

**2020 PROCEEDINGS
THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA**

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JOINT MEMORIAL

The Joint Memorial/Divine Service was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Memorials were included in the preliminary reports for the following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who were remembered:

BILLY FRED ADAMS

APRIL 12, 1929 – OCTOBER 8, 2019

I rise to answer the roll for Reverend Billy Fred Adams, who can no longer answer for himself. It is our hope and belief that he has gone to a better place, where there is no sickness and no sadness. A good and faithful servant, he was a private person and little was known about him and I am grateful for information provided by his son Barry Adams and by Billy's twin brother Bobby. Bobby is retired military and a sixty two year mason who lives in McDonough, Georgia and is a member of East Point Lodge No. 288.

Billy and his twin brother Bobby were born in 1929 in Newnan, Georgia. Their father died when they were three months old, and they were raised in the Atlanta Child's Home on Hightower Road in Atlanta, Georgia until they were ten years old and went into foster care. He attended Milton High School in Alpharetta and College Park High School in College Park.

He married Barbara Martin in 1951 and they were together for sixty two years until her death in 2013. They had one son and two grandsons. They lived in Smyrna, Georgia for a period of time and he worked for a linen supply company in Atlanta. He then entered Norman College at Norman Park, Georgia and they lived in Moultrie and he pastored at the Naylor Baptist Church.

About 1960, they moved to Rome, Georgia and he pastored the Spring Creek Baptist Church. On November 11, 1961, he became a Master Mason in Euharlee Lodge #457. In 1965, they moved to Fort Valley, Georgia where he was the pastor of Second Baptist Church, and he demitted his masonic membership to Fort Valley Lodge #110. While in Fort Valley, Billy joined the York Rite bodies, Austin Chapter #18, RAM, Fort Valley Council #35, RSM, and Ivanhoe Commandery #10, KT all in 1966. In 1967 he joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Macon, demitting to Atlanta in 1987 and in 2007 he demitted to the Valley of Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 1967 he was called to be the pastor of Porterfield Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. This afforded him an opportunity to complete his education and he graduated from Georgia Southwestern College in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. By 1972 he must have been well known, for on May 11, 1972, he was elected Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, a position he most ably filled for thirty three years, retiring in 2005. In 1974 he moved his masonic membership to Rutland Lodge #298 in Macon.

He remained at Porterfield Baptist Church until 1977 when he became the pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia, retiring from that church in 1992. In 1979 he transferred all of his masonic memberships to Rome and became very active in those bodies. He served as Eminent Commander of Rome Commandery #8 in 1987 and as Worshipful Master of Cherokee Lodge #66 in 1999. He affiliated with Seven Hills Daylight Lodge #751 as a dual member in 2000, demitting in 2015.

In 1994 he was elected Past Grand Commander, Honorary, by the Grand Commandery of Georgia and in 1995, he received the Knight Commander of the Temple Award from Grand Encampment. Billy served as the secretary recorder of the Rome York Rite bodies from 1990 till 2005 and enjoyed taking applications for folks who needed assistance from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in order to have eye surgeries. He affiliated with Cyprus Commandery #23 in Maryville, Tennessee as a dual member in 2007.

After he retired from Riverside Baptist, he was shortly asked if he could fill in as a pastor at Oak Hill Methodist Church in Lylely, Georgia which had no pastor at the time. He did "fill in" for almost ten years until he moved to Maryville, Tennessee. After moving to Tennessee, he was again asked to fill in as the pastor of Immanuel Methodist Church in Louisville, Tennessee which he did for several years, finally retiring around 2010. He also worked in a local funeral home around Maryville, Tennessee for several years.

In 2004, Billy wrote an article in the Masonic Messenger entitled "Light in our Darkness" where he asked "Friends, is thy word a light unto your path? Does thy word make life look brighter, does it bring the comfort and joy you seek in life? God's word gives light, God's word gives strength, God's word gives joy, God's word gives peace". Thank you Billy.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PGC, Hon, (22)

JOHN PLUNKETT BOHANAN

JANUARY 21, 1930 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Most Illustrious Companion John Plunkett "Doc" Bohanan was a great friend, Masonic Brother, Companion, Sir Knight and an all-around great human being. He served his fellow man and his country by his chosen profession, his work in the community and his Masonic travels. His mild demeanor and sense of humor made him a joy to be around and he will be truly missed. His memory will remain with those of us who knew and loved him for years to come.

Most Illustrious Companion John was born in Asheville, North Carolina on January 21, 1930. The family moved back to their original home place in Conyers, GA in 1934. He attended schools in Rockdale County and graduated High School in 1947. He then attended the University of Georgia where he earned a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Engineering and a commission in the U. S. Army Reserve in June 1951. He was then called to active duty in June 1951 in the US Army where he served for 2 years, 14 months of which being served in Japan. He later obtained his small aircraft pilot's license and flew with the Civil Air Patrol.

After serving his time in the U.S. Army, John returned to the University of Georgia where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in 1959. He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 3 years and then went to work for the Georgia Poultry Improvement Association as Veterinarian in Charge of the Canton Poultry Laboratory in 1962. He worked for the Georgia Poultry Improvement Association until he retired.

John "Doc" was a Life Member of the American Legion Post # 45 in Canton, Georgia.

John was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in Canton Lodge No. 77 on June 21, 1982. He was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on July 16, 1982 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 21, 1982. He served as Worshipful Master of Canton Lodge # 77 in 1995. He was given the honor of being named "Mason of the Year" by Canton Lodge No. 77 in 1995. He was appointed as District Deputy to the Grand Master in 1998 and served in that capacity for two years in 1998 and 1999. Most Ill. Companion John "Doc" was also a plural member of E.W. Hightower Lodge No. 679 and Georgia Mountain Daylight Lodge No. 758.

John received the Royal Arch Degrees on January 29 1983 in Canton Chapter No. 135 and served as High Priest in 1990. He was named "Royal Arch Mason of the Year" by the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention in 2001. He received the Order of High Priesthood. He was greeted in Canton Council No. 3 on February 7, 1983 and served as Illustrious Master in 1991. He served as the Illustrious

Master of the Northeast Georgia Council Convention in 1995-1996. He has received the Order of the Silver Trowel. John was knighted in Amicalola Commandery No. 41 on March 3, 1984 and served as Commander in 1995-1996. Sir Knight John was honored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America by being awarded "Knight Commander of the Temple" and he is also a member of the Grand Master's Club.

John Plunkett "Doc" Bohanan was elected to serve as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia in 2002. He served the craft with dignity and honor during his year as Most Ill. Grand Master. He also belonged to the following Masonic Organizations: Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, KYCH; Rufus R. White Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123; Dave Keever Council No. 365, Allied Masonic Degrees, serving as Sovereign Master in 2002; Carl F. Lester Jr. Council No. 65 Knight Masons of the USA; The Royal Order of Scotland; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Atlanta where he received the "Knight Commander Court of Honour" in November 1999; Appalachian Mountain Scottish Rite Association; Yaarab Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and the Cherokee Shrine Club.

John is survived by his wife, June Phelps Bohanan, a son, John Allan Bohanan and step daughter, Julie Fulcher. He attended Canton Community Church. On behalf of the Officers and members of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia, I do, on this day, sadly report that Most Illustrious Companion John Plunkett Bohanan, "Doc" has departed this life with the eternal hope of entering into the Holy of Holies above and into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven. "Doc" was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be missed by all.

I humbly request that this Memorial and the passing of MI Companion John Plunkett Bohanan be placed in the permanent records of the York Rite of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, PIGM

STEVE ALTON KIRK

OCTOBER 30, 1944 – OCTOBER 17, 2019

Brother Steve was born in Washington, D.C. to Horace and Lucile Kirk, but attended the public schools of Pickens County, Georgia and Reinhardt Junior College. He joined the Air Force in 1966. He eventually resumed his education graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in Technical and Adult Education. Upon his return from the Air Force, Steve was employed as a Ford Dealer Parts manager, sales-production coordinator for Calcium Product Division of Georgia Marble Company and Industrial Systems Instructor for Appalachian Technical College, retiring in 2003. Upon his retirement he began his own business contracting with Lowes to install appliances, retiring again in 2009.

Brother Steve married Sherri Koehn in 1970 and was blessed with a daughter, Ami, son-in-law Kenny and grandchildren, Tyson and Peyton.

Brother Steve was initiated in Pickens Star Lodge #220 in Jasper, Georgia on November 24, 1970, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 8, 1970, and raised as a Master Mason on January 16, 1971. He served as Worshipful Master in 1987 and later as Secretary for six years. He was currently serving as Senior Deacon of The Ninth Masonic District Convention. He joined Pickens Chapter #28, RAM, in Jasper on October 22, 1977, Pickens Council #55, RSM on March 11, 1989 and Amicalola Commandery #41, KT, on May 8, 1999. He was a past presiding officer of each body and was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on August 30, 2016. Brother Steve served York Rite Masonry well and was elected as the Right

Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 2018. He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on May 23, 1992, which was the Statewide Freedom Class. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 4, 1999, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on November 17, 2007. From the time he joined, he worked on the stage crew and on December 1, 2007 he was appointed Stage Director for the Valley of Atlanta, a position he held until the end of 2018. He also became a Life Member in 2007 and in later years he was in the Fourth Degree. He was a Past President of the Appalachian Mountain Scottish Rite Association and a member of the "Traitor" cast. Brother Kirk was invited to become a member of most of the Appendant-Honorary Bodies in Georgia and served in a position of leadership in several of them. He was very active in the Order of Eastern Star, being initiated in Jasper Chapter #479 on June 23, 1979, serving as Worthy Patron several times and as a District Deputy. He served as Worthy Grand Patron of Georgia in 2009 and on the General Grand Chapter Committee for Scottish Rite Charities for the 2012-2015 Triennium. Brother Steve was a member of Cross Roads Baptist Church and served for nineteen years as Clerk-Treasurer and a Deacon since 1991. Brother Kirk's favorite pastimes were outdoor sports, including hunting, fishing, camping, anything the grandkids wanted to do, and traveling with Sherri. Sadly, he died accidentally at his deer camp near Davisboro, Georgia, doing what he loved. He is survived by his wife, Sherri, a daughter, Ami, son-in-law, Kenny, and two grandchildren, Tyson and Peyton. Brother Steve was 74 years old. He is greatly missed by all the Brethren and Companions of Georgia. Respectfully Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, PGHP

JOSEPH PIERCE SUTTLES

JANUARY 19, 1926 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Joe Suttles, in his years here with us, contributed greatly to humanity and our country. His zest for life as well as his accomplishments individually will not soon be forgotten and we are much better for his life here on earth. He was a kind, generous and compassionate Christian friend to many of us who traveled many miles with him to some remote place to confer degrees or offer assistance. He was truly a 3M man, Methodist, Marine and Mason, in that order.

Upon graduation from High School in 1943 at 17 years old, Brother Suttles joined the United States Marine Corps F Company, 2nd Battalion where he served with the First Division in the South Pacific, Guadalcanal, Okinawa and North China. He was wounded in battle and is a recipient of our country's Purple Heart Award and a Presidential Unit Citation. He served in the Marines until 1946.

He afterwards attended Emory-at-Oxford where he served as President of both the Phi Gamma Literary Society and the Letterman's Club. He worked for Standard Auto Parts and then became Fleet Parts Manager for Fulton County Board of Education, retiring from there.

Our Brother Joe was involved with the Atlanta Old-Time Baseball Players, the Utoy and Wesley Chapel Cemetery Associations, the Boy Scouts and served as a Little League Coach. Utoy Baptist Church was the oldest Baptist Church in Fulton County and Brother Joe served as President of the Cemetery Association.

Brother Suttles was initiated in Ben Hill Lodge #674 on March 12, 1948, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 9, 1948, and raised as a Master Mason on April 28, 1948 serving as Worshipful Master in 1967. He served as Secretary of the Lodge from 1975 to 1984. He served as District Deputy to the Grand Master in the

Fifth District from 1979 to 1987 and as Worshipful Master of the Fifth District Masonic Convention in 1989. He also served as President of the Georgia Masonic Secretaries Association in 1981. He was appointed in 1987 as Third Grand Steward of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia by William M. Hutcheson, and he served with distinction as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia in 1995. He was very active in Grand Lodge serving on several Committees. Due to the closing of his beloved Ben Hill Lodge #674 on September 11, 2018, Brother Joe affiliated with College Park Lodge #454 on September 24, 2018.

He joined Ben Hill Chapter #37, RAM on September 21, 1948, East Point Council #23, RSM on December 28, 1948 and Coeur de Lion Commandery #4, KT on May 20, 1972. Ben Hill Chapter #37 was consolidated in 2002 and he became a member of Mt. Horeb Chapter #155. He also demitted from East Point Council #23 affiliating with Euclid Council #33 in 1977. He was a past presiding officer of all these bodies and was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on May 31, 1983. There he achieved much fame as King Nebuchadnezzar in the Super Excellent Master Degree.

He was very active in the York Rite travelling thousands of miles with the State Degree Team. He was elected as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia in 1999, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT in 1986 and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Honorary, of the Grand Council, RSM in 2001. It was during his term as Grand Commander that Georgia became the first state in the Grand Encampment of the United States of America to become 100% Life Sponsors to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (\$30 for every commandery member state-wide). He was appointed Grand Treasurer of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in 1990 and served until 2009.

He received the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International, Distinguished Service Award in 1980, the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 1980 and the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International, Distinguished Service Award in 1992. Only four Georgia Members to date have ever received all three awards. He also received the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International, Ephraim Kirby Award in 2017 given to recognize Companions who have attained past presiding rank in the York Rite and who have then gone on to continue their work and commitment to service even beyond their term of office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication. Such was Brother Joe!!!!

Brother Suttles was invited to become a member of all the Appendant-Honorary Bodies in Georgia and served in a position of leadership in many of them as well as filling major ritualistic parts in several.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on June 1, 1974 as a member of the Ras Hitson Cleveland, 33° Class. It is interesting to see that his petition was signed by William M. Hutcheson and James Sheffield Thompson, two of his closest friends. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 19, 1981, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on November 30, 1985. He was very active in the Scottish Rite serving as President of the South Side Scottish Rite Association in 2003 and Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 2002. He also served as Degree Master of the 31st Degree for several years and as Chairman of the Executive Committee for several years. He was also an honorary member of East Side Scottish Rite Association.

Brother Joe was a long time member of Mount Gilead United Methodist Church where he served for more than fifty years as Adult Sunday School teacher, Lay

Leader, trustee and member of the Administrative Board. His wife Fae of almost sixty-nine years, one son, one daughter, and two grandchildren, survive him. His labors on earth have ended, but his memory in Georgia Freemasonry shall endure. Farewell Brother Joe until we meet again.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PHP, #84

HOWARD WILLIAM VAN SCOY, JR.

MARCH 21, 1926 – MAY 11, 2019

Our Companion and Sir Knight Lt. Col. Howard William Van Scoy, Jr., USAF Retired, of Center Township, PA, 93, passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2019. He was born on March 21, 1926, in West Milford, W.Va., son of the late Howard and Mary (Chadwell) VanScoy, Sr.

He served in the U.S. Army, Honorably Discharged in 1946.

He was married to Phyllis Marie Smith on December 5, 1948. To them were born 3 daughters and one son.

He graduated from Salem College, BS/BA 1949.

He was called to Active Duty as 2nd Lt. USAF (MSC) Military Staff Command, January 1951 and served in a number of Command and Staff positions during his 20-year career in the U.S. Air Force.

He resumed his education while serving and attained a Masters of Arts Degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Iowa in 1962.

He retired Lt. COL (MSC), Military Staff Command AF Reserve, Warner Robins AB, Warner Robins, Ga, June 1970, where he served as Executive Officer of Command Surgeon's Office.

He received the Meritorious Service Medal; other decorations include Commendation Medal w/OLF, Service Corp. Badge.

After retirement from the US. Air Force, he served as President of Deconess Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; CEO of Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove, Ill.; and CEO of Aliquippa Hospital, Aliquippa, PA, where he retired in 1989.

He was also a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Companion Howard was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Palatinate Chapter No. 7 in Kaisersleutern Germany in 1957; greeted as a Select Master in Tyre Council No. 4 also in Kaisersleutern Germany in 1957, serving as MIGM in Germany in 1960. He was knighted in Beaver Valley Commandery No. 84 in Beaver, PA also in 1957, later affiliating with Malta Commandery No. 16 at Valdosta in 1965. He moved his other York Rite memberships to Georgia in 1985, affiliating with Constantine Chapter No. 4 in Macon, Washington Council No. 6 in Macon. He was a member of Georgia Priory No. 39, KYCH and Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, HRAKTP.

Howard's wife Phyllis passed away in 2004 and daughter Karen prior to 2004 but they had long since moved from Georgia back to Pennsylvania. At the time of his death, Howard was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Aliquippa, PA. He is survived by three children, Cynthia (George) Spearman, Denise V. (Ross) Mills, and Michael W. (Debbie Giovinco) VanScoy; a son-in-law, Randy Cooper; seven grandchildren, Michelle Spearman, Marie Cooper, Julie (Dan) Jolliff, MaryLynn Mills, Ashley (Luke) Robertson, Victoria (Younes) Chajai, and Rebecca VanScoy (Younes Ahlafi); and five great-grandchildren, Riley Robertson, Evelyn Jolliff, Zoe Jolliff, Amir Chajai, and Sophia Ahlafi. The funeral service was held in the First United Methodist Church of Aliquippa, 2816 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA. Burial took place in the Harrisville Odd Fellows Cemetery, Harrisville, W.Va. The Beaver County Special Unit conducted full military honors.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, PIGM

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in a Virtual Joint Session on Saturday, May 30, 2020. The Grand Secretary/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. REGC Brandon S. Yarbrough declared the 160th 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. MEGHP James W. Tate declared the 198th 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 Ryan C. Nealey declared the 194th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Secretary/Recorder Mark A. Bradley welcomed the following Distinguished Guests to the Virtual Grand York Rite Sessions for Georgia:

SOUTH CAROLINA

Gary B. Jolley, Grand Secretary/Recorder

NEVADA

Craig A. Phillips, MIGM

VIRGINIA

Major G. Stephenson, Grand Secretary/Recorder

Benjamin F. Hill, REGC

Jeffrey McClelland, VEDGC

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.

James C. McGee, Southeast Department Commander

William F. Reinhold, Mid-Atlantic Department Commander

Henry A. Adams, Past Southeast Department Commander

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

Teko A. Foly, General Grand Scribe

Larry E. Gray, PGGHP and RE Grand Secretary

Kenneth E. Dyer, Deputy General Grand HP, Southeast Region

Mark E. Irwin, Deputy General Grand HP, Northeast Region

Chadwick B. Burks, Deputy General Grand HP, Southwest Region

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

Monty J. Glover, Deputy General Grand Master

Larry R. Gillespie, SE Regional Deputy General Grand Master

Stephen A. Balke, RI General Grand Recorder

GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

Johnie M. Garmon, MWGM

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by Grand Secretary/Recorder Mark A. Bradley 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 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 this Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it is our sad duty to report that 135 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.*

Many Sir Knights have left their footprints on the sand of our time and did so for each of us in unique ways. Together, as fellow pilgrims who travel the same paths of life toward death, we 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!

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

GRAND CHAPTER

Companions, we are gathered here at this time to pay the last sad tribute of respect to our departed Companions. The Grand Chapter has lost 143 Companions this year. One of our Grand Chapter Officers was called away and began a new life "Everlasting." Companion Robert D. Wing will surely be missed. Companions, remember these brave Companions and ask God to comfort the hearts of their love ones and give them peace.

We are taught that our life held many dangers and pitfalls and even life itself can be lost. Death is a theme not likely to be broached by those who are subject to His power; the young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knows not how soon. We walk upon the ashes of the generations of the ones that have gone this way before us, in which our ashes in turn must contribute.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of

righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:1-4)

These words are just as meaningful and mighty as they were when we memorized them in our homes, schools, and our churches. We are taught that the only way to achieve everlasting and eternal life is through Jesus Christ, trusting, believing, and following his principals and guidelines. Truth endures forever.

"LORD COME TAKE OUR HAND AND WALK THROUGH THIS WORLD WITH US."

Respectfully Submitted: Paul E. Wells, Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter
GRAND COUNCIL

This year the Grand Council had 107 Companions lie down their working tools and go home to be with the Lord. I feel like they were thinking about The Shepherd's Prayer:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

I know we all know the 23rd Psalms and we take refuge knowing the Lord will be with us as we leave this life and start anew. Let's keep our Companions and their families and friends in our prayers.

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I was humbled to be asked by Most Excellent Grand High Priest James W. Tate, Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan C. Nealey, and Right Eminent Grand Commander Brandon S. Yarbrough to serve as the Chairman of the Sunshine Committee for the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia this year. I have attempted to keep the Companions and Sir Knights informed of the health status and deaths of our fellow Companions, Sir Knights, and their families. We continue to have several members with lingering health problems, which is only natural since we are human. They appreciate any cards, phone calls, or visits from you for encouragement and strength, knowing they have friends praying for their return to good health—especially those who are homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living centers, and are not able to enjoy communication and interaction with people as they did before their illness. I greatly appreciate those who inform me of those who need our prayers. Greater still, I appreciate those of you who offer prayers on their behalf and follow through with cards, phone calls, and visits. I pray that, if it is God's will, all be healed and restored to good health soon and that He will comfort and strengthen those who have lost loved ones.

Fraternally Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

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

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

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

The Degree and Order work in the North is stellar. There have been several one-day festivals that I have been able to be a part of including the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Paulding/Douglas York Rite Festival, and the Covington Festival. Each of these conferred all the Degrees of the Chapter and Council and the Orders of the Commandery. There were many more new Companions brought into the York Rite Bodies through the efforts of these festivals. Also, some of the District Conventions are conferring the Degrees at their Conventions and have brought in many Companions as well. Finally, some of the local bodies have begun doing their own work. As Custodians of the Work, we are strongly encouraging these local bodies to perform their own Degree Work and if necessary, reach out to neighboring bodies to enlist their assistance as well. As things must change along the way, I will be giving up my position as Grand Custodian of the North. But do not fear, I have found someone who will do a much better job than I did and who will do so with such great diligence and passion that it will be truly beneficial to all of the York Rite in Georgia. I am proud to announce my successor will be Most Illustrious Companion Larry C. Bennett. I hope that you all show him the same consideration and acceptance that you have shown me.

It is my hope and desire that this team can influence our Companions and encourage them to strive for greater proficiency in the work and to provide an excellent experience for all those new Candidates that are coming into our York Rite Bodies. I am truly looking forward to very exciting times in the upcoming year.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

I would like to thank MEGHP James W. Tate 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 his service this year.

The new rituals have really helped in answering many of the questions that always seemed to arise. Many thanks to all who devoted their time to this endeavor, especially Illustrious Companion Floyd Edmondson. Degree work was done at two of the District Conventions in our area. I wish to thank those Companions who made themselves available to confer these degrees.

Companion Joey and I also did several schools of instruction this year.

From my observations during my travels this year, there has been progress made in ritual work in our area. When the companions are trying to improve and are putting forth the effort, then it is our responsibility to help, aid, and assist them when they ask for help. I urge my Companions to keep striving to become more proficient in the work and ask for help if needed.

In closing, I again want to say thank you to the Craft for allowing me to serve you this year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Hendry Howard, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

To the MEGHP, MIGM, and REGC:

I am proud to report a successful year in raising membership in all three bodies. There was degree work performed at several of the District Conventions and even degree work performed by individual Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. The York Rite Masons of Georgia really put forth an effort to rise to the challenge of having a net increase in membership this year. I have no doubt that if we had not had to cancel the Grand Master's Class, we would have made our goal of a net increase of members. As it stands, we can still congratulate ourselves. Even though we did not reach our increase goal, our decrease is at the lowest point it has been in several years. I look forward to getting back to work as soon as we can safely do so. I hope that we continue to strive for making the goal of having an increase in membership this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

GRAND COMMANDERY

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 Representatives 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, Chairman

GRAND CHAPTER

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

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

One program that seems to work in California and possibly other states is the Mark Master Degree program. The Chapters invite Blue Lodge Masons to come get the Mark Master Degree at the chapter hall 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

GRAND COUNCIL

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Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GRAND COMMANDERY

Sir Knights: As Chairman of the Grand Commandery Membership Committee, I would like to take an opportunity to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander for his vote of confidence in appointing me to this very important committee.

Secondly, I could not begin to write a membership committee report without giving my sincerest and heartfelt acknowledgement of gratitude and appreciation to all the Sir Knights who have served on this committee with me this past year. It is by their hard work and dedication, and not my own, that I make the following report:

As part of this Triennium, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has emphasized in no uncertain terms his desire to see growth in membership across all constituent jurisdictions. As such, our Right Eminent Grand Commander also made it a goal to push for increased membership here in Georgia.

In reviewing the membership committee reports available from May 2010 until present, it was noted that the Grand Commandery of Georgia has consistently experienced large numbers of net losses over the past decade. 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:

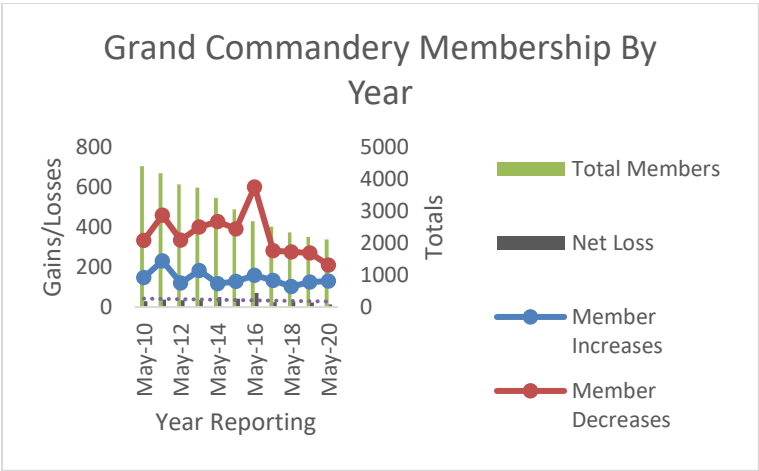


Figure 1

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 fewer than half as many Sir Knights in 2020 as we did in 2010. The number has dropped from 4418 Sir Knights across the state to 2115. Sir Knights, this loss is unsustainable!

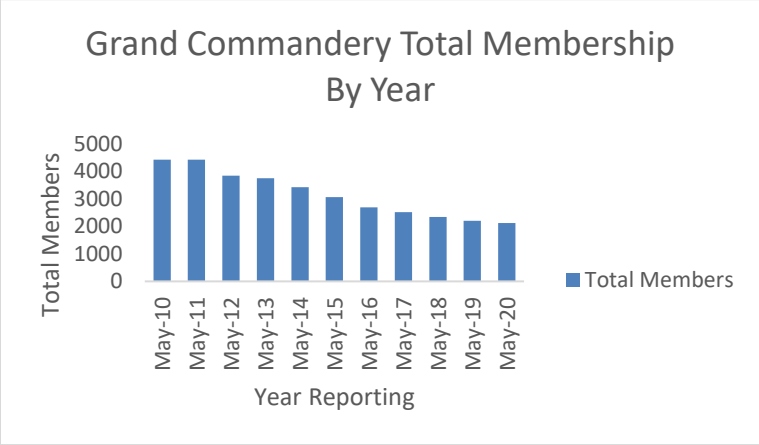


Figure 2

We began to also look at the numbers of increases and decreases per year, to see how we were both gaining and losing members. As expected, most of the gains came from creating new Sir Knights (fig. 3), with most losses coming from deaths (fig. 4).

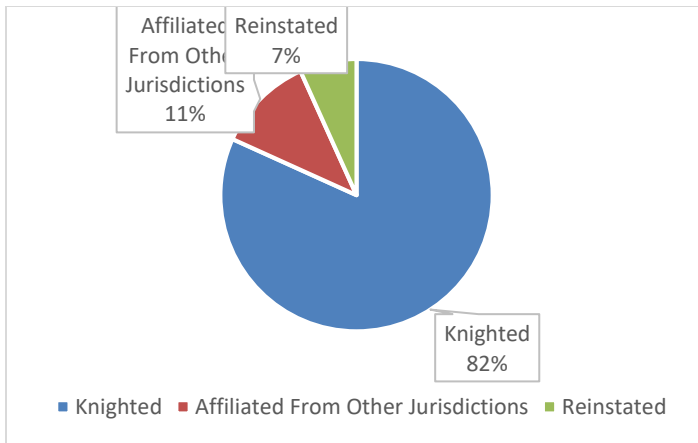


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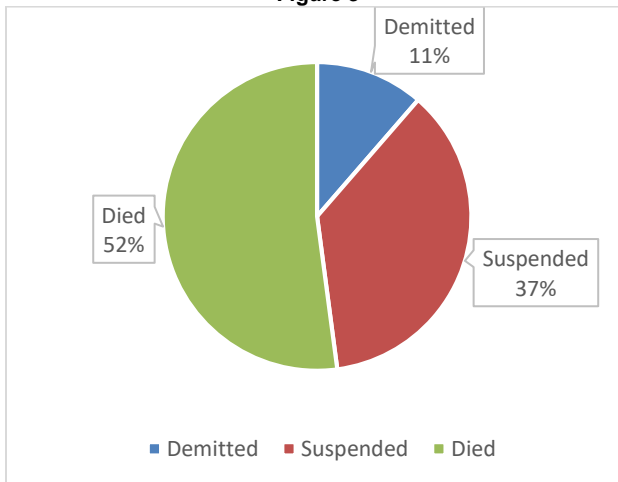


Figure 4

In gathering these data, it became clear to us that, to reverse the course, we must not only create ("Recruit") new Knights Templar, but also reach out to those we've lost to suspensions ("Reinstate") and then keep ALL of the Sir Knights that we possibly could ("Retain").

The men on this committee have worked tirelessly throughout this year to this end. Some of our Commanderies have really risen to the challenge. Because of this, we are pleased to report that for the first time in well over a decade, we have a net loss of fewer than 100 Sir Knights. On average, given the data available for our review, we have lost approximately 233 Sir Knights per year (fig. 5). This year, we have a net loss of 80 Sir Knights, reducing the average net loss by 66%! To achieve this, we saw both a higher number of increases (fig. 6) and a lower number of decreases (fig. 7) than some previously reported years.

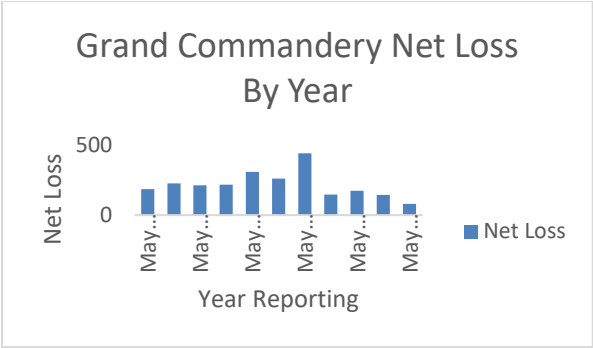


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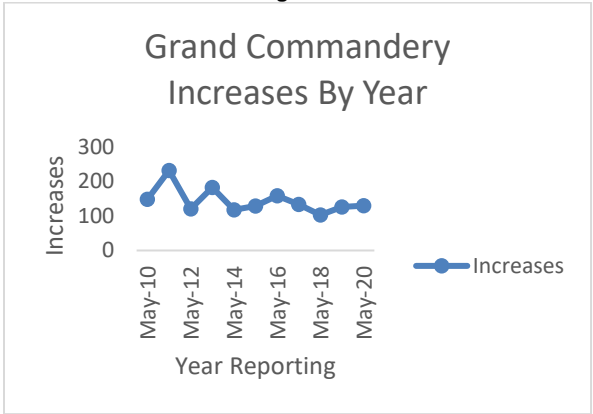


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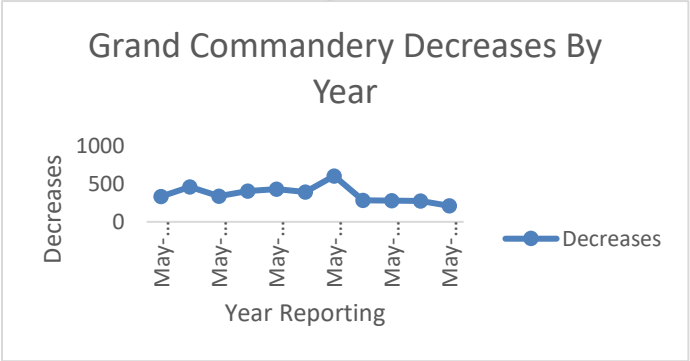


Figure 7

In closing, on behalf of the Membership Committee, I would like to thank every Commandery in Georgia which has worked toward our goal of positive net membership increases. While we did not quite achieve the goal this year, we can see the fruits of our labor and can be spurred on by the hopes of achieving this

goal in the 2020-2021 Commandery year. I would also encourage those Commanderies which may be struggling to meet their membership goals to please reach out to your Division Chairman or myself. Any of us would be glad to work with you as we move forward in Knight Templary in Georgia.

Fraternally Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chairman

GRAND COUNCIL

As this year winds down, we were handed a slight curve with the COVID-19 Pandemic. It has slowed down a little, but it will not stop us. We can beat this if we stay strong, stay together, and stay safe. With the great effort of the Grand Council Officers and all the Companions around the great state of Georgia, we have had one of the best years with new Companions coming into the craft. The net loss for this year is -43 compared to last year's net loss of -162.

Respectfully Submitted: Ronald B. Wolbert, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

The Public Relations Committee finished the design, implementation, and refining of a generic York Rite Website that can easily be a template or linked by every Chapter, Council, and 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 numbers and email addresses, upcoming events, stated meeting dates and times, locations and directional maps. The website can be static (updated once a year) or dynamic (actively updated).

We have received York Rite E&H approval for the website. All content was edited by Companion Robert Davis of Oklahoma, Head of York Rite Education, with contributions from PGIM Floyd Edmondson. All content has been approved by the Blue Lodge & York Rite E&H Committees. To view, go to www.yorkritesmyrna.org and scroll through all pages and follow all of the links.

Fraternally Submitted: Richard J. Hallwood, Chairman; Keith R. Taylor; James Watkins; and Robert R. Cordle

GRAND COUNCIL

The Public Relations Committee is proud to announce that it has taken the presentations developed in past years by our separate Grand Officers, reworded them slightly, and formed a single cohesive presentation that can be given by one or several presenters. We also have a PowerPoint presentation that can be used if the presenter has access to a digital projector. If anyone would like a copy of either of these, please contact James W. Bard at jamesbard@comcast.net.

Fraternally Submitted: James W. Bard, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

Let us remember those who have made an indelible impression on Templary in Georgia, and have completed their earthly labors. On this particular occasion, we, your committee recalls one illustrious in the history of our fraternity:

EARL DOUGLAS HARRIS

GRAND COMMANDER, 2002

APRIL 9, 1947 – JULY 23, 2002

Earl Douglas Harris was perhaps the most prolific masonic researcher and writer in Georgia, and one of the most honored Georgia masons of all times. He has laid down his working tools of life: the pen, pencil, yellow legal pad and word processor and departed from among us leaving an unfilled void. He was a friend, brother and advisor to all that knew him.

Earl's early life was spent earning the Eagle Scout, god and country, and order of the arrow awards in the boy scouts and being an honor graduate from Oconee county high school. He then attended the University of Georgia where he was the chief justice of the student judiciary for almost four years and a member and officer of numerous honor societies and fraternities. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering in 1970, a master of business administration degree in 1973 and the juris doctor degree also in 1973.

He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the early 1970's and from 1973 – 1992 maintained a law practice in Watkinsville and Athens while also serving as the city attorney for two towns, county attorney and juvenile court judge pro tem. In 1992, he left the private practice of law and at the time of his death was the assistant commissioner for administration of the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

An active churchman, Earl served the Presbyterian Church in numerous capacities. At various times he was a Sunday school teacher, clerk of the session, deacon and elder. He was also the first president and trustee chair of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

Earl was made a master mason in Amity Lodge #731 on December 29, 1973. In the Masonic fraternity, he found his true calling and over the next twenty-nine years, he served every branch of freemasonry with honor and distinction.

He was appointed to the grand lodge line in 1981 and served as Grand Master of Masons in Georgia in 1989. He continued to serve as the chairman and member of many grand lodge committees. The publications committee of grand lodge presented him a literary achievement award in 1991 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Masonic Messenger.

In addition to his grand lodge literary award, brother Earl served as master of Georgia lodge of Research in 1992, having already been elected a "fellow" in 1990. He was the fifth Walter M. Callaway Memorial Lecturer for the lodge in 1999. He presented many papers to the lodge and in 2000, he indexed all of the transactions by author's name and by title of the papers presented.

In 1991, Georgia was granted authority to form a college of the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. This is a research type body that researches and explores the philosophy and theosophy of freemasonry.

Membership is limited and by invitation only. Brother Earl was called to be the charter celebrant of the college, and in 2001, he was appointed the Chief Adept of the college by the Supreme High Council, Rosicrucian Society of the United States.

Brother Earl joined the Scottish Rite early in his Masonic career and soon became very active. His activities were soon recognized and in 1979, he was elected to the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour. He was elected an Inspector General, Honorary, 33° in 1987. He was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council in Georgia in 2000 and at the biennial session of Supreme Council in 2001, he was elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Orient of Georgia, which position he filled with honor and enthusiasm.

Brother Earl also became very active in the York Rite side of Freemasonry and served not only his local Chapter, Council and Commandery, but also gave freely

of his counsel and wisdom to the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. He served for several years as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for all three grand bodies. He was elected to the Grand Commandery line in 1994 and was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar in 2002. He was also elected Grand High Priest, Honorary, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons and Illustrious Grand Master, Honorary, of the grand council of Georgia, royal and select masters, at their annual sessions in 2002.

Brother Earl was also elected to all of the appendant and honorary Masonic organizations in Georgia whose membership is predicated on membership in the York or Scottish Rite Bodies. These include St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights York Cross of Honour, (Past Prior), Fidelitas Tabernacle #77, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, (Past Preceptor), Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123, (Past Governor and Associate Regent and Order of Purple Cross), Allied Masonic Degrees, (Past Sovereign Master), Knight Masons and the Royal Order of Scotland.

In 1995, Brother Earl became the fifth recipient of the highest award that grand lodge can bestow on any of its members, the Dewey Harold Wollstein award, awarded only in intervals of five or more years, the recipient must have contributed to masonic growth by his writings or through the sharing of his wisdom and knowledge of masonry, in-state or nationwide, and must be recognized by his peers as a humble servant of god and his fellowman. Such was our Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Earl Harris.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; J. Timothy Ingram

GRAND CHAPTER

To the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, the Education and Historical Committee wishes to make the following report: Let us remember those who have made an indelible impression on Capitular Masonry in Georgia and have completed their earthly labors. On this particular occasion, we, your Committee, recalls one such Illustrious in our Fraternity:

RICHARD SAVILLE SAGAR

GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1974

JUNE 16, 1916 – DECEMBER 11, 2013

Companion Sagar was born in London, England, one of five children. Completing his education in private schools, he attended London University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and then attended the Chartered Surveyors Institute of England finally earning certification as an Accredited Cargo Surveyor and Valuer for Lloyds of London. Brother Sagar was employed by a British firm in Sarawak, British Borneo in the South China Sea in 1936, where he worked until the outbreak of World War II. Initially, he became a soldier in the 2/15th Battalion, Punjabi Regiment of the Indian Army, and for a time was a prisoner of the Japanese. Escaping from the Japanese in most ordinary fashion, he trekked through Indonesia and ended-up in Australia. There, he became a member of the Royal Australian Air Force and served as Master Navigator/Radio Specialist and Photographer for rest of the war, with rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Granted a Commission shortly before end of the war, he was reassigned to the British Army in June 1945 for special services with rank of Captain.

Leaving Malaysia in 1955 and returning to England, Brother Sagar received a position in charge of heavy machinery export sales in New York and he and his family arrived in United States the following year. Transferring to the Atlanta area

around 1960, Dick started his own company Sagar Tool Company, Inc. which sold high quality hand and power tools. Retiring from his main business in 1981, after a cardiac attack and open-heart surgery, he went on to serve as building manager of the Atlanta Masonic Center until 2001. He then served as librarian of the Atlanta Masonic Library and curator of the Atlanta Masonic Museum. During this period, his sight began to deteriorate, and in 2004, he was declared legally blind. He retired as librarian and curator.

He was Initiated 10-23-1948, Passed 1-8-1949 and Raised 5-14-1949 in Elliott Lodge No. 3557 (English Constitution) in Malacca, Malaysia. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1953. Holding multiple memberships, Brother Sagar has also been a member in Lodge Zetland-In-The-East No. 508 (EC), St. Michael Research Lodge No. 2993 (EC), Read Lodge No. 2337 (EC), Ailsa Lodge No. 1172 (SC), St. Andrew Lodge No. 1437 (SC), and Tullibardine-In-The-East Lodge No. 1118 (SC). Later Brother Sagar was a founder and became a life member of Lodge Sarawak No. 1452 (SC). In 1954, our Brother was appointed 'Overseas Provincial' Grand Steward in District Grand Lodge of Eastern Archipelago (EC) covering Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Borneo. He resigned from these lodges when he became resident in the State of Georgia, owing to the restriction on multiple memberships...a restriction that is no longer in force.

After moving to Georgia he became a member of several lodges over the years: Tucker #42, affiliated in the early 1960's; Forest Park #399, affiliated in the later 1960's; Buckhead #712, affiliated in the early 1970's, served as Worshipful Master in 1976 and was serving as Secretary when the charter was surrendered 12-2-1983; Peachtree #732, affiliated in 1984? In addition, was serving as Secretary when lodge consolidated with Atlanta #59 on 12-27-1997. While a member of Peachtree #732, he was one of the founders and Secretary of Metro Daylight Lodge No. 743 that was chartered on 10-27-1992. He also affiliated with Gate City #2 on 5-11-1999, remaining a member until 2-27-2007, when he demitted to Cartersville #63, which he was a member of at his death.

He affiliated with Cobb County Daylight #742 (now James E Sledge Daylight #742) on 6-13-2001 and soon became the editor of their newsletter. The newsletter was read and enjoyed by many local members. He was also a member of this lodge at his death. After affiliating with Cobb County Daylight #742, he demitted from both Metro Daylight Lodge #743 and Atlanta Peachtree #59 in October of 2001.

He received the Grand Lodge of Georgia "Literary Achievement" Award, in 1988. This was the first presentation of the award. In 2005, he was presented the "Dewey H. Wollstein" Award by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, its highest award. Named for an outstanding Georgia Past Grand Master and Masonic Scholar, it is given no more frequently than once every five years. He was only the seventh person ever to receive it.

Mark Master Masonry is somewhat different under the English Constitution than it is in the United States. Companion Sagar was advanced in Edaljee Khory Mark Master Lodge No. 436 EC. He was also advanced in Mayhew Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 436 EC. He was a founder and Charter Commander Noah of North Atlanta Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 313 GA in 1994.

Companion Sagar was exalted in Dalhousie Chapter No. 508 (EC) in 1949. Founder and Charter Secretary of St. Andrew Chapter No. 748 (SC); 1950. Third Principal in 1955. Demitted in 1961 and affiliated with Sweetwater Chapter No. 49 at Luxomni, Georgia on 2-27-1962. Served as High Priest of Sweetwater Chapter No. 49 Georgia, in 1964. Demitted from Sweetwater No. 49 on 6-25-

1968 and affiliated with Mt. Carmel Chapter No. 98 on 7-10-1968, served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia in 1974. Georgia then had 125 Royal Arch Chapters with approximately 24,000 members. He demitted from Panthersville No. 98 on 9-14-1988 and affiliated with Mt. Zion Chapter No. 16 on 11-12-1988. Affiliated with Sweetwater Chapter No. 49 on 1-13-2004, as a dual member. Demitted from Mt. Zion No. 16 on 5-3-2007 and affiliated with Cartersville Chapter No. 144 on 9-25-2007.

He is the recipient of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International's "Bronze Medal" in 1965. In addition, that organization's "Silver Medal" in 1987 (No. 37). The former is issued one per State annually, the latter one per Region (approximately 8 to 10 States) every three years. He served as Chairman of Educational Committee of General Grand Chapter of R.A.M. International for 12 years. In 2002, he was appointed General Grand Librarian for three years by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, with particular reference to cataloging and displaying the "Ray V. Denslow Masonic Library" at the Atlanta Masonic Library.

He was greeted in Ailsa Cryptic Council No. 602 (SC) in 1951. Upon arriving in Georgia, he joined DeKalb Council No. 21 and served as Illustrious Master in 1965. He became a charter member of Panthersville Council #76 on 4-21-1976. Demitted on 9-14-1988 to Jason Burr Council #13. Demitted on 5-3-2007 from Jason Burr #13 and affiliated with Minor C. Shadburn Council #49 on 9-25-2007. He was knighted in Golden Chersonese Preceptory No. 290 (EC). In the United States, he joined DeKalb Commandery No. 38 Knight Templar and served as Eminent Commander in 1965. As he was a past presiding officer of all these bodies, he was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on November 29, 1967.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on November 3, 1962 as a member of the David Marx, 33° Class. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 15, 1973, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on December 8, 1979. He was very active in the Scottish Rite serving as Assistant Classroom Director, Assistant Director of Associations and Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1985. In 1988, he became a Life Member of the Scottish Rite by virtue of securing a minimum of 35 petitions for membership or affiliation. Companion Sagar was not only invited to become a member of almost all of the Appendant-Honorary Bodies in Georgia, he was the organizer and presiding officer of many of them: Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123, 1998; North Atlanta Council #313, Allied Masonic Degrees, 1994; Carl F. Lester Jr., Council No. 65 of Knight Masons, 1997; Georgia College of Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF), 1991, first Chief Adept IX grade, Fidelitas Tabernacle No. LXXVII, in Atlanta, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, 1998. He was also a member of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and served as its Secretary for nine years.

He was one of the founders and charter members of Research Lodge #104 in 1966 serving as Master in 1972. This became Research Lodge #6 in 1977 and in January of 1988, it became Georgia Lodge of Research. Brother Sagar was again called to serve as Master in 1989 and was elected the first Fellow of the Lodge that year. He was also in 1994 elected a Fellow in the Philalethes Society, the oldest independent Masonic research society in North America organized in 1928.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; J. Timothy Ingram

GRAND COUNCIL

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LUTHER GUELDA PALMER
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, 1981
DECEMBER 28, 1908 – JUNE 11, 1987

Luther Guelda Palmer was born in Atlanta, Georgia on December 28, 1908, the son of Guelda Boyett Palmer and Pauline Webb Palmer. He received his education in the public schools of Jacksonville, Florida and Atlanta, Georgia. After completing his public education, Companion Palmer began his work as an electrician and continued in that vocation until his retirement.

On November 11, 1929, he was married to the former Elsie Lou Quaintance of Jacksonville, Florida and to this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Betty Dean and Mrs. Barbara Briscoe. There were also five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Companion Palmer was raised in W. D. Luckie Lodge No. 89 of Atlanta on October 6, 1939 and served as Worshipful Master in 1947. At the time of his death, he was serving in his 26th year as Secretary of that Lodge.

He was Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Mount Horeb Chapter No. 155 on April 9, 1943 and served as High Priest in 1954. He was a member of the Council of anointed High Priests of Georgia.

He was Greeted as a Select Master in Euclid Council No. 33 on April 12, 1943 and served as Illustrious Master in 1947. He was a member and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of the Order of the Silver Trowel in Georgia.

Companion Palmer was Knighted as a Knight Templar in Atlanta Commandery No. 9 on May 22, 1947 and served as Commander for the Templar year 1962-63. He was a member of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Additionally, for several years prior to be elected to the progressive line of that body, he served with distinction as Registrar.

Other Masonic and Masonically related affiliations included Yaarab Shrine; Valley of Atlanta, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland; St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

On April 21, 1976, Companion Palmer was elected to the Line of the Grand Council of Georgia until he was elected as Most Illustrious Grand Master on April 20, 1981. Companion Palmer served with distinction throughout his entire service in the Grand Line and was known throughout the State of Georgia for his fine ritualistic work. In recognition for his many years of devoted and dedicated service to Cryptic Masonry in Georgia, he was the first recipient in Georgia of the General Grand Council Distinguished Service Medal, granted in 1975.

Companion Palmer was, for a number of years, a very active member of the Methodist Church, serving in various capacities of responsibility, and for the last few years of his life was a member of the Powers Ferry United Methodist Church of Marietta.

Finally, after an illness of several months, Luther answered the Lord's call on June 11, 1987; he was interred on June 14, 1987 at the Georgia Memorial Park in Marietta.

On a final note, upon the formation of a York Rite College in Atlanta in 1988, the College was aptly named, Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123 to honor the memory of "Mr. Council Mason in Georgia."

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; J. Timothy Ingram

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

To the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Georgia, the Long Range Planning Committee makes the following report:

That the Grand Chapter continues with and formulates new plans for financial stability. The increase in Per Capita and the use of fundraisers should ensure a balanced budget.

That the constituent Chapters work to be financial sound.

This committee would recommend that we, as a craft, work to increase membership.

That the constituent Chapter confer the degrees of the Royal Arch. With the help of the Grand Custodians and their Assistants this can be accomplished and will bring new life to their Chapter.

We wish to thank the Building Committee and the Grand Secretary for their due diligence and dedication to our Grand Chapter Building.

We recommend the installation of an elevator or chair lift in our Grand Chapter Building to help our members who have difficulty climbing stairs. We need to make our Sessions as comfortable as possible for all our members.

The Committee wishes to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James W. Tate, for his confidence in us.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Benjamin W. Polston, II; Steven C. Higgins

GRAND COUNCIL

Your Long Range Planning Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That a positive, enthusiastic approach be continued in promoting the craft to the Blue Lodges. We need to introduce them to York Rite and more light.
2. That support of the CMMRF be continued in all Councils and Conventions.
3. That the degrees be conferred in more Councils and Conventions.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert R. Cordle, Chairman

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

GRAND COMMANDERY

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) Bill to amend in the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia and one (1) Resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for review and consideration.

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, find that this Bill and Resolution are in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Paul E. Wells; Johnnie M. Garmon; and C. Danny Wofford

GRAND CHAPTER

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 (1) Bill to amend the Royal Arch Code was referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation. 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 (1) Resolution was submitted for consideration at this Annual Grand Convocation and we find that it is in proper form.

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; J Timothy Ingram; and James E. Stevens

GRAND COUNCIL

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 (1) Bill 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 on his behalf were in strict accordance with Royal and Select Masters Masonic Code of Georgia.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Clyde E. Griffin; and James E Stevens

REPORT OF THE CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

GRAND COMMANDERY

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:

Based on the recommendation of this committee from 2019, The 2014 Grand Commandery Code has now been updated and reprinted and is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

Your Committee recommends and now submits for your consideration that the 2019 Code be placed on the Grand York Rite website and that it be updated annually after each Grand Conclave session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

All forms used by Recorders and Companions are already on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size and were deleted from the 2019 revision.

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

GRAND CHAPTER

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:

Based on the recommendation of this committee from 2019, The 2014 Royal Arch Mason Code has now been updated and reprinted and is available from the Grand Secretary's office.

Your Committee recommends and now submits for your consideration that the 2019 Code be placed on the Grand York Rite website and that it be updated annually after each Grand Convocation session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

All forms used by Secretaries and Companions are already on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size and were deleted from the 2019 revision.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey; and Michael H. Sampsell

GRAND COUNCIL

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:

Based on the recommendation of this Committee from 2019, The 2014 Royal and Select Masters Code has now been updated and reprinted and is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

Your Committee recommends and now submits for your consideration that the 2019 Code be placed on the Grand York Rite website and that it be updated annually after each Grand Assembly session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

All forms used by Recorders and Companions are already on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size and were deleted from the 2019 revision.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey; and Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF CHARTERS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

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

Your 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 has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of St Aldemar Commandery No. 3. Your Committee recommends approval of this revision of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a revision of the bylaws of Saint Bernard Commandery No. 25. Your Committee recommends approval of this revision of the By-Laws with the following change: Article IX, Section 3, add the words "or Council" after the word "Chapter".

Your Committee notes that Fort Benning Commandery No. 73 was chartered at the annual Conclave of Grand Commandery in 2019, without any input from the Charters and By-Laws Committee. With Executive Order No. 1 issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander on May 28, 2019, no input is necessary. Your Committee has examined and reviewed the By-Laws of this Commandery and find them to be in order and recommend approval as submitted.

Your Committee notes with interest that the charter of Moultrie Commandery No. 28 was arrested for cause by the Right Eminent Grand Commander on April 14,

2020. The members were all issued demits that they might affiliate with a commandery of their choice.

This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery charters.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PC (22) Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19); and C. Danny Wofford, PC (31)

GRAND CHAPTER

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:

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 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 Ellijay Chapter No. 150. Your Committee recommended approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 1 from twelve months to SIX months. This change has now been received and your Committee recommends approval.

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 is aware of adopted changes to the By-Laws of Fayetteville Chapter No.72. making several changes. However, no changes have been submitted for review or approval. Your Committee therefore cannot recommend approval of these By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Smyrna Chapter No. 160. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws subject to a future revision on vacancies.

Your Committee has before it changes to the By-Laws of the Eight District Chapter Convention from 2017 and 2018 changing officer requirements and per capita charged each chapter. Your Committee recommends approval of these changes.

Your committee notes that the charter of Greensboro Chapter No. 154 was surrendered on March 9, 2020 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.

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

GRAND COUNCIL

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

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

Your Committee notes that a DISPENSATION 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 chapter.

Your 2019 Committee had before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Summit Council No. 19. Your Committee recommended approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 4 from twelve months to SIX months. This change has now been received and your Committee recommends approval.

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 a complete revision of the bylaws of G. Everett Cox Council No. 60. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws subject to a future revision on vacancies.

Your Committee is aware of adopted changes to the By-Laws of Fayetteville Council No. 66 making several changes. However, no changes have been submitted for review or approval. Your Committee therefore cannot recommend approval of these By-Laws.

This committee has before it some paperwork and proposed By-Laws praying for a Charter to issue forth for a Council in Jesup, Wayne County, Georgia which has been operating under Dispensation since June 24, 2019. These Companions further requested that they be allowed to use the name and number of the former council in Jesup, Ga, being Jesup Council #42, which was declared defunct in 1932. However #42 was reassigned in 1954 to Triangle Council at Madison who just forfeited their charter in 2018. While the Grand Council Code is silent, the Grand Chapter code says that a charter may be restored within five years. (your committee will submit a bill in 2021 to add this provision to the Grand Council code) The reusing of #42 this early will result in major membership problems for the Grand Records office and the local recorder. Therefore your Committee recommended that the companions use Jesup #70, the same as their chapter or Jesup #84, the next available number.

The companions have agreed to use Jesup #70 as the name of their council and your committee recommends approval of granting them a charter.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, (10) Chairman; C. Danny Wofford (77); Floyd E. Edmondson (19)

REPORT OF THE BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter Building Trustees met quarterly this year and addressed many concerns with our building at 811 Mulberry Street. Some of these included HVAC repairs, stained glass window repairs, leaks in the roof, drainage issues, dated plumbing fixtures, and foundation leaks. We have brought on board Brothers Ron Williams and Mike Hamlin, both of whom are contractors with years of experience, to help us with some of these ongoing issues. Most of our issues are due to water related concerns, both drainage and retention, and the effects they have on a century old structure.

Unfortunately, it would be safe to assume that the expenses to maintain our beloved Masonic building will continue to grow. Although we can repair many things, we are somewhat limited to what can be done with a nearly 100 year old facility. Moving forward, your Building Trustees will be bringing forth recommendations as to what our options are.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the passing of Mr. Charles Irvin, our building custodian for many years. Ms. Julie Hickman has been caring for our custodial issues since last March and is doing an outstanding job. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs this past year.
Respectfully Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is pleased to report that as of April 27, 2020, the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 50 Perpetual Members with a total of \$109,671.00 invested. The moneys are invested with Wells Fargo Advisors. We would like to thank the Finance Committee, Grand Secretary/Recorder and Heads of York Rite Bodies for 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. Below is copy of details and application for 2020.

2020 YORK RITE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP Q&A

1. What is a Perpetual Membership? Pay a One Time Fee and Never Pay Dues Again.
2. How does it work? Perpetual Committee will invest your Fee.
3. What is Cost? New Members see No. 7. Current Members see No. 4.
4. What will fee be on January 1st, 2020? 25 Times Dues.
5. Can I buy Perpetual Membership for just One Body? Yes
6. Can I get my money back? Once Application Approved, NO.
7. What if I join the York Rite in 2020? Your Fee will be 21 Times during the calendar year you joined going up to 22 Times on January 1st and every year after stopping at 25 Times.
8. What about Current year Dues? You must be current to purchase a Perpetual Membership.
9. What Money comes back to My Local Bodies? Local Dues, District Dues if Applicable (Chapter-See PM Form, A&B and Council-See PM Form, A&B , See PM Form, E&F and Local Dues (Commandery-See PM Form I) at the amount at time of purchase.
10. How will my Local Bodies receive my money? As a credit (Forever) on their annual statement (See Question 9). Plus a credit for State Fees Amount of time of Purchase (During your Lifetime).
11. What happens when I Die? How much will my local bodies receive? See question 9, forever, as credit on statement?
12. Can I transfer my membership? Yes, if approved. For more information contact Grand York Rite office.
13. Can I buy multiple memberships? Yes, if approved. See Question 12.
14. Where is the Perpetual Membership Application? On Grand York Rite of Georgia Website.

Respectively Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chairman; Michael H. Wilson; Jan M. Giddens; and Larry W. Nichols

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

The Statewide Calendar was the greatest improvement/update this year to the Grand York Rite website. Now, with the Google calendar shared directly, we can also view it directly on our mobile phones calendars. We can now see all events in advance and avoid as many conflicts as possible. Some photos from important events have also been updated. The website is simple and clear. Additionally, we are asking for any recommendations so that we can use more technologies. For example, the ability to receive online payments via Square or PayPal has been

suggested. Special thanks for RIG Recorder Mark A. Bradley for his huge contribution and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted: Alessandro Da Silva, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE MASONIC MESSENGER

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

The York Rite page in the Masonic Messenger varies in location in the magazine depending on other content within the magazine. The deadline for submission of information for consideration has changed. It will now be on the 15th day of the month, approximately 45 days prior to the 1st day of the month of the issue. For example, if you would like something in the August issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 15th.

Please contact me at mike@thesampsell.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

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 Excellent Grand High Priest James W. Tate, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan C. Nealey, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Brandon S. Yarbrough for the confidence they have shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate all three on a fantastic year as the presiding officer for the state of Georgia in their respective body.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chairman

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 already enjoyed working with the Right Eminent Grand Commander and am sure to enjoy working with the incoming Grand Commander as well. I will continue 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 Knights 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, at the direction of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, we have tried to focus as much of the insert as possible on membership drive. I would like to thank Eminent Sir Knight Tyler Pledger for his assistance and cooperation with providing content about membership from the Membership Committee.

Due to our limited space in the Knight Templar magazine, we will continue to leverage our webpage for additional information on our inspections, Christmas observances, and other information regarding Knight Templary in Georgia. The website for all of York Rite Masonry in Georgia continues to be www.yorkriteofga.org. Be sure to visit this site regularly to stay informed about the activities of the York Rite bodies.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander Brandon S. Yarbrough for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Yarbrough on a fantastic year as Grand Commander. Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
THE EXCELLENT COMPANION ROBERT DONALD WING MEMORIAL YEAR**

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

Your committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance make the following report: It is important to note that all donations given to RARA for this year were given in the memory of our Dear Excellent Companion Robert Donald Wing (October 27, 1962 – June 17, 2019), a mighty man and Mason who is and will forever be missed by many. His dedication to service to this great Grand Chapter and his chairmanship of the Georgia Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee has set the gold-standard. In humble love and affection, we dedicate and memorialize our efforts in helping those with Central Auditory Processing Disorder to our beloved Companion, Robert Donald Wing.

My sincere gratitude goes out to MEGHP James W. Tate for appointing me Chairman of the Georgia RARA Committee for this year; however, it is with a heavy heart that this was done upon our beloved Excellent Companion Robert D. Wing being exalted to the Celestial Chapter above. I am so honored to serve with the other members of the Georgia RARA Committee: RE John Henry Johnson, Grand Scribe, and Excellent Roger W. Buterbaugh, Grand Sentinel. 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.

At this time Georgia Royal Arch Masons are ranked number 2 in the East Region and number 6 nationally in total donations to Royal Arch Research Assistance. Between March 6, 2019 and March 6, 2020, Georgia Royal Arch Masons donated a total of \$15,495.66. Significant donations were given by Mt. Zion Chapter No. 16 (\$4,000) and Alleghaney No. 64 (\$900). There were also five \$500 donations and one \$1,000 donation by an individual.

The RARA Committee presented 7 Diamond Lapel Pins in Georgia for the 2019-2020 year. Additionally, we presented 9 additional diamonds to existing lapel pins. We also presented 32 Gold Certificates, 1 Silver Certificate, and 1 Red Certificate. A new endeavor was "The Red Envelope Campaign," which collected \$875 for RARA.

On behalf of Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee, we want to thank all of the Georgia York Rite Masons for their generous donations and support of the program in the Masonic Year of 2019-2020.

Respectfully Submitted: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, Chairman; John H. Johnson; and Roger W. Buterbaugh

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

The CMMRF started off with a bang, but just when we were starting to get going with the Conventions, this silent killer called COVID-19 hit us with a world-wide pandemic. That may have slowed us down, but it sure isn't going to stop us.

One of the things that I would like to mention is that patients with Critical Limb Threatening Ischemia (CLTI) have a severe blood flow reduction and foot pain even at rest. Over 53,000 leg amputations are performed each year for complications related to CLTI, with diabetics and minorities at a higher risk. Thanks to the generous support of the Cryptic Masons, they have completed the Phase III Mobile (Marrowstim Treatment of Limb Ischemia in Subjects with Severe Peripheral Arterial Disease) Trial. The results of the Mobile Trial clearly demonstrate a significant reduction in leg amputations for patients with CLTI. This is a breakthrough for a condition which previously had no treatment. This was done with the help of the Cryptic Masons of Georgia. The last Annual Report that I received listed Georgia as 8th in donations. Thanks to all the Georgia Cryptic Masons for your support of the CMMRF.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert R. Cordle, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 52ND
VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN & MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION
TRUST, INC.**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights: It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation 52nd Voluntary Campaign and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. Your committee has worked hard during the last year to inform the Sir Knights of the opportunities to support these great charities. The 52nd Voluntary Campaign is under way. As of April 7, 2020, Georgia is ranked 7th with a total donation of \$58,470.35. This gives us an average of \$27.12 donated per member in Georgia. The following Commanderies gave in excess of \$10.00 per member: Ivanhoe No. 10, Coeur De Lion No. 4, Atlanta No. 9, Alexius No. 22, Waycross No. 36, St. Paul No. 5, Constantine No. 26, Georgia No. 1, St. Omer No. 2, and Fort Benning No. 73. The following Commanderies gave between \$5.00 and \$9.99 per member: Plantagenet No. 12, St. Bernard No. 25, Godfrey de Bouillion No. 14, Palestine No. 7, St. Elmo No. 21, Amicalola No. 41, Dekalb No. 38, and Pilgrim No. 15.

We continue to challenge every Commandery to have a fundraiser and donate all or a portion of the proceeds to the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust as a way to increase the Trust. Sir Knights, this Trust is a vehicle so that we may contribute generously to the Voluntary Campaigns each year. The more we can support the Trust, the more it can support us in our charitable giving to the Voluntary Campaigns. As of April 15, 2020, a total of \$5,152.00 was donated to the Trust this year. The committee would like to commend and thank the following for donations in excess of \$1,000.00 to the Trust this year: Pilgrim No. 15 and St. Bernard No. 25. We continue to urge each Commandery to work toward the goal of receiving a Golden Chalice. We continue the sale of the commemorative numbered coins minted for the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. The coins are available for \$10.00 each. More projects are in the works to raise money for the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation. Be ready to donate your money! We thank Marla Horton, Eminent Sir Knight Mark A. Bradley, and Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith for their assistance. Keep up the good work Sir Knights!

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Johnson, Chairman; Ditmar Chavez; and OTyler Pledger

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

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

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

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

The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, approved a \$50,000 gift to Emory University and a \$50,000 gift to Augusta University; five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving 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 sent \$20,000 to KTEF, Grand Encampment, allowing the purchase of two additional Golden Chalice.

We are pleased to report that the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia funds has a present net worth of \$307,951. The present net worth of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. funds is \$4,181,865, and the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation Trust of Georgia stands at \$736,114; the Grand Chapter Investment holds \$313,524.99, and the Grand Commandery Investment holds \$434,736.11.

Since REPGC James B. Phillips' term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve REPGC James B. Phillips to succeed himself for another five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2025.

Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon hosted by the Committee at The Back Burner on February 7 of this year.

As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested. 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 Brandon S. Yarbrough and the Grand Commandery Officers for their encouragement, support, and comments at our meetings. We consider it a privilege and an honor to serve our Grand Commandery. It is truly a rewarding experience to help others as we do in so many ways with this wonderful Committee.

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

REPORT OF THE TACTICS AND RITUALS COMMITTEE

There was no statewide school of instructions held this past year, but individual Commanderies have been visited by the Grand Commandery Officers and their Liaison Officers to assist the Commanderies. There are a few changes we have tried to institute, but the changes haven't been updated in the manual. There were some changes printed in the 2017 Proceedings on the Report of the

Knights Templar Tactics Committee. If you don't have those yet, let me know and we will send you a copy.

This is an excerpt from the 2017 Proceedings, Report of the Knights Templar Tactics Committee:

We are printing a version of the green Tactics Manual that refers to the black book entitled Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America issued 1979 where reference is made to "see black book, page X, line y". It will take some getting used to, but I believe when we have learned the work well enough to not need to refer to the book, we will be in pretty good shape. I have confidence the Knights Templar of Georgia have the determination and willpower to overcome this minor obstacle and will move forward enthusiastically with some beautiful openings and inspections. With everyone working together in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Templary in Georgia.

The Grand Encampment has issued a new manual so we will need to look at updating our manual to reflect any changes in reference to the purple book entitled "Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America," issued 2019.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark S. Johnson, Chairman; Tommy T. Marshall; Phillip D. Booth

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC & CIVIC COMMITTEE

Sadly, these days there seems to be a lack of patriotism growing in our country. So what can we do about this? We must remember that the primary teacher of morals to our children is the parent, or if the parent doesn't teach it, then the grandparent should. Take your children or grandchildren on one day trips to some of our battlefield parks, show them how many of our citizen soldiers died for what they believed in, and explain what and why it was, whether it is a Revolutionary battlefield, like Kings Mountain or Camden, or a Civil War battlefield around Atlanta or other parts of the state. Take them to some of our military museums like the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning or the Air Force Museum in Warner Robins.

This will awaken an interest in our history and our type of government that our children—with your help to guide them—might start to study on their own. What can we do as a Commandery to promote Patriotism? We can, as Knights Templar in uniform (to wear uniforms you must get permission from Grand Commandery), participate in patriotic parades. Douglasville Commandery #40 has a float every year in the Labor Day Parade at Douglasville; Constantine Commandery #26 marches in the 4th of July Parade in Marietta. A Commandery can form a Color Guard and present the Colors at different functions. A Commandery can lay a wreath, in honor of all the Masons that have served, fought, or died for our country, at the County War Memorial on Memorial Day or Veterans Day. Bring your families, especially the children and youth. Usually these ceremonies are conducted by the local American Legion or by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. You will need to ask for their permission to participate in their ceremonies. Most will gladly allow you, because, these days, the only ones attending are the veterans themselves, their families, and politicians. If you do this in uniform, you can expect the veterans to ask you who you are. You tell them and tell them about our charities, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage for pastors. All the younger veterans today are all volunteers; they are joiners and a lot still miss being in a uniform. They may then ask how to join our organization. You tell them that first they must be a Mason. If they ask how to become a Mason, give them a petition and tell them where the

local lodges are. This can help fill our depleted ranks in Masonry and Commandery.

Fraternally Submitted: Carl J. Gamel, 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 was indeed an honor and pleasure for us to serve on the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank our Grand Commander for this appointment.

There were five ministers sent to the Holy Land from Georgia, sponsored by eight Commanderies, and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation of Georgia.

The Ministers we send have the greatest opportunity to increase in knowledge and not just of the geography of the Promise Land, but of themselves by walking where Jesus walked. They can, with this experience, open the scriptures with more understanding than ever before, because we as Knight Templars made it possible. I was told the other day that one of our Ministers made this statement, "Before, when I studied my bible, I saw it in black and white, but now in color."

We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved. The Commanderies and Ministers who participated were:

Name	Sponsor(s)
Rev. Samuel Dawkins	Atlanta No. 9
	Constantine No. 26
	Douglasville No. 40
Rev. Kenneth R. Martin, Jr.	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14
Rev. Daniel L. Thompson	St. Bernard No. 25
Rev. Steven F. Paysen	Philemon No. 33
Rev. David A. Walker	Waycross No. 36

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

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION RETURNS COMMITTEE

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

This Committee has reviewed the annual inspection reports of the 34 Commanderies of the state for the Templar Year 2019-2020, and we submit the following report:

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Grand Commander	2
Past Grand Commanders	4
Grand Line Officers	25
Past Commanders	3

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 283.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at Conclaves was 11.

DUES STATUS

Reports show 241 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears for two years were 76 members and in arrears for three years were 18 members.

Number of Commanderies	Amount Charged for the orders
2	\$200.00
7	\$150.00
1	\$140.00
5	\$130.00

1	\$128.00
2	\$125.00
1	\$120.00
1	\$115.00
1	\$110.00
1	\$105.00
5	\$100.00
1	\$95.00
1	\$90.00
2	\$85.00
1	\$80.00
1	\$50.00

One not reported

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$517,244.00.

GENERAL

The general condition for each Commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91) 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 25, 26, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 45, and 73

Very Good: (90-81) 2, 16, 22, 30, 35, and 42

Good: (80-71) 5, 11, and 17

Respectfully Submitted: William F Shepard, Chairman; James Huffman; 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 that all Past Grand Commanders and Diaz 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 operate and to make new friends.

Dates: August 14-18, 2021

Hotel: Marriott Minneapolis Center, Minnesota

For more information, visit the Grand Encampment website:

www.knightstemplar.org.

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

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION/STATUTES/REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Constitution/Statutes/Regulations wishes to make the following report:

Your Committee has researched this Committee back to 1913 and finds no such committee.

We further researched the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, 2019 EDITION Including Approved Decisions of the Grand Masters and all decisions 1910 through 2018 Revised March 28, 2019

and we find in Section 3 of the Constitution, JURISDICTION AND POWER, the following: "When the Grand Encampment amends or revises its laws, the Statutes and Regulations of a Grand Commandery in conflict therewith should be promptly made to conform, regardless of any local requirement that amendments shall lie over for a year before action may be taken. (1937, p. 31 & 330, No. 14 Agnew)"

Your Committee believes that if this is the function of this Committee, this function should more properly be handled by the Jurisprudence Committee since their function is to consider and report upon all matters which may be properly referred to them—generally, questions of Templar law and regulations.

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

REPORT OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE

To date, there has been no applications for relief, but we are experiencing something we haven't seen since the Spanish Flu (also known as the 1918 Flu Pandemic), which was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic, lasting from January 1918 to December 1920. It infected 500 million people, about a quarter of the population at that time. The death toll estimated anywhere from 17 million to 50 million and possibly as high as 100 million.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is here and it doesn't seem like we are going to contain it anytime soon enough. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Warning signs are trouble breathing, persistent pain in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, bluish lips or face. Please take care of yourself and families and may God be with us.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith; Jan M. Giddens

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Brandon S. Yarbrough; MEGHP James W. Tate; MIGM Ryan C. Nealey; Grand Line Officers, REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; Companions and Sir Knights: It has been a joy to serve this past year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve our craft in this meaningful way. The transition from private business to a job that allows me to do what I love by working side by side with my brethren has been rewarding beyond measure. We have 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 your local York Rite bodies grow by providing better communications and by being open to feedback from our local leaders. With the rollout of our statewide York Rite database to all our secretaries and recorders in July of 2019, there is a broader focus on simplifying the information sharing process. Although we still have a long way to go in this effort, we have made great improvement in membership management and local administration.

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. 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, and renewing our focus on recruitment.

Our Grand York Rite Office is blessed to have Ms. Marla Horton. This young lady has proven time and again to be a stabilizing force in her administrative role. Her knowledge of our fraternity continues to grow and she has become the voice of our office. She balances her duties with the grace of a thousand angels as she navigates the many conversations she has with each of you. She has made this transition much easier for me and Right Excellent Companion Wade by just being herself. We should also be thankful for our tower of strength that is our Brother Wade 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, in my opinion, 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 12-31-18	58	Councils effective 12- 31-18	50	Commanderies 12-31-18	33
Chapters effective 12-31-19	57	Councils effective 12-31-19	50	Commanderies 12-31-19	33
Data adjustment from 2019	-1	Data Adjustment from 2019	0	Data Adjustment from 2019	0
Members effective 12-31-18	3495	Members effective 12-31-18	2504	Members effective 12-31-18	2195
Exalted	105	Greeted	117	Knighted	101
Affiliated	9	Affiliated	8	Affiliated	15
Reinstated	25	Reinstated	13	Reinstated	14
GAIN	139	GAIN	138	GAIN	130
Demitted	31	Demitted	25	Demitted	31
Suspended	69	Suspended	49	Suspended	44
Deceased	143	Deceased	107	Deceased	135
LOSS	-243	LOSS	181	LOSS	-210
NET GAIN/LOSS	-104	NET GAIN/LOSS	-43	NET GAIN/LOSS	-80
Members 12-31-19	3391	Members 12-31- 19	2461	Members 12-31-19	2115

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

REGC Brandon S. Yarbrough; MEGHP James W. Tate; MIGM Ryan C. Nealey; Grand Line Officers; REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; My Brethren, My Companions, My Fraters, My Friends All: Thank you for permitting me the honor of serving you for the past nine years as your Grand Secretary/Recorder and then electing me to continue to serve you as your Grand Treasurer. You have honored me beyond all expectations. Thank you! My Companions All – I want to again thank you for your dedicated support and kind comments re our outstanding, dedicated, professional Administrative Assistant. She has continued to grow in confidence and professionalism in managing these three offices. Regardless of the chaos around her desk, she very confidently manages any and all emails, visits, and inquiries. She is unflappable and calmly manages all needed actions. Marla manages all Quick Books, banking, purchasing, and postal needs/requirements. She has become an even better researcher, writer, proofer, publisher. Finally, she has become a super team member with our Grand Secretary/Recorder. She and Mark are an outstanding team. Together, they have accomplished an incredible amount of superb upgrades this past year.

A special thanks is extended to all of you for your thoughtful insight in selecting and electing MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. You could not have made a better selection. Having managed a very successful business for 21 years, Brother Mark brings a wealth of supervision and management experience and skills to this office. His every decision is driven by research and seeking input and recommendations from other trusted cohorts. His decisions are always driven by the paradigm of what is best for these beloved Grand York Rite Bodies - never emotional based. Most Excellent Companion Mark has exhibited a constant, focused, desire to daily search for means and methods to elevate the prestige and professional stature of these

bodies. He promised when he came on board that he would devote his efforts and energies toward moving these bodies to even loftier, professional heights. He has lived up to that promise. The database upgrade is a good example of Mark's desire for professional excellence. When he came on board these three bodies were dealing with a 20th century data management system which mandated that every change be uploaded, transmitted, downloaded and re uploaded in the Grand Body Database. Thanks to Mark's innate ingenuity and business acumen he researched feasible approaches to an upgrade, found and formed a technology group that researched and developed a means of permitting each secretary/recorder to enter data directly on this office's new system and thus manage their entire data bases, thus eliminating many steps and errors. A tremendous leap from an antiquated behemoth into a twenty first century data management system that now exceeds the Grand Lodge's Database System. ME Companion Mark and Marla Horton, our outstanding administrative assistant, did all of the trouble shooting and revisions to the new system and have as a result of that extensive involvement become experts on the new system. Consequently they now handle all secretary/recorders' questions instead of paying an outside technology person to manage the processes and answer the questions. Secondly, Mark has changed all CPA managed accounts to a December 31 fiscal cut off, thus enhancing the focused management of those accounts. He and Marla have also revised Quick Books formatting to parallel the Budget and Treasurer annual reports. Mark also moved all York Rite Employees (except the Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Administrative Assistant) to contract labor, thus significantly reducing IRS requirements and tax burdens. Since SunTrust has merged with BB&T their services have diminished and Mark is now in negotiations with Wells Fargo to assume all York Rite banking and investment needs. The process would have been completed last April, except for the Virus intervention. Mark has revitalized the Building and Finance Committees' significance. The Finance Committee meets and views all financial processes each quarter thus permitting them to finalize the annual budget as a given product of their four previous meetings. See the below the recommended 2020 through 2021 budget and the finance report on the 2019-2020 expenditures – another great improvement! The Building Committee is now meeting quarterly and has tackled solving the building water seepage problem, a problem that evaded me for nine years. That problem was a major deterrent to maintaining this beautiful Temple.

My beloved York Rite Leaders, we all need to commend our Grand Secretary/Recorder for the Fantastic job that he has done in researching and setting up a Virtual Grand York Rite Session, a once in a hundred-year event. A special commendation is extended to him for his superb negotiation with the motel. They have agreed to drop all contract penalties which saved us \$22,000.00. A distinguished York Rite Mason will donate Election Buddy and General Grand Council will donate ZOOM, a \$2,000.00 savings. Great job ME Sir. My Companions all – We need to keep our Grand Secretary/Recorder and Administrative Assistant. They are an outstanding team. We are very fortunate to have these two managing our administration, finances, and building preservation processes.

Your humble Servant: Wade C. Smith, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the MEGHP, MIGM, REGC, and the Companions and Sir Knights of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia:

The Finance Committee met on a quarterly basis to review the books and reconcile the checking accounts. Our job was made easier by the excellent record keeping and the presentation of all the accounts. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Administrative Assistant are to be commended for their efforts to be good stewards of our money and to make it easy to review bank statements and accounts.

We found over the course of the past year that QuickBooks had to be adjusted because it was showing old accounts and charges that were no longer active. While this did not affect the bottom line, they showed up on the print out and raised questions that were answered and removed by the last committee review. As of our last review, all accounts are in good shape, all checks have cleared, and the balance is a true representation of monies available.

The proposed budget is the result of a lot of hard work to make sure 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. Great care and prayerful consideration was taken to make tough decisions of how to serve the York Rite Masons of Georgia. Declining membership and not enough new York Rite Masons coming in to the craft makes it difficult to offer the kind of services and programs that our members have come to expect. Good and dedicated leadership have come together to produce this year's budget.

We recommend that the investment accounts NOT be touched and that all future spending come from income only.

We recommend that the proposed budget for the ensuing year be passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Jan M. Giddens, Chairman; Jack J. Bell; and
Roger W. Buterbaugh

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET **OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT**

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2019-2020 ACTUAL
<u>INCOME</u>		
Grand Session	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,583.23
Grand Chapter Sales	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,486.50
Grand Council Sales	\$ 800.00	\$ 423.83
Grand Commandery Sales	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,485.41
Per Capita	\$137,487.00	\$ 137,487.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 146,387.00	
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Accrued Capital	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
Administrative Assistant	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 31,500.00
Computer/Copier	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,778.12
Condolences	\$ 600.00	\$ 803.93
Grand Session	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,717.63
Grand Secretary/Recorder	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Masonic Messenger	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 8,670.00	\$ 7,733.34
Payroll	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,943.85
Postage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,129.76

Public Relations	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,925.97
Printing	\$ 9,617.00	\$ 7,828.42
Travel	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 146,387.00	

BUILDING CHECKING ACCOUNT

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2019-2020 ACTUAL
<u>INCOME</u>		
Grand Chapter Rent	\$ 11,890.00	\$ 11,890.00
Grand Council Rent	\$ 8,776.00	\$ 8,776.00
Grand Commandery Rent	\$ 7,644.00	\$ 7,644.00
Grand Lodge Rent	\$ 28,309.00	\$ 28,309.00
Meeting Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,474.94
Miscellaneous	\$ 81.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 57,900.00	

<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Accrued Capital	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 13,850.00	\$ 18,135.46
Building Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,997.72
Database Design	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 19,562.26
Electricity/Georgia Power	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,757.09
Gas/Scana	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,836.38
Landscaping	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,975.00
Pest Control/Allgood	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,081.00
Property Insurance/Bonds	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,076.06
Trash/Advanced Disposal	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,502.61
Water/Macon Water Authority	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,678.24
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 57,900.00	

CHAPTER CHECKING ACCOUNT

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2019-2020 ACTUAL
<u>INCOME</u>		
Chair Order	\$ 0.00	\$ 755.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 18,260.00	\$ 11,460.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 70,030.00	\$ 73,904.38
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 89,790.00	

<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,137.50
Building Rent	\$ 11,890.00	\$ 11,890.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,195.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
MEGHP Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 60,888.00	\$ 60,800.00
Per Capita Dues – GGC	\$ 7,212.00	\$ 7,639.00
Regalia	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 562.43
SE Regional Conference	\$ 900.00	\$ 235.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 89,790.00	

<u>COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>		
	2020-2021 BUDGET	2019-2020 ACTUAL
<u>INCOME</u>		
Chair Order	\$ 0.00	\$ 395.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 6,474.00	\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 56,335.00	\$ 51,826.83
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 63,809.00	
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,041.00
Building Ren	t\$ 8,776.00	\$ 8,776.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,445.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
MIGM Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 40,448.00	\$ 40,463.00
Per Capita Dues – GGC	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 5,207.50
Regalia	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 279.47
SE Regional Conference	\$ 900.00	\$ 235.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 63,809.00	

<u>COMMANDERY CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>		
	2020-2021 BUDGET	2019-2020 ACTUAL
<u>INCOME</u>		
Chair Order	\$ 0.00	\$ 320.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 4,691.00	\$ 1,936.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 70,677.00	\$ 66,903.24
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 75,368.00	
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,009.75
Building Rent	\$ 7,644.00	\$ 7,644.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,445.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 650.00	\$ 700.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 36,239.00	\$ 36,254.00
Per Capita Dues – GE	\$ 19,035.00	\$ 20,770.00
Regalia	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 517.10
REGC Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
SE Regional Conference	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
Triennial	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 75,368.00	

The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies Business having been completed: Most Excellent Grand High Priest James W. Tate declared the 198th Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia recessed. Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan C. Nealey declared the 194th Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia recessed.

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**BRANDON SCOTT YARBROUGH
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2019 - 2020**

BRANDON SCOTT YARBROUGH

Brandon Scott Yarbrough was elected and installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander at the 159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia on May 6th, 2019. He was born in Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia on April 15th, 1982. He attended the public schools of Pike County and graduated from Pike County High School in 2000.

Upon graduation from high school, he assumed a role in the family business, a coffee service company. Later he assumed ownership of the family business, successfully operating and expanding the business until December 2014 when he sold his company to a larger regional operator.

In 2013 he obtained his real estate license from the state of Georgia and began working as a Realtor part time. When the opportunity arose to sell his company he decided to pursue a career in real estate full time, later becoming the Broker of his own Real Estate Brokerage. He earned the prestigious Graduate of Realtor Institute (GRI) designation to further his real estate career.

He is a member of and has served the Heart of Georgia Board of Realtors as a member of the board of directors, 2017 President Elect and the 2018 President. He was honored as the 2014 Rookie of the Year and later the 2017 Realtor of the year. He now serves as a State Director for the Georgia Association of Realtors. He is the father of two children: Tyler Scott and Wyatt James whom he awarded each of them with his Grand Commander's Award. Both being the first two recipients of the Award. He and his sons are members of Rock Springs Church in Milner Georgia.

The Grand Commander is a member of the Rotary Club of Barnesville and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He has also been honored for his contributions to civic and fraternal groups. He was made a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Matthew Bevin of Kentucky. He was made a Lt. Colonel, Aide-de-camp by Governor Nathan Deal of Georgia.

The Grand Commander's Masonic career began when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on February 1, 2005, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 15, 2005 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 5, 2005 in Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 in Griffin, Georgia. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 2008. He was Mason of the year for his lodge in 2005. He is an honorary member of Montgomery Lodge No. 31 of Zebulon Georgia and Tropical Lodge No. 56 of Ft. Myers Florida. He has served the Grand Lodge of Georgia as Associate State Director for GACHIP, 2008-2009; District Director of Masonic Education and Leadership Development for the 6th District, 2009-2010; and District Deputy to the Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District Sub district A, 2010-2018.

The Grand Commander was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on June 18, 2005 in Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 in Griffin. He served as High Priest in 2008. He served as Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2015. He served as Chaplain of the 6th District Chapter Convention in 2015 and was Captain of the Host when the District Chapter later voted to close. He received the order of High Priesthood on May 5, 2008. He was appointed and installed as Excellent Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia in 2019.

The Grand Commander was received as a Royal and Select Master on June 18, 2005 in Griffin Council No. 8 in Griffin. He served as Illustrious Master in 2008. He served as Recorder 2009-2015. He received the Super Excellent Master's Degree in 2006. He is a Past Illustrious Master of the 6th District Council Convention. He is a Charter member of Covenant Council No. 83 in Warner

Robins. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel on May 5, 2008 and serves as Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden.

The Grand Commander was created a Knight Templar in Griffin Commandery No. 35 in Griffin. He served as Eminent Commander in 2008-2009. He served as Recorder/Treasurer 2012-2015. He was made a Knight Crusader of the Cross on May 6, 2008 and serves as Knight Crusader of the West. He has conferred the Order of the Temple as Commander many times, creating hundreds of Knights Templar around the State. He served the Grand Commandery as 3rd Division Liaison Officer in 2009-2011. He served as State Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. He serves as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia.

The Grand Commander serves the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America by serving as an Aide-de-Camp for the Grand Treasurer, Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby Simmons. He serves on the Grand Master's Advisory Committee. In 2017 he was created a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment. He was one of the first graduates of the Grand Encampment's Leadership development course, graduating in 2014. In 2008, the Grand Commander was made a Companion Knight of Chattahoochee York Rite College No. 166. He later became a member of Middle Georgia York Rite College No. 201 and served as Preeminent Governor in 2019-2020. He received the rank and title of Knight of the York Cross of Honour from Georgia Priory No. 39 in 2009 and later served as Eminent Prior in 2014-2015. He became a member of Muscogee Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in 2010 and served as Puissant Sovereign in 2018. He was a Charter member of Oglethorpe Chapel No. 21 of the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon in 2011 and served as Eminent Prior in 2018-2019. Nationally he served the Grand Council of St. Thomas of Acon as Grand Secretary from 2017-2019. He is also an honorary member of General Sam Houston Chapel No. 32 of Texas. He became a member of Carl F. Lester Jr. Council No. 65 Knights Masons in 2013. He was honored by the Grand Council of Knights Masons of the United States of America by being awarded and commissioned as a Knight Commander of Zerubbabel, award No. 90 in 2018. He became a member of Georgia Council No. 304 of the Allied Masonic Degrees in 2014 and serves as Senior Deacon. He is a member of the Red Branch of Eri. He became a Knight Priest in Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 2016. He became a member of Georgia College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis in 2017 and serves as Herald.

The Grand Commander has been instrumental in Chartering Invitational Bodies in Georgia. He was the Charter Excellent Chief of Crowned Martyrs Council No. 120 Knights Masons in Macon in 2016. He serves as Treasurer. He became the Primus (Charter) Senior Warden of Georgia Court No. 124 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in 2017 and served as Worshipful Master in 2018-2019 and serves as Immediate Past Master. He is the Deputy Master Mason designate for Stone Mountain Assemblage of the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers also known as "the Operatives". The Assemblage is set to be constituted in 2020.

The Grand Commander became a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Columbus in 2005. He later transferred to the Valley of Macon and served on numerous degree teams as well as the executive committee. He was Master of Kadosh in 2012. In 2013, he was invested with the rank and

decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

Other memberships include the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptors, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord, the Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill becoming a charter member of James Jackson Camp No. 127, the Grand College of Rites of the USA, the Masonic Society, the Grand Worthy Chief's Council of the Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers, the Royal Order of Zanzibar, the Masonic Order of the Bath, the Order of the Four Black Llamas and the Yaraab Shrine Temple.

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 held virtually on May 30, 2020 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander Brandon S. Yarbrough and all the Grand Officers present and in their respective stations. The Grand Commander, being assured by the Grand Recorder that a quorum was present, requested the Prelate to offer the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Commander declared the 160th Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
James R. Dutton (35)	Eminent Grand Orator
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Warder
James C. Huffman, III (10)	Eminent Captain of the Guard
James W. Tate (3)	Eminent Grand Adjutant
Franklin P. Holland, Jr. (35)	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 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
*2001 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
*2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)	2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
*2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	*2017 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)	2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64)
*2010 C. Michael Ellis (29)	

*Indicates Absence

2019-2020 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jan M. Giddens, Chair; Jack Bell; Roger Buterbaugh
Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Paul Wells; James House
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Paul Wells; Johnnie M. Garmon;
Steve Kirk; C. Danny Wofford
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Gary D. Lemmons;
C. Danny Wofford
Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips
Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin (2), Chair;
Bobby B. Simmons (4), Vice Chair; James B. Phillips (1); James E. Stevens (5);
Doyle Hatfield (3)
Relief: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl Gamel; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith;
Jan M. Giddens
KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Mark Johnson, Chair; Ditmar Chavez; Tyler Pledger
Patriotic & Civic: Carl Gamel, Chair; Raymond Laird; Tommy Marshall

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnnie M. Garmon;
Paul 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 Foster
Easter Sunrise Service: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Lawrence Rich;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; James Huffman;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Long Range Planning: Brandon Yarbrough, Chair; Mark Johnson; Carl Gamel;
Tommy Marshall; Ditmar Chavez; Tyler Pledger; Raymond Laird; Grand Sword
Bearer; Grand Warder
Membership: Tyler Pledger, Chair; 1st Division - Brant Fletcher; 2nd Division -
Matthew Sanford; 3rd Division - Tracy Lemasters; 4th Division - Daniel Ricketts;
5th Division - Shane Fann; 6th Division - Raymond Laird
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre Lovas; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
Jan M. Giddens; Larry Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Mark Johnson, Chair; Tommy Marshall, Phil Booth
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; J. Timothy Ingram;
Joe E. Turner
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Alessandro Silva, Chair; Jan Maaskant, Jr.; J. Chris Brown
Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner
Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Earnest A. McCorkle;
William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Perry
Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Edgar Land
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell; South:
Tommy Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Tom Chapman, Vice Chair;
Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

Fundraising: Brandon Yarbrough, Chair; James Tate; Ryan Nealy

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

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

It is my honor to extend to you a fraternal welcome to the 160th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. We should always put the Lord first, especially in our Christian Order. With this in mind I selected a scripture to guide us through the year - Proverbs 16:3. It states "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established." I know by doing this our Lord is blessing our Grand Commandery, our Commanderies and each of us.

A special welcome is extended to the Representatives of the Grand Encampment and Distinguished Guests of other Grand jurisdictions. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to be with us. Over the years I have made new friendships with many of you. You have always greeted me with all the Knightly Courtesies and I extend the same to you as you visit with us.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I am pleased to report that our Order is generally strong. We were certainly met with unique challenges this past year. I praise our Lord for his blessings on myself, on our Grand Commandery and each of you. I offer a special thank you to Sir Knight Mark Johnson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander for all you have done this past year. I could not have asked for a better Deputy Grand Commander.

I believe we are at the start of a brighter future for our great Templar Order in Georgia. Our membership numbers look better than they have in many years, even decades. Many of our Commanderies have increased their membership in this last year. I am seeing new faces in most of our Commanderies with many of them being excited about Templary.

Membership has been identified as the most important priority for our Grand Master in this 68th Triennium. I made it my top priority as we all should. To that end I established two awards this year. The Golden Spur Award; given to the Commandery with the best net increase in membership and the Sir Knight Award; a shoulder cord recognition program for being the first line signer on petitions for the Orders or for restoration. I am pleased that these awards have been well received across our state.

We must continue to Recruit, Retain and Reinstate as we move forward. We must welcome new Sir Knights by encouraging them to be involved. We have to cultivate their interest in Templary by mentoring them and insuring their involvement. This year I restructured the membership committee to be more effective. I appointed a State Chairman, a Division Chairman for each Division and asked each Eminent Commander to appoint a Chairman for his Commandery. This has enabled us to share ideas and better support our Commanderies.

I report that I ordered the dissolution of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 28 at Moultrie. This Commandery had less than ten members, most of which are dual members. After watching this Commandery travail for the last three years, I decided that it was best to dissolve this Commandery given its proximity to five

other nearby Commanderies. As Grand Commander you must make hard decisions from time to time to make sure our Order remains a viable organization. I did not feel that Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 28 could put forth the image of Templary we need and desire moving forward.

I am proud of our charitable efforts. We continue to be leaders in the Southeast Department and Grand Encampment in our charitable efforts. Almost every year we send more ministers to the Holy Land than any other Grand Commandery. I believe this has the greatest impact on our communities and churches. We continue to be one of the top five contributors to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation annually with donations from our Sir Knights, our Commanderies and the help of the Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. We continue to give annual donations to Emory University and Augusta University as well as many scholarships to deserving students.

This year I ordered each Commandery to begin to render the Arch of Steel to those Sir Knights that are entitled thereto. Several of the Commanderies complied with this order and it was well received. Sir Knights we must take pride in our great Templar Order. We are the culmination of Freemasonry. We should be setting the example in all ways. We all should work to make Templary the most respected part of Freemasonry and something each Brother Master Mason wants to become.

We can move forward to a bright 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 death this year. We do however mourn the loss of those honored and illustrious Soldiers of the Cross who have sheathed their swords for eternity during the last year.

Among the losses are Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders Steve A. Kirk, Joseph P. Suttles and Billy F. Adams (Honorary). It came as a shock to us all at the sudden and tragic loss of Steve Kirk. He was one of the kindest Christian men I know and I am thankful that I was able to follow him in the Grand Commandery line. The loss of each of these Masonic giants will be felt for years to come. Their memories will live on with each of us.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

I extend my thanks to Sir Knights - Franklin Holland, Grand Sentinel; James Huffman, Grand Captain of the Guard; James Dutton, Grand Orator; and James Tate, Grand Adjutant; for all they have done for me this year. Each of these great Sir Knights supported me in their own special way.

I could not have served this year without the assistance and support each of you rendered to me. I will be eternally grateful to each of you for that and most especially for your friendship. You are my friends, my Brothers, my Companions but most importantly you are my fellow Templar's and you drew your swords in my defense. God bless each of you.

HOST COMMANDERY

Griffin Commandery No. 35 welcomed me into our Order and has supported and encouraged me since the beginning of my Templar journey. Many of them are my greatest supporters. I will always appreciate each of the Sir Knights in my Commandery for their fellowship and support.

GRAND INSPECTING OFFICERS

Being a Grand Inspecting Officer is rewarding in that it is an honor to serve and to assist the Commanderies in areas where they can improve to be stronger. It was my honor to have appointed the Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and several other dignitaries to inspect the Commanderies. Thank you all for your service this year.

COMMITTEES

We have many Standing and Special committees that work hard for our Grand Commandery. Without the work of these Sir Knights our Grand Commandery could not function. I restructured the Membership Committee this year as we need more attention and focus on this most important area. The new structure has worked well and we have made a difference. Thank you to everyone that served on a Committee this year.

DISPENSATIONS

All dispensations granted were of a routine nature and in accordance with Templar Law. Copies of the dispensations are on file in the Grand Records Office.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This year I issued two Executive Orders. The first dealt with the issue of the Chartering of Ft. Benning Commandery No. 73 and the second with the COVID-19 pandemic. Executive Order No. 1 was a difficult decision that I was faced with right after Installation as Grand Commander. First I prayed to our Almighty Father in Heaven for his guidance. I conferred with many Sir Knights, including the Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, the Southeast Department Commander Right Eminent Sir Knight James McGee and the Most Eminent Grand Master Jeffrey Nelson. I studied our Grand Commandery Code and the Grand Encampment Constitution extensively before making this decision. Using section 39 of the Grand Encampment Constitution I used my power and authority as Grand Commander to declare Ft. Benning Commandery No. 73 as legitimate. This decision is subject to confirmation or rejection at this Grand Conclave. I did not feel that it was within the purview of any one Sir Knight to make the final decision. By giving my order in this manner it places the decision within the hands of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery for your vote.

INSPECTIONS

The hospitality extended to myself and the Grand Commandery Officers this year has been outstanding. Several of our Commanderies are growing and it shows during their Inspections. The Commanderies dedication to the work is to be commended. It takes practice and it was evident that effort had been put in. I encourage every Commandery to continue to work harder as we can all do better no matter how good we are. This year I issued General Order No. 3 that stated we would have a Division Inspection in the First Division. I selected Bethlehem Commandery No. 30 at Thomasville to be the host Commandery. A special thank you is extended to them for hosting the Division Inspection. By bringing all of the Commanderies together at the same location we had more Sir Knights in attendance and better fellowship. Each Commandery was able to assist the other when positions needed to be filled. I believe that the Division Inspection was a success and thank everyone for their efforts.

VISITATIONS

This year I have attended many meetings in State and out of State. I am pleased to say that I was always greeted with Masonic Brotherhood and fellowship at each visit. Since I was unable to attend each Inspection I made arrangements to visit those Commanderies on meeting nights. I am proud to say I have visited

every Commandery this year at least once. I attended many wonderful Christmas Observances all around our State. As Grand Commander I have had the honor and privilege to represent the Grand Commandery at the following events and meetings:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia
The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia
Upper Room Tabernacle No. 45 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests
Georgia Priory No. 39 Knights of York Cross of Honor
The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Georgia
Georgia Rainbow Girls Annual Session
Georgia Court No. 124 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan
W. Joe Clarke York Rite College No. 203 Commandery Festival
Georgia Council No. 304 Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Festival
Georgia DeMolay Boys Annual Session
Georgia College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
Muscogee Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine
Middle Georgia York Rite College No. 201
Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56 Knights of the York Cross of Honor
The Grand Master's Reception for M.W. Grand Master Johnie Garmon
Carl F. Lester Council No. 65 Knights Masons
Fidelitas Tabernacle No. 77 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests
Military Order of the World Wards 100th Anniversary Celebration
Wiregrass York Rite College No. 189
The Constitution of Jesup Council R&SM Under Dispensation
The Conferral of the Commandery Orders in Palestine Commandery No. 7
Oglethorpe Chapel No. 21 of the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon
Crowned Martrys Council No. 120 Knights Masons
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the following events were cancelled and I was unable to attend them-
The Grand Court of Georgia Order of Amaranth Annual Session
The Grand Master's York Rite Festival
The Grand York Rite Chair Degrees

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

I was privileged to attend several out of state functions including -
The Southeast York Rite Conference in Melbourne Florida
Maggie Valley York Rite Summer Assembly in North Carolina
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama Charity Ball
The Grand York Rite of Alabama Annual Session
The Grand York Rite of South Carolina Annual Session
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the following events were cancelled and I was unable to attend them-
The Grand York Rite of North Carolina Annual Session
The Grand York Rite of Tennessee Annual Session
The Grand Encampment Easter Observance in Washington DC
Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

THE WHITESIDE JEWEL

The Whiteside Jewel is one of the treasures of Georgia Freemasonry. It has been an honor to wear it this year. When I received the Jewel at Installation a piece had been broken off of the jewel and was missing for several years. With the assistance of a few Sir Knights we found a jeweler who recreated the missing piece from pictures of the jewel. I am proud to say that the jewel is restored to its original state.

In wearing the jewel this year I have noticed it is fragile. I recommend that we research having a high quality replica made for use and reserve the original for special occasions. Thereby making sure this sacred tradition continues for each Grand Commander in the future.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage is one of the most important things we can support as Knights Templar. The difference we are making in our communities and churches is immeasurable. This year we were blessed to send five ministers to the Holy Land. We had several more that were unable to attend due to different circumstances. I look forward to seeing us send many more ministers in the future. I offer my thanks to Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Terry Hensley for his efforts as Chairman of this important committee.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter is a most blessed time of year for us as Knights Templar. Several of your Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights and their families planned to travel to Washington DC for the annual Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service. I was to have the distinct honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest James W. Tate, the Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard James C. Huffman and Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Mark Johnson. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic these events were cancelled and we were unable to make this trip. The experience of this annual occurrence was greatly missed by all involved.

GRAND MASTERS CLASS

On April 4, 2020 we were to hold the Grand Masters Class. Due to COVID-10 pandemic this event had to be cancelled for the safety of all involved. The class would have honored Most Worshipful Grand Master Johnie Garmon, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Tate, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan Nealy and myself as Grand Commander. We had a great class ready to become York Rite Masons and most especially Knights Templar. We look forward to assisting these Brothers to become Knights in the near future.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

As one of my last official acts, it was my privilege to attend the presentation of our annual grants to the Medical College of Georgia and Emory University Medical College. How gratifying to see up close what we are able to do as a fraternity. It always amazes me what we can accomplish together that most of us couldn't afford to do individually.

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 in conjunction with other Templar meetings. The ones I attended were very well received by the members and it helped greatly in those areas.
6. That we continue to move forward implementing the Division Inspection concept.

7. That a high quality replica of the Whiteside Jewel be made for use of the Grand Commander.
8. That the Golden Spur Award and the Sir Knight Award programs be continued.

CONCLUSION

There are not words sufficient to thank all those I owe gratitude. As I come to the end of my year as Grand Commander, it is never more apparent that you don't travel this journey alone.

First and foremost I thank my Lord and Savior for his abundant favor and blessings. I thank my oldest son Tyler for being there as he has attended more Masonic meetings than many of our members have.

I could not have made it through this year without Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby Simmons, Right Eminent Sir Knight Joe Turner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Tate and most especially Eminent Sir Knight Jim Huffman who travelled many miles with me across the State and Country. His council and advice was timely and he always had an attentive ear. Jim thank you for being my friend and going on this journey with me.

I extend my thanks to the Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, to the Sir Knights who served on committees and to all Sir Knights who remained spurred on in the performance of their knightly duties. Each of you makes the Grand Commandery of Georgia the best there is.

I have mixed emotions as I step down from the Office of Right Eminent Grand Commander. First I am relieved, though I will miss the good times I have enjoyed as Grand Commander and the opportunities I was unable to attend to during this term. I know that God has a purpose for everything he does. He promises again and again in the Holy Bible to restore what was lost, and to restore it more abundantly. He has restored what was lost, and I can't wait to see how he makes it more abundant in the future.

This year we experienced the COVID-19 /corona virus pandemic. You never could have told me I would preside over our Grand Commandery during a pandemic. It has showed each of us just how quickly everyday life can be disrupted to a great extent. It kept us from meeting all over the State and Country. It caused the cancellation of many great events. It delayed our Grand Session. I even installed a few Eminent Commanders via telephone so they could conduct the business they needed to do. This event made us all evaluate how we conduct the affairs of our Order. I thank each of you for your efforts during this historic event.

I cannot begin to formulate words to express my sincere gratitude for bestowing upon me the honor of serving each of you as the Right Eminent Grand Commander. This has been the highest honor in my Masonic career. It has been an experience I will never forget. May the blessing of God the Father ever rest upon you.

Yours in all Knightly Courtesy: Brandon S. Yarbrough, KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia

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 160th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. In particular,

we welcome all our out-of-state guests, in-state guests, and dignitaries. You indeed honor us with your presence.

We thank our host Commandery, Griffin No. 35, for all of the hospitality and kindness extended to the visitors and members at this Conclave.

We salute you in recognizing that membership is a priority in your agenda.

We salute you for establishing two awards: the Golden Spur Award, given to a Commandery with the best net increase in membership, and the Sir Knight Award for being the first line signer.

We salute you for initiating a chain of command to work on membership from top to bottom with a plan to save our organization and get more members.

We also deeply regret that Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 28 in Moultrie lost their Charter. Your action was appropriate, and we agree that hard decisions have to be made when needed.

Your efforts in leading the way as Christians by demonstrating that charity is our identity. Being the leader in all of our charitable endeavors should set the example for others to follow and look for ways to do even better because there is a great need in sending Ministers to the Holy Land, Eye Research, Education Foundation, and the Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust.

In your Necrology Report, we are saddened at the loss of every Sir Knight who did his part in carrying the sword in defense of the Christian Religion. Three Giants in Templar Masonry, Joseph Suttles, Billy Adams, and Steve Kirk will surely be missed, but their examples in our memories will last forever.

We join our Grand Commander in recognizing the services of Sir Knights Franklin Holland, Grand Sentinel, James Huffman, Grand Captain of the Guard, James Dutton, Grand Orator, and James Tate, Grand Adjutant. These Sir Knights gave their best and supported you in many extra special ways.

Your selections as Grand Inspecting Officer was well done and they far exceeded their assignments by going beyond their required duties.

Committee appointments are very important to achieve the goals set and we feel they assisted you in the spirit of teamwork, getting the job done.

In your Executive Order No. 1, we agree you included everyone in receiving all the recommendations with the course of action. Your decision to place in the hands of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery for their vote, we agree you made a wise decision.

Due to the coronavirus you were unable to accomplish many of your scheduled events: Easter Sunrise Service in Washington D. C. and laying the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Grand Master's Class, and out-of-state visits. But we looked on the brighter side of your accomplishments like wearing the Whiteside Jewel with honor and distinction to this Grand Commandery, always demonstrating humility and brotherly love. Thanks for having the Whiteside Jewel restored to its original state.

We endorse your recommendations and hope they will be approved or studied to improve our Grand Commandery.

Our Grand Commander has expressed appreciation to his Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Members, Inspection Officers, Appointed Officers, all Sir Knights, and Mark Johnson, Deputy Grand Commander, for their support and dedication.

We add to your thanks to Tyler, your son, who demonstrated his love for his father to show how proud he is of his father's accomplishments in serving as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

As our Grand Commander surrenders the command of our Grand Commandery to His successor, we wish Brandon Scott Yarbrough many happy days ahead on the Journey of Life.

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

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Rev. Billy F. Adams

Steve A. Kirk

Joseph D. Suttles

And all Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Barbara Tate and Charlene Huffman.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knights Tommy T. Marshall and Floyd E. Edmondson.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Brandon S. Yarbrough presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight James C. Huffman, III.

GOLDEN SPUR AWARD

REGC Brandon S. Yarbrough presented the Golden Spur Award to Charles Martel Commandery No. 20.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

A Plaque and Lapel Pin will be given to REGC Brandon S. Yarbrough at a later date, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

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

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: Michael L. Hamlin (2), Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Robert W. Tidwell (4), Eminent Grand Sentinel; Charles E. Ferguson (2/45), Eminent Grand Adjutant; and Robert W. Tidwell (4), Eminent Grand Photographer.

2020-2021 STANDING COMMITTEES

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; Johnnie 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

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

**MARK S. JOHNSON
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 2020-2021 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, TBD

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, William Grist

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Daniel Ricketts

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Raymond Laird

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Tyler W. Pledger

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Ditmar W. Chavez

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

FIRST CORPS Tommy T. Marshall (36)

FIRST DIVISION Ryan C. Nealey (9)

Div Officers: Bruce D. Mann (17) W: 229-246-3046

Timothy E. Crimmins (5) C: 229-881-2495

St. Paul 5 (Albany); Bethlehem 30 (Thomasville); Crusader 17 (Bainbridge);

Mt. Calvary 28 (Moultrie)

SECOND DIVISION William Grist (37)

Div Officers: James D. Reese (7) C: 912-659-4265

James R. Bennett (36) C: 912-337-0601

Palestine 7 (Savannah); St. Elmo 21 (Brunswick); Waycross 36 (Waycross);

Malta 16 (Valdosta); Coastal Plains 42 (Tifton)

THIRD DIVISION Daniel C. Ricketts

Div Officers: Jerry H. Purvis (45) C: 770-468-1073

R. Scott Pless (3) C: 706-593-3283

St. Omer 2 (Macon); Plantagenet 12 (Milledgeville); St. Aldemar 3 (Columbus);

St. Peter 45 (Warner Robins); Ivanhoe 10 (Ft. Valley);

Ft. Benning 73 (Columbus)

SECOND CORPS Carl J. Gamel (40)

FOURTH DIVISION Raymond G. Laird (25)

Div Officers: Robert L. Hall, Jr. (26) C: 770-971-9856

Jack J. Bell (9) C: 770-570-2446

Russell S. Sanders (11) 706-588-8336

Coeur de Lion 4 (College Park); Atlanta 9 (Atlanta); Tancred 11 (Newnan);

Alexius 22 (Lovejoy); DeKalb 38 (Decatur); Douglasville 40 (Douglasville);

Griffin 35 (Griffin); Constantine 26 (Marietta)

FIFTH DIVISION Tyler W. Pledger (29)

Div Officers: William T. White (37) C: 478-997-1011

James C. Durbin, Sr. (8) C: 706-409-0496

Amicalola 41 (Jasper); St. John's 19 (Dalton); Charles Martel 29 (Chickamauga); Rome 8 (Rome); Blue Ridge Mountain 37 (McCaysville)

SIXTH DIVISION Ditmar W. Chavez (3)

Div Officers: Leonard A. Davis (11) C: 706-333-7110

Dale B. Cliett (G01) C: 706-831-9273

Godfrey de Bouillon 14 (Elberton); Philemon 33 (Toccoa); Pilgrim 15 (Gainesville); St. Bernard 25 (Covington); Arnold de Troy 31 (Buford); Georgia 1 (Waynesboro)

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, 2021.

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 2021.

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 you been assigned.

APPRECIATION

Sir Knights, I am not the best orator and my use of words are simple, but I want to express my gratitude and appreciation which I have for each and every Fellow Sir Knight in this Grand Jurisdiction. This is indeed a great honor to be permitted to serve you as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. You have shown confidence in me by electing me to the highest Office of Christian Masonry in Georgia. I pledge my loyalty, devotion, and Christian Honor; that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the Office of Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia. I especially want to thank the members of Alexius Commandery Number 22, Griffin Commandery Number 35 and Coeur de Lion Commandery Number 4 for their assistance in my journey to Knighthood. I solicit each of your prayers, council, guidance and recommendations throughout this Templar year.

I would also like to dedicate this year to the Sir Knights that I served with in this line that have gone to be with our Lord and Savior: Joseph Westbrook, Charles Beasley, Steve Kirk and David Williams Jr.

Finally, let us all remember that we are Christian Soldiers of Christ. Let us act as such before God and Man. My hope is that God may continue to richly bless each and every one of us.

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

Respectfully ordered on this the 28th day of May in the year of our Lord 2020.

Mark S. Johnson
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Right Eminent Sir Knight Clyde E. Griffin.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 161st Annual Conclave will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021 in Macon.

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 160th 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 2021. Therefore, the officers for 2020-2021 will remain as follows:

Mark A. Bradley (31)

Knight Crusader of the East

Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)

Knight Crusader of the West

Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)

Knight Crusader of the South

Carl J. Gamel (40)

Knight Crusader of the North

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)

Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross

Jan M. Giddens (4)

Knight Crusader of the Asylum

William F. Shepard (21)

Knight Crusader of the Temple

Wade C. Smith (37)

Knight Crusader Treasurer/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)

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith

Mark A. Bradley

Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

Knight Crusader of the East

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR NAME

YEAR NAME

*1965 Preston Y. Luther (2)

*1999 Otis Medley (02)

*1966 Ira R. Huffaker (4)

*1970 T. Malcolm Gray (24)

*1967 William M. Drinnon (2)

*1971 Ross F. Mainor (2)

*1968 Graydon W. Kitchens (4)

1972 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)

1973 Dannie L. Reed (35)
 *1974 Joel M. Hammond (24)
 *1975 George H. Balentine (33)
 *1976 Aaron E. Cole (26)
 *1977 George C. King (5)
 *1978 Dave H. Keever (31)
 *1979 S. Talmadge Lord (8)
 *1980 Joseph P. Suttles (4)
 *1981 Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)
 *1982 Jack O. Smith (41)
 *1983 William M. Hutcheson (4)
 *1984 Rufus R. White (19)
 *1985 J. Sheffield Thompson (40)
 *1986 Virlyn Y. Jones (14)
 1987 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *1988 H. Clayton Garrett (15)
 *1989 Ottis B. Turner (35)
 *1990 Lewis H. Keith (9)
 *1991 Walter A. Walker (2)
 *1992 J. Walter Cowart (7)
 *1993 John S. Perry (4)
 1994 A. Wayne Norton (33)
 *1995 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
 *1996 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 1997 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 * Indicates death ** Indicates expelled

*1998 Bobby L. Massey (41)
 *1999 Otis Medley (2)
 *2000 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 2001 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 2001 Robert L. Gill (36)
 2002 Austin E. Pearce (21)
 *2003 James E. Miller (3)
 *2004 Carl W. Dohn (2) **
 2005 Emory L. Morris (29)
 *2006 R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
 2007 Craig A. Haggas (3)
 2008 Lloyd I. Leinbaugh (26)
 2009 John T. Holt (9)
 *2010 James T. Farmer (35)
 2011 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 2012 Mark S. Johnson (35)
 2013 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 2014 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)
 2017 John I. Haggas (3)
 2018 Raymond G. Laird (25)
 2019 William R. Kayma (9)
 2020 James C. Huffman, III (10)

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

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

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

*5-1-00 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 5-1-00 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *2-6-03 Eli A. Stafford (7)
 2-6-03 Paul E. Wells (3)
 5-2-04 Freddie R. Jackson (2)
 5-2-04 James E. Jennings, Jr. (19)
 *5-1-05 Jack L. Hepner (7)
 5-1-05 James T. Ingram (41)
 *4-30-06 Ernest A. Forthman (24)
 4-30-06 Ruben Martinez (4)
 5-6-07 Alfred J. Clark (14)
 5-6-07 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 5-4-08 Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)
 5-4-08 Robert L. Gill (36)
 5-4-08 Joe E. Turner (35)
 5-6-08 Andre E. Lovas (11)
 *5-6-09 Phillip G. 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)

*Indicates death

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

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

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)

2016 Terry Westbrook
 2016 Helen Leinbaugh
 2016 Gay Bradley
 2018 Nancy Simmons
 2018 Liz Miller
 2019 Brenda Gill
 2019 Sherri Kirk
 2020 Barbara Tate
 2020 Charlene Huffman

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2018-2021

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

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

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

2009 Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)
 2010 Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)
 2010 Charles M. Ellis (29)
 2011 James E. Stevens (21)
 2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
 2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 2014 Terry L. Hensley (26)

2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2015 Joe E. Turner (35)
 2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 2017 Drewey W. Hendry (25)
 2018 Steve A. Kirk (41)
 2019 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

1. Georgia: Jeremy E. Wilson
2. St. Omer: Michael L. Hamlin;
 John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;
 Bobby B. Simmons
3. St. Aldemar: Joseph W. Powell, II
4. Coeur de Lion: Larry W. Nichols;
 Gregory B. Foster; C. Wayne Glass
5. St. Paul: No Representation
7. Palestine: William R. Waters, Jr.;
 Roger W. Coursey; Bruce H. McNall
8. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr.;
 William E. Cantrell
9. Atlanta: Darren L. Nofziger; Jack J. Bell;
 Robert E. Gordon; Ryan C. Nealey;
 William R. Kayma, Jr. Lloyd R. Bowen
10. Ivanhoe: Roy H. Miller, Jr.
11. Tancred: Russell S. Sanders;
 Lawrence H. Mull; Lamont D. Pitts;
 James D. Davis; Andre E. Lovas
12. Plantagenet: Kelly S. Montgomery
14. Godfrey de Bouillon:
 Sherald J. Colvard; Marcus V. Hall
15. Pilgrim: James R. Gee; Jason R. Gee;
 Robert A. Davis, Jr.
16. Malta: No Representation
17. Crusader: No Representation
19. St. John's: E. Ray Knittel;

Terry L. Hensley
21. St. Elmo: Thomas J. Chapman;
 James E. Stevens
22. Alexius: Van S. McGee
25. St. Bernard: Jeffery L. Anderson
26. Constantine: Robert L. Hall, Jr.;
 Jan M. Giddens; Hugh F. Watson
29. Charles Martel: Thomas J. Rogers;
 Alan T. Darr
30. Bethlehem: No Representation
31. Arnold de Troye: Victor A. McKelvey
33. Philemon: No Representation
35. Griffin: Wayne L. Burkett
36. Waycross: T. Matthew Sanford;
 James R. Bennett; Nickie W. Jordan
37. Blue Ridge Mountain:
 William W. Grist; Edgar M. Land;
 Floyd E. Edmondson
38. DeKalb: Jerry D. Moss
40. Douglasville: Eric S. Tress; Carl J. Ward;
 Greely R. Graves, Jr.; Larry D. Patillo, Sr.;
 Emmet R. McCall, Sr.
41. Amicalola: James R. Harris;
 Alfred A. Lincoln; Larry C. Bennett
42. Coastal Plain: No Representation
45. St. Peter: Tracy W. Lemasters;
 Phillip D. Booth

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. GEORGIA: No Representation
2. ST. OMER: No Representation
3. ST. ALDEMAR: Paul E. Wells
4. COEUR DE LION: Gregory B. Foster
5. ST. PAUL: No Representation
7. PALESTINE: James O. Hood;
 James R. Gorthy
8. ROME: No Representation
9. ATLANTA: Craig Leifeld
10. IVANHOE: Daniel E. Kitchens
11. TANCRED: Andre E. Loves
12. PLANTAGENET: No Representation
14. GODFREY DE BOUILLON:
 Charles D. Humphrey
15. PILGRIM: No Representation
16. MALTA: No Representation
17. CRUSADER: No Representation

19. ST. JOHN'S: Timothy O. Cooper
21. ST. ELMO: No Representation
22. ALEXIUS: No Representation
25. ST. BERNARD: J. Paul Cates, Jr.
26. CONSTANTINE: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
29. CHARLES MARTEL: No Representation
30. BETHLEHEM: No Representation
31. ARNOLD DE TROYE: C. Danny Wofford
33. PHILEMON: No Representation
35. GRIFFIN: M. Todd Smith
36. WAYCROSS: Larry Purdom
37. BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN: J. Ivy Smith
38. DEKALB: No Representation
40. DOUGLASVILLE: Carl J. Gamel
41. AMICALOLA: No Representation
42. COASTAL PLAIN: Howard L. Maddox
45. ST. PETER: No Representation

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SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2020
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JAMES WESLEY TATE
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2019-2020

JAMES WESLEY TATE
PERSONAL

Born 16 Aug 1960

Joined the Armed Forces (U.S. Army 1979 --- Retired 2001 serving in all ranks from Private to OPNS Sergeant Major). Entered Active Duty May, 1979 Served as a member of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), Presidential Honor Guard and Casket Team, 1983-1985 served as the Relief Commander 2nd Relief and Assist Sargent of the Guard, TOMB of the UNKNOWN Soldier, Badge number 272, Arlington National Cemetery, VA.

Earned U.S. Army Air Borne Wings, Air Assault Wings, Pathfinder Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers Badge # 272. Kentucky Colonel serving since 2017

Civil work history

Worked in telecommunications as Installation supervisor four (4) years. Served six (6) years as Operations Manager for Lockheed Martin responsible for government contractors at the United States Army Sniper School, Long Range Marksman Course, Small Arms Course, Non-commissioned Advanced Course and the Un-manned Arial Course at Ft. Benning Georgia.

MASONIC

Blue Lodge

Initiated Entered Apprentice....07/09/1991, Ft. Benning Lodge #579

Passed Fellowcraft 09/24/1991, Ft. Benning Lodge #579

Raised to Master Mason 10/21/1991, Ft. Benning Lodge #579

2020 Elected Master, Ft Benning Lodge No. 579, Columbus, Ga.

1995, 2003, 2006 2013 Past Master of Ft Benning Lodge No. 579, Columbus, Ga.

Perpetual Life Member

Served as Director of Work 2011, 2012, 2017, Secretary 2017

2001, 2004, 2005 Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 21 and served as Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Work

2016 Past Master, Daylight Lodge No. 760, Columbus, Georgia. Charter Member

2008, Treasurer 2018-2019 (renamed James E. Miller Daylight Lodge No. 760)

2013 Wilson Williams Lodge #351, Phenix City, Al ... Member 2013

2017 Cross Lodge #173, Lumpkin Ga. Member, 2017-2019 Director of Work,

2019 Senior Steward, 2020 Director of Work

2019 Rose Hill Lodge #484, Columbus, Georgia. Member

2013 – Present Member of 1861 Civil War Lodge of Research, working under the Tennessee Grand Lodge

2003, 2004 District Chairman for Masonic Education, Leadership and Development Committee of the 3rd Masonic District (two years).

2017 Received 25 year Certificate and Pin

2017 Research Lodge #2, Columbus Ga. Elected Secretary

Trial Commissioner Appointment for Grand Lodge of GA, 2013-2019.

2014 Appointed to serve as District Deputy to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Georgia, 4 District sub District D

2015, 2016 Appointed to serve as District Deputy to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Georgia, 4 District sub District A and Chairman for the 4th District

Chapter

2009 Past High Priest of Ft Benning Chapter No. 73, R.A.M. was exalted in Fort Benning Chapter No. 73, Royal Arch Masons, 26 Sept 1994 received the Order of the High Priesthood in 2010

Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason

2010-2014 appointed to serve as District Grand Deputy (D.G.D) to Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia.
 2014- 2017 Appointed as a State Director for the District Grand Deputies (DGD) to Grand High Priest Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia.
 2017 Served Excellent High Priest of the 4th District Royal Arch Convention
 2019 Excellent Vice President, Order of the High Priesthood
 2016-2017 Appointed as a Grand Chapter Liaison for the District Grand Deputies (DGD) to Grand High Priest Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia.
 May 7, 2019 Elected and Installed, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia
 2017-2020 Appointed Ambassador for Georgia, by General Grand High Priest, James H. Hodge in Portland, Or.
 2013 Appointed Grand Representative for Georgia to Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Newfoundland, Canada by Clyde E. Griffin, Grand High Priest of Ga.
 2017-20 Appointed Grand Representative for Georgia to Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, Australia by Mark Bradley, Grand High Priest of Ga. and 2018 by Stephen Higgins
 2017 Perpetual Life Member, Anchorage Chapter #3 RAM
 2019 Received the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel
Council
 Was greeted in Ft Benning Council No. 73, 10 Nov 1994
 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016 Past Illustrious Master of Ft Benning Council No. 73, Royal and Select Masters
 2011 Received the Order of the Silver Trowel (Thrice Illustrious Master).
 2014 Appointed as a State Director for the District Grand Deputies (DGD) to Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia.
 2014-15 Past Illustrious Master the 4th District, West Georgia Council Convention
 2016-2017 Appointed as a Grand Council Liaison for the District Grand Deputies (DGD) to Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia.
 2017 Perpetual Life Member, Anchorage Council #1 R&SM
Commandery
 Knighted, 30 March 1996 in St. Aldermar Commandery No. 3, K.T.
 2015 Eminent Commander
 2015 Received Knight Crusader of the Cross
 6/19/2014 Honorary member of Griffin Commandery #35, Griffin Ga.
 2016 Awarded "Knight Templar Cross of Honor" (KTCH)
 2017 Perpetual Life Member, Anchorage Commandery #2
 2019 Appointed Eminent Grand Adjutant, Grand Commandery Knight Templars
 2019 Charter member and Recorder, Fort Benning Commandery No. 73
Knight York Cross of Honor
 2017 Received as a Knight in Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honor
Knight Masons of the United States
 2010-2017 Carl F. Lester Council No. 65, Knight Masons of the United States
 Knight of Sword
 Knight of the East
 Knight of the East and West
 Installed Chief (Chair Degree)
 2017 Charter member and Charter Senior Knight, Crowned Martyrs Council #120

Chartered Feb 10, 2017, Constituted April 29, 2017 and Consecrated Dec 17, 2017
 2018 Past Excellent Chief, Crowned Martyrs Council #120
 2019 Received Knight Commander of Zerubbabel
York Rite Sovereign College of North America
 3/30/2012 Chattahoochee York Rite College No. 166
 2015 Receive the Order of the Purple Cross (Louisville KY)
 2019 Past Governor and serves as (Degree Captain Section 1 and 3)
Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF)
 20 May 2017 Admitted into the First Order: Grade I – IV, Alabama College
 9 Sept 2017 Elevated into the Second Order: Grade IV- VII, Alabama College
 2019 Appointed Herald
 Dec 2018 Charter Member and Charter Suffragan, Gulf Coast College
 15 June 2019 Elected and Installed Celebrant, Gulf Coast College
 Nov 2019 received the VIII Grade in Louisville, Kentucky
Red Cross of Constantine
 2000 Member Muscogee Conclave
 " Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine
 " Knight of the Holy Sepulcher
 " Knight of St. John the Evangelist
 " Installed Viceroy (Chair Degree)
 " Installed Sovereign (Chair Degree)
 2011 Puissant Sovereign, Ft Benning Conclave Red Cross of Constantine
 2013 Past Recorder
 Presided and conferred the Senate of Sovereign and College of Viceroys for the State Conferral Teams
Scottish Rite
 1992 Member Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus.
 1 Nov 2011- 24 Jan 2019, General Secretary Valley of Columbus Orient of Georgia
 2011 Received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
 2015 Wise Master, Columbus Chapter of Rose Croix
 2015 President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Ga.
 2015 Coroneted Inspector General Honorary, 33° (Washington DC, House of the Temple)
 Letter from SGC Ronald Seale, First to complete the Master Craftsman Program #3 for the Orient of Georgia
 2017 Venerable Master in Columbus Lodge of Perfection
 2017 Received 25 year Certificate and Pin
 2017 Created and Knighted, Honorary Member of the Knights of St. Andrews
 2018 Commander in Columbus Council of Kadosh
 2019 Master of Kadosh, Columbus Consistory
National Sojourners
 Joined in 2003
 2010 Past President
 Dec 2011 – Present, Secretary and Treasurer of Ft Benning Chapter No. 8 National Sojourners
 2011-2013 Regional Representative.
 2011- 2014 Appointed to serve on the National Sojourners Convention Corporation (NASOCOCO) Committee National Sojourners Inc. (Four year appointment)

Heroes of 76

Joined 2005

2010 Past Commander of Heroes of 76" Daniel Morgan Camp

2011- Present Serving as Adjutant and Treasurer

Royal Order of Scotland

Sept 2011 Royal Order of Scotland.

2011 The Heredom of Kilwinning, conferred by Provincial Grand Chapter.

2011 Knighthood of the Rosy Cross, conferred by Provincial Grand Lodge

2011 Member of the Georgia Highlands Association

2014 Perpetual Member Royal Order of Scotland

Shrine

1992 Al Shia Shrine Temple, Macon, Georgia.

Order of the Eastern Star

Initiated in 1993

1995, 2017: Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Ft. Benning Chapter 278 of Columbus.

2018-2019 Paton

2018 Received 25 Year Pin.

2019 Appointed District Grand Deputy

Order of the Amaranth

2016 Member Amity Court #16

2018 Past Royal Patron

2018 Installed Grand Representative to Arkansas

2020 Elected Royal Patron

Order of Athelstan

2017 (Charter Member) Georgia Court 124

2017 Past Master of Georgia Court 124

2017 Installed as the First sitting Primus Master of Georgia Court 124 after Consecration of New Court in Macon, Ga. by the Provencal Grand Master

2018 Past Master of Georgia Court 124

Allied Masonic Degree

2012 Allied Masonic Degree, River City Council 526, and Charter member

2016 Past Sovereign Master

"Installed Sovereign Master (AMD Chair Degree)

2013 Allied Masonic Degree, GA. Council 304

2013 Received Man at Arms

2013 Received Esquire

2013 Received Knight

2013 Order of St. Patrick

2013 Received Red Branch of Erie

2014 Receive Knight and Knight Commander

2014 Received the Order of the Gordian Knot

"Royal Ark Mariner

"Secret Monitor

"Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr

"Grand Tilers of Solomon

"Knight of Constantinople

"Architect

"Grand Architect

"Superintendent

"Masters of Tyre

"Excellent Master

"Installed Sovereign Master
 "Scarlet Cord
 "Ye Ancient Order of the Corks"
Grand College of Rites of the USA
 February 9, 2017 Member
The Royal Order Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord of the United States of America
 Masonic Week in Washington D.C.
 2017 First Grade – Elected to be Ostiarius or Door Keeper
 Second Grade – Chosen to be Lector or Reader
 Third Grade – Promoted to be Fellow
 2018 Fourth Grade – Preferred as member of Court of Assistants (Councilor)
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Grand College of America
 Feb 2018 Tabernacle "A"
 Made a Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest on site, by M.:E.: Alvin Hill, Sr., K.G.C., G.C., Grand Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest Grand College of America
St Thomas of ACON
 2012 Knight of St Thomas of ACON
 2019 Elected Almoner
DeMolay
 2011 Columbus Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Columbus GA. Member, Chapter Dad
Sword of Bunker Hill
 2014 Ozark Order No. 109, Springfield Mo. Member
 2014 James Jackson No. 127, Grayson Ga. (Charter Member)
Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor
 2018 Member Knights Preceptor, Andre E. Lovas, Grand Preceptor
St Andrew Conclave TL, Pilgrim Preceptors
 2019 Consecrated by the Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Member
Grand Worthy Chiefs Council, Grand Council of Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers
 2017 Initiated during Masonic Week 2017 Crystal City, Va.
North American Order of the Beaver (N.A.O.O.T.B.)
 2018 Member, Received "Buckskinners' Degree." Pine Mountain, Ga.
Royal Order of the Turtle
 2019 Member
Royal Order of Zanzibar
 2019 Member
Order of the 4 Black Llamas
 2019 Member Maggie Valley
Knights Masons International
 Grand Superintendent of Georgia
ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
 The One Hundred Ninety Eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened virtually at 7:30 AM on Saturday, May 20, 2020 with Most Excellent Grand High Priest James W. Tate presiding with all Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. Excellent Companion Steven G. Harris, Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. After being assured that a quorum was present, Most

Excellent Grand High Priest declared the One Hundred Ninety Eighth Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

James W. Tate (73)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Right Excellent Grand King
John H. Johnson (47)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Paul E. Wells (73)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Joe R. Bush (49)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
William F. Shepard (66)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Roger W. Buterbaugh (73)	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (75)	Excellent Grand Photographer

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

*1978 H. Grady Keith (27)	2009 C. Danny Wofford (84) (Hon)
*1988 William E. Cantrell (144)	*2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
*1994 Ruben Martinez (75)	*2011 William L. Montgomery (73)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
*1998 Leon S. Lee, III (15)	*2012 James C. Bentley, Jr. (131)
*2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
*2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
*2004 Emmett R. Johns (04)	2015 William F. Shepard (66)
*2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
*2006 Robert L. Gill (9)	2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
*2008 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	2018 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
2009 Wade C. Smith (24)	

* Indicates absent

2019-2020 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

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James E. Stevens

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Robert C. Lord

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William F. Shepard

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Web Master: Alessandro Silva, Chair; Jan Maaskant, Jr.; J. Chris Brown
GM Y. R. Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Assist. Chair; Mark A. Bradley
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair
Fundraising: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Brandon S. Yarbrough; James W. Tate
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis (11)	Chair	G. Keith Bryant (160)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Bruce D. Mann (94)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
Andrew D. Bass (91)	2 nd /3 rd	Keith R. Taylor (135)	9 th
David L. Moncus, Jr. (89)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (84)	9 th
Roger W. Buterbaugh (73)	4 th	J. Ivy Smith (24)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (162)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (72)	6 th	Nikkie W. Jordan (9)	11 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
Homer C. Cowart (144)	7 th		

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, District Grand Deputies, Distinguished Guests and my companions all. It is an honor to welcome you to the One Hundred Ninety Eighth (198th) annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia. We are so proud and appreciative of your attendance of this virtual session and feel confident that you will enjoy the great fellowship and brotherly love that we are blessed with here in the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

It is with great pleasure that I report that Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia is alive and doing well. Traveling across this great state, I've been encouraged by the companions of our fraternity. I commend those chapters that are performing their own degree work and those who assist in the statewide festivals. It was heart lifting to see how the companions interacted one with another at the District conventions. We must always remember that we should be training companions to take our place within the fraternity. We are blessed to have so many companions that are proficient in the Royal Arch Ritual always making themselves available to confer the work. We welcome our new companions and encourage them to become active of their chapters. Finally this Grand Chapter has been blessed with an exceptional group of Grand Line Officers. Having visited other Grand Jurisdictions, I can proudly say their dedication and service to the craft has been an inspiration to me during this year. As I have led the Royal Arch Masonry of Georgia, these Grand line officers have been there to provide

support, counsel, and encouragement along the way. Rest assured my companions, with their leadership, the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia is bright and positive.

MEMBERSHIP

My companions, I report that your many efforts to increase members during the past year have been hindered due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. We hope our nation's great doctors and scientist will find a cure and get our lives back in order.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I want to take this opportunity to remind each of you about the hard work performed by Companion Robert D. Wing who served as the chairman of our Royal Arch Research Assistance. Our Heavenly Father called Companion Robert home and there was a great void to be filled by his untimely death. I therefore take this opportunity to thank our Excellent Companion Joseph Oelgoetz, Grand Master of the Third Veil, for taking over this great charity and for the outstanding work that he has done for us with our Royal Arch Research Assistance Program. Thanks to his dedicated effort, extensive travel and numerous presentations, the Grand Chapter of Georgia is still one of the top five in Charity giving. Upon the recommendation of our Excellent Grand Scribe, John Johnson, and Excellent Companion Joseph, funds received during this year will be given in the memory of our Excellent Companion Robert D. Wing. The Grand Chapter of Georgia is indebted to these two companions for their devotion and dedication to this project. It is through their effort that we are informed on the funding and medical advancement provided by this program.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

I'm extremely proud of all our DDGHP who have served the craft this year. With the appointment of Companion Len Davis as a State Chairman of the District Deputies much information has been offered by the District Deputies to the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe quarterly to benefit the Grand Line Officers in their travels throughout the state. The reports are vital information which provides the Grand Line Officers on where assistance and support is needed.

GRAND MASTER'S CLASS

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold the Grand Master's Class this year. I would like to thank the Right Excellent Grand King Michael Sampsell for his tireless efforts and continuing works in the quarry.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To continue working with the chairman of the District Deputies and grow the District Deputy Program.
2. To involve the new companions in all chapter activities.
3. Encourage attendance at the District Conventions and encourage more degree work in local chapters and at the conventions.
4. That the schools of instruction should continue in their current format, holding local schools when possible.

CUSTODIANS

Very special thanks is extended to the custodians, Illustrious Companion Floyd E. Edmondson and Excellent Companion Tommy T. Marshall. Both did a superb job for the companions and thanks to their collective efforts we are making progress and the proficiency and the ritualistic work.

NECROLOGY

The Grand Chapter has lost 143 companions this year. One of our Grand Chapter Officers was called to be with the Grand High Priest of our Faith. Companion Rob Wing will surely be missed.

Let us each remember these brave companions and may all mighty God comfort the hearts of their love ones and give them peace.

VISITATION

It has been an honor and distinct pleasure for me to represent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia on many occasions as both the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Ambassador for Georgia to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. I was fortunate enough to attend the informal openings of the Order of Eastern Star State of Georgia, Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth in Georgia, Order of the Rainbow in Georgia, and the Order of DeMolay in Georgia,. I attended as many of the district conventions as I possibly could throughout the year. I visited chapters and attended numerous festivals during this year. I attended the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM on their annual communication. It's an honor to have served on the team for the 33rd IGH coronation held in Atlanta, Georgia. I was received and welcomed with the respect due a Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITS

I attended the Great Smoky Mountain Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, the Grand York Rite Sessions of Alabama and South Carolina. It was truly a pleasure to have attended the Historical 100 year anniversary of the DeMolay in Kansas City, MO and be part of their York Rite Leaders Banquet. I had the pleasure to attend the Grand Ball of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, and the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF) Session held in Kentucky. Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the following Grand Sessions were canceled or postponed: North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

DISPENSATIONS

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

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank our Heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all the blessings he has given me. I'd like to thank each companion of the state of Georgia for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand High Priest this year. There are many that I owe so much to and others that have provided more than I could ever repay. I would like to thank Most Excellent Companions Mark A. Bradley and Wade C. Smith for their experience and guidance. Due to their tireless efforts, along with Mrs. Marla Horton, our Grand York Rite has and is becoming streamlined and more efficient.

I would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to Excellent Companion, Rodger Buterbaugh who has been my traveling companion for most of the year, our friendship has grown as we traveled the great state of Georgia. I would like to express my thanks to Fort Benning Chapter No. 73, Royal Arch Chapter and Fort Benning Chapter No. 278 Order of the Eastern Star for all of their support, especially Past Worthy Grand Matron Sue Mason. Special thanks and recognition to my mentors, Paul Edwin Wells who served as my Grand Chaplain and Companion Norm Blankenbeckler for allowing me the display the High Priest Breast Plate that was saved from being destroyed by his grandfather and which will be donated to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Special thanks to Right Eminent Grand Commander Brandon S. Yarbrough and Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan C. Nealey for their counsel throughout this year.

I would like to thank my family for allowing me the time to travel this great state and serve the companions. To my lovely wife Barbara, who has been by my side

in life and in my masonic traveling throughout the State of Georgia and other Grand Jurisdictions. Barbara you are my best friend and Partner, I could never show how much I appreciate you, thank you for always being there. Thank you for supporting the Grand Chapter of Georgia this year and being the First Lady of Royal Arch Mason.

I pray that our Heavenly Father blesses each of you and your families.

Fraternally Submitted: James W. Tate Most Excellent Grand High Priest

CLOSING

I want to thank you again for the trust you placed in me to lead the Grand Chapter of Georgia this past year. This has been a rewarding experience for me, and I hope I have met your expectations

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Tate, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

First, I take this time to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for allowing this committee to review and remark on his address which has been read to all present concerning his feel and guidance of the craft.

Before I get into his words, I will take a moment of privilege and tell you a little about James Wesley Tate. He is a complex man, but a man who has this country, his family, his masonic brothers and sisters, and his personal relationship with his God, held close to his heart. He has a great love and respect for Freemasonry, and will assist every worthy brother in their time of need and this has been proven many times.

James Wesley Tate was born August 16 in Saint Baptist Hospital, Nashville Tennessee. When he was a young lad his family left Tennessee and relocated on the Crow Indian Reservation in South Dakota. After there a while they relocated to Boys-Town, Nebraska, and after a short time decided to move back to Nashville, Tennessee. Soon after, Jim and his older sisters Joanne and Shirley became wards of the state of Tennessee. Jim and his sisters were separated and each were adopted going separate ways and to an unknown destiny.

Jim was adopted by Floyd and Vera Tate of Donaldson, Tennessee. Both his adoptive parents were employed at the medical center hospital, plus bought a farm and moved to Mount Juliet, Tennessee. Working on this farm is where and how Jim Tate grew up. Everything that you would want to know about farming Jim can tell you about, from chickens, tractors, trucks and just plain hard work. Jim's parents loved him, provided and gave him a home that he never had. They were stern and expected discipline, but kind with their affection. Jim's dad never called him by name, it was always "boy".

When Jim graduated from Mt. Juliet High School, he enlisted into the U.S. Army and retired from active duty in 2001.

During his experiences, challenges, disappointments and successes of his early life created a man with the personal drive to succeed at every assignment and opportunity. Some of these accomplishments are.

Earned the U.S. Airborne Wings, Air Assault Wings, Pathfinder Badge, Drill Sargent Badge, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge. Jim received a special assignment in 1983, serving as a member of the Old Guard 3rd U.S. Infantry, Presidential Honor Guard, Personal escorts for Presidents Carter and Reagan. Served as Relief Commander Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Badge Number "272" at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

After his retirement Jim's civilian employment include Operation Manager for Lockheed Martin. Telecommunications installation supervisor. While all this work

and training Jim was serving all branches of Freemasonry and was Worshipful Master of Fort Benning Lodge # 579 five times.

As you can see Companions, James Wesley Tate was and is exceptionally qualified to serve in and lead the craft of Royal Arch Masons and earn the title of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of all Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia.

Companions, the Grand High Priest had rather remain in the back ground and work silently under the veil of secrecy and silence, through his excellence and encouragement he helps others achieve great things.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has thanked all the Companions for turning aside and joining the State of Georgia as we celebrate the One Hundred Ninety Eighth annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia. He is very much honored that you are here and prays that your stay in Macon, Georgia will be special and memorable. He remarks that Georgia Masons are special and will support each of you and you may rest assured the Grand Chapter Officers will accommodate you in every way, don't hesitate to ask. The Grand High Priest especially thanked the following Companions.

Most Excellent Grand King, Companion Steven Tiner, Past General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Officers, Right Excellent Grand Chapter Officers of Georgia, Past Grand High Priest of Georgia, Distinguished Guest and Companions all.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest thanked his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for all the blessings that he has bestowed upon him this year

"The Grand Chapter is alive and well". He is encouraged by the friendship and kindness bestowed upon him and all the Grand Officers.

The ritual work is great, he is encouraged by so many companions performing our work from memory and the District Conventions are a good place to show off. All the companions attending these Conventions are teaching out young members what the Royal Arch Masonry has to offer.

Your Grand Line Officers have shown full support for the Grand High Priest all year and he commends their good works and thanks them for their excellent dedication. Their leadership will keep the Royal Arch bright and healthy.

MEMBERSHIP

The Grand High Priest reports that due the statewide festivals being cancelled and the threat of the COVID 19 pandemic our membership has and will be affected. We hope our nation's great doctors and scientist will find a cure and get our lives back in order.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

The Great Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth called home our Chairman of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program, Companion Rob Wing.

Companion Rob will live as long as he is remembered in our hearts and minds. He is missed.

The High Priest appointed Companion Joe Oelgoetz as the new chairman and commented on the wonderful work he performed. Companion Joe traveled extensively trying to fill the shoes of our departed companion. Thanks to his efforts and that of companion John Johnson, Georgia is still among the top five in charity giving to this great cause. The funds collected will be donated to the memory of Companion Rob Wing.

VISITATION

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful kindness, and brotherly love extended to him and to the other officers during his term of office.

Every visit in state or to other Grand Jurisdictions he was treated with the highest of honors and due respect deserving the office of which he held. It is a great honor to be held in such high esteem. He also was received as The Ambassador to Georgia for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

The Grand High Priest visited the informal opening of the Order of the Eastern Star State of Georgia, the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth in Georgia, Order of Rainbow in Georgia, and the Order of DeMolay in Georgia.

The Grand High Priest visited as many chapters and festivals as time would allow and his time permitted. He was present at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia in Macon and served on the team to confer the Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary, in the Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta.

OUT OF STATE VISITS

The Grand High Priest attended the Great Smokey Mountain Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, the Grand York Rite Session of Alabama, and South Carolina. He attended the one hundredth anniversary of the DeMolay in Kansas City, Missouri. He especially enjoyed and was honored to be part of the York Rite Leaders banquet. He attended the Grand Ball of the Grand Commandery of Alabama. The High Priest attended the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF) held in Kentucky.

Due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus and the Presidents Orders and the Grand Masters Orders to close lodge meetings and assemblies many planned meetings and visitations were cancelled.

DISPENSATIONS

All dispensations were of routine manner and are on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

Respectfully Submitted: Paul E. Wells, Chairman; Clyde E. Griffin; and J. Timothy Ingram

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Joseph D. Suttles

And all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year.

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

MEPGHP C. Danny Wofford presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Excellent Companion William F. Shepard.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEGHP James W. Tate presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion John H. Johnson.

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEGHP James W. Tate presented Lady Ivy Harris, Lady Diane Nealey, Lady McKenzie Knight, Lady Leigh Knight, and Lady Sue Mason with Sweetheart Awards.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

A Plaque and Lapel Pin will be given to MEGHP James W. Tate at a later date, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

MEGHP James W. Tate presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Cherokee Chapter No. 13.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
John H. Johnson (47)	Right Excellent Grand King
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
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

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MEGHP announced the following appointments: Daniel C. Ricketts (13), Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist (14); John E. Finch, Jr. (13), Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell (75), Photographer.

2020-2021 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. Pinson
Memorial: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; A. Lee Nash, Jr.; Donald C. Combs
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel;
Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
R. A. R. A.: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, Chair; John H. Johnson; Jack J. Bell
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 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Leonard A. Davis (11)	State Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (3)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (160)	7 th
Timothy E. Crimmins (15)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (47)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
Russell S. Sanders (89)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (135)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (84)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (155)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (24)	9 th
Alessandro V. Da Silva (16)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (72)	6 th	Nikkie D. Jordan (9)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (4)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th		

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Excellent Companion Joe E. Turner.

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 198th Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 199th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia will be held in the Grand Chapter Building, in the City of Macon on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL

The 73rd Triennial of General Grand Chapter will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 23-30, 2020.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion Michael H. Sampsell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared the 198th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form.

Michael H. Sampsell
MEG High Priest



ATTEST:
Mark A. Bradley
EG Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the One Hundred and Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Georgia was postponed until 2021. Therefore, the 2020-2021 officers will remain as follows:

William F. Shepard	Excellent President
James W. Tate	Excellent Vice President
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
John H. Johnson	Excellent Chaplain
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Conductor
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Herald

Joey E. Jackson
C. Hendry Howard

Excellent Steward
Excellent Sentinel

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith
1978 James C. Bentley, Jr.
1986 C. Brantley Morgan
1990 William E. Cantrell
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)
1996 Andre E. Lovas
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
1998 C. Danny Wofford
2002 Clyde E. Griffin
2003 F. Lamar Pearson, Jr.
2006 William L. Montgomery

2009 J. Timothy Ingram
2011 Emmett R. Johns
2012 Wade C. Smith
2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2014 Michael R. Sosebee
2015 Mark A. Bradley
2016 Michael H. Wilson
2017 Edward C. Barclay
2018 Doyle R. Hatfield
2019 William F. Shepard

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Excellent Recorder-Treasurer

William F. Shepard
Excellent President

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

*1952 Ottis B. Turner (10)
*1953 Robert Wiley Beall (55)
*1954 Fernor R. Hargrove, Sr. (6)
*1955 Thomas E. Gaines (136)
*1956 Ezekiel K. Clifton (3)
*1957 W. Tom Bateman (18)
*1958 Edward P. Hitaffer (73)
**1959 Merrill D. Payton (15)
*1960 L. Guy Hughes (144)
*1961 T. S. Wells, Sr. (85)
*1962 Walter M. Housch (99)
*1963 Graydon W. Kitchens (122)
*1964 Ralph Saye (K01)
*1965 Richard S. Sagar (49)
*1966 James W. Davis (77)
*1967 Charles H. Davis (4)
*1968 John B. Hubert, Jr. (112)
*1969 Ernest F. Campbell (70)
*1970 C. Dowing Pate (107)
*1971 Preston Y. Luther (4)
*1972 J. Sheffield Thompson (37)
*1973 George T. Buchan (66)
*1974 Clyde C. Brown (83)
*1975 Dave H. Keever (49)
*1976 Benjamin R. Martin, Jr. (121)
*1977 Oliver H. Sheppard (158)
*1978 Charles W. Eaton (154)
*1979 Grady T. Bozeman (28)
*1980 Joseph P. Suttles (37)
*1981 Robert E. Taylor (4)
*1982 Oran G. Moore (79)
*1983 Willie P. Hammond (72)
*1984 Lee D. Holcomb (50)
*1985 Lewis H. Keith (27)

1986 C. Danny Wofford (84)
1987 David B. Dukes (70)
**1988 Kenneth R. Smith (144)
*1989 Minor C. Shadburn (144)
*1990 William J. Bird (70)
***1991 Lawrence E. Anderson (22)
*1992 William H. Lewis (107)
*1993 Edward C. Davis (122)
*1994 W. George Bean (49)
*1995 James E. Salter (75)
*1996 Rudolph Fuglaar (119)
*1997 George Utiss, Sr. (66)
1998 Robert L. Gill (9)
*1999 Russell L. Baker (47)
2000 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
2001 William L. Montgomery (73)
2002 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
*2003 William H. McDaniel (K01)
2004 William F. Shepard (66)
2005 James D. Davis (11)
2006 Johnnie M. Garmon (24)
*2007 Kerry J. Buchan (G03)
2008 A. Wayne Norton (21)
2009 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (13)
*2010 G. Everett Cox (160)
*2011 Phillip H. Floyd (48)
2012 Leonard A. Davis (11)
2013 Edward C. Barclay (14)
2014 Bruce A. McNall (G03)
2015 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71)
2016 Ronald H. Wallace (24)
2017 James E. Stevens (66)
2018 Judd J. Wolfe (48)
2019 Robert W. Tidwell (75)

2020 John H. Johnson (47)

* Indicates Death

** Indicates Suspension

*** Indicates Dimit

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

*2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24)

2017 Robert L. Gill (9)

2015 Wade C. Smith (24)

*2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155)

2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)

2018 Floyd E. Edmondson (150)

2015 Edward Helton (64)

2018 Joe E. Turner (27)

2016 C. Danny Wofford (84)

2019 J. Timothy Ingram (28)

2016 Wayne H Garrett (64)

2020 William F. Shepard (66)

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

2010 Josie Bentley

2015 Brenda Gill

2017 Karen Johnson

2010 Loyce Price

2015 Carol McDonald

2017 Cheryle Turner

2010 Margaret Lovas

2015 Jane Wilson

2018 Sheila Ingram

2010 Pat Smith

2015 Joan Head

2018 Joy Wolfe

2010 Rebecca Taylor

2015 Sharon Bailey

2018 Judy Nichols

2012 Anna Montgomery

2015 Sheila Hensley

2018 Nancy Rich

2012 Cheryle Shepard

2015 Susan Pope

2018 Kay Higgins

2012 Halli Stevens

2015 Tammie Polston

2018 Terry Massaro

2012 Jana Watson

2016 Barbara

2018 Jeanette Hendry

2012 Marilyn Yeary

Edmondson

2018 Benigna Haggas

2012 Ruth Wellman

2016 Buffi Peacock

2019 Sherri Kirk

2013 Erica Matheny

2016 Debbie Lemmons

2019 Angi Harris

2013 Glenda Porter

2016 Helen Leinbaugh

2019 Barbara Tate

2014 Barbara Bozeman

2016 Laine Bolton

2019 Nancy Simmons

2014 Fae Suttles

2017 Eva Garmon

2020 Ivy Harris

2014 Judy Griffin

2017 Marla Horton

2020 Diane Nealey

2014 Lily Stafford

2017 Gay Bradley

2020 McKenzie Knight

2014 Liz Miller

2017 Emmie Sampsell

2020 Leigh Knight

2014 Nora Wells

2017 Lynne Hatfield

2020 Sue Mason

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

*1984-1987 Richard S. Sagar

*2002-2005 Grady T. Bozeman

*1993-1996 James E. Moseley

2002-2005 Edward Helton

*Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

*1969-1972 Richard B. Russell, Jr.

*2002-2005 Thomas T. Irvin, Jr.

1993-1996 Samuel A. Nunn, Jr.

*Indicates Death

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**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIESTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
 OF GEORGIA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION ON 2-4-1822**

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1822-46	William Schley (1/2)	11-20-1858	1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943
1847-53	William T. Gould (2)	07-18-1882	1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972
1854-61	Philip T. Schley (7/3)	08-31-1862	1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967
1862-68	Samuel S. Lawrence (13)	10-02-1890	1938	P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947
1869-71	Moses P. Kellogg (34)	11-25-1889	1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972
1872-73	George W. Adams (3)	01-05-1893	1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966
1874-77	Luther J. Glenn (16)	06-09-1886	1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960
1878	William J. Johnson (12)	05-12-1886	1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949
1879-80	James W. Oslin (55)	01-09-1906	1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963
1881-83	Charles E. Lambdin (51)	03-03-1888	1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969
1884	William A. Graham (12)	02-24-1904	1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin (15)	02-22-1897	1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962
1886-94	James W. Taylor (8)	12-15-1925	1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950
1895-97	Charles Wessolowsky (15)	07-08-1904	1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988
1898-00	Henry C. Burr (10)	03-15-1901	1949	James R. Belflower (47)	10-07-1981
1901	Henry Banks (11)	06-03-1920	1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958
1902	Robert L. Colding (3)	10-21-1927	1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959
1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51)	07-06-1909	1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954
1904	Young A. Wright (54)	05-12-1911	1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974
1905	John C. Joiner (16)	12-26-1927	1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979
1906	J. Luther Gable (40)	01-12-1929	1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981
1907	Thomas F. Moody (31)	01-14-1927	1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999
1908	Luther M. Heard (25)	01-20-1917	1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979
1909	Jacob A. Walton (7)	06-01-1925	1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981
1910	William F. Bowe (2)	08-25-1932	1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958
1911	John R. Wilkinson (16)	04-07-1915	1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981
1912	William G. England (41)	03-26-1931	1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (92)	08-07-1942	1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999
1914	Frank O. Miller (18)	03-17-1937	1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970
1915	Hiram Warner Hill (52)	01-13-1934	1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985
1916	J. Furman Bell (6)	12-03-1940	1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001
1917	Thomas H. Jeffries (16)	11-06-1948	1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989
1918	Elliot W. Parish (3)	10-13-1963	1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1969
1919	Andrew S. Harvey (26)	11-22-1946	1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999
1920	Joseph C. Greenfield (16)	12-20-1920	1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990
1921	Welby C. Jordan (K01)	01-16-1954	1967	James E. Moseley (10)	
1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931	1967	Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997
1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930	1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973
1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947	1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928	1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984
1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952	1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987
1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966	1972	John M. McClurd, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001
1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947	1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987
1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944	1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013
1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931	1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009
1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937	1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992
1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950	1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000
1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934	1978	H. Grady Keith (27)	
1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972	1979	John Benny Allen (64)	
1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938	1980	Felix Gersten (7) 06-10-1993	
1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955	1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000
1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66)	02-19-1936	1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991
1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940	1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010

1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	2-22- 2007
1986	Steven V. Carter (90)		2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	
1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1988	William E. Cantrell (144)		2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05- 2010
1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993	2008	Drewew W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	
1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1994	Ruben Martinez (75)		2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	
1995	Joe E. Turner (10)		2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	
1996	William J. Bird (70)		2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998	2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1998	Leon S. (Sam) Lee, III (15)		2015	James T. Farmer (10)	
1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)		2016	William F. Shepard (66)	
1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014	2017	Mark A. Bradley (84)	
2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)		2018	Stephen C. Higgins (135)	
2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007	2019	James W. Tate (73)	
2001	William D. Miles (16)				

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: Jeremy E. Wilson
K01: Keystone: No Representation
03. Georgia: James R. Gorthy;
James O. Hood; Roger W. Coursey;
Bruce H. McNall
04. Constantine: Michael L. Hamlin;
John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;
Bobby B. Simmons; Jerry H. Purvis
06. Temple: Kelly S. Montgomery
07. Darley: No Representation
09. Waycross: T. Matthew Sanford;
Nickie W. Jordan; James R. Bennett
10. Pythagoras: Wayne L. Burkett;
Van S. McGee
11. St. John's: Lamont D. Pitts;
James D. Davis
13. Cherokee: Peter D. Bard;
Robert L. Hall, Jr.; Jan M. Giddens;
Hugh F. Watson
14. Silver Shoals: No Representation
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation
16. Mt. Zion: Darren L. Nofziger;
Larry W. Nichols; Robert E. Gordon;
Ryan C. Nealey; Lloyd R. Bowen
18. Austin: Roy H. Miller, Jr.
21. Toccoa: No Representation
23. J. M. Rushin: No Representation
24. Enotah: William W. Grist
25. Oliver: Sherald J. Colvard; Marcus V. Hall
26. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr.
27. Lakewood: No Representation
28. Pickens: Daniel E. Fink;
Lucious E. Gaskin; Larry C. Bennett;
James R. Hames; Eugene T. Free
34. Newnan: Lawrence H. Mull
41. Adoniram: William E. Dickert
47. Tifton: No Representation
48. Taylor: Jeffrey L. Smith;
Wiley Q. Forrester, III
49. Sweetwater: Thomas R. Conn, Sr.;
Jerry D. Moss
50. Douglasville: Larry D. Patillo, Sr.;

Emmet R. McCall, Sr.
59. Statesboro: William R. Waters, Jr.
61. Kellogg: Timothy O. Cooper;
Daniel P. Bennett; Terry L. Hensley
64. Alleghaney: James R. Gee; Jason R. Gee;
Robert A. Davis, Jr.
66. Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold
71. Covington: Jeffery L. Anderson
72. Fayetteville: No Representation
73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh;
Joseph W. Powell, II
74. Roswell: No Representation
75. Forest Park: Gregory B. Foster
77. Sardis: Billy G. Messer; Daniel O. Causey
80. Wilford H. Hall: E. Ray Knittel
84. Winder: C. Danny Wofford
87. Austell: Carl J. Ward;
Oliver C. Grounds, Jr.
89. West Point: No Representation
91. Moultrie: No Representation
94. Bainbridge: No Representation
99. Chickamauga: Thomas J. Rogers;
Douglas D. Skramstad; Alan T. Darr
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel:
No Representation
120. Hubert: No Representation
122. Y. A. Wright: No Representation
135. Canton: James R. Harris;
Stephen C. Higgins
142. Dallas: Eric S. Tress
144. Cartersville: William E. Cantrell
150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson;
Charles P. Nealey
155. Mt. Horeb: William R. Kayma, Jr.
160. Smyrna: Richard J. Hallwood
162. Alpharetta: James G. Schaub;
James J. Parsons; Walter D. Wilson;
Jack J. Bell; Charles D. Humphrey
166. Genesis: Tracy W. Lemasters;
Phillip D. Booth

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

K01Keystone: No Representation
A01 Augusta: No Representation
03 Georgia: No Representation
04 Constantine: No Representation
06 Temple: No Representation
07 Darley: No Representation
09 Waycross: Lawrence A. Purdom
10 Pythagoras: No Representation
11 St. John's: No Representation
13 Cherokee: Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.;
John E. Finch, Jr.; Shane D. Russell

14 Silver Shoals: No Representation
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation
16 Mt. Zion: Michael C. Halpin
18 Austin: Daniel E. Kitchens
21 Toccoa: No Representation
23 J.M. Rushin: No Representation
24 Enotah: J. Ivy Smith
25 Oliver: No Representation
26 Rome: No Representation
27 Lakewood: No Representation
28 Pickens: Alfred A. Lincoln

34 Newnan: No Representation
41 Adoniram: No Representation
47 Tifton: Howard Maddox
48 Taylor: Martain A. Farley
49 Sweetwater: No Representation
50 Douglasville: No Representation
59 Statesboro: No Representation
61 Kellogg: Joseph A. Revels; Jeff Self
64 Alleghaney: No Representation
66 Brunswick: No Representation
70 Jesup: No Representation
71 Covington: Paul J. Cates, Jr.
72 Fayetteville: No Representation
73 Fort Benning: No Representation
74 Roswell: Michael A. Roman
75 Forest Park: C. Wayne Glass
77 Sardis: Thomas B. Mccrary
80 Wilford H. Hall: No Representation

84 Winder: Victor A. McKelvey
87 Austell: No Representation
89 West Point: No Representation
91 Moultrie: No Representation
94 Bainbridge: No Representation
99 Chickamauga: Melvin A. Pledger
107 Valdosta: No Representation
120 Hubert: No Representation
122 Y.A. Wright: No Representation
135 Canton: No Representation
142 Dallas: No Representation
144 Cartersville: No Representation
150 Ellijay: No Representation
155 Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160 Smyrna: No Representation
162 Alpharetta: Odmir A. Aguiar
166 Genesis: No Representation

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOURTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD VIRTUALLY
SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2020
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RYAN CHARLES NEALEY
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2019 – 2020

RYAN CHARLES NEALEY

PERSONAL

Ryan Nealey was born in Columbus, Georgia on December 1, 1986. He grew up in Ellijay, Georgia as the only son of Paul and Diane Nealey. He went to Gilmer High School and graduated in 2005. He was a three sport athlete, earning varsity letters in football, wrestling and tennis. He was co-captain of the tennis team for his senior year. After high school he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and graduated in December 2010 with a degree in Management with High Honors with a concentration in accounting and a certificate in finance. Ryan has worked in the banking industry and in the field of accounting since graduating. He is an avid GT football fan and has attended close to 100 games, mostly with his Dad. He was also involved with the Boy Scouts of America. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout at 16. He then earned Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms.

MASONIC

Ryan has been an extremely active Mason since his raising in Palestine Lodge #486 on July 12, 2008, he was raised by his father. He served as Worshipful Master in 2013. He served as Worshipful Master of the 5th District Masonic Convention in 2018-2019. He joined the York Rite Bodies of the Atlanta Masonic Center in 2009, consisting of: Mt. Zion Chapter #16 RAM, Jason Burr Council #13 R&SM, and Atlanta Commandery #9 KT. He served as High Priest in 2012, Illustrious Master in 2011, and Eminent Commander of Atlanta Commandery #9 in 2012. He now serves as the Secretary/Recorder of all three bodies. He also served as High Priest of the 5th District Chapter Convention in 2016 and as Illustrious Master of the 5th District Council Convention in 2015. He now serves as Treasurer of both. He also served as a Division Grand Liaison Officer for the 4th Division from 2012-2015. He was elected to the station of Illustrious Grand Steward in 2013 and advanced through each station to be elected as Most Illustrious Grand Master at the 2019 session.

He joined The Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite in September 2008 with his father Paul. He was Invested with the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honour in October 2015. He has been a member of the Stage Crew since 2009 and has been the Stage Director since 2019. Ryan is also the Degree Master for the 18th Degree.

Ryan is also a member of several invitational bodies: Zarthan Council #329 where he is a Past Sovereign Master, Carl F. Lester Council #65 Knight Masons, Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123, Cherokee Rose Priory #56 Knight York Cross of Honor, and St. Ambrose Conclave #227 Red Cross of Constantine.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was reconvened by MIGM Ryan C. Nealey. The opening prayer was offered by Companion James T. House, Grand Chaplain. Being assured that a quorum was present, the MIGM declared the One Hundred Ninety-Fourth Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Robert B. Wolbert (02)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
James W. Bard (13)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Illustrious Grand Recorder

James T. House (44)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Alessandro V. Da Silva (13)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

*1985 Howard W. Van Scoy (6)	2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)
*1985 James E. Underwood (75)	*2009 James C. Bentley (20)
1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2)	*2010 Thomas W. Tinley, III (G01)
1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)	*2011 Harry B. Allen (3)
1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
*2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	*2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
*2001 Joseph P. Suttles (Hon) (33)	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
2001 Rubin Martinez (75)	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
*2002 John P. Bohanan	2017 John I. Haggas (4)
*2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI)	2018 Wade C. Smith (79)
*2004 Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	2018 Larry C. Bennett (55)
*2006 Daniel C. Rickets (74)	2019 Joe E. Turner, Hon. (10)
*2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)	2019 Ryan C. Nealey (13)

*Indicates absence

2019-2020 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of Work: North: Michael Sampsell; South: Tommy Marshall

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

MIGM's Address: Floyd Edmondson, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons;
Larry C. Bennett

Finance: Jan M. Giddens, Chair; Jack Bell; Roger Buterbaugh

Memorial: Rev Donald C. Combs, Chair; Paul E. Wells; James House

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

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensation: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford;
Floyd Edmondson

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

Auditing: Ronnie B. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Steven C. Higgins

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

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF): Robert R. Cordle,
Chair; Judd J. Wolfe; John C. Miller

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

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

Long Range Planning: Robert R. Cordle, Chair; Timothy Starling;
Leonard A. Davis

Public Relations: James Bard, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; Anthony Lawshee

Membership: Ron Wolbert, Chair; Andy Frazier; Daniel P. Bennett;
William G. Wagner

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Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair
Fundraising: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Brandon S. Yarbrough; James W. Tate
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2019-2020 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis (62)	State Chair	Homer C. Cowart (49)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (2)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th
Bruce D. Mann (38)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon, Jr.	8 th
Andrew D. Bass (14)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
Russell S. Sanders (62)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (3)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (54)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (79)	9 th
Anthony Lawshee (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (66)	6 th	Nickie D. Jordan (30)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (6)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Companions of Georgia, Grand Council Officers, Past Illustrious Grand Masters, and friends let me begin by thanking you for allowing me to serve as your Illustrious Grand Master for the past year. It has been the highlight of my Masonic career. I am forever grateful for the confidence shown in granting me this honor.

VISITATIONS

During my tenure of office I travelled to many Council meetings and Conventions. As we all know, in March, Masonic schedules were interrupted with the outbreak of coronavirus/Covid-19. Many of the Conventions that were scheduled to occur were put on hold (and at the time of my writing, have not been rescheduled). During the visitations that I was able to make perhaps the most memorable for me was establishing a new Council (under dispensation) in Jesup. To the Councils that invited me for visits this year, thank you for the hospitality you extended to me and my traveling Companions. During my visits it amazed me how many Companions I had met and befriended along this seven year journey.

During the year, I had the privilege of presenting many Time of Service awards to Companions who had reached the 25, 50, and 60 year marks in their respective Councils. I also was honored to inspect St. Elmo Commandery #21 in Brunswick. Other meetings I attended include: the Grand Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow Girls, the Grand Conclave of the Order of the DeMolay, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Statewide AMD Council, as well as local meetings for Knight Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, York Rite College, and KYCH, and festivals, in addition to Blue Lodge visits and Scottish Rite meetings and the KCCH Investiture as well. Many of these visitations were with MEGHP Jim Tate and/or REGC Brandon Yarbrough in attendance as well.

NECROLOGY

During this Grand York Rite year 138 Companions have had the hand of the Death Angel laid upon them, including Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters Joe

Suttles and John Bohanan (both passing on September 11, 2019). These Masonic giants leave holes in our fraternity as well as in the hearts of friends and loved ones. May the Supreme Grand Master provide peace and strength to the families of those who have laid down their working tools. And may we continue to labor in their absence until we meet again in that land of refreshment, wages, and rest.

DISPENSATIONS

Several dispensations were requested this year, most being routine in nature, they were granted and are on file in the Grand Records Office. Separate from the regular requests received annually was the request to form a new Council by Companion Jim Arnold and Jesup Council UD, this was also granted and the Council was constituted in December.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Council needs more participation in the Perpetual Membership program. This needs to become heavily pushed by the Grand Officers, District Deputies, and by every Companion in this state. This is a method to lighten the load of annual dues and provide a lasting benefit to Council well after we have all passed. It is especially beneficial to new or young members—but by no means limited to them.

FUNDRAISERS

We did not hold a direct fundraiser this year, however we did receive the benefit of 52 week gun raffle started before this Grand York Rite year began. A caution however, we should not be using fundraisers to pay operating expenses. Fundraisers should go to benefit charitable causes like the CMMRF.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Through my travels during the year, it is obvious that several places have strong and thriving Councils. Unfortunately, some continue to struggle to have enough to open, even on the Royal Master degree. In these places, I urge you to consider to do joint meetings such as is being held by Euclid and Alpharetta Councils or merge into another Council rather than close due to no attendance. I encourage all Councils that can, to focus on learning to confer at least 1 of the 2 degrees in the Councils and confer it at least once per year. Both are relatively short and don't require large degree teams.

APPOINTMENTS

It was my honor and privilege to appoint the following Grand Council Officers: Illustrious Companions: Jim House—Grand Chaplain, Alessandro Silva—Grand Sentinel, Robert Tidwell—Grand Photographer, Phillip Faulkner—Grand Organist, and Daniel Bennett—Grand Orator (the first Orator for the Grand Council of Georgia). Companions, you all are special to me and I appreciate everything you have done, not only for me, but for Cryptic Masonry, and Georgia York Rite as a whole. While we weren't always together this year, your presence was always appreciated and served as a reminder of the unity in our purpose and as a refreshment of the bonds of friendship shared among us. To the Companions that served as District Deputies, Committeemen, and in other leadership roles, thank you for accepting your appointments and fulfilling the duties of your respective positions in a manner that represents this Grand Council at its best. It is impossible to recognize everyone, so I will extend a general thank you.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Companions, in the coming years, a tough decision will be faced regarding the state of our Grand Council's finances. Compared to the Grand Chapter and the

Grand Commandery, the Grand Council has extremely little savings. It might become necessary at some point to raise per capita or have a special assessment. First, this is not out of waste or negligence of the Grand York Rite office, and in no way reflects mismanagement. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer have combed the budget for savings or additional sources of income, but the problem remains—one of simple math—expenses continue to increase and revenues continue to decrease.

Secondly, I encourage every Companion in Georgia to work toward earning a “Purple Card” or Ritual Card. This was started this year with assistance from Right Excellent Companion Mike Sampsell and Most Illustrious Companion Larry Bennett. Our ritual is beautiful, but unfortunately often gets cut for time or convenience during our meetings. We have a book to help with learning—and knowing that all of us at one time learned a catechism—I know all are capable of learning it, if properly motivated.

One final recommendation: as I am writing this, the state of Georgia is in the midst of a shelter in place order due to Covid-19. Looking at my Facebook feed, it amazes me how many Companions are “starved” to get back to meetings. If this hunger for fraternity can be harnessed and directed properly, local Councils should be able to see a boom in membership and attendance in the coming months. Illustrious Masters be ready to quench that thirst and have meetings with meat.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

I want to start by thanking the Companions I had the privilege to serve behind and learn from: Drew Lane, Charles Taylor, Floyd Edmondson, Ben Polston, John Haggas, and Larry Bennett—thank all of you for the example you set and the impact each of you made on me during my time in your line.

To the current elected officers: Ron Wolbert, Jim Bard, Rusty Cordle, Judd Wolfe, Tim Starling, and John Miller—you are the best of Masonry and I am proud of each of you and look forward to your turns of leadership in the years to come. When I am involved with something, my goal is always to leave it in better shape than I found it—and I challenge each of you to that same goal.

Two big special “thank you’s” go to Wade Smith and Mark Bradley—your dedication to Masonry is commendable but mostly your words of counsel and advice over the years have been invaluable. I will tell on myself—when Mark told us he was running for Grand Secretary/Recorder, I told him I didn’t think he was the best person for the job, just the best we could afford. Mark—thank you for proving me wrong, you were absolutely the right person for this position at this time and place.

A big thanks goes to Miss Marla Horton for all of her work in helping us to run this Grand body. I don’t know how many times I called this year, but I think she had my number memorized by June—and she kept answering!!!

I have to mention my (self-appointed) “campaign manager” from 7 years ago—Robert Tidwell. Robert, you have always been one of my loudest supporters and pushers. For your support of me and your dedication, not only to Cryptic Masonry, but York Rite as a whole, thank you.

I want to thank my nominator of seven years ago, Most Illustrious Companion Gary Lemmons. During his nomination he said something that has stuck with me every day since: “I guarantee he will do a good job, or I will kick his butt.” Gary, hopefully I fulfilled the pledge you made to the Companions (and saved myself from a butt-kicking).

I want to thank the brothers of Palestine Lodge #486. Some of my best friends in

Masonry were made there. Sorry I haven't been able to attend as much as I would have liked. I want to thank the Companions of Jason Burr Council #13 for their support during my trip through this line.

I want to express my thanks to Companion Joe Turner—if I had a code question, he had an answer (or opinion) and was a great source of wisdom and knowledge.

I want to mention Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Tate and Right Eminent Grand Commander Brandon Yarbrough and congratulate them on the conclusion of their respective years.

I want to give a special thanks to Alessandro Silva—my buddy, my shadow, my consummate #2. You are one of the hardest working, most dedicated Masons I know. We have travelled a lot together since your EA degree and hopefully you aren't tired of me yet because there are more roads to come.

I am in this line because of Floyd Edmondson. When I was deciding which line to run for, my decision was a simple one—I wanted to follow "Mr. Floyd." You are a role model that anyone should strive to emulate—not only in the way you "Masonicate" but the way you live every day, the way you treat everyone. Thank you for being the kind, humble, giant that you are.

I want to thank my parents—without their support, I couldn't have gone through this line or station. Even though Mama might not know the name of the station I have held, she still supported me. Dad, you travelled with me on several occasions, and I now know just how annoying a backseat (or passenger seat) driver really is... I will remember those trips fondly.

Lastly, to the Companions of Georgia for providing me the honor of serving in the station of Most Illustrious Grand Master of Georgia, I thank you. Hopefully, none regret that decision. I want to thank you for the honor you have shown this office throughout the year. Being your Illustrious Grand Master has been the highlight of my Masonic career. I cherish the friends I have made, the experiences I have had, but mostly the impact you have made on my life. As the year ends with the 194th Annual Assembly of this Grand Body and my actions are reviewed, I am overcome with mixed emotions—serving in this line for 7 years has been amazing, fulfilling, and insightful, but at the same time I am ready to turn the gavel of authority over to our next leader. I do this knowing that I did my best to lead this Grand Body and leave with no regrets.

Finally, I will end with a reminder of my motto for the year:

Preserve, Restore, Rebuild—Preserve what we have, Restore what we've lost, and we will Rebuild and grow. I pray the Supreme Architect will continue to bless the Officers, Companions, and Actions of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted, with a sense of overwhelming humility and appreciation:

Ryan C. Nealey, Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

We are proud to report on the accomplishments and activities of our Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan C. Nealey for the past Masonic year in Georgia. As you know, he is a very active Mason in several of the Masonic bodies. In addition to travel to other Masonic activities, he has driven approximately 4,000 miles attending to functions and activities associated with the duties of the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master. To help promote more interest and pride in our membership, he has started a program whereby our members can receive a ritual proficiency card distributed by the Custodians of Work for the Council which operates similar to that used by Grand Lodge. One Council has been started by

dispensation in Jesup, which will hopefully receive a charter at the Grand Session.

He attended and was a guest speaker at both the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay State Assemblies. He presented several 25, 50 and 60 year membership service awards. In the spirit of cooperation with all of the Masonic bodies in Georgia, he attended and was a participant in the ceremony for the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor Investiture for the new recipients in Augusta. He attended and was recognized at the Grand Lodge of Georgia Session in October and served as the Grand Inspecting Officer for St. Elmo Commandery # 21 in Brunswick. He regularly visited the meetings of the Knights Commander Court of Honor, York Rite College, Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees and Red Cross of Constantine, all of which he is a member. He also attended a table Lodge and several Masonic Lodges where he gave York Rite talks.

An incomplete list of visits to local Councils, Conventions, and Festivals included Lakewood Council #10, Summit Council #19, Austell Council #47, the 4th District Council Convention, G. Everett Cox Council #60, Walton C. Griffin Council #36, Alpharetta Council #54, Jesup Council UD, Pickens Council #55, Canton Council #3, the Covington York Rite Festival, the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, and the South Georgia District Council Convention.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus threat has affected some of his activities. We pray for the good health and well-being of all of our members and fellow citizens of these great United States of America.

We join our MIGM in mourning the passing of 138 Companions during this Masonic year (as of this writing) including MIPGM Joe Suttles and MIPGM John Bohanan. We pray for comfort from the One On High for the surviving families and loved ones. We thank our departed Companions for their service to the Craft. We cherish their memories and live in hope that we may one day meet again.

We are happy to report the Most Illustrious Grand Master was warmly and cordially greeted on all of his visits and he reports the health of Cryptic Masonry in Georgia is strong. We congratulate Most Illustrious Grand Master Ryan C. Nealey on a very successful year in the East in the Grand Council of Georgia and we wish him well and continued success on his continued youthful journey and his activities for the General Good of our Fraternity.

We were honored to serve on the Committee of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address.

Faternally Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chairman; Larry C. Bennett; and Dr. Gary D. Lemmons

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

John P. Bohanon

Joseph P. Suttles

Howard W. Van Scoy

all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Cryptic Year.

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

MIGM Ryan C. Nealey presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Becky Ann Wolbert, Lady Paula Berry, and Lady Barbara Tate.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

MIGM Ryan C. Nealey presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Lady Gena Kelley.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

A Plaque and Lapel Pin were given to MIGM Ryan C. Nealey at a later date, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Ryan C. Nealey presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Jack J. Bell.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

RPDGM Monty J. Glover and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia F. Andrew Lane, Jr. presented the College of Preservation Award to MIGM Ryan C. Nealey and MIPGM Tommy L. Blanton.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Ryan C. Nealey presented the Council of the Year Award to Ballard Council No. 16 and Waycross Council No. 30.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Ronald B. Wolbert (2)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
James W. Bard (74)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MIGM made the following appointments: A. Lee Nash, Jr. (62), Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner (3), Grand Organist; Ernest A. McCorkle (2), Grand Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell (75), Grand Photographer.

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
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson
Memorial: A. Lee Nash, Jr., Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; Donald C. Combs
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; 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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected Officers were duly installed by Most Illustrious Companion Clyde E. Griffin.

2020-2021 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Leonard A. Davis (62)	State Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (2)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th
Timothy E. Crimmins (7)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (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 (3)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (33)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (79)	9 th
Alessandro V. Da Silva (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (66)	6 th	Nikkie D. Jordan (30)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (6)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

The 49th Triennial Assembly of General Grand Council will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 23-30, 2020.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 195th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon on Monday, May 4, 2020.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 193rd 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.

Ronald B. Wolbert
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 2021. Therefore, the officers for 2020-2021 will remain as follows:

Donald C. Combs
Brandon S. Yarbrough
Floyd E. Edmondson
Wade C. Smith
William F. Shepard
Mark A. Bradley
Larry C. Bennett

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

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood
1986 C. Danny Wofford
1990 Clyde E. Griffin
1991 Dannie L. Reed
1993 Gary D. Lemmons
1996 Lanier S. Dasher
2000 James C. Bentley, Jr.
2001 Bobby B. Simmons
2005 Thomas L. Blanton
2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.

2007 A. Joseph Clark
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr.
2010 William E. Cantrell
2011 C. Michael Ellis
2014 Alan P. Pryor
2015 Paul E. Wells
2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2017 Charles E. Taylor
2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
2019 James W. Bard

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer

Donald C. Combs
Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

2016 F. Andrew Lane (#251)
2016 Floyd E. Edmondson (#253)
2016 Charles E. Taylor (#239)
2017 Bobby B. Simmons (#379)
2017 Benjamin W. Polston, II (#381)
2017 C. Danny Wofford (#382)
2017 Clyde E. Griffin (#383)

2018 John I. Haggas (#12514)
2018 Gary D. Lemmons (#441)
2019 Larry C. Bennett (55)
2019 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)
2020 Tommy L. Blanton
2020 Ryan C. Nealey

RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33)
1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7)
*1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23)
*1978 Willis R. Bettis (74)
*1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33)
1980 Billy E. Collins (55)
*1981 Wilford H. Hall (36)
*1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33)

*1983 George T. Poole (4)
*1984 Homer Tyre (16)
*1985 William L. Boynton (7)
1986 Ruben Martinez (75)
*1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62)
*1988 Willie P. Hammond (8)
**1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77)
*1990 James W. Cowart (2)

1991 James B. Phillips (61)
 *1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33)
 ***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60)
 *1994 John B. Modling (13)
 *1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58)
 1996 William S. Cleland (76)
 1997 Peter E. Dean (42)
 1998 Bill G. Messer (5)
 *1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)
 *2000 Bobby Massey (55)
 *2001 Charles E. Hanenkrat (49)
 2002 James Timothy Ingram (55)
 *2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2)
 2004 Brent Griffin (57)
 2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2)

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

*1984 Thomas R. Chadwick (16)
 *1985 Richard J. O'Keefe (7)
 1986 Andre E. Lovas (76)
 *1987 Homer Chapman (H04)
 *1988 Jack L. Hepner (2)
 1989 Henry V. Tweedell (42)
 *1990 Floyd Cox (76)
 1991 Leo F. Bowersox, Jr. (7) **
 *1992 Oliver Grantham (13)
 1993 John Pigott (2)
 *1994 Titus F. Rodgers (H04)
 1995 William R. Carver (13)
 1996 Ronald J. Tomazin (2)
 1997 John Terry Dixon (11) **
 *1998 James Y. Wilson, Jr. (23)
 1999 David L. Canaday (33)
 2000 Mrs. Martha Hardison -
 Rainbow Girls
 2001 Marc Bohn - DeMolay

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

2006 Marguerite Zeigler-
 Buchan
 2007 Becky Couch
 2008 Judy Griffin
 2010 Josie Bentley
 2010 Pat Smith
 2013 Karen Johnson
 2015 Cheryle Shepard
 2015 Susan Pope
 2015 Sheila Hensley
 2015 Jane Wilson
 2015 Ruth Wellman
 2015 Ericka Matheny

2016 Barbara
 Edmondson
 2016 Margie Lane
 2016 Hilda Parks
 2016 Diane Nealey
 2016 Barbara Land
 2017 Tammie Polston
 2017 Lynne Hatfield
 2017 Deborah Jones
 2017 Beth Hyde
 2017 Marla Horton
 2017 Pat Schwarz
 2017 Pat Glass

*2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77)
 2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36)
 2008 Alexander Loo (A01)
 2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
 2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30)
 2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
 *2012 Edward V. Massaro (74)
 2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10)
 2014 Michael H. Sampsell (47)
 2015 Kevin L. Miller (16)
 2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60)
 2017 Michael H. Wilson (41)
 2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)
 2019 Tyler W. Pledger (24)
 2020 Jack J. Bell
 2002 Burton E. Jones (24)
 2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)
 *2004 Julius K. Moody (2)
 2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01) **
 2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)
 2007 William F. Hardison (2)
 2008 James W. Bard (74)
 2009 Mrs. Tina Brady
 2010 Charles E. Reed (7)
 2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)
 2012 James W. Stovall
 2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
 2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
 2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
 2016 James W. Stovall
 2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)
 2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04)
 2019 Angi Harris
 2020 Gena Kelley

2017 Lisa Batt
 2017 Debbie Lemmons
 2017 Cheryle Turner
 2017 Roda Wofford
 2017 Brenda Gill
 2017 Nancy Simmons
 2017 Fae Suttles
 2017 Margaret Lovas
 2017 Sharon Jennings
 2018 Benigna Haggas
 2018 Gay Bradley
 2018 Jeanette Hendry
 2018 Nora Wells

2018 Helen Leinbaugh 2019 Kay Higgins 2020 Paul Berry
 2019 Sherri Kirk 2019 Eva Garmon 2020 Barbara Tate
 2019 Judy Nichols 2020 Becky Ann Wolbert

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

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

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram: Jeremy E. Wilson	24. Walker: Thomas J. Rogers; Douglas D. Skramstad; Alan T. Darr
G02. Georgia: James R. Gorthy;	25. Elbert: Sherald J. Colvard; Marcus V. Hall
James O. Hood; Roger W. Coursey;	
Bruce H. McNall;	28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
03. Canton: James R. Harris	29. Western: Eric S. Tress
G04. Georgia: Kelly S. Montgomery	30. Waycross: T. Matthew Sanford;
H04. Hope: No Representation	James R. Bennett; Nickie W. Jordan
06. Washington: Michael L. Hamlin;	33. Euclid: William R. Kayma, Jr.
John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;	35. H. C. Rigdon: Roy H. Miller, Jr.
Bobby B. Simmons	36. Walton C. Griffin: E. Ray Knittel
07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation	37. Douglasville: Larry D. Patillo, Sr.;
08. Griffin: Wayne L. Burkett; Van S. McGee	Emmet R. McCall, Sr.
10. Lakewood: No Representation	38. George H. Fields: No Representation
13. Jason Burr: Darren L. Nofziger;	40. E. L. McConnell: No Representation
Larry W. Nichols; Robert E. Gordon;	41. Covington: Jeffery L. Anderson
Lloyd R. Bowen; Ryan C. Nealey	44. Gwinnett: Thomas R. Conn, Sr.;
14. Moultrie: No Representation	Jerry D. Moss
15. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr.	46. Statesboro: William R. Waters, Jr.
16. Ballard: Thomas J. Chapman	47. Austell: Carl J. Ward;
18. Graydon W. Kitchens:	Oliver C. Ground, Jr.
No Representation	49. Minor C. Shadburn: William E. Cantrell
19. Summit: Charles P. Nealey;	53. Sardis: Daniel O. Causey
Floyd E. Edmondson; Edgar M. Land	54. Alpharetta: James J. Parsons;
20. Hunter: No Representation	Jack J. Bell; Charles D. Humphrey

55. Pickens: Daniel E. Fink;
 Lucious E. Gaskins; Larry C. Bennett;
 James R. Hames; Eugene T. Free
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: No Representation
60. G. Everett Cox: Richard J. Hallwood
61. Calhoun: Timothy O. Cooper;
 Daniel P. Bennett; Terry L. Hensley
62. Hiram: Russell S. Sanders;
 Lamont D. Pitts; Lawrence H. Mull;
 James D. Davis
64. Zabud: James R. Gee; Jason R. Gee
65. N.T. Pirkle: Jeffrey L. Smith;

Wiley Q. Forrester, III
66. Fayetteville: No Representation
73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh;
 Joseph W. Powell, II
74. Marietta: Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; Peter D.
 Bard; Robert L. Hall, Jr.; Jan M. Giddens;
 Hugh F. Watson
75. Tara: Gregory B. Foster
77. Winder: C. Danny Wofford
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: William W. Grist
83. Covenant: Tracy W. Lemasters;
 Phillip D. Booth

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation
G02. Georgia: No Representation
03. Canton: No Representation
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: No Representation
06. Washington: No Representation
07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation
08. Griffin: No Representation
10. Lakewood: No Representation
13. Jason Burr: Michael C. Halpin
14. Moultrie: No Representation
15. Rome: No Representation
16. Ballard: James D. Arnold
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: No Representation
19. Summit: No Representation
20. Hunter: No Representation
24. Walker: Melvin A. Pledger
25. Elbert: No Representation
28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
29. Western: No Representation
30. Waycross: Lawrence A. Purdom
33. Euclid: No Representation
35. H. C. Rigdon: Daniel E. Kitchens
36. Walton C. Griffin: No Representation
37. Douglasville: No Representation

38. George H. Fields: No Representation
40. E. L. McConnell: No Representation
41. Covington: No Representation
44. Gwinnett: No Representation
46. Statesboro: No Representation
47. Austell: No Representation
49. Minor C. Shadburn: No Representation
53. Sardis: Lanier S. Dasher, Jr.
54. Alpharetta: James G. Schaub
55. Pickens: Alfred A. Lincoln
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: Howard Maddox
60. G. Everett Cox: No Representation
61. Calhoun: Joseph A. Revels; Jeff Self
62. Hiram: No Representation
64. Zabud: No Representation
65. N.T. Pirkle: Martain A. Farley
66. Fayetteville: No Representation
73. Fort Benning: No Representation
74. Marietta: John J. Finch, Jr.; Shane D. Russell
75. Tara: C. Wayne Glass
77. Winder: Victor A. McKelvey
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: J. Ivy Smith
83. Covenant: No Representation

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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 2020

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2020 + 4000 = 6020$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2020 + 530 = 2550$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2020 + 1913 = 3933$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2020 + 1000 = 3020$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2020 - 1118 = 902$

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

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Member Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants

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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, 2019, 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, 2019

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 85,569.87
Investments, at cost	429,984.22
Employee advances	<u>3,948.80</u>
Total current assets	519,502.89

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	73,031.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>11,444.45</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>61,587.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 581,090.36</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to CMMRF	\$ 10.00
Due to/from other	130,705.89
Due to RARA	862.87
Payroll taxes payable	<u>3,277.08</u>
Total current liabilities	134,855.84

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	440,817.23
Temporarily restricted	<u>5,417.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>446,234.52</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 581,090.3</u>
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CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 9,759.23
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Per capita income	208,973.14
Rituals and miscellaneous income	11,861.43
Other income	15,166.94
Building income	56,619.00
Interest income	39.20
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(3,522.72)
Long-term capital gain distributions	2,627.83
Charitable donations	<u>10,545.37</u>
Net support and revenue	312,069.42
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	316,569.42
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	64,021.68
Apron and carrying case	562.43
Awards	1,737.50
Conference expense	21,634.67
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	7,639.00
Entertainment – distinguished guests	637.96
Fundraising expense	24,400.00
Grand Recorder	28,299.03
Grand Treasurer expense	3,750.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	8,504.93
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	165,487.20
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fees	5,236.15
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Insurance	3,076.06
Management fee-payroll and taxes	44,214.33
Office supplies and expense	33,443.43
Professional fees	2,195.00
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	30,976.85
Telephone	5,066.59
Utilities	<u>22,877.77</u>
Total management and general expenses	160,801.98
Total expenses	<u>326,289.18</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	
WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	(9,719.76)
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(4,500.00)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(4,500.00)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(14,219.76)

NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>460,454.28</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 446,234.52</u>
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 8,8842.58
Per capita income	208,973.14
Rituals and miscellaneous income	11,861.43
Other income	12,866.79
Interest income	39.20
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(3,357.41)
Long-term capital gain distributions	2,321.87
Charitable donations	<u>10,545.37</u>
Net support and revenue	252,092.97

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	256,592.97

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Administrative expense	64,021.68
Apron and carrying case	562.43
Awards	1,737.50
Conference expense	21,634.67
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	7,639.00
Entertainment – distinguished guests	637.96
Fundraising expense	24,400.00
Grand Recorder	28,299.03
Grand Treasurer expense	3,750.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	8,504.93
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	165,487.20

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES

Investment fees	4,623.59
Management fee-payroll and taxes	44,214.33
Office supplies and expense	14,949.01
Professional fees	2,195.00
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	9,468.88
Telephone	<u>5,066.59</u>
Total management and general expenses	92,407.40

Total expenses	<u>257,894.60</u>
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DECREASE IN NET ASSETS

WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	(1,301.63)
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NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(4,500.00)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(4,500.00)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(5,801.63)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>348,232.42</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 342,430.79</u>

BUILDING FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 916.65
Other income	2,300.15
Building income	56,619.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(165.31)
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>305.96</u>
Net support and revenue	59,976.45
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	59,976.45
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fees	612.56
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Insurance	3,076.06
Office supplies and expense	18,494.42
Repairs and maintenance	21,507.97
Utilities	<u>22,877.77</u>
Total management and general expenses	68,394.58
Total expenses	<u>68,394.58</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	(8,418.13)
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(8,418.13)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>112,221.86</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 103,803.73</u>

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2019**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 9,293.90
Wells Fargo-investments, at cost	41,132.43
N/R-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>875.25</u>
Total current assets	<u>51,301.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 51,301.58</u>

<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due to/from RAM	\$ 4,880.62
Total current liabilities	<u>4,880.62</u>
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>46,420.96</u>
Total net assets	<u>46,420.96</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 51,301.58</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 777.07
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(697.06)
Per capita income	54,233.43
Rituals and miscellaneous income	6,675.00
Interest income	<u>14.39</u>
Net support and revenue	61,002.83
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	1,666.00
Conference expense	235.00
Dues-General Grand Council	5,207.50
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	4,279.47
Grand Chapter expense	40,448.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	<u>100.00</u>
Total program expenses	52,035.97
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Building expense	8,776.00
Investment fee	250.96
Professional fees	1,445.00
Foreign Tax Paid	<u>30.99</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>10,502.95</u>
Total expenses	<u>62,538.92</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
	(1,536.09)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>47,957.05</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 46,420.96</u>

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31, 2019

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 34,182.04
Investments, at cost	<u>384,411.03</u>
Total current assets	418,593.07
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,261.37)</u>

Net property and equipment	<u>23,758.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 442,351.65</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due to RAM	<u>\$ 3,690.00</u>
Total current liabilities	3,690.00
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>438,661.65</u>
Total net assets	<u>438,661.65</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 442,351.65</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 9,226.79
Long-term capital gain distributions	3,059.24
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(2,349.17)
Per capita income	73,269.13
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>6,550.00</u>
Net support and revenue	89,755.99
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	1,409.75
Conference expense	1,200.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	20,770.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron	
maintenance fund	517.10
Rainbow	100.00
Charitable Expenses	350.00
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	28,446.85
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	3,453.98
Management fee-payroll and taxes	36,239.00
Professional fees	1,445.00
Rent expense	<u>7,644.00</u>
Total management and general	
expenses	<u>49,482.48</u>
Total expenses	<u>77,929.33</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	11,826.66
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>426,834.99</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 438,661.65</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>516,143.90</u>

Total current assets	<u>516,143.90</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 516,143.90</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ <u>516,143.90</u>
Total net assets	<u>516,143.90</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 516,143.90</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 14,928.87
Long-term capital gain distributions	5,718.90
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	1,573.25
Contributions	<u>8,621.34</u>
Net support and revenue	30,842.36
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>31,250.00</u>
Total program expenses	31,250.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fee	<u>5,601.46</u>
Total management and general	
expenses	<u>5,601.46</u>
Total expenses	<u>36,851.46</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(6,009.10)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>522,153.00</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 516,143.90</u>

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

December 31, 2019

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>\$3,337,076.73</u>
Total current assets	3,337,076.73
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Equipment	<u>8,511.17</u>
Net property and equipment	8,511.17
OTHER ASSETS	
Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA	60,000.00
Due to/from RAM	<u>11,931.00</u>
Total other assets	<u>71,931.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,417,518.90</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payable to GA Division	\$ 139.05
Accounts Payable	<u>3,555.97</u>
Total current liabilities	3,695.02
NET ASSETS	

Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>3,413,823.88</u>
Total net assets	3,413,823.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,417,518.90</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2019

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 83,090.74
Interest income	9,650.90
Long-term capital gain distributions	19,845.97
Other investment income	1,477.16
Public support and contributions	1,000.00
Gain on sale of securities	<u>86,182.08</u>
Net support and revenue	201,246.85
Restrictions satisfied by payments	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>6,832.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue	
and net assets released from	
restrictions	208,078.85
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	15,033.20
Contributions	1,335.46
Meetings and luncheons	804.38
Research grants and donations	92,000.00
Scholarship Awards	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	119,173.04
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Insurance	9,637.24
Investment fees	31,473.11
Professional fees	<u>2,400.00</u>
Total management and general	
expenses	<u>43,510.35</u>
Total expenses	<u>162,683.39</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(45,395.46)
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	6,832.00
Net assets released from restrictions	(6,832.00)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	45,395.46
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,368,428.42</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,413,823.88</u>