

2021 PROCEEDINGS
THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA
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JOINT MEMORIAL

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, at 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 15, 2021. 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 Michael H. Sampsell lit the red candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan. Most Illustrious Grand Master Ronald B. Wolbert lit the purple candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark S. Johnson lit the white candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year. Right Excellent Grand Chaplain Daniel C. Ricketts conducted the Service. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

DREWEY WILLIAM (D. W.) HENDRY

OCTOBER 19, 1943 – FEBRUARY 3, 2021

It was my happy privilege to install D. W. in the office of Grand High Priest and in the office of Grand Commander. Now, it is my sad duty to answer the roll for my longtime friend Drewey William Hendry, known to us as D. W or Bill, who can no longer answer for himself. It is our hope that he has gone from among the long suffering he experienced to a better place, where there is no sickness and no sadness. I first met D.W. about twenty-five years ago when he started attending Griffin Commandery No. 35 with Jimmy Head, PGHP, who was serving in the line at Griffin Commandery. D. W. and Charles Burks soon affiliated to Griffin Commandery and joined Jimmy in the line. All three were members of E. A. Minor Lodge #603 and rode together often from Conyers to Griffin.

D. W. was born in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, the first of six children. He graduated from Ogden High School in Franklin Parish and served in the U.S. Army from January 1961 till he was discharged in December 1963. He served in the transportation corps and played baseball. It was in 1961 while at Fort McPherson that he met his future wife Jeanette.

Bill worked for years at Norfolk Southern Railway in the railroad industry and had several courses in diesel mechanics and theory at Southern Tech in Marietta and other related schools. He was also the local union representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Atlanta. He retired in 2000 so he could ride his Harley and play golf.

D. W. became active in his Lodge almost from the time he joined. He was raised in E. A. Minor Lodge #603, in East Atlanta on June 8, 1973 and served as Worshipful Master in 1980, 1996, 2004, 2013 and 2015 as well as serving as Director of Work for several years. He affiliated as a dual member with Metro Daylight Lodge #743 on June 30, 2014 and after E. A. Minor lost its charter in 2015, he was only a member of Metro Daylight Lodge at his death.

All members of E. A. Minor were expected to join the York Rite and Bill joined Mt. Moriah Chapter #63 on May 1, 1976 and served as High Priest in 1982, 1999 and 2000. He became Secretary of the chapter in 2007 and served for ten years until it was consolidated with Covington Chapter #71 in June 2017. He had already affiliated with Covington Chapter #71 as a dual member on July 7, 2008. Jimmy Head, who died in March of 1999, urged him to get involved in the Grand Chapter and he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil the next year in 2000. He was installed as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia in May 2008 and served us well during his time in office.

Bill joined East Atlanta Council #43 on August 26, 1976 and served as Illustrious Master in 1983, 1999 and 2000. East Atlanta Council was consolidated with

Panthersville Council #76 in 2003, and in 2004 the name was changed to Lithonia Council #76, and D. W. served as Illustrious Master of that council in 2005. He became Recorder of the council in 2007 and served for ten years until it was consolidated with Covington Council #41 in June 2017. He had already affiliated with Covington Council #41 as a dual member on July 7, 2008. He joined Atlanta Commandery #9 in Atlanta on November 16, 1981 and transferred his membership to Griffin Commandery #35 on March 6, 1998. He served as Eminent Commander in 2001. He demitted to St. Bernard Commandery #25 at Covington, Georgia on December 20, 2004 and served as Eminent Commander in 2008. D. W. was elected Grand Warder in the Grand Commandery line in 2009 and progressed through the line being elected Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2017. He had a difficult year as Grand Commander because of health issues and back surgeries and his wife's health problems, but still had a very good year and attended the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C. He was awarded the Knight Companion of the Temple award from Grand Encampment in 2018.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Atlanta on November 15, 2002, as a member of the Foreman Hartley Dowling, 33° and Thomas Randolph Hitz, Jr., 33° Class. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2014 and was a member of Eastside Scottish Rite Association. He was not a member of the Scottish Rite at the time of his death.

Bill was invited to join several honorary invitational bodies. Georgia Priory No. 39, KYCh, Alexander Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, where he was a past Puissant Sovereign; Luther. G. Palmer York Rite College #123, the Allied Masonic Degrees: and the Knight Masons. He joined the Shrine in 1982 and worked in the Red Devil Clown unit.

Bill and his wife Jeanette were married fifty-seven years and had three children, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. His remains were cremated and as Jesus told his disciples, "Sleep on now, and take your rest". The remains will be buried in the family cemetery in Louisiana.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PGHP

JAMES CLAUDE (PETE) BENTLEY, JR.

NOVEMBER 23, 1924 – FEBRUARY 20, 2021

It is always a sad duty when one has to answer for one who cannot answer for himself. I stand before you to answer the last call for James Claude (Pete) Bentley, Jr. who died February 20, 2021.

James C. "Pete" Bentley, Jr. 96, passed away on February 20, 2021 at the Presbyterian Home in Quitman, Georgia. He was born November 23, 1924 in Brooks County, Georgia to James Claude, Sr. and Grace L. Bentley, where he resided his entire life. He attended and graduated from Quitman High School. Upon high school graduation, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He fought on Saipan and was at Okinawa on "D" day, April 1, 1945. He also served active and inactive duty during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Piscola Volunteers Camp # 931, Sons of Confederate Veterans and is a recipient of the Cross of Military Service from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He was a Charter and Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Number 5659 of Quitman, Georgia. He served as Post Commander of this Post for several years. He attended Beulah Baptist Church where he served as Chairman of the Deacons and was Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-two years. He retired from South Georgia Grocery

Company after thirty-five years. Former Governor Georgia Lester Maddox appointed him a Lieutenant Colonel Aide De Camp.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Josie Harrell Bentley, his daughter, Marjorie Bentley Singletary, his parents, James Claude and Grace Littleton Bentley, and his brother, Thomas E. Bentley. He is survived by his daughter, Bobbie Bentley Crook (Harry) and Joyce Bentley Hughes (Dale), son-in-law Scooter Singletary, grandchildren Chip Crook, Joanna Treves, Month Singletary, Ben Singletary, and Lindsay Hughes. Great granddaughters Baylie and Raelin Treves.

James Claude (Pete) Bentley was Initiated – EA, August 28, 1951, Passed – FC, September 11, 1951, and Raised – MM, in Sholto Lodge No. 237. He was Worshipful Master of Sholto Lodge in 1955 and 2000. He was made an Emeritus Member in 1995. He received his 50-Year award in 2001, 60-Year award in 2011 and 65-Year award in 2016. He would have received his 70-Year award in October 2021. He Affiliated with Azalea Lodge No. 716 October 18, 2011 and served as Worshipful Master in 2014. He was a Lifetime Honorary Member of Azalea Lodge no. 716. He served as Worshipful Master of the 11th District Masonic Convention in 1964-65. For twelve years he served as a District Deputy to the Grand Master, eight years as Chairman.

Exalted in Zerubbabel Chapter No. 131, Royal Arch Masons in 1952. High Priest 1963. He is a Past High Priest of the 11th District Royal Arch Convention. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1972 and served as its President in 1978. He served as District High Priest in 2005; Most Excellent Grand High Priest (Honorary) in 2012.

Greeted in Hunter Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters in 1953 and a recipient of Super Excellent Master Degree. He served as Illustrious Master in 1961 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1961. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2000. He also served the Southeast Georgia Council Convention as Illustrious Master in 2016. He served in the highest office of our Grand Council as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2009.

Sir Knight Bentley was knighted a member of Malta Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar of Valdosta, Georgia in 1958 and served as Eminent Commander in 1963. In 1972 he received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. He is also a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple.

In 1997 he received the Knight Crusader of the Cross. He was elected and served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia, KT May 2002. He was an Honorary Member of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama and South Carolina.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Albany, Georgia, since 1973. He was a Past President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia. Invested as a Knight Commander Court of Honour 1991. He was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary of the Supreme Council on November 25, 1995.

Companion Bentley was inducted as a Knight York Cross of Honour in 1964 in Georgia Priory No. 39. Served as Eminent Prior in 1977. A Knight for 57 years and the Senior Prior of Georgia Priory No. 39. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He served as Eminent Preceptor in 2005 of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests of Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV and a member since 1992. He belonged to Good Shepherd Conclave; Red Cross of Constantine and served as Puissant Sovereign in 1993.

He was a charter member of Dixie Council No. 314, Allied Masonic Degrees, Serving as Sovereign Master in 1995. He was a Knight of the Red Branch of Eri and Appendant orders.

He held membership in Chattahoochee York Rite College No.166, Columbus, Georgia.

He was a member of Georgia College of Atlanta, Georgia and South Georgia College of Tifton, Georgia Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis.

Companion Bentley was a Charter Member of Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council No. 65 of Knight Masons. He was created a Noble in Hasan Shrine Temple

A.A.O.N.M.S. at Albany Georgia in 1958. He was an Ambassador at Large Emeritus, and Aide Emeritus. He had membership in the Brooks County Shrine Club. He was instrumental in raising hundreds of thousand dollars to fund The Shriner Hospitals due to the generosity of the people of Brooks County who willingly donated. As a Shriner, he worked tirelessly to raise monies for the Shriners Hospital for Children. During his many years of service as a Shriner, it became his lifelong goal and mission to earn monies for the Children's Hospitals. He was a member of Ben Hillbillies No. 62 in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Member of the Royal Order of Jesters of Albany Court No. 159 and served as Director in 2001.

He was a member of the Kachina Club, branch of the Royal Order of Jesters. A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Quitman, Georgia with the Rev. Steve Shierling officiating.

Pete had a long and active career in all Freemasonry, and kept faith in his Country, State, County, and Community. He was a Marine and always one – Don't forget it. He will be missed.

Rest in Peace my Brother.

Fraternally Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC

WILLIAM LEE MONTGOMERY, JR.

FEBRUARY 4, 1937 – NOVEMBER 13, 2020

It is my sad duty to answer the roll for William Lee Montgomery, Jr. known to us as Bill, who can no longer answer for himself. It is our hope that he has gone from among us to a better place, where there is no sickness and no sadness.

Bill was born in Kansas City, Missouri the first of ten children. He lived in Kansas City until he was eight years old and then the family moved to a farm out in the country near Plattsburg, Missouri, where he graduated from High School. He served in the U.S. Army from May 1956 til he was discharged in 1961. He was a gunner on an 81-millimeter mortar until 1957 when he became Company Clerk in Germany, and then in 1958 he went to Fort Benning, Georgia, doing classified work for the U. S. Infantry Board. It was in 1958 that he met his first wife June who was the mother of all his children.

Bill worked for many years in the heating and air conditioning business earning an Associate Degree in Air Conditioning Theory and Technology from Columbus Technical College. He also taught heating and air conditioning at Columbus Tech from which he retired after twenty-one years. He was an active member in the Refrigeration Service Engineer Society, Professional Association of Georgia Educators, Muscogee Retired Educators Association, and the Georgia Retired Educators Association.

It was in Freemasonry that Bill found a niche and became one of its most active members. He was a joiner for sure! He was raised in Midland Lodge #144, Columbus, Ga. on September 5, 1985 and served as Worshipful Master in 1995. He affiliated as a plural member with Ft. Benning Lodge #579 in 1990, Cochran

Lodge #217 and Mount Hermon Lodge # 304, both in 2005, and West Georgia Lodge #760 in 2010. At his death, he was only a member of Midland Lodge #144.

Bill joined Ft. Benning Chapter #73 on October 14, 1989 and served as High Priest in 1994. He served as a District Deputy to the Grand High Priest for the Fourth Royal Arch District from 1998 to 2003 when he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil. He received the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International's "Bronze Medal" in 2001 and served as President of the Order of High Priesthood in 2007. On May 2, 2011 he was installed as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia and served us well during his time in office.

He affiliated with Middle Georgia Chapter #165 at Cochran, Georgia on January 8, 2005 as a charter dual member. He demitted from both Ft. Benning Chapter #73 and Middle Georgia Chapter #165 in 2016 and affiliated with St. John's Chapter #11 at West Point and Newnan Chapter #34 in 2016, being a member of both at his death.

Bill joined Ft. Benning Council #73 on November 9, 1989 and served as Illustrious Master in 1995. He affiliated with Dublin Council #12 at Cochran, Georgia on January 8, 2005 as a dual member. He demitted from both Ft. Benning Council #73 and Dublin Council #12 in 2016 and affiliated with Hiram Council #62 in Newnan in 2016, being a member there at his death. He joined St. Aldemar Commandery #3 in Columbus, Georgia on November 10, 1989 and served as Eminent Commander in 1996. He affiliated with St. Michael Commandery #43 at Cochran, Georgia on June 17, 2004 as a dual member. He demitted from St. Aldemar Commandery #3 in 2013 and demitted from St. Michael Commandery #43 in 2016 and affiliated with Tancred Commandery #11 in Newnan in 2016, being a member there at his death.

In the Scottish Rite, he was very active, receiving the Degrees in the Valley of Columbus, March 21, 1987, serving as Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard from 1994 to 1995 and Commander of the Council of Kadosh. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) in 1995 and became a Life Member in 2013.

Bill was invited to join many honorary invitational bodies and he served them with zeal.

Georgia Priory No. 39, KYCH, Red Cross of Constantine, Muscogee Conclave, Past Puissant Sovereign; both Chattahoochee York Rite College No. 166 and Middle Georgia York Rite College No. 201; the Allied Masonic Degrees; and the Knight Masons. He was also a member of the Shrine, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Amaranth.

He loved to hunt, fish, travel, elk hunting, baseball, and was a big Auburn Football fan. He traveled many places throughout North America, Alaska and Australia to fish and hunt. Many of the fish that he caught he fileted, cooked, and donated to various charities/fundraisers. In 1972, he won the GA/AL Bass tournament. He was a superb archer and a sharpshooter with a rifle.

Bill and his first wife June, from whom he was divorced in 1989, had four children, all girls of which two were twins. There are ten grandchildren, including twin girls and three great-grandchildren. He married his second wife Anna Kuipers, an elementary school teacher, on October 7, 1989 and she survives him. Bill was active in St. Luke Methodist Church and was in the Discovery Sunday School Class.

He was buried in that narrow place of rest appointed for all at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia with military honors. May he rest in peaceful slumber.
Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, PGHP

RUBEN MARTINEZ

NOVEMBER 12, 1939 – MARCH 28, 2021

This memoriam is hard for me to do. I have known Ruben for 40 years or so. I appointed him to the Sixth District Masonic Convention line. I followed him in the Grand Chapter line, I served as his Grand Chaplain when he was Illustrious Grand Master in the Grand Council, we traveled thousands of miles on the state degree team in the 1980s and 1990s and we both traveled many, many miles with Most Excellent John Perry in his travels. I went to Columbus with him years ago in the winter, and we were coming home that night back up I-185 out of Columbus, and it was about thirty degrees outside, and Ruben had the air-conditioner running wide open and it was colder in the car than it was outside. I finally got him to turn it up to about forty in the car. We had many good times. Now, he is unable to answer the roll call and to somebody is given that sad duty. It is our hope that Ruben is in a better place, where there is no sickness and no fear of onions.

Ruben was born in La Paloma, Texas and graduated from Los Fresno High School. He joined the U.S. Army in 1958 becoming a certified airplane mechanic till he was discharged in 1962 at the Atlanta General Depot in Forest Park, Georgia. He studied electronic communications at the Atlanta Area Technical School, went to work for Lockheed Corporation and worked there almost ten years. He then began working for Delta Airlines and retired as an electronic supervisor on November 1, 2000 with twenty-seven years of service.

Ruben became active in Freemasonry almost from the time he joined. He was raised in Rex Lodge #251, in Rex, Georgia on February 26, 1971, just completing his 50 years of service a few weeks ago and served as Worshipful Master in 1977 as well as serving as Director of Work for several years. He became Secretary of the Lodge in 2011 and served until December of 2019. He served as Master of the Sixth District Masonic Convention in 1986.

Ruben joined Forest Park Chapter #75 on October 11, 1971 and served as High Priest in 1978 and 2013. He served as High Priest of the Sixth District Royal Arch Convention in 2013. He was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in 1988 and was installed as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia in April 1994 and served well during his time in office. Rumors persist, even now, that the night before he was to be installed as Grand High Priest, he was taken on an unexpected trip late that night from the Ramada hotel to Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Georgia, where he was tied up? or something, at the gravesite of Past Grand High Priest Andrew Wolihin. Of this alleged event, I have no remembrances.

He joined East Point Council #23 on November 13, 1971, demitting to Tara Council #75 as a charter member on May 11, 1974. He served as Illustrious Master in 1981, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Ruben received the General Grand Council Distinguished service award in 1986. He was elected Grand Marshall of the Grand Council line in 1996 and became the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in May 2001 where he again served with distinction. He served as Illustrious Master of the Sixth District Council Convention in 2014. He joined Atlanta Commandery #9 in Atlanta on May 19, 1973 and transferred his membership to Coeur de Lion Commandery #4 on December 11, 1980. He served as Eminent Commander in 1988 and served for years as their Treasurer.

He was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple award from Grand Encampment in 2006.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Atlanta on October 14, 1988, as a member of the Theodore Oser, 33° Class. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2016 and was an active member of the Fourth Degree team for many years. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 5, 2005. Ruben was invited to join several honorary invitational bodies, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, KYCH, St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, where he was a Past Puissant Sovereign; Luther. G. Palmer York Rite College #123, the Allied Masonic Degrees: the Knight Masons and Fidelitas Tabernacle #77 H.R.A.K.T.P. where he served as Preceptor in 2006.

Brother Ruben and his wife Linda (who had close relatives in Hampton that I grew up with and went to school with) were married fifty-eight years and had two daughters, eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. He is buried at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Stockbridge, Georgia. Rest in Peace, my Brother. Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PGHP

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in a Joint Session on Monday, May 3, 2021. The Grand Secretary/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell declared the 199th 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 Ronald B. Wolbert declared the 195th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. REGC Mark S. Johnson declared the 161st Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Secretary/Recorder Mark A. Bradley welcomed the following

Distinguished Guests:

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

Ronald B. Wolbert, MIGM, and Eminent Prior, Georgia Priory No. 39, K.Y.C.H.

Floyd E. Edmondson, PIGM, and Eminent Prior, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, K.Y.C.H.

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

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

Andre E. Lovas, PGHP, PGC, Honorary; Past Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Past Most Worthy Grand Master, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, USA, Past Most Excellent Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons of the USA. Past Grand Preceptor, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptors; and Past Intendant General for the Northern Division of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine, KCC

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

Jerry D. Moss, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free & Accepted Masons

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

Joe R. Bush, GM3V, Very Eminently Distinguished Deputy Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

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

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

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

Monty J. Glover, PGHP, PIGM, PGC and Past MWGM of Hawaii, and the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, Int.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN

Corey Curtis, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, R&SM, of Michigan

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

James C. Huffman, III, Aide-de-Camp to Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

Brandon S. Yarbrough, PGC, Most Eminent Grand Prior, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, USA, and Aide-de-Camp to Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

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

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

GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

Jan M. Giddens, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, F&AM

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by RE Companion John H. Johnson, RE Grand King, Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, VI Companion James W. Bard, VI Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, and VE Sir Knight Carl J. Gamel, 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

GRAND CHAPTER

To MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell and all members of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia: It is with sadness and remorse that I report that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons lost 504 companions that laid down their working tools and joined the Great Architect of the Universe in that celestial Chapter above. It is also reported that 4 of our Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests passed in this past year. They are- Ruben Martinez (75) – 1994; William L. Montgomery (73) – 2011; D. W. Hendry (63) – 2008; James C. Bentley (107) – Honorary, 2012. This past year we have seen great despair and we hope and pray that the good Lord above will continue to guide each of us through these times. We pray for his guidance and continued blessing as we mourn the loss of our companions and may he continue to lay his healing hands upon their families and all of us.

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts Grand Chaplain

GRAND COUNCIL

Companions and Friends all.

This year the Grand Council had 284 Companions claim their reward of an Eternal Home in Heaven, that Jesus promised when he said "If I leave I go to prepare a home for you in Heaven", in John 14:3

Please pray for all these Companions families because I know they are all grieving. I also know it has to be a blessing to bury a good man and not have to worry about his soul.

Help us all to remember to be kind and gentle and understanding of everyone we come in contact with every day.

Then when the Great Architect of the Universe calls us home He can say, "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant. Come in.

Fraternally Submitted: A. Lee Nash, Jr., Grand Chaplain

GRAND COMMANDERY

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 NIV)

We have often been reminded of the fact that we are born to die. Mortality has been brought into view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life. As another Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it our sad duty to report that 468 of our Companion Sir Knights have been called home to their heavenly reward.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote of a person's legacy:

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

This past year has been a very strange one in that we have not been able to enjoy the face-to-face fellowship that we so enjoy and perhaps in retrospect taken for granted. As time progresses, I pray we get back to whatever the norm will be and we can clasp each other's hand in friendship once more. Something

taken away has this tendency to make the heart want it more and I think the same is true for our companion Sir Knights. Many Sir Knights have left their footprints on the sand of our time and did so for each of us in unique ways. Together, we as fellow pilgrims, who travel the same paths of life toward death, mourn the loss of those we hold so dear. Yet, intermingled with the sadness is the high note of gladness as these men lived lives full of accomplishment, supported by high moral value, and their legacy will carry on. We celebrate their belief that eternal life comes from faith. We celebrate their lives as men who touched us deeply. Our memories are personal and unique, and they offer us aid in dealing with our grief. However, we can also use these memories as a resource for greater living. These men were Churchmen, men of integrity, influence, optimism, and men of faith. Where do knightly traits like these come from?? They come from God above and through our Savior Jesus Christ! We will miss them, love them, and mourn their separation from us, but we also know with abounding assurance, that we will gather again in that far country and never know separation again! Until then our Friends, Brothers, and Sir Knights, farewell!!! And May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all!!

O God, we draw near to you with the assurance that you already turned toward us in the eternity of your love. We thank you for the light of your presence, shining through the shadows of our darkness. We thank you for your Word, which is a well of living water springing up into everlasting life. As we drink deeply of its meaning, may it be an oasis for our spirits in a dry and thirsty land!! Amen!!

By Grace alone.

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

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I was humbled to be asked by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael H. Sampsell, Most Illustrious Grand Master Ronald B. Wolbert, and Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark S. Johnson to again serve as chairman of the Sunshine Committee for our Grand York Rite bodies. I have attempted to keep you informed of the health status and deaths of our fellow Companions, Sir Knights, and their families that I know about. I greatly appreciate those of you who believe in the power of prayer and who pray for those in need, regardless of whether you know them or not. As you know, when the wisdom and strength (and abilities) of man faileth, there is an abundant supply above, furnished through the medium of prayer.

People may have always been this way, but in the time in which we live, it seems like a lot of people have only their selfish interests at heart and have no time or concern for the needs of others. For this reason, your prayers and thoughtfulness mean a lot to those in need, whether in times of sickness or loss of a loved one and shine forth as an encouraging beacon of hope for goodwill to continue for mankind. I encourage you not to grow weary of well-doing.

I am grateful we have been permitted to survive the COVID pandemic thus far, although many were not as fortunate. Please continue to pray for me also so that together we may help bring hope, comfort, cheer, relief, and encouragement to those in need. Stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally: Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIANS OF THE NORTH

GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL

First, I want to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Illustrious Grand Master for appointing me to this position. I am very honored to serve the craft in this capacity and do not take the responsibility lightly. This has been a very unprecedented and stressful year for all of Masonry. With all the limitations and guidelines that have been placed upon Masonry this year, we have been very limited to what we can do at our meetings, if we meet at all. I am very sad to report that the Custodian and Assistants of the North have not conducted any instructional meetings (or schools) this entire year due to the Covid-19. All of the Custodians of the North are looking forward to this coming year in the hope that we can get back to some form of normality and start visiting the Chapters and Councils to set up some schools of instruction and get back to conferring the ritualistic degrees.

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark Johnson and the Members of the Grand Commandery for the State of Georgia: Greetings. It is with a somber tone that I must report that, with the events that have afflicted our Grand Commandery and each of our constituent Commanderies, Officers and Members, with the pandemic of this past year; there is very little to report as to the work that has been able to be accomplished. With the inability to gather with our fellow Sir Knights and enjoy the camaraderie we have sorely missed, I report that there has been very little instruction or other issues relating to the North. I am pleased to report that I have had several conversations, emails and other messages from fellow Sir Knights asking and almost pleading to get the work of their Commandery underway soon. I feel a resurgence coming, a renewed sense of determination and purpose. I am confident that when the good Lord above determines that this turmoil shall pass, the Sir Knights of our great state will be ready to answer the call and step forward with loud voices and exaltation to spread again our good deeds, our lessons, and our purpose as Knights Templar. Fraternally Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIANS OF THE SOUTH

GRAND CHAPTER

I would like to thank our MEGHP Mike Sampsell for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity this year. I would also like to express my thanks to the Assistant Custodian of the South, Joey Jackson, for assisting this year.

This has been a very unusual year as we have been dealing with the Covid pandemic. No degrees have been conferred since before March of last year. Chapters did not meet for a time and some are still not meeting frequently. Due to this, there is not anything to report this year.

In closing, thanks to the Craft for allowing me to serve you this year such as it was. Companions stay safe and we will eventually get through this. And remember to: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thy own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct your path! Respectfully Submitted: C. Hendry Howard, Chairman

GRAND COUNCIL

I would like to thank our MIGM Ron Wolbert for this appointment and allowing me to serve the craft this year. I would also like to express my thanks to the Assistant Custodian of the South, Joey Jackson, for his service this year.

This has been a very unusual year as we have been dealing with the Covid pandemic. No degrees have been conferred. Councils did not meet for a time and some are still not meeting frequently. I was invited to Jesup Council #70 late last year and held a school of instruction for them. I am sorry to say that I have nothing past that to report.

In closing, thank you to all my Companions for having confidence in me to assist and to serve you this year. Companions, we will eventually get through this but until then stay safe. May the Lord bless and keep us.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Hendry Howard, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

Do to the ongoing shut down, I have nothing to report for 2020. I hope that we will be open and working soon. I know after such a long time being shut down all the Sir Knights will be rusty. When we resume our labors, I will do my best to assist everyone who requests help.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL

The Membership Committee has put together a plan that consists of four recommendations; the continued use of the Mentoring Program; a twenty-five percent Chapter dues discount for each new candidate recruited and receives the Royal Arch Degree; continue using the Royal Arch introduction in the Blue Lodges developed by MEPGHP Higgins and MIPGM Bennett; and inviting prospective candidates to have supper with the Chapter on meeting nights. The Committee recommends that this plan should be communicated with the assistance of the District Deputies.

Fraternally Submitted: Keith R. Taylor, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

Sir Knights:

This past year has been a challenge, to say the least, to be the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Grand Commander's confidence in the men appointed to this committee, as well as myself, is greatly appreciated. We had hoped to have a great year and continue on the path of growth that we realized last year; however, due to our commanderies being shut down for Covid-19, this goal was not to be realized. In view of this, I make the following report:

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

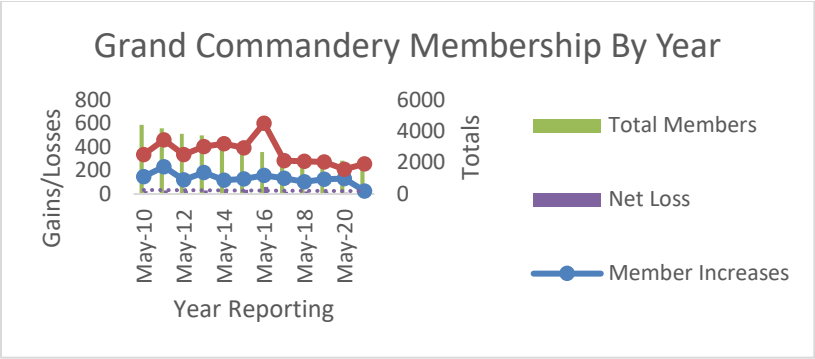


Figure 1

If we look at the total numbers of Sir Knights per year (fig. 2), we see the consistent downward trend in membership per annum. What makes this figure so concerning to your committee and myself, is that we have approximately 43% as many Sir Knights in 2021 as we did in 2010. The number has dropped from 4418 Sir Knights across the state to 1885. Sir Knights, this loss is unsustainable!

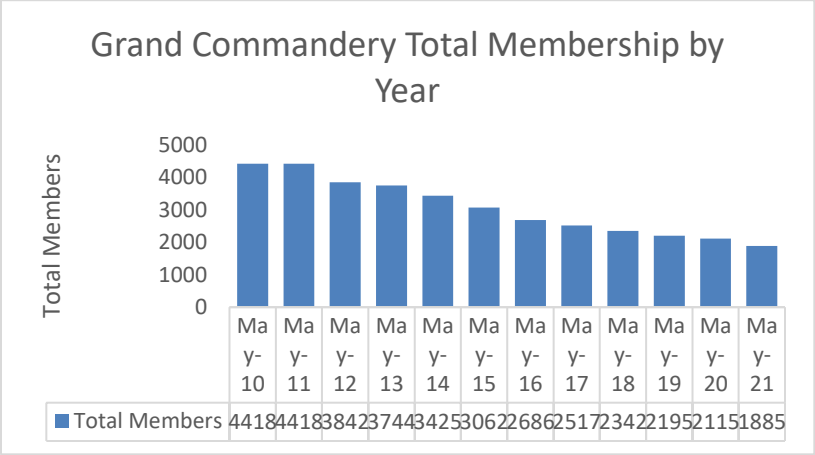


Figure 2

This year, we have a net loss of 230 Sir Knights. Fewer Sir Knights demitted or were suspended this year, but we saw the passing of 203 Georgia Knights Templar. In addition, we only added 26 Sir Knights prior to the Covid-19 shut down (18 knighted, 4 affiliated, and 4 reinstated). This net loss is represented in figure 3.

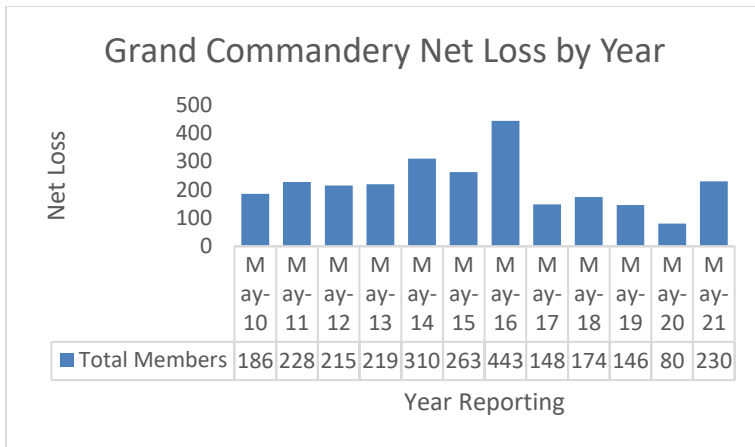


Figure 3

In closing, on behalf of the Membership Committee, I would like to encourage every Commandery in Georgia to begin recruiting new Sir Knights while we are still shut down, so that when we reopen, we can be ready to bring them into our Order. I hope that this upcoming year is better and that we can continue the work of Knights Templary in Georgia.

Fraternally Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Chapter Public Relations Committee started with a teleconference call with the new committee members. Open discussions ensued and each member was tasked to come up with possible projects or ideas until the next meeting.

As all things COVID emerged, the committee went into lockdown and isolation. Compounding the problem was that the chairman's father's wife passed and he became a full-time care giver.

In the meantime, a generic York Rite Website was created last year. It can easily be a template or linked by every Chapter, Council and/or Commandery. ALL or PARTS of the website can be copied and pasted onto a new or existing website. To host a new custom website, the domain name registration fee is only \$12 per year on Google Sites. There are other site hosting companies in the marketplace. Each new website can easily be customized by substituting the local information page with the current list of officers, how to contact the presiding officer and the secretary/recorder with phone #'s and email links, upcoming events, stated meeting dates and times, location and a directional map. The website can be static (updated once a year) or dynamic (actively updated).

York Rite E&H has approved the website. All content was edited by Companion Robert Davis of Oklahoma - Head of York Rite Education with contributions from PGIM Floyd Edmondson. The website has no objections from the Blue Lodge E&H Committee.

TO VIEW GO TO: www.yorkritesmyrna.org (Scroll all pages and follow all links).

Committee members are Companions: Robert A. Brooks; Daniel P. Bennett

Fraternally Submitted: Richard J. Hallwood, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

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

During this past year, the pandemic has made in-person meetings very difficult, if not impossible. During the coming months, we anticipate resuming our "normal" activities in the Chapters across the State.

We offer the following recommendations:

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

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

The General Grand Secretary has replaced the Gold Medal of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, presented to Most Worshipful and Companion Thomas T. Irvin. The medal will be displayed in the Atlanta Masonic Library and Museum. There are two other recipients of this distinguished award, Senators Richard B. Russell and Sam Nunn. These medals are also displayed at the Museum.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Sampsell.

GRAND COUNCIL

The Education and Historical Committee submits the following report:

During this past year, the pandemic has made in-person meetings very difficult, if not impossible. During the coming months, we anticipate resuming our "normal" activities in the Councils across the State.

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

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

Select Master Degree: The degree of Select Master has not always been associated with that of Royal Master. Jeremy Cross, a traveling Masonic lecturer, author, and educator of the early 1800's, is given credit by most writers for having combined the two degrees into one rite. There is strong evidence to support the theory that the degree came from a similar degree in the Scottish Rite called Intimate Secretary or Grand Tyler of King Solomon. Regardless of its origin, the legend of this degree is old.

The scene of this degree is laid in the underground vault of King Solomon's Temple. The events, which characterize the degree, are stirring enough to make it one of intense interest. The ritualistic presentations contain the story to "complete the Circle of Perfection" in Ancient Craft Masonry.

Super Excellent Master Degree:

As we have stated, the degree of Super Excellent Master is not a degree of the Crypt. But, it relates events that lead to the recovery of the lost Word. This degree beautifully tells of a period in history in which all Freemasons are interested, that period following the destruction of the first Temple. The essence of the degree is foretold in the presentation by the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree when he makes reference "Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem, and he did which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God," etc.

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

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Ronald B. Wolbert.

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

Sir Knights, please review the following recommendations and requests.

Recommendations and Requests:

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

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mark S. Johnson, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

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

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL

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

We want to thank the GHP, MIGM and REGC and the Grand Officers for their continued support of the Grand York Rite bodies during the COVID19 pandemic. Your dedication to the craft during this difficult time has been exemplary. The Grand Chapter Building is the Crown Jewel of Georgia York Rite Masonry. We want to thank the building committee and the Grand Secretary/Recorder for their dedication. Long-term, the building will need an elevator and we recommend that continued research be focused on completing this project. Membership has continually declined in unison with other Masonic organizations. With the current situation, we hope for the reopening of our York Rite bodies so degree work can commence, and we can return to bringing our Blue Lodge brethren into the Craft. We recommend our York Rite leaders commit to presenting the York Rite to our blue lodge members to foster interest in our York Rite.

Ritual is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and thus the York Rite. We recommend that all Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia re-dedicate themselves to learning and, as soon as we are able, to presenting the finest ritual possible to incoming Companions and Sir Knights.

Fraternally Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; J. Timothy Ingram; James W. Tate

GRAND COMMANDERY

Mark Johnson, Chair; Carl Gamel; Tommy Marshall; Ditmar Chavez; Tyler Pledger; Raymond Laird; Daniel Ricketts; William Grist; Grand Warder. Grand Line Officers, MEPGHPs, MIPGMs, REPGCs, Distinguished Guests, Companions and Sir Knights All: Your Long-Range Planning Committee makes the following report:

I have attended all the finance meetings this year and I would like to thank the members of that committee. They do a lot of work trying to keep us straight. We are in a dire situation I have taken the total members we have on roll as of December 31, 2020 not knowing how many of those are emeritus and multiplied that by our per capita assessment and our budget is over that figure. Ten years ago, we had 4191 members in the Commandery and we now have 1885, that's a 55% loss in membership. We need each one of you to convince one of your Masonic Brothers to join the York Rite. We need to change what we are doing at our meetings and start practicing the Orders and Degrees so we can either do the work in own assembly or team up with another Commandery to help each other. Give each a part to do; get them active; put out a newsletter or an email informing what you are doing or what's happening so they feel that they're part of your organization; and if they can't drive at night, have someone that lives near them bring them. This committee would also like to remind the Craft of the importance of the Perpetual Membership and its ability to help financially support the Grand Bodies and Constituent Bodies long-term. Next year the Chapter celebrates their 200th year, the Council in 5 years celebrates their 200th year and the Grand York building will be 100 years old in 2027 we need to sell a coin for each of those events. I have been asking the Commanderies to provide a history of their Commanderies. The last book written on the History of the Grand Commandery of Georgia was in 1942. We need to get this information documented before its lost. We have lost a few Commanderies that it is going to be hard to research that info. I also need to add the recommendation of installing the elevator being it seems to be in every one of the long-range Planning reports. We need to be looking on how to rent the auditorium either to someone at the

Historical Society or wedding planners or someone that has production plays or in the movie business.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark S. Johnson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery officers Sir Knights All:

The year 2020 was spent in much confusion of what we could do and could not do. A lot of the Patriotic and Civic activities were canceled due to the Pandemic of Covid 19. There were no public parades or fireworks held in our fine communities. I sure hope and pray 2021 will be a better year for us all. So we can get back to a normal life.

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

REPORT OF THE EDITOR THE MASONIC MESSENGER

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

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and to congratulate Excellent Companion Daniel P. Bennett for the amazing work he has done in taking over the role of editor for the Masonic Messenger. I would presume that it is like pushing a rope uphill, but Daniel has done a fabulous job and keeps the magazine going out on time to the best of his ability.

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 Illustrious Grand Master, Ronald B. Wolbert, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mark S. Johnson, for the confidence they have shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate both on a fantastic year as the presiding officer for the state of Georgia in their respective body.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

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

The monthly supplement will continue to be on pages 18 and 19 in the Knight Templar magazine. The deadline for submission of information for consideration will be the 20th day of the month, two months prior to the issue. For example, if you would like something in the July issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 20th. Please contact me at mike@thesampsell.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

This year has been a significant challenge to our Grand Commandery of Georgia. We have been shut down for most of the year and have had no inspections at all this year. My heart goes out to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mark S. Johnson. I know that he had great plans for this year and was going to continue the great leadership that our Grand Commandery has known for decades.

Hopefully, we can soon resume our normal operations within the Grand Commandery of Georgia. When that time comes, we will continue to leverage our webpage for additional information on our Inspections, Christmas observances and other information regarding Knight Templary in Georgia. The website for all of York Rite Masonry in Georgia continues to be WWW.YORKRITEOFGA.ORG. Be sure to visit this site regularly to stay informed about the activities of the York Rite bodies.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mark S. Johnson, for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Johnson on a good year as Grand Commander despite the conditions that we have faced this year.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

We would like to thank the MEGHP, MIGM, and the REGC for the faith in appointed us to this important Committee this past year. Working with the Grand Secretary/Recorder's office, and in an effort to integrate our statewide Grand York Rite communication systems, we undertook a transition from the old Grand York Rite website to a new platform. This will provide a better focus on our targeted audience while allowing for better internal management. The website address remains the same at www.yorkriteofga.org. Secretaries and Recorders will now be able to access the Grand York Rite database through the new website with their current security clearance, making it easier to connect through one medium. Secretaries and Recorders are also now managing membership roster updates through the Grand York Rite database only, as we have removed all member reporting components from the new Grand York Rite website, making for a better communication process between the constituent bodies and our state office.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted: Alessandro V. Da Silva, Chair; J. Chris Brown; and Keith R. Taylor

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS COMMITTEE

I am sorry to report that the 2020 Grand Master's Class was canceled due to circumstances. I look forward to working with all the degree teams as soon as we can do so.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is pleased to report that as of 01/31/2021 the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 51 Perpetual Members with a total of \$134,821.54 invested. The moneys are invested with Wells Fargo Advisors.

We would like to thank the Finance Committee, Grand Sec/Recorder and Heads of York Rite Bodies for allowing this investment to grow without withdrawing moneys from the account and allowing compound growth.

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter Building Trustees again met quarterly this year and addressed many concerns with our building at 811 Mulberry Street. Most of our previous issues were water related concerns, both drainage and retention, and the effects they were having on a century old structure. We were able to secure the funds to replace the roof. Additionally, we made foundation and draining repairs in the library on the Northeast corner of the building. The water leaking along the corridor leading from the New Street entrance to the stairwell was also repaired and new paneling and chair railing added. We pressure washed the entire building and resealed all cracks in the upper parking lot and sidewalks. The HVAC system continues to require repairs from many years of service and will need to be addressed further in the very near future.

Unfortunately, it would be safe to assume that the expenses to maintain our beloved Masonic building will continue to grow. In late February, an appeal was sent to the brethren of Georgia and substantial funds were raised to aid us in getting our Masonic headquarters back into shape. Much more is needed! Thank you to the Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia for supporting this effort. A special thank you goes to the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia.

Ms. Julie Hickman has been caring for our custodial issues and is doing an outstanding job. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Brother Michael Hamlin and Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs this past year.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Bradley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Mark S. Johnson; MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell; MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert; Grand Line Officers, REPGCs; MEPGHGs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; Companions and Sir Knights: It has been a joy to serve this past year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve our craft in this meaningful way. To be allowed through your generosity to continue in a role that I love has been rewarding beyond measure. In dealing with conditions beyond our control, we've encountered challenges, changes, and celebrations this year, and we've faced them together. While we may not always agree, we are always stronger because of our different perspectives. Your Grand York Rite Office is working hard to help our local York Rite bodies grow by providing better communications and by being open to feedback from our local and state leaders. With a continued emphasis on improving our York Rite database, and the revamping of our Grand York Rite website, 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 work towards getting your bylaws updated, and minimizing our suspensions from Non-payment of Dues, while renewing our focus on recruitment.

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

GRAND CHAPTER		GRAND COUNCIL		GRAND COMMANDERY	
Chapters effective 12-31-19	57	Councils effective 12- 31-19	50	Commanderies 12-31-19	33
Chapters effective 12-31-20	56	Councils effective 12-31-20	51	Commanderies 12-31-20	33
Data adjustment from 2019	-1	Data Adjustment from 2019	1	Data Adjustment from 2019	0
Members effective 12-31-19	3391	Members effective 12-31-19	2461	Members effective 12-31-19	2115
Exalted	93	Greeted	17	Knighted	18
Affiliated	10	Affiliated	21	Affiliated	4
Reinstated	12	Reinstated	9	Reinstated	4
GAIN	115	GAIN	47	GAIN	26
Demitted	51	Demitted	26	Demitted	15
Suspended	11	Suspended	67	Suspended	38
Deceased	504	Deceased	284	Deceased	203
LOSS	-566	LOSS	-377	LOSS	-256
NET GAIN/LOSS	-451	NET GAIN/LOSS	-330	NET GAIN/LOSS	-230
Members 12-31-20	2840	Members 12-31-20	2131	Members 12-31-20	1885

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell; MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert; REGC Mark S. Johnson; Grand Line Officers; REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; My Brethren All: Thank you for permitting me the honor of serving you for the past two years as your Grand Treasurer. You have honored me beyond all expectations. Thank you!

My Friends All—You have elected and selected an outstanding administrative team. Mark and Marla have continued to rapidly accelerate the enhancements and professionalization of this office and your three Grand York Rite Bodies.

They have also created a more professional family-oriented bond with their Grand Lodge cohorts. The entire Grand Lodge and Grand York Rite teams work as one cohesive, family unit, readily assisting each other in all endeavors.

Have you noticed that the new database has been upgraded and streamlined?

Any time a problem arises, they immediately tackle and solve it.

You have not been permitted to be in your beautiful Temple building this past year due to Covid19 restrictions, but I assure you that the upgrading has continued. Your building and finance committees have been incorporated as part and parcel of all upgrading solutions.

Marla very competently operates this entire office any time Mark and I are out of pocket. She definitely earns her pay and more.

Did you notice how competently your 2020 Grand Sessions were conducted via ZOOM? That was not by accident. They researched, developed, revised, and practiced multiple times prior to the Sessions. Mark's model is now being used by

several other Grand Bodies. Your 2020 investment account and checking account totals have been reflected in the KTEF Trustees Report. May God Bless my beloved Georgia Grand York Rite family for another year. Your Humble Servant: Wade C. Smith, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Line Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions All:

Your committee for the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program make the following report. My sincere gratitude goes out to MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell for appointing me, once again, chairman of the Georgia RARA Committee for this very exciting year where objectives have been achieved. A big Thank You to our committee whom I am so very honored to serve with: R.: E.: John Henry Johnson, Grand King, and E.: Jack J. Bell, Grand Master of the Second Veil. I thank them for their valuable assistance in presenting the RARA story at each of our District Conventions as well as at other Chapter and Lodge events. And none of this achievement could have happened without the charitable spirit of the Companions of Georgia. It is through the efforts of the Committee, and those of the Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, that we have reached new heights in our support of research in the understanding and mitigation of Central Auditory Processing Disorder.

For the calendar year 2020, Georgia Royal Arch Masons **are ranked number 1 in the East Region – number 1 region in the WORLD: (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Caroline, South Carolina and Tennessee) and NUMBER 1 IN THE WORLD** in total annual (2020) donations to the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program (\$67,188.00) as well as per capita giving (\$16.21/member). This is in comparison of a total number of 74 other jurisdictions comprising all 50 States of the United States, Provinces of Canada, several European Jurisdictions such as Germany, Greece, and Italy and both Central and South America. This was made possible by the generous gift provided by Masters Lodge No. 295, F. & A. M. Their thoughtful concern for those suffering from Central Auditory Processing Disorder put us over the top and gained us the **NUMBER ONE** position for 2020.

Importantly, Georgia moved up from number 6 in overall giving (since the start of RARA) to number **4 in the World** with a total giving of \$498,842.62

This year was a very difficult year for the entire world. Due to the pandemic of COVID-19 many Masonic meetings went to virtual. Thus, it was difficult to present individuals and Chapters with RARA recognition of a certificate and/or RARA Lapel Pine. In Georgia, a total of 59 total contributions were generously given in the name of RARA. Four (4) 100% Chapter Contributions were issued; Two (2) Red Certificates of a donation of \$25.00 or more were issued; Five (5) Silver Certificates for a donation of \$50.00 or more were issued; and Twenty-four (24) Gold Certificates for a donation of \$100.00 or more were issued. As to RARA Diamond lapel pins – for contributions of \$500.00 or more during the current Triannual: One (1) Diamond Lapel Pin was issued; One (1) pin with one additional diamond was issued; and One (1) pin with two additional diamonds was issued. Finally, Two Keystone pins (for contributions of \$300.00 or more) were earned in the jurisdiction of Georgia. All of which contributed to a banner year for Georgia RARA efforts in achieving the **NUMBER ONE** position in both total annual giving and per-capita giving.

On behalf of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program Committee, we want to thank all the Georgia York Rite Masons for their generous donations and

support of this very worthwhile program during this past very difficult year of 2020.

Respectfully Submitted: Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Chairman; John H. Johnson; and Jack J. Bell.

**REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
COMMITTEE**

CMMRF continues to fund cutting edge research in many medical fields into the use of stem cells to treat various diseases. These diseases include stroke, COPD, juvenile diabetes, peripheral artery disease, heart failure, and abdominal aortic aneurysm. Thanks to the work funded by our charity it has been discovered that Aortic Aneurysms are actually the result of an auto-immune response to a protein the wall of the aorta, it has led to the development of a blood test to see if people do have an aneurysm, and it has led to clinical investigations using stem cells to prevent the enlargement of aneurysms.

Companions, 2020 was a great year for Georgia. Thanks to a most generous donation from Masters Lodge, Georgia finished second in total donations both Internationally and nationally. Only Indiana donated more last year than we did.

The challenge going forward is to increase our giving. I am calling on all Councils in Georgia to increase their giving for the year, I am also calling on all Cryptic Masons in Georgia to look into your hearts and support our charity.

Fraternally: James W. Bard, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 53RD
VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN & MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION
TRUST, INC.**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights: It has been a difficult year with the COVID Virus shutting down all Commandery meetings for months. As a result, many Commandries have not been able to meet to vote on donating funds or to receive new members, nor has there been any inspections, whereby information could be passed down about the importance of our charities. The 53rd Voluntary Campaign is underway. As of March 29, 2021, Georgia is in 20th place with a total contribution of \$20,895.02, this gives us an average of \$10.56 per member in Georgia. The following Commandries have given in excess of \$10.00 per member: Coeur De Lion #4 \$38.77, St Aldemar #3 \$29.58, Atlanta #9 \$26.31, Alexis #22 \$25.12, ST Paul's #5 \$21.73, St Omer #2 \$20.26, Godfrey de Bouillon #14 \$17.31, Georgia #1 \$17.21, St John's #19 \$16.72, St Elmo #2 \$15.85, Ivanhoe #10 \$15.11, Philemon #33 \$11.26, and DeKalb #38 \$10.13. The following Commandries gave between \$5.00 and \$9.99 per member: Bethlehem #30, Amicalola #41, Plantagenet #12, Rome #8, St Bernard #25, Arnold de Troye #31, and Palestine #7. We continue to challenge every Commandery to have a fundraiser and donate all or part of the proceeds to the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust as a way to increase the Trust. Sir Knights, this is a vehicle so that we may support the Trust, enabling it to support us in our charitable giving to the Voluntary Campaign. We continue to urge each Commandery to work towards the goal of receiving a Golden Chalice. We continue the sale of the commemorative coins minted for the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. The coins are available for \$10.00 each.

We thank Marla Horton, Eminent Sir Knight Mark A. Bradley, and Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith for their assistance. Sir Knights, let us try to make the coming year a great year so Georgia can once again be in the top 10 Grand

Commandries in Grand Encampment in giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted: Carl J. Gamel, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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

Your Fundraising Committee is proud to report that we concluded the Gun Raffle efforts from previous years by collecting in September 2020 on all unsold merchandise a total of \$5063.00 from the partner gun shop in Manchester. This allowed disbursements in the amount of \$1688.00 to each of the three Grand York Rite bodies. We want to extend a special thank you to everyone who supported these fundraising initiatives in the past and pray that we can count on your support in the future.

Faternally Submitted on behalf of the Grand York Rite Fundraising Committee, both past and present: Mark A. Bradley, Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The Finance Committee met on a quarterly basis to review the books and reconcile the checking accounts. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for the dedication of hard work given by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Administrative Assistant. Their excellent record keeping, the presentation of all accounts, and their ability to answer questions made it easy to review all bank statements and accounts in a timely manner. As of our last review, all accounts are

in good shape and the balance is a true representation of monies available.

The proposed budget for next year is the result of many hours of hard work to ensure it is in compliance with our code requiring a balanced budget. The Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, The Finance Committee, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, The Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Dais Officers were consulted in the budget preparation.

Declining membership, not enough candidates petitioning York Rite Masonry, and the inability to confer degrees because of COVID, have made a deep impact upon York Rite Masonry. It is hard times like the present that allow good men and good masons to stand out and set the example to move forward. After much consideration from our Leadership, a budget was determined for the ensuing year. The Finance Committee recommends the principal monies in the investment accounts NOT be touched and all future spending comes from income only. The Committee realizes the significant impact of COVID this past year resulting in the need to use some monies from investments. We recommend the proposed budget for the ensuing year be passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chairman; Barry L. Pinson; and Roger W. Buterbaugh

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET **OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT**

INCOME

Grand Session	\$ 5,000.00
Grand Chapter Sales	\$ 1,400.00
Grand Council Sales	\$ 800.00
Grand Commandery Sales	\$ 1,300.00

Per Capita	\$137,487.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 146,387.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 6,000.00
Administrative Assistant (Payroll)	\$ 32,500.00
Computer/Copier Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00
Condolences	\$ 600.00
Grand Session	\$ 21,000.00
Grand Secretary/Recorder (Payroll)	\$ 32,500.00
Masonic Messenger	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 8,670.00
Payroll	\$ 9,000.00
Postage	\$ 1,500.00
Public Relations	\$ 500.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 5,700.00
Printing	\$ 9,617.00
Travel	\$ 8,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 146,387.00

BUILDING CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Grand Chapter Rent	\$ 11,890.00
Grand Council Rent	\$ 8,776.00
Grand Commandery Rent	\$ 7,644.00
Grand Lodge Rent	\$ 28,309.00
Meeting Fees	\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 81.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 57,900.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 6,000.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 13,850.00
Building Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Database Design and Maintenance	\$ 1,700.00
Electricity/Georgia Power	\$ 16,000.00
Gas/Scana	\$ 5,000.00
Landscaping and Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
Pest Control/Allgood	\$ 650.00
Property Insurance and Bonds	\$ 3,000.00
Trash/Advanced Disposal	\$ 1,900.00
Water/Macon Water Authority	\$ 1,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 57,900.00

CHAPTER CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Chair Order	\$ 0.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 18,260.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.00
Per Capita	\$ 70,030.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 89,790.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 1,000.00
Building Rent	\$ 11,890.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,300.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 500.00
MEGHP Travel	\$ 4,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 60,888.00
Per Capita Dues – GGC	\$ 7,212.00
Regalia	\$ 1,000.00
Southeast Regional Conference	\$ 900.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 89,790.00

COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNTINCOME

Chair Order	\$ 0.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 6,474.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 56,335.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 63,809.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 500.00
Building Rent	\$ 8,776.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,300.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 500.00
MIGM Travel	\$ 4,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 40,448.00
Per Capita Dues – GGC	\$ 5,285.00
Regalia	\$ 1,000.00
Southeast Regional Conference	\$ 900.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 63,809.00

COMMANDERY CHECKING ACCOUNTINCOME

Chair Order	\$ 0.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 4,691.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 70,677.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 75,368.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 1,000.00
Building Rent	\$ 7,644.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,300.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 650.00

Operating Expenses	\$ 36,239.00
Per Capita Dues – GE	\$ 19,035.00
Regalia	\$ 1,200.00
REGC Travel	\$ 4,000.00
Southeast Regional Conference	\$ 1,500.00
Triennial	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 75,368.00

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To: Grand York Rite Secretary/Recorder, Mark Bradley; Finance Committee Chairman, Jack Bell; Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Mike Sampsell; Most Illustrious Grand Master, Ron Wolbert; and Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mark Johnson

AUDIT NO. 1

On Wednesday November 4, 2020, I reviewed the following aspects of the Grand York Rite office:

1. Procedure and timing for paying normal recurring invoices and verified via Georgia Power bills
2. The group exemption lists filed this year with the IRS
3. The payroll liability accounts and forms:
 - a. 941
 - b. G-7
 - c. DOL-4N
 - d. 940
4. The Due to (Due from) accounts on the Operating Account to related entities (ie. RAM Building, Grand Chapter, etc.)

Below are my finding and recommendations:

- 1) The stated procedures match what is shown on the paid bills for Georgia Power. All examined bills were approved by Mark before being entered for payment by Marla. The checks were cut on time. No material weakness or problem was observed.
- 2) The group exemption letters for Chapter and Council and Commandery were reviewed for accuracy compared to the printed 2020 Directory.
 - a. Chapter:
 - i. A couple of secretaries did not match what was filed with the IRS but, that can be attributed to election returns not being filed by the local bodies in a timely manner.
 - ii. One chapter (Chapter #154) was included in the letter but not in the Directory. Mark explained the Charter had been turned in and the chapter no longer existed.
 - iii. One chapter (Chapter #74) had no EIN filed with it.
 - iv. A larger issue noticed was that no District Chapter Convention was included under the group exemption. Since these are set up under code and since they receive funds every year from constituent members, they also need to be included under the group exemption and file

annually the respective version of form 990 (N, EZ, or full).

- b. Council:
 - i. A couple of recorders did not match what was filed with the IRS but, that can be attributed to election returns not being filed by the local bodies in a timely manner.
 - ii. One council (Council #83) had no EIN filed with it.
 - iii. A larger issue noticed was that no District Council Convention was included under the group exemption. Since these are set up under code and since they receive funds every year from constituent members, they also need to be included under the group exemption and file annually the respective version of form 990 (N, EZ, or full).
- c. Commandery: No letter was filed with the IRS. Unlike the other 2 bodies, Grand Encampment handles this filing.

Recommendations:

- i. Work with Chapter #74 to correct the missing EIN. This needs to be corrected by the next filing of the report.
- ii. Add the District Chapter Conventions to the next filing of the group exemption letter and let them begin filing as constituent bodies.
- iii. Work with Council #83 to correct the missing EIN. This needs to be corrected by the next filing of the report.
- iv. Add the District Council Conventions to the next filing of the group exemption letter and let them begin filing as constituent bodies.

The items found can be easily corrected going forward. The missing information can hopefully be pulled from the local bodies and the District Conventions. This should not interrupt operations at all.

- 3) The payroll liability accounts were reviewed.
 - a. 941—(Federal Withholding, Social Security Employee and Company, Medicare Employee and Company) The 941 has been filed and paid timely for the 1st three quarters this year. One correction was made on the timing of November payroll checks in QuickBooks to correct when payment was due.
 - b. G-7—(Georgia Withholding) The G-7 has been filed and paid timely for the 1st three quarters this year. One correction was made on the timing of November payroll checks in QuickBooks to correct when payment was due.
 - c. DOL-4N—(Georgia Admin Assessment and Contribution) The DOL-4N has been filed correctly for the 1st three quarters, but no payment has been remitted since 2nd Quarter of 2019 (in all 3 payments had not been made). Marla said this was because Wade told her not to pay them.
 - i. Recommendation: Pay the outstanding balance. Since the total of all three checks was less than \$10 (and maxes out \$3.80 per person per year), it isn't worth the hassle if you have to go back and prove it years from now.

- ii. The checks were cut and will be remitted with the 4th Quarter filing of the Form in early January. The Department of Labor should be contacted to confirm if the checks should be remitted sooner.
 - d. 940—(Federal Unemployment) The 940 is filed annually and has not been filed yet for this year. However, the payment has been made. No problems observed here.
 - e. Other Payroll Liability issues observed—in QuickBooks, per the Balance Sheet, the account balances did not reflect the correct position of the outstanding liabilities. Adjusting Journal Entries (AJE) were made to correct the balances. These are corrected as of the 10/31/2020 made through AJE RN-1.
- 4) The Due to (due from) liability accounts: All of the accounts on the Operating Account were reviewed. No entry had been made to keep track of the balance of these accounts since March 31, 2015. After discussion with Mark, it was decided to Write-off or forgive the balances in these accounts. This was accomplished through AJE RN-2. The net result of this is a reduction of liability (and a “paper” increase of income) on the Operating Account of around \$124K.
- a. An additional AJE, RN-3 was used to clear stale balances in Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable.
 - b. The remaining accounts (RAM Building, Grand Chapter, etc.) have not been reviewed at this time, but will also need to be cleaned before the financials for the organizations can be properly relied upon.
 - c. Along the same line of financial reliability, the investment account balances have not been updated since 2014, this needs to be updated and I would recommend that it be made a priority before the next budget meeting for the Grand Heads to help inform them of the state of the craft's finances going into their respective years.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to Mark and Marla for being so agreeable to the disruption of their day. I would like to thank them for helping me conduct the review in as efficient manner as we could. And for their openness to being reviewed and willingness to take advice given. A lot was accomplished, but more still needs to be done. I will plan a final Audit/Review for April 2021 to review the completed fiscal year April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

AUDIT NO. 2

On Wednesday April 21, 2021, I reviewed the following aspects of the Grand York Rite office:

1. From my audit in November, I followed up on how recommended changes were going and verified that payroll liabilities were still being paid timely.
2. I walked Marla through how to use the Invoice function of Quickbooks, as well as the Inventory system (for Ritual, Code, etc. books on hand).
3. Cleaned out Accounts Receivable that had been aging since 2014.
4. I performed a quick review of the 3 individual Grand Body accounts and cleaned up Quickbooks entries that needed to be reclassified.

Findings and Recommendations:

- On the RAM Building account, I found where a Tyler's fee was being paid but not running through the proper payroll system. This will be corrected after discussion with Mark.
- For transactions recorded in Quickbooks, only 1 material error or omission was found and steps have been, or are being taken to correct that oversight (see Investment Accounts).
- Investment Accounts
 - All investment accounts need to be added to the respective body account on Quickbooks. Income and expenses need to be recognized and recorded, especially Interest, dividends, and capital gains.
 - All investment accounts need to be reconciled monthly or at the very least quarterly.
 - All investment accounts need to be consolidated under one brokerage house. Some are with Wells Fargo; some are with SunTrust.
 - Each grand body needs to appoint an Investment Committee to oversee its investment accounts and to set investment policy going forward, working with the Long-Range Planning and Finance Committees.

As with my first audit, I want to thank Mark and Marla for cooperating with my review and being receptive to recommended changes. I am pleased with the overall status of the books and with the steps that have been taken to improve the overall transparency and reliability of them. If there are any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally Submitted: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair

The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies Business having been completed: MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert declared the 195th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia recessed. REGC Mark S. Johnson declared the 161st Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia recessed.

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**MICHAEL HOLDEN SAMPSELL
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2020-2021**

MICHAEL HOLDEN SAMPSELL

PERSONAL

Michael H. Sampsell was born in Philadelphia, Mississippi on October 2, 1964. He graduated from Philadelphia High School with Honors in 1982. Mike joined the Army National Guard in 1984 and went through basic training at Ft Leonard Wood in Missouri. In 1986, he transferred to the Air National Guard in Meridian, Mississippi and went through Avionics school at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. Mike then went to active duty Air Force and was stationed at Shaw AFB in Sumter, South Carolina. After his active duty assignment, he resumed his military career in Meridian with the Air National Guard finally resigning from there in 1993.

Before, during and after his military stint, Mike attended Mississippi State University and graduated with a BS degree in Professional Golf Management. As a part of his studies, he was required to perform so many months of internship to receive his degree. The last of those internships brought him to Georgia and to the Callaway Gardens Inn and Resort. He has been in Georgia ever since. While at Callaway Gardens, he met and later married the former Emmie Bowie of Smyrna, Georgia. Together, they have two daughters Sydney and Andie. Mike and his family are members of Powder Springs United Methodist church. Mike has had a number of careers throughout his life. He began his work career with the military and then became a golf professional. He then began a career of over 25 years in Information Technology, first as a systems engineer and then as an IT Manager. Currently, he is employed as Technology Services Manager of Data Center Operations by Cobb County Government in Marietta, Georgia.

MASONIC

Mike was initiated, passed and raised as a Master Mason in 2006 at Springville Lodge #153 in Powder Springs, Georgia. He became a perpetual member in 2007 and also during his first full year helped his Lodge make vast improvements within their operations and for this, they recognized him as Master Mason of the Year at Springville Lodge in 2008. He was also the Master Mason of the Year for sub-district C of the 7th Masonic District. Mike was Master of the Lodge in 2011 and is currently serving his Lodge as the Treasurer.

Mike was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in 2008 when he joined Cherokee Chapter #13. He quickly became a dual member of Austell Chapter #87. He served as High Priest of Austell Chapter #87 in 2010, 2012 & 2013. He served as High Priest of Cherokee Chapter #87 in 2014. Mike is currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of Cherokee Chapter #13 as well as Director of Work. He served as High Priest of the 7th District Chapter Convention in 2018-2019. Mike also served the Grand Chapter of Georgia as the Custodian of the Work for North Georgia from 2016-2020. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 2010 and is currently serving that Order as the Excellent Vice President. He also serves on the Order of the High Priesthood degree team as the Excellent Herald. Mike has also earned and been awarded the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel. Mike was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in 2008 when he joined Marietta Council #74 and also joined Austell Council #47 as a dual member. He served as Illustrious Master of Austell Council #47 in 2010, 2012 & 2013. He also served as Illustrious Master of Marietta Council #74. Mike is currently serving as the Recorder/Treasurer of Marietta Council #74 as well as the Director of Work. Mike served as Illustrious Master of the 7th District Council Convention in 2017-2018. He served the Grand Council of Georgia as the Custodian of the Work for North Georgia from 2016-2020. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in

2010. In 2014, Mike was awarded the 2013-2014 Cryptic Mason of the Year, State of Georgia, General Grand Council International. Mike was knighted in 2008 as a member of Constantine Commandery #26 in 2008. He served as Eminent Commander of Constantine Commandery #26 in 2018-2019. He received the Knight Crusader of the Cross in 2018. He is also a Past President of the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival and now serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of that festival. He is also a member of North Atlanta Council #313 AMD and served as Sovereign Master in 2014. Mike became a member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite in 2008. He currently serves as the 2nd Deacon in the Council of Kadosh body. He has been a member of the cast of the 32° since 2009 and currently serves as the Degree Master of that degree. He has also been a member of the cast of the 31° in 2014. Mike served as President of the Cobb County Scottish Rite Association in 2017.

Mike joined Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine and became a member of the Yaarab Temple as Noble in 2014. He is also a Charter Member of Dobbins Chapter #434 which was formed in 2019. He currently serves as Chairman of that bodies Bridge of Light and Americanism committees.

Mike is proud and honored to have served the companions of Georgia as their Grand High Priest and hopes to continue his service to God and to his companions through his journey in Freemasonry.

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

The One Hundred Ninety Ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 3, 2021 with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael H. Sampsell presiding and with all Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. Being assured by the Grand Secretary that a quorum was present, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest requested that Excellent Companion Daniel C. Ricketts, Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, offer the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the One Hundred Ninety Ninth Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
John H. Johnson (47)	Right Excellent Grand King
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Daniel C. Ricketts (13)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Joe R. Bush (49)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Jack J. Bell (162)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
John E. Finch, Jr. (13)	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (75)	Excellent Grand Photographer

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

*1978 H. Grady Keith (27)	*1998 Leon S. Lee, III (15)
*1988 William E. Cantrell (144)	*2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)
*1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	*2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01)

*2004 Emmett R. Johns (04)
 *2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)
 *2006 Robert L. Gill (9)
 2009 Wade C. Smith (24)
 *2009 C. Danny Wofford (84) (Hon)
 *2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
 * Indicates absent

*2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
 2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
 2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
 2016 William F. Shepard (66)
 2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
 2018 Stephen C. Higgins (135)

2020-2021 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett; South: C. Hendry Howard
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel P. Bennett; W. Michael Jones;
 Michael R. Sosebee; Isaiah T. Hardin; Dale B. Cliett; Joey E. Jackson
MEGHP Address: Hugh F. Watson, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; John E. Finch, Jr.
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinon
Memorial: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; A. Lee Nash, Jr.; Donald C. Combs
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Web Master: Alessandro V. Da Silva, Chair; J. Chris Brown; Keith R. Taylor
Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman;
 Daniel C. Ricketts
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
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Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2020-2021 GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

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MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

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

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

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

To our Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Mark Bradley, you have done a stellar job for all of the Companions in Georgia but more especially me as Grand High Priest. You were taught a lesson by your predecessor that your ultimate job was to make the Grand High Priest look good. And in spite of my flaws, you have continued that legacy by making this year for me a wonderful experience. For that, I now dub thee, the Miracle Mirror, because you make even me look good!

To Marla Horton, thank you for all you do for our fraternity. You are truly a blessing to all the companions of Georgia.

To our District Grand Deputies, thank you isn't enough to express to each of you my gratitude for the sacrifices you have made for our companions in Georgia. The meetings attended, questions answered, and reports submitted are just part of the responsibilities that you accepted when you were appointed to these positions. You are the best of the best and we should all celebrate your commitment to us.

To Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mark Johnson and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Ron Wolbert, I will cherish the time served with you gentlemen.

To Most Worshipful Brothers Johnnie Garmon and Jan Giddens, it has been an honor to share this journey with you. Your leadership as Grand Masters of Masons in Georgia through this very uncertain time should be an example to every Mason in our state. Thank you for all that you do.

To the companions of Cherokee Chapter No. 13 & Austell Chapter No. 87, my home Chapters, I appreciate all you have done for me and thank you for your

patience with me as I have had to miss numerous meetings these past few years. I am honored to call you my home.

To our York Rite Custodians of the work, I would like to say that you did an excellent job and your work is greatly appreciated. Excellent Companion Larry C. Bennett and Right Excellent Companion C. Hendry Howard have been two very dedicated companions for many years and their friendship and dedication to the craft deserves special thanks.

To my friend, Brother and Companion Steve T. Miers, I would like to acknowledge and say a special prayer for him and his wonderful wife, Evelyn. Steve had been so looking forward to this journey for the past 3 or 4 years. He was a constant traveling Companion of mine and was so very much in love with the York Rite. Steve came to the York Rite after 47 years of Blue Lodge Masonry but quickly came to adore the York Rite and stated on many occasions that he never realized that his Masonic journey was incomplete until he received the York Rite Degrees and Orders!

Also, to my friend, my Brother and Right Excellent Companion Edward V. Massaro, I would like to say thanks to him and his wife Terry Massaro for their counsel and guidance through the early years in the line. Eddie was taken from us before he could serve as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, but through his counsel and the many hours that we spent traveling together, I want to believe a bit of Eddie was in me to assist and guide me through this past year.

I would also like to thank Excellent Companion Hugh F. Watson, James W. Bard and Joe E. Turner for their friendship and words of advice over the last year. Your comfort and counsel have been invaluable to me over the previous years as well.

To my loving daughters, there are no words that could ever tell you how much I love you and appreciate all that you do for me. Through many years of serving as a Grand Officer you were always there to support me. I was reluctant to start in this Grand Line and be away from you all, but you showed me and every companion in Georgia how two beautiful daughters could support their dad. You are indeed a great gift from God.

To My Loving Wife of 26 years, I can only say that you are indeed something special. Your love and support is immeasurable and I could not love you more. I look forward to spending the rest of my life with you. You have been a beautiful and elegant First Lady of the Royal Arch of Georgia and this Grand Body has been blessed by your presence.

NECROLOGY

This year the Grand Architect of the Universe called home many of our beloved companions to their eternal resting place. One of those called home to be with our Heavenly Father was Excellent Companion Steve T. Miers, who was to be my Excellent Grand Chaplain. We also had the sad duty of saying our goodbyes to some of our Past Grand High Priests; Most Excellent Companions D. W. "Bill" Hendry, Most Excellent Companion Ruben Martinez, Most Excellent Companion William Lee Montgomery, Jr. and Most Excellent Companion James C. "Pete" Bentley, MEPGHP, Honorary. Our prayers go to the families of all of our dear deceased companions and pray that God's love will comfort their hearts as they deal with their loss. A solemn Memorial Service will be conducted on Saturday, May 15th for all of our beloved departed companions and their families.

VISITATIONS

It has been an honor and distinct pleasure for me to have the opportunity to represent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia on many occasions this year. I have traveled many miles this year to attend many meetings throughout this great state. Although this year has been a year of separation and reclusion due to the restrictions and safety protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been able to make a number of visits within the confines of the state of Georgia.

I attended a large number of virtual meetings both in-state and out-of-state. These included many informal get-togethers with the MEGHP of Maryland and other distinguished Companions. Also, I was able to attend both the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council triennials virtually. A few of the Chapter conventions were held by virtual session such as the 2nd/3rd District, the 5th District and the 11th District and I was able to attend them as well.

I was able to attend, in person, the district conventions for the 1st District, the 4th district, the 7th District, 8th District, 9th District and the 10th District. These were fairly well attended considering the situation.

It was unfortunate that I was unable to attend many of the sister organizations statewide sessions or the youth statewide sessions due to the same restrictions. I would have liked to be there to see the future of our organization in their eyes. In addition, there were no Commandery inspections during the year and I would have liked to have been able to experience them as well.

I really wish that I could have been able to do much more travel and visitations. We will look back on this year of the COVID pandemic and realize that it was limiting but somehow we were able to survive and continue to prosper.

OUT OF STATE VISITS

I had planned on doing a great deal of out-of-state travel but due to the pandemic, all of these became either virtual meetings or limited to in-state Companions only at their respective sessions. I was able to attend many of these virtual sessions including The General Grand Council Triennial held in September 2020 and the General Grand Chapter Triennial held in November 2020. However bad that it may have seemed this past year for travel, I was able to "attend" some sessions that I would have never thought of attending in person. The Mid-Atlantic York Rite Conference, the Grand Chapter Convocation of Wisconsin, the Grand Chapter Convocation of North Dakota and the Grand Chapter Convocation of Utah, just to name a few. However, one of my favorites, The Southeastern York Rite Conference in Mobile, Alabama was cancelled, and I was so looking forward to representing all of you at this great event.

DISPENSATIONS

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

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I would like to express my appreciation to our Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, Joe Oelgoetz, and his assistant chairman, Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil, Jack Bell, for their dedicated work on behalf of the Royal Arch Research Program.

This year has been trying in so many ways but at the same time, it has been the best in the history of giving for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. Due to a very generous donation from the members of the former Master's Lodge No. 295 in Decatur, Georgia achieved the number one spot in

the WORLD for RARA giving. This was out of 74 participating jurisdictions and is a feat that I could have never guessed that we would accomplish. Thanks again to all the Companions of Georgia but especially to Joe and his team for the outstanding work that you all did.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Companions: it gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia is still alive and well. There have been many deaths and dropouts through the year that have lowered our numbers significantly. These drops could not be offset by new Companions because we saw one of the most destructive times in my Masonic career during this past year. I know in my heart that we will rebound once the opportunity is there to do so. However, this rebound may not be the resurgence that we need. I encourage all of you to work diligently once the restrictions are lifted to not only boost our York Rite numbers but our Blue Lodge numbers as well. Only when there is a resurgence within Blue Lodge masonry will we be able to see a similar resurgence in York Rite masonry. During my many travels this year it has been very encouraging to see the brotherly love and enthusiasm that the companions of this great order have exhibited.

This year I also tried to impress to the companions of this state the importance of faith and family in our chapters. I was invited to attend many family nights that truly expressed to our loved ones their importance in all of our endeavors. Finally: this Grand Chapter is blessed with an exceptional group of Grand Line Officers. Their dedication and service to the craft have been an inspiration to me during this year. With their leadership the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia could not be brighter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the importance of faith and family continue to be promoted within the fraternity.
2. That the festivals continue under the direct supervision of the state custodians of work. This will ensure that work is done in a proper and impressive manner.
3. Continue to promote and encourage Masons to become York Rite Masons through your zeal, fervency, and enthusiasm for the fraternity which I know you all love.
4. That we resume our Grand Masters Class each year, in conjunction with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery if possible, to exhibit unity within the York Rite and to honor The Grand Master of Masons in Georgia.

CONCLUSION

Companions again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Grand High Priest this year. I dedicated this year to all the great Masons of our fraternity but more especially those two of my great friends that have passed through the pearly gates to spend the rest of time at the right hand of our intercessor and our Heavenly Father, Ex. Companion Steve T. Miers and Right Excellent Companion Eddie V. Massaro, both of which instilled in me values and outlooks early in both my Masonic career as well as my time in the Grand line of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. I sincerely hope that they would be proud of the manner in which I served the craft this year. Companions, there is no way that I could name everyone that has been there for me this year. I appreciate each of you for your support and friendship. I have tried this year to act in a Masonic and Christian manner. This has been a special year in my life that I will never forget. I pledge my support to our new Grand High

Priest and his officers and offer you my full support in anything that you may require of me.
May God always bless this Grand Chapter of Georgia and all Royal Arch Masons where ever they may reside.
Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

To the Officers, members, and visitors of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia. We welcome you to the 199th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM.
Your committee on the Grand High Priest address is pleased and honored to make the following report:
Our Grand High Priest, Michael H. Sampsell, expresses his appreciation to the Companions who are attending our Grand Convocation and expresses his appreciation for all the courtesies extended to him and his wife Emmie when she traveled with him this year.
M.E. Companion Sampsell expressed his sorrow at the passing of the Companions that departed this life during the past year. We express our appreciation that the Grand Line was spared.
The Grand High Priest did have several Dispensations of routine nature and are on file in the Grand Secretary's office.
We must note that travel was extremely limited over the last 2 years because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Our Grand High Priest, we believe, has still done a great job by making at least 42 visitations and 6 District Conventions. He also made several virtual meetings.
Our Grand High Priest made all the usual Grand Chapter appointments.
While reading the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest we noted that in all his actions he was working to lift Royal Arch Masonry to its rightful position in York Rite Masonry. His love for the Ritual, the Degree work, all the festivals, and bringing in new companions is a great part of him and his work. His GHP Address was well done.
We commend him in his efforts, and we are mindful of the help and assistance of his wife, Emmie.
We wish them both good health and happiness, as we thank them for their service to all of Freemasonry and especially the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
Respectfully Submitted: Hugh F Watson, Chairman; Daniel Ricketts; and Jay Finch

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 one Bill (1-2020) to amend the Royal Arch Code was referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation. The Committee finds the bill not to be in conflict with the Royal Arch Masonic Code and is in proper form with one exception, the author signed as PIM (73) instead of PHP (73), which he is. The committee finds it to be in order to be considered by the Grand Chapter. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Secretary were in strict accordance with the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia.
One Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Convocation,

Resolution: To form a permanent committee under section 2.2 Committees of Grand Chapter:

To add Section 2.2.6: Committee on Resolutions for Honorary Title of Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Committee finds the Resolution "Not in Proper Form" and in conflict with Code section 2.2.1 of the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia and should not be considered.

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, Chairman; F. Andrew Lane Jr.; and Daniel C. Ricketts

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (2020) – WITHDRAWN

A BILL to repeal Section 2.10.5.1, of the 2019 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Remission of Dues in its entirety.

Be it enacted by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Section 2.10.5.1 - Remission of Dues which currently reads:

Section 2.10.5.1 - Remission

Subordinate Chapters may remit the dues of worthy members who are not able to pay, and they will not be liable to the Grand Chapter for per capita tax on such members. The fact that a Companion is a Life Member or a Minister of the Gospel does not relieve the Chapter to which he belongs from his Annual Dues to the Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the Chapter may enact a Bylaw or pass a resolution relieving such members from dues to subordinate Chapter to which they belong, and this applies to Sentinels, Treasurers, Secretaries, Chaplains, et al. Each Secretary of a subordinate Chapter in his returns should set out specifically the reason why dues of its members are remitted.

Be hereby repealed.

Respectfully Submitted: Roger W. Buterbaugh

BILL NO. 1 (2021) – REJECTED

Bill regarding Resolution for Honorary Title of Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Purpose: In order to preserve the distinguished title of Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I propose the following addition to the Grand Chapter of Georgia Code:

Resolution: To form a permanent committee under section **2.2 Committees of Grand Chapter:**

To add **Section 2.2.6: Committee on Resolutions for Honorary Title of Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest**

This committee shall consist of the 3 most immediate (living) Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM. In addition, the incoming Grand High Priest may appoint up to two additional Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests to serve one-year terms. It shall be the duty of this committee to review all resolutions submitted for the honorary title of Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest and make recommendations to the assembled companions at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. All resolutions for the honorary title of Past Excellent Grand High Priest must be submitted to the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Georgia on or before April 1.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall and C. Hendry Howard

REPORT OF CHARTER & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report:

Sadly we continue to note the lack of attention to this committee's recommendations and requirements to the bylaws: Roswell Chapter No. 74, Forest Park Chapter No. 75, Mt. Horeb No. 155

Matter of interest: your committee is aware that Roswell Chapter No.74, Mount Horeb Chapter No.155 and Alpharetta Chapter No.162 are holding joint meetings in various places instead of regular meetings at the stated locations where the chapter normally meets. Roswell Chapter No.74 is again requested to submit a by-law change to provide a date, time and place for each meeting during the year. In addition your 2018 Charter and By-Laws Committee requested Roswell Chapter No.74 to change article III section 5 of their bylaws to provide for different or additional trustees.

Your Committee notes that a DISPENSATION was issued to Forest Park Chapter No. 75 on March 26, 2019 to change meeting location to College Park. Your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this chapter.

Your 2019 Committee had before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 155. Your Committee recommended approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws with the following changes: Change Chapter I Section 5 to agree with Chapter I Section 2 and Chapter IV Section 5 from twelve months to SIX months. These changes have not been received and are needed to correct the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the bylaws of Fayetteville Chapter No. 72 changing its dues. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted change of the By-Laws.

Your Committee had before it in 2020, a complete revision of the bylaws of Smyrna Chapter No. 160. Your Committee recommended approval of the submitted By-Laws subject to a future revision on vacancies. The revision on vacancies having been received during the current year, the committee now recommends approval of the complete By-Laws.

This committee believes that the study of Dispensations issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is a proper function of the Jurisprudence Committee (although not defined as such). However, the dispensations issued were reviewed by this committee, and are of routine nature and meet with our approval.

Your committee notes that the charter of Moultrie Chapter No.91 was surrendered in March, 2021 and the members were all issued demits that they might affiliate with a chapter of their choice.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: TEMPLE NO. 6, NOVEMBER 2020, 200 YEARS, WEST POINT NO. 89 MARCH 2020 125 YEARS, ALPHARETTA NO. 162, 100 YEARS AND LAKEWOOD NO. 27, 75 YEARS, BOTH APRIL 2020, AND PICKENS NO. 28, 75 YEARS, APRIL 2021.

Fraternally Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Stephen C. Higgins; and Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The 2019 Royal Arch Mason Code is available from the Grand Secretary's office. The 2019 Code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and can be updated annually after each Grand Convocation session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey; and James O. Hood

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT 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 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.

The Grand Representative exchange program seems to be discontinued in all but a few states. It was apparently discontinued in Georgia about six or seven years ago as the Grand Reps died, they were not replaced.

If this program is ever re-activated, there are several foreign jurisdictions that have been added that are recognized by General Grand Chapter that are not on the last published Georgia list.

I do receive the General Grand Chapter Newsletters and note with interest activities going on in other states.

If we are once again permitted to do degree work, I am still of the opinion that the California and possibly other states Mark Master degree program will work in Georgia. The Chapters invite Blue Lodge Masons to come get the Mark Master Degree at the chapter hall or the lodge hall with dispensation for FREE!

The member submits a petition to the local Chapter, asking to be advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. No fee is submitted with this petition. If the petition is approved by the local Chapter, the petitioner will be qualified to receive all the Degrees of the Chapter, should he ever wish to do so at a future date.

However, he will only be scheduled for advancement to the Degree of Mark Master and having been advanced, he may elect to receive the other degrees upon payment of the normal fee, or not proceed. But the curiosity is there. AND IT GIVES THE LOCAL CHAPTER A PURPOSE, CONFER A DEGREE!

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

MEPGHP Wade C. Smith, General Grand Chapter Ambassador for Georgia, and MEPGHP Harry Eisenberg, DGGHP, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Most Excellent Companion Michael H. Wilson.

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

James C. Bentley, Jr.

Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.

Ruben Martinez

William L. Montgomery

And all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

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

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MEGHP announced the following appointments: James E. Stevens (66) Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist (14); Howard L. Maddox (47), Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell (75), Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed following the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May, 15, 2021 by Most Excellent Companion Clyde E. Griffin.

2021-2022 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett; South: C. Hendry Howard
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel P. Bennett; W. Michael Jones;
Michael R. Sosebee; Isaiah T. Hardin; Dale B. Cliett; Joey E. Jackson
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A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 199th Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

The 200th Annual Convocation will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Monday, May 2, 2022.

The 74th Triennial will be held in September of 2023 (TBA).

Most Excellent Grand Companion Michael H. Sampsell, MEGHP, declared the 199th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the One Hundred and Eightieth Annual Conferral of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Georgia was postponed until 2022. The officers met to elect and install officers for 2021-2022.

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

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John H. Johnson	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Chaplain
Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Conductor
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Herald
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Steward
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Sentinel

The officers were installed by Excellent Companion Mark A. Bradley, Grand Secretary.

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith	2011 Emmett R. Johns
1986 C. Brantley Morgan	2012 Wade C. Smith
1990 William E. Cantrell	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)	2014 Michael R. Sosebee
1996 Andre E. Lovas	2015 Mark A. Bradley
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2016 Michael H. Wilson
1998 C. Danny Wofford	2017 Edward C. Barclay
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	2018 Doyle R. Hatfield
2003 F. Lamar Pearson, Jr.	2020 William F. Shepard
2009 J. Timothy Ingram	

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley	James W. Tate
Excellent Recorder-Treasurer	Excellent President

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2020-2021 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Chapter awards were presented:

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell presented Sweetheart Awards to Lady Stephanie Ricketts, Lady Elizabeth Finch, Lady Shelly Howard, and Lady Rosemarie Johnson.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell and MEPGHP Wade C. Smith presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion John E. Finch.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

MEPGHP Wade C. Smith presented MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

MEGHP Michael H. Sampsell presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Sweetwater Chapter No. 49.

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

*2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24)	*2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155)
2015 Wade C. Smith (24)	2018 Floyd E. Edmondson (150)
2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)	2018 Joe E. Turner (27)
2015 Edward Helton (64)	2019 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
2016 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2020 William F. Shepard (66)
2016 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2021 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2017 Robert L. Gill (9)	

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

*1952 Ottis B. Turner (10)	*1953 Robert Wiley Beall (55)
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*1954 Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (6) **1988 Kenneth R. Smith (144)
 *1955 Thomas E. Gaines (136) *1989 Minor C. Shadburn (144)
 *1956 Ezekiel K. Clifton (3) *1990 William J. Bird (70)
 *1957 W. Tom Bateman (18) ***1991 Lawrence E. Anderson (22)
 *1958 Edward P. Hitafer (73) *1992 William H. Lewis (107)
 **1959 Merrill D. Payton (15) *1993 Edward C. Davis (122)
 *1960 L. Guy Hughes (144) *1994 W. George Bean (49)
 *1961 T. S. Wells, Sr. (85) *1995 James E. Salter (75)
 *1962 Walter M. Housch (99) *1996 Rudolph Fuglaar (119)
 *1963 Graydon W. Kitchens (122) *1997 George Utiss, Sr. (66)
 *1964 Ralph Saye (K01) 1998 Robert L. Gill (9)
 *1965 Richard S. Sagar (49) *1999 Russell L. Baker (47)
 *1966 James W. Davis (77) 2000 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
 *1967 Charles H. Davis (4) *2001 William L. Montgomery (73)
 *1968 John B. Hubert, Jr. (112) 2002 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
 *1969 Ernest F. Campbell (70) *2003 William H. McDaniel (K01)
 *1970 C. Dowing Pate (107) 2004 William F. Shepard (66)
 *1971 Preston Y. Luther (4) 2005 James D. Davis (11)
 *1972 J. Sheffield Thompson (37) 2006 Johnie M. Garmon (24)
 *1973 George T. Buchan (66) *2007 Kerry J. Buchan (G03)
 *1974 Clyde C. Brown (83) 2008 A. Wayne Norton (21)
 *1975 Dave H. Keever (49) 2009 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (13)
 *1976 Benjamin R. Martin, Jr. (121) *2010 G. Everett Cox (160)
 *1977 Oliver H. Sheppard (158) *2011 Phillip H. Floyd (48)
 *1978 Charles W. Eaton (154) 2012 Leonard A. Davis (11)
 *1979 Grady T. Bozeman (28) 2013 Edward C. Barclay (14)
 *1980 Joseph P. Suttles (37) 2014 Bruce A. McNall (G03)
 *1981 Robert E. Taylor (4) 2015 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71)
 *1982 Oran G. Moore (79) 2016 Ronald H. Wallace (24)
 *1983 Willie P. Hammond (72) 2017 James E. Stevens (66)
 *1984 Lee D. Holcomb (50) 2018 Judd J. Wolfe (48)
 *1985 Lewis H. Keith (27) 2019 Robert W. Tidwell (75)
 1986 C. Danny Wofford (84) 2020 John H. Johnson (47)
 1987 David B. Dukes (70) 2021 John E. Finch, (13)
 * Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dimit

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

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

2018 Jeanette Hendry	2019 Nancy Simmons	2020 Sue Mason
2018 Benigna Haggas	2020 Ivy Harris	2021 Stephanie Ricketts
2019 Sherri Kirk	2020 Diane Nealey	2021 Elizabeth Finch
2019 Angi Harris	2020 McKenzie Knight	2021 Shelly Howard
2019 Barbara Tate	2020 Leigh Knight	2021 Rosemarie Johnson

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.
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1993-1996 Samuel A. Nunn, Jr.

*Indicates Death

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DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1822-46	William Schley (1/2)	11-20-1858	1886-94	James W. Taylor (8)	12-15-1925
1847-53	William T. Gould (2)	07-18-1882	1895-97	Charles Wessolowsky (15)	07-08-1904
1854-61	Philip T. Schley (7/3)	08-31-1862	1898-00	Henry C. Burr (10)	03-15-1901
1862-68	Samuel S. Lawrence (13)	10-02-1890	1901	Henry Banks (11)	06-03-1920
1869-71	Moses P. Kellogg (34)	11-25-1889	1902	Robert L. Colding (3)	10-21-1927
1872-73	George W. Adams (3)	01-05-1893	1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51)	07-06-1909
1874-77	Luther J. Glenn (16)	06-09-1886	1904	Young A. Wright (54)	05-12-1911
1878	William J. Johnson (12)	05-12-1886	1905	John C. Joiner (16)	12-26-1927
1879-80	James W. Oslin (55)	01-09-1906	1906	J. Luther Gable (40)	01-12-1929
1881-83	Charles E. Lambdin (51)	03-03-1888	1907	Thomas F. Moody (31)	01-14-1927
1884	William A. Graham (12)	02-24-1904	1908	Luther M. Heard (25)	01-20-1917
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin (15)	02-22-1897	1909	Jacob A. Walton (7)	06-01-1925

1910	William F. Bowe (2)	08-25-1932	1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990
1911	John R. Wilkinson (16)	04-07-1915	1967	James E. Moseley (10)	
1912	William G. England (41)	03-26-1931	1967	Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (92)	08-07-1942	1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973
1914	Frank O. Miller (18)	03-17-1937	1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971
1915	Hiram Warner Hill (52)	01-13-1934	1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984
1916	J. Furman Bell (6)	12-03-1940	1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987
1917	Thomas H. Jeffries (16)	11-06-1948	1972	John M. McClurd, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001
1918	Elliot W. Parish (3)	10-13-1963	1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987
1919	Andrew S. Harvey (26)	11-22-1946	1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013
1920	Joseph C. Greenfield (16)	12-20-1920	1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009
1921	Welby C. Jordan (K01)	01-16-1954	1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992
1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931	1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000
1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930	1978	H. Grady Keith (27)	
1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947	1979	John Benny Allen (64)	
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928	1980	Felix Gersten (7) 06-10-1993	
1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952	1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000
1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966	1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991
1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947	1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010
1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944	1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997
1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931	1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014
1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937	1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007
1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950	1986	Steven V. Carter (90)	
1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934	1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001
1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972	1988	William E. Cantrell (144)	
1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938	1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994
1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955	1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993
1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66)	02-19-1936	1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013
1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940	1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995
1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943	1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995
1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972	1994	Ruben Martinez (75)	
1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967	1995	Joe E. Turner (10)	
1938	P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947	1996	William J. Bird (70)	
1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972	1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998
1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966	1998	Leon S. (Sam) Lee, III (15)	
1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960	1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)	
1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949	1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014
1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963	2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959	2001	William D. Miles (16)	
1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	2-22- 2007
1949	James R. Belflower (47)	10-07-1981	2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	
1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959	2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05- 2010
1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974	2008	Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	
1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979	2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	
1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981	2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	
1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958	2012	James C. Bentley, Jr. (Hon) (107)	02-20-2021
1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981	2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992	2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999	2015	James T. Farmer (10)	
1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970	2016	William F. Shepard (66)	
1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985	2017	Mark A. Bradley (84)	
1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001	2018	Stephen C. Higgins (135)	
1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989	2019	James W. Tate (73)	
1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1969	2020	Michael H. Sampson 13/87)	
1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999			

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: No Representation

K01: Keystone: No Representation

03. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey;

Donald C. Combs; Ronald B. Wolbert

04. Constantine: Jerry H. Purvis, Jr.;

Michael L. Hamlin

06. Temple: No Representation

07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez;

Doyle R. Hatfield

09. Waycross: Tommy T. Marshall

10. Pythagoras: Brandon S. Yarbrough

11. St. John's: No Representation

13. Cherokee: Peter D. Bard;

James W. Bard

14. Silver Shoals: No Representation

15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation

16. Mt. Zion: Michael C. Halpin;

Ryan C. Nealey

18. Austin: James C. Huffman, III

21. Toccoa: No Representation

23. J. M. Rushin: No Representation
24. Enotah: William T. White; William W. Grist; Johnie M. Garmon
25. Oliver: Marcus V. Hall
26. Rome: No Representation
27. Lakewood: No Representation
28. Pickens: F. Keith Hales
34. Newnan: No Representation
41. Adoniram: No Representation
47. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs
48. Taylor: Wiley Q. Forrester, III
49. Sweetwater: No Representation
50. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel; Clarence E. North, III
59. Statesboro: No Representation
61. Kellogg: James B. Phillips
64. Alleghaney: Michael L. Wolcott
66. Brunswick: Frank L. Stevens; Charles E. Taylor
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold
71. Covington: Raymond G. Laird
72. Fayetteville: No Representation
73. Fort Benning: Baron L. Conklin

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K01Keystone: No Representation
A01 Augusta: No Representation
03 Georgia: Roger W. Coursey
04 Constantine: Jerry H. Purvis, Jr.
06 Temple: No Representation
07 Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez
09 Waycross: Tommy T. Marshall
10 Pythagoras: Brandon S. Yarbrough
11 St. John's: No Representation
13 Cherokee: Peter D. Bard
14 Silver Shoals: No Representation
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation
16 Mt. Zion: Michael C. Halpin
18 Austin: James C. Huffman, III
21 Toccoa: No Representation
23 J.M. Rushin: No Representation
24 Enotah: No Representation
25 Oliver: Joshua M. Blakely
26 Rome: No Representation
27 Lakewood: No Representation
28 Pickens: F. Keith Hales
34 Newnan: No Representation
41 Adoniram: No Representation
47 Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs
48 Taylor: Wiley Q. Forrester, III
49 Sweetwater: Eric R. Howell; James T. House
50 Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel
59 Statesboro: No Representation

74. Roswell: No Representation
75. Forest Park: No Representation
77. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary; Billy G. Messer
80. Wilford H. Hall: R. Cris Lynch
84. Winder: No Representation
87. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; O. C. Grounds, Jr.
89. West Point: No Representation
94. Bainbridge: No Representation
99. Chickamauga: Tyler W. Pledger
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel: No Representation
120. Hubert: No Representation
122. Y. A. Wright: Rafor J. Chambers
135. Canton: No Representation
142. Dallas: Eric S. Tress
144. Cartersville: Howard D. Cowart, Jr.
150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson
155. Mt. Horeb: James T. House
160. Smyrna: John C. Miller; Robert R. Cordle
162. Alpharetta: No Representation
166. Genesis: Phillip D. Booth
61 Kellogg: James B. Phillips
64 Alleghaney: Michael L. Wolcott
66 Brunswick: James E. Stevens
70 Jesup: James D. Arnold
71 Covington: Raymond G. Laird
72 Fayetteville: No Representation
73 Fort Benning: Baron L. Conklin
74 Roswell: No Representation
75 Forest Park: No Representation
77 Sardis: Thomas B. Mccrary
80 Wilford H. Hall: R. Cris Lynch
84 Winder: Michael J. Etheridge
87 Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
89 West Point: No Representation
94 Bainbridge: No Representation
99 Chickamauga: Tyler W. Pledger
107 Valdosta: No Representation
120 Hubert: No Representation
122 Y.A. Wright: Rafor J. Chambers
135 Canton: No Representation
142 Dallas: Eric S. Tress
144 Cartersville: Homer C. Cowart
150 Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson
155 Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160 Smyrna: John C. Miller
162 Alpharetta: No Representation
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**PROCEEDINGS
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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 3, 2021
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RONALD BERTON WOLBERT
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2020 – 2021

RONALD BERTON WOLBERT

PERSONAL

Ron was born in East Stroudsburg, PA on August 28, 1949; the son of Arlington and Mary Wolbert. Ron has three siblings: two brothers and one sister. He attended East Stroudsburg Area Joint Junior-Senior High School graduating 1967 with an Academic Diploma. Member of the Honor Society and the Glee Club and has his record and picture listed on the School Hall of Fame. After Graduating from High School in June of 1967, he lived in East Stroudsburg until August 1, 1969 when the US Army relocated him to Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. He has lived in the Savannah area ever since. He was employed in the Insurance Industry for over 30 years and after retiring he decided to finish his military career in the Air Force, retiring as Superintendent of Services with over 34 years of service. He has been married to wife Becky for over 7 years. He has two daughters, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He is a member of Grace United Methodist Church, in Savannah, and is a member and soloist in the church choir.

MASONIC

Masonic Career: Ronald was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason February 27, 1975 in Zerubbabel Lodge No. 15, Savannah, and served as Master of the Lodge 1986. He has served as Secretary since that date. He served as President of the Masonic Secretaries Association of Georgia 1995. He is also a member of Bryan Lodge No. 303, Richmond Hill. He served as Master of the First Masonic District 1991. In the Grand Lodge he served as a District Deputy 1986 – 1990; Chairman of the District Deputies for the First Masonic District 1989; District Director of the MELD 1993-2001; Assistant State Director 2001 – 2009; served on the Tax and Insurance Committee and Vice Chairman of the Trial Commission for the First District.

York Rite History: Georgia Chapter No. 3, serving as High Priest 1987; Georgia Council No. 2, serving as Illustrious Master 2001; and Palestine Commandery No. 7, in 1975 and served as Eminent Commander, 2005. He has served as Secretary/Recorder of all three Savannah York Rite Bodies for over 25 years. He served as High Priest of the First District RAM District Convention in 1997 and has served as Secretary for over 20 years. In the Grand York Rite Bodies: Served as Grand Sentinel under ME Companion Clyde E. Griffin. Elected to the Grand Council Line in 2013 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master 2020 – 2021. KYCH: currently serving as Prior of Georgia Priory No. 39.

Scottish Rite: Member of the Valley of Savannah, served as Venerable Master and is a KCCH. Allied Masonic Degrees of North America: Served as Sovereign Master 1994 and served as Secretary for 4 years. He is a member of Herman E. Freeman No. 186, York Rite College and has served as Secretary, 2007 to the present time and is a Recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross. He is a member of Oglethorpe Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine: Puissant Sovereign, 2009 and Recorder 2010 to the present time.

Member and Past President of Hunter Chapter No. 507, National Sojourners and Past Commander of the heroes of 76.

Order of the Eastern Star: Palestine Chapter No. 249; Past Patron 14 times and currently serving as Associate Patron; District Deputy, 1989-1990; Grand Soloist 1990-1991; and Grand Chaplain, 1997-1998 of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, OES, and recipient of a Gold Seal.

Order of the Amaranth: Georgia Court No. 1 1986; Royal Patron, three times; currently serving as Treasurer. Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of

Georgia 1992-1993 and currently serving as Grand Treasurer. Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth: Deputy Supreme Royal Patron; Supreme Diabetes Coordinator 2013-2014. Member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; past Watchman of Shepard, Savannah Shrine No. 5.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Most Illustrious Grand Master Ronald B. Wolbert at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 3, 2021. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Daniel C. Ricketts, Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Pro-Tem. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the One Hundred Ninety-Fifth Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Robert B. Wolbert (02)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
James W. Bard (13)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
*Lee Nash, Jr. (62)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Kaloyd D. McVey, Jr. (2)	Illustrious Grand Orator
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Ernest A. McCorkle (2)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer
*Indicates absence	

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

*1985 James E. Underwood (75)	*2011 Harry B. Allen (3)
1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2)	2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)
1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
*1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	*2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
*1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
*2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
*2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI)	2017 John I. Haggas (4)
*2004 Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	2018 Wade C. Smith (79)
2006 Daniel C. Ricketts (74)	2018 Larry C. Bennett (55)
*2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)	*2019 Joe E. Turner, Hon. (10)
*2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	*2019 Ryan C. Nealey (13)
*2010 Thomas W. Tinley, III (G01)	
*Indicates absence	

2020-2021 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett; South: C. Hendry Howard
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel P. Bennett; W. Michael Jones;
 Michael R. Sosebee; Isaiah T. Hardin; Dale B. Cliett; Joey E. Jackson
MIGM's Address: Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Floyd Edmondson; Larry C. Bennett
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Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane

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Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF): James. W. Bard, Chair; Judd J. Wolfe; John C. Miller
Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson; William Shepard; Jan M. Giddens; Van S. McGee
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle; S. Matthew Perry
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Daniel P. Bennett
Long Range Planning: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; James W. Tate; J. Timothy Ingram
Public Relations: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Robert A. Brooks; Daniel P. Bennett
Membership: Keith R. Taylor, Chair; Roger W. Coursey; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; T. Matthew Sanford
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols; Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; James O. Hood
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Alessandro V. Da Silva, Chair; J. Chris Brown; Keith R. Taylor
Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman; Daniel C. Ricketts
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Daniel P. Bennett, Chair
Fundraising: Jameson R. Head, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II; Perry J. Gibbs
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2020-2021 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis (62)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (02)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th
Timothy E. Crimmins (07)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (58)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
Russell S. Sanders (62)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (03)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
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MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, General Grand Council Officers, Distinguished In and Out of State Guests and Companions. It is indeed a distinct honor and privilege to welcome each of you to the One Hundred Ninety-Fifth (195th) Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia. I want to personally thank each of you for attending the ceremonies here at our home. If I or any of our Grand Officers can assist you in any way while you are here, please do not hesitate to ask us and we will do all we can to accommodate you.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

Unfortunately, this past year was under siege by a virus unlike any we have ever witnessed as a Nation and visitation was not allowed or even asked for by any State or jurisdiction, so there was no visitation to any out of state Masonic organizations. I will always miss the opportunities I would have had going to other Jurisdictions representing the great companions of the Grand Council of Georgia. I guess some things are just not meant to be and this makes me very sad.

IN-STATE VISITATIONS

Again, here the virus had struck a blow that has left a mark of sadness in my travels. Because of restrictions throughout the entire country, it was impossible to attend many of our affiliated assemblies during this past year. However, I was honored and proud to bring greetings at the Annual Session of the Grand Court of Georgia, Order of the Amaranth, this past month, on March 19th and 20th in Augusta, Georgia. I was also allowed to attend and bring greetings at the last Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. That was an event I shall never forget. More ups and downs from our seats than one could possibly imagine. I also attended and was virtually installed Prior of Georgia Priory No. 39 on June 27, 2020. I have been able to visit 17 of the Council throughout the State and attempted to visit 4 more, but Covid beat me there and I was not able to meet with those companions. I was accompanied on many of my visits by our Illustrious Grand Sentinel, Ernest A. McCorkle, and I thank him for all he has done for me this year. I was proud to see some of our officers at my various visits. Our Very Illustrious Companion, Jim Bard, Deputy Grand Master was there at each meeting to greet me. That touched my heart and I thank Jim for his commitment to our order. At this writing, I am planning on attending 4 more of our Councils. I certainly would have visited more if I'd had the opportunity to do so. I visited virtually the Greater Atlanta District Convention, brought greetings and installed the Officers. I also visited the Southeast District Convention and was allowed to bring greetings there too. I will also be visiting the Northeast District Convention in person on April 10, 2021. All meeting I attended went very smoothly. I was also invited to attend and bring greetings at Winder Council No. 77 on February 15, 2021. This meeting was a very special meeting as one of their own, C. Danny Wofford, PMIGM, one of the most celebrated companions in this Grand Jurisdiction was awarded the Colombian Award, the most prestigious award that can be conferred on a companion and was presented to him by Most Illustrious Companion Monty Glover, General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International. That was a night I will always remember. I visited and presented the Charter to our newest Council, Jesup Council No. 70 on August 10, 2020. I was also invited and brought greetings at the going out celebration for Most Worshipful Johnnie Garmon, on November 2, 2020 who had just gone out as Grand Master of all Masons in Georgia in October. I attended several Christmas Observances that were held by Chapters and Councils to memorialize their members who had passed on to their earthly rewards during the past year. These were done to assist the various Commanderies who were unable to meet because of restrictions placed on the Commanderies by Grand

Encampment. Isn't this a great example of helping each other in any way possible? I would say that it is and a good one at that.

DISPENSATIONS

Because of the ongoing pandemic and the issuance of a letter from all three Bodies of the York Rite adhering to the rulings of the Grand Master of Georgia and the agreement to those rules, dispensations were not needed.

CMMRF

What a great job the companions of Georgia have done this past year in contributions to this most worthy cause. V. Ill Companion, Jim Bard has done a fantastic job in leading the charge and the end has definitely justified the means. Donations totaling \$58,255.00, number 3 in the nation. Wow what a great job.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

The past twelve months have been very challenging. Not only to us as a fraternity, but to each of us as individuals, families and friends. We have not been able to meet, because of the pandemic. But more importantly, we have lost many companions, not only to death, but due to financial matters that could not be foreseen. We now have 51 Councils, but unfortunately, we lost 26 members to demits, 67 suspended and 284 companions lost to the dread messenger of death. Let us all get on bended knee and pray for those who can no longer pray for themselves and also remember their loved ones. We hold them near to our hearts and remember them always. Amen. We now have 2,131 members. We must double our efforts this year to come back strong.

APPOINTMENTS

It was my distinct honor and privilege to have appointed Ill Companion Lee Nash, Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Companion Lotus McVey, Grand Orator, Illustrious Companion Ernest A. McCorkle, Grand Sentinel, Illustrious Companion Phillip Faulkner, Grand Organist and Illustrious Companion Robert Tidwell, Grand Photographer. To all the Elected Officers, I wish you only the very best. May your years serving our order be all good ones.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All the Officers, elected to serve are servants of the craft and are at the beck and call of the craft. Use them. They are there for you.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATION

Where does one begin when showing their appreciation to those who elected them to the position they hold, let alone being elected to be the leader of an organization so honored and revered as such. I was honored when elected to the Grand Council Line and have been humbled this entire year as I served as Most Illustrious Grand Master. I must admit that when I started this journey, I thought I would never get there and when I did, I wondered why can't it last two years instead of one. Only kidding there. It has gone by so fast. I am so thankful for so many things. I'm thankful to say I'm a Christian and thank my Lord and Savior for putting me in the right spot at the right time to be able to serve you, the members. I want to thank my lovely wife, Becky. I must admit she puts up with a lot, but she has supported me from the very beginning and I know she always be there for me. I love her so much and often do not show to her how much I do love her. To the members of Georgia Council No. 2, you're the best and I thank you all for your support. To the Southeastern District Convention, you're a great bunch of guys and I thank each of you and say press forward. I want to thank MI Companion Clyde Griffin for placing my name in nomination for the Grand Line and all those who showed confidence in me by electing me. I want to thank PMIGM Joe Turner for installing me at the Virtual Annual Assembly of the Grand

Council. It was a very interesting meeting to say the least and I hope it never happens again. I want to give a very special thanks to my buddy and companion, IC Ernest McCorkle. You have been by my side all the way and I truly love and thank you for all you do for me. I know you love to drive and I don't mind letting you. I also want to thank Ill Companion Lee Nash for serving as Grand Chaplain. I know you had a rough year but were there when you could and I thank you for that too. How does one thank a great guy such as R. Ill Companion Mark Bradley. You are the best, not only for me, but for all the companions of this state. You are the lightning rod that keeps moving and makes crooked things straight. We are truly lucky to have you as our sounding board and mentor. Thanks a million Mark. I would also like to thank our Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Jim Bard. You are always willing and able to help and have represented me well on several occasions. I know you will be a great Most Illustrious Grand Master and I wish for you only the very best.

When the three heads of the three grand bodies got together to plan our grand session the question was asked, what kind of session do you want? An in person session, a virtual session, hybrid session (whatever that is) or a zoom session. My answer to that then was and still is; I was zoomed into this office and I do not want to be zoomed out. So, an in-person session. With the consent of the other two heads, we have an in-person session. I am truly thankful for that. To Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Mike Sampsel and Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mark Johnson, I could not have had two finer men to serve with. We think a lot alike, except when Mike gets a little spastic, but have made a great team and I thank both of you for accepting me and serving with me this year. I wish only the very best for each and every companion and council as we go forward into the future. May we prosper and grow remembering, "WE ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WORK IN MEMORY OF THE PRESERVERS OF THE GREAT AND HOLY NAME"

Respectfully Submitted: Ronald B. Wolbert, Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia: We the Committee on the Illustrious Grand Master's Address, submit the following:

We have reviewed the Illustrious Grand Master's Address with great interest and commend him for the strong regard of the office and its responsibilities as displayed by his outstanding leadership this past year despite the troubling obstacles of the Covid 19 pandemic. He has performed his duties to the craft with enthusiasm and purpose and has done so in a most positive manner.

We join our Most Illustrious Grand Master in welcoming the members, visitors, and guests of the One Hundred and Ninety-Fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

We note that the Most Illustrious Grand Master was unable to make any Out of State Visitations this past year due to the restrictions faced by all. It is always a genuine pleasure to visit with our sister jurisdictions and share friendships that have been established through the previous years, so this loss is shared on both sides. Hopefully, our Illustrious Grand Master can make future visits if opportunity permits.

It is worthy to note the many statewide events attended by our Most Illustrious Grand Master as he represented the Grand Council with dignity on every occasion. Had it not been for the Covid pandemic the many In-State Visitations would have been even more numerous.

The recognition extended to Very Illustrious Companion Jim Bard for his great job with CMMRF is shared by the Committee and much deserved. We recognize the difficulties faced by our fraternity over the past year and join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master in mourning the loss of 284 of our Companions to the Supreme Illustrious Grand Council above. We extend to each of their families our sincerest condolences.

This Committee shares the positive viewpoint of our Most Illustrious Grand Master regarding the State of the Craft. Even though we have lost ground in membership, we must redouble our efforts and come back stronger than ever before.

We commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his appointments to serve this Grand Council this past year, knowing they have served him well. We compliment him on wishing both the appointed and elected officers sincere best wishes for their future travels in Masonry.

The special thanks to the other two Grand Presiding Officers, their Ladies and others who supported him during his term and assisted him in fulfilling his purpose do not go unnoticed by this Committee. The long list of individuals, both within and without of the fraternity, that our Most Illustrious Grand Master has recognized in appreciation demonstrates his deep feelings and beliefs of helping each other along the way. We cannot do everything alone, but with the help and support of others, especially our loved ones, we can accomplish much.

As our Most Illustrious Grand Master ends his term and turns the gavel over to his successor, we congratulate him on a great term as the leader of Cryptic Masonry in Georgia. His presence is still needed, and we look forward to his continued service.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, Chairman; Floyd E. Edmondson; and Larry C. Bennett

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 one Bill (1-2020) was submitted to the Committee to amend the Royal and Select Master Code. The Committee reports it to be in order to be considered by the Grand Council. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all dispensation issued from the office of the Grand Recorder in his behalf were in strict accordance with Royal and Select Masters Masonic Code of Georgia.

One Resolution was submitted for consideration at this Grand Assembly.

Resolution: To form a permanent committee under section 2.2 Committees of Grand Council:

To add Section 2.2.4: Committee on resolutions for the Honorary Title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Committee finds the Resolution not in proper form and in conflict with section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 of the Royal and Select Masters Code of the Grand Council of Georgia and **should not be considered**.

We your Committee wishes to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (2020) – WITHDRAWN

A BILL to repeal Section 2.8.6.1, of the 2019 Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to Remission of Dues in its entirety.

Be it enacted by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Section 2.8.6.1 – Remission of Dues which currently reads:

2.8.6.1. Remission of Dues.

- 1) The dues of any member of a Council may be remitted, in whole or in part, for inability to pay upon proper application in person or in writing or upon the statement of facts of a Companion, justifying such action.
- 2) A Council may, for good cause, remit the dues of a Companion, who has been suspended for the non-payment of dues, and such remission shall have the same effect as payment thereof would have.
- 3) A Constituent Council may not remit the dues of a member until they have accrued.
- 4) A Constituent Council having upon proper motion remitted the dues of a member, no reconsideration at a subsequent Assembly is permissible. If imposition has been practiced in obtaining the remission of dues, the Companion guilty of the imposition should be disciplined.
- 5) Constituent Councils will not be assessed for per capita tax on members whose dues have been remitted under authority of this section.5. Constituent Councils will not be assessed for per capita tax on members whose dues have been remitted under authority of this section.

Be hereby repealed.

Respectfully Submitted: Roger W. Buterbaugh

BILL NO. 1 (2021) – REJECTED

Bill regarding Resolution for the Honorary Title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Purpose: In order to preserve the distinguished title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, I propose the following addition to the Grand Council of Georgia Code:

Resolution: To form a permanent committee under section **2.2 Committees of Grand Council:**

To add **Section 2.2.4: Committee on Resolutions for the Honorary Title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master**

This committee shall consist of the 3 most immediate (living) Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM. In addition, the incoming Illustrious Grand Master may appoint up to two additional Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters to serve one-year terms. It shall be the duty of this committee to review all resolutions submitted for the honorary title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and make recommendations to the assembled companions at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Georgia. All resolutions for the honorary title of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master must be submitted to the office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Georgia on or before April 1st.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall and C. Hendry Howard

REPORT OF CHARTERS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report:

Sadly we continue to note the lack of attention to this committee's

recommendations and requirements to the bylaws: Tara Council No. 75, Euclid Council No. 33

Your Committee notes that a DISPENSATION was issued to Tara Council No. 75 on March 26, 2019 to change meeting location to College Park. Your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this council.

Your **2019** Committee had before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Euclid Council No. 33. Your Committee recommended approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws with the following changes: Change Chapter I Section 5 to agree with Chapter I Section 2 and Article II Section 5 from twelve months to SIX months. These changes have not been received and are needed to correct the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the bylaws of Fayetteville Council No. 66 changing its dues. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted change of the By-Laws.

Your Committee had before it in 2020, a complete revision of the bylaws of G. Everett Cox Council No. 60. Your Committee recommended approval of the submitted By-Laws subject to a future revision on vacancies. The revision on vacancies having been received during the current year, the committee now recommends approval of the complete By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it the bylaws of Jesup Council No. 70. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws

This committee believes that the study of Dispensations issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master is a proper function of the Jurisprudence Committee (although not defined as such). However, the dispensations issued were reviewed by this committee, and are of routine nature and meet with our approval.

Your committee notes that the charter of Moultrie Council No.14 was surrendered in March, 2021 and the members were all issued demits that they might affiliate with a council of their choice.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council charters.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY APRIL 2020: EUCLID NO. 33, MARIETTA NO. 74 AND WINDER NO. 77.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Stephen C. Higgins; and Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey; James O. Hood

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT 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 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.

In addition the Grand Representative exchange program seems to be discontinued in all but a few states. It was apparently discontinued in Georgia about six or seven years ago as the Grand Reps died, they were not replaced. If this program is ever re-activated, there are several foreign jurisdictions that have been added that are recognized by General Grand Council that are not on the last published Georgia list.

I do receive the General Grand Council Newsletters and note with interest activities going on in other states.

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

James C. Bentley, Jr.

Ruben Martinez

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:

James W. Bard (74)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MIGM made the following appointments: Jerry B. Vogler, Jr. (74) Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner (3), Grand Organist; Peter D. Bard (74), Grand Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell (75), Grand Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed at the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May, 15, 2021 by Most Illustrious Companion Daniel C. Ricketts.

2021-2022 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

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

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

Larry C. Bennett

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

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

Timothy K. Starling; James D. Arnold

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

Committee on Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich;

Robert C. Lord; John Flener

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

Timothy K. Starling.

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

Long Range Planning: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Robert R. Cordle;

C. Hendry Howard; Tommy T. Marshall

Membership: Robert R. Cordle, Chair; Judd J. Wolfe; Ryan C. Nealey

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

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

John C. Miller

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Keith R. Taylor;

John E. Finch

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

Alessandro V. Da Silva

Grand Master's Class: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;

Thomas J. Chapman; Judd J. Wolfe

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Organist: Philip C. Faulkner

Fundraising:

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

2021-2022 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (03)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
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TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

The 48th Triennial will include three separate sessions. Session 1 will be held in Minneapolis, MN, August 13-14, 2021. Session 2 will be held virtually in 2022 (TBA). Session 3 will be held virtually in 2023 (TBA).

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 196th Annual Assembly will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Monday, May 2, 2022.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 194th 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.

James W. Bard
Most Illustrious Grand Master



ATTEST:
Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Annual Assembly of The Order of the Silver Trowel was postponed until 2022.

2021-2022 OFFICERS

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

Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice Illustrious Master
Floyd E. Edmondson	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Larry C. Bennett	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Ryan C. Nealey	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

The officers were installed by Illustrious Companion Mark A. Bradley, Grand Recorder.

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1986 C. Danny Wofford	2010 William E. Cantrell
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2011 C. Michael Ellis
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1993 Gary D. Lemmons	2015 Paul E. Wells
1996 Lanier S. Dasher	2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2001 Bobby B. Simmons	2017 Charles E. Taylor
2005 Thomas L. Blanton	2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2019 James W. Bard
2007 A. Joseph Clark	2020 James W. Bard

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith

Brandon S. Yarbrough

Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer

Thrice Illustrious Master

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2020-2021 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Council awards were presented:

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Ruth Nash, Lady Shirley Tyner, and Lady Emmie Sampsell.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Michael W. Canada.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion James W. Bard.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

Grand Recorder Mark A. Bradley announced that the 2021 College of Preservation Award recipients were Most Illustrious Companions Daniel C. Ricketts and Ronald B. Wolbert. Investitures took place in Macon on Saturday, May 1, 2021 by the officers of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

MIPGM Wade C. Smith presented MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Ronald B. Wolbert presented the Council of the Year Award to Summit Council No. 19 and Georgia Council No. 2.

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33)	*1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23)
1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7)	*1978 Willis R. Bettis (74)

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

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

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

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RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

2006 Marguerite Zeigler-Buchan	2013 Karen Johnson	2015 Ericka Matheny
2007 Becky Couch	2015 Cheryle Shepard	2016 Barbara Edmondson
2008 Judy Griffin	2015 Susan Pope	2016 Margie Lane
2010 Josie Bentley	2015 Sheila Hensley	2016 Hilda Parks
2010 Pat Smith	2015 Jane Wilson	2016 Diane Nealey
	2015 Ruth Wellman	

2016 Barbara Land	2017 Roda Wofford	2019 Sherri Kirk
2017 Tammie Polston	2017 Brenda Gill	2019 Judy Nichols
2017 Lynne Hatfield	2017 Nancy Simmons	2019 Kay Higgins
2017 Deborah Jones	2017 Fae Suttles	2019 Eva Garmon
2017 Beth Hyde	2017 Margaret Lovas	2020 Becky Ann Wolbert
2017 Marla Horton	2017 Sharon Jennings	2020 Paula Berry
2017 Pat Schwarz	2018 Benigna Haggas	2020 Barbara Tate
2017 Pat Glass	2018 Gay Bradley	2021 Ruth Nash
2017 Lisa Batt	2018 Jeanette Hendry	2021 Shirley Tyner
2017 Debbie Lemmons	2018 Nora Wells	2021 Emmie Sampsell
2017 Cheryle Turner	2018 Helen Leinbaugh	

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

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1826-29	Burkett D. Thompson (A01)	5-21-1829	1904	Joseph C. Greenfield (13)	12-20-1920
1829-30	Isaac T. Cushing (G04)	1846?	1905	Linton W. Burkett (6)	1-10-1925
1830-41			1906	Thomas F. Moody (20)	1-14-1927
1841-44	Daniel Hook (A01)	7-27-1870	1907	William H. Numberger (A01)	9-26-1923
1845-46	William T. Gould (A01)	7-18-1882	1908	John C. Postell (2)	06-19-1919
1847-47	Albon Chase (5)	7-9-1867	1909	John R. Wilkinson (13)	04-07-1915
1850-52	Benjamin B. Russell (A01)	2-16-1889	1910	John C. Harmon (30)	04-11-1921
1853-55	Philip T. Schley (4)	8-31-1862	1911	J. Ben Roberts (13)	08-30-1917
1856-62	Philip T. Schley (2)	8-31-1862	1912	Alvin E. Sansburn (15)	10-29-1924
1862-68	Stephen D. Heard (A01)	11-18-1875	1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (27)	08-07-1942
1869	Joseph E. Wells (6)	12-11-1887	1914	B. Palmer Axson (2)	05-23-1943
1870-76	Robert M. Smith (5)	2-01-1879	1915-16	William A. Sims (13)	11-24-1952
1877	William A. Graham (22)	2-24-1904	1917	Max Meyerhardt (15)	03-02-1923
1878-81	Charles R. Armstrong (6)	11-01-1893	1918	Charles L. Bass (19)	02-29-1937
1882-88	Christopher F. Lewis (A01)	5-21-1902	1919	Augustus G. Miller (20)	07-13-1931
1889-97	Henry C. Burr (8)	3-15-1901	1920	Henry S. Colding (2)	10-26-1925
1898-99	Orlando McLendon (18)	9-26-1899	1921	W. Paul Martin (27)	05-16-1962
1899-01	William A. Davis (6)	1-19-1907	1922	Early H. Johnson (H04)	09-06-1947
1902	Julius L. Brown (13)	9-04-1910	1923	Pleasant T. McCutchen (18)	03-27-1947
1903	Robert L. Colding (1)	10-21-1927	1924	James W. Taylor [Hon] (18)	12-15-1925

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

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation

G02. Georgia: Robert A. Brooks;
Roger W. Coursey; Donald C. Combs;
Clyde E. Griffin

03. Canton: Keith R. Taylor;
Stephen C. Higgins

G04. Georgia: No Representation

H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
Ditmar W. Chavez; Doyle R. Hatfield

06. Washington: Michael L. Hamlin;
John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;
Bobby B. Simmons

07. Hugh L. Smith: Timothy E. Crimmins

08. Griffin: Brandon S. Yarbrough;
Van S. McGee

10. Lakewood: No Representation

13. Jason Burr: Michael C. Halpin;
Larry W. Nichols; Alessandro V. Da Silva; Ryan C.
Nealey

15. Rome: No Representation

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

18. Graydon W. Kitchens:

Raford J. Chambers

19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson;

Dale R. Withey
20. Hunter: No Representation
24. Walker: Tyler W. Pledger
25. Elbert: Marcus V. Hall;
 J. Walter McCannon
28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
29. Western: Eric S. Tress
30. Waycross: Tommy T. Marshall;
 C. Hendry Howard, Jr.
33. Euclid: James T. House
35. H. C. Rigdon: James C. Huffman, III
36. Walton C. Griffin: R. Cris Lynch;
 James E. Jennings, Jr. James B. Phillips
37. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel;
 Clarence E. North, III
38. George H. Fields: No Representation
40. E. L. McConnell: No Representation
41. Covington: Raymond G. Laird;
 Benjamin W. Polston, II; Michael H. Wilson;
 William M. Jones
44. Gwinnett: Joe R. Bush;
 Stephen C. Kimbro; Jerry D. Moss
46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson
47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
 Oliver C. Grounds, Jr.
49. Minor C. Shadburn: Homer C. Cowart
53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary;
 Billy G. Messer

54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell
55. Pickens: F. Keith Hales;
 Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs;
 John H. Johnson
60. G. Everett Cox: G. Keith Bryant;
 Richard J. Hallwood
61. Calhoun: Daniel P. Bennett
62. Hiram: Russell S. Sanders;
 James B. Phillips
64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott
65. N.T. Pirkle: Wiley Q. Forrester, III
66. Fayetteville: Daniel G. Draper, II;
 Mark S. Johnson
73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh; Baron L.
 Conklin; James W. Tate
74. Marietta: John E. Finch, Jr.;
 Peter D. Bard; Matthew R. Medley;
 Jan M. Giddens; Daniel C. Ricketts
75. Tara: No Representation
77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
 C. Danny Wofford; Michael J. Etheridge
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: J. Ivy Smith; William W. Grist;
 William T. White; Johnnie M. Garmon
83. Covenant: Phillip D. Booth;
 Charles E. Ferguson, Sr.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation
G02. Georgia: Robert A. Brooks
03. Canton: No Representation
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: Ditmar W. Chavez
06. Washington: Jerry H. Purvis
07. Hugh L. Smith: Timothy E. Crimmins
08. Griffin: Brandon S. Yarbrough
10. Lakewood: No Representation
13. Jason Burr: Michael C. Halpin
15. Rome: No Representation
16. Ballard: Thomas J. Chapman
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: Raford J. Chambers
19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson
20. Hunter: No Representation
24. Walker: Tyler W. Pledger
25. Elbert: Joshua M. Blakely; Marcus V. Hall
28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
29. Western: Eric S. Tress
30. Waycross: Tommy T. Marshall
33. Euclid: No Representation
35. H. C. Rigdon: James C. Huffman, III
36. Walton C. Griffin: R. Cris Lynch
37. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel
38. George H. Fields: No Representation
40. E. L. McConnell: No Representation

41. Covington: Raymond G. Laird
44. Gwinnett: Eric R. Howell; Joe R. Bush;
 James T. House
46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson
47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
49. Minor C. Shadburn: Homer E. Cowart
53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary
54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell
55. Pickens: F. Keith Hales
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs
60. G. Everett Cox: G. Keith Bryant
61. Calhoun: Larry C. Bennett
62. Hiram: Russell S. Sanders
64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott
65. N.T. Pirkle: Wiley Q. Forrester, III
66. Fayetteville: Daniel G. Draper, II
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold
73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh
74. Marietta: Barry L. Pinson; John J. Finch, Jr.
75. Tara: No Representation
77. Winder: Michael J. Etheridge
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: J. Ivy Smith
83. Covenant: Phillip D. Booth

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OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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MARK SHELLEY JOHNSON
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2020 - 2021

MARK SHELLEY JOHNSON

PERSONAL

Mark Shelley Johnson was born January 2, 1950 to Harry LaVerne (Sonny) Johnson and Joan Carolyn Law in Ridgway, Pennsylvania. He has a brother Dennis Johnson from McMurry, Pa., and three sisters Linda Shaffer from Johnsonburg, Pa., Sally Falcone from Spanaway, Wa. and Carol Nyquest from Hilton Head Island, Sc. He was educated in the Ridgway public schools and graduated in 1967. He attended Williamsport Community College for Mechanical Engineering Drafting Technology. His faith is Methodist. He is married to Karen Ormerod (27 years) daughter of Howard and Mildred Ormerod of Orange Park Florida. He has one daughter from his first marriage, Lisa Gibson and four grand children Jackson, Liliith, Avery and Caleb. I grew up with a hammer in my hand working with my father and grand father who were building contractors. After college I went to work at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company designing submarines and then to Beaumont, Texas designing semi submersible and jack-up oil rigs for Bethlehem Steel. I then went to Jacksonville, Florida for 15 years and worked my way up from a designer to the Acting Division Manager for the Mechanical and HVAC Department at CDI Marine Company. We did design and overhaul drawings for everything from river boats for Vietnam to aircraft carriers and had contracts from most of the Navy and private Shipyards. I moved to Georgia in 1993 and have worked for Kinetics doing high purity design at Lucent now OFS and Emcon Services a Mechanical Engineering and Construction Company. I've designed all the high purity piping for the University of Florida Nanoscale Facility, the high purity mains for the Georgia Tech Nanoscale Facility, the cooling towers and chillers for the Va Hospital in Atlanta and several of the CDC's chiller plants and cooling towers.

MASONIC RECORD

I was raised as a Master Mason in 1991 at Temple Lodge # 23 in Jacksonville, Florida. The year I moved to Georgia I was to be master. I went thru all the chairs at Fayetteville Lodge # 711 and became Master in 2001. I was Treasurer from 2002 thru 2010. I joined the Scottish Rite in 1992 in Jacksonville, Florida and I am a life member. I joined the Scottish Rite Guard in Atlanta in 2003. I am a member of the cast for the Traitor. I received the Knight Commander of the Court Honeur in 2005 and was Commander in 2010. I was Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection in 2010. I received the York Rite degrees and the Commandery Orders at the Grand Master's Class in 2002. Past High Priest of Fayetteville Chapter # 72 in 2004. Received the Holy Order of High Priesthood in 2004. I was installed in the 6th District Chapter Line in 2012. Past Illustrious Master of Fayetteville Council # 66 in 2005. Received the Order of silver Trowel in 2005. Elected as Illustrious Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 2007. Past 6th District Illustrious Master in 2010. Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in 2013. Past Commander of Griffin Commandery # 35 in 2005 and Past Commander of Alexius Commandery #22 in 2018. I received the Knight Crusaders of the Cross in 2005. I served on the Grand Commandery Tactics Committee in 2005. I received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor in 2012. Elected Eminent Grand Warder Grand Commandery of Georgia in 2014 and also to the Knight Crusaders of the Cross line and served as Knight Crusader of the East in 2017. I belong to the Knight York Cross of Honour Cherokee Rose Priory # 56 and have received the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor with one Quadrant, Past Sovereign Master of Henry Troy Hooper Council # 312 Allied Masonic Degrees, Carl F.

Lester Council # 65 Knight Masons, Life member of the Royal Order of Scotland, St. Ambrose Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123 and received the York Rite Sovereign College Order of the Purple Cross at Salt Lake City, Utah 2019. Life member of the Yaarab Shrine and Fayetteville Shrine Club. The George Washington Order of DeMolay (DeMolay Alumni Member). I am a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests ordained in Fidelitas Tabernacle 77.

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

The One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark S. Johnson at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 3, 2021. The opening prayer was offered by Sir Knight Donald C. Combs, Eminent Grand Prelate. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Mark S. Johnson (22)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Raymond G. Laird (25)	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
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
*Ryan C. Nealey (9)	Eminent Grand Warder
Michael L. Hamlin (2)	Eminent Captain of the Guard
*Charles E. Ferguson (2/45)	Eminent Grand Adjutant
Robert W. Tidwell (4)	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (4)	Eminent Grand Photographer
*Indicates Absence	

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

*1987 Ed Helton (15)	2011 James E. Stevens (21)
1996 James B. Phillips (19)	2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
*2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)	*2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
*2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
*2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)	2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64)
*2010 C. Michael Ellis (29)	2020 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
*Indicates Absence	

2020-2021 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Relief: Carl J. Gamel, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith; Doyle R. Hatfield

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Carl J. Gamel, Chair; Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

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

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

Easter Sunrise Service: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair; Mark S. Johnson; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

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

Long Range Planning: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel; Tommy T. Marshall; Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger; Raymond G. Laird; Daniel C. Ricketts; William W. Grist; Ryan C. Nealey

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

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

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

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

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

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor

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

Web Master: Alessandro V. Da Silva, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; J. Chris Brown

Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

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

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

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

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

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

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights and Distinguished Guests and a special welcome to Sir Knight James C. McGee R.E. Southeast Department Commander (REPGC Alabama) and our official Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons Right Eminent Grand Treasurer (REPGC of Georgia) to the 161st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia. Should you need any assistance to make your visit to Macon and this session more pleasant, do not hesitate to ask.

To all those Sir Knights, Past Commanders and Past Grand Commanders that have contributed to our legacy in making this one of the best Grand Commanderies. To the York Rite Office, Sir Knight Mark Bradley EG Recorder (MEPGHP), Sir Knight Wade Smith EG Treasurer (MEPGHP) and our Office Administrator Marla Horton for all their guidance and hard work. To all our Committees especially the Finance Committee on all the work you do, and most of all to my wife Karen who has supported me throughout my Masonic career, I couldn't have done it without you.

STATE OF THE ORDER

This isn't how I thought my year would be. I thought our membership was leveling off, it hadn't. We lost 230 members last year, 203 of those to the Celestial Lodge above. With no Degree work being done there's no way to offset that. With less than 10 percent of the Blue Lodge members being York Rite Masons we need to stress the fact that those wanting to expand their Masonic knowledge. It is so much easier to join your local York Rite Bodies than traveling to other Masonic functions.

The last report I have for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation we've gone from 7th on the Cumulative total to 21st and the only states we're above in the Southeast is Mississippi and Alabama and our Active Member Per Capita Average is ranked 37th. I know this has been a difficult year but donate if you can. We can move forward to a brighter future with a great attitude and enthusiasm, or we can be complacent and continue to decline. The choice is ours to make. I choose to be excited about our future and will endeavor to assist in any way possible to our future success.

NECROLOGY

Thankfully we lost no Grand Commandery Officers to the dread messenger of death this year but he has called upon 203 Sir Knights as of December 31, 2020. Among those losses were Past Grand Commanders Drewey William (DW) Hendry 2/3/2021 and James "Pete" Bentley Jr. 2/20/2021. Also, Sir Knight Mike Tate 8/6/2020, Ronald "Ronnie" F. Keel 12/10/2020 Aide de Camp for Sir Knight Bobby Simmons Right Eminent Grand Treasurer (REPGC) Sir Knight LLoyd Douglas Caldwell 2/19/2021 and one of my local York Rite members Robert "Bobby" Horne Kerlin 12/30/2020. He and his brother Tommy kept the Fayetteville York Rite bodies alive. Bobby was the local Historian and an author of a couple of books the "History of Fayette County" and "The Civil War Generals of Georgia." He could talk for hours and I loved to listen to him. I am sure there are many others not mentioned who have touched our lives, may their memories live on with each of us and the Lord be with them and their families.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

I would like to thank the Sir Knights that accepted to fill my appointments this year. I put a lot of thought in who to ask reaching out to other Sir Knights who are leaders in their area not just my Commandery. Sir Knight Michael Hamlin EG Captain of the Guard, Charles Ferguson EG Adjutant and Robert Tidwell EG Sentinel & EG Photographer. I have been traveling with Robert since 2004 and he has taken thousands of pictures and we've probably traveled a half million miles and Robert was going to the Inspections with his father when he was Grand Commander in 1967. Lord only knows how many miles he's logged. I just wish it could have been different and we had some place to go this year. To all my Liaison Officers you are the front-line officers and we look to you to help your local Commanderies. I wish we could have been together more this past year.

HOST COMMANDERY

Alexius Commandery No. 22 is a growing Commandery. What they lack in experience they make up in enthusiasm and heart. If we can keep growing (we had 8 new Knights in 2019) where there are Sir Knights for the Line, that will make the difference. We have one Sir Knight Andrew "AD" Rodgers who will be 97 this year and still active (he's our Sentinel). I wonder if he knew our last Grand Commander from Alexius, James Newton. He was Grand Commander in 1938. And of course, I'll always have a place in my heart for my first Commandery, Griffin No. 35, as well as Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 4 being I attended their meetings (they meet twice a month) where I learned the work from Sir Knights Tommy Lee and Joe Suttles REPGC.

GRAND INSPECTING OFFICERS

To those who agreed to be Grand Inspecting Officers this year I am eternally grateful. I realize it is often difficult to take time from other pressing duties to do this, but I want to thank you for accepting this responsibility. Thank you for your support and encouragement to the commanderies. This year I utilized our Liaison Officers as Inspectors. I felt that being they are the front-line in assisting the Commanderies, I wanted them to go to another Division thus brooding their background and maybe sparking competition amongst Divisions.

COMMITTEES

I would like to thank all who agreed to chair a committee or to be on a committee this past year. Your guidance and knowledge is what keeps our Grand Commandery strong. I had retained the Membership Committee being last year we came close to a net zero loss, if the Grand Master's Class hadn't been canceled because of the Covid we may have made it.

DISPENSATIONS

Only one dispensation was issued this past year and it was issued November 23, 2020 which was for a Charter for Fort Benning Commandery No. 73. At the last Grand Conclave their Charter was voted down. Many felt that they hadn't complied with all the requirements of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States and the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. I assure you everything has been done according to Regulations. A vote was held at St Aldemar Commandery No. 3 and they have voted against another Commandery to be instituted in Columbus. I have always thought that St. Aldemar was one of the strongest Commanderies in the state, but there is dissension among the members and they can't reconcile their differences. It seems the problems are irreparable and only time will heal, A

portion of their membership wished to organize another Commandery at Fort Benning. Being Fort Benning already has a Chapter Chartered 4/17/1952 and a Council Chartered 4/16/1975 there is no reason they can't support a Commandery. Fort Benning has supported the Annual Conclaves in Columbus. In 1929 the 29th Infantry Band lead the Annual Parade, and in 1941 an automobile tour of Fort Benning was given and the largest increase in membership have been at Commanderies located next to a military installation.

Whereas; the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia Article 1 General Statutes Section 2- New Commanderies states; In the event of refusal of the nearest Commandery to grant a recommendation, application may be made directly to the Grand Commandery which has the power to grant a Dispensation or Charter, without such recommendation.

I hereby, authorized the same to be done.

INSPECTIONS

The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment issued General Order No. 12 May 4, 2020 which prohibited all in person meetings. It was difficult rescheduling the Inspections each month because the Covid Pandemic wasn't ending. It got to the point there was not enough Saturdays available to complete by March 1st, which is required by our Code. I started looking at having Divisional Inspections and scheduling each Commandery one hour apart breaking for lunch and finishing the Inspections and only giving the Grand Commanders talk one time and if time allowed having a school of instruction and a question-and-answer period. Then General Order No. 14 was issued November 1, 2020 which put us in a Phase 0 and it limited us to virtual meetings only and travel and ritual work was prohibited and no guidance on how to open under these conditions.

CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America 2019 Edition Section 231 and 232 do not allow the Grand Commandery of Georgia to alter the Ritual or adopt an abbreviated form of opening. Then we heard we probably wouldn't be able to meet in person until late December. I was already being contacted by Commanderies indicating without opening and no practices they couldn't get ready for an Inspection. I issued General Order No. 2 canceling the Inspections. This was a difficult decision. I don't know if Inspections have always been done but I am sure they have never been canceled. It wasn't until February 11, 2021 that I issued an Order that would now move us into Phase 1 as defined in the Grand Encampment General Order No 14 issued by our Most Eminent Grand Master, Jeffrey N. Nelson, on November 1, 2020.

VISITATIONS

Being most everything has either been canceled or held virtually this year my travels have been trimmed back quite a bit. I do keep a log of where I go but didn't keep a list of all the virtual meetings attended. I do have at least 130 Masonic functions attended on the list so I'll try to break it down somewhat. Fayetteville Lodge- 16, Tyrone Lodge-11, Fayetteville Chapter & Council- 8, Lakewood Chapter & Council- 9, Fayetteville Shrine Club- 8, other Lodges visited- 7, Masonic Funerals- 10. The rest I'll give a month/day and task, 5/30 the day of the virtual session picked up jewel from Brandon Yarbrough REPGC, 6/30 6th District Griffin, 7/31 Marietta C/C, 8/16 St. Aldemar Commandery virtual, 8/24 Jason Burr/Monty Glover GGMCM, 8/29 Annual KYCH virtual & Atlanta Shrine, 9/23 did Funeral Service for JJ Moore. 10/5 St. Aldemar virtual, 10/10

Cornerstone Masonic Home, 10/14 GYR Officers virtual, 10/17 Grand Master Roast, 10/24 worked Chili Cook-off Fayette Shrine, 10/27 attended Grand Lodge Session, 11/11 GYR Finance virtual & Red Cross virtual, 11/13 Southside Scottish Rite, 12/2 KCCH annual virtual, 12/3 Waycross York Rite Christmas Observance, 12/6 Masonic Childrens' Home, 12/8 GYR Dias Officers virtual, 12/9 Fayette Lodge Christmas dinner, 12/12 worked Fayette Shrine Ham Pick-up, 12/16 Annual AMD meeting, 12/17 Greater Macon YR Christmas Observance, 12/18 pick up Fruit Basket for Widows 12/19 Deliver Fruit Basket Betty Beasley, 12/20 Coeur de Lion Christmas Observance, 12/21 Ft Benning virtual, 1/7 Scottish Rite virtual, 1/9 Yarrab Shrine elections, 1/13 Red Cross virtual, 1/18 Ft Benning installed Council Officers, 2/2 Missouri Scottish virtual, 2/3 KTEF virtual, 2/4 Scottish Rite virtual, 2/6 GYR virtual, 2/8 GYR Perpetual meeting virtual, 2/10 GYR Finance meeting virtual, 2/15 Ft Benning virtual, 2/16 Alexius Commandery, 2/23 Deklab Commandery, 3/1 St. Johns Commandery 3/2 Ft. Valley Commandery & Newnan Commandery virtual, 3/4 Waycross Commandery, 3/10 YR Maryland virtual, 3/11 Coeur de Lion Commandery, 3/13 DeMolay Grand Masters Class, 3/16 Elberton Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery with EGHP & MIGM present Meritorious Service Awards, 3/18 Arnold de Troye Commandery, 3/22 St. Omer Commandery,

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

All out of State Grand Sessions were limited to in State members only.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimages were canceled this year because of the Covid Pandemic. The Holy Land Pilgrimage is one of the most important projects we support each year aiding these ministers to be able to relate and experience the Scriptures and walk in the steps that Jesus took. Bringing this information home and sharing it with his parishioners in their church. I congratulate all the Commanderies and Sir Knights that support this effort. I would like to thank Sir Knight Terry Hensley REPGC for being the Chairman of this Committee and the Knight Templar Education of Georgia for their contribution in matching half of the fee for sending the ministers.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

For the second year in a row I haven't been able to attend due to the Covid Epidemic. A lot of work and effort was put forth planning this effort and I would like to thank Sir Knight Judd Wolfe, Past Commander of Arnold de Troye Commandery No. 31, for all his work maybe someone else will be able to use our plans.

GRAND MASTERS CLASS

This has also been canceled for the second year due to the Covid Pandemic. I would like to thank Sir Knight Tommy Marshall, EG Generalissimo, for all his efforts and work organizing the Class and to Sir Knight Mike Sampsell, Past Commander Constantine Commandery No. 26 (Most Excellent Grand High Priest), for his efforts in planning a back-up plan for the Class. I would also like to extend my thanks for all the Sir Knights who were going to be a part of these Degrees and Orders.

1) KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA

2) KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION DIVISION OF GEORGIA

3) MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION

It was an honor to represent the Grand Commandery of Georgia at the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Annual Meeting. The three Committees do a commendable job. It is unbelievable what our forefathers have done in allowing

us to be able to do what we do. Number 1 above donates each year to the Augusta University/Medical College of Georgia and Emory University Medical Eye Center. This year each received \$50,000.00 and they also awarded (7) \$1000.00 scholarships: Number 2 above awards (5) \$1000.00 Scholarships. Number 3 above: I would like to thank the members of Masters Lodge Number 295 and Sir Knight James House Past Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 4 for suggesting the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation and the gracious donation of \$50,000.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That membership - Recruit, Retain and Reinstate remain our primary focus.
2. That a long-range strategic plan be created and updated annually to ensure the future of our Order.
3. That all elected Officers of the Grand Commandery be encouraged to attend more activities and meetings. To better prepare them for their journey to come.
4. That each Commandery work on being able to confer the Orders within their Commandery. Think of the impact we could have by conferring the Orders on one or a couple of candidates at a time, and the participation you would have from your members.
5. That schools of Tactics are held in each Division
6. That we continue to look at implementing the Division Inspection concept
7. That the Golden Spur Award and the Sir Knight Award programs be continued.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all who have assisted me throughout the years in progressing through this line, to those Past Grand Commanders, Past Commanders and all Sir Knights who have built up our organization and those that remain active keeping the Knight Templar legacy. We need to realize if we can't turn around this decrease in membership loss, we won't be able to afford this beautiful edifice. The maintenance cost keeping this building up is a lot and the heating and ventilation system will need to be replaced soon. We have talked for years about putting in an elevator and people have donated to that cause but we still don't have one. This building needs to generate an income. If it wasn't for the Grand Lodge paying rent for their office space we would be in a desperate situation. How much longer are they going to be here? If they were to move out to the Masonic Home property, we would be in a dire situation. We have gone out for a plea to the York Rite membership in assisting us to keep this 100-year-old building livable. I think that was a good idea but it's a last stand effort. We need to look at what point we won't be able to support it. The only resolve is asking a brother to become a York Rite Mason!!!

Fraternally Submitted: Mark S. Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Commander

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

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

Your Committee joins with our Grand Commander in welcoming all Sir Knights to the 161st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. In particular we welcome Sir Knight James C. McGee, R.E. Southeastern Department Commander.

You indeed honor us with your presence.

We thank our host Commandery, Alexius No. 22, for all of the hospitality and kindness extended to the visitors and members at this Conclave. We appreciate your Sentinel, Sir Knight Andrew "AD" Rogers, who has served our Craft well and Salute him on his 97 birthday.

We fully agree with your statement on the Sir Knights, Past Commanders and Past Grand Commanders who have contributed to keep us as one of the best Grand Commanderies in Grand Encampment. We also agree that our office staff, Sir Knight Mark Bradley, EG Recorder, Sir Knight Wade Smith, EG Treasurer, and our Office Administrator, Marla Horton, are the best and we're very proud of the Teamwork put together to serve each Sir Knight and the Grand Encampment Office requirements.

You faced a very difficult time with Covid-19 that put our membership growth short of our goal and a decline in donations to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. But your comment on the brighter future we can overcome by each Sir Knight doing their parts by remembering who we are and what each one should do.

We are saddened by your Necrology Report of the loss of 203 Sir Knights and the Death of Past Grand Commanders Hendry and Bentley, and many other distinguished Sir Knights that were leaders in Grand Commandery of Georgia. Your Appointed Officers served us exceptionally well and we salute each one for their time and effort in excelling in their performance. We agree on Robert Tidwell is a giant in our organization and we proudly salute him for his works.

Your Liaison Officers are the main link in the chain for communication success between the Local Commandery and the Grand Commandery.

Covid-19 played a large part in not being able to fulfill our Inspection schedule. But the well qualified group of Inspecting officers would have made us very proud in helping our Commanderies in their performances. The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment issued General Order No. 12 and 14 which prohibited all in person meetings and your General Order No. 2 canceled the Inspection. This had to be done for the safety and health of our Sir Knights.

Your Committee members did an outstanding job in their detailed performance in keeping us strong and up to date on the matters of each committee. Job Well Done.

Your one Dispensation had to be done and remember Peace and Harmony shall prevailed.

Due to the circumstance your visitations were limited but you made everyone if permissible. You represented the Grand Commandery well as our Grand Commander.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage, we all agree it is most important project we have to fulfill the answer who we are – Christian. We deeply regret it had to be canceled. Due to COVID-19 you had to cancel the In Person Easter Trip to Washington D. C., but we were able to hold a virtual Easter Service on April 4, 2021 with our Grand Prelate, Arthur Hebbeler, delivering an outstanding sermon.

You were well prepared for the Grand Master's Class with an excellent team to Perform the Orders. We thank the team for their patience and know they will be ready for next year.

One thing was not canceled, Georgia Grand Commandery Knight Templar Eye Foundation Annual Meeting which we were able to make our annual contributions for scholarships, Medical College of Georgia, and Emory University. We would add our thanks to Masters Lodge for their generous donation to the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation.

We fully agree and support all of your Recommendations and hope the future officers will accept those seven items.

Your Conclusion gives us a future and we need to make it happen. Let's put our heart, mind and soul into this statement and remember we can do it if we only believe.

R.E. Grand Commander, Mark Johnson, coming up the Line and serving as our Grand Commander you have always put your best into all of your actions. We're very proud of your love, faithfulness and dedication to our Grand Commandery. We wish you well in all your future endeavors and our prayers will be with you each hour of the day. We realize that your wife, Karen has always been your number one supporter and we all agree you have the best so make sure you give her your and our "THANKS" for being 'NUMBER ONE.' God Bless to both of you. Mark, thank you for being my friend and letting us serve on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chairman

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 was one (1-2020) Bill to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. The Committee finds the bill in proper form and not in conflict with the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia

We are pleased to report all the General 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.

One Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Conclave.

Resolution: To form a permanent committee under Article V. Duties of Officers and Committees that will become: Section 20: Resolutions for the Honorary Tit.e of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The Committee finds the Resolution in conflict with Section 48 (b) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Resolution should not be considered.

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

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Paul E. Wells;

Johnie M. Garmon; and C. Danny Wofford

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (2020) – WITHDRAWN

A BILL to amend the Constituent Commanderies Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2019 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article I under Constituent Commanderies, Section 3 Returns and Dues paragraph 1 to provide for payment of per capita tax on exempted members. BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article I Constituent Commanderies, Section 3 Returns and Dues paragraph 1 which currently states:

1. \$26.00 for every Sir Knight, unless otherwise exempt, who is a member of said Commandery on the last day of December. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Commandery.

Is hereby amended by removing the words “unless otherwise exempt” and shall now read as follows:

1. \$26.00 for every Sir Knight who is a member of said Commandery on the last day of December. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully Submitted: Roger W. Buterbaugh

BILL NO. 1 (2021) – REJECTED

Bill regarding Resolution for the Honorary Title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander

Purpose: In order to preserve the distinguished title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, I propose the following addition to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia:

Resolution: To form a permanent committee under **Article V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES** that will become:

Section 20: Resolutions for the Honorary Title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander.

This committee shall consist of the 3 most immediate (living) Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. In addition, the incoming Grand Commander may appoint up to two additional Past Grand Commanders to serve one-year terms. It shall be the duty of this committee to review all resolutions submitted for the honorary title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander and make recommendations to the assembled Sir Knights at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. All resolutions for the honorary title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander must be submitted to the office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Georgia on or before April 1.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall and C. Hendry Howard

REPORT OF CHARTER & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report:

Sadly, we continue to note the lack of attention to this committee's recommendations and requirements to the bylaws: Dekalb Commandery No. 38 Your 2019 Committee examined and reviewed a complete revision of the bylaws of DeKalb Commandery No. 38. Your Committee did not recommend approval of this revision of the By-Laws and sent the Commandery numerous changes that are necessary. No changes or amendments have been received and your committee is still unable to approve the By-Laws revision. This commandery needs to submit a new revision with all the changes.

Your Committee notes that for good and sufficient cause, the Right Eminent Grand Commander has issued His Dispensation on November 23, 2020 authorizing certain Sir Knights, exceeding the required 9 in number, to meet as a Commandery of Knights Templar under the name of Fort Benning Commandery U. D. in the city of Columbus, county of Muscogee. The Sir Knights having applied for a charter, we therefore recommend that this Commandery be chartered under the name and designation of **Fort Benning** or **Ft. Benning** Commandery No. 73 as the Sir Knights may choose. We have further examined the proposed by-laws of the commandery and find them to be in order and recommend approval as submitted.

This committee believes that the study of Dispensations and General Orders issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander is a proper function of the Jurisprudence Committee (although not defined as such). However, the dispensations and General Orders issued were reviewed by this committee and are of routine nature and meet with our approval.

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY MAY 2020: ARNOLD DE TROYE NO. 31, PHILEMON NO. 33 AND GRIFFIN NO. 35.

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

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

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.

In addition the Grand Representative exchange program seems to be discontinued in all but a few states. It was apparently discontinued in Georgia about six or seven years ago as the Grand Reps died, they were not replaced. If this program is ever re-activated, there are several jurisdictions that have been added that are recognized by Grand Encampment that are not on the last published Georgia list.

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

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 investment funds of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, our solely owned Corporation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc., the Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, the Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, the Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT, and the Grand Chapter Building Fund. The Division funds, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, Inc., which are controlled by the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment allowed the Committee to award five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving collegiate students.

The Corporation funds, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., controlled by the Trustees, permitted a \$50,000 gift to Emory University and a

\$50,000 gift to Augusta University; five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving collegiate students; and budgeted to assist eight ministers for visits to the Holy Land.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. funds are invested with only the interest to be used. The Foundation customarily sends \$10,000 to KTEF, Grand Encampment, annually for the purchase of each additional Golden Chalice.

We are pleased to report the following net worth of the following funds effective December 31, 2020: KTEF, Div. = \$334,475; KTEF, Inc. = \$4,492,190; MSM Trust = \$883,275; Grand Chapter = \$350,124; Grand Council = \$47,567; Grand Commandery = \$486,664; and Building Fund = \$47,683.

Since REPGC Clyde E. Griffin's term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve REPGC Clyde E. Griffin to succeed himself for another five-year term, expiring in 2026.

Presentations were made via ZOOM and monetary gifts were sent by mail due to the coronavirus restrictions.

As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone. We wish to thank our Secretary and Staff Mark A. Bradley/Wade Smith/Ms. Marla for their complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and record keeping that keeps us abreast of the status of all of our accounts.

Thanks especially to our REGC Mark S. Johnson 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 and Grand York Rite Bodies. 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, Chairman; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chairman; Doyle R. Hatfield; James B. Phillips; and James E. Stevens

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

I will begin by saying thank you to Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark S. Johnson for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee. I was excited to serve on this committee and was looking forward to the trip. The REGC and I had several discussions regarding the Easter Sunrise Service Trip and talked about several places to visit along the way. This trip was to include a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and to participate in the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic had other plans for us, and we were not able to have the Easter Sunrise Service Trip this year. We are hopeful that we can resume this tradition in 2022 as well as in future years.

Respectfully Submitted: Judd J. Wolfe, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Most Eminent Grand Master and Grand Encampment Officers, made the decision to cancel the Holy Land Pilgrimage (Minister's Pilgrimage) for February 2021. I ask that you join us in prayer for one another, our Nation, and the Countries of the world, that a cure for this virus can

be formulated and implemented with great success. And hopefully it can resume for February 2022.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Terry L. Hensley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION RETURNS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia.

Because of the pandemic and COVID-19, Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark Johnson issued General Order No. 2 and very few conclaves were held and no inspections.

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

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Brandon S. Yarbrough; and Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

In 2021 the 68th Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar will be held during the month of August in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Knights Templar Triennial Conclave is the premier event in the world of today's Knights Templar and is held only once every three years. Remember Minnesota is "City of Lakes" and the 16th largest metropolitan area and home of the "Mall of America" for shopping for the ladies. For sports fans, the Minnesota Twins will be in town. Remember all Past Grand Commanders and Dias Officers are invited to attend and to cast their ballots for election of new officers and directions of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Your lady is also invited to join us for an enjoyable time together. They will have special programs and a luncheon for the ladies plus a banquet with the Sir Knights. All Sir Knights and their ladies are welcome to attend and witness how the Grand Encampment operates and to make new friends.

DATES

August 14-18, 2021: "No Drills this Triennial"

August 15: Divine Service (Morning) Grand Master's Reception (Evening) And Ladies tour (Afternoon).

August 16: Public Opening (Morning) Business Session (Afternoon) and Ladies Luncheon.

August 17: Business Session (Morning) Grand Master's Banquet (Evening)

August 18: Installation of Officers (Morning)

Registration details will appear in Knight Templar Magazine and on the web page.

HOTEL

Marriott Minneapolis City Center, Minnesota

More information on Grand Encampment web page, 68th Triennial.

CHECK THE WEB PAGE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chairman; Terry L. Hensley; and James B. Phill

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

James C. Bentley, Jr.

Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.

And all Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held electronically and the following officers were elected:

Carl J. Gamel (40)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Ryan C. Nealey (9)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Michael H. Sampsell (26)	Eminent Grand Warder

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: William E. Dickert (8), Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Clarence E. North, III (40), Eminent Grand Sentinel; Eric S. Tress (40), Eminent Grand Adjutant; and Robert W. Tidwell (4), Eminent Grand Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed at the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May, 15, 2021 by Right Eminent Sir Knight Johnie M. Garmon.

2021-2022 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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

C. Danny Wofford

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

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

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

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

Doyle R. Hatfield

Relief: Tommy T. Marshal, Chair; Ditmar W. Chavez; Mark A. Bradley;

Wade C. Smith;

Doyle R. Hatfield

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Ditmar W. Chavez, Chair; Tyler W. Pledger'

Ryan C. Nealey

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Paul E. Wells

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

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

Gregory B. Foster

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

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

Floyd E. Edmondson

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

Tommy T. Marshall; Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger; Raymond G. Laird;
 Daniel C. Ricketts; William W. Grist; Ryan C. Nealey
Membership: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; 1st Division: _____;
 2nd Division: S. Matthew Sanford; 3rd Division: Tracy W. Lemasters;
 4th Division: Daniel C. Ricketts; 5th Division: M. Shane Fann; 6th Division:
 Raymond G. Laird
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre E. Lovas; F. Andrew Lane Jr.
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
 Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall, Carl J. Gamel
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
 Daniel P. Bennett
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
 Richard J. Hallwood;
 Keith R. Taylor
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
 Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; J. Chris Brown
Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle;
 William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Perry
Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel C. Ricketts;
 South: Tommy T. Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman;
 Daniel C. Ricketts; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Fundraising: Jameson R. Head, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston II; Perry J. Gibbs
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
 FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
 CARL J. GAMEL**

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 2021-2022 Grand Commandery
 Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The
 two Corps shall have three Divisions. The First Corps containing Divisions One,
 Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the First Corps shall be assigned to the
 Eminent Grand Generalissimo and the Second Corps shall be assigned to the
 Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That each Division will have a Grand Commandery Officer assigned as Division Commander. The Division Commander assignments are as follows:

Division One: The Grand Warder, Michael H. Sampsell

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, Ryan C. Nealey

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, William W. Grist

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, Daniel C. Ricketts

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Raymond G. Laird

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Tyler W. Pledger

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

FIRST CORPS: Ditmar W. Chavez (3) 706-442-453 ditmarc47@gmail.com

FIRST DIVISION: Michael H. Sampsell (22)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND CORPS: Tommy T. Marshall 912-282-4493 tmarshall@btconline.net

FOURTH DIVISION: Daniel C. Ricketts (26) 404-819-1850 sonneyes1@gmail.com

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

Jack J. Bell (9) 770-570-2446 jjbell100@aol.com

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

No. 4 (College Park); Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta); Dekalb No. 38 (Decatur); Tancred

No. 11 (Newnan); Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy); Griffin No. 35 (Griffin)

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

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

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

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

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

SIXTH DIVISION: Tyler W. Pledger (28) 706-506-2113 doc42884@aol.com

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

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

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

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

Bernard No. 25 (Covington)

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

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

GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS

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

INSPECTIONS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2022.

The Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Inspection Date, for the purpose of holding their Annual Inspection. The Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight, in the line, is in full uniform in accordance with the Grand Commandery Code and the Grand Encampment Constitution. The uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Recorder will furnish the Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Inspection Form. The completed Inspection Form will be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after the Inspection by the Grand Inspecting Officer. All Grand Inspecting Officers MUST use the current Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That as per the Grand Commandery Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations that the Treasurer and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery will be bonded, unless the Commandery By-laws require more than one signature on a voucher or check before any monies are disbursed. The Grand Inspecting Officer will verify if either method is in order.

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

CHARITIES

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. I would like for every Commandery in Georgia to work toward the goal of sending a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I therefore encourage each Commandery that cannot individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. I would like for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2022.

FUNDRAISERS

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

FESTIVALS

All Commanderies participating in York Rite Festivals, where all the York Rite Degrees/Orders are conferred, are encouraged to confer the Templar Orders on

a separate date when possible. I encourage the full conferral of the Templar Orders. We rob much from our candidates and ourselves when we exemplify the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in short form. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

COMMITTEES

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

Respectfully ordered on this the 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 2021.

ATTEST:

Carl J. Gamel
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

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

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
CARL J. GAMEL**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

WHEREAS: The ongoing pandemic and COVID-19 virus continue to be a health hazard; and

WHEREAS: Freemasonry teaches us to be good citizens and "obey the executives of our local, state and national government"; and

WHEREAS: The primary concern should always be the health and wellbeing of our Companions and Sir Knights, their families and the public; and

WHEREAS: The decisions made by the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia and his officers regarding meeting guidelines will always consider the Rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, all General Orders of The Grand Master of Grand Encampment, KT USA, the Executive Orders of the Governor of Georgia, and the protocols suggested by the CDC, as well as guidelines directed by the Federal Government.

THEREFORE: In order to comply with all of the above let it be resolved by Order of The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia that all Commanderies in the Jurisdiction of Georgia remain in Phase Two of the re-opening guidelines listed in General Order No 14 of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. This allows for all conclaves to be either virtual or face to face, with guidelines.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America 2019 Edition Section 231 and 232 do not allow the Grand Commandery of Georgia to alter the Ritual or adopt an abbreviated form of opening therefore all Annual Inspections of Constituent Commanderies in the Jurisdiction of Georgia are to be held in accordance with Phase Two guidelines for the Commandery year 2021-2022.

The constantly changing situation surrounding this pandemic will be followed closely by the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia and

changes will come as the circumstances will allow in accordance with the mandates set forth by the Grand Master of Georgia and the Governor of Georgia. **Respectfully ordered on this the 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 2021.**

ATTEST:

Carl J. Gamel
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

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

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 162nd Annual Conclave will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Monday, May 2, 2022.

TIME OF NEXT GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

The 71st Triennial will be held in Minneapolis, MN, August 14-18, 2021.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 161st Annual Conclave be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Eminent Sir Knight Mark S. Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave.

Mark S. Johnson
Grand Commander



ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Seventeenth Annual Conclave of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross was postponed until 2022. The officers met to elect and install officers for 2021-2022.

2021-2022 OFFICERS

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

Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Knight Crusader of the East
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)	Knight Crusader of the West
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Knight Crusader of the South
Floyd E. Edmondson (37)	Knight Crusader of the North
Jan M. Giddens (4)	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
William F. Shepard (21)	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder

The officers were installed by Sir Knight Mark A. Bradley, Grand Recorder.

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

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

ATTEST:

Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
Knight Crusader of the East

Mark A. Bradley
Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2020-2021 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Commandery awards were presented:

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Mark S. Johnson and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Halli Stevens, Lady Lorene Carter, and Lady Karen Johnson.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Mark S. Johnson and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knight Carl J. Gamel and Sir Knight Emmet R. McCall, Sr.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Mark S. Johnson and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight Floyd E. Edmondson.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented REGC Mark S. Johnson with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
*1965	Preston Y. Luther (2)	1994	A. Wayne Norton (33)
*1966	Ira R. Huffaker (4)	*1995	Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
*1967	William M. Drinnon (2)	*1996	Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
*1968	Graydon W. Kitchens (4)	1997	Gary D. Lemmons (19)
*1999	Otis Medley (02)	*1998	Bobby L. Massey (41)
*1970	T. Malcolm Gray (24)	*1999	Otis Medley (2)
*1971	Ross F. Mainor (2)	*2000	Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
*1972	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	2001	Wallace D. Mays (5)
1973	Dannie L. Reed (35)	2001	Robert L. Gill (36)
*1974	Joel M. Hammond (24)	2002	Austin E. Pearce (21)
*1975	George H. Balentine (33)	*2003	James E. Miller (3)
*1976	Aaron E. Cole (26)	*2004	Carl W. Dohn (2) **
*1977	George C. King (5)	2005	Emory L. Morris (29)
*1978	Dave H. Keever (31)	*2006	R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
*1979	S. Talmadge Lord (8)	2007	Craig A. Haggas (3)
*1980	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	2008	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
*1981	Fernor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)	2009	John T. Holt (9)
*1982	Jack O. Smith (41)	*2010	James T. Farmer (35)
*1983	William M. Hutcheson (4)	2011	Robert W. Tidwell (4)
*1984	Rufus R. White (19)	2012	Mark S. Johnson (35)
*1985	J. Sheffield Thompson (40)	2013	Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
*1986	Virlyn Y. Jones (14)	2014	Mark A. Bradley (31)
1987	C. Danny Wofford (31)	2015	William F. Shepard (21)
*1988	H. Clayton Garrett (15)	2016	James W. Tate (3)
*1989	Ottis. B. Turner (35)	2017	John I. Haggas (3)
*1990	Lewis H. Keith (9)	2018	Raymond G. Laird (25)
*1991	Walter A. Walker (2)	2019	William R. Kayma (9)
*1992	J. Walter Cowart (7)	2020	James C. Huffman, III (10)
*1993	John S. Perry (4)	2021	Floyd E. Edmondson (37)

* Indicates death ** Indicates expelled

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

*12-1-92	James E. Moseley (35)	*4-2-93	Wilford H. Hall (19)
*4-2-93	James W. Coward (7)	*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)
 5-5-13 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 *5-5-13 Steve A. Kirk (41)
 5-4-14 Story A. Tate (31)
 5-4-14 Ernest A. McCorkle (7)
 5-1-15 Leonard A. Davis (11)
 5-1-15 John A. Minnich (02)
 5-1-16 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 *5-1-16 Charles R. Beasley (04)
 5-1-16 Robert L. Head, Jr. (03)
 4-30-17 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 4-30-17 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
 4-30-17 Bruce D. Mann (17)
 4-30-17 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 *5-7-18 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
 5-7-18 Jerry D. Moss (38)
 5-7-19 Brit T. Massey (41)
 5-7-19 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 5-7-19 Roy H. Miller, Jr. (10)
 5-7-19 Bruce H. McNall (7)
 5-7-19 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (14)
 5-30-20 Tommy T. Marshall (36)
 5-30-20 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)

5-15-21 Carl J. Gamel (40)

5-15-21 Emmet R. McCall, Sr. (40)

*Indicates death

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

*2001 Mollie S. Moseley

2016 Gay Bradley

2001 Frances Dohn

2018 Nancy Simmons

*2002 Mildred Spradley

2018 Liz Miller

*2004 Loyce Price

2019 Brenda Gill

*2006 Dr. Fleetwood Maddox

2019 Sherri Kirk

2008 Rebecca Taylor

2020 Barbara Tate

2008 Nora Wells

2020 Charlene Huffman

2010 Fae Suttles

2021 Halli Stevens

2012 Barbara Townsend

2021 Lorene Carter

2014 Judy Griffin

2021 Karen Johnson

2016 Terry Westbrook

2016 Helen Leinbaugh

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2018-2021

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R. E. Deputy Grand Master

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

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1860-67	William T. Gould (G01)	7/18/1882	1902	Frank O. Miller (10)	03/17/1937
1868-69	Thomas W. Chandler (4)	5/11/1890	1903	George B. Whiteside (3)	03/10/1920
1870-71	George S. Obear (2)	12/23/1888	1904	William Schweigert (1)	10/24/1939
1872	Allen S. Cutts (5)	3/17/1896	1905	Robert B. Barron (2)	10/02/1915
1873	William H. Tuller (4)	11/26/1880	1906	John J. Seay (8)	08/17/1916
1874	Samuel P. Hamilton (7)	06/21/1899	1907	John R. Dickey (9)	06/14/1939
1875	George T. Anderson (4)	04/04/1901	1908	Luther P. Stephens (4)	03/18/1925
1876	Thomas Hardeman, Jr. (2)	03/07/1891	1909	Alpheus B. Simmons (7)	02/11/1915
1877-78	William J. Pollard (1)	06/08/1899	1910	Joseph C. Greenfield (9)	12/20/1920
1879	Charles R. Armstrong (2)	11/01/1893	1911	George D. Case (12)	06/12/1922
1880	William D. Luckie (4)	04/23/1885	1912	Frederick T. Petri (3)	07/26/1928
1881-82	William S. Rockwell (7)	09/20/1909	1913	Augustus G. Miller (5)	07/13/1931
1883-84	William B. Young (1)	11/12/1916	1914	William F. Bowe (G01)	08/25/1932
1885-86	Thomas Ballantyne (7)	04/24/1903	1915	Benjamin F. Hardeman (14)	08/31/1924
1887	Charles T. Watson (4)	05/09/1913	1916	Robert L. Wyly (17)	06/03/1944
1888	James L. Fleming (1)	12/12/1926	1917	John W. Murrell (4)	01/14/1959
1889-90	Azariah G. Howard (4)	01/26/1893	1918	Frederick W. Clarke (7)	10/20/1934
1891	Richard J. Nunn (7)	06/29/1910	1919	Alva C. Atkins, Sr. (13)	05/02/1933
1892	George W. McElhane (3)	09/15/1893	1920	James C. Watts (8)	02/03/1931
1893	Washington P. Baldwin (2)	12/13/1919	1921	Charles A. McAlister (2)	12/15/1951
1894	Alsop P. Woodward (4)	03/17/1915	1922	Thomas D. Ridley (19)	07/24/1934
1895	Joseph K. Orr, Sr. (3)	09/18/1938	1923	William G. Mealor (15)	10/12/1953
1896	William H. Fleming (1)	06/09/1944	1924	Harry S. Jones (12)	03/22/1945
1897	Charles M. Wiley (2)	02/25/1927	1925	Perry L. Blackshear (9)	07/27/1974
1898	Almeron W. Walton (8)	10/28/1929	1926	John B. Russell (20)	01/20/1955
1899	Julius L. Brown (4)	09/04/1910	1927	Edward B. Cohen (14)	02/24/1937
1900	Thomas E. Fletcher, Sr. (6)	01/07/1925	1928	Charles S. Wood (7)	02/16/1941
1901	Ernest A. Cutts (7)	03/02/1927	1929	Charles L. Bailey (G01)	02/26/1945

1930	Early H. Johnson (3)	09/06/1947	1979	Ralph C. James [Hon] (14)	06/14/1989
1931	Thomas C. Law (4)	05/04/1962	1979	John M. McClurd, Sr. (21)	04/17/2001
1932	Lunnie J. Brock (23)	03/28/1968	1980	George C. Rogers (26)	12/21/1989
1933	Ralph J. Hancock (26)	06/18/1937	1981	Jack Cluck (G01)	04/15/2002
1934	William J. Penn, Jr. (24)	07/30/1959	1982	Willie P. Hammond (35)	09/01/2011
1935	Edgar D. Kenyon (15)	11/07/1981	1983	George M. Davenport, Jr. (5)	09/01/2005
1936	Charles R. McCord, Sr. (2)	03/22/1938	1984	*Robert E. Hughes (24)	(Susp. 12/2001)
1937	Francis C. Jones (30)	02/09/1942	1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14)	(Susp. 6/2008)
1938	James C. Newton (22)	06/06/1970	1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	
1939	Watts B. Powell, Sr. (13)	11/12/1945	1987	Edward Helton (15)	
1940	John P. Stephens (G01)	02/19/1976	1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999
1941	Frank B. Willingham (6)	06/12/1955	1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014
1942	Bolling S. DuBose (14)	11/06/1973	1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993
1943	Walter F. Wells, Sr. (4)	11/07/1947	1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007
1944	Joseph A. Moore (12)	09/04/1972	1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992
1945	David L. Paulk, Sr. (20)	04/22/1979	1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009
1946	Lawrence C. Petri (3)	11/05/1977	1992	William M. Roach Sr. (21)	10/21/1999
1947	William A. Sims (9)	11/24/1952	1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010
1948	Arthur W. Goodin (16)	12/21/1975	1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)	
1949	Samuel M. Alsop (27)	05/10/1977	1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995
1950	William S. Ray (7)	06/04/1966	1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010
1951	Charles W. Pidcock, Jr. (28)	01/16/1961	1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009
1952	Walter M. Housch (29)	12/23/1965	1996	James B. Phillips (19)	
1953	David W. Wells (10)	03/04/1973	1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	
1954	Joseph W. Neal (3)	11/19/1960	1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)	
1955	James R. Belflower, Sr. (20)	10/07/1981	1999	Clarence E. Home (4)	
1956	Lee A. Green(4)	04/13/1984	2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007
1957	Cody O. James (31)	06/08/1965	2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007
1958	Emmett A. Rogers (12)	06/24/2001	2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	
1959	William A. Patat (33)	12/10/1977	2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002
1960	William C. Sanders (13)	07/25/1985	2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014
1961	Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	02/04/1996	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1962	William T. Bateman (10)	07/19/1964	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	
1963	Floyd L. Reynolds (34)	01/20/1969	2005	Charles B. Stephens (26)	(Resigned)
1964	Lonzo Pope (24)	06/23/1991	2006	Ernest A. Forthman (24)	12/09/2008
1965	James C. Slaughter (21)	09/10/1977	2007	Paul E. Wells (3)	
1966	James E. Moseley (35)	02-10-2017	2008	Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)	10/26/2011
1967	Douglas H. Tidwell (4)	10/30/1969	2009	Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)	
1968	William J. Mobley (7)	07/21/1981	2010	Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)	
1969	Thomas J. Jones (14)	08/06/1976	2010	Charles M. Ellis (29)	
1970	Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	05/07/2003	2011	James E. Stevens (21)	
1971	Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16)	03/01/1983	2012	Johnnie M. Garmon (37)	
1972	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	04/07/2000	2013	C. Danny Wofford (31)	
1973	James W. Register (3)	04/24/1999	2014	Terry L. Hensley (26)	
1974	George E. Jones (10)	08/27/1993	2015	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	
1975	Clinton O. Morris (38)	04/07/1990	2015	Joe E. Turner (35)	
1976	Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2)	06/12/1978	2016	Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	
1976	Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2)	10/14/1981	2017	Drewey W. Hendry (25)	
1976	Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	06/28/2006	2018	Steve A. Kirk (41)	
1977	William J. Clarke (31)	09/22/1993	2019	Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	
1978	Joseph R. Richardson (8)	01/27/1990	2020	Mark S. Johnson (22)	

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

1. **Georgia:** No Representation
2. **St. Omer:** Jerry H. Purvis, Jr.;
Michael L. Hamlin; John A. Minnich;
Robert C. Lord; Bobby B. Simmons
3. **St. Aldemar:** Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
Timothy K. Starling; James W. Tate;
Doyle R. Hatfield
4. **Coeur de Lion:** Daniel G. Draper, II
5. **St. Paul:** No Representation
7. **Palestine:** Roger W. Coursey;
Baron L. Conklin; Ernest A. McCorkle
8. **Rome:** Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
9. **Atlanta:** Alessandro V. Da Silva
10. **Ivanhoe:** James C. Huffman, III
11. **Tancred:** Russell S. Sanders;
A. Lee Nash, Jr.
12. **Plantagenet:** No Representation
14. **Godfrey de Bouillon:** Marcus V. Hall;
J. Walter McCannon, Jr.
15. **Pilgrim:** Michael L. Wolcott

16. **Malta:** No Representation
17. **Crusader:** No Representation
19. **St. John's:** Daniel P. Bennett;
R. Cris Lynch
21. **St. Elmo:** Thomas J. Chapman;
Charles E. Taylor; William F. Shepard
22. **Alexius:** Van S. McGee; Raford J.
Chambers
25. **St. Bernard:** Michael H. Wilson;
William M. Jones; Robert R. Waldron, Sr.
26. **Constantine:** James W. Bard; Jan M.
Giddens; Daniel C. Ricketts
29. **Charles Martel:** Tyler W. Pledger
30. **Bethlehem:** No Representation
31. **Arnold de Troye:** Joe R. Bush;
Judd J. Wolfe
33. **Philemon:** No Representation
35. **Griffin:** Brandon S. Yarbrough
36. **Waycross:** C. Hendry Howard, Jr.

37. Blue Ridge Mountain: J. Ivy Smith;
William T. White; Floyd E. Edmondson
38. DeKalb: Stephen C. Kimbro; Jerry D. Moss
40. Douglasville: Eric S. Tress;
Clarence E. North, III

41 Amicalola: Keith R. Taylor; F. Keith Hales;
James R. Harris
42. Coastal Plain: Howard L. Maddox;
Jeremy W. Hobbs; John H. Johnson
45. St. Peter: Phillip D. Booth;
Charles E. Ferguson, Sr.; Gordon B. Ruthruff

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. Georgia: No Representation
2. St. Omer: Michael L. Hamlin
3. St. Aldemar: James W. Tate
4. Coeur De Lion: James T. House
5. St. Paul: No Representation
7. Palestine: Roger W. Coursey
8. Rome: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
9. Atlanta: Michael C. Halpin
10. Ivanhoe: James C. Huffman, III
11. Tancred: A. Lee Nash, Jr.
12. Plantagenet: No Representation
14. Godfrey De Bouillon: Marcus V. Hall
15. Pilgrim: Michael L. Wolcott
16. Malta: No Representation
17. Crusader: No Representation
19. St. John's: Daniel P. Bennett
21. St. Elmo: James D. Arnold

22. Alexius: Van S. McGee
25. St. Bernard: Benjamin W. Polston, II
26. Constantine: James W. Bard
29. Charles Martel: Tyler W. Pledger
30. Bethlehem: No Representation
31. Arnold De Troye: Wiley Q. Forrester, III;
Michael J. Etheridge
33. Philemon: No Representation
35. Griffin: No Representation
36. Waycross: C. Hendry Howard
37. Blue Ridge Mountain: J. Ivy Smith
38. Dekalb: Eric R. Howell
40. Douglasville: Eric S. Tress
41. Amicalola: Keith R. Taylor
42. Coastal Plain: Howard L. Maddox
45. St. Peter: Phillip D. Booth
73 Ft. Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh

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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 2021

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2021 + 4000 = 6021$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2021 + 530 = 2551$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2021 + 1913 = 3934$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2021 + 1000 = 3021$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2021 - 1118 = 902$

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

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons 811 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201
We have compiled the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons (a not-for-profit organization), as of December 31, 2020, and the related consolidated statement of activities for the twelve months then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any

assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles requires that marketable securities be reported at fair market value. Management is reporting the Organization's marketable securities at historical cost as determined by the original purchase price of the security. The effect of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles has not been determined. Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the consolidated statement of cash flows required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures and consolidated statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

****NOTE:** An identical letter was submitted to this office for the Building Maintenance Fund, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, KTEF, Inc., and The Mollie S. Moseley Trust, Inc. The KTEF, Division Financials are submitted to Grand Encampment each year and they account to the IRS for those funds.

GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CONSOLIDATED

December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 113,108.94
Investments, at cost	<u>431,014.80</u>
Total current assets	544,123.74

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	73,031.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,270.25)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>59,761.67</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 603,885.41</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payroll taxes payable	\$ 1,143.61
Total current liabilities	1,143.61

NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions	597,324.51
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>5,417.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>602,741.80</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 603,885.41</u>
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CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 9,574.48
Per capita income	169,165.75
Rituals and miscellaneous income	18,106.22
Forgiveness of related party debt income	131,297.50
Other income	10,476.00

Building income	56,619.00
Interest income	9.70
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(11,055.77)
Long-term capital gain distributions	2,519.42
Charitable donations	<u>290.00</u>
Net support and revenue	387,002.30
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	387,002.30
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	504.00
Awards	700.00
Conference expense	4,392.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	7,065.00
Grand Secretary expense	3,966.17
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	340.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	1,783.40
Travel	<u>1,980.99</u>
Total program expenses	24,031.56
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	67,448.75
Investment fees	5,017.25
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Fundraising expense	3,376.00
Insurance	3,359.43
Management fee-payroll and taxes	30,888.00
Office supplies and expense	17,659.83
Postage	2,239.52
Printing	6,257.91
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	25,620.08
Taxes-payroll	5,609.36
Telephone	4,281.87
Utilities	<u>20,989.66</u>
Total management and general expenses	206,463.46
Total expenses	<u>230,495.02</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	
WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	156,507.28
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>446,234.52</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 602,741.80</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	

12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 8,794.13
Per capita income	169,165.75

Rituals and miscellaneous income	15,719.29
Forgiveness of related party debt income	131,297.50
Other income	10,476.00
Building income	0.00
Interest income	9.70
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(10,331.86)
Long-term capital gain distributions	2,051.08
Charitable donations	<u>290.00</u>
Net support and revenue	327,471.59
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	327,471.59
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	504.00
Awards	700.00
Conference expense	4,392.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	7,065.00
Grand Secretary expense	3,966.17
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	340.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	1,783.40
Travel	<u>1,980.99</u>
Total program expenses	24,031.56
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	67,448.75
Investment fees	4,386.65
Depreciation expense	0.00
Fundraising expense	3,376.00
Insurance	0.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	30,888.00
Office supplies and expense	17,331.40
Postage	2,239.52
Printing	6,257.91
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	6,910.21
Taxes-payroll	5,609.36
Telephone	4,281.87
Utilities	<u>3,744.26</u>
Total management and general expenses	164,363.93
Total expenses	<u>188,395.49</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	
	139,076.10
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>342,430.79</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 481,506.89</u>

BUILDING FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 780.35
Per capita income	0.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	2,386.93
Forgiveness of related party debt income	0.00
Other income	0.00
Building income	56,619.00
Interest income	0.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(723.91)
Long-term capital gain distributions	468.34
Charitable donations	<u>0.00</u>
Net support and revenue	59,530.71
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	59,530.71
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	0.00
Investment fees	630.60
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Fundraising expense	0.00
Insurance	3,359.43
Management fee-payroll and taxes	0.00
Office supplies and expense	328.43
Postage	0.00
Printing	0.00
Rent	0.00
Repairs and maintenance	18,709.87
Taxes-payroll	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Utilities	<u>17,245.40</u>
Total management and general expenses	42,099.53
Total expenses	<u>42,099.53</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	
WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	17,431.18
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>103,803.73</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 121,234.91</u>

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 11,703.80
Wells Fargo-investments, at cost	<u>38,082.71</u>
Total current assets	<u>49,786.51</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 49,786.51</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions	49,786.51
Total net assets	<u>49,786.51</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 49,786.51</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 504.02
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(3,300.72)
Per capita income	48,601.70
Rituals and miscellaneous income	3,628.65
Forgiveness and related party debt	4,005.37
Interest income	<u>3.65</u>
Net support and revenue	53,442.67

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	775.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	5,117.50
Grand Chapter expense	30,771.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Other charitable donations	450.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	2,721.50
Travel	<u>894.45</u>
Total program expenses	41,029.45

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Bank service charges	15.00
Building expense	8,776.00
Investment fee	<u>256.67</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>9,047.67</u>
Total expenses	<u>50,077.12</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT

DONOR RESTRICTIONS

DONOR RESTRICTIONS	3,365.55
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>46,420.96</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 49,786.51</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 33,532.86
Investments, at cost	<u>388,998.79</u>
Total current assets	422,531.65

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,961.87)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>23,058.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 445,589.73</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>445,589.73</u>
Total net assets	<u>445,589.73</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 445,589.73</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 8,128.25
Long-term capital gain distributions	4,945.61
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(4,849.90)
Per capita income	63,109.24
Rituals and miscellaneous income	3,631.51
Forgiveness of related party debt	<u>3,690.00</u>
Net support and revenue	78,654.71
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	2,149.53
DeMolay	100.00
Grand Encampment per capita expense	19,914.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Other charitable donations	850.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	<u>278.40</u>
Total program expenses	23,491.93
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Bank service charges	15.00
Building expense	7,644.00
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	3,636.20
Management fee-payroll and taxes	<u>36,239.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>48,234.70</u>
Total expenses	<u>71,726.63</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	6,928.08
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>438,661.65</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 445,589.73</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>552,638.84</u>
Total current assets	<u>552,638.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 552,638.84</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ <u>552,638.84</u>
Total net assets	<u>552,638.84</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 552,638.84</u>
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12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 13,894.78
Long-term capital gain distributions	8,506.57
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(4,401.57)
Contributions	<u>57,129.00</u>
Net support and revenue	75,128.78
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>33,169.00</u>
Total program expenses	33,169.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fee	<u>5,464.84</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>5,601.46</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,464.84</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
	36,494.94
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>516,143.90</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 552,638.84</u>

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

December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 11,274.87
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>3,211,977.73</u>
Total current assets	3,223,252.60
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Equipment	8,511.17
Building improvements	<u>86,000.00</u>
Net property and equipment	94,511.17
OTHER ASSETS	
Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>60,000.00</u>
Total other assets	<u>60,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,377,763.77</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payable to GA Division	<u>\$ 139.05</u>
Total current liabilities	139.05
NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>3,377,624.72</u>
Total net assets	3,377,624.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,377,763.77</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2020

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 73,402.80
Interest income	7,984.55
Long-term capital gain distributions	39,089.97
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	546.66
Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>10,068.00</u>
Net support and revenue	131,091.98
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	131,091.98
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	12,269.20
Research grants and donations	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	112,269.20
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Bank service charges	15.00
Dues dispensation	500.00
Insurance	9,250.72
Investment fees	33,122.98
Office supplies and expense	202.24
Forgiveness of debt from related party	<u>11,931.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>55,021.94</u>
Total expenses	<u>167,291.14</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
	(36,199.16)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,413,823.88</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,377,624.72</u>