Pledger and First Lady Erin, you have served the Grand Commandery of Georgia with honor and set a high standard for us to follow. Your actions have demonstrated love, enjoyment, and happiness for each of us. We ask for God's Blessing upon each of you and hope the memories will last forever as y'all continue to serve.

Your Lady Erin stood tall as the First Lady and our ladies thank her for her abilities to make us feel welcome and enjoy supporting our Sir Knights.

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

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, report there were no Bills submitted to the committee to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia.

We are pleased to report all the Orders and Dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the office of the Grand Recorder were in strict accordance with the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia.

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

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Tommy T. Marshall; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane Jr.

REPORT OF 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 has received amendments to the ByLaws of Tancred Commandery No. 11 changing the dues and meeting dates to quarterly in March, June September and December. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a complete revision of the ByLaws of Philemon Commandery No. 33. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted. Your Committee has received a complete revision of the ByLaws of Dekalb Commandery No. 38 changing their location to Snellville and their meeting date and time. They will be our first daylight commandery. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

YOUR 2023 COMMITTEE examined a complete revision of the bylaws of Coastal Plains Commandery No. 42 and asked for several changes, which have not been received.

Your Committee notes that Griffin Commandery No. 35 at Griffin, Georgia was consolidated with Alexius Commandery No. 22 at Lovejoy, Georgia on December 17, 2024. The commandery would have been 80 years old in May.

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and they are of routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular conclave. Dispensation No. 11 allows Dekalb Commandery No. 38 to move from Decatur in Dekalb County to Snellville Lodge No. 99 in Gwinnett County. There was no objection from Arnold de Troye Commandery No. 31 in Gwinnett County and your Committee recommends approval if needed.

This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery charters. HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tancred Commandery No. 11 125 years, Bethlehem No. 30 110 years, Arnold de Troye No. 31 and Philemon No. 33, both 80 years old. Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; T. Matthew Sanford

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Code Revision wishes to make the following report: The May 2, 2022 Commandery Code is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

The 2022 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Conclave session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

The Code will be reprinted this year with all amendments and changes.

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

REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

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

I do receive the Knight Templar magazine and occasional newsletters from other states and I note with interest activities going on in other states.

I noted on social media the passing of REPGC Robert E. Burleson from Florida on March 19, 2025. He had been to Georgia many times and served as Southeastern Department Commander during the 2006 -2009 triennial.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, DIVISION OF GEORGIA AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC. AND THE MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GEORGIA, INC.

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

This Committee is charged with the responsibility of administering the funds of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, and the funds of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. and the funds of the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc., as well as the investment accounts for the Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, Grand Chapter of Georgia Building, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT.

The Division funds, which are controlled by rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment, allowed the committee to award five \$1000 scholarships to deserving students to further their education.

The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, awarded two \$50,000 gifts each to Emory University Eye Center and Medical College of Georgia at Augusta Medical Center for continued vision research. Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon on April 4, 2025. Representatives from the two institutions were in attendance to receive the gifts presented by Chairman Clyde E. Griffin.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia funds are invested with only the interest used and sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

We are pleased to report the net worth of the following investment accounts effective December 31, 2024: KTEF, Division = \$365,178.74; KTEF, Inc. = \$5,063,913.79; MSM Trust = \$1,015,485.19; Grand Chapter = \$362,333.74; Grand Council = \$58,715.34; Grand Commandery = \$555,956.89; and Building Fund = \$104,815.22.

REPGC James B. Phillips has requested leave from service on the Board of Trustees, having served faithfully for many years. The Trustees will nominate, and submit for election, a replacement at the annual meeting on May 2, 2025. As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested. We wish to thank our Secretary Mark Bradley and Treasurer

Wade Smith for their complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and record keeping that keep us abreast of the status of all our accounts.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; Ditmar W. Chavez; James E. Stevens

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

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

It is indeed an honor and great pleasure to serve and be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander for this appointment.

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

Due to the war with Hamas and the unrest in Israel, Gaza and the surrounding Countries, the HLP Chairman of Grand Encampment made the decision to cancel the HLP 2025. He did this earlier this time to save the monies that have been sent for each Minister and that nothing would be lost in fees charged. He assured me that the Minister's approved would be placed on the itinerary for the HLP 2026 pilgrimage. If he had waited an additional 30 days each Minister would have been charged \$450.00, his good thinking saved all monies for the 2026 pilgrimage.

Georgia Minister's (at this time) for 2026 are as follows:

Ministers

Robert Dale Kitchen
Andrew Thomas Blakemore
Paul Allen Bennett
William L. Harris
Daniel Allan Hyatt

Commandery Sponsored By

Arnold De Troye No. 31
St. Aldemar No. 3
Pilgrim No. 15
St. Bernard No. 25
Blue Ridge Mtn No. 37

I ask your prayers for Israel, as well as for everyone involved. In our biblical studies, we see that ever since God gave the land to Israel, people after people have been trying to run Israel out of the land, declaring that the land isn't Israel's. But, in the end, God himself, will fight the fight for His chosen people. May I share some food for thought? As Christians, this should be a very profound moment.

Here is the thought: If prayer was a job, would you still be employed?

Respectfully Submitted: Terry L. Hensley, Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION RETURNS

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This Committee has reviewed the Annual inspection reports of the 31 Commanderies of the State for the Templar Year 2024-2025, and we submit the following report:

Inspections were divided between administrative and tactics and conducted as follows:

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| Grand Commander | 4 |
| Past Grand Commanders | 12 |
| Past Grand Offices | 1 |
| Grand Line Officers | 23 |
| Past Commanders | 16 |
| Commanders | 2 |

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 205.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 10.

DUES STATUS

Reports show 180 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears for two years were 40 and in arrears for three years 11.

| Number of Commanderies | Amount Charged for the orders |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | \$200.00 |
| 5 | \$150.00 |
| 1 | \$140.00 |
| 1 | \$138.00 |
| 6 | \$130.00 |
| 1 | \$127.00 |
| 5 | \$125.00 |
| 1 | \$105.00 |
| 3 | \$100.00 |
| 1 | \$95.00 |
| 1 | \$90.00 |
| 1 | \$86.00 |
| 1 | \$85.00 |
| 1 | \$75.00 |

One not reported

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$489,831.00

The general condition for each commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91) 1,3,4,7,8,9,10,14,19,21,22,25,26,29,30,31,33,36,37,41,73

Very Good: (90-81) 42,15,38,40

Good: (80-71) 2,5,11

Fair: (70-0) 16, 12,17

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

Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE TACTICS AND RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tyler Pledger and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia:

The Tactics and Ritual Committee has diligently worked in spreading the revised Manual of Asylum Ceremonies over this past year and continues to receive positive feedback from the 2022 revision of the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies.

The Tactics and Ritual committee has found that there are still several Sir Knights in possession of now outdated copies of the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies however, far fewer than previous years.

The Custodians of the North and the South have continued to instruct and inform all Sir Knights of Georgia that the manual is available in digital format as well as a physical copy, for a small fee, from the office of the Grand Recorder.

The revised Manual of Asylum Ceremonies has been presented at each of the six Divisional Inspections this past year where it continues to be well received. These divisional inspections and Schools of Instruction have continued to give the opportunity for the Sir Knight's in attendance, a comprehensive and thorough guide to opening a Commandery in an Open or Closed Inspection, the Manual of the Sword, and other instructions. The feedback and discussion at each of these Divisional Inspections and Schools of Instruction are beneficial and instructional to all who are in attendance.

All requests for clarification, instruction or other were referred to the Grand Custodian of the North or South and were handled appropriately. The continued success of our tactics and ritual will only be furthered with the assistance of all Sir Knights and the renewed interest in the informed instruction of our forms and ceremonies.

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;
William Grist

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The 69th Triennial was held in the beautiful city of Salt Lake City, Utah. We stayed at Little America Hotel which was very nice and close to many eating places. The schedule was filled with many activities starting off with drill competition on Saturday followed by church services on Sunday. The state dinners and ladies' luncheon on Monday. The business session began on Tuesday morning with the Grand Master's Banquet that night. The business meeting and installation were done on Wednesday. At the end of business session, PGC Bobby B. Simmons was recognized for serving eight years as Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment and granted the title "Grand Treasurer Emeritus". R.E. Grand Commander Tyler W. Pledger and First Lady Erin led the Georgia group, making sure they were enjoying the Triennial by staying busy with the many opportunities available. Taking time out to make friends, eating, learning what other Grand Commanderies are doing and eating again. We had eleven Sir Knights and five wives attending; four PGC: Bobby Simmons, Mark Johnson, Ditmar Chavez, Tommy Marshall; one PGC Honorary: Robert Waldron; and five Georgia Grand Commandery Officers: Dan Ricketts, William Grist, Mark Bradley, Tracy Wright, and Monty Glover.

Thanks to all the Sir Knights and wives who attended and hope we will have a larger group to attend in three years, wherever it may be.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

All Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

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| Daniel C. Ricketts (26) | Right Eminent Grand Commander |
| William W. Grist (37) | Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander |
| Ryan C. Nealey (9) | Eminent Grand Generalissimo |
| Michael H. Sampsell (26) | Eminent Grand Captain General |
| Alessandro V. Silva (9) | Eminent Grand Senior Warden |
| William T. White (37) | Eminent Grand Junior Warden |
| Rev. Donald C. Combs (7) | Eminent Grand Prelate |
| Wade C. Smith (37) | Eminent Grand Treasurer |
| Mark A. Bradley (31) | Eminent Grand Recorder |
| John T. Flener, Jr. (42) | Eminent Grand Standard Bearer |
| Eric S. Tress (40) | Eminent Grand Sword Bearer |
| Christopher D. Gabor (21) | Eminent Grand Warder |

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: John E. Finch, Jr. (26), Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Ainsley E. Coley (26), Eminent Grand Sentinel; and Anthony C. Williams (26), Eminent Grand Adjutant.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 3, 2025 by Most Worshipful Brother Clyde E. Griffin.

2025-2026 GRAND COMMANDERY APPOINTMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Keith Hales; John E. Finch, Jr.

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Chapter – Tim Starling; Council – Rusty Cordle

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Daniel C. Ricketts; Tommy Marshall; Tyler Pledger

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

Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Ryan Nealey; Tommy T. Marshall

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

Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; Johnnie Garmon; James E. Stevens; Ditmar Chavez

Relief: William W. Grist, Chair; Mike Sampsell; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith; Tyler Pledger; Tommy Marshall

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: William T. White, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell

Patriotic & Civic: Ryan Nealey, Chair; Mike Sampsell; John Flener; William T. White; Alessandro Silva

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnnie M. Garmon; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; David Simmons; Tommy Kimbrell; Matt Astin

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

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

Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Floyd E. Edmondson
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; *Joe Bush*; Tyler W. Pledger;
All Dais Officers
Membership: Tyler Pledger, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford; Brandon P. Simmons
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; William T. White
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; Michael H. Sampsell
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Jimmy Densmore; William E. Cantrell; T. Matthew Sanford
Masonic Messenger Supplement: John T. Flener, Jr., Chair; John E. Finch; Mike Sampsell
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel Bennett; Thomas J. Chapman
Public Relations: John T. Flener, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Thomas J. Chapman; John E. Finch, Jr.; Rick Hallwood
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Fraternal Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Judd Wolfe; William F. Shepard
Audit: Mike Taylor, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel C. Ricketts; South: Tommy T. Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; Peter D. Bard; Matt Sanford
Photographer: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Bayardo Reyes; Robert W. Tidwell
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
 FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

**DANIEL C. RICKETTS
 GENERAL ORDER NO. 1**

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

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

Greetings:

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That during the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall have three Divisions. The First Corps containing Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the First Corps shall be assigned to the Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Ryan C. Neally, and the Second Corps shall be assigned to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, William W. Grist.

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, (**to be elected)

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, (**to be elected)

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, John T. Fleener, Jr.

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, William T. White

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Alessandro V. Silva

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Michael H. Sampsell

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

FIRST CORPS: Ryan C. Nealey (9)

FIRST DIVISION: Christopher D. Gabor (21)

Division Officers: **Joe Futch (30); Howard L. Maddox (42)**

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

SECOND DIVISION: Eric S. Tress (40)

Division Officers: **Robert A. Brooks (7); James R. Bennett (36)**

Palestine No. 7 (Savannah); St. Elmo No. 21 (Brunswick); Waycross No. 36 (Waycross)

THIRD DIVISION: John T. Fleener, Jr. (42)

Division Officers: **Jerry H. Purvis (2); Baron Conklin (3)**

St. Omer No. 2 (Macon); Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville); Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley); St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus); Ft. Benning No. 73 (Columbus)

SECOND CORPS: William W. Grist (37)

FOURTH DIVISION: William T. White (37)

Division Officers: **Skip Mason (4); Keith Bryant (26); P. Brian Kelley (38)**

Constantine No. 26 (Marietta); Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville); Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park); Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta); Dekalb No. 38 (Decatur);

Tancred No. 11 (Newnan); Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy)

FIFTH DIVISION: Alessandro V. Silva (9)

Division Officers: **Brandon P. Simmons (37); Jimmy L. Densmore (19)**

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

SIXTH DIVISION: Michael H. Sampsell (26)

Division Officers: **Dale B. Cliett (1); Bill Garrison (31)**

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Division Commanders shall:

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Grand Commandery Officers, exclusive of the Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Adjutant, and Grand Sentinel will submit to the Grand Recorder's office an annual report of all visitations made and activities engaged upon for the Grand Commandery no later than April 15, 2026.

GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS

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

INSPECTIONS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2026. Each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on a date and time selected by the Eminent Commander, for the purpose of participating in their Annual Tactics Inspection. This Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction and shall include a full uniform Tactics Inspection by their assigned Grand Liaison Officer, serving as the Grand Inspecting Officer. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight, in the line, is in full uniform in accordance with the Grand Commandery Code and the Grand Encampment Constitution. The uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent. The assigned Grand Liaison Officer shall submit to the Grand Recorder a full report of the Tactics Inspection within ten (10) days of said inspection using the 2025-26 Commandery Tactics Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected.

The failure of a Commandery to not have the Tactical Inspection completed by March 1 of the calendar year, will receive an "Incomplete" Tactical Inspection Report. If a Commandery receives an "Incomplete" Tactical Inspection Report for two (2) consecutive years, that Commandery will be liable to the Grand Commandery of Georgia Code Article III, Section 13.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Divisional Conclave Date and at the assigned time, for the purpose of participating in their respective Annual Divisional Conclave. The Divisional Conclave shall include a Tactics and Ritual School of Instruction facilitated by the appropriate Grand Commandery Custodians. Also at the Annual Divisional Conclave, each Recorder shall furnish their assigned Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Administrative Inspection Form. The completed Administrative Inspection Form shall then be forwarded to the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after said Administrative Inspection. All assigned Grand Inspecting Officers MUST use the current Administrative Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected.

The failure of a Commandery to not have the Administrative Inspection completed by March 1 of the calendar year, will receive an "Incomplete" Administrative Inspection Report. If a Commandery receives an "Incomplete" Administrative Inspection Report for two (2) consecutive years, that

Commandery will be liable to the Grand Commandery of Georgia Code Article III, Section 13.

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 shall verify if either method is in order.

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

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 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc., and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. I would like for every Commandery in Georgia to work toward the goal of sending a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I, therefore, encourage each Commandery that cannot individually sponsor a Minister to partner with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. Our goal is for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2025.

FUNDRAISERS

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

FESTIVALS

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

COMMITTEES

The successful completion of our many projects rests solely on the dedicated work of the members appointed to the various Committees. I have appointed those Sir Knights that I feel will excel in the tasks at hand. Your knowledge, experience and dedication to the Order have afforded you this important trust. Changes have been made, so please exercise due diligence in the Committees, to which you have you been assigned.

Respectfully ordered on this the 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 2025.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

Daniel C. Ricketts
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

**DANIEL C. RICKETTS
GENERAL ORDER NO. 2**

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

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

Greetings:

WHEREAS: In previous years, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia has had the privilege of awarding a Ribbon to Constituent Commanderies that have exhibited commendable performance. This Ribbon is displayed on the Beauceant of the Constituent Commanderies as an acknowledgment and recognition of their outstanding efforts.

AND WHEREAS: This practice was discontinued due to the challenges faced by our Order, which the Grand Commandery of Georgia has addressed through ongoing efforts and achievements over the past several years.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: The Grand Commandery of Georgia shall renew and enhance the tradition and privilege of awarding a Ribbon to Constituent Commanderies that have demonstrated commendable performance. This Ribbon is to be displayed on the Beauceant of the Constituent Commanderies as a formal acknowledgment and recognition of their outstanding achievements.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: All Commanderies shall be acknowledged and recognized for their exemplary efforts by being awarded the appropriate ribbon for display on the Beauceant of the Constituent Commandery, as detailed:

- 1. Fundraising in General**
 - a. Green Ribbon
- 2. Holy Land Pilgrimage**
 - a. Sending a Minister to the Holy Land
 - i. White Ribbon
- 3. Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation**
 - a. One-time donation of \$1,000
 - i. Silver Ribbon
 - b. One-time donation of \$2,500
 - i. Purple Ribbon
- 4. Divisional School of Instruction/ Tactics/ Audit Inspection**
 - a. Host Commandery
 - i. Yellow Ribbon
 - b. Clean Audit Inspection
 - i. Blue Ribbon
- 5. Order Conferral Award**
 - a. Conferral of any of the 3 Orders in their own Commandery
 - i. – Red, White and Black Ribbon

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Grand Commandery Officers and Grand Liaison Officers will submit to the Grand Recorder's office an update on the

ribbons that need to be awarded to the Constituent Commanderies in a timely manner to ensure each Commandery is acknowledged for their efforts and accomplishments.

Respectfully ordered on this the 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 2025.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

Daniel C. Ricketts
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

**DANIEL C. RICKETTS
GENERAL ORDER NO. 3**

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

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

Greetings:

WHEREAS: The Seal of the Grand Commandery of Georgia represents a significant and esteemed emblem for all members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This symbol, established in 1860, should be exhibited with pride and respect, is a templar shield within which is a red Maltese Cross, the motto 'A CRUCE SALAS' on a ribbon below the templar shield, all encircled by 'GRAND COMMANDERY OF GEORGIA' with '1860' centered at the bottom of the encirclement

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: The Grand Commandery of Georgia hereby permits Sir Knights to wear and display the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Georgia on the left shoulder, positioned one inch below the upper sleeve seam. The Seal of the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall measure three and one-half inches in diameter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: Additional crescents may be affixed directly below the identifying patch featuring the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, in recognition of honors and other distinctions as prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Georgia. These crescents shall not exceed a height of 2 inches, as further specified:

6. Honors Award

- a. Grand Commandery of Georgia approved honors or distinctions for charitable, laudable or other conferment.

7. Order Proficiency Award

- a. Proficiency crescents will be awarded for individual excellence in the ritual proficiency examination for the following:
 - i. Red – Order of the Red Cross
 - ii. White – Order of Malta
 - iii. Black – Order of the Temple

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Grand Custodians of the North and South shall develop the requirements for the ritual proficiency examination of each of

the Chivalric Orders and coordinate with the Ritual and Tactics Committee for implementation.

Respectfully ordered on this the 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 2025.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

Daniel C. Ricketts
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Eminent Sir Knight Daniel C. Ricketts, Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder



Daniel C. Ricketts
Grand Commander

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS
MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025**

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

William F. Shepard (21)
Tommy T. Marshall (36)
Raymond G. Laird (25)
Tyler W. Pledger (29)
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)
Jack J. Bell (9)
Ryan C. Nealey (9)
Mark A. Bradley (31)

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
Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)
2007 Joe E. Turner (35)
2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)
2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2015 C. Danny Wofford (31)
2016 Paul E. Wells (3)
2017 Mark S. Johnson (22)

2018 James E. Stevens (21)
2019 Mark A. Bradley (31)
2020 Mark A. Bradley (31)
2022 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
2023 Floyd E. Edmondson (41)
2024 Jan M. Giddens (26)
2025 William F. Shepard (21)

CONFERRAL TEAM

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
Ryan C. Nealey (9)
Mark S. Johnson (22)
Jan M. Giddens (04)
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
Tommy T. Marshall (36)
James E. Stevens (21)

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

CANDIDATES

Gerald K. Bryant
Thomas N. Carder
John E. Chessser, Sr.

Stacy R. Crews
William B. Dobbs, II
Robert L. Durland, Jr.

John E. Finch, Jr.
William P. Garrison
Micajah Gary
Robert M. Grant
Mikel R. Johns
Tommy Kimbrel

Bill Kitchens
John A. Mull
Ernest E. Ricks
Michael S. Smith
Gary W. Thornton
Mitch Tripp

2025-2026 OFFICERS

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

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| Tommy T. Marshall (36) | Knight Crusader of the East |
| Raymond G. Laird (25) | Knight Crusader of the West |
| Tyler W. Pledger (29) | Knight Crusader of the South |
| Daniel C. Ricketts (26) | Knight Crusader of the North |
| Jack J. Bell (9) | Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross |
| Ryan C. Nealey (9) | Knight Crusader of the Asylum |
| Judd J. Wolfe (31) | Knight Crusader of the Temple |
| Mark A. Bradley (31) | Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder |

The Officers were installed by Eminent Sir Knight William F. Shepard.

ATTEST:

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| Mark A. Bradley | Tommy T. Marshall |
| Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer | Knight Crusader of the East |

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

On Friday, May 2, 2025, a banquet was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2024-2025 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Commandery awards were presented:

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Tyler W. Pledger and Grand Encampment SE Department Commander Paul Friend presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Donna Buterbaugh and Lady Erin Pledger.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Tyler W. Pledger and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knight Daniel C. Ricketts and Sir Knight Ryan C. Nealey.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Tyler W. Pledger and Grand Encampment SE Department Commander Paul Friend presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight Eric S. Tress.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Grand Encampment SE Department Commander Paul Friend presented REGC Tyler W. Pledger with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

| YEAR | NAME |
|-------|-------------------------|
| *1965 | Preston Y. Luther (2) |
| *1966 | Ira R. Huffaker (4) |
| *1967 | William M. Drinnon (2) |
| *1968 | Graydon W. Kitchens (4) |
| *1999 | Otis Medley (02) |
| *1970 | T. Malcolm Gray (24) |

| YEAR | NAME |
|-------|----------------------------|
| *1971 | Ross F. Mainor (2) |
| *1972 | James C. Bentley, Jr. (16) |
| 1973 | Dannie L. Reed (35) |
| *1974 | Joel M. Hammond (24) |
| *1975 | George H. Balentine (33) |
| *1976 | Aaron E. Cole (26) |

*1977 George C. King (5)
 *1978 Dave H. Keever (31)
 *1979 S. Talmadge Lord (8)
 *1980 Joseph P. Suttles (4)
 *1981 Fernor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)
 *1982 Jack O. Smith (41)
 *1983 William M. Hutcheson (4)
 *1984 Rufus R. White (19)
 *1985 J. Sheffield Thompson (40)
 *1986 Virlyn Y. Jones (14)
 1987 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *1988 H. Clayton Garrett (15)
 *1989 Ottis B. Turner (35)
 *1990 Lewis H. Keith (9)
 *1991 Walter A. Walker (2)
 *1992 J. Walter Cowart (7)
 *1993 John S. Perry (4)
 1994 A. Wayne Norton (33)
 *1995 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
 *1996 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 1997 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 *1998 Bobby L. Massey (41)
 *1999 Otis Medley (2)
 *2000 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 2001 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 * Indicates death ** Indicates demitted

2001 Robert L. Gill (36)
 2002 Austin E. Pearce (21)
 *2003 James E. Miller (3)
 *2004 Carl W. Dohn (2) **
 2005 Emory L. Morris (29)
 *2006 R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
 **2007 Craig A. Haggas (3)
 2008 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2009 John T. Holt (9)
 *2010 James T. Farmer (35)
 2011 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 2012 Mark S. Johnson (35)
 2013 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 2014 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)
 2017 John I. Haggas (3)
 2018 Raymond G. Laird (25)
 2019 William R. Kayma (9)
 *2020 James C. Huffman, III (10)
 2021 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 2022 Gary A. Palmer (4)
 2023 Joey D. Crews (36)
 2024 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (3)
 2025 Eric S. Tress (40)

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)
 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)

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| *2001 Mollie S. Moseley | 2016 Terry Westbrook |
| 2001 Frances Dohn | 2016 Helen Leinbaugh |
| *2002 Mildred Spradley | 2016 Gay Bradley |
| *2004 Loyce Price | 2018 Nancy Simmons |
| *2006 Dr. Fleetwood Maddox | *2018 Liz Miller |
| 2008 Rebecca Taylor | 2019 Brenda Gill |
| 2008 Nora Wells | 2019 Sherri Kirk |
| *2010 Fae Suttles | 2020 Barbara Tate |
| 2012 Barbara Townsend | 2020 Charlene Huffman |
| 2014 Judy Griffin | 2021 Halli Stevens |

2021 Lorene Carter
 2021 Karen Johnson
 2022 Carole Odom
 2022 Faye Phillips
 *2022 Betty Beasley
 2022 Sheila Hensley
 2023 Brenda Marshall

2023 Barbara Bozeman
 2023 Betty Holcomb
 2024 Joy Wolfe
 2024 Bobbie Chavez
 2025 Donna Buterbaugh
 2025 Erin Pledger

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2025

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| David J. Kussman | R. E. Grand Master |
| Jeffrey A. Bolstad | R. E. Deputy Grand Master |
| Jack M. Harper | R.E. Grand Generalissimo |
| David W. Studley | R.E. Grand Captain General |
| Bobby B. Simmons | R.E. Grand Treasurer |
| Lawrence E. Tucker | R.E. Grand Recorder |
| Paul W. Friend | R.E. S.E. Department Commander |

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

| DATE | NAME | DECEASED | DATE | NAME | DECEASED |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------|------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1860-67 | William T. Gould (G01) | 7/18/1882 | 1918 | Frederick W. Clarke (7) | 10/20/1934 |
| 1868-69 | Thomas W. Chandler (4) | 5/11/1890 | 1919 | Alva C. Atkins, Sr. (13) | 05/02/1933 |
| 1870-71 | George S. Obear (2) | 12/23/1888 | 1920 | James C. Watts (8) | 02/03/1931 |
| 1872 | Allen S. Cutts (5) | 3/17/1896 | 1921 | Charles A. McAlister (2) | 12/15/1951 |
| 1873 | William H. Tuller (4) | 11/26/1880 | 1922 | Thomas D. Ridley (19) | 07/24/1934 |
| 1874 | Samuel P. Hamilton (7) | 06/21/1899 | 1923 | William G. Meador (15) | 10/12/1953 |
| 1875 | George T. Anderson (4) | 04/04/1901 | 1924 | Harry S. Jones (12) | 03/27/1945 |
| 1876 | Thomas Hardeman, Jr. (2) | 03/07/1891 | 1925 | Perry L. Blackshear (9) | 07/22/1974 |
| 1877-78 | William J. Pollard (1) | 06/08/1899 | 1926 | John B. Russell (20) | 01/20/1955 |
| 1879 | Charles R. Armstrong (2) | 11/01/1893 | 1927 | Edward B. Cohen (14) | 02/24/1937 |
| 1880 | William D. Luckie (4) | 04/23/1885 | 1928 | Charles S. Wood (7) | 02/16/1941 |
| 1881-82 | William S. Rockwell (7) | 09/20/1909 | 1929 | Charles L. Bailey (G01) | 02/26/1945 |
| 1883-84 | William B. Young (1) | 11/12/1916 | 1930 | Early H. Johnson (3) | 09/06/1947 |
| 1885-86 | Thomas Ballantyne(7) | 04/24/1903 | 1931 | Thomas C. Law (4) | 05/04/1962 |
| 1887 | Charles T. Watson (4) | 05/09/1913 | 1932 | Lunie J. Brock (23) | 03/28/1968 |
| 1888 | James L. Fleming (1) | 12/12/1926 | 1933 | Ralph J. Hancock (26) | 06/18/1937 |
| 1889-90 | Azariah G. Howard (4) | 01/26/1893 | 1934 | William J. Penn, Jr. (24) | 07/30/1959 |
| 1891 | Richard J. Nunn (7) | 06/29/1910 | 1935 | Edgar D. Kenyon (15) | 11/07/1981 |
| 1892 | George W. McElhaney (3) | 09/15/1893 | 1936 | Charles R. McCord, Sr. (2) | 03/22/1938 |
| 1893 | Washington P. Baldwin (2) | 12/13/1919 | 1937 | Francis C. Jones (30) | 02/09/1942 |
| 1894 | Alsop P. Woodward (4) | 03/17/1915 | 1938 | James C. Newton (22) | 06/06/1970 |
| 1895 | Joseph K. Orr, Sr. (3) | 09/18/1938 | 1939 | Watts B. Powell, Sr. (13) | 11/12/1945 |
| 1896 | William H. Fleming (1) | 06/09/1944 | 1940 | John P. Stephens (G01) | 02/19/1976 |
| 1897 | Charles M. Wiley (2) | 02/25/1927 | 1941 | Frank B. Willingham (6) | 06/12/1955 |
| 1898 | Almeron W. Walton (8) | 10/28/1929 | 1942 | Bolling S. DuBose (14) | 11/06/1973 |
| 1899 | Julius L. Brown (4) | 09/04/1910 | 1943 | Walter F. Wells, Sr. (4) | 11/07/1947 |
| 1900 | Thomas E. Fletcher, Sr. (6) | 01/07/1925 | 1944 | Joseph A. Moore (12) | 09/04/1972 |
| 1901 | Ernest A. Cutts (7) | 03/02/1927 | 1945 | David L. Paulk, Sr. (20) | 04/22/1979 |
| 1902 | Frank O. Miller (10) | 03/17/1937 | 1946 | Lawrence C. Petri (3) | 11/05/1977 |
| 1903 | George B. Whiteside (3) | 03/10/1920 | 1947 | William A. Sims (9) | 11/24/1952 |
| 1904 | William Schweigert (1) | 10/24/1939 | 1948 | Arthur W. Goodin (16) | 12/21/1975 |
| 1905 | Robert B. Barron (2) | 10/02/1915 | 1949 | Samuel M. Alsop (27) | 05/10/1977 |
| 1906 | John J. Seay (8) | 08/17/1916 | 1950 | William S. Ray (7) | 06/04/1966 |
| 1907 | John R. Dickey (9) | 06/14/1939 | 1951 | Charles W. Pidcock, Jr. (28) | 01/16/1961 |
| 1908 | Luther P. Stephens (4) | 03/18/1925 | 1952 | Walter M. Housch (29) | 12/23/1965 |
| 1909 | Alpheus B. Simmons (7) | 02/11/1915 | 1953 | David W. Wells (10) | 03/04/1973 |
| 1910 | Joseph C. Greenfield (9) | 12/20/1920 | 1954 | Joseph W. Neal (3) | 11/19/1960 |
| 1911 | George D. Case(12) | 06/12/1922 | 1955 | James R. Belflower, Sr. (20) | 10/07/1981 |
| 1912 | Frederick T. Petri (3) | 07/26/1928 | 1956 | Lee A. Green(4) | 04/13/1984 |
| 1913 | Augustus G. Miller (5) | 07/13/1931 | 1957 | Cody O. James (31) | 06/08/1965 |
| 1914 | William F. Bowe (G01) | 08/25/1932 | 1958 | Emmett A. Rogers (12) | 06/24/2001 |
| 1915 | Benjamin F. Hardeman (14) | 08/31/1924 | 1959 | William A. Patat (33) | 12/10/1977 |
| 1916 | Robert L. Wyly (17) | 06/03/1944 | 1960 | William C. Sanders (13) | 07/25/1985 |
| 1917 | John W. Murrell (4) | 01/14/1959 | 1961 | Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9) | 02/04/1996 |

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|------|---|------------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1962 | William T. Bateman (10) | 07/19/1964 | 1994 | Hugh L. Smith (24) | 03/01/1995 |
| 1963 | Floyd L. Reynolds (34) | 01/20/1969 | 1995 | William M. Hutcheson (4) | 03/25/2010 |
| 1964 | Lonzo Pope (24) | 06/23/1991 | 1995 | Lloyd C. Odom (10) | 07/29/2009 |
| 1965 | James C. Slaughter (21) | 09/10/1977 | 1996 | James B. Phillips (19) | |
| 1966 | James E. Moseley (35) | 02-10-2017 | 1997 | Steven V. Carter (36) | 11/11/2017 |
| 1967 | Douglas H. Tidwell (4) | 10/30/1969 | 1998 | Bobby B. Simmons (2) | |
| 1968 | William J. Mobley (7) | 07/21/1981 | 1999 | Clarence E. Horne (4) | 10/05/2018 |
| 1969 | Thomas J. Jones (14) | 08/06/1976 | 2000 | Grady T. Bozeman (41) | 05/10/2007 |
| 1970 | Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9) | 05/07/2003 | 2001 | Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3) | 01/10/2007 |
| 1971 | Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16) | 03/01/1983 | 2001 | James C. Bentley, Jr. (16) | 02/20/2021 |
| 1972 | Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20) | 04/07/2000 | 2002 | Earl D. Harris (25) | 07/23/2002 |
| 1973 | James W. Register (3) | 04/24/1999 | 2002 | Bobby J. Townsend (9) | 09/20/2014 |
| 1974 | George E. Jones (10) | 08/27/1993 | 2003 | Clyde E. Griffin (7) | |
| 1975 | Clinton O. Morris (38) | 04/07/1990 | 2004 | Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31) | |
| 1976 | Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2) | 06/12/1978 | 2005 | Charles B. Stephens (26) | (Resigned) |
| 1976 | Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2) | 10/14/1981 | 2006 | Ernest A. Forthman (24) | 12/09/2008 |
| 1976 | Joseph C. Billingsley (2) | 06/28/2006 | 2007 | Paul E. Wells (3) | |
| 1977 | William J. Clarke (31) | 09/22/1993 | 2008 | Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9) | 10/26/2011 |
| 1978 | Joseph R. Richardson (8) | 01/27/1990 | 2009 | Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12) | |
| 1979 | Ralph C. James [Hon] (14) | 06/14/1989 | 2010 | Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11) | |
| 1979 | John M. McClurd, Sr. (21) | 04/17/2001 | 2010 | Charles M. Ellis (29) | |
| 1980 | George C. Rogers (26) | 12/21/1989 | 2011 | James E. Stevens (21) | |
| 1981 | Jack Cluck (G01) | 04/15/2002 | 2012 | Johnnie M. Garmon (37) | |
| 1982 | Willie P. Hammond (35) | 09/01/2011 | 2013 | C. Danny Wofford (31) | |
| 1983 | George M. Davenport, Jr. (5) | 09/01/2005 | 2014 | Terry L. Hensley (26) | |
| 1984 | *Robert E. Hughes (24) (Susp. 12/2001) | | 2015 | Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26) | |
| 1985 | John W. Halliday, Jr. (14) (Susp. 6/2008) | | 2015 | Joe E. Turner (35) | |
| 1986 | Joseph P. Suttles (4) | 09/11/2019 | 2016 | Doyle R. Hatfield (3) | 09/13/2013 |
| 1987 | Edward Helton (15) | 08/22/2021 | 2017 | Drewery W. Hendry (25) | 02/02/2021 |
| 1988 | Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12) | 02/08/1999 | 2018 | Steve A. Kirk (41) | 10/17/2019 |
| 1989 | Wilford H. Hall (19) | 07/20/2014 | 2019 | Robert W. Waldron (25) | |
| 1990 | John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21) | 11/09/1993 | 2019 | Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) (Suspended) | |
| 1990 | Ted H. Hendon (9) | 04/27/2007 | 2020 | Mark S. Johnson (22) | |
| 1991 | Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2) | 12/01/1992 | 2021 | Carl J. Gamel (40) | 12/22/2022 |
| 1991 | Lee D. Holcomb (40) | 04/21/2009 | 2022 | Tommy T. Marshall (36) | |
| 1992 | William M. Roach Sr. (21) | 10/21/1999 | 2023 | Ditmar W. Chavez (3) | |
| 1993 | Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33) | 09/05/2010 | 2024 | Tyler W. Pledger (29) | |
| 1994 | Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8) | 10/09/2019 | | | |

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

- 1. Georgia:**
- 2. St. Omer:** Matthew Astin;
Michael L. Hamlin; Bobby B. Simmons;
Michael W. Schaefer
- 3. St. Aldemar:** Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
Timothy K. Starling
- 4. Coeur de Lion:** Gregory B. Foster
- 5. St. Paul:** Timothy E. Crimmins
- 7. Palestine:** Roger W. Coursey;
Clyde E. Griffin; Ronald B. Wolbert;
Bruce H. McNall; Donald C. Combs
- 8. Rome:** Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
- 9. Atlanta:** Alessandro V. Silva;
Ryan C. Nealey; Jack J. Bell
- 10. Ivanhoe:**
- 11. Tancred:**
- 12. Plantagenet:**
- 14. Godfrey de Bouillon:**
J. Walter McCannon, Jr.
- 15. Pilgrim:** Michael L. Wolcott
- 16. Malta:**
- 17. Crusader:** No Representation
- 19. St. John's:** James B. Phillips; Jerry M. Hardigree
- 21. St. Elmo:** James D. Arnold;
Thomas J. Chapman; James E. Stevens;
William F. Shepard; Charles E. Taylor;
Christopher D. Gabor
- 22. Alexius:** Mark S. Johnson; Joe E. Turner
- 25. St. Bernard:** Benjamin W. Polston, II
- 26. Constantine:** James W. Bard;
Daniel C. Ricketts; Michael H. Sampsell;
Robert R. Cordle; John C. Miller;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
- 29. Charles Martel:** Tyler W. Pledger;
Tracy D. Wright
- 30. Bethlehem:**
- 31. Arnold de Troye:** Joe R. Bush;
Judd J. Wolfe; Mark A. Bradley;
Wiley Q. Forrester, III; Michael Etheridge
- 33. Philemon:** Michael R. Sosebee
- 35. Griffin:**
- 36. Waycross:** C. Hendry Howard, Jr.;
Tommy T. Marshall; James R. Bennett;
Matthew Sanford
- 37. Blue Ridge Mountain:**
Floyd E. Edmondson; William W. Grist;
Johnnie M. Garmon; Brandon P. Simmons;
Edgar M. Land; Danny L. Russell
- 38. DeKalb:** No Representation
- 40. Douglasville:** Eric S. Tress
- 41. Amicalola:** Keith Hales;
James R. Harris, Sr.; Stephen C. Higgins;
James Blalock
- 42. Coastal Plain:** Howard L. Maddox;
John H. Johnson; Jeremy Hobbs;

John T. Flener, Jr.

45. St. Peter:

73. Ft. Benning: Baron L. Conklin

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

- 1. Georgia:** Robert L. Durland, Jr.
- 2. St. Omer:** Peter D. Bard; Michael W. Schaefer
- 3. St. Aldemar:**
- 4. Coeur De Lion:**
- 5. St. Paul:**
- 7. Palestine:** Stephen Bulwinkle
- 8. Rome:** John Mull
- 9. Atlanta:** William S. Vincent
- 10. Ivanhoe:**
- 11. Tancred:**
- 12. Plantagenet:** George H. Griffin
- 14. Godfrey De Bouillon:**
- 15. Pilgrim:**
- 16. Malta:**
- 17. Crusader:** No Representation
- 19. St. John's:**
- 21. St. Elmo:** Brandon A. Jones;
Anthony C. Bottita, Jr.; Ernest E. Ricks
- 22. Alexius:**

- 25. St. Bernard:**
- 26. Constantine:** John E. Finch, Jr.
- 29. Charles Martel:**
- 30. Bethlehem:**
- 31. Arnold De Troye:**
- 33. Philemon:**
- 35. Griffin:**
- 36. Waycross:**
- 37. Blue Ridge Mountain:**
- 38. Dekalb:** No Representation
- 40. Douglasville:**
- 41. Amicalola:**
- 42. Coastal Plain:** Tommy Kimbrel; David W. Simmons
- 45. St. Peter:**
- 73 Ft. Benning:**

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TWO HUNDRED AND THIRD
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 2, 2025
A. INV. 2555**



JOEY EDWIN JACKSON
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2024-2025

JOEY EDWIN JACKSON

PERSONAL

I was born in 1954, graduated from Portal High School in 1972. I was an over the road truck driver for 30 years, Georgia State Correctional Officer for 6 years, and a certified welder and fitter for 8 years. I retired from truck driving in 2008. I am of Methodist faith and a member at Paynes Chapel Methodist Church.

I married Marsha Sapp in December of 1972. We have two children, Andy and Amie. Unfortunately, I lost my wife of 50 years in 2022.

MASONIC

I was raised a Master Mason in May of 1987 in Ogeechee Lodge #213 in Statesboro, Georgia and started through the chairs. I became Master for the first time in 1993. I served as Secretary for 5 years and Director of Work. I am a perpetual member in Ogeechee Lodge.

My driving job took me away from regular attendance for a few years, then I became active again and was Master of Ogeechee again in 2006. I'm a charter member of Hayden M. Carmichael Daylight Lodge #757 in Blitch, Georgia where I served as Treasurer for 13 years and I served as Secretary for 6 years, and I currently serve as Director of Work.

I became a plural member of Sylvania Lodge #301 in Sylvania, Georgia and served as Master in 2016. I withdrew from Sylvania Lodge and became a member of Vidalia Lodge #330 in 2017.

I was Master of the First Masonic District in 2017 after progressing through the officer line.

I was appointed District Deputy to the Grand Master in 2006 and served until 2023. I was appointed as Assistant Custodian of the First Masonic District in 2013 and served until 2020 when I was appointed as Custodian of the First Masonic District in October.

I received my Chapter, Council, and Commandery Degrees in York Rite in 1988.

I was High Priest of Statesboro Chapter #59 and Illustrious Master of Statesboro Council #46 in 2010, and I currently serve as Secretary-Recorder.

I am a dual member in Georgia Chapter #3 and Georgia Council #2 in Savannah and was High Priest and Illustrious Master in 2011. I am currently serving as an officer in both lines again.

I was Commander in Palestine Commandery #7 in Savannah in 2012 and received my KYCH in 2013 in Georgia Priory #39.

I was High Priest of the First District in 2014, and I am currently serving as Secretary.

I was elected to the Grand Chapter Line of the State of Georgia and served as Grand High Priest in 2024. I am currently serving as the Director of the Work for the Grand York Rite for the Southeast area of Georgia.

I received the Order of the High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and Order of the Knight Crusader of the Cross and am currently serving as the Excellent Herald in the Order of the High Priesthood.

I was the Governor of Herman E. Freeman York Rite College #186 in 2015 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2017 and became an Associate Regent.

I am a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and I'm currently serving as Puissant Sovereign.

I received the Allied Masonic Degrees in 2012 and was Sovereign Master in 2019.

I am a member of Atlanta Chapel of the Order of St. Thomas of Acon in 2013.

I am a member of the Knight Masons Crown Martyrs #120 and currently serving as Chief.

I received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Savannah in 2008, and I am serving as Junior Warden in the Lodge of Perfection. I received my 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2019.
 I am a member of the Alee Temple of the Shrine since 1988 and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters Court #34 in Savannah. I am a life member of the Knights of Mecca in Savannah.
 I became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 2014.
 I am a member of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis in 2019 and am serving currently as the 4th Ancient.
 I am a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests of the Upper Room Tabernacle.
 I am a member of the National Sojourners of Hunter Chapter #502 in Savannah. I am a charter member of Savannah Forest #217 and served as Scribe and Grand Tall Cedar in 2019.
 I am a member of the Masonic Order of Athelstan.
 I am currently a 5th Degree in the Great Priory of America, Rectified Scottish Rite.
 I have a great love for Freemasonry, it has been a large part of my life, and I hope to continue serving in any capacity.

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

The Two Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened at 1:30 PM on Friday, May 2, 2025 with Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Pro-Tem William F. Shepard presiding and with all other Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. Being assured by the Grand Secretary that a quorum was present, the Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Pro-Tem declared the Two Hundred and Third Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

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| Joey E. Jackson (59) <i>Absent</i> | Most Excellent Grand High Priest |
| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7) | Right Excellent Grand King |
| Joe R. Bush (49) | Excellent Grand Scribe |
| Wade C. Smith, (24) | Right Excellent Grand Treasurer |
| Mark A. Bradley (84) | Right Excellent Grand Secretary |
| Bruce H. McNall (3) | Excellent Grand Chaplain |
| Jack J. Bell (162) | Excellent Grand Captain of the Host |
| Thomas J. Chapman (66) | Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner |
| Johnie M. Garmon (24) | Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain |
| John E. Finch, Jr. (13) | Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil |
| Matthew Sanford (9) | Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil |
| Brandon P. Simmons (150) | Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil |
| Robert A. Brooks (3) | Excellent Grand Sentinel |

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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

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| 2019 James W. Tate (73) | 2021 John H. Johnson (47) |
| 2019 Andre E. Lovas (34) | 2022 C. Hendry Howard (9) |
| 2020 Michael H. Sampsell (13/87) | 2023 Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14) |

2024-2025 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell and Floyd E. Edmondson;
South: T. Matthew Sanford and C. Hendry Howard

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Michael L. Wolcott; Peter D. Bard;
Joey E. Jackson

MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; John H. Johnson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John C. Miller; John H. Finch, Jr

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar Richards; Baron Conklin

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;
Matthew T. Sanford

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold

R. A. R. A.: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John E. Finch, Thomas J. Chapman

Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson;

William F. Shepard; Jack J. Bell; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

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

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

Timothy K. Starling; William Cantrell; T. Matthew Sanford

Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;

Tyler W. Pledger

Public Relations: F. Andrew Lane, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Stephen C. Higgins

Membership: James R. Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford;
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;

Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Floyd E. Edmondson

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch;
John T. Flener, Jr.

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley

Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;

Peter Bard; Hendry Howard

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John E. Finch; Raymond G. Laird

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2024-2025 GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

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| Stephen C. Higgins (135) | Chair | Eric S. Tress (50/142) | 5 th |
| Jimmy L. Hires, Jr. (135) | 1 st /11 th | Robert E. Soderstrom (155) | 5 th |
| Howard L. Maddox (47) | 2 nd /3 rd /11 th | Samuel K. Lowder (27) | 6 th |
| Robert M. Grant, Sr. (11/73) | 4 th | R. Cris Lynch (80) | 7 th |
| Baron L. Conklin (73) | 4 th | Mitch Tripp (26) | 7 th |

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| J. Walter McCannon (25) | 8 th | Richard L. Tanner (150) | 9 th |
| Jeffrey L. Anderson (71) | 8 th | Gregory S. Mahan (6) | 10 th |
| David M. Wellman (135) | 9 th | Sherman D. Rankin (18) | 12 th |
| William Garrison (48) | 9 th | | |

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To all companions of the great state of Georgia: I thank you for the chance of serving as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia for the past year. It has indeed been a great honor that I have greatly appreciated it.

I didn't get to travel as much as I had planned due to health problems, but the Chapters and conventions that I visited were overwhelming with their love for our Craft and they showed it by their warm greetings for myself and my officers.

I'd like to thank everyone for their tireless work at all the festivals and for their excellent degree work, creating new companions for our Craft at the Grand Master's Class and around the state. Your work was well recognized as well as your devotion to the Craft. I personally want to thank each of you on behalf of the Grand York Rite of Georgia.

I'd also like to thank Right Excellent Grand King Joe Oelgoetz for filling in for me when my health would not allow me to attend. Right Excellent Sir, you are a true friend and a great Mason. Hopefully I can return the favor to you by helping you in your year.

I also thank Past Grand Master Clyde Griffin for the nomination that got me here and for your confidence in me and for everything that you have shown me here and in other bodies of the Craft.

And to all my officers that served with me and worked hard to keep the Craft going this year, I appreciate it more than you know. I apologize for not being with you as much as I would have liked to be. You have my warm wishes for your years of journey in the future.

To my Excellent Companion and Sentinel Robert Brooks, thank you for being my driver in and out of state. You're a true friend and your time and devotion to helping me will not soon be forgotten.

I would like to end by saying, I pray for our Craft to grow and prayerfully flourish throughout the coming years of great leadership that we have in this Grand Line. My greatest thank you is to my Father in Heaven for giving me the strength to complete this year and for giving me this opportunity to serve in this capacity, and for His guidance throughout the year and in my life.

It has indeed been an honor to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Joey E. Jackson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

To the Right Excellent Grand King, Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, 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 two hundred three Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. We pray that this Grand Convocation will be enjoyed by all present.

We acknowledge the travels of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this year, and we appreciate the distinguished way he has represented our Grand Chapter and the Royal Arch 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 join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for their support and service. We complement our Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his appointment of the two "appointed" Grand Officers, Excellent Companion Bruce H. McNall, Right Excellent Reverend Grand Chaplain, and Excellent Companion Robert A. Brooks, Excellent Grand Sentinel. These two great companions have added much to our Grand Chapter this year. We join the Most Excellent High Priest in his appreciation and acknowledgment of the unity the Grand Chapter Officers. Our Grand Chapter is in good hands for many years to come.

We commend the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in seeking advice and guidance from those who have traveled this way before, the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests. We especially acknowledge the Most Excellent Companion Clyde E. Griffin, for having faith in Most Excellent Companion Jackson and nominating him for the office of Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil and starting him on this journey.

We join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in acknowledging the District Grand Deputies and the Chairman of the District Grand Deputies, Most Excellent Companion Steve Higgins. These Excellent Companions are indeed the hardest working Companions in Royal Arch Masonry.

We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Timothy K. Starling and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Tyler W. Pledger for their efforts and working with the Grand High Priest in promoting York Rite Masonry this year. Also, we thank Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin W. Polston II, and Most Worshipful Brother Mark A. Bradley for their support of York Rite Masonry, when we work together great things can be accomplished.

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 Jack Bell, Jay Finch and Thomas Chapman, and the companions of this great state, we continue to be strong and leading supporters of this great work. We wish to join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking Mark Bradley and Marla Horton for their service. Their hard work should never go unnoticed, their efforts make it easy for the rest of us.

Now as our Most Excellent Companion. Joey E. Jackson lays down the gavel of the Grand Chapter, we are assured that his service to our great fraternity is not ended. Soon the time will come for him to rise again to deeds of even more exalted usefulness.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson;
John Henry Johnson

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, report that no Bill to amend the Royal Arch Code was referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation.

No Resolution was submitted for consideration at this Annual Convocation.

We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Secretary were in strict accordance with the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia.

We your committee wishes to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford;

F. Andrew Lane Jr.

REPORT OF CHARTER, BY-LAWS, AND DISPENSATIONS 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, By-Laws and Dispensations wishes to make the following report:

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of Toccoa Chapter No. 21.

Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a change in the bylaws of Pickens Chapter No. 28 changing the meeting dates to odd months during the year. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of Newnan Chapter No. 34 changing meeting dates and dues and fees and other minor changes. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a change in the bylaws of Wilford H. Hall Chapter No. 80 changing the dues. Your Committee reluctantly recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a complete revision of Ellijay Chapter No. 150.

Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your COMMITTEE AGAIN NOTES that PERHAPS Valdosta would be better served by being in the Second District with the cities of Tifton, Albany, Thomasville, etc. rather than being in the South Georgia Royal Arch Masonic Convention.

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

Your Committee notes with sadness that Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 at Griffin, Georgia was consolidated with Lakewood Chapter No. 27 at Lovejoy, Georgia on December 17, 2024. The chapter was 180 years old and I served as Grand High Priest as a member of that chapter way back when. Forest Park Chapter No. 75 at College Park consolidated with Fayette County Chapter No. 72 at Fayetteville also on December 17, 2024. (John and Ruben are sad too)

Your Committee was asked if a By-Law that states that a member is only eligible for elective office if he is in current dues status is proper. Your Committee asked the chapter to refer it to Jurisprudence, but I believe the amendment was withdrawn.

This Committee notes that dispensation No. 19 was issued on April 8, 2025 to form a new chapter in McCaysville, Georgia. Your committee has reviewed the

submitted documents and believes its future looks bright. Chapter will be under dispensation until 2026.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Elberton No. 25 175 years, J. M. Rushin No. 23, 125 years. It has been 50 years since Augusta chapter No. 2 was allowed by this Grand Chapter to change its number to No. 1. It is Georgia's oldest Royal Arch chapter. Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; T. Matthew Sanford

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The May 2, 2022 Royal Arch Mason Code is available from the Grand Secretary's office.

The 2022 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Convocation session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

The Code will be reprinted this year with all amendments and changes.

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

REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

I have received no out of state or foreign proceedings for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore and most states do not put them online.

I do receive the General Grand Chapter Newsletters and a couple of states newsletters and I note with interest activities going on in other states. I also get the Royal Arch Mason magazine and find items of interest included in those pages.

No requests for recognition from other Grand Chapters have been received to my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

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

Capitular Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

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| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7) | Most Excellent Grand High Priest |
| Joe R. Bush (49) | Right Excellent Grand King |
| Jack J. Bell (162) | Right Excellent Grand Scribe |
| Wade C. Smith (24) | Right Excellent Grand Treasurer |
| Mark A. Bradley (84) | Right Excellent Grand Secretary |
| Thomas J. Chapman (66) | Excellent Grand Captain of the Host |
| Johnie M. Garmon (24) | Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner |
| John E. Finch, Jr. (13) | Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain |
| Matthew Sanford (9) | Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil |
| Brandon P. Simmons | Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil |
| Michael J. Etheridge (84) | Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil |

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MEGHP announced the following appointments: Timothy K. Starling (7), Chaplain; and Ditmar W. Chavez (7), Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 3, 2025 by Right Worshipful Brother William F. Shepard.

2025-2026 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell and Tyler W. Pledger

South: Matthew Sanford and Joey E. Jackson

Assistant Custodians: Peter D. Bard; Mike Etheridge

MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; John H. Johnson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Keith Hales; Keith Bryant

Memorial: Donald C. Combs, Robert R Cordle, Timothy K. Starling

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane

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

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; David Simmons, Tommy Kimbrell, Matt Astin

Auditing: Mike Taylor; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold

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

Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson; William F. Shepard; Jack J. Bell; Matthew Sanford

Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Judd Wolfe

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

Timothy K. Starling; Jimmy Densmore; Matthew Sanford

Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joe R. Bush; Tyler W. Pledger; Jim Harris

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

Membership: Tyler Pledger Chair; James Bard; Brandon P. Simmons

Perpetual Memberships: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;

Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; William White

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch; John T. Flener, Jr.

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Peterson; Mark A. Bradley
Grand Master Y.R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
 Peter Bard; Joey E. Jackson
Photographer: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Bayardo Reyes;
 Robert W. Tidwell, Emeritus
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John Flener
Sunshine: Floyd Edmondson

2025-2026 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

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| Stephen C. Higgins (135) | Chair | John W. Beckum (160) | 7 th |
| Jimmy L. Hires, Jr. (3) | 1 st | J. Walter McCannon (25) | 8 th |
| Howard L. Maddox (47) | 2 nd /3 rd | Jeffrey L. Anderson (71) | 8 th |
| Robert M. Grant, Sr. (11/73) | 4 th | David M. Wellman (135) | 9 th |
| Baron L. Conklin (73) | 4 th | William Garrison (48) | 9 th |
| Eric S. Tress (50/142) | 5 th | Danny L. Russell (150) | 9 th |
| Robert E. Soderstrom (155) | 5 th | Michael Schaefer (120) | 10 th |
| Samuel K. Lowder (27) | 6 th | Rusty Bennett (9) | 11 th |
| R. Cris Lynch (80) | 7 th | Sherman D. Rankin (18) | 12 th |
| Phillip J. Spake (142) | 7 th | | |

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 203rd Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 204th Annual Convocation will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 1, 2026.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIAL

The 75th Triennial will be held in September of 2026 in Washington D.C.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, MEGHP, declared the 203rd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
 EG Secretary



Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
 Most Excellent
 Grand High Priest

PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on May 2, 2025 to receive those companions that desired more Masonic light by being anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the C. Danny Wofford Holy Order of High Priesthood. The following Officers were in their respective stations:

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| Stephen C. Higgins | Excellent President |
| Joey E. Jackson | Excellent Vice President |
| C. Hendry Howard | Excellent Master of Ceremonies |
| Mark A. Bradley | Excellent Recorder-Treasurer |
| Benjamin W. Polston, II | Excellent Chaplain |
| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III | Excellent Conductor |

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| Jack J. Bell | Excellent Herald |
| Mark S. Johnson | Excellent Steward |
| Joe R. Bush | Excellent Sentinel |

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

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| 1986 C. Brantley Morgan | 2014 Michael R. Sosebee |
| 1990 William E. Cantrell | 2015 Mark A. Bradley |
| 1995 James W. Seymour (Demit) | 2016 Michael H. Wilson |
| 1996 Andre E. Lovas | 2017 Edward C. Barclay |
| 1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. | 2019 William F. Shepard |
| 1998 C. Danny Wofford | 2020 William F. Shepard |
| 2002 Clyde E. Griffin | 2022 James W. Tate |
| 2009 J. Timothy Ingram | 2023 Michael H. Sampsell |
| 2012 Wade C. Smith | 2024 Stephen C. Higgins |
| 2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. | 2025 Joey E. Jackson |

CONFERRAL TEAM

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Benjamin W. Polston, II | Excellent President |
| Stephen C. Higgins | Excellent Master of Ceremonies |
| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III | Excellent Chaplain |
| Edward C. Barclay | Excellent Conductor |
| Michael H. Sampsell | Excellent Herald |
| Floyd E. Edmondson | Excellent Steward |
| John H. Johnson | Excellent Sentinel |

CANDIDATES

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| Jacob Anthony | Tommy Kimbrel |
| John W. Beckum | John Mock |
| Joseph Bradley | John A. Mull |
| Stephen Bulwinkle | Ernest E. Ricks |
| John E. Chesser, Sr. | Danny Russell |
| Stacy R. Crews | Sudhanshu H. Shukla |
| Robert L. Durland, Jr. | Michael S. Smith |
| Benjamin P. Faulkner | Phillip J. Spake |
| Micajah Gary | Gary W. Thornton |
| Robert M. Grant | Mitch Tripp |
| Mikel R. Johns | Darold A. Vissering |
| James J. Kelley | |

2025-2026 OFFICERS

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

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| Joey E. Jackson | Excellent President |
| C. Hendry Howard | Excellent Vice President |
| Benjamin W. Polston, II | Excellent Master of Ceremonies |
| Mark A. Bradley | Excellent Secretary-Treasurer |
| Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III | Excellent Chaplain |
| Jack J. Bell | Excellent Conductor |
| Mark S. Johnson | Excellent Herald |
| Joe R. Bush | Excellent Steward |
| Walter D. Waddell, Jr. | Excellent Sentinel |

The officers were installed by MIPGM Stephen C. Higgins.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Excellent Secretary-Treasurer

Joey E. Jackson
Excellent President

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

On Friday, May 2, 2025, a banquet was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2024-2025 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Chapter awards were presented:

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley and General Grand Scribe Reed Fanning presented Sweetheart Awards to Lady Erin Pledger and Lady Karen Oelgoetz.

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

Mark A. Bradley presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Most Excellent Companion Benjamin W. Polston, II at the business session earlier that day.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley and General Grand Scribe Reed Fanning presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion Robert A. Brooks.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

On June 7th at a meeting of Georgia Priory No. 39 KYCH, MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley and MEPGHP William F. Shepard presented MEGHP Joey E. Jackson with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

MEPGHP William F. Shepard presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Ellijay Chapter No. 150.

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

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| *2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24) | 2018 Joe E. Turner (27) |
| 2015 Wade C. Smith (24) | 2019 J. Timothy Ingram (28) |
| 2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03) | 2020 William F. Shepard (66) |
| *2015 Edward Helton (64) | 2021 Michael H. Wilson (71) |
| 2016 C. Danny Wofford (84) | 2022 Mark A. Bradley (84) |
| 2016 Wayne H Garrett (64) | 2023 Hugh F. Watson (13) |
| 2017 Robert L. Gill (9) | 2024 Johnie M. Garmon (24) |
| *2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155) | 2025 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71) |
| 2018 Floyd E. Edmondson (150) | |

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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| *1952 Ottis B. Turner (10) | *1964 Ralph Saye (K01) |
| *1953 Robert Wiley Beall (55) | *1965 Richard S. Sagar (49) |
| *1954 Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (6) | *1966 James W. Davis (77) |
| *1955 Thomas E. Gaines (136) | *1967 Charles H. Davis (4) |
| *1956 Ezekiel K. Clifton (3) | *1968 John B. Hubert, Jr. (112) |
| *1957 W. Tom Bateman (18) | *1969 Ernest F. Campbell (70) |
| *1958 Edward P. Hitaffer (73) | *1970 C. Dowling Pate (107) |
| **1959 Merrill D. Payton (15) | *1971 Preston Y. Luther (4) |
| *1960 L. Guy Hughes (144) | *1972 J. Sheffield Thompson (37) |
| *1961 T. S. Wells, Sr. (85) | *1973 George T. Buchan (66) |
| *1962 Walter M. Housch (99) | *1974 Clyde C. Brown (83) |
| *1963 Graydon W. Kitchens (122) | *1975 Dave H. Keever (49) |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *1976 Benjamin R. Martin, Jr. (121) | *2001 William L. Montgomery (73) |
| *1977 Oliver H. Sheppard (158) | 2002 Stephen C. Higgins (135) |
| *1978 Charles W. Eaton (154) | *2003 William H. McDaniel (K01) |
| *1979 Grady T. Bozeman (28) | 2004 William F. Shepard (66) |
| *1980 Joseph P. Suttles (37) | 2005 James D. Davis (11) |
| *1981 Robert E. Taylor (4) | 2006 Johnie M. Garmon (24) |
| *1982 Oran G. Moore (79) | *2007 Kerry J. Buchan (G03) |
| *1983 Willie P. Hammond (72) | 2008 A. Wayne Norton (21) |
| *1984 Lee D. Holcomb (50) | 2009 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (13) |
| *1985 Lewis H. Keith (27) | *2010 G. Everett Cox (160) |
| 1986 C. Danny Wofford (84) | *2011 Phillip H. Floyd (48) |
| *1987 David B. Dukes (70) | 2012 Leonard A. Davis (11) |
| **1988 Kenneth R. Smith (144) | 2013 Edward C. Barclay (14) |
| *1989 Minor C. Shadburn (144) | 2014 Bruce A. McNall (G03) |
| *1990 William J. Bird (70) | 2015 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71) |
| ***1991 Lawrence E. Anderson (22) | 2016 Ronald H. Wallace (24) |
| *1992 William H. Lewis (107) | 2017 James E. Stevens (66) |
| *1993 Edward C. Davis (122) | 2018 Judd J. Wolfe (48) |
| *1994 W. George Bean (49) | 2019 Robert W. Tidwell (75) |
| *1995 James E. Salter (75) | 2020 John H. Johnson (47) |
| *1996 Rudolph Fuglaar (119) | 2021 John E. Finch, (13) |
| *1997 George Utiss, Sr. (66) | 2022 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7) |
| 1998 Robert L. Gill (9) | 2023 John A. Minnich (4) |
| *1999 Russell L. Baker (47) | 2024 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (25) |
| 2000 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80) | 2025 Robert A. Brooks (G03) |
| * Indicates Death | ** Indicates Suspension |
| | *** Indicates Dimit |

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2010 Josie Bentley | 2015 Jane Wilson | 2018 Nancy Rich |
| 2010 Loyce Price | 2015 Joan Head | 2018 Kay Higgins |
| 2010 Margaret Lovas | 2015 Sharon Bailey | 2018 Terry Massaro |
| 2010 Pat Smith | 2015 Sheila Hensley | 2018 Jeanette Hendry |
| 2010 Rebecca Taylor | 2015 Susan Pope | 2018 Benigna Haggas |
| 2012 Anna Montgomery | 2015 Tammie Polston | 2019 Sherri Kirk |
| 2012 Cheryle Shepard | 2016 Barbara Edmondson | 2019 Angi Harris |
| 2012 Halli Stevens | 2016 Buffi Peacock | 2019 Barbara Tate |
| 2012 Jana Watson | 2016 Debbie Lemmons | 2019 Nancy Simmons |
| 2012 Marilyn Yeary | 2016 Helen Leinbaugh | 2020 Ivy Harris |
| 2012 Ruth Wellman | 2016 Laine Bolton | 2020 Diane Nealey |
| 2013 Erica Matheny | 2017 Eva Garmon | 2020 McKenzie Knight |
| 2013 Glenda Porter | 2017 Marla Horton | 2020 Leigh Knight |
| 2014 Barbara Bozeman | 2017 Gay Bradley | 2020 Sue Mason |
| 2014 Fae Suttles | 2017 Emmie Sampsell | 2021 Stephanie Ricketts |
| 2014 Judy Griffin | 2017 Lynne Hatfield | 2021 Elizabeth Finch |
| 2014 Lily Stafford | 2017 Karen Johnson | 2021 Shelly Howard |
| 2014 Liz Miller | 2017 Cheryle Turner | 2021 Rosemarie Johnson |
| 2014 Nora Wells | 2018 Sheila Ingram | 2022 Becky Wolbert |
| 2015 Brenda Gill | 2018 Joy Wolfe | 2022 Paula Bard |
| 2015 Carol McDonald | 2018 Judy Nichols | 2022 Halli Stevens |

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2022 Denise Maddox | 2023 Marsha Jackson | 2025 Erin Pledger |
| 2022 Amanda Flener | (Posthumously) | 2025 Karen Oelgoetz |
| 2023 Brenda Marshall | 2024 Bobbie Chavez | |
| 2023 Brenda Cordle | 2024 Sheri Crowe | |

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2024

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Teko A. Foly | General Grand High Priest |
| Chadwick B. Burks | General Grand King |
| Reed B. Fanning | General Grand Scribe |
| Joe E. Kier | General Grand Treasurer |
| Dick E. Browning | Grand Secretary |
| Sheldon Arpad | General Grand Chaplain |
| Anthony Johnson | General Grand Captain of Host |
| Ronald Address | General Grand Principal Sojourner |
| C. James Graham | General Grand Royal Arch Captain |
| Joseph MacIntyre | General Grand Master of Third Veil |
| Randall Gilless | General Grand Master of Second Veil |
| Roderic L. Wagoner, Jr. | General Grand Master of the First Veil |
| Marvin W. Schendel | General Grand Sentinel |

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 | 1914 | Frank O. Miller (18) | 03-17-1937 |
| 1847-53 | William T. Gould (2) | 07-18-1882 | 1915 | Hiram Warner Hill (52) | 01-13-1934 |
| 1854-61 | Philip T. Schley (7/3) | 08-31-1862 | 1916 | J. Furman Bell (6) | 12-03-1940 |
| 1862-68 | Samuel S. Lawrence (13) | 10-02-1890 | 1917 | Thomas H. Jeffries (16) | 11-06-1948 |
| 1869-71 | Moses P. Kellogg (34) | 11-25-1889 | 1918 | Elliot W. Parish (3) | 10-13-1963 |
| 1872-73 | George W. Adams (3) | 01-05-1893 | 1919 | Andrew S. Harvey (26) | 11-22-1946 |
| 1874-77 | Luther J. Glenn (16) | 06-09-1886 | 1920 | Joseph C. Greenfield (16) | 12-20-1920 |
| 1878 | William J. Johnson (12) | 05-12-1886 | 1921 | Welby C. Jordan (K01) | 01-16-1954 |
| 1879-80 | James W. Oslin (55) | 01-09-1906 | 1922 | Augustus G. Miller (9) | 07-31-1931 |
| 1881-83 | Charles E. Lambdin (51) | 03-03-1888 | 1923 | Clarence H. Andrew (104) | 08-20-1930 |
| 1884 | William A. Graham (12) | 02-24-1904 | 1924 | Early H. Johnson (7) | 09-06-1947 |
| 1885 | Andrew M. Wolihin (15) | 02-22-1897 | 1924 | Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24) | 07-12-1928 |
| 1886-94 | James W. Taylor (8) | 12-15-1925 | 1925 | William A. Sims (16) | 11-24-1952 |
| 1895-97 | Charles Wessolowsky (15) | 07-08-1904 | 1926 | Hugh W. Taylor (31) | 05-18-1966 |
| 1898-00 | Henry C. Burr (10) | 03-15-1901 | 1927 | W. Frank Wells (97) | 11-07-1947 |
| 1901 | Henry Banks (11) | 06-03-1920 | 1928 | John Swain (3) | 01-02-1944 |
| 1902 | Robert L. Colding (3) | 10-21-1927 | 1929 | William B. Graham (12) | 07-02-1931 |
| 1903 | Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51) | 07-06-1909 | 1930 | Charles L. Bass (93) | 12-29-1937 |
| 1904 | Young A. Wright (54) | 05-12-1911 | 1930 | Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2) | 05-13-1950 |
| 1905 | John C. Joiner (16) | 12-26-1927 | 1931 | Charles Percival Taylor (155) | 01-14-1934 |
| 1906 | J. Luther Gable (40) | 01-12-1929 | 1932 | Joseph A. Moore (6) | 09-04-1972 |
| 1907 | Thomas F. Moody (31) | 01-14-1927 | 1933 | Charles R. McCord (4) | 03-22-1938 |
| 1908 | Luther M. Heard (25) | 01-20-1917 | 1934 | John B. Russell (32) | 01-20-1955 |
| 1909 | Jacob A. Walton (7) | 06-01-1925 | 1935 | N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66) | 02-19-1936 |
| 1910 | William F. Bowe (2) | 08-25-1932 | 1935 | Francis A. Johnson (97) | 03-31-1940 |
| 1911 | John R. Wilkinson (16) | 04-07-1915 | 1936 | B. Palmer Axson (G03) | 05-23-1943 |
| 1912 | William G. England (41) | 03-26-1931 | 1937 | Newman N. Johnson (22) | 11-03-1972 |
| 1913 | Joe P. Bowdoin (92) | 08-07-1942 | 1938 | Paul H. Ponder (158) | 11-23-1967 |

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|------|------------------------------|------------|------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1938 | P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34) | 03-27-1947 | 1982 | James T. Stanley (98) | 05-02-1991 |
| 1939 | Jack G. Standifer (44) | 11-20-1972 | 1983 | William M. Hutcheson (16) | 03-25-2010 |
| 1940 | Thomas W. Sewell (34) | 6-25-1966 | 1984 | C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107) | 10-25-1997 |
| 1941 | J. Warner Neal (7) | 11-19-1960 | 1984 | Bobby Joe Townsend (83) | 09-20-2014 |
| 1942 | John W. Riley (6) | 01-06-1949 | 1985 | Grady T. Bozeman (28) | 05-10-2007 |
| 1943 | E. Paul Newhard (62) | 05-16-1963 | 1986 | Steven V. Carter (90) | 11-11-2017 |
| 1944 | J. Tillman Morgan (74) | 09-20-1969 | 1987 | J. Walter Cowart (G03) | 09-11-2001 |
| 1945 | Bartis E. Goodman (16) | 01-09-1959 | 1988 | William E. Cantrell (144) | |
| 1946 | Emanuel W. Rhoden (91) | 10-20-1962 | 1989 | P. Woodrow Houston (44) | 06-30-1994 |
| 1947 | W. Furman King (G03) | 11-07-1950 | 1990 | George E. Jones (18) | 08-27-1993 |
| 1948 | Daniel W. Locklin (K01) | 10-09-1988 | 1991 | James E. Miller (73) | 04-21-2013 |
| 1949 | James R. Belflower (47) | 10-07-1981 | 1992 | John S. Perry (75) | 09-04-1995 |
| 1950 | John W. Ball, Jr. (112) | 03-09-1958 | 1993 | Ernest J. Gaines (49) | 11-23-1995 |
| 1951 | William J. Penn, Jr. (15) | 07-30-1959 | 1994 | Ruben Martinez (75) | 03-28-2021 |
| 1951 | Arthur T. Harrison (66) | 11-29-1954 | 1995 | Joe E. Turner (10) | |
| 1952 | Thomas C. Sanders (155) | 11-27-1974 | 1996 | William J. Bird (70) | 02-15-2016 |
| 1953 | David L. Paulk (32) | 04-23-1979 | 1997 | William Henry Lewis (107) | 06-07-1998 |
| 1954 | John H. Haddock (4) | 03-03-1981 | 1999 | Joseph P. Suttles (37) | 09-11-2019 |
| 1955 | J. Willard Register (7) | 04-24-1999 | 1999 | Wilford H. Hall (80) | 07-12-2014 |
| 1956 | Cecil F. Hall (33) | 11-01-1979 | 2000 | Wayne H. Garrett (64) | |
| 1957 | Austin P. Phillips (94) | 03-18-1981 | 2000 | Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50) | 04-27-2007 |
| 1958 | Lyndon S. Patterson (10) | 05-07-1958 | 2001 | William D. Miles (16) | 03-04-2017 |
| 1958 | Jay D. Barton (2) | 03-09-1981 | 2002 | Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71) | 07-23-2002 |
| 1959 | Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119) | 07-24-1992 | 2002 | A. Joseph Clark (K01) | |
| 1960 | Raymond E. Keen (30) | 08-06-1999 | 2003 | Eli A. Stafford (G03) | 02-22-2007 |
| 1961 | James C. Newton (54) | 06-06-1970 | 2004 | Emmett R. Johns (4) | 10-15-2021 |
| 1961 | G. Hice Gilbert (149) | 08-19-1985 | 2005 | Hugh F. Watson (13) | |
| 1962 | E. Alton Rogers (6) | 06-24-2001 | 2006 | Robert L. Gill (9) | |
| 1963 | Ralph C. James (158) | 06-14-1989 | 2007 | Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21) | 09-05-2010 |
| 1964 | Charles H. Bush (131) | 12-20-1969 | 2008 | Drewy W. Hendry, Sr. (63) | 02-02-2021 |
| 1965 | James M. Head (63) | 03-11-1999 | 2009 | C. Danny Wofford (84) | |
| 1966 | Joseph R. Richardson (26) | 01-27-1990 | 2009 | Wade C. Smith (24) | |
| 1967 | James E. Moseley (10) | 02-10-2017 | 2010 | J. Timothy Ingram (28) | |
| 1967 | Merrill D. Payton (15) | 02-12-1997 | 2011 | William L. Montgomery (73) | 11-13-2020 |
| 1968 | Ira R. Huffaker (16) | 05-21-1973 | 2012 | Jimmy T. Porter (79) | 11-29-2015 |
| 1969 | Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10) | 09-24-1971 | 2012 | James C. Bentley, Jr. (Hon) (107) | 02-20-2021 |
| 1970 | Herman E. Freeman (G03) | 08-01-1984 | 2013 | Clyde E. Griffin (G03) | |
| 1971 | Graydon W. Kitchens (122) | 08-12-1987 | 2014 | Michael H. Wilson (71) | |
| 1972 | John M. McClurdt, Sr. (66) | 04-17-2001 | 2015 | James T. Farmer (10) | 03-06-2016 |
| 1973 | William M. Drinnon (4) | 02-03-1987 | 2016 | William F. Shepard (66) | |
| 1974 | Richard S. Sagar (98) | 12-11-2013 | 2017 | Mark A. Bradley (84) | |
| 1975 | J. Lewis Lester (87) | 05-26-2009 | 2018 | Stephen C. Higgins (135) | |
| 1976 | Charlie O. Murphy (155) | 11-21-1992 | 2019 | James W. Tate (73) | |
| 1977 | Marvin E. Oldham (K01) | 08-13-2000 | 2020 | Michael H. Sampsel 13/87) | |
| 1978 | H. Grady Keith (27) | 05-28-2022 | 2021 | John H. Johnson (47) | |
| 1979 | John Benny Allen (64) | 10-24-2017 | 2022 | C. Hendry Howard (9) | |
| 1980 | Felix Gersten (7) 06-10-1993 | | 2023 | Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14) | |
| 1981 | Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52) | 04-07-2000 | 2024 | Joey E. Jackson (59) | |

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta:

K01: Keystone:

03. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey;
Ronald B. Wolbert; Clyde E. Griffin;
Bruce H. McNall; Donald C. Combs

04. Constantine: Matthew Astin;
Michael L. Hamlin; Bobby B. Simmons

06. Temple:

07. Darley: Joseph E. Oelgoetz, III;
Timothy K. Starling

09. Waycross: Matthew Sanford;
James R. Bennett; C. Hendry Howard;
Tommy T. Marshall

10. Pythagoras:

11. St. John's:

13. Cherokee: Peter D. Bard;
James W. Bard; Michael H. Sampsel;
John E. Finch, Jr.; Daniel C. Ricketts
14. Silver Shoals: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: Timothy E. Crimmins
16. Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey;

Alessandro V. Silva

18. Austin:

21. Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee
23. J. M. Rushin: Bruce T. Fykes
24. Enotah: William W. Grist;
Johnie M. Garmon

25. Oliver:

J. Walter McCannon

26. Rome:

27. Lakewood: Joe E. Turner

28. Pickens: Keith Hales

34. Newnan: No Representation

41. Adoniram: No Representation

47. Tifton: John H. Johnson;
Howard L. Maddox; Jeremy W. Hobbs;
John T. Flener, Jr.
48. Taylor: Wiley Q. Forrester, III;
Judd J. Wolfe

49. Dave H. Keever:

50. Douglasville:

59. Statesboro:

61. Kellogg: James B. Phillips
64. Alleghaney: Michael L. Wolcott
66. Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman;
 William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens;
 Charles E. Taylor; Christopher D. Gabor
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold;
 Brandon A. Jones
71. Covington: Benjamin W. Polston, II
72. Fayette County: Mark S. Johnson
73. Fort Benning: Baron L. Conklin
74. Roswell: No Representation
75. Forest Park: Gregory B. Foster
77. Sardis:
80. Wilford H. Hall: Jerry M. Hardigree
84. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
 Michael J. Etheridge; Michael L. Wolcott
87. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Carl J. Ward
94. Bainbridge: No Representation

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

K01 Keystone:
A01 Augusta: Robert L. Durland, Jr.
03 Georgia: Stephen Bulwinkle
04 Constantine:
06 Temple:
07 Darley:
09 Waycross:
10 Pythagoras:
11 St. John's:
13 Cherokee: Sudhanshu H. Shukla;
 Lyle T. Chadwick; Ainsley Coley
14 Silver Shoals:
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.:
16 Mt. Zion: Joseph Bradley;
 Anthony C. Williams
18 Austin:
21 Toccoa:
23 J.M. Rushin:
24 Enotah:
25 Oliver:
26 Rome: John Mull
27 Lakewood:
28 Pickens:
34 Newnan: No Representation
41 Adoniram: No Representation
47 Tifton: Tommy Kimbrel; David W. Simmons
48 Taylor:
49 Dave H. Kever:
50 Douglasville: Phillip J. Spake

99. Chickamauga: Tyler W. Pledger;
 Tracy D. Wright
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel:
 No Representation
120. Hubert: Benjamin P. Faulkner;
 Michael W. Schaefer
122. Y. A. Wright:
135. Canton: James R. Harris, Sr.;
 Stephen C. Higgins; Charles A. Maheu
142. Dallas: Eric S. Tress
150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson;
 Edgar M. Land; Brandon P. Simmons;
 William W. Grist
155. Mt. Horeb:
160. Smyrna: Robert R. Cordle; John C. Miller
162. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell;
 William S. Vincent
166. Genesis:

59 Statesboro:
61 Kellogg:
64 Alleghaney:
66 Brunswick: Anthony C. Bottita, Jr.;
 Ernest E. Ricks; Robert W. Strayer, Sr.
70 Jesup: James D. Arnold; John C. Mock, Jr.
71 Covington:
72 Fayetteville:
73 Fort Benning:
74 Roswell: No Representation
75 Forest Park:
77 Sardis:
80 Wilford H. Hall:
84 Winder:
87 Austell:
94 Bainbridge: No Representation
99 Chickamauga: Tracy D. Wright
107 Valdosta: No Representation
120 Hubert: Kenneth A. Boundy
122 Y.A. Wright:
135 Canton:
142 Dallas:
150 Ellijay: Danny L. Russell
155 Mt. Horeb:
160 Smyrna:
162 Alpharetta: William S. Vincent
166 Genesis:

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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 2025

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2025 + 4000 = 6025$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2025 + 530 = 2555$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2025 + 1913 = 3938$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2025 + 1000 = 3025$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2025 - 1118 = 907$

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

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
CONSOLIDATED**

December 31, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Checking accounts | \$ 164,513.57 |
| Investments, at cost | 624,564.06 |
| Employee advances | 5,394.34 |
| Due from related party | <u>24,000.00</u> |
| Total current assets | 818,471.97 |

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Building improvements | 232,811.92 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(34,549.99)</u> |
| Net property and equipment | <u>198,261.93</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$1,016,733.90</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Payroll taxes payable | \$ 1,915.95 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,915.95 |

NET ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Net assets without donor restrictions | 1,009,400.66 |
| Net assets with donor restrictions | <u>5,417.29</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>1,014,817.95</u> |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| NET ASSETS | <u>\$1,016,733.90</u> |
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GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dividend income | \$ 12,430.94 |
| Per capita income | 157,286.93 |
| Rituals and miscellaneous income | 18,160.94 |
| Other income | 0.00 |
| Building income | 0.00 |
| Interest income | 594.45 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of securities | 8,915.60 |
| Long-term capital gain distributions | <u>3,527.45</u> |

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|---|----------------------|
| Net support and revenue | 200,916.31 |
| Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions | 200,916.31 |
| PROGRAM EXPENSES | |
| Awards | 378.30 |
| Committee expenses | 377.00 |
| Conference expense | 21,776.58 |
| DeMolay | 100.00 |
| Dues – General Grand Chapter | 7,218.00 |
| Grand Secretary expense | 13,553.87 |
| Grand Treasurer expense | 3,000.00 |
| Masonic Home Endowment Fund | 100.00 |
| North Carolina Summer Assembly | 100.00 |
| Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust | 297.00 |
| Rainbow | 100.00 |
| RARA | 297.00 |
| Rituals and other printed material | 1,756.04 |
| Travel | 1,798.19 |
| Total program expenses | 50,851.98 |
| MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES | |
| Building expense | 0.00 |
| Investment fees | 3,689.92 |
| Depreciation expense | 0.00 |
| Insurance | 0.00 |
| Insurance – Liability | 6,791.48 |
| Legal and professional expense | 1,620.00 |
| Management fee-payroll and taxes | 80,636.91 |
| Office supplies and expense | 15,236.00 |
| Printing | 4,599.61 |
| Rent | 11,890.00 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 0.00 |
| Stationary and supplies expense | 0.00 |
| Telephone | 2,669.44 |
| Utilities | 0.00 |
| Total management and general expenses | 127,133.36 |
| Total expenses | 177,985.34 |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS | 22,930.97 |
| NET ASSETS, beginning | 549,463.97 |
| NET ASSETS, ending | <u>\$ 572,394.94</u> |

BUILDING FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2024

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | |
| SUPPORT AND REVENUE | |
| Dividend income | \$ 3,982.75 |
| Per capita income | 0.00 |
| Rituals and miscellaneous income | 0.00 |
| Other income | 3,910.00 |

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Building income | 58,564.00 |
| Interest income | 0.00 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of securities | 641.27 |
| Long-term capital gain distributions | <u>573.06</u> |
| Net support and revenue | 67,671.08 |
| Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions | 67,671.08 |
| MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES | |
| Building expense | 4,325.06 |
| Investment fees | 743.91 |
| Depreciation expense | 5,820.30 |
| Insurance | 6,039.36 |
| Insurance – Liability | 0.00 |
| Legal and professional expense | 0.00 |
| Management fee-payroll and taxes | 0.00 |
| Office supplies and expense | 0.00 |
| Printing | 0.00 |
| Rent | 0.00 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 19,451.98 |
| Stationary and supplies expense | 1,249.39 |
| Telephone | 0.00 |
| Utilities | <u>15,445.25</u> |
| Total management and general expenses | 53,075.25 |
| Total expenses | <u>53,075.25</u> |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS | |
| | 14,595.83 |
| NET ASSETS, beginning | <u>427,827.18</u> |
| NET ASSETS, ending | <u>\$ 442,423.01</u> |

CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
December 21, 2024

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|---|-----------------|
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | |
| SUPPORT AND REVENUE | |
| Dividend income | \$ 16,413.69 |
| Per capita income | 157,286.93 |
| Rituals and miscellaneous income | 18,160.94 |
| Other income | 3,910.00 |
| Building income | 58,564.00 |
| Interest income | 594.45 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of securities | 9,556.87 |
| Long-term capital gain distributions | <u>4,100.51</u> |
| Net support and revenue | 268,587.39 |
| Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions | 268,587.39 |
| PROGRAM EXPENSES | |
| Awards | 378.30 |
| Committee expenses | 377.00 |
| Conference expense | 21,776.58 |

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|--|-----------------------|
| DeMolay | 100.00 |
| Dues – General Grand Chapter | 7,218.00 |
| Grand Secretary expense | 13,553.87 |
| Grand Treasurer expense | 3,000.00 |
| Masonic Home Endowment Fund | 100.00 |
| North Carolina Summer Assembly | 100.00 |
| Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust | 297.00 |
| Rainbow | 100.00 |
| RARA | 297.00 |
| Rituals and other printed material | 1,756.04 |
| Travel | <u>1,798.19</u> |
| Total program expenses | 50,851.98 |
| MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES | |
| Building expense | 4,325.06 |
| Investment fees | 4,433.83 |
| Depreciation expense | 5,820.30 |
| Insurance | 6,039.36 |
| Insurance – Liability | 6,791.48 |
| Legal and professional expense | 1,620.00 |
| Management fee-payroll and taxes | 80,636.91 |
| Office supplies and expense | 15,236.00 |
| Printing | 4,599.61 |
| Rent | 11,890.00 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 19,451.98 |
| Stationary and supplies expense | 1,249.39 |
| Telephone | 2,669.44 |
| Utilities | <u>15,445.25</u> |
| Total management and general expenses | 180,208.61 |
| Total expenses | <u>231,060.59</u> |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS | |
| WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS | 37,526.80 |
| NET ASSETS, beginning | <u>977,291.15</u> |
| NET ASSETS, ending | <u>\$1,014,817.95</u> |

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2024**

ASSETS

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Truist Bank-operating | \$ 2,620.12 |
| Wells Fargo-investments, at cost | <u>53,299.64</u> |
| Total current assets | <u>55,919.76</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 55,919.76</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Payable to Grand Chapter RAM Building | <u>\$ 5,000.00</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 5,000.00 |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Net assets without donor restrictions | <u>50,919.76</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>50,919.76</u> |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 55,919.76

12 Months ended
December 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Dividend income | \$ 834.10 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of securities | (327.58) |
| Per capita income | 50,740.04 |
| Rituals and miscellaneous income | 675.00 |
| Donations | 300.00 |
| Interest income | <u>167.10</u> |
| Net support and revenue | 52,388.66 |

PROGRAM EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Administrative expense | 483.00 |
| Awards | 1,834.29 |
| Conference expense | 600.00 |
| DeMolay | 100.00 |
| Dues-General Grand Council | 4,265.00 |
| Grand Chapter expense | 41,233.00 |
| Masonic Home Endowment Fund | 100.00 |
| Other charitable donations | 100.00 |
| Rainbow | 100.00 |
| Travel | <u>3,900.35</u> |
| Total program expenses | 52,715.64 |

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Building expense | 8,776.00 |
| Investment fee | 357.04 |
| Legal and professional expense | <u>1,495.00</u> |
| Total management and general expenses | <u>10,628.04</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>63,343.68</u> |

DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| DONOR RESTRICTIONS | (10,955.02) |
| NET ASSETS, beginning | <u>61,874.78</u> |
| NET ASSETS, ending | <u>\$ 50,919.76</u> |

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Truist Bank-operating | \$ 11,659.35 |
| Investments, at cost | <u>483,048.33</u> |
| Total current assets | 494,707.68 |

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Leasehold improvements | 28,019.95 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(7,063.87)</u> |
| Net property and equipment | <u>20,256.08</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 514,963.76</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets without donor restrictions | <u>514,963.76</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>514,963.76</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND | |
| NET ASSETS | <u>\$ 514,963.76</u> |

12 Months ended
December 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dividend income | \$ 13,842.62 |
| Long-term capital gain distributions | 5,401.95 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of securities | 12,257.53 |
| Per capita income | 65,163.00 |
| Rituals and miscellaneous income | 265.00 |
| Donation income | <u>1,202.00</u> |
| Net support and revenue | 98,132.10 |

PROGRAM EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Administrative expense | 168.00 |
| Awards | 434.29 |
| Conference expense | 1,200.00 |
| DeMolay | 100.00 |
| Dues-General Grand Council | 16,885.00 |
| Triennial Expense | 4,500.00 |
| Masonic Home Endowment Fund | 100.00 |
| Other charitable donations | 1,050.00 |
| Rainbow | 100.00 |
| Travel | <u>2,797.50</u> |
| Total program expenses | 27,334.79 |

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Depreciation expense | 700.50 |
| Insurance – Liability | 281.00 |
| Investment fee | 3,856.10 |
| Legal and professional expense | 1,495.00 |
| Management fee-payroll and taxes | 36,939.00 |
| Office supplies and expense | 184.14 |
| Rent | <u>7,644.00</u> |
| Total management and general expenses | <u>51,099.74</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>78,434.53</u> |

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| DONOR RESTRICTIONS | 19,697.57 |
| NET ASSETS, beginning | <u>495,266.19</u> |
| NET ASSETS, ending | <u>\$ 514,963.76</u> |

**MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost | \$ 698,134.92 |
| Total current assets | <u>698,134.92</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>\$ 698,134.92</u></u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Net assets without donor restrictions | \$ 698,134.92 |
| Total net assets | <u>698,134.92</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u><u>\$ 698,134.92</u></u> |

12 Months ended
December 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dividend income | \$ 25,249.38 |
| Long-term capital gain distributions | 9,862.86 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of securities | 22,183.15 |
| Contributions | 16,649.00 |
| Other income | <u>22,711.00</u> |
| Net support and revenue | 96,655.39 |

PROGRAM EXPENSES

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| K. T. Eye Foundation | <u>42,018.00</u> |
| Total program expenses | 42,018.00 |

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Investment fee | <u>6,961.00</u> |
| Total management and general expenses | <u>6,961.00</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>48,018.00</u> |

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| DONOR RESTRICTIONS | 47,676.29 |
| NET ASSETS, beginning | 650,458.63 |
| NET ASSETS, ending | <u><u>\$ 698,134.92</u></u> |

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

December 31, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Truist Bank-operating | \$ 3,391.56 |
| Truist Bank-investments, at cost | <u>3,635,819.70</u> |
| Total current assets | 3,639,211.26 |

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Equipment | <u>8,511.17</u> |
| Net property and equipment | 8,511.17 |

OTHER ASSETS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA | <u>60,000.00</u> |
| Total other assets | <u>60,000.00</u> |

12 Months ended
December 31, 2024

NET ASSETS, ending \$ 3,688,583.38