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JOINT MEMORIAL/DIVINE SERVICE

May 1, 2016

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple, at 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, at 4:00 PM, Sunday, May 1, 2016. A hearty welcome was extended to all participants to the Annual Joint York Rite Ceremony of Remembrance for all deceased Companions and Sir Knights. Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Shepard lit the red candle in remembrance of those Companions, who have crossed over the River Jordan since the last Memorial/Divine Service. Most Illustrious Grand Master Floyd E. Edmondson lit the Purple Candle in remembrance of the Council Companions, who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Lloyd J. Leinbaugh lit the white candle in remembrance of those Fraters, who have ascended during the past year. Grand Chaplains J. Wesley Blalock and Morris M. Parks, and Grand Prelate and Reverend Donald C. Combs conducted the Service. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

In Memoriam for

WILLIAM JOHNSON "BILLY" BIRD

December 20, 1928 – February 15, 2016

Most Excellent Companion William Johnson "Billy" Bird was born in Metter, Georgia on December 20, 1928. He died Monday, February 15, 2016. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Jesup and the Golden Ruler's Sunday School Class. He was predeceased by his parents, Claude and Ruby Bird and brother, Raymond Bird. Survivors are his wife of 62 years, Mary Godwin Bird of Jesup; daughter and son-in-law, DeLisa Bird-House and Ray House of Jesup; son, Dr. William Anthony Bird and wife, Dr. Beverly Bird of Roswell; brother and sister-in-law, Claude and Cleora Bird of Baxley; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Most Excellent Companion Bird moved to South Georgia in 1941, spending his teen years in Glennville, Statesboro and Baxley. He graduated from high school in 1946 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. Toledo. Most Excellent Companion Bird worked for Walker Chevrolet Company in Jesup, Georgia and received his technical training at the General Motors Center in Jacksonville, Florida. He was the Parts Manager at Walker Chevrolet upon retirement.

Most Excellent Companion Bird became a Member in Jesup Lodge No. 112 on June 9, 1956 and served as Worshipful Master in 1962. Companion Bird was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Jesup Chapter No. 70 and served as High Priest in 1961. He was greeted at Ballard Council No. 16 in 1957. Companion Bird was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 21, Brunswick, Georgia in 1957. Master Mason was achieved June 8, 1956. He served in Masonic work over 50 years and held memberships in Scottish Rite and Alee Temple of Savannah. Companion Bird served as District Grand Deputy to the Grand High Priest of Georgia in 1990 and was elected the Master of the First Veil of the Grand Chapter of Georgia in 1991. He continued through the line of Officers becoming Grand High Priest in 1996. In 1991, he was awarded the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal, an award for distinguished service.

Our Brother and Most Excellent Companion William Johnson "Billy" Bird, as we knew him, was a Masonic Giant. Known throughout the Masonic Kingdom as "Mr. Principle Sojourner," he traveled over the State many years doing his "part," probably better than anyone ever did or will do it in the future. He owned it! And he loved doing it!

Brother Billy was also a longtime member of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite and attained the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor.

His funeral service was held February 18, 2016 at Jesup First Baptist Church with Dr. Mike Von Moss and Clyde Griffin officiating. Interment with full Masonic Rites was completed at Pinecrest Memorial Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Scott Godwin, Jeremy Godwin, Kody Godwin, Gary Bird, Glenn Jackson, and Ed Exley. Honorary pallbearers were members of Jesup Masonic Lodge 112, F&AM Jesup Chapter No. 70, Royal Arch Masons and all Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia, Shriners, Wayne Memorial ER Department and Administration, Jones Drug Coffee Group (The Liar's Club Members and Spouses), Michael Evans, Ralph Covington, and Dr. R. A. Pumpelly, IV and staff.

Our Friend and Brother and Most Excellent Companion Billy was a lover of the Fraternity and he enjoyed his many friends and Brothers. Billy touched the lives of many people with his exuberance, love of life and with a warm and caring heart. Billy lived life to the fullest and it was obvious everywhere he went. We will miss him.

Faternally submitted, Clyde E. Griffin, MEPGHP

In Memoriam for

JAMES THEODORE "TERRY" FARMER

September 29, 1939 – March 6, 2016

It becomes my sad duty to answer the roll for James Theodore Farmer, known to us as Terry, who can no longer answer for himself. It is our hope and belief that he has gone from among us to a better place, where there is no sickness and no sadness. Five Grand High Priests have died in office while serving this Grand Body, and Terry is now the third one from Pythagoras Chapter Number 10, in Griffin.

I first met Terry and his family at least 40 years ago when he and I were living on the same street in Hampton, Georgia and we have been friends ever since, traveling many miles together since 1995. Terry was born in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina and was the only child of Ted and Sarah Farmer. They moved to Aberdeen N.C. in 1940 where his Dad was a conductor on the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad for 37 years. Terry graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1958. He Enlisted in the Air Force in September 1959 and was discharged in October of 1967. During his Air Force career he was stationed at Hamilton AFB Calif., Iraklion, Crete, Greece, Kessler AFB Miss., Seymour Johnson AFB N.C., and Phan Rang AFB Vietnam. Terry was an Air Traffic Controller and while in the Air Force attended NCO leadership school in 1965. He won a Speak-up award for public speaking. He was the Seymour Johnson Base Outstanding Airman of the Year in 1965. He Received the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service while in Vietnam from January 24, 1966 – December 20, 1966.

Terry married Brenda J. Luck on December 4, 1959. They had 4 children, Greg, Dee, Buffi and Jamie, 7 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren. They were married a little over 55 years at Brenda's death, July 23, 2015. Terry worked for the FAA in ARTCC in Hampton Ga. and retired after 14 years of Government service due to medical reasons. Terry and his family were very active in Hampton Baptist Church and then Calvary Baptist in Hampton. After they moved to McDonough, they became very active in Bethany Baptist Church where he served as Santa for the preschool program for 10 years and director of the tape ministry for 15 years. He enjoyed singing and was a part of New Dawn Quartet and the Farmer Family Singing Group. What a blessing they were too many! It was in Freemasonry that Terry found his niche and became one of its most active members. He was raised in Hampton Lodge #70, Hampton, Ga. on February 26, 1993 and served as Worshipful Master in 1998. He served as Worshipful Master of the 6th District Masonic Convention in 2013 and affiliated with Golden Fleece Lodge #6 in Covington, Georgia as a dual member in 2012.

He became a member of the York Rite bodies in the York Rite – Shrine one day class in September of 1995 and often told the story that I gave him a petition and made him fill it out since I was Grand High Priest at the time and I wanted to make sure there was at least one candidate for the class. Terry served as High Priest of Hampton Chapter No. 54 in 2001 and High Priest of Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 in 2004. He served as High Priest 6th District RAM Convention in 2009 and as the Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood in 2012. He was the Grand Representative to his beloved State of North Carolina. On May 5, 2015 he was installed as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in the State of Georgia and served us well during his time in office and especially honored the Vietnam veteran members with his "Welcome Home Brother Pin." He served three terms as Illustrious Master of Griffin Council No. 8, the last being in 2005. He served as Illustrious Master of the 6th District R&SM Convention in 2006 and as the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of Silver Trowel in 2011. He became Eminent Commander of Griffin Commandery No. 35 in 2004 and later served as its Recorder. He received the Grand Encampment Membership Award and the Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award in 2010. He was currently serving as Knight Crusader of the South in the Knight Crusader of the Cross. In the Scottish Rite, he was likewise very active, receiving the Degrees in the Valley of Macon, November 12, 2002, serving as Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection in 2007 and was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) in 2007. He transferred to the Valley of Atlanta in 2011 and was a member of the South Side and the East Side Scottish Rite Associations.

Terry was invited to join many honorary invitational bodies and he served them with zeal: KYCH, Georgia Priory No. 39, 2005; transferred to Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56 in 2009 and was serving as Warder. Red Cross of Constantine, Alexander Conclave, 2008, currently serving as the Puissant Sovereign. Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123, 2003, received the Order of the Purple Cross of York and Associate Regent in 2012 in Toronto, Canada and was currently serving as Governor of the College. Henry Troy Hooper Council #312 Allied Masonic Degrees, 2002, received Red Branch of Erie in 2004 and served as Sovereign Master in 2007. Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council No. 65, Knight Masons, 2003 and served as Excellent Chief in 2015. He also joined the Royal Order of Scotland in 2004. Terry became a noble of the Shrine at Yaarab Shrine Temple in Atlanta in the Summer Ceremonial in Helen, Georgia in June of 2013 and became a member of the Legion of Honor Shrine Unit in November of 2013. This is a uniformed unit of the Shrine which is composed of Shriners who have served or are still serving in the Armed Forces of our country. He was very proud to be a member of this unit and was currently serving as the First Lieutenant Commander. Terry will long be remembered for single-handedly organizing, planning and starting the York Rite Festival honoring the Grand Presiding Officers of the York Rite Bodies in Georgia in 2008. He has continued to organize and develop this annual Festival every year since and it has now grown to become the Grand Master and Grand York Rite Officers Festival. The funeral was attended by many Masons and he was buried in that narrow place of rest appointed for all at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery in McDonough, Georgia. We miss him and we hope to, again, someday, see him in "Beulah Land". Respectfully submitted, Joe E. Turner MEPGHP

**In Memoriam for
WILLIAM LARRY HICKS
July 7, 1942 – April 24, 2016**

It becomes my sad duty to answer the roll call for William Larry Hicks, who can no longer answer for himself. While we mourn his passing, we rejoice in knowing that he has gone to a better place where there is no more pain or sorrow. He will never be forgotten and his memories will be with us for as long as we live. Larry was a great friend, whom I had the privilege to know for many years and we

served together as Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master in 2005. We travelled together many miles that year and I will treasure His friendship and memories the rest of my life. Born in Knoxville, Tennessee on July 7, 1942 Larry was the only child of Fred and Elizabeth Hicks. He attended Lenoir City public schools and then attended Tennessee Wesleyan College and the University of Tennessee. He continued thru his life to be a great fan of Tennessee football. He went to work for GMAC in 1964 and retired from there in 1998. He had worked at Bass Pro since his retirement. He met his wife Patsy while both attended the University of Tennessee and they were married on June 26, 1962 and moved to Georgia in 1964. They have one daughter-Kim, married to Eric Ellington.

Raised a Master Mason on July 28, 1966 in Atlanta Lodge #59 in Atlanta, Georgia, later to become Atlanta-Peachtree #59. He Served as Worshipful Master in 1981 and 1984. He also served as Treasurer of his lodge for many years and served as District Deputy to the Grand Master in the 5th District for 1996-1997. Most Illustrious Companion Hicks was Exalted in Mt. Zion Chapter #16 R.A.M. on October 31, 1986 and served as High Priest in 1997. He received the Order of the High Priesthood the same year and served as Treasurer for many years. Greeted in Jason Burr Council #13 R&SM in Atlanta, Ga October 31, 1986, he served as Illustrious Master in 1992 and receive the Order of Silver Trowel the same year. He was elected and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master for the year 2005-2006. He was appointed and served as General Grand Sentinel of General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International for the years 2005-2008. He was a member and Past Commander of Atlanta Commandery No.9 in 1996-1997. He was a member of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123 in Atlanta, serving as Governor in 2003-2004 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1997. He was a member of Atlanta Consistory of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite since 1966, and served as Venerable Master of the lodge of Perfection in 1994. He received the KCCH on October 19, 1987, and was Coroneted a 33rd degree on November 25, 1985. He served as Director of Work from 1996 until his death. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society; member of Cherokee Rose Priory #56 KYCH; member of St. Ambrose Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; served as Sovereign in 2010. He was a member of the Georgia Lodge of Research in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1990; Charter member of Zarathan Council #329 AMD and served as Sovereign Master in 1997 and received the Knight of Red Branch of ERI. He was a member of Georgia College SRCF; Charter member of Carl F. Lester Jr. Council #65; Knights Masons of the USA; Member Fidelitas Tabernacle #LXXVII KTP serving as Preceptor in 2013.

The Memorial to celebrate and Honor the Life of William Larry Hicks will be held Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 4:00 PM at Tom Wages Snellville Chapel. Rev. Joe Lewis will officiate. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Snellville. May we remember that we are travelling to the undiscovered Country from who's born no traveler returns. May we one day hear those welcome words "Well done, thou good and faithful Servant. Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord." Respectfully submitted, Hugh F. Watson, PGHP

**In Memoriam for
JIMMY TERRELL PORTER
September 20, 1943 – November 29, 2015**

I rise to answer the call for one who has travelled to that undiscovered country from which no traveler has returned. Jimmy Terrell Porter has had the last veil parted and is now being bathed in that pure light of the Grand Architect of the Universe. Jimmy's soul came into this profane world on September 20, 1943 in Bartow, Florida. His parents were James William Porter and Myrtis Gibbs Porter; both of whom were from South Georgia. Jimmy was raised in a devout Christian

home with a strong work ethic. He began his formal education in a rural three room school later transferring to a consolidated school in Avon Park Florida. There he participated in a myriad of extracurricular activities; everything from "a high school circus" to the starting center for the schools conference champion football team. The circus experience would prove to be a vital preparation for his future Masonic travels as a "Keystone Cop". "The most important event of his life also began in the halls of Ole Avon High, for it was there he met the love of his life, Glenda Joyce Horton." They were married on April 4, 1962 and had 53 plus years of joyful matrimony. This union was blessed with one daughter, Dawn Renee who later married Michael Tauton. Then came the two granddaughters; Alexia and Kendyl. They were the apples of his eye.

Jimmy's life was always centered around duty, honor, and service. These core beliefs would serve him well throughout his life. Jimmy began his service to God at an early age. This religious commitment was an integral part of his life. Ms. Glenda and Jimmy attended church wherever they lived all around the world. Locally, they were members of the 1st Baptist Church of Nashville, Georgia for over 20 years. Most recently, they attended "A New Way" Baptist Church where they felt a special presence of the Spirit of the Lord. Jimmy answered the call of his country by enlisting in the U. S. Air Force just after graduating from High School. He served with honor and integrity for 21 years. His last duty assignment was at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta Georgia; where he served as squadron first sergeant. His next call to duty was from the Nashville, Georgia community. Here he served as Maintenance Superintendent for the Nashville Housing Authority. He oversaw and managed 325 apartments located in 9 different cities. He touched many lives and was a positive influence to all.

Jimmy began his Masonic journey by being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Duncan Lodge #234 in Nashville, Georgia. He eagerly progressed through the chairs of this lodge, eventually becoming Worshipful Master. He was a charter member of Tift area Daylight Lodge #745 and also served a term as Worshipful Master. Jimmy recently affiliated with Tifton Lodge #47 and was an active member at the time of his death November 20, 2015. Jimmy loved working in the various vineyards of Freemasonry. He was active in both the Scottish and York Rites. Jimmy was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Albany. He participated in all of these bodies and was coroneted to the 33rd degree. For many years he served as the chief chef for the Valley and also was a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. Jimmy served in a wide variety of other associated Masonic Bodies. He was a member of the Carl F. Lester Council #65, Knights Masons of Georgia. He was invited into Dixie Council #314 where he served as Sovereign Master. He also received the Order of Bath, the Order of the Cork, and the Order of Saint Patrick. Jimmy joined the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Georgia Forest #181 Atlanta Georgia. He later became a charter member of the Tall Pines Forest #203 in Tifton Georgia and served as Grand Tall Cedar. He was a member of AlBan Grotto, MOVPER also served as Monarch. Hasan Shrine Temple AAONMS of Albany initiated him and put him to work as a "Keystone Cop." He was accepted into the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge, R.S.Y.C.S. and Provincial Grand Chapter, H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G. of the United States of America. Jimmy was also very active in the Georgia Highlands Chapter, Royal Order of Scotland, serving as Prelate. Ms. Glenda and Jimmy were active in the Nashville Chapter #334, Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron. They also were members of Tifton Council #25 Order of the Amaranth serving as Royal Patron. Jimmy's tenure in the Grand Chapter of Georgia began in 2005 as Grand Master of the First Veil. He progressed through the line over the next nine years culminating with his election as Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2013. He loved each and every companion he served with and loved all of you as well. After his year as Grand High Priest Jimmy was chosen for one final duty. He

was appointed to be the Ambassador to Georgia for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International.

Jimmy felt it was an honor to serve this great fraternity. But he knew that with this great honor came a serious responsibility. He responded to this challenge in the same manner as he had responded to those he had faced throughout his life. He called on the Grand Architect of the Universe for guidance and wisdom so that he might know what his duty was and how to fulfill it with honor, in order that he might humbly serve this fraternity. The details of his plan you may not remember but the guiding principle you need to remember. It was PUSH—Pray Until Something Happens. This approach will fulfill all of your personal needs as well as the needs of our fraternity. I know Jimmy Terrell Porter would want you to always remember: "Holiness to the Lord"

Respectfully submitted; John H. Johnson, PHP (47)

**In Memoriam for
JOSEPH DONALD WESTBROOK
December 24, 1946 – April 21, 2016**

Joseph Donald Westbrook, son of Elizabeth and Bill Westbrook, was born on December 24, 1946 in Fayetteville, N.C. The family then lived in Savannah, GA for many years before moving to Glennville. It was there where Joe finished high school in 1965, and immediately joined the U.S. Air Force. Joe's 6 year enlistment ended in 1972 while he was stationed in Vietnam. Joe renewed his service to his country when he joined the Coast Guard Reserves, from which he retired after 20 years. After the Air Force, Joe began his career with the police force, serving first in Jesup, GA before moving to Brunswick and joining the police department there. Joe liked to stay busy, so after retirement he became a deputy sheriff with the Glynn County Sheriff's department.

Joe had many hobbies and interests. He loved history, especially the Civil War era, and he enjoyed making history come alive to others by sharing tid-bits and little-known details gleaned from his studies. Joe was even a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was involved in tracing the genealogy of his family and traveled through many southern states researching his family's history. Joe had his pilot's license and loved to fly, although several years ago medical issues ended that activity. He was a member of American Legion Post #9 in Brunswick. He had a vast collection of guns and enjoyed adding to that collection, as well as firing them as often as possible.

Joe's Masonic career began at Brunswick Lodge No. 717 as an E.A. on May 2, F.C. on July 2, and M.M. on August 15, all in 1985. He was Master of Brunswick Lodge in 1994. He became a member of the York Rite Bodies in Brunswick on October 12, 1985, serving as High Priest of Brunswick Chapter in 1995 and 2011, Ill. Master of Ballard Council in 1993 and 2011, and Commander of St. Elmo Commandery in 1994. He was a member of Georgia Priory No. 39 KYCH. On November 9, 1985, he became a member of Scottish Rite in Savannah, and received KCCH on November 2, 2010. Joe was a member of Allee Shrine Temple in Savannah and Brunswick Shrine Club in Brunswick, Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Savannah, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, Oglethorpe Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Herman E. Freeman York Rite College, and Savannah Council Allied Masonic Degrees. He was a member of Marshes of Glynn No. 243, Order of Eastern Star, and Georgia Court No. 1, Order of Amaranth, and served as Royal Patron.

Joe was brought up in the Mormon faith, and it carried him throughout his life. Joe had one sister, Sharon, two brothers, Gary and Stacey, two nieces and two nephews, and several great nieces and nephews. Being the oldest of his

siblings, Joe was seen as the cornerstone of the family and one whom they all tried to emulate. His youngest brother even followed into Joe's footsteps by joining the police force. Joe leaves behind his wife, Terry, whom he married on May 20, 1994. They made their home in Brunswick and shared many mutual loves and interests. He also leaves a step-son, Joe Davis. Joe loved God, his country, his family, and he loved the Masonic fraternity. He was a good man and a good Mason.

Respectfully Submitted, James E. Stevens, REPGC

**In Memoriam for
WILFRED GEORGE BEAN
December 27, 1927 – March 10, 2016**

Excellent Companion Wilfred George Bean was born in Belmont, New Hampshire on December 27, 1927. He was the son of the late Christopher and Doris Rogers Bean.

Companion George was a veteran and served his country in the United States Navy. He retired with 35 years of service from the United States Government where he was Deputy Director of Eastern Region National Cemeteries. Companion Bean enjoyed cabinet making, playing golf, and gardening. He was an honorable and fun loving person who loved his family.

Our beloved Companion was a member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church. He was a dedicated Christian and Mason. He was a member and Past Master of Sweetwater Lodge No. 421, Free and Accepted Masons; member and Past High Priest of Sweetwater Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons; member and Past Illustrious Master of Gwinnett Council No. 44, Royal and Select Masters; and member and Past Commander of Arnold de Troye Commandery No. 31, Knights Templar. In recognition of his service to all Masonic bodies of the York Rite he was dubbed a Knight of the York Cross of Honour in Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, K.Y.C.H. Companion Bean served with dignity as Excellent Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, in 1993 during the term of Most Excellent Companion Ernest Gaines, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Our Companion was also very active in the Order of Eastern Star; a member and Past Patron of Chapter #328, OES. He also served as District Grand Deputy for the Order.

Excellent Companion Bean was called from his earthly labors on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at his residence following a battle with health issues, having been blessed with a life of 88 years.

In addition to his parents Companion Bean is preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Shirley Rose Sweeney Bean; his sister Pauline Pikor and his brothers, Fenton Bean and Keith Bean.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Mary Sue Hopkins Bean of Cartersville; his son, Robert "Bob" Bean of Florence, South Carolina; his brother Albert Bean of Alexandria, Virginia; his grandsons Robert James Bean, Jr. of South Carolina and Johnathan Christopher Bean of Franklin, North Carolina; two step-daughters, Connie Rene' King of White, Georgia, and Tina Bagley of Cartersville.

Excellent Companion Bean's funeral services were held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Oakland Heights Baptist Church. Full Masonic Rites were conducted at the Church. The day prior to the funeral service an Eastern Star Service was conducted in the chapel of Parnick Jennings Funeral Home at 7:00

PM. Internment took place on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Georgia National Cemetery with full military honors.

While these mortal eyes shall see him not again on the earthly plane; we rejoice in a life well lived. We shall miss him greatly, but we are assured that he has heard the welcome words, "Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant."

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP

THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Annual Grand York Rite Banquet was holden at 6:00 PM, Sunday, May 1, 2016, at the Marriot Macon City Convention Center with Dr. & MIPGM Gary D. Lemmons, Master of Ceremonies, introducing the Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council Officers. REGC Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, MEGHP William F. Shepard, and MIGM Floyd E. Edmondson each extended a short welcome. The invocation was given by the Reverend Donald C. Combs and the Master of Ceremonies invited all to participate in a delicious Buffet Meal.

After the Meal, Dr. Lemmons called on each of the Presiding Officers to introduce their Families and their Special Guests. He then introduced the Distinguished Guests and orchestrated the following presentations and events.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

R. E. Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A and REGC Lloyd J. Leinbaugh presented Sir Knight James W. Tate, Past Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, with The Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REPGC Paul E. Wells awarded the coveted KCT to Sir Knights Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Charles R. Beasley, and Robert L. Head, Jr..

KNIGHT COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

VEDGM Nelson and REGC Leinbaugh presented the Knight Companion of the Temple Awards to Ladies Terry Westbrook, Helen Leinbaugh, and Gay Bradley.

PRESENTATION TO THE R.E.G.C.

VEDG Master Nelson presented RE Sir Knight Lloyd J. Leinbaugh a Plaque and Lapel Pin designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

REGG Scribe, Steven G. Tiner, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int. and MEGHP William F. Shepard presented Excellent Companion Ronald H. Wallace, with the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal.

SWEETHEART AWARD

REGGS Tiner and MEGHP Shepard presented Sweetheart Awards to Buffi Peacock, Debbie Lemmons, Laine Bolton, Helen Leinbaugh, and Barbara Edmondson.

KIRBY AWARD

REGG Scribe Tiner and MEGHP Shepard presented Kirby Awards to MEPGHP Wayne H. Garrett, and MEPGHP C. Danny Wofford.

PRESENTATION TO THE M.E.G.H.P.

REGG SCRIBE Tiner and MEGHP Shepard presented the General Grand Chapter Award and Pin for MEGHP J. Terry Farmer, Deceased, to his daughter Buffi Peacock.

COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The SEMIGG Master, Kenneth E. Dyer, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int. and MIGM Floyd E. Edmondson presented the General Grand Council Distinguished Service Medal to Companion Richard J. Hallwood.

COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD

The SEMIGG Master and MIGM presented James W. Stoval, a dedicated York Rite Mason to the youth, the General Grand Council Youth Award.

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

Ladies Barbara Edmondson, Margie Lane, Diane Nealy, Hilda Parks, and Barbara Land were presented Lady of the Council Awards by MIG Companions Dyer and Edmondson

PRESENTATION TO THE M.I.G.M.

MIGGM Dyer then presented MIGM Edmondson a Plaque and lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

GRAND MASTER WELCOMED

MWPGM Lemmons introduced Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, for comments after which E. Companion Morris Parks, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, closed with prayer.

JOINT PROCEEDINGS - GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia convened in joint session at the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia 31201, on Monday, May 2, 2016 for reception of Distinguished Guests and other joint assembly business. The Grand Secretary/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies for joint Business.

The MIGM and his Grand Officers opened the 190th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia in full form at 7:30 AM. After the opening, welcome, and pledge of allegiance, MIGM Edmondson declared the 190th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly assembled for the purposes of hosting a joint Grand York Rite Session, receiving Distinguished Guests, and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business.

MIGM Edmondson received REGC Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, who extended a cordial welcome and declared the 156th Annual Conclave of the 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.

MIGM Edmondson received MEGHP William F. Shepard, who extended a hearty welcome to all and declared the 194th 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.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master ordered the Grand Steward, to inform the Sentinel that the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia were open for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Joint Grand York Rite Business. Distinguished Guests and out of State Visitors were requested to retire for introductions. Distinguished Guests were introduced by MEGHP Joe E. Turner.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MIGM Edmondson, REGC Leinbaugh, and MEGHP Shepard welcomed the following Distinguished Guests to the Grand York Rite Sessions of Georgia.

ALABAMA

C. Sterling Hughes, MIGM

James A. Smith, REGC, and SGIG, Orient of Alabama

ALASKA

Steven Q. Steele, REGC

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Sheldon Arpad, MEGHP, MIPGM

FLORIDA

Richard A. Wolfe, MEGHP

H. Warren Almand, MIGM, MEGHP

L. Ed Villiaume, Grand Secretary/Recorder

Anthony Griffon, Eminent Grand Generalissimo

SOUTH CAROLINA

Michael J. Broom, MEGHP
Tommy Blackwood, MIGM
John R. Marcucci, REGC
Robert J. (Bob) Bean, MEPGHP

MICHIGAN

Gordon B. Ruthruff, MEPGHP

NORTH CAROLINA

Isaac B. Eddins, MIGM
James B. Steele, REGC

OHIO

Thomas H. Gault, REPGC

TENNESSEE

Stanley W. Elder, MIGM
Robert W. Waldron, REPGC

GRAND COUNCIL, ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES, USA

Clyde E. Griffin, Grand Superintendent of Georgia

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

Joseph W. Watson, RWG Secretary, Grand Lodge of Georgia.

CONVENT GENERAL KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Bobby B. Simmons, Deputy Grand Master General

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Steven G. Tiner, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe
John Wermann, D. General Grand High Priest (S.E.), G. Master of the 1st Veil
John Benny Allen, MEPGGHP (2002-2005)

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Kenneth E. Dyer, Right Puissant Regional Deputy for the S.E.
Ronald W. Guthrie, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS PRESENTED

Henry A. Adams, G. Encampment S.E. Department Commander
Jeffrey N. Nelson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master

M. W. GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. Andrew (Drew) Lane, Jr. was received and rendered Grand York Rite Honors. He commended everyone for another outstanding year for York Rite Masonry and indicated that he was looking forward to another productive and very harmonious Grand Session.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by Mark A. Bradley, Right Excellent Grand King; Benjamin W. Polston, Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master; and Doyle R. Hatfield, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander that all out of state Distinguished Guests, that are not already Honorary Members, be made Honorary Members of the three Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies. Seconded and Approved.

RESOLUTION

HARRY BRADFORD ALLEN

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, HONORARY

TO: Most Excellent Grand Companion, William F. Shepard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia, Most Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, and Companions All:

WHEREAS, Right Excellent Grand Companion, Harry Bradford Allen, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Canton Lodge Number 77 in 1996 and served the Craft as Worshipful Master in 2002 and affiliated with Georgia Mountain Daylight Lodge Number 758 and served as Worshipful Master in that Lodge in 2010;

WHEREAS, Companion Allen was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Canton Chapter Number 135 in 1998 and was elected High Priest in 2000; was Greeted in Canton Council Number 3 in 1998 and was elected Illustrious Master in 2001;

and was Knighted in Amicalola Commandery Number 41 in 1998 and was elected Eminent Commander in 2004;

WHEREAS, Most Illustrious Grand Companion Allen served the Grand Council as Illustrious Grand Chaplain in 2001-02; was elected Illustrious Grand Steward in 2005; and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master 2011-12;

WHEREAS, Right Excellent Grand Companion Allen was elected to the Grand Chapter Grand Line in May 2011 and is currently serving as Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host;

WHEREAS, he has been elected and has served in leadership positions in multiple Masonic entities, to include the Scottish Rite (invested with the Rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2009), Cherokee Rose Priory (Knight Cross of Honor in 2009), Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College, and Council of Knight Masons;

WHEREAS, our beloved, Harry Bradford Allen, is unable to continue to serve in the Grand Chapter Grand Line due to deteriorating health conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved by this Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Annual Convocation this Second Day of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen that we do hereby confer and bestow upon Right Excellent Grand Companion Harry Bradford Allen the Rank and Title of MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, HONORARY.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,

Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP

ADOPTED May 2, 2016, A. INV. 2546

Attest: Wade Smith, Right Excellent Grand Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS READ

The Grand Secretary/Recorder stated that several Communications from Sister Jurisdictions, other Distinguished York Rite Masons, and within our Jurisdiction had been received, expressing regrets at being unable to attend these Grand Sessions. They further extended their best wishes for a very prosperous and harmonious Grand Session.

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

During the year the hosting service for the website has been moved from Gator to ITPros. As of April 2016, the website has been completely redesigned to improve functionality and accessibility. We plan to move the hosting service again for the website and all email services from ITPros to Go-Daddy by the end of June 2016. This move is necessary to save money for the Grand York Rite bodies. We are grateful to add Chris Brown to the team. He is highly skilled and produces quality work such as the redesign of the Grand Lodge website.

Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Hyde, PHP, Chair

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

GRAND TREASURER GRAND COUNCIL 2016 FINANCE REPORT	2015-2016 BUDGET	RECIEPT	O/U
<u>Anticipated Income</u>			
Per Capita	\$50,161.00	\$40,560.00	-\$9,601.00
Intrest-Savings	\$741.49	\$0.00	
Transfer from Investment	\$9,617.51	\$0.00	
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	\$60,520.00	\$40,560.00	
<u>OPERATIONS:</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>	
Awards/ Recongnition	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
CPA Compilation	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Grand Officers Regalia Repair	\$500.00	\$5,084.00	-\$4,584.00
Hospitality Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Investment Fee (SunTrust Bank)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Per Capita Dues - General Grand	\$6,748.00	\$2,824.00	\$3,924.00
Regional Conference	\$330.00	\$300.00	\$30.00
Session Photos	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Triennial (3Dais - \$500 & Gr. Sec. \$250)	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Building Rent	\$3,982.00	\$3,982.00	\$0.00
RAM Operations	\$40,560.00	\$40,560.00	\$0.00
<u>GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE</u>			
Regalia	\$600.00	\$1,143.00	-\$543.00
Stationary and Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Travel Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
<u>CHARITY</u>			
DeMolay	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rainbow	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET:	\$60,520.00	\$59,593.00	\$927.00
GRAND COUNCIL TRUST	\$36,157.00		
Companions, I Wish To Thank You For Allowing Me To Serve The Craft For Another Year. It Has Been My Pleasure. A Special Thanks To Ms. Ericka Matheny, For Her Patience And Valuable Assistance, To M.E. Comp. Wade Smith, For His Guidance, And A Special Thanks To My Wife Brenda, For Her Help, Encouragement, And Understanding My Passion For This Brotherhood.			
Fraternally, Robert L. Gill			

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

GRAND COMMANDERY 2016 FINANCE REPORT	2015-2016 BUDGET	RECEIPT	O/U
<u>Anticipated Income</u>			
Per Capita	\$87,779.00	\$67,993.00	-\$19,786.00
Intrest-Savings	\$8,357.26	\$0.00	
Transfer from Investment	\$7,200.74	\$0.00	
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Budgeted Income	\$103,337.00	\$67,993.00	
OPERATIONS:	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	O/U
Awards/ Recognition	\$1,400.00	\$806.00	\$594.00
CPA Compilation	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Grand Officers Regalia Repair	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Hospitality Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Investment Fee (SunTrust Bank)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Per Capita Dues - General Grand	\$39,501.00	\$27,659.00	\$11,842.00
Print and Office (unique)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Regional Conference	\$430.00	\$500.00	-\$70.00
Session Photos	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Triennial (3Dais - \$500 & Gr. Sec. \$250)	\$6,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00
Building Rent	\$8,483.00	\$8,483.00	\$0.00
RAM Operations	\$36,798.00	\$36,798.00	\$0.00
Grand Presiding Officer Exp.:			
Regalia	\$600.00	\$45.00	\$555.00
Stationary and Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Travel Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
<u>CHARITY</u>			
DeMolay	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rainbow	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00

Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Shady Dale Rodeo	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DIRECT:	\$103,337.00	\$85,216.00	\$18,121.00
G COMMANDERY TRUST	\$315,337.00		

Sir Knights, I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve the Craft for another year, It has been my pleasure. A special thanks to Ms. Ericka Matheny for her patience and valuable assistance. To MEC Wade Smith for his guidance. And a special thanks to my Wife, Brenda, for her help, encouragement, and understanding my passion for the Brotherhood.

Fraternally: Robert L. Gill, Grand Treasurer

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$235,187.06	\$248,492.77
CHECKING	\$110,362.55	\$100,052.57
DEPOSITS (EXPENDED)	\$71,801.52	\$82,111.50
INTEREST/DIVIDEND	\$5,734.04	
CAPITAL GAINS	\$7,571.67	
TOTAL.....	\$430,656.84	\$430,656.84

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

GRAND CHAPTER 2016 FIANANCE REPORT	2015-2016 BUDGET	RECEIPT	O/U
ANTICIPATED INCOME:			
Per Capita	\$65,355.00	\$60,714.00	-\$4,641.00
Interest-Savings	\$5,734.00	\$0.00	
Transfer from Investment	\$14,739.00	\$0.00	
Other Income		\$0.00	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$85,828.00	\$60,714.00	
<u>OPERATIONS:</u>		EXPENDED	
Awards/ Recognitions	\$1,000.00	\$1,192.00	-\$192.00
CPA Compilation	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Grand Officers Regalia Repair	\$600.00	\$786.00	-\$186.00
Hospitality Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00

Investment Fee (SunTrust Bank)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Per Capita Dues - General Grand	\$8,714.00	\$4,077.00	\$4,637.00
Print and Office (unique)	\$300.00	\$355.00	-\$55.00
Regional Conference	\$340.00	\$300.00	\$40.00
Session Photos	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Triennial (3Dais - \$500 & Gr. Sec. \$250)	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Building Rent	\$3,982.00	\$3,982.00	\$0.00
RAM Operations	\$60,492.00	\$60,492.00	\$0.00
<u>GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXP.:</u>			
Regalia	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$100.00
Stationary and Postage	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Travel Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Other	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<u>CHARITY:</u>			
DeMolay	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rainbow	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET:	\$85,828.00	\$79,484.00	\$6,344.00
G. CHAPTER TRUST	\$241,975.39		

Companions, I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve the craft for another year. It has been my pleasure. A special thanks to Ms. Ericka Matheny, for her patience and valuable assistance, To ME Comp. Wade Smith, for his guidance, and a special thanks to my wife Brenda, for her help, encouragement, and understanding my passion for the Brotherhood. Fraternally, Robert L. Gill

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

MIGM Floyd E. Edmondson; REGC Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; MEGHP William F. Shepard; Grand Line Officers; MIPGMs; REPGCs; MEPGHPs; Companions and Sir Knights All; I herewith submit my Fifth Grand Council, Grand Commandery, and Grand Chapter Grand Secretary/Recorder Report for the year ending December 31, 2015 for your May 2016 Grand York Rite Assembly/Conclave/Convocation.

GRAND COUNCIL

Number of Councils as of December 31, 2014	53
Note: Blakely Council #39 consolidated with George H. Fields Council #38 November 10, 2015.	
A dispensation for Moultrie Council, UD was issued May 4, 2015	
Number of Councils as of December 31, 2015	53
Members on the roll as of December 31, 2014	3,383
<u>GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP 2015</u>	
Greeted	107
Affiliated	4
Reinstated	37
Gross Gain	+148
<u>LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP 2015</u>	
Demitted	85
Suspended	302
Deceased	196
Gross Loss	-583
Net/Gain Loss 2015	-435
Errors in previous years from rebuilding database	0
Members on roll as of December 31, 2015	2,948
Projected Per Capita (with a \$5.00 Per Capita Increase) will be	\$57,017.
All Councils have paid this Per Capita Tax.	

GRAND COMMANDERY

Number of Commanderies as of December 31, 2014	34
A dispensation for Mt. Calvary Commandery, UD was issued May 4, 2015	
Number of Commanderies as of December 31, 2015	35
Members on the roll as of December 31, 2014	3,062
<u>GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP 2015</u>	
Knighted	105
Affiliated	38
Reinstated	16
Gross Gain	+159
<u>LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP 2015</u>	
Demitted	82
Suspended	317
Deceased	203
Gross Loss	-602
Net Gain/Loss	-443
Errors in previous years from rebuilding database	+67
Members on roll December 31, 2015	2,686
Projected Per Capita (with a \$6.00 Per Capita increase) will be	\$76,440.
All Commanderies have paid this Per Capita Tax.	

GRAND CHAPTER

Number of Chapters as of December 31, 2014	65
Tri-City Chapter 90 consolidated with Waycross Chapter 9, June 3, 2015.	
Blakely Chapter 44 consolidated with Bainbridge Chapter 94, Nov. 10, 2015.	
Douglas Chapter 52 consolidated with Waycross Chapter 9, Nov. 10, 2015.	
A dispensation for Moultrie Chapter, UD was issued May 4, 2015.	
Number of Chapters as of December 31, 2015	63
Members on the roll as of December 31, 2014	5,071
<u>GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP 2015</u>	
Exalted	114

Affiliated	42
Reinstated	24
Gross Gain	+180
LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP 2015	
Demitted	102
Suspended	352
Deceased	319
Gross Loss	-773
Net Gain/Loss in 2015	-593
Errors in previous years from rebuilding database	+35
Members on roll as of December 31, 2015	4,513
Projected Per Capita (with a \$5.00 Per Capita Increase) will be \$77,579.	
All Chapters have paid this Per Capita Tax.	

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That each Chapter – Council – Commandery re-write their By-Laws, using the adopted STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to this Office for approval and placement in the Grand archives.
- 2) That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Grand Line Officers in stemming the NPD hemorrhaging and bring those who have departed via NPD back into the fold.

THANKS

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere and profound thanks to the Companions/Sir Knights of this great State for once again permitting me the opportunity to serve you. A very special thanks is extended to the MIGM Floyd E. Edmondson, REGC Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, MEGHP William F. Shepard, the Grand Line Officers, and the constituent Secretary/Recorders for your outstanding, unwavering support during this past year. You are doing a great job in keeping the records in proper order by continuing to make your Monthly Reports, which is essential to keeping your Grand Records and Data Bases current and relevant. Many Thanks Team! A Special Thanks is extended Companions Joe Turner and Larry Zwahlen for continuing to upgrade and maintain a better, more accurate and more relevant database. They are also the authors of your Per Capita Statements and your annual data drops, and this year they have added an Annual Statistical Data Sheet. We are so fortunate to have Companions/Sir Knights with that knowledge and skill working with, advising, and supporting this great Fraternity. I want to thank REPGC Paul E. Wells, Finance Chair, and MEGHP Robert L. Gill for their devotion to creating and maintaining a better, more comprehensive, transparent, more inclusive financial accounting and reporting procedure. Your Dias Officers are now involved in the Budgeting Process. A major step forward! Thanks is extended to the Financial Team! A big thank you is extended to Companion Lloyd R. Lane for volunteering to assist in the maintenance of our Financial Data bases and Quick Books until moving to another more demanding CPA endeavor. Good luck Rusty! Thanks is extended to Laine Bolton, our York Rite Administrative Assistant, for the tremendous job that she has done during the past seventeen months. She has immersed herself in learning the York Rite personalities, culture, philosophy, and administrative requirements. She has attended the Atlanta Quick Books School, and a local financial class, and she has proven that she is an outstanding, dynamic public relations person for the many York Rite – Community interactions. She has proven to be a quick learner and will be an outstanding, dynamic, long-term asset to this office. She and Ericka have collectively assumed the Quick Books, Bank Statement Reconciliations, and money management for the three bodies, thus

negating a requirement for the hiring of another person. A SPECIAL THANKS is extended to Ericka Matheny, for continuing to support our York Rite bodies from her Beach Front Home at McDill Air Force Base. She also continues to support the Florida Grand York Rite Grand Secretary-Recorder. Masonic Bodies. Finally, I want to thank my wife Pat, my Child Bride, for permitting me to serve you another year. Without her support, and encouragement, I could not have continued to serve this Great Fraternity. May God Bless!

Fraternally Submitted: Wade Smith, Grand Secretary/Recorder

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCIAL BUDGETS FOR 2016-2017

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCES	CHAPTER 2016-2017	COUNCIL 2016-2017	COMMANDERY 2016-2017		
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	3,373	2,479	2,184		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	1,140	519	502		
TOTAL	4,513	2998	2,686		
YR MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE	44.26%	29.40%	26.34%	TOTAL YR MEM	
PER CAPITA	23	23	35		
TOTAL PER CAPITA	77,579	57,017	76,440		
OTHER MISC INCOME	8,320.53	5,527.35	4,952.12	18,800	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	85,899.53	62,544.35	81,392.12		
OPERATIONS					
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	600	1,400		
CPA COMPILATION	800	900	900		
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	600	500	500		
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	200	200		
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL	6,746	4,958	24,174		
GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT					
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	340	330	430		
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100	RAM TOTAL EXPENSE	41,600
TRIENNIAL	800	800	6,000	GLOFGA	25,153
BUILDING RENT	7,279.13	4,835.55	4,332.32		16,447
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888.10	40,448.16	36,238.74	137,575	137,575
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE					
REGALIA	600	600	600		
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	4,000		
MASONIC CHARITY	500	500	500		
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET	83,853.23	58,771.71	79,375.06	222,000	
INCOME	85,899.53	62,544.35	81,392.12	229,836	
BALANCE	2,046.29	3,772.64	2,017.06	7,836	SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

RAM OPERATIONS	2016-2017
MASONIC MESSENGER	1,000
SHADY DALE RODEO	125
BOND (1/3 PIF EVERY 3 YEARS)	600
COMPUTER AND COPIER MAINTENANCE	9,000
CONDOLANCES	450
ANNUAL GRAND SESSION EXPENSE	15,400
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE	0
GRAND RECORDER EXPENSE	5,800
OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,600
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	41,600

GRAND RECORDER	27,500
GRAND TREASURER	3,000
PAYROLL TAXES/HEALTH BENEFITS	12,200
POSTAGE	1,500
TELEPHONE/FAX	5,000
WEB/INTERNET	700
DUES CARDS	500
MONTHLY REPORT FORMS	300
PRELIMINARY REPORTS	500
PRINT (NON-REIMBURSABLE)	3,000
PROCEEDINGS (PRINTING/MAILING)	1,000
RITUALS/OTHER	500
PUBLIC RELATIONS	500
YORK RITE DIRECTORIES	800
TOTAL BUDGET	137,575

RAM BUILDING	2016-17
ANTICIPATED INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	7,279.13
GRAND COUNCIL	4,835.55
GRAND COMMANDERY	4,332.32
GRAND LODGE	25,153
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	41,600
OPERATING EXPENSE	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,500
BUILDING REPAIR	2,500
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	2,500
LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE	3,000
SALARY/WAGES/TAXES	6,500
PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,400
TRASH/ADVANCED DISPOSAL	1,400
WATER/MACON WATER	600
GAS/SCANA ENERGY	3,200
GA POWER	14,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,600
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	3,000
TOTAL BUDGET	41,600

Motion Made, Seconded and Approved May 2, 2016

Respectfully submitted: Paul E. Wells, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Jan M. Giddens

GRAND COUNCIL JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 2, 2016

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Georgia: Your Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed eight Bills presented to the Grand Council and find them to be in order to be considered by that grand body. We note that Bill No. 8 has been withdrawn by the sponsor. We have reviewed a proposed Resolution relative to the Seal of the Grand Council and determined that said Resolution is appropriate for consideration by the Grand Body. We have reviewed all dispensations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and find them to be in order.

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

J. Timothy Ingram, PIM (28); James E. Stevens, PIM (16)

GRAND COUNCIL BILLS READ AND MOTION TO APPROVE

BY MEPGHP JOE E TURNER

BILL No. 1 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Section 2.4.1, General Fees, paragraph 4. of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to assessment of Select Masters.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.4.1, General Fees, paragraph 4, which currently states "For each Select Master whose name is on roll as of December 31, except those elsewhere excluded, \$16.00 plus any assessments levied by General Grand

Council” be amended to change the \$16.00 to \$21.00 and add a new sentence as follows:

An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Council.

So that section 2.4.1, General Fees, Paragraph 4, of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows:

“For each Select Master whose name is on roll as of December 31, except those elsewhere excluded, \$21.00 plus any assessments levied by General Grand Council. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Council.

This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, PIM (19) Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, PIM (74) James T. Farmer, PIM (10)

BILL NO. 2 Approved

A BILL, to amend the 2014 Royal and Select Masters Code of the Grand Council of Georgia by adding a new Section to provide for the establishment of York Rite Perpetual Memberships and a joint committee to supervise and operate the fund, which new section shall be numbered and worded as follows:

2.8.6.5 York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia: Provided similar action is approved by the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, this Grand Council does hereby authorize the creation and the joint operation of a Perpetual Membership Program under the name and style of the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. This Fund shall be administered by a joint committee of the said three Grand Bodies which committee shall be known as the Fund Committee.

The Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one Companion for a three-year term. The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Council. The joint Fund Committee shall be responsible for setting up the program of Perpetual Memberships, prescribing rules for determining eligibility costs, transfers, terminations and other matters; and shall also be responsible for investing the funds received and prescribing the amounts to be paid annually to each Chapter, Council and Commandery. The Fund Committee may alter, amend and/or revise its rules and regulations to maintain a sound program. Respectively submitted, Benjamin W. Polston, II, PIM (41)

BILL NO. 3 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of how votes are determined by amending Section 2.1.4, Each Council Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, How Appointed, and Section 2.1.4.2, Past Grand Officer as a Representative of His Council, of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to votes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.1.4, Each Council Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, How Appointed, and Section 2.1.4.2, Past Grand Officer as a Representative of His Council, which currently states: 2.1.4 Each Council Entitled to Three Votes-In the election of Officers, all votes shall be by ballot, or by

acclamation if approved by a majority of those present, and each Council shall be entitled to cast three votes. In deciding the nature of the vote, it shall be as follows:

1. If only one delegate is present, then he casts the vote of the Council;
 2. If two delegates are present, then the delegate ranking highest in office shall cast the vote of the Council;
 3. If all three delegates are present, a majority of them shall determine the vote.
- 2.1.4.1 Proxies, How Appointed: Should the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, or Principal Conductor of Work, of any Council be unable to attend any Assembly of the Grand Council, either of them must appoint a Past Illustrious Master of his own Council as his proxy to represent him in the Grand Council. The certificate of appointment shall be in writing, signed by the Officer appointing him, and countersigned by the Recorder of his Council, under the seal of such Council. A proxy so appointed shall be entitled to the same privileges, and perform the same duties of the person appointing him, provided, that no proxy shall, under any circumstance outrank an actual officer of a constituent Council present; entitled to a seat in the Grand Council.

2.1.4.2 Past Grand Officer as a Representative of His Council— A Past Grand Officer, representing his Council, shall be entitled to his own and the votes of his Council (Governed by Section 2.1.4 above)

BE AMENDED to DELETE these three sections and ADD three new sections 2.4.1, Each Council Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, How Appointed and Section 2.1.4.2, Past Grand Officer as a Representative of His Council, so that sections 2.4.1, Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, How Appointed, and Section 2.1.4.2, Past Grand Officer as a Representative of His Council, of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows:

2.1.4 **Each Council Entitled to Three Votes:** Each Subordinate Council shall be entitled to three votes on all questions when represented in the Assemblies of this Grand Council by its Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of Work. If the three ranking elective officers are in attendance, each is entitled to one vote and cannot delegate his voting power to another. But the Representatives of a Council shall not vote upon any questions, when that Council or its conduct is before the Grand Council for action.

2.1.4.1 **Proxies:** If either the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of Work or all of them be not present, and if through them or either of them, the Council is to be represented by Proxy, it shall be necessary for the Proxy to have a legal proxy from said officer or officers, duly signed, and the holding of said proxy shall disqualify the holder from the right to cast his own vote as a past Illustrious Master. A proxy of either of the above named Council Officers may be held by a Recorder or other member of the same Council who may not be a Past Illustrious Master, but he shall have no vote in his own name.

2.1.4.2 Past Grand Officer as a Representative of His Council— A Past Grand Officer, representing his Council, shall be entitled to his own vote only.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, PIM (6); John A. Minnich, PIM (6)
Robert C. Lord, PIM (6) Ronald F. Keel, PIM (7)

BILL NO 4 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Starting Time by amending Section 2.1.1, Regular Assemblies of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to starting time of Grand Council.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia

that Code Section 2.1.1, Regular Assemblies, which currently states
2.1.1 **Regular Assemblies:** The Grand Council shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, in the Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment.

BE AMENDED by changing the 8:30 AM time to 8:00 AM, So that section 2.1.1, Regular Assemblies of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

2.1.1 **Regular Assemblies:** The Grand Council shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, in the Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. This Legislation to amend the Start Time, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, PIM (19)

BILL NO 5 Approved

A BILL, to provide for District Grand Deputies and a State Chairman of District Grand Deputies by Adding a new Section 2.27, District Grand Deputies and State Chairman and sub-sections 2.27.1, 2.27.1.1 and 2.27.2, to the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.27 District Grand Deputies and State Chairman and sub-sections 2.27.1, 2.27.1.1 and 2.27.2 be Added so that section 2.27, District Grand Deputies and State Chairman and its subsections of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows:

2.27 District Grand Deputies and State Chairman:

2.27.1 **Appointment of District Grand Deputies:** *The Most Illustrious Grand Master may appoint District Grand Deputies who shall be a liaison between the Illustrious Grand Master and the subordinate Councils. There may be at least one District Deputy in each District and the total shall not exceed 22 Deputies. It shall be the duty of the District Grand Deputy, when called upon, to assist the District and local Councils in his District in planning programs and for degree work. It shall also be his duty to visit the Councils assigned to him in his District at least twice each year and review the condition of the Council and make a report on or before September 1 and April 1 of each year to the State Chairman of the District Deputies on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder.*

2.27.1.1 **Appointment of State Chairman of District Deputies:** *The Most Illustrious Grand Master may appoint a State Chairman of the District Grand Deputies. He shall be a Past Illustrious Master who is well versed in the knowledge of the customs, laws, ritual and usages of Royal and Select Masters Masonry. He does not have to be, or have been, one of the District Grand Deputies. The State Chairman shall coordinate the activities and work of the District Grand Deputies, and perform such other duties as the Most Illustrious Grand Master may request. He shall report annually on the activities of the D.G. Deputies.*

2.27.2 **Disposition of Reports:** When the visitations have been completed the reports shall be forwarded to the State Chairman of the District Grand Deputies. The State Chairman shall furnish the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of Work a copy.
Respectfully Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, PIM (19)

BILL NO 6 Approved

A BILL, to provide for District Conventions by Adding a new Section 2.26, District Conventions and sub-sections 2.26.1, 2.26.2, 2.26.3, 2.26.4, 2.26.5, 2.26.6, 2.26.6.1, 2.26.6.2, 2.26.6.3, 2.26.7 and 2.26.8 to the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia. District Council Conventions have existed since at least 1954 with no provision for such.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.26 District Conventions and sub-sections 2.26.1, 2.26.2, 2.26.3, 2.26.4, 2.26.5, 2.26.6, 2.26.6.1, 2.26.6.2, 2.26.6.3 2.26.7 and 2.26.8 be added so that section 2.26, District Conventions and its subsections of the 2014 Grand Council Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows:

2.26 District Conventions:

2.26.1 How Constituted: There shall be several Royal and Select Master Council Districts in the State in which there may be held annually, a Royal and Select Master Council Convention. These Districts shall be established or closed or merged with other districts as deemed appropriate by the MIGM.

2.26.2 Membership: All Councils in a respective District shall be members of that District Convention unless permitted by Grand Council, upon written request, to affiliate with another District Convention.

2.26.3 Officers: The officers of a District Convention shall be the same as those of a subordinate Council. They shall be first nominated and then elected in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws of the Convention. Eligibility to hold office in the Convention shall be determined by the Convention By-Laws.

2.26.4 By-Laws: The By-Laws governing Royal and Select Master Council District Conventions shall be subject to the same laws and provisions of the Code as are those of Subordinate Councils.

2.26.5 Sessions: Conventions may assemble as an ordinary deliberative body, or a Council may be opened by the duly qualified and regular officers of a local Council with which the Convention meets. At the close of the Convention, the Council should be closed by the Convention Officers or by the Officers of the local Council. The same precautions as to security from the presence of unauthorized persons should be exercised as by a Subordinate Council. While the work of any or all degrees may be exemplified by the Officers of the Convention, no actual candidate shall be greeted or advanced unless the regular Council has been duly opened therefor. In such event, if the sessions of the Convention be held elsewhere than at the Council room of the local Council, a special dispensation must be procured from the Illustrious Grand Master.

2.26.6 Functions of District Illustrious Masters, etc.:

2.26.6.1 Illustrious Masters: The Illustrious Master may provide for the exemplification of one or more degrees at such convention and shall:

- (A) Cause Masonic Instruction in the traditions and principles of the Order to be given to the craft on the occasion of the session of the Convention and provide the same for the craft of the District between sessions.
- (B) Appoint Instructors in the Work when certified by the District Grand Deputy as proficient, and assign same, upon the request of the Illustrious Master of a Council, to such Council as may be in need of and find their services useful.
- (C) Appoint a Committee on Program and Education. This Committee shall assist the Illustrious Master and his Officers working in harmony with the District Grand Deputies, in providing the Councils of the District with Masonic Information and Education, and in helping to organize the Program when called upon.
- (D) Assign Councils to each District Officer for visitations and if advisable, select and appoint other well versed Royal and Select Masters to assist.
- (E) Secure the help of the District Deputy for Schools of Instruction and such other Programs as may be needed by the Councils and the Convention.
- (F) Secure the services of the Grand Council Officer nearest when needed.
- (G) Hold meetings of the District Officers at least two times each year between Convention Sessions to review the condition of the Councils in the District and all other matters of Royal and Select Masters Masonic Welfare and to devise plans and programs to promote the best interests of the Craft.
- (H) Plan well in advance the District Convention, and include in the planning the Grand Council Officer nearest and the District Grand Deputy.

2.26.6.2 Line Officers: The Line Officers of the District Convention shall:

- (A) Visit quarterly such Councils as are assigned to them.
- (B) Make written report of the true condition of the Council to the District Illustrious Master.
- (C) Arrange, with the consent of the District High Priest, for a school or Schools of Instruction as needed.
- (D) Secure the help of the District Grand Deputies to the Illustrious Grand Master and the Committee on Program and Education in obtaining Masonic literature and assistance as needed in aiding the Councils in preparing programs promoting the purposes, traditions, and principles of Masonry, particularly Royal and Select Masters Masonry.

2.26.6.3 Constituent Council Officers and Members: The Illustrious Master, Officers and Members of the Councils in the District are requested to give close cooperation to the District Illustrious Master and those others herein provided and assigned for work in the quarry of Royal and Select Master Masonry.

2.26.7 Reports: It shall be the duty of the Illustrious Master of each District Convention to forward to the Illustrious Grand Master a report of the proceedings of Sessions held in his District and the condition of the Craft in such District. Following the meeting of the District Convention, the Recorder shall send to the Grand Recorder as soon as possible, notification of the new District Officers and the date, time and location of the next Convention.

2.26.8 *Balloting at District Conventions or York Rite Festivals: No petition shall be balloted upon at a District Convention or York Rite Festival. All candidates for the degrees conferred at District Conventions or York Rite Festivals shall be elected by their respective Council at a regular communication. Candidate's election must be attested to by the Recorder of his Council to the Recorder of the convention or festival.*

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, PIM (19)

BILL NO. 7 Approved

A BILL, to repeal **Section 2.2.1.4 –Committee on Finance** of the Royal and Select Masters Code of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia as it currently exists and to enact a new Section 2.2.1.4 –Committee on Finance in its stead.

Be it enacted by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that **Section 2.2.1.4 –Committee on Finance** of the Royal and Select Masters Code, as it reads below, is repealed:

Section 2.2.1.4 –Committee on Finance. The Committee on Finance shall examine the books, accounts, and financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and make such recommendations as may be pertinent in the premises. It shall also report upon all matters touching upon the finances of this Grand Council, and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee.
and that the following section is enacted its stead:

Section 2.2.1.4 –Committee on Finance. The finance committee shall consist of three Companions appointed by the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master, one of whom he shall designate as chairman of the committee. The chairman shall take care to notify all members of the committee of all meetings and two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business. The chairman shall take care to invite the Grand Secretary/Recorder, the Grand Treasurer, and the three dais officers of the Grand Council to all finance committee meetings. The finance committee shall meet at least quarterly to monitor actual income and expense, expended line items versus budgeted line items of the current year's budget and adjust actual or budgeted items accordingly. The finance committee shall present a balanced budget proposal for the next year to be acted upon by the Grand Council Assembly.

Respectfully submitted, Floyd Edmondson, PIM, (19) MIGM

BILL NO. 8 WITHDRAWN

A BILL, to provide for an Auditing Committee by adding **Section 2.2.1.7 – Committee on Auditing** to the **Royal and Select Masters Code** of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia that **Section 2.2.1.7 –Committee on Auditing** be added to the **Royal and Select Masters Code**, so that when enacted the section shall read as below:

Section 2.2.1.7 –Committee on Auditing. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, at the time of his installation, shall appoint a Committee on Auditing consisting of three Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia. Prior to the next session of the Grand Council, the Committee on Auditing shall inspect the books of the Grand Council and review the actions of the Committee on Finance and issue a report at the next Grand Council as to the appropriateness of all financial actions. No Grand Council officer, member of the Committee on Finance, or any staff or service provider shall serve as a member of the Committee on Auditing, but any of the same may address the Committee on Auditing and offer information as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted, Floyd E. Edmondson, PIM (19)

GRAND COMMANDERY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 2, 2016

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights: Your Jurisprudence Committee reports that four (4) bills to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and no proposed Resolutions, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence for

review and consideration. We find that these Bills are in proper form and will not be in conflict with any other Section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. The Dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander were reviewed and found to be in proper form and not in conflict with any Section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia.

The members of the committee wish to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted: Johnie M. Garmon, REPGC, Chairman; Joe R. Bush, PC
James B. Phillips, REPGC; Terry L. Hensley, REPGC; Michael H. Wilson, PC

**GRAND COMMANDERY BILLS READ AND MOTION TO APPROVE
BY REGC (HONORARY) JOE E. TURNER**

BILL 1 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Article I, of the Constituent Commanderies Section 3, Returns and Dues Section of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to returns and dues.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia that Article I, of the Constituent Commanderies Section, Section 3, Returns and Dues, ITEM 1, which currently states:

"SECTION 3, RETURNS AND DUES. Every Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery by remittance to the Grand Recorder, the following fees for its members

1. \$20.00 for every Sir Knight who is a member of said Commandery on the last day of December

BE AMENDED to change the \$20.00 to \$26.00 and add "unless otherwise exempt" and add a new sentence as follows:

"An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Commandery. So that section Article I, of the Constituent Commanderies Section 3, Returns and Dues, ITEM 1 Section of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows in its entirety:

SECTION 3, RETURNS AND DUES. Every Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery by remittance to the Grand Recorder, the following fees for its members

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

This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, PC (26); James T. Farmer, PC (35);
Floyd E. Edmondson, PC (37)

BILL 2 Approved

A BILL, to amend the 2014 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, by adding a new Section 18.5 in Article 1 GENERAL STATUTES, to provide for the establishment of York Rite Perpetual Memberships and a joint committee to supervise and operate the fund, which new section shall be numbered and worded as follows:

SECTION 18.5 - York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia: Provided similar action is approved by the Grand Chapter of

Georgia, Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, this Grand Commandery does hereby authorize the creation and the joint operation of a Perpetual Membership Program under the name and style of the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. This Fund shall be administered by a joint committee of the said three Grand Bodies which committee shall be known as the Fund Committee.

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

The joint Fund Committee shall be responsible for setting up the program of Perpetual Memberships, prescribing rules for determining eligibility costs, transfers, terminations, and other matters; and shall also be responsible for investing the funds received and prescribing the amounts to be paid annually to each Chapter, Council and Commandery.

The Fund Committee may alter, amend and/or revise its rules and regulations from time to time to maintain a sound program.

Respectively submitted, Benjamin W. Polston, II, PC (25)

BILL 3 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Starting Time by amending Article IV, Section 1, Annual Conclave, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to starting time of Grand Commandery.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article IV, Section 1, Annual Conclave, which currently states:

Article IV, Section 1 Annual Conclave: The Grand Commandery shall hold an Annual Conclave in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue, on a yearly basis, unless changed by amendment. It is the duty of each Constituent Commandery to be there represented as provided in Article III, Section 3. BE Amended by changing the 8:30 AM time to 8:00 AM So that Article IV, Section 1, Annual Conclave, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

Article IV, Section 1 Annual Conclave: The Grand Commandery shall hold an Annual Conclave in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, Grand Chapter Building. Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined. In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 AM on the First

Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined. This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. It is the duty of each Constituent Commandery to be there represented as provided in Article III, Section 3. This Legislation to amend the Start Time, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017.

BILL 4 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of NEW COMMANDERIES by Deleting Article I, Section 2, New Commanderies, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to New Commanderies of Grand Commandery.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article I, Section 2, NEW COMMANDERIES, which currently states

SECTION 2. New Commanderies. Charters or Dispensations may be granted for the establishment of new Commanderies on the petition of nine or more regular Knights Templar directed to the Grand Commandery. For every such Charter of Dispensation, the petitioners shall pay in advance one hundred dollars (\$100.00). No Commandery shall be constituted until it has provided itself with a suitable asylum with proper paraphernalia to do the work of a Commandery.

No letters of Dispensation for instituting a new Commandery shall be issued by the Grand Commander, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the territorial jurisdiction nearest the place of the new Commandery prayed for. A written request by petitioners to the Commandery for such recommendation, must be presented at a regular Conclave, read and filed, and referred to a committee of not less than three for investigation and report at a subsequent Conclave of the Commandery before action on said request is taken by said Commandery, and shall lie over until the next regular Conclave. All members of the Commandery to which such petition is made shall be given at least five days' notice in writing by the Recorder as to the purpose of such petition and the particular Conclave at which is to be passed upon. The Recorder shall certify all action taken on such petition before it is presented to the Grand Commander. But in the event of refusal of the nearest Commandery to grant a recommendation, application may be made direct to the Grand Commandery, which has power to grant a Dispensation or Charter, without such recommendation. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of them located in such city must recommend such petition, as provided for action by the Grand Commander in granting Dispensations. Or if, where two or more Commanderies elsewhere severally stationed have concurrent jurisdiction, the consent of the two must be obtained before a dispensation for a new Commandery can be granted. The members of a Commandery under Dispensation continue to be members of the Commandery to which they belonged when the dispensation was granted. Whenever the new Commandery is Chartered and Constituted, unless such Charter Members signify their desire not to hold dual membership, they will continue as dual members, The Recorder of the new Commandery must notify the Recorder(s) of the Commanderies to which said Sir Knights hold dual membership of their intention to either hold dual membership or only be members of their old or new Commandery. Adopted 2006

BE DELETED in its entirety and a new Section 2 be added, So that Article I, Section 2, New Commanderies, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of

the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

SECTION 2. New Commanderies. Charters or Dispensations may be granted for the establishment of new Commanderies on the petition of nine or more regular Knights Templar directed to the Grand Commandery. For every such Charter of Dispensation, the petitioners shall pay in advance one hundred dollars (\$100.00). No Commandery shall be constituted until it has provided itself with a suitable asylum with proper paraphernalia to do the work of a Commandery.

No letters of Dispensation for instituting a new Commandery shall be issued by the Grand Commander, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the place of the new Commandery prayed for. Written request by petitioners to the Commandery for such recommendation, must be presented at a regular Conclave, read and filed, and referred to a committee of not less than three for investigation and report at a subsequent Conclave of the Commandery before action on said request is taken by said Commandery, and shall lie over until the next regular Conclave. All members of the Commandery to which such petition is made shall be given at least five days' notice in writing by the Recorder as to the purpose of such petition and the particular Conclave at which is to be passed upon. The Recorder shall certify all action taken on such petition before it is presented to the Grand Commander. But in the event of refusal of the nearest Commandery to grant a recommendation, application may be made direct to the Grand Commandery, which has power to grant a Dispensation or Charter, without such recommendation. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of them located in such city must recommend such petition, as provided for action by the Grand Commander in granting Dispensations. Or if, where two or more Commanderies elsewhere severally stationed have concurrent jurisdiction, the consent of the two must be obtained before a dispensation for a new Commandery can be granted.

The members of a Commandery under Dispensation continue to be members of the Commandery to which they belonged when the dispensation was granted. Any Petitioner for a Dispensation for a new Commandery may sever his connection with such new Commandery at any time before a Charter is granted by notice to the Grand Recorder, and the new Commandery, and his Certificate of Good Standing or Demit shall be returned; and his membership shall remain with his former Commandery.

Whenever the new Commandery is chartered and constituted, the members immediately become members of the new Commandery, and their membership in the former Commandery ceases without the necessity of obtaining a demit. Such member may signify their desire to hold dual membership and they will continue as dual members. The Recorder of the new Commandery shall notify the Recorder of the former Commandery to which the Sir Knight belonged of their intention to hold dual membership.

Section 150, 151, 152, Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America Revised September 30, 2012) No Commandery shall be named for, nor may a Commandery change its name, to that of a living person or any person who has been deceased less than 3 years, nor a name held by an active Commandery of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted; Joe E. Turner, PC (35)

GRAND CHAPTER JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 3, 2016

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia: Your Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed eight Bills presented to the Grand Chapter and find them to be in order to be considered by the Grand body. We note that Bill No. 8 has been withdrawn by the sponsor. We have reviewed the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, PHP (61);

J. Timothy Ingram, MEPGHP (28); James E. Stevens, PHP, (66)

GRAND CHAPTER BILLS READ AND MOTION TO APROVE BY MEPGHP JOE E. TURNER

BILL NO. 1 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Section 2.10.1.6, Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1 of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to assessment of Royal Arch Masons.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.10.1.6, Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1, which currently states "Every subordinate Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter \$7.00 for every candidate advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and \$16.00 for every Royal Arch Mason, except those elsewhere excluded, members of said Chapter on the last day of December of each year, and \$7.00 for each member reinstated, and the General Grand Chapter per capita tax as may be adopted from time to time. These dues must be received by the Grand Secretary not later than March 1st. Chapters failing to make such payments by March 1st shall be assessed a ten percent penalty for such delinquency", BE AMENDED to DELETE the reference to marking fees and reinstatement fees since they are covered elsewhere and change the \$16.00 to \$21.00 and add a new sentence as follows: *An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Chapter* : So that section 2.10.1.6, Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1 of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows: Every subordinate Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter \$21.00 for every Royal Arch Mason, except those elsewhere excluded, members of said Chapter on the last day of December of each year, and the General Grand Chapter per capita tax as may be adopted from time to time. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Chapter. These dues must be received by the Grand Secretary not later than March 1st. Chapters failing to make such payments shall be assessed a ten percent penalty for such delinquency. This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017. Respectfully Submitted: James T. Farmer, PHP (10); Floyd E. Edmondson, PHP (150) Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, PHP (87)

BILL NO. 2 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the General Fees by amending Section 2.5.1, General Fees of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Fees paid to Grand Chapter.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.5.1, General Fees, which currently states

2.5.1 **General Fees**: There shall be paid to the Grand Chapter:

For a Charter, Application direct to the Grand Chapter \$100.00

For a Charter where Chapter has worked under Dispensation \$70.00
 For a Dispensation to hold Chapters \$30.00
 For a Dispensation to hold elections out of time, and to receive, read and ballot on petitions at one and the same Convocation, either stated or called \$2.00
 For every member Marked by a Chartered Chapter or by a Chapter under Dispensation \$7.00
 For every member Reinstated \$7.00
 For every Royal Arch Mason, not elsewhere excluded, who is a member of a Chapter on the 31st day of December in each year \$16.00
 BE AMENDED to DELETE the last sentence since Dues to Grand Chapter are covered under section 2.10.1.6, of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia So that section 2.5.1, General Fees, of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows:
 2.5.1 **General Fees:** There shall be paid to the Grand Chapter:
 For a Charter Application direct to the Grand Chapter \$100.00
 For a Charter where Chapter has worked under Dispensation \$70.00
 For a Dispensation to hold Chapters \$30.00
 For a Dispensation to hold elections out of time, and to receive, read and ballot on petitions at one and the same Convocation, either stated or called \$2.00
 For every member Marked by a Chartered Chapter or by a Chapter under Dispensation \$7.00
 For every member Reinstated \$7.00
 Respectfully Submitted: James T. Farmer, PHP (10) Floyd E. Edmondson, PHP (150)
 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, PHP (87)

BILL NO. 3 Approved

A BILL, to amend the 2014 Royal Arch Masons Code of the Grand Chapter of Georgia by adding a new Section to provide for the establishment of York Rite Perpetual Memberships and a joint committee to supervise and operate the fund, which new section shall be numbered and worded as follows:

2.10.5.5 York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia: Provided similar action is approved by the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters and the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, this Grand Chapter does hereby authorize the creation and the joint operation of a Perpetual Membership Program under the name and style of the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. This Fund shall be administered by a joint committee of the said three Grand Bodies which committee shall be known as the Fund Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint one companion for a term of one year, another companion for two years, and another companion for three years who shall serve on the joint Fund Committee. Annually thereafter the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint one Companion for a three-year term. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall make an annual report to this Grand Chapter. The joint Fund Committee shall be responsible for setting up the program of Perpetual Memberships, prescribing rules for determining eligibility costs, transfers, terminations and other matters; and shall also be responsible for investing the funds received and prescribing the amounts to be paid annually to each Chapter, Council and Commandery. The Fund Committee may alter, amend and/or revise its rules and regulations from time to time in order to maintain a sound program.

Respectively submitted, Benjamin W. Polston, II, PHP (71)

BILL NO. 4 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of how votes are determined by amending Section 2.4.1, Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, and Section 2.1.5, Grand Officers and Permanent Members have One vote, of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to votes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.1.4, Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, and Section 2.1.5, Grand Officers and Permanent Members Have One Vote, which currently states:

2.1.4 **Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes:** Each Subordinate Chapter shall be entitled to three votes on all questions. When either the King or Scribe, or both of them, are absent, the High Priest shall have the right to cast the vote of the absentee or absentees of a Chapter without written proxy. But the Representatives of a Chapter shall not vote upon any questions, when that Chapter or its conduct is before the Grand Chapter for action.

2.1.4.1 **Proxies:** If none of the first three Officers of a Chapter can attend a Grand Chapter in person or by proxy, such subordinate Chapter may appoint as its delegate a Past High Priest, who must be a member of such Chapter and who shall have all the powers and privileges of such absent Officers. Such appointment shall be entered on the minutes and certified to under the seal of the subordinate Chapter, by its Secretary. Every Proxy for Officers of subordinate Chapters shall be signed by the Officer granting it, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Chapter under its seal

2.1.5 **Grand Officers and Permanent Members Have One Vote:**

Each Officer or permanent member of Grand Chapter shall have one vote only, unless he is also the representative of his Chapter, in which case he shall be entitled to cast the votes of the absent Officers also. be amended to DELETE these three sections and ADD three new sections 2.4.1, Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, and Section 2.1.5, Grand Officers and Permanent Members Have One vote, so that sections 2.4.1, Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes; Section 2.1.4.1, Proxies, and Section 2.1.5, Grand Officers and Permanent Members have One vote, of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows:

2.1.4 **Each Chapter Entitled to Three Votes:** Each Subordinate Chapter shall be entitled to three votes on all questions when represented in the Convocations of this Grand Chapter by its High Priest, King and Scribe. If the three ranking elective officers are in attendance, each is entitled to one vote and cannot delegate his voting power to another. But the Representatives of a Chapter shall not vote upon any questions, when that Chapter or its conduct is before the Grand Chapter for action.

2.1.4.1 **Proxies:** If either the High Priest, King or Scribe, or all of them be not present, and if through them or either of them, the Chapter is to be represented by Proxy, it shall be necessary for the Proxy to have a legal proxy from said officer or officers, duly signed, and the holding of said proxy shall disqualify the holder from the right to cast his own vote as a past High Priest. A proxy of either of the above named Chapter Officers may be held by a Secretary or other member of the same Chapter who may not be a Past High Priest, but he shall have no vote in his own name.

2.1.5 **Grand Officers and Permanent Members Have One Vote:** Each Grand Officer or permanent member of Grand Chapter shall have one vote only.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, PHP (4); John A. Minnich, PHP (4)
Robert C. Lord, PHP (4); Ronald F. Keel, PHP (15)

BILL NO. 5 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Starting Time by amending Section 2.1.1, Regular Convocations of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to starting time of Grand Chapter.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.1.1, Regular Convocations, which currently states

2.1.1 Regular Convocations: The Grand Chapter shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon, Georgia, in the Grand Chapter Building.

Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined.

In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:30 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined.

This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. BE AMENDED by changing the 8:30 AM time to 8:00 AM, So that section 2.1.1, Regular Convocation of the 2014

Grand Chapter Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

2.1.1 Regular Convocations: The Grand Chapter shall meet annually in May in the City of Macon Georgia, in the Grand Chapter Building.

Beginning in 2015, the Opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery will be rotated among the three bodies. In 2015, the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery at times to be determined.

In 2016 the Grand Council will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter at times to be determined. In 2017, the Grand Commandery will open at 8:00 AM on the First Monday in May, followed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at times to be determined.

This rotation shall continue on a yearly basis unless changed by amendment. This Legislation to amend the Start Time, if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted: James T. Farmer, PHP (10); Floyd E. Edmondson, PHP (150)
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, PHP (87)

BILL NO. 6 Approved

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of how the By-Laws are amended by amending Section 2.99.1 Amendments, How Made, of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to Amendments, How Made: BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.99.1, Amendments, How Made, which currently states:

2.99.1 Amendments, How Made: The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any Grand Convocation, provided a bill to that effect is introduced in writing at one session, referred to the Committee of Jurisprudence for report, and adopted at a subsequent session of the Grand Convocation

BE AMENDED by DELETING said Section in its entirety and substituting a new section therein. So that said Section 2.99.1, Amendments How Made of the 2014 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows: Section

2.99.1 Amendments, How Made: This By-Laws Section of the Grand Chapter Code, with the concurrence of two-thirds of its members present at an Annual

Convocation, may be revised, amended, or altered, provided, however, that a written copy of the motion so to revise, amend or alter, shall have been filed with the Grand Secretary by March 1st. It is provided further, that with the unanimous consent of all members present in an Annual Convocation, that a Member may introduce legislation in writing, to revise, amend or alter this By-Laws Section. Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PHP (10)

BILL NO. 7 Approved

An Amendment to Proposed Bill to repeal Section 2.2.1.1–Committee on Finance of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia as it currently exists and to enact a new Section 2.2.1.1–Committee on Finance in its stead. Be it enacted by the Grand Chapter that Section 2.2.1.1–Committee on Finance of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, as it reads below, is repealed:

~~**Section 2.2.1.1 –Committee on Finance.** The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, who must prepare a full and complete report of the financial condition of the Grand Chapter, and must submit the same during the session and that the following section is enacted:~~

Section 2.2.1.1 –Committee on Finance. The committee on finance shall consist of three Companions appointed by the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest, one of whom he shall designate as Chairman of the committee. The chairman shall take care to notify all members of the committee of all meetings and two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business. The chairman shall take care to invite the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the three Dais Officers of the Grand Chapter to all committee on finance meetings. The committee on finance shall meet at least quarterly to monitor actual income and expense, expended line items versus budgeted line items, of the current year's budget. The committee on finance shall present a balanced budget proposal for the next year to be acted upon at the Grand Chapter Convocation.

Respectfully submitted, Floyd E. Edmondson, PHP (150)

BILL NO. 8 WITHDRAWN

A BILL, to provide for an Auditing Committee by adding Section 2.2.1.6 – Committee on Auditing to the Code of the Grand Chapter. Be it enacted by the Grand Chapter that Section 2.2.1.6 –Committee on Auditing be added to the Royal Arch Code, so that when enacted the section shall read as below:

Section 2.2.1.6 Committee on Auditing. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, at the time of his installation, shall appoint a Committee on Auditing consisting of three Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. Prior to the next session of the Grand Chapter, the Committee on Auditing shall inspect the books of the Grand Chapter, review the actions of the Committee on Finance, and issue a report at the next Grand Chapter as to the appropriateness of all financial actions. No Grand Chapter officer, member of the Committee on Finance, or any staff or service provider shall serve as a member of the Committee on Auditing, but any of the same may address the Committee on Auditing and offer information as may be appropriate. Respectfully submitted, Floyd E. Edmondson, PHP (150)

The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies business having been completed: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William F. Shepard declared the 194th Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Georgia duly closed. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, declared the 156th Annual Joint Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly closed.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 2, 2016
A. DEP. 3016**



FLOYD EMORY EDMONDSON
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2015 - 2016

FLOYD EMORY EDMONDSON

PERSONAL

Floyd is the son of the late Morris and Dorothy Lowman Edmondson and has lived most of his life in Ellijay. He is married to the former Barbara Findley and they have two wonderful daughters and one son-in-law, Amy and Lori and husband Richard "Buddy". He has one sister, Martha West of Ellijay. Floyd graduated from Gilmer High School and he and both of his daughters are graduates of the University of Georgia. Floyd, his wife and both daughters are members of Clear Creek Baptist Church where he is an ordained Deacon and is currently the assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

MASONIC

Floyd was raised a Master Mason in Oak Bowery Lodge #81 in 1975 and was elected Worshipful Master in 1983. He has served as the Master of the Funeral Service for a number of years and is currently the Masonic Home Ambassador for his Lodge and sub-district 9B. At the 227th annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, he was appointed Grand Orator by Most Worshipful Brother Edgar M. Land, Grand Master. In the York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry, he has served as High Priest of Ellijay Chapter #150, Royal Arch Masons, as past District Deputy to the Grand High Priest for the 9th District and is currently serving as the High Priest of the 9th District Royal Arch Convention line. He is a past Illustrious Master of Summit Council #19, Royal and Select Masters, currently serving as Conductor of the Council of the Northeast Georgia Council Convention line and in May of 2015 was elected to serve as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters. He is the Assistant Director of Work of the Phillip H. Floyd Super Excellent Master Degree Team of Cherokee Rose Priory #56, KYCH. Floyd is a past Commander of Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery #37 in McCaysville where he is currently serving as Recorder. He has also served as the Grand Custodian of the North for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Georgia and is a past Chairman of the Tactics and Ritual Committee of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar. In the Scottish Rite bodies of Freemasonry, Floyd has served as President of the Northwest Georgia and Appalachian Mountain Scottish Rite Associations, is a member of the Atlanta Lodge of Perfection and is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta 3rd Degree team. Floyd is humbled and honored to be a member of the following Masonic bodies of Freemasonry: Cherokee Council, Allied Masonic Degrees; Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council, Knight Masons; Luther G. Palmer York Rite College; Cherokee Rose Priory, KYCH; and the Rufus R. White Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

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

The One Hundred Ninetieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 7:30 AM on Monday, May 1, 2016 in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, with Most Illustrious Grand Master, Floyd E. Edmondson, presiding and with all Grand Officers present and in their respective stations. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Morris Parks, Grand Chaplain. The MIGM led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Being assured that a quorum was present, the MIGM declared the One Hundred Ninetieth Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Floyd E. Edmondson (19)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
John I. Haggas (04)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Robert L. Gill (9)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Morris Parks (19)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
John D. Morrow (19)	Illustrious Grand Organist
Larry C. Bennett (55)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Robert B. Wolbert (02)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
James W. Bard (13)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Paul Nealey (19)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

1967 James E. Moseley (8)	2006 Daniel C. Rickets (74)
1973 Bobbie L. Byrd (52)	2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)
1985 Howard W. Van Scoy (6)	2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)
1985 James E. Underwood (75)	2009 James C. (Pete) 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)
1997 J. R. Jones (53)	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
2001 Joseph P. Suttles (Hon) (33)	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
2001 Rubin Martinez (75)	
2002 John P. Bohanan	
2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil Rhode Island)	
2004 Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	

COMMITTEE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVE ROLL CALLS

The Grand Recorder made a motion that with the permission of the M.I.G.M. he would take the roll call for the Committees and Grand Representatives from the Registration Desk. Motion was seconded and approved.

2015-2016 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of Work: North: James Timothy Ingram; **South:** Robert L. Head, Jr.

Assistant Custodians of Work: NE: William M. Jones; **SE:** Kevin L. Miller;

SW: None; **NW:** Ryan C. Nealey (5th), Michael H. Sampsell (7th);

Larry C. Bennett (9th), Michael R. Sosebee (9th)

MIGM's Address: Wayne H. Garrett, Chair; Gary D. Lemmons;

C. Danny Wofford

Finance: Paul E. Wells, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Morris M. Parks, Chair; James W. Blalock; Rev. Donald C. Combs
Jurisprudence: Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; James E. Stevens; James T. Ingram
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford;
 James B. Phillips
Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel;
 Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ronnie B. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: James W. Bard, Chair
Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle;
 William F. Shepard
Educational/Historical: Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
 C. Danny Wofford
Long Range Planning: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Clyde E. Griffin
Membership: Jimmy T. Porter, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; Robert L. Gill
Membership Revitalization: Kevin L. Miller, Chair
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Benjamin W. Polston, II
Masonic Magazine Supplement Editor: Michael H. Sampsell
Web Master: Kevin L. Hyde, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Organist: John D. Morrow
Parliamentarian: Thomas E. Tante IV, Chair

GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis	State Chair
Bruce H. McNall (02)	First District
John H. Johnson (58)	Second/Third District
Ronald L. Marcinski (20)	Second/Third District
Lamont D. Pitts (62)	Fourth District
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Fourth District
Jack J. Bell (54)	Fifth District
Alessandro V. Da Silva (13)	Fifth District
Jerry H. Purvis (6)	Sixth District
Christopher E. Chapman (10)	Sixth District
R. Chris Lynch (36)	Seventh District
Homer C. Cowart (49)	Seventh District
Richard J. Hallwood (60)	Seventh District
William E. Adams, Jr. (42)	Eighth District
Kevin L. Hyde (41)	Eighth District
Keith R. Taylor (03)	Ninth District
Michael R. Sosebee (40)	Ninth District
Richard H. Hoibraten (79)	Ninth District
M. Van Melder (A01, G04)	Tenth District
Wendell L. Browning (28)	Eleventh District
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Eleventh District
Richard J. Corwin, Jr. (16)	Eleventh District
Charles E. Ferguson	Twelfth District

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama.....	James C. Bentley, Jr.	Delaware	*Bobbie L. Byrd
Arizona.....	Robert L. Gill	District of Columbia	Harry B. Allen
Arkansas.....	James E. Stevens	Eastern Canada	
California.....	Thomas L. Blanton	England & Wales.....	F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
Colorado	C. Danny Wofford	Florida.....	Ryan C. Nealey
Connecticut.....	John I. Haggas	Germany.....	M. J. Jennings

Hawaii Benjamin W. Polston, II
 Idaho Ruben Martinez
 Illinois James C. Newsome, Jr.
 Indiana Greeley R. Graves, Jr.
 Iowa Glenn R. Weber
 Israel Mark S. Johnson
 Kansas John P. Bohanan
 Kentucky William F. Shepard
 Louisiana Ernest McCorkle
 Maine Paul E. Wells
 Maryland Doyle R. Hatfield
 Massachusetts J. Richard Jones
 Michigan Andre E. Lovas
 Minnesota Larry C. Bennett
 Mississippi Joseph W. Brooks
 Missouri Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
 Montana David L. Canaday
 Nebraska C. Michael Ellis
 Nevada J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
 New Hampshire Leon S. Lee, III
 New Jersey Charles E. Taylor
 New Mexico Michael R. Sosebee

New York Daniel O. Causey
 North Carolina Joe E. Turner
 North Dakota Hugh F. Watson
 Ohio William R. Kayma, Jr.
 Oklahoma William G. Economy, Jr.
 Ontario William E. Cantrell
 Oregon James E. Underwood
 Pennsylvania Thomas R. Conn
 Philippines Bobby B. Simmons
 Rhode Island J. Timothy Ingram
 Scotland Wade C. Smith
 South Carolina Rodney A. Couch
 South Dakota Richard H. Hoibraten
 Tennessee W. Larry Hicks
 Texas Clyde E. Griffin
 Utah Gary D. Lemmons
 Vermont Wayne H. Garrett
 Washington Thomas W. Tinley, III
 Western Canada Daniel C. Ricketts
 Wisconsin J. Terry Farmer
 Wyoming Donald C. Com

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. ADONIRAM: Bobby C. Jenkins

G02. GEORGIA: Roger W. Coursey, Clyde E. Griffin, Ernest A. McCorkle,
 James D. Reese, Ronald B. Wolbert

3. CANTON: Harry B. Allen, James R. Harris, Stephen C. Higgins,
 Keith R. Taylor

H04. HOPE: Robert L. Head, Joseph F. Oelgoetz, Robert S. Pless,
 Ditmar W. Chavez

6. WASHINGTON: Emmett R. Johns, Robert C. Lord, Alfred J. Minnich
 Alan P. Pryor, Bobby B. Simmons

7. HUGH L. SMITH: Robert W. Davis, Ronald F. Keel

8. GRIFFIN: Wayne L. Burkett, Joe E. Turner, Brandon S. Yarbrough

12. DUBLIN: A. Neal Mimbs, Jerry Purvis, Gordon B. Ruthruff

13. JASON BURR: Alessandro V. DaSilva, Robert E. Gordon, Albert F. Garner,
 Glenn R. Weber

16. BALLARD: Richard J. Corwin, Arthur Kretchman, William F. Shepard,
 James E. Stevens, Charles E. Taylor

18. GRAYDON W. KITCHENS: Rafor J. Chambers, Neil C. Maddock

19. SUMMITT: Floyd E. Edmondson, Charles P. Nealey, Morris M. Parks,
 Edgar M. Land

29. WESTERN: F.A. (Drew) Lane, Jr., Carl J. Gamel

30. WAYCROSS: Richard S. Bailey, Steven V. Carter, Robert L. Gill,
 Tommy T. Marshall

33. EUCLID: Jan Maaskant Sr., Jan Maaskant, Jr

35. H.C. RIGDON, JR.: James C. Huffman, Phillip P. Wyatt

36. WALTON C. GRIFFIN: J. Edward Jennings, Jr., William G. Economy, Jr.

37. DOUGLASVILLE: Charlie R. Begley, Thomas J. Fernander, Emmet R. McCall,

Clarence E. North, Larry D. Pattillo

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

41. COVINGTON: James R. Hazelwood, Kevin L. Hyde, William M. Jones,
Raymond G. Laird, Benjamin W. Polston II, Michael H. Wilson, Robert D. Wing

42. TRIANGLE: Joe Arquette

44. GWINNETT: Joe R. Bush, Tomas R. Conn, Jerry D. Moss, Lawrence M. Rich

47. AUSTELL: Carl J. Ward, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

49. MINOR C. SHADBURN: William E. Cantrell

53. SARDIS: James P. Anderson, Joe R. Anthony, Lanier S. Dasher,
Thomas McCrary, Billy G. Messer

54. ALPHARETTA: Jack J. Bell

55. PICKENS: Larry C. Bennett, J. Timothy Ingram, Steve A. Kirk, Royce J. Manders

58. TIFTON: John H. Johnson

60. SMYRNA: Robert R. Cordle, Richard J. Hallwood, Robert D. Kilgore,
Thomas L. Roberts

61. CALHOUN: Terry L. Hensley, Gary D. Lemmons, James Phillips

62. HIRAM: Leonard A. Davis, James D. Davis, Andre E. Lovas

64. ZABUD: Wayne H. Garrett, Edward Helton, Jason R. Gee

65. N.T. PIRKLE: Judd J. Wolfe

66. FAYETTEVILLE: Charles R. Beasley, Mark S. Johnson

73. FT. BENNING: Richard D. Brogdon, James W. Tate, Paul E. Wells

74. MARIETTA: James W. Bard, Jan M. Giddens, Robert L. Hall, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh,
Edward V. Massaro, Russell L. Mathis, Michael H. Sampsell, Hugh F. Watson

75. TARA: Clark W. Glass, Ruben Martinez, Bruce H. Payne

76. LITHONIA: D. W. Hendry, Sr., Michael H. Wilson

77. WINDER: Mark A. Bradley, Henry D. Clay, Eulan R. Wheeler, C. Danny Wofford

79. BRASSTOWN: Johnnie M. Garmon, William W. Grist, Richard H. Hoibraten,
Wade C. Smith, Ronald H. Wallace

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: Bobby Jenkins, Proxy

G02. Georgia: Ronald E. Boatright, I.M.

03. Canton: Stephen C. Higgins, Proxy

G04. Georgia: No Representation

H04. Hope: Ditmar W. Chavez, Proxy

06. Washington: Joe B. Johnson, D.M.

07. Hugh L. Smith: Robert Davis, Proxy

08. Griffin: Isaiah T. Hardin I.M.

10. Lakewood: No Representation

11. Camden: No Representation

12. Dublin: Gordon B. Ruthruff I.M.

13. Jason Burr: Ryan C. Nealey, Proxy

14. Moultrie: Andrew D. Bass, I.M.

15. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr. I.M.

16. Ballard: No Representation

18. Graydon W. Kitchens: Neil C. Maddock, Proxy

19. Summit: Edgar M. Land, Proxy

20. Hunter: No Representation

24. Walker: Tyler W. Pledger D.M.

25. Elbert: No Representation

28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation

29. Western: Carl J. Gamel, Proxy

30. Waycross: Nikki W. Jordan, I.M.
James R. Bennett, D.M.

33. Euclid: Jim House D.M.

35. H. C. Rigdon: Phillip Wyatt, Proxy

36. Walton C. Griffin: Leon S. Lewis, P.C.W.

37. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel, I.M.

38. George H. Fields: No Representation

39. Blakely: No Representation

40. E. L. McConnell: James W. Patterson, I.M.

41. Covington: G. Neal Pressley, I.M.

42. Triangle: Rodney A. Couch Proxy

44. Gwinnett: Clinton Thompson, I.M.
Stanley C. Beavers D.M.

46. Statesboro: No Representation

47. Austell: Steve T. Miers, I.M.

49. Minor C. Shadburn: Homer C. Cowart, Proxy

53. Sardis: William J. Rodgers, I.M.

54. Alpharetta: Charley Humphrey, Proxy

55. Pickens: F. Keith Hales, I.M.

56. Piedmont: No Representation

58. Tifton: John H. Johnson, Proxy

60. Smyrna: Larry Hale P.C.W.

61. Calhoun: James B. Phillips, Proxy

62. Hiram: Andre E. Lovas, Proxy

64. Zabud: Wayne H. Garrett, Proxy

65. N.T. Pirkle: Judd J. Wolfe, Proxy

66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson, Proxy

73. Fort Benning: James W. Tate, Proxy

74. Marietta: James G. Mashburn, I.M.

75. Tara: Ruben Martinez, Proxy

76. Lithonia: No Representation

77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley, Proxy

78. Warrenton: William G. Wagner I.M.

79. Brasstown: William T. White, I.M.

83. Covenant: Phillip D. Booth, I.M.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Council Officers, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, General Grand Council Representatives, Distinguished In-State and Out-Of-State Guests and Companions All: It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to the One Hundred ninetyeth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia. If any of the Grand Council Officers or I can make your visit more pleasant or be of any assistance to you, I hope that you will not hesitate to let us know.

OUT-OF-STATE AND IN-STATE VISITATION

During my term as Grand Master, it was my honor to represent the Grand Council at the Southeaster York Rite Conference in Tampa, Florida: the Summer Assembly in Waynesville, North Carolina; the Alabama Grand York Rite Session in Birmingham; the North Carolina Grand York Rite Session in Greensboro; and the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, Virginia. It was my pleasure and honor to install officers at five of the six District Council Conventions: Sixth District Convention in Fayetteville; Midwest Georgia Council Convention in West Point; the new Eleventh District Council Convention in Valdosta; the Seventh District Convention in Marietta; and the Northeast Georgia Convention in Buford. All of the Conventions were well represented by their constituent Councils and I was received in the most hospitable manner. I want to express my grateful appreciation to Illustrious Companion Ryan C. Nealey, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council, for representing me at the Fifth District Council Convention while I was on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise trip to Alexandria, Virginia. During my visits to the local Councils this year, the attendance was good and the food, enthusiasm and fellowship were great. I had the privilege of being invited to three Blue Lodge events to represent Cryptic Masonry. I was honored and privileged to attend the Annual Grand Sessions of the Order of the Eastern Star in Atlanta; DeMolay in Carrolton; Rainbow Girls in Macon; Grand Lodge of Georgia in Macon and the Order of Amaranth in Atlanta where I was most graciously received. All of these groups hosted wonderful events and I thoroughly enjoyed my visits with each of them. We can all be proud of the unity and fellowship enjoyed with all of these Masonic Affiliated organizations. We can especially be proud of our Youth Organizations and their very devoted adult leaders. I was also privileged to attend the Statewide AMD meeting in Warner Robins, the annual Rock Quarry meeting in Morganton and the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival. It was my honor and pleasure to be able to attend the reception for Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew Lane, Jr. in Burnt Hickory. I had the privilege of working with and for Most Worshipful Brother Lane in the Grand Council line, where he served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2013. I want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Lloyd J. Leinbaugh for giving me the honor of serving as Grand Inspecting Officer for the annual Inspection of Griffin Commandery # 35. I was honored to attend and participate in the conferral of the "Side Degrees" or "Chair Degrees" of the York Rite Bodies and also the Grand Master's Class where all of the Royal Arch, Council and Commandery degrees and Orders were conferred in Macon. I travelled a little over twelve thousand miles representing the Grand Council of Georgia. I was pleased and appreciative to have as travelling Companions on some of these visits Illustrious Companions

Morris Parks and Paul Nealey, Illustrious Grand Chaplain and Illustrious Grand Sentinel, respectively.

NECROLOGY

We are all saddened by the loss of 175 Council Companions in our Jurisdiction this past year. Among the deceased are MI Past Grand Master: Wilford H. Hall. Those who remain will miss all of the departed companions. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

DISPENSATIONS

During the Council year, I issued numerous dispensations of a routine nature, all of which are on file in the Grand Recorder's Office and have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

APPOINTMENTS

It was my privilege and honor to appoint as Grand Council Officers Illustrious Companions Morris Parks, Grand Chaplain; Paul Nealey, Grand Sentinel; and John Morrow, Grand Organist. All of these Companions are members of Summit Council # 19 in Ellijay. I also had the privilege of appointing District Deputies to the Grand Council, with Illustrious Companion James Tate serving as state chairman. I also was honored to appoint Illustrious Companion Sonny Head as Custodian of the South and Illustrious Companion Tim Ingram as Custodian of the North. I also appointed as Assistant Custodians Companions William Michael Jones, Joey Jackson, Tim Starling, Ryan Nealey, Michael Sampsell, Larry Bennett and Michael Sosebee. All of these Companions did a great job and their work was very enthusiastically received and appreciated. Also, it was with great pleasure I appointed a Public Relations Committee for the Grand Council. The same committee was appointed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to promote York Rite Masonry in Georgia. The committeemen were Companions Rick Hallwood, Chairman; Kevin Miller, James Watkins, Rusty Cordle, and Keith Taylor. They will be promoting ideas to educate existing and new members and present information to encourage our Blue Lodge Brethren to join the York Rite of Freemasonry. I am very grateful for the service rendered by all of these appointees.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Illustrious Companion James Bard is doing a tremendous job of promoting our most worthy charity-Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation or CMMRF. Last year Georgia's Grand Council went from twentieth place nationally in contributions to CMMRF to tenth place this year. CMMRF research under the direction of Dr. Keith Marsh is working hard to find cures and treatments for a wide range of diseases using adult stem cells. The clinical trials are producing very promising results. We need to continue working hard to promote and fund further research.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend the continuation of the MIGM's program I had for this year--CMMRF---which, in addition to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, also stands for: Community involvement; Meaningful meetings; Membership increase and retention; Rest, refresh and refocus; and Financial. We need to have more projects to benefit our local communities. Not only is it Goodwill in action, it is also a good way to attract prospective new members. We need to have a short, meaningful program for each meeting, rather than eat, meet and go home. We continually need to add new members to our membership roster. We also need to find ways to keep our new members rather than have them stay a year or two and then get suspended for Non Payment of Dues. We have approximately thirty

thousand plus masons in Georgia that do not belong to the York Rite. I recommend each Council actively solicit new members from your area Blue Lodges. We need to get some rest along our journey. The Great Light I use as the Rule and Guide for my faith and practice tells me we should keep the Sabbath holy. It would be nice to have some refreshing activities during the year like having a cookout and inviting family and friends. We constantly need to refocus our efforts to improve our local bodies. If you have a program that is working, share it with other Councils. We must be financially sound if we are to pay our upkeep (per-capita, rent, insurance, heating and air conditioning, etc.) and maintain our charitable contributions. I also recommend each Council obtain and use the recently revised Council ritual book, which is available from the Grand Recorder's office at a cost of five dollars each. I believe being able to properly open and close a Council and confer good degree work will be a Great asset to any Council's wellbeing. I recommend the Grand Council Finance Committee continue to include the Dias officers in the budget process. I also believe it should continue to vigorously pursue ways to increase revenue without raising per-capita and to decrease expenses. I commend the driving force and hard work of Illustrious Companions Ben Polston, Doyle Hatfield and the rest of the Companions involved (Companions Paul Wells, Wade Smith, Bob Gill, Joe Turner, Terry Hensley, Jan Giddens, Terry Farmer, Lloyd Leinbaugh, John Haggas, William Shepard, and Mark Bradley) that resulted in a budget format that can finally be understood and will serve as a template for generations to come. I recommend further research into the possibility of installing an elevator in the Grand York Rite Building. I realize the building is on the list of historic buildings, but we need to find a better way to access the upstairs portion of the building so we can make better use of our building and make our meetings easily accessible to all of our members. I recommend the continuation of the Public Relations and Membership Revitalization Committees to positively promote York Rite Masonry in Georgia and better educate new and existing members. I recommend a two-fold dedicated effort to address the problem of Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. First, we need to make personal contact with each member subject to suspension for NPD to find out what is wrong: are they having financial difficulties; are they not impressed enough with our Councils to want to remain a member; find out what would make them want to remain a member and pay their dues, etc. Secondly, we need to make a thorough effort to contact those members who were suspended for NPD and find out what it would take them to come back into the fold -maybe allow them to pay the current year and one year's back dues. It would be better to have some money and another member on our roster than to have no money at all.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Although our Craft continues to suffer from decreasing membership, those Companions all over the state who are active in their local bodies are very much alive and well. Our deceased Most Excellent Grand High Priest Terry Farmer's idea of taking the schools of instruction to the area Councils has been a huge success. Some Councils are conferring their own work. Some are holding fund-raisers to help with their operating expenses and to support our charity, CMMRF. Enthusiasm for our York Rite Bodies is very high. With Very Illustrious Companion Benjamin W. Polston's ideas and leadership

ability, combined with the enthusiasm, dedication and support of the Grand Council line officers and all of the Companions of our great state, the Grand Council of Georgia is poised for a tremendous year. Join me in prayer and support for their efforts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

First, I thank Almighty God for His blessings on my family, our Fraternity and me. I thank my wife, Barbara, and my two daughters for the sacrifices they made for me to be able to serve our Fraternity. I also want to thank Summit Council #19 of Ellijay for their support and encouragement. I express my grateful appreciation to all of the Companions of our great state who gave me words of encouragement and advice during our conversations all across the state. I thank PMEGHP and PMIGM Wayne Garrett for placing my name in nomination for Grand Steward and for his advice. I express my grateful appreciation to PMIGM and Most Worshipful Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Edgar Land for their advice and encouragement and to the following Distinguished Companions: PMIGM C. Danny Wofford, PMEGHP Joe Turner, PMIGM Harry Allen, PMIGM Mark Johnson, PMIGM Charles Taylor, PMEGHP Bob Gill, PREGC Jimmy Stevens. PMEGHP Wade Smith, PMIGM Gary Lemmons, and PMEGHP Emmett Johns. PMEGHP Wade Smith, PMEGHP Bob Gill and Ms. Laine Bolton were very helpful and I appreciate all of their efforts in the Grand York Rite office. They are working hard to make Georgia York Rite Masonry the best it can be. I express my grateful appreciation to all of the Grand Council line officers for their support and cooperation during our years of serving together. I wish them all well and look forward to their year of leadership. Very Illustrious Companion Ben Polston has been a tremendous help in so many ways to benefit our fraternity and I wish him the very best for his year as Most Illustrious Grand Master. I am very grateful for Worshipful Brother David Wellman and his Lady Ruth for overseeing all of the preparations for the hospitality room, Banquet on Sunday night and the Ladies' luncheon. This is a great undertaking and I am eternally indebted to Lady Ruth for all of her efforts and the excellent results she produces. I was extremely Blessed to have served in the East with Most Worshipful Grand Master Doug Mc Donald, Most Excellent Grand High Priest James "Terry" Farmer, Right Eminent Grand Commander Lloyd Leinbaugh, Most Worshipful Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr., and Most Excellent Grand High Priest Bill Shepard. All of them have been most gracious and we had an excellent working relationship. I am selfishly saddened by the loss of MEGHP Terry Farmer. Having served together for a number of years, I miss his conversations, friendship, e-mails, phone calls, texts, etc. I have equally enjoyed serving with MEGHP Bill Shepard who graciously stepped up to finish Brother Terry's year for him. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Craft as Most Illustrious Grand master and I ask you to continue working together in peace and harmony so Georgia Freemasonry will continue to grow and prosper. Thank you and May God Bless.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, M.I.G.M of the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters (2015-2016)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MIGM'S ADDRESS

Your Committee on the Grand Illustrious Master's Address is honored to make the following report: The Companions of our great State have been honored to

have Most Illustrious Floyd Edmondson serve us this year as our Most Illustrious Grand Master. He has performed an outstanding job throughout the year as you have just heard him report. We too, wish to welcome each Companion, both in state and out of state, to our Grand Session. If there is any way we can make your stay more pleasant, do not hesitate to ask us. Every Companion is so proud of the exceptional job our Illustrious Grand Master did in representing the Grand Council in so many visitations to the Councils, and many concordant bodies of Freemasonry throughout our great state. He made many out of state visitations, representing Georgia with the highest degree of fraternalism. We join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master in mourning the passing of 196 Companions this year. Their memory will live on forever in our hearts. In particular, we also mourn with him the passing of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Terry Farmer. His smile and good words of cheer will be sorely missed throughout our fraternity. We further commend our Most Illustrious Grand Master in his selection of the appointed Grand Council Officers and Committeemen for this year. In particular, we join with him in thanking Illustrious Companions Morris Parks for serving as Grand Chaplain, Paul Nealey as Grand Sentinel, and John Morrow as Grand Organist. This was an excellent group of appointed Grand Council Officers. We wholeheartedly commend our Most Illustrious Grand Master in continuing the promotion of our main charity, the CMMRF. The promising results we are seeing leads us to believe that we will begin to see the cure of many diseases in the near future. The Trestle Board of Recommendations our Most Illustrious Grand Master has given us is worthy of each of our consideration. Please seriously consider each of them. No Grand Illustrious Master can perform all of his responsibilities as well without the assistance and support of his wife. This year the first lady of the Grand Council, Barbara, was not able to attend as many events with her husband as she would have liked to, but she has been a source of strength for him as he traveled extensively throughout our fraternity. We thank her for her support. Now, as our Most Illustrious Grand Master lays down his tools as Most Illustrious Grand Master, he can take great pride in a job well done. We wish for him and his lovely wife Barbara many years of excellent health and happiness and look forward to working with them in the future.

Respectfully Submitted: Edgar M. Land, PGM, Summit Council No.19; C. Danny Wofford, PGM. PMIGM, Winder Council No. 77; Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, PMIGM, Calhoun Council No. 61

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - NORTH

To The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters: First, I thank Almighty God for His Blessings on me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Floyd E. Edmondson, for appointing me to this position. The Council Degrees were conferred at The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Covington York Rite Festival, the 7th District Council Convention, the NE Ga. Council Convention, and the Grand Master's Class. Some of our Councils have not purchased the new Ritual Books for their Councils. Some Councils are still using old Ritual Books and/or typed papers for their opening/closing and Degree Work. Hopefully all of the Councils will use the new Ritual Book for all of their Work. Of the Companions who are active in their local Councils, dedication and enthusiasm is high. With everyone working together in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Cryptic Masonry in Georgia.

Fraternally: Tim Ingram, Grand Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - SOUTH

I am happy to report that we have had another successful year in York Rite Masonry. I have attended a couple of one-day Festivals where attendance was great and the work was superb. My yard stick for measuring success is not only the number of candidates that were present, but the number that stays active after the Class. I am happy to report that I have seen some new faces conferring Degrees. We can have large classes, but if we do not get the new Companions and Sir Knights active we are not accomplishing much. The 11th District has tried something new this year, they have conferred the Royal Arch Degrees at their convention and two weeks later, at their Council Convention, they conferred the Council Degrees and the Orders of the Temple. All who participated seemed to enjoy this format better, instead of one long day they had two shorter days. Since this is my final year as Custodian of the South I would like to thank all of the Leaders of the Bodies (past and present) for their support over the last few years, I can only hope that I lived up to your expectations. I would also like to thank all of the Companions and Sir Knights, who have made me feel welcome at the different events around the State. I hope that I was able to help those that needed it. Even though I will not be serving as a Custodian, I will still be available to help any York Rite Body or Companion/ Sir Knight.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian of the South

REPORT OF CHARTERS/BY-LAWS/DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia: Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following Report: We note that Dispensations have been issued to several councils to change meeting times, dates, places of location, etc.: Adoniram No. 1 to move monthly from Wrightsboro Rd. to Wheeler Rd. in Augusta and then to move to Evans, Ga.; Washington No. 6 to cancel meeting that falls on a National Holiday; Euclid No. 33 to move to a new location in Sandy Springs. Smyrna No. 60 to change the name of the council to G. Everett Cox No. 60; N. T. Pirkle No. 65 to change meeting dates; Fort Benning No. 77 to change from monthly to quarterly meetings; Lithonia No. 76 to move monthly convocations from Lithonia Lodge No. 84 to the old E. A. Minor No. 603 lodge building. Your committee has received no By-law changes from these councils and have no knowledge of when the changes were voted on or whether they were adopted by the members. We therefore leave the approval of these items to the Grand Council. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Hunter No. 20 to change the time of the meeting. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Covington Council No. 41 adding an amount for the Treasurer. Your Committee notes that Blakely Council No. 39 in Blakely, was consolidated with George H. Fields No 38. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these members into George H, Fields Council. Companion John Allen wrote every member of the council to see if they wished to go to Bainbridge or if they wished to be demitted. This saved a lot of work for Companion and recorder Bruce Mann in Bainbridge. Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of the Fifth District Council Convention. One of the major changes is charging per capita fee for each member, while the old bylaws provided for a flat fee per council. Your Committee suggests Article 5 Section 3C be changed from the word suspended to inactive member of the convention. Its members would still be able to attend the convention if they desired. If the council is suspended, then maybe the members can't attend? The Committee also wonders in Article 7 Section 4 and 5, if the same person is both...how much does the convention pay. The Committee is also aware that

these By-Laws were further changed at the convention held in March 2016, but the new changes have not been received by your Committee. Your Committee does approve the submitted By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it what appears to be a complete revision of the bylaws of the Eleventh District Council Convention which were approved in 2015, changing the name of the Convention to South Georgia Council Convention of Royal and Select Masters and making other changes. Your Committee approves these changes and feels that expanding the territory beyond the Eleventh District will possibly strengthen the Convention.

Your Committee has before it paperwork and proposed By-Laws praying for a Charter to issue forth for a Council in Moultrie, Georgia which has been operating under dispensation since March 4, 2015. These Companions further request that they be allowed to use the name and number of the former council in Moultrie, Georgia, being Moultrie Council No 14, which was consolidated with Tifton Council No. 58 in 2001. The Grand Council Code of 2014 and the General Grand Council Code are both silent on this matter. This Committee believes that the same actions as prescribed by Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter as indicated herein "The Grand Chapter Code 2.10.2.6 states that a chapter defunct for five years cannot be "Restored". The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch masons, International, Code states after the lapse of one year from the time the chapter became defunct, the old charter or number may be restored only by action of the General Grand Chapter. (Article V, Sec 501.001)" should apply in this instance. This committee does not consider this action a restoration, but the creation of a new council with an old history. The committee recommends that if this Grand Council votes to allow this Council to use the name and number of the former council, that a charter be issued showing Moultrie Council #14. Otherwise the committee recommends a Charter be issued to these Companions and their successors, to be styled Moultrie Council No. 84 to be located in Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia. It will be necessary for the council to obtain a new seal as it will be improper to use the old seal with the old charter date. We wish them much success in their endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PIM (8) CHMN.; C. Danny Wofford, MIPGM (77); James B. Phillips, PIM (61)

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Floyd E. Edmondson; Grand Council Officers; and to the Companions of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, of the State of Georgia: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and on the sixth day He created man in His own image from the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. He made man a little lower than the angels and crowned him with honor and glory, and set him over all the works of His hands. It is God who hath made us, and not we ourselves. After man partook of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, he was condemned to die. Genesis 2:17 says "in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die", and Genesis 3:19 tells us "till thou return unto the ground, for out of it wast thou taken, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Ecclesiastes 12:7 reminds us "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." Death is no respecter of persons. Death comes to all; the rich and poor, the elderly and babes, and the sick and the healthy. Man that is born of a woman is of a few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down. He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. Seeing his days are numbered; Thou hast appointed his bounds he cannot pass. During the past Masonic year 196 Select

Masters laid down the working tools of this life and entered into eternity. Our hope and prayer is that on that Great Day of All Days, all of them will be admitted into the Grand Council of Heaven where the Supreme Grand Master forever presides, forever reigns. Let us give thanks to Almighty God for sharing their labors and lives with us. We pray for the surviving friends and loved ones and ask God to give Comfort where Comfort is needed. We are grateful for the love, work, dedication, sacrifices and efforts they gave for our Fraternity; and we pledge to do our part to further the teachings of Freemasonry for generations to come. We have learned that Death is the gateway to the place of wages, refreshment and rest. It is our hope and prayer that those of us who remain will be able to join our departed Companions and be able to once again clash their vanished hand in Love and Friendship.

In Memoriam



**This Memorial is affectionately
Inscribed to the memory of
William Larry Hicks
And all Companions of Georgia**

**And those of
Sister Jurisdictions who have
Departed this life during the past Cryptic Year.**

REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions-Greetings,
2015 was a VERY good year for CMMRF donations in Georgia. At the Grand Session last year I noted that Georgia had dropped to 19th place in donations nationwide and issued a challenge to the Companions to get us into the top ten, Companions we succeeded!

Donations by year for the last five years				
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$3,029.00	\$2,286.00	\$3,590.00	\$3,385.00	\$6,858.50

As one can easily see in the last year we more than doubled our contributions to our charity. Companions this is outstanding work! We finished only \$200 behind the 9th place jurisdiction and I challenge you, once again, to redouble your effort to climb in the standings. While the goal of having all Councils at least at \$1.00/per member is still in effect, I want to challenge all Councils to increase their donations by at least \$0.50/member over last year. There were several Councils in Georgia who went above and beyond the call this past year. They were: G. Everette Cox Council #60--\$5.99-6.00/member, Summit Council #19—5.00-6.00/member, Jason Burr Council #13--\$1.00-2.00/member, Tara Council #75--\$2.00-2.99/member, Marietta Council #74--\$2.00-2.99/member.

Thank you to those Councils for their outstanding work! It is my pleasure to report that the following Councils earned Extender Bars for their Plaques last year. Marietta 74, Minor C. Shadburn 49, It is also a pleasure to report that Companion (Dr.) Wallace Mays earned a lapel pin with 16 diamond chips! Each additional \$1,000.00 donation will earn another extender bar for the Council or another diamond for the individual. Please note that all donations are cumulative back to 1986. CMMRF donations fund cutting edge research at the Indiana Center for Vascular and Biologic Medicine, using adult Stem Cells harvested either from the adult's adipose (fat) tissue or their own bone marrow, not fetus cells. The Stem Cells are used to treat peripheral vascular disease, the heart – both coronary arterial disease and congestive heart failure. There is also pre-clinical research using adult stem cells for the treatment of diabetes and diabetic retinopathy, emphysema, aortic aneurism, burn healing, and delayed wound healing. Future research prospects are arthritis and erectile dysfunction. The new slogan for the CMMRF is HELP 4 ALL, which stands for: Heart-Eyes-Lungs-Pancreas 4 Aorta-Legs, Lingering Wound Healing. Companions, Thank you for permitting me to serve you this past year in this most important area and many thanks for the many donations to this important research. Please join with me in an effort to double our contributions next year.

James W. Bard, Chair

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia: Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Councils and the General Grand Council, and most have their proceedings on their website. "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all Titles, the character of an honest man." - George Washington - U.S. President & Freemason. Without a doubt, the fraternal Fellowship and profound Friendships forged in our York Rite are some of the most important reasons why we have dedicated our lives to Masonry. These rights and benefits appertaining to our Craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our Asylums, Inspections, Meetings, Committee Work and in our recruitment of new Companions in the

York Rite. While we have the responsibility to share the story of York Rite Masonry with fellow Masons across our State and Nation, we are missing a significant opportunity to help in igniting and conducting the flame of York Rite Masonry Internationally. It is vital that we work to expand the Sphere of York Rite Masonry Internationally. The General Grand Council is recommending that every Jurisdiction be an Ambassador to other Jurisdictions, who are not in the York Rite System, to promote our organization and offer assistance to any, who may wish to inquire about Membership from the Europe/Africa regions, Latin and South America Regions, etc. As a Christian who seeks to spread the Gospel, it is easy to see that our dissemination of our York Rite Fraternity is a clear and present means to make disciples among all people across the Globe. What greater benefit can we have for our Christian Masonic Tradition than to be involved in this Mission? We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our Royal Arch System and you and I can help by communicating and working with General Grand Council through our Grand Council to provide information they need. We can broaden our communication to take advantage of our electronic age to shrink our World and become true Companions in the Universality of International Royal Arch Masonry. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft within our Chapters and expand our efforts to encourage our Blue Lodge Brethren to seek further light. We must be Ambassadors for our Craft, and continue to be a positive example in our Communities in service to our Council, Country and even the entire World. Respectfully Submitted: Daniel V. Hagan, PHP (59), KYCH

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of Georgia: We want to say thank you to the Councils and Degree Teams that did such an outstanding job presenting the Degrees of the Council in their own Council or in the several Festivals. Thanks to the Companions of the Atlanta area for starting a new Festival in Atlanta. Thanks to the Companions who travel to Macon to make the Grand Masters Festival a success. If you pick out a few, you are sure to leave someone out, so to those, Thank You! Now for our suggestions on gaining and maintaining Members:

1. Going to church as a group.
- 2 In your meetings, invite Speakers in order to encourage members to seek more Light by studying the Degrees.
- 3 Presenting Programs at the Lodge in order to encourage Brethren to seek more Light in the York Rite Degrees.

Yours in Christian Love: Jimmy T. Porter; MEPGHP; A. Joseph Clark; Rubin Martinez; Robert L. Gill

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of the State of Georgia your Committee on Long Range Planning wishes to make the following Report: One of the first things on the agenda is to shore up our membership and at the same time get back to basics. We will be trying different ideas in the upcoming year to not only retain members, but maybe get some of those members back we have lost. Let's put them to work doing what they enjoy doing. Let's get new members into the Rite and find out what they like to do. We have to make sure the "Christianity" part of the York Rite is alive and well. We would like to see joint events sponsored with some churches around the state, Secret Santa, Secret Bunny, Secret Turkey, etc., until it is no longer secret. We must let our light shine. We will attempt to sponsor more minister

trips to the Holy Land. If we can peak the curiosity of those congregations, and take part in their social events, they may be more apt to ask "What does it take to become a part of your organization". As we answer that question, we should see a membership rise in all of our Masonic Bodies.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Joe E. Turner; C. Danny Wofford

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, the Educational and Historical Committee wishes to make the following Report: This Committee has met twice during the year to review and make suggestions for Companion Richard Hallwood's proposal for the York Rite Leadership Program 4th Year Project. He has designed a self-adhesive, digital, high resolution, vinyl (Avery SuperCast) color, wall image, of the York Rite Degrees, including the Blue Lodge, which he hopes at some point to distribute to all lodges. This would of course require either private or public funding from some source. After much discussion and many emails, your E & H committee has approved the design and the symbols relating to the Degrees. This proposal has also been presented to the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission for their guidance and approval at the appropriate time. Several members of this Committee are also members of the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission and were able to see the proposal at their meetings. Your Committee wishes Companion Hallwood much success in his Project. The Committee again wishes to make the following recommendations for the Royal and Select Masters of Georgia:

1. We would request each Council prepare a History and submit it to the Committee. So much History is out there and some of it is now lost due to the ravages of time and deaths.
2. We also request that any York Rite Mason prepare a paper on any subject regarding notable Companions, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published or distributed for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in Georgia.
3. The Committee recommends that each Council have an Educational Program during the Year for the benefit of the Companions.
4. The Committee wishes a Happy 172th Birthday to Washington Council No.6 in Macon, it being chartered February 14, 1843, by the Grand Council of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted, Joe E. Turner; Gary D. Lemmons; C. Danny Wofford

GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY

MIGM Edmondson presented the Grand Master's Trophy to Covington Council No. 41 for their efforts in carrying out his Program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MIGM Edmondson appointed tellers and the following were elected:

Benjamin W. Polston, II	Most Illustrious Grand Master
John I. Haggas	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Larry C. Bennett	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Robert L. Gill	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Ryan C. Nealey	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Robert B. Wolbert	Illustrious Grand Conductor of The Council
James W. Bard	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Robert R. Cordle	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICERS APPOINTED

MIGM Polston appointed Companions Kevin L. Hyde, Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Grand Organist; William M. Jones, Grand Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell, Grand Photographer.

2016-2017 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of Work: North: Floyd E. Edmondson; **South:** Robert L. Head, Jr.

Assistant Custodians of Work: NE: William M. Jones; **SE:** Joey E. Jackson;

SW: Timothy K. Starling; **NW:** Ryan C. Nealey (5th), Michael H. Sampsell (7th);

Larry C. Bennett (9th), Michael Sosebee (9th)

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

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF): James W. Bard, Chair

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

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

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Membership Revitalization: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Kevin L. Miller;

James Watkins; Robert R. Cordle; Keith R. Taylor

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

Masonic Magazine Supplement Editor: Michael H. Sampsell

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

GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson;

Robert L. Head, Jr.

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Organist: Phillip Faulkner

Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BRING GREETINGS

S.E. General Grand Master, Kenneth E. Dyer, spoke briefly and brought greetings from General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

The 46th Triennial Assembly of G. G. Council will be held at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. August 23-29, 2017.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 191ST Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of royal and Select Masters of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon May 2, 2017, beginning at 8:00 AM.

INSTALLATION

The newly elected Officers were duly installed by M. I. Companion Wayne H. Garrett, MIPGM. He was assisted by Companion Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP, as Grand Marshal and Companion James T. Ingram, MEPGHP, as Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 190th Annual Assembly be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSES

There being no further business the Grand Council of was closed in due form with Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Companion Kevin L. Hyde.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Grand Recorder



Benjamin W. Polston, II
Most Illustrious Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

The Assembly of the Grand Council, Order of the Silver Trowel, was opened in the Grand York Rite Building April 23, 2016, with Thrice Illustrious Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. presiding, assisted by other Officers as follows:

Charles E. Taylor	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Rec-Treasurer
James W. Bard	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1981 John Benny Allen	1985 James E. Underwood
1986 C. Danny Wofford	1990 Clyde E. Griffin
1991 Dannie L. Reed	1992 James E. Moseley
1993 Gary D. Lemmons	1996 Lanier S. Dasher
1997 Clarence E. Horne	1999 Leon S. Lee, III
2000 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2001 Bobby B. Simmons
2003 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.	2005 Thomas L. Blanton
2006 J. Ed Jennings, Jr.	2007 A. Joseph Clark
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr	2010 William E. Cantrell
2011 C. Michael Ellis	2013 Thomas W. Tinley, III
2014 Alan P. Pryor	2015 Paul E. Wells
2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.	

2016 CANDIDATES FOR ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

Andrew D. Bass (14)	Marvin B. Banister (07)	William M. David (54)
James M. George (77)	F. Keith Hales (55)	Richard J Hallwood (60)
Douglas A. Koschel (66)	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	James G. Mashburn (74)
Steve T. Miers (47)	Charles W. Phelps (64)	G. Neal Pressley (71)
William J. Rogers (53)	Jeffery L. Smith (65)	Keith R. Taylor (03)
Timothy F. Wells, Sr. (61)	John T. Winters (29)	

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating Committee announced the following Officers for 2016-2017.

Charles E. Taylor	Thrice Illustrious Master
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
James W. Bard	Thrice Illustrious. Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Rec-Treasurer
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Floyd E. Edmondson	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

Motion Made, Seconded, and Approved.

The Officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion C. Danny Wofford with Illustrious Companion William F. Shepard as Marshall and Illustrious Companion Michael H. Sampsell as Chaplain. There being no further business the Order of the Silver Trowel was closed with prayer.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith	Benjamin W. Polston II
Recorder-Treasurer	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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

*1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33)
 1980 Billy E. Collins (55)
 *1981 Wilford H. Hall (36)
 *1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33)

*1983 George T. Poole (4)
 *1984 Homer Tyre (16)
 *1985 William L. Boynton (7)
 1986 Ruben Martinez (75)
 *1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62)
 *1988 Willie P. Hammond (8)
 1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77) **
 *1990 James W. Cowart (2)
 1991 James B. Phillips (61)
 1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33)
 1993 Donald R. McKinney (60) ***
 *1994 John B. Modling (13)
 *1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58)
 1996 William S. Cleland (76)
 1997 Peter E. Dean (42)
 1998 Bill G. Messer (5)
 *1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)
 * Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Demit

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD

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

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

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

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

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MONDAY
MAY 2, 2016
A. O. 896**



LLOYD JOHN LEINBAUGH
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2015 - 2016

LLOYD JOHN LEINBAUGH

PERSONAL

Right Eminent Sir Knight Lloyd John Leinbaugh was born May 24, 1946, the first of four children born to John C. Leinbaugh and Amo L. (Treaster) Leinbaugh in Painesville, Ohio. He was educated in the Painesville/Bellevue Public School Systems and graduated from Bellevue Senior High School in 1965. He attended Cleveland Engineering Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. He was employed by the Norfolk & Western Rlwy/Norfolk Southern Corp. from January of 1967 until his retirement in June of 2006. He married the former Helen M. Goss on May 27, 1972; they moved to the Atlanta area in March of 2000 and are members of the Powder Springs First United Methodist Church. They are the proud parents of one daughter, Dawn M. (Leinbaugh) Courtney and two grandsons, Cooper and Grant. He is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1238; American Legion Post No. 294; the Tin Can Sailors Association; the U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association and the Association of Marksmen in the Nation Guard.

MILITARY

Lloyd enlisted in the U.S. Navy on February 6, 1967 as an Illustrator-Draftsman and was honorably discharged on November 2, 1970 after serving two tours in Vietnam. He re-enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on July 23, 1983 at Toledo, Ohio as a Yeoman and was honorably discharged on July 22, 1989. On October 15, 1989 he enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard with the 200th RED HORSE Squadron at Port Clinton, Ohio. His primary AFSC was that of a Heavy Equipment Operator with a secondary AFSC of Explosive Demolition Technician. He was also a member of the Barrier Arresting Team and the Marksmanship Team, and retired from the Air Force on May 1, 2004 after serving nearly a year in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom after 9/11.

MASONIC

Lloyd was raised a Master Mason on May 30, 1988 in Bellevue Lodge No. 273, F. & A.M. at Bellevue, Ohio and served as Worshipful Master in 1993 and 1998. He affiliated with Springville Lodge No. 153 as a dual member on January 23, 2001 and James E. Sledge Daylight Lodge No. 742 as a plural member on May 14, 2013, and is currently serving as Junior Warden. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Toledo, A.& A.S.R., N.J. on November 19-20, 1993, affiliated with the Valley of Atlanta, A.& A.S.R., S.J. on March 4, 2004 and was Coroneted a Thirty-Third (33°) Inspector General Honorary on October 19, 2013. He served as President of the Cobb County Scottish Rite Association in 2008. He received the degrees in the Royal of Scotland Order on August 2, 2003 and is a charter member of the Georgia Highlands Association. He was exalted in Bellevue Chapter No. 113, R.A.M. on May 4, 1993 and served as Excellent High Priest from 1996 to 1998. He affiliated with Cherokee Chapter No. 13 as a dual member on December 14, 2001 and served as Excellent High Priest in 2008, and affiliated with Austell Chapter No. 87 as a plural member on July 8, 2004 and served as Excellent High Priest in 2005, 2007 and 2011 and Excellent High Priest of the 7th District Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 2014. He was greeted in Bellevue Council No. 82, R. & S. M. on April 20, 1993 and served as Illustrious Master in 1995 and 1998. He affiliated with Marietta Council No. 74 as a dual member on December 14, 2001 and served as Illustrious Master in 2006, and affiliated with Austell Council No. 47 as a plural member on July 8, 2004 and served as Illustrious Master in 2005, 2007 and 2011. He was knighted in Fremont Commandery No. 56, K.T. on February 16, 1994 and served as Eminent Commander in 1997 and 1999. He affiliated with Constantine Commandery No. 26 as a dual member on January 17, 2002 and served as Eminent Commander

in 2007 and serving as Recorder since 2008. He was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor on May 4, 2008, and was elected to serve as the Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia on May 7, 2008. He was knighted in Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on November 7, 1998 in Chillicothe, Ohio. He affiliated with Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56 as a dual member on May 31, 2005 and invested with the rank and title of Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with one quadrant on September 29, 2015. He was ordained in Fidelitas Tabernacle No. LXXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests on November 15, 2014. He received his Orders in Alexander Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders on July 11, 2009. He was installed in Oglethorpe Chapel No. 103, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon on September 17, 2011 as a founding member. He was knighted in Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123 on August 30, 2007. He was installed in Emerald Council No. 70, Knight Masons of Dublin, Ireland on May 7, 1994. He affiliated with Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council No. 65, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. as a dual member and served as Excellent Chief in 2014. He is currently serving as the Very Excellent Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. He joined Firelands Council No. 94, Allied Masonic Degrees on November 30, 1995 and served as Sovereign Master in 1998, and affiliated with North Atlanta Council No. 313 as a dual member on March 12, 2003. He joined the Square and Compass Club at Dobbins Air Reserve Base on February 18, 2009 and served as Chairman in 2013. He was initiated in Fort McPherson Chapter No. 60, National Sojourners, Inc. on October 22, 2014 as an honorary member. He joined General Elijah Clark Post No. 60, Scottish American Military Society on August 5, 2015 as a founding member. He is a member of North Central Forest No. 179, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. He affiliated with Georgia State Forest No. 181 as a dual member and served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2005, and served the Supreme Forest as a District Deputy STC/Supreme Director from 2008 to 2014. He was accepted in the Georgia Lodge of Research on September 29, 2006 and served as Master in 2015, and is a member of the Grand Council College of Rites of the U.S.A. He was received in Zenobia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Toledo on April 9, 1994, and affiliated with Yaarab Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Atlanta and is a member of the Knights of Mecca unit. He was initiated in E.O. Merry Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star at Bellevue, Ohio on April 28, 1995 and affiliated with Powder Springs Chapter No. 493 as a dual member on July 17, 2001 and served as Worthy Patron in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2014. He was initiated in Fidelity Court No. 6, Order of the Amaranth on April 1, 2005 as served as Royal Patron in 2009 and 2013, and served the Grand Court of Georgia as Grand Royal Patron in 2014.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, REGC, 2015-2016

2016 OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The One Hundred Fifty-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was held in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia on May 2, 2016 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh 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 Rev. and Sir Knight Donald C. Combs, to offer the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Commander declared the 156th annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Lloyd J. Leinbaugh	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Doyle R. Hatfield	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Charles R. Beasley	Eminent Grand Captain General
Joseph D. Westbrook	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Steve A. Kirk	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Eminent Grand Prelate
Hugh F. Watson	Eminent Grand Orator
Robert L. Gill	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith	Eminent Grand Recorder
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Mark S. Johnson	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Carl J. Gamel	Eminent Grand Warder
Robert Hall, Sr.	Eminent Captain of the Guard
James G. Mashburn	Eminent Grand Sentinel

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1966 James E. Moseley (35) *	2007 Paul E. Wells (3)
1986 Joseph P. Suttles (4) *	2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12) *
1987 Ed Helton (15)	2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)
1994 Rev. Bill Adams (Hon) (8) *	2010 C. Michael Ellis (29) *
1996 James B. Phillips (19)	2011 James E. Stevens (21)
1997 Steven V. Carter (36) *	2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
1999 Clarence E. Horne (4) *	2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
2001 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)

* Indicates absence

2015-2016 COMMITTEES

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

James E. Stevens; Bobby B. Simmons; Timothy M. Taylor; James B. Phillips

Relief: Drewey W. Hendry, Chair; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith

KTEF: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Drewey W. Hendry; Charles R. Beasley

Patriotic & Civic: Joseph D. Westbrook, Chair; Charles R. Beasley;

Steve A. Kirk

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Grand Commander's Address: Paul E. Wells, Chair; Joseph P. Suttles;
Johnie M. Garmon

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

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

Easter Sunrise Service: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Robert W. Tidwell;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A. Kirk;
Joseph W. Westbrook

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Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; Ryan C. Nealey

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C. Danny Wofford; Joseph R. Bush

KT Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Editor; Benjamin W. Polston, II

Webpage: Kevin L. Hyde, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; Benjamin W. Polston, II
Foreign Correspondence: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan

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

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

Adjutant: Dana E. Schwarz

Custodians of Work: North – Floyd E. Edmondson; South – Tommy T. Marshall

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. GEORGIA: Bobby C. Jenkins - Proxy

2. ST. OMER: Jason C. West-EC; Emmett R. Johns-PC; Alan P. Pryor-PC;
William G. Wagner-PC

3. ST. ALDEMAR: Timothy K. Starling-EC; Robert S. Pless-GEN
Joseph Oelgoetz-CG; Richard D. Brogdon-PC; Ditmar W. Chavez-PC;
John I. Haggas-PC; Sammy G. Starling-PC; James W. Tate-PC

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5. ST. PAUL: Robert W. Davis-Proxy

7. PALESTINE: Bruce H. McNall-Proxy; Ronald E. Boatright-CG;
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8. ROME: James C. Durbin, Sr.-CG; William E. Cantrell-PC;

9. ATLANTA: Robert E. Gordon-EC; Alessandro V. DaSilva-PC;
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Glenn R. Weber-PC

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11. TANCRED: James D. Davis-EC; Lamont D. Pitts-CG;
Leonard A. Davis-PC; Robert L. Head-PC; Andre L. Lovas-PC

12. PLANTAGENET: Mark Collins-EC

14. GODFREY DE BOUILLON: Joseph N. Arquette-EC

15. PILGRIM: Wayne H. Garrett-Proxy

- 16. MALTA:** No Representation
- 17. CRUSADER:** No Representation
- 19. ST. JOHN'S:** William G. Economy-Proxy; Raymond C. Lynch-CG
James E. Jennings-PC; Leon S. Lewis - PC
- 21. ST. ELMO:** James E. Stevens-Proxy
- 22. ALEXIUS:** Rafor J. Chambers-Proxy
- 25. ST. BERNARD:** G. Neal Pressley-Gen; James R. Hazelwood-PC
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Michael H. Sampsell-CG; Robert D. Kilgore-PC; Edward V. Massaro-PC;
Russell L. Mathuss-PC
- 28. MT. CALVARY:** Andrew D. Bass-EC; Z. Brant. Fletcher
- 29. CHARLES MARTEL:** Mike Nichols-EC; Tyler W. Pledger-Gen;
Darrell Rudy-CG
- 30. BETHLEHEM:** No Representation
- 31. ARNOLD DE TROYE:** Henry D. Clay, Jr.-EC; Lawrence M. Rich-PC;
Eulan R. Wheeler-PC; Judd J. Wolfe-PC
- 33. PHILEMON:** Michael R. Sosebee-Proxy; James W. Patterson-PC
- 35. GRIFFIN:** Isaiah T. Hardin-EC; James W. Blalock-PC; Wayne L. Burkett-PC;
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- 36. WAYCROSS:** James R. Bennet-EC; Jerry A. Sweat-Gen; Nikki W. Jordan PC;
C. Hendry Howard-CG; Richard S. Bailey-PC; Cornelius H. Howard-PC
- 37. BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN:** William T. White-EC; Ronald H. Wallace-GEN;
William W. Grist-CG; Richard H. Hoibraten-PC; Edgar M. Land-PC;
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- 38. DEKALB:** Stanley Bevers-GEN; Joe R. Anthony-PC; Lanier S Dasher-PC;
Jerry D. Moss-PC
- 40. DOUGLASVILLE:** Carl J. Ward-EC; John T. Fernander-PC;
Carl J. Gamel-PC; Fred A. Lane-PC; Larry D. Pattillo-PC
- 41. AMICALOLA:** Freddy L. Eller-EC; Robert J. Harris, Sr.-GEN;
F. Keith Hales-CG; Harry B. Allen-PC; Larry C. Bennett-PC;
Stephen C. Higgins-PC; Alfred A. Lincoln-PC
- 42. COASTAL PLAIN:** John H. Johnson-Proxy
- 43. ST. MICHAEL:** A. Neal Mimbs-Proxy; Jerry Purvis-PC; Gordon B. Ruthruff-PC
- 45. ST. PETER:** Phillip A. Booth-EC; Charles E. Ferguson-PC

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

To the Officers, Members, and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar: We, the Grand Commandery Officers, the Officers and Sir Knights of Constantine Commandery No. 26, and all of the Sir Knights from across this great State and I welcome each of you to the 156th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia. This is the great honor for me to have been accepted, elected, and permitted to serve you as Grand Commander in 2015-2016. Those of you from Out-of-State have greatly enhanced our Annual Conclave by having taken the time out of your busy schedule to visit with us during this conclave. We welcome you to Macon and hope that your time here has been and will continue to be enjoyable. I have truly enjoyed the time I have spent with each of you in your respective Grand Jurisdictions. The new friendships that were started and old friendships that were rekindled are something that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

To our distinguished guests, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to our annual conclave. The Grand Commandery Line Officers and Sir Knights from across this great state hope you enjoy your visit; we are honored to have you here with us. A special welcome is extended to Eminent Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. and our Southeastern Department Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Henry A. Adams. Thank you for being here with us.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

It was my pleasure to appoint the following officers. Sir Knight Hugh F. Watson – E. Grand Orator; Sir Knight James G. Mashburn – E. Grand Sentinel; Sir Knight Robert L. Hall, Jr. – E. Grand Captain of the Guard; Sir Knight Dana E. Schwarz – E. Grand Adjutant; and Sir Knight Robert W. Tidwell – E. Grand Photographer. I wish to thank each of you for your loyal support and assistance to me this year.

NECROLOGY

It is with a deep sense of sadness that I must report the death of Eminent Grand Sir Knight Joseph D. Westbrook, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, of this Grand Commandery. He was born on 12/24/1946 in Fayetteville, N.C., and laid down his sword and working tools on April 21, 2016. A complete eulogy was given and printed for the Divine/Memorial Services yesterday. It is also my sad duty to report the death of 203 of our Georgia Sir Knights this year. Along with the Grand Commandery Officers and myself, we extend our deepest sympathies to the families of our deceased brethren.

HOST COMMANDERY

Constantine Commandery No. 26 in Marietta, Georgia is the host Commandery this year. It was organized at Marietta, Georgia, and the first conclave was held at the Masonic Temple, Atlanta Street, under a dispensation granted by Right Eminent Sir Knight Alpheus B. Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia, dated the 27th day of April, A.D. 1910, A.O. 792; and a charter was granted by the Grand Commandery of Georgia dated the 11th day of May, 1910, A.O. 792. The first conclave under the charter was held at the same place on the 4th day of June, A.D. 1910, A.O. 792, at which time the Commandery was constituted. Constantine Commandery has had three Past Grand Commanders; R.J. Hancock, 1921-1923; L.D. Holcombe, 1967-1968; and G.C. Rogers, 1969-1970.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

A special thanks to Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander for chairing this project and to his committee. He and his committee have worked hard to promote our charitable efforts in eye research. A special thanks goes out to Sir Knight Charles R. Beasley, Eminent Grand Captain General for his continued efforts in promoting the Mollie S. Mosley Trust Foundation and his leadership in the fund raising efforts for this most worthy program.

DECISIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

No requests for decisions were received for consideration. All dispensations were of a routine nature and in accordance with Templar Law and are on file in the Grand Recorder's Office.

INSPECTIONS

I was not able to attend all of the inspections of the Commanderies, in this jurisdiction, this year due to scheduling conflicts. However, I did visit several of the Commanderies at a later date where I was unable to be at their inspections. I would like to thank Very Eminent Grand Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield for his assistance when I could not be there. I thought all of the inspections went quite well. Some had assistance from visiting Commanderies, but most did their own work. I would like to extend my thanks to all of our Grand Inspecting Officers for taking time out of their busy schedules to perform this very important aspect of our Grand Jurisdiction.

VISITATIONS

It has been my pleasure to represent this Grand Commandery and bring greetings at several Masonic and Masonic related events within the state of Georgia this year. These included the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the 3rd Annual Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Court Order of the Amaranth, the State Conclave of DeMolay International, the Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Luther B. Palmer York Rite College No. 123, and Fidelitas Tabernacle LXXVII.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

During my tenure in the Grand Commandery line, I have traveled as far west as Hot Springs, Arkansas; and as far north as Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. During my term as Grand Commander, I have traveled in excess of 24,000 miles attending both in state and out of state Masonic functions which included attending the Annual York Rite Body Sessions of Mississippi, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina and Kentucky. I also attended the 78th Annual Great Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons, the Southeastern York Rite Conference, the 66th Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. and Masonic Week in Washington, D.C. which included attending the Grand Council of Knight Masons where I was appointed to the progressive line as the Very Excellent Grand Sentinel.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

One of the best opportunities we have in promoting our Order is to sponsor ministers for a trip to the Holy Land. I thank all the Commanderies that are working to sponsor a minister and encourage more Commanderies to take advantage of this opportunity. This year we were blessed in being able to send three ministers.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

A very special thank you is extended to Eminent Sir Knight Mark Bradley and his wife Gay for all of the hard work and excellent planning that went into the Easter Sunrise Service Trip. I can honestly say that I know how much work goes into planning one of these trips and Mark and his wife Gay have done an exemplary job. I was unable to attend this year's trip due to an illness, but my wife Helen was able to attend. The group left the Atlanta Masonic Center Wednesday Morning and proceeded to Kings Mountain National Battlefield, NC. After a group dinner at the Golden Corral in Colonial Heights, VA, they proceeded to the Fairfield Inn in Chester, VA. On Thursday they toured the Yorktown Victory Center and

stopped for lunch in Cape Charles, VA before stopping for the night at Easton, VA. On Friday they toured the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis MD where they had lunch and then proceeded on to the Host Hotel in Alexandria, VA. A group dinner was enjoyed by all at Joe Thiemann's Restaurant followed by a night tour of Washington D.C.'s Monuments. On Saturday morning they traveled to Arlington National Cemetery where our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Doyle R. Hatfield, participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. He was accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother, F. Andrew Lane, Jr.; Most Illustrious Grand Master, Floyd E. Edmondson, MIGM, and our Southeastern Department Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Henry A. Adams. After the Wreath Laying Ceremony they went to Union Station for lunch and shopping. That evening everyone had dinner at the Grand Encampment Banquet at the Host Hotel. Early Sunday morning they went to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for the Easter Sunrise Service on the steps of the George Washington Memorial. Immediately after the Sun Rise Services they returned to the hotel, loaded up and departed for Atlanta.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

It was my pleasure to be at several Christmas Observances. We as Christian Masons need to make every effort to support this unique program. A special thanks to all of the Commanderies that group together have their own observances. This is a program that only we as Christian Masons can celebrate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That each Commandery, who have not done so, re-write their By-Laws, using the adopted STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to the Office of the Grand Recorder for approval and placement in the Grand Commandery Archives. That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Commandery Officers in stopping NPD's and bring those back in who have left via NPD.

APPRECIATION

To all of the Grand Commandery Officers, elected and appointed, I thank you and appreciate your support and council. I want to thank Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith and Laine L. Bolton for their invaluable help this year from the Grand Recorder's Office. I especially want to thank my wife Helen for all of her support and love. This trip, nor any of my endeavors, whether it be my military career, civilian job, or Masonic associations; would not have been possible without her loyal and unswerving devotion. She has been with me every step of the way and for that I will be eternally grateful.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, REGC, 2015-2016

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REGC'S ADDRESS

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Right Eminent Grand Southeast Department Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Distinguished East, and Sir Knights all: Your Committee is pleased to have been appointed to write the response to your Address and present it to the Sir Knights here assembled in this Grand Commandery Conclave. The Grand Commander has extended his personal welcome and has expressed his thanks and gratitude to the In-state and out of State Guests for traveling great distances to attend the 156th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, in Macon, Georgia. He has further

expressed his gratitude for being accepted, elected, and permitted to serve as Right Eminent Grand Commander. He indicates that this has been his greatest honor. He has extended a personal welcome to the Grand Commandery Officers, Right Eminent Sir Knight Henry A. Adams, our Southeast Department Commander, and Very Eminent Sir Knight, Jeffrey N. Nelson, our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America. He fervently hopes that your visit will become a treasured memory. The Grand Commander thanked Constantine Commandery # 26, located in Marietta, Georgia for being his host Commandery for the 156th Annual Conclave. He expressed his pride in the fact that Constantine Commandery # 26 has provided great leaders since its 1910 Chartering; that it has sponsored three Grand Commanders. The Grand Commander thanked his appointed Officers for their wonderful assistance to him before and during this term of Office. He extended a personal thanks you to SKs Hugh F. Watson, James G. Mashburn, Robert L. Hall, Dana E. Schwartz, and Robert W. Tidwell. These Sir Knights' service to Templary and to Freemasonry in general is greatly appreciated by this Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander did not let grass grow under his feet this Templar year. His service has extended throughout the State and all across this Great Country. Over twenty-four thousand miles have been recorded on his automobile. Some journeys have taken him to Nova Scotia, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Washington, D.C. While attending Masonic Week in Washington D.C. he was appointed to the Knight Mason progressive line as the Very Excellent Grand Sentinel. This Committee commends him for this singular appointment. It is with deep sadness that this Grand Commander had to report upon the death of a Grand Commandery Line Officer, Eminent Sir Knight Joseph D. Westbrook, who was serving as Eminent Grand Senior Warden. Sir Knight Westbrook laid down his sword and entered into the portals of the Grave on April 21, 2016. The Grand Commander extends his deepest sympathies to Sister Terry and the families of two hundred and three Sir Knights, who have gone to be with our Lord during this Grand Commandery year. Our loss is His gain. This Grand Commandery is better for having had the opportunity to serve with these Magnanimous Sir Knights. The Grand Commander thanked the subordinate Commanderies for their continued service, especially in holding productive Annual Inspections. He thanks each of them for the hospitality extended to his Inspecting Officers and visiting Sir Knights, who gave of their time and talent to continue the traditions of our Grand Commandery. He stated that he was saddened that he was unable to attend every Commandery Inspection this year, but was thankful that Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, SK Doyle Hatfield, always stood in for him and represented the Grand Commandery very well. Your Grand Commander reports that the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D. C. was another great success this year. The bus trip was planned by Sir Knight Mark Bradley and his Wife, Gay. The Grand Commander thanks them for their devotion to this effort. The Grand Commander acknowledges the hard work and dedication it takes to execute such a feat. He and his wife Helen have planned many trips for the Sir Knights of Georgia. The Grand Commander extended his regrets that he was unable to make the trip due to personal illness, thus missing the wonderful fellowship with the Sir Knights and their Wives and Guests. He expressed his appreciation that First Lady Helen was able to attend and support the effort. Many National Monuments and Historical Sites were visited during the trip. The wreath laying ceremony, at the Tomb of the Unknowns, in Arlington National Cemetery is always the greatest honor. The

Grand Commander selected Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield, Most Worshipful Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master Floyd E. Edmondson, and our Southeastern Department Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Henry A. Adams for the high honor of placing the Wreath. Saturday evening everyone had the honor of dining with the Most Eminent Grand Master, Dwayne Vaught. Easter Morning's happiness was marching up Shooters' Hill and participating in the Divine Service on the Steps of the George Washington National Memorial. At the conclusion of the Sunrise Service the Sir Knights and their guests boarded the bus for the long ride home. The Grand Commander is very appreciative to all, who devoted their time to this great event. The Grand Commander attended several Christmas Observances and applauds the Commanderies for hosting these events. He urges each Commandery to continue this celebration. The Grand Commander expressed his pride in the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program, collaboratively sponsored by the Knight Templar Educational Foundation and by the local Commandery. He is proud to report that three Ministers were selected to attend this year. Very Eminent Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield is Chairman of the KTEF and was commended for a job well done. All Dispensations were routine and are in accordance with Templar Law. The Grand Commander recommends that each subordinate Commandery review their by-laws and if necessary rewrite them in accordance with the standard Format and have them recorded at the Grand Commandery Office. The Grand Commander recommends that each Sir Knight assist in eliminating the suspensions for nonpayment of dues. The Grand Commander thanked the Grand Commandery Officers for their support and council during his tenure. Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith, Grand Recorder, and Ms. Laine Lasseater Bolton were commended for their help and assistance this past year. The Grand Commander concluded by expounding upon the fact that this journey and his life journey could not have happened without the love and support, which has been extended by his Wife, Helen. He indicated that all of his life's endeavors, whether military or civilian or Masonic would not have been possible without Helen's loyal and unswerving Love and Devotion. He further indicated that he is so grateful that she has been with him every step of the way and that he has been blessed and will be eternally grateful.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, your Committee commends you for a job well done and wishes you much good health, happiness, and continued success in your future journey. Respectfully submitted: Paul E. Wells, PGC Chairman

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

We want to say thank you to the chapters and degree teams that did such an outstanding job presenting the degrees of the commandery in your own commandery or in the several festivals. Thanks to the companions of the Atlanta area for starting a new festival in Atlanta. Thanks to the companions who travel to Macon to make the Grand Masters Festival a success. If you pick out a few, you are sure to leave some out, to those, Thank You! Now for our suggestions on gaining and maintaining members:

1. Going to church as a group.
- 2 In your meetings, invite speakers to encourage members to seek more light by studying the degrees.
- 3 Presenting programs at the lodge to encourage brethren to seek more light in the York Rite Degrees.

Yours in Christian Love: Terry L. Hensley; Donald C. Combs; William G. Economy

REPORT OF THE CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia: Your committee on Charters, By-Laws, and Dispensations wishes to make the following Report: Your Committee notes that dispensations have been issued to several Commanderies to change meeting times, dates, places of location, etc.: Georgia No. 1 to move its monthly convocation from Wrightsboro Road to Wheeler Road in Augusta and then to move to Evans, Ga; St. Omar No. 2 to cancel any meeting that falls on a National Holiday; the election return of Godfrey de Bouillon filed in April of 2015 indicated they would be changing their meeting date in June 2015. Your Committee has received no By-Law changes from these Commanderies and have no knowledge of when the changes were voted on or whether they were adopted by the members. We therefore leave the approval of these items to the Grand Commandery. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of St. Bernard No. 25, adding an amount for the Treasurer. Your Committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Bethlehem No. 30 to change the time of the meetings. Your Committee notes that Trinity No. 39 in Blakely, was consolidated with Crusader No. 17 on November 10, 2015. We appreciate the acceptance of these members into Crusader Commandery. Sir Knight John Allen wrote every member of the Commandery to see if they wished to go to Bainbridge or if they wished to be demitted. This saved a lot of work for Sir Knight and Recorder Bruce Mann in Bainbridge. This committee has before it paperwork and proposed By-Laws praying for a Charter to issue forth for a Commandery in Moultrie, Georgia which has been operating under Dispensation since March 4, 2015. These Sir Knights further request that they be allowed to use the name and number of the former Commandery in Moultrie, Ga, being Mt. Calvary No. 28, which was consolidated with Coastal Plain Commandery #42 in 2000. The 2004 Grand Commandery Code is silent on this manner. Section 172, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America (Revised September 30, 2012) states "As to granting a charter with the previous number, numbers assigned to Commanderies indicate seniority and justly so. After a lapse of eight years or more, during which former members have been scattered or affiliated elsewhere, restorations of the old Charter and of the old Commandery Number would not seem to be proper or equitable procedure. (1995, p. 114 & 280, No. 33, Gordon, 1988 digest – 46)" This committee recommends that if this Grand Commandery votes to allow this Commandery to use the name and number of the former Commandery that a Charter be issued showing Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 28. Otherwise, the committee recommends a Charter be issued to these Companions and their successors, to be styled Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 46 to be located in Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia. It will be necessary for the Commandery to obtain a new seal as it will be improper to use the old seal with the old charter date. We wish them much success in their endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PC (35); Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19)
F. Andrew Lane, Jr, PC (37)

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Georgia:
Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Commanderies and the General Grand Commanderies, and most have their proceedings on their website. "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." — George Washington — U.S. President & Freemason. Without a doubt the fraternal fellowship and profound friendships forged in our York Rite are some of the most important reasons why we have dedicated our lives to Masonry. These rights and benefits appertaining to our craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our asylums, inspections, meetings, committee work and in our recruitment of new Companions in the York

Rite. While we have the responsibility to share the story of York Rite masonry with fellow Masons across our state and nation, we are missing a significant opportunity to help in igniting and conducting the flame of York Rite masonry internationally. It is vital that we work to expand the sphere of York Rite masonry internationally. The General Grand Chapter is recommending that every jurisdiction be an ambassador to other jurisdictions who are not in the York Rite system to promote our organization and offer assistance to any who may wish to inquire about membership from the Europe/Africa regions, Latin and South America regions, etc. As a Christian who seeks to spread the Gospel, it is easy to see that our dissemination of our York Rite fraternity is a clear and present means to make disciples among all people across the Globe. What greater benefit can we have for our Christian Masonic tradition to be involved in this mission. We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our Royal Arch system. You and I can help by communicating and working with General Grand Chapter through our Grand Chapter to provide information they need. We can broaden our communication to take advantage of our electronic age, to shrink our world, and become true Companions in the universality of international Royal Arch masonry. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft within our Chapters and expand our efforts to encourage our Blue Lodge brethren to seek further light. We must be ambassadors for our Craft, and continue to be a positive example in our communities in service to our Chapter, country and even the entire world.

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel V. Hagan, PHP (59), KYCH

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - NORTH

First, I thank Almighty God for His Blessings on me and on the Craft. The Knights Templar degrees were conferred at The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Covington York Rite Festival, and the Grand Masters Class. I agree with those, who believe there must be a better way to get the Instructions to the local Directors of Work and into our local Bodies, where it is needed most. I greatly appreciate those Recorders, who forwarded me the contact info for their 2016 Eminent Commanders so I could communicate with them without having to wait until this fall to get the York Rite Directory. With everyone working together in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Knights Templar Masonry in Georgia.

Fraternally: Floyd Edmondson, Grand Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - SOUTH

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia: I am happy to report that we have had another successful year in York Rite Masonry. I am pleased to report that there were several knightings at St. Elmo Commandery No.21, where the orders were conferred by Eminent Past Grand Commander Clyde Griffin. I would also like to report that the Grand Master's class was a huge success, there were 23 new Sir Knights! I would like to extend my thanks to Eminent Sir Knight Brandon Yarbrough who put together an awesome team to confer the Order of the Temple. I would also like to thank him for allowing me to assist in dubbing the Sir Knights. It was my first time and a great honor! It has been a great pleasure to serve as custodian of the work for the Grand Commandery and also as organizer for the Grand Master's Class and I thank each and every person who assisted me in those endeavors this year.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian of the South

REPORT OF THE KTEF, DIV. OF GA., THE KTEF, 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 of Georgia, Inc. The Division funds, which are controlled by

the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment allowed the Committee to award five (5) \$1000 scholarships to deserving students to further their education. The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, permitted \$42,000 gifts each to Emory University and GRU, formerly Medical College of Georgia; and Ten (10) Ministerial gifts of \$1,500 each to deserving individuals pursuing a career in Gospel Ministry.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia funds are invested with only the interest used and sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. \$10,000 was sent this year to Grand Encampment allowing the purchase of another Golden Chalice. We are pleased to report that the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia funds has a present net worth of \$259,999.17. The present net worth of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. is \$3,559,383.81 and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia stands at \$562,565.63. Since the term, on the Committee, of REPGC James B. Phillips expires at this Grand Conclave, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and that the Grand Commandery approve REPGC Phillips to succeed himself for a five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2021. We wish to thank Dr. Julian Nussbaum for his expert advice and recommendations in giving to the two Schools of Ophthalmology; Emory University and GRU, formerly Medical College of Georgia. He has been a valuable source of information and we hope to continue to call upon him. Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon hosted by the Committee on March 15, 2016. As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested. We wish to thank our Secretary, Wade C. Smith, for his complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and record maintenance that keeps us abreast of the status of all of our accounts. We wish to extend a special thanks to our REGC, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, and the Grand Commandery Officers for their encouragement, support, and comments at our meetings. We consider it a privilege and an honor to serve our Grand Commandery. It is truly a rewarding experience to help others as we do in so many ways with this wonderful Committee.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, REPGC, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC, V-Chair; Timothy M. Taylor, REPGC; James B. Phillips, REPGC; James E. Stevens, REPGC

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPALR EYE FOUNDATION

Your KTEF Committee visited most of the Georgia Commanderies giving out Eye Foundation recognitions from the Grand Encampment. As a whole, the state of Georgia did rather well. With large donations from the Social Order of the Beauceant and the Molly S. Mosley foundation we are ranked number 10 in the world with a total of \$38,352.00. With the 3,143 members we have, that is an average of \$12.20 per member which puts us at number 22 in the world on a per capita basis. We had a good year and are looking forward to better years in the future. Lloyd Leinbaugh: Thank you for this opportunity to serve Georgia Knights Templars and the Mollie S. Mosely Eye Foundation Trust Inc. Since this Trust was set up by Past Grand Commander James Moseley it has been a very successful means to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. With the interest raised on our deposits at Sun Trust Bank and their Money Management skills we have been able to donate a sizeable amount of money to KTEF each year. The corpus has continued to grow each year. I would encourage each Sir Knight to consider this 501-C3 tax deductible plan as a means to increase our total donation for Eye Research each year. This is a donation that keeps on giving from year to year. We embarked on a plan to raise money last year with the minting of a very handsome coin at the cost of \$10.00 each and our sales have been very successful. The cost of the minting has been paid for and we are in the profit stage. I would ask each Sir Knight to consider a purchase when approached. They make very nice Birthday and Holiday gifts. I am sure other plans will be considered this coming Templar year, so please consider giving. We have set a gold of a Million Dollars to endow this Trust Fund

and with your help Sir Knight we can reach that gold in the next couple of years. Research is the only way we have to wipe out Eye diseases and Sir Knights that takes Money. So please consider the Mollie S. Mosely Eye Foundation Trust Inc. I thank you and the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve as Chairman and with the help of Eminent Sir Knight Joe Westbrook and Eminent Sir Knight Steve Kirk it has been an honor to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Joe Westbrook; Steve Kirk

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar: The committee wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Sir Knights of Georgia:

1. We again request each Commandery prepare and submit a History of your Commandery to the Committee. So much history is being lost due to the ravages of time and deaths.
2. That any Sir Knight prepare a paper on any subject regarding notable Sir Knights, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published and distributed for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in general, but the Grand Commandery in particular.
3. That consideration is given by Grand Commandery to writing an updated History of Templary in Georgia.
4. The Committee recommends that each Commandery have at least two Educational Programs during the year for the benefit of the Sir Knights.
5. That we visit Symbolic Lodges, first requesting an opportunity to provide educational information on the advantages of York Rite membership. Sir Knight Richard Hallwood's power point presentation is highly recommended for this purpose. The committee wishes to express appreciation to our Right eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

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

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

One of the first things on the agenda is to shore up our membership and at the same time get back to basics. We will be trying different ideas in the upcoming year to not only retain members, but maybe get some of those members back we have lost. Let's put them to work doing what they enjoy doing. Let's get new members into the Rite and find out what they like to do. We have to insure the "Christianity" part of the York Rite is alive and well. We would like to see joint events sponsored with some churches around the state. Secret Santa, Secret Bunny, Secret Turkey, etc., until it is no longer secret. We must let our light shine. We will attempt to sponsor more minister trips to the Holy Land. If we can peak the curiosity of those congregations, and take part in their social events, they may be more apt to ask "what does it take to become a part of your organization". As we answer that question, we should see a membership rise in all our Masonic Bodies.

Doyle R. Hatfield (3) Chair; D.W. Hendry, Sr. (25), Charles R. Beasley

REPORT ON EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 2016

I would like to begin by saying Thank You to Right Eminent Grand Commander Lloyd J. Leinbaugh for allowing me to serve on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee. We began our journey this year by meeting with RESK Lloyd and Lady Helen at the 2015 Grand York Right Session to discuss the trip and explore possibilities. We again invited the presiding heads of the Georgia Masonic Bodies to participate in the Wreath Ceremony of Arlington National Cemetery, we proceeded to create an itinerary that would include a little Masonic History, American History and Spiritual History. Leaving Wednesday morning, we made stops at the Kings Mountain National Battlefield, Yorktown Victory Center, the U. S. Naval Academy, and a nighttime tour of the Washington

D. C. Monuments. On Saturday morning our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Doyle R. Hatfield, participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. He was accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother, F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master, Floyd E. Edmondson, and the South Eastern Department Commander, Sir Knight Henry A. Adams. Our group had an enjoyable time while displaying the joy of being Christian Masons to everyone that we encountered. Gay and I consider it an honor to be included in this part of the Grand Commandery year. Upon reflection we both agree that we spent five unbelievable days with the finest people ever assembled. Respectfully Submitted: Mark A. Bradley, Chairman, Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Committee

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee is honored to report that three Ministers were sent to the Holy Land this Templar Year. They were sponsored by Five Commanderies and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation of Georgia (KTEF, Inc.). The Ministers that we send to the Holy Land have a tremendous opportunity to increase in knowledge, not just of the geography of the Promise Land, but 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 Minister's made this statement, "before, when I studied my bible, I saw it in black and white, but now I see it in color". We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved. The Commanderies and Ministers who participated in the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program this year:

Name	Sponsor
Rev. Justin Adams	St. Bernard Commandery No 25
Rev. Roderick Christopher Turner	Philemon Commandery No 33
Rev. Perry Clay Price	Atlanta Commandery No 9,
Constantine Commandery No 26, and DeKalb Commandery No 38	
Respectfully Submitted: Terry L. Hensley, PGC (19), Chairman	

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him. The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." (Lam 3:19-26 NIV) As this Grand Commandery year comes to a close it is our sad duty to report, that the dread messenger death has again knocked on the door of life and 203 of our valiant Sir Knights have been called to their heavenly reward. While here on earth they may have traveled a rugged road and walked in the shadows of misfortune. It is our prayer that they received their righteous reward at the right hand of their Savior and were welcomed into that glorious kingdom above. We all have Sir Knights whom we venerate as they have had a great influence upon our lives. It could be that they were mentors, encouragers supporters, listeners, teachers, or any combination thereof including friends, Brothers, and Companion

Sir Knights. It is because of who they were to us, that causes us to have faith in the Lord above and to recognize that because of their faith, and ours, we have the hope of a reunion when we reach that promised kingdom above. Truly the Lord is good to those whose Hope is in Him. O would close with these words from CS Lewis, " If all is lost, thanks be to God. If I must see it go, watch it go, watch it fade away, die, then thanks be to God for He is all I have. And if I have Him not, I have nothing at all." May the light from the heavens above guide you on your pathway here on earth and be a beacon to guide you home at end of this earthly life and may the Lord's mercy surround all those who have gone before us and whose faith was patient and true!! So may it ever be, Amen!!
Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Donald C. Combs, EG Prelate, Chair

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Joseph D. Westbrook

All Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of

Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TACTICS COMMITTEE

First, I thank Almighty God for His blessings on me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Terry L. Hensley, for appointing me to this position. I held two schools of instruction for the Commandery this year. The first was after the Gainesville Commandery Festival on June 21, 2014 and was well attended. The second was on December 17, 2014 in Lexington for the benefit of Godfrey de Bouillon # 14 and was attended by several members of their Commandery. A good bit of time has been spent on getting the revised green Tactics Manual which was approved at our last Grand Commandery session ready for printing. I thank Right Eminent Sir Knight C. Danny Wofford, Past Grand Commander, the members of the Tactics and Ritual Committee, Right Eminent Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley, Grand Commander, and Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith, Grand Recorder, for their advice, support and assistance in getting this book ready for printing. Also, special thanks to Eminent Sir Knight Ryan Nealey for his editing and computer work. 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.

Fraternally: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Georgia, Grand Encampment Representative, Distinguished Guests, and Sir Knights: In 2002, the Grand Encampment saw the need to guide and assist the Grand Commanderies in the methods to improve the activities of the stated Commanderies within their boundaries. The Commanderies are well known for their hard work and time consumed to prepare for their inspections. While this is very commendable, it is not all that should be accomplished. Our Commanderies need to be as interesting as our Blue Lodges. We need to have programs to interest our new Sir Knights and to entice our brethren to advance to the York Rite. Information exists in the Patriotic and Civic Activities Report to guide each Commandery to a starting point. Some of our Commanderies are already involved in activities leading in this direction, and I commend them for that. As the true image of Templary is exemplified by deeds, not words. It is important that we start work so that the general public becomes aware of us and know what we are and what we stand for. To transmit that awareness to them, we must do something, and that something must be an activity that demonstrates the purpose of Templary.

Respectfully submitted: Joseph D. Westbrook, Chair; Steve A. Kirk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION RETURNS

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This Committee has reviewed the Annual Inspection Returns for 33 Commanderies of the State for the Templar Year 2015-2016, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Past Commanders

Grand Line Officers	17	
Past Grand Commanders	6	
R. E. Grand Commander		1

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 260.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 11

DUES STATUS

Reports show 328 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears with dues for two years were 153 and in arrears for three years 14.

Number of Commanderies	Amount Charged for the orders
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1	\$200.00
1	\$150.00
2	\$135.00
8	\$130.00
1	\$128.00
1	\$127.00
1	\$125.00
1	\$121.00
1	\$120.00
1	\$115.00
1	\$110.00
6	\$100.00
1	\$95.00
1	\$92.00
2	\$90.00
1	\$50.00
3	No Report

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$306,368.34

The general condition for each commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91) 3,4,7,8,9,12,16,19,21,22,25,29,31,35,37,40,41,45

Very Good: (90-81) 2,10,11,15,17,36,38

Good: (80-71) 30,33 Fair: (70-0) 1,14,42,43

Respectfully Submitted: William F Shepard (21), Chair; Mark A Bradley (31); J. Timothy Ingram (41)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, appointed Tellers and the Election was held and resulted in the following Officers being elected:

Doyle R. Hatfield	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Drewry W. Hendry, Sr.	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Charles R. Beasley	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Steve A. Kirk	Eminent Grand Captain General
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Mark S. Johnson	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs	Eminent Grand Prelate
James E. Stevens	Eminent Grand Orator
Robert L. Gill	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith	Eminent Grand Recorder
Carl J. Gamel	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Robert L. Head	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Tommy T. Marshall	Eminent Grand Warder

APPOINTMENTS

The REG Commander made the following Appointments: James E. Stevens, EG Orator; John I. Haggas, EG Captain of the Guard; Ditmar W. Chavez, EG Sentinel; Timothy K. Starling, EG Adjutant; Robert W. Tidwell, EG Photographer; and Johnie M. Garmon, Parliamentarian.

STANDING COMMITTEES 2016-2017

Finance: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Timothy K. Starling
Memorials: Donald C. Combs, Chair; Richard J. Corwin, Jr.; Kevin L. Hyde
Jurisprudence: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair, 3 Yr; Terry L. Hensley, 4 Yr; James B. Phillips, 5 Yr; Michael H. Wilson, 1 Yr; Joseph R. Bush, 2 Yr
Charters/By Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair, 3 Yr; F. Andrew Lane, Jr., 2 Yr; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, 1 Yr
Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips
Education (KTEF, Div.; KTEF, Inc.; MSM): Clyde E. Griffin, Chair, 5 Yr; James E. Stevens, 4 Yr; Bobby B. Simmons, 3 Yr; Timothy M. Taylor, Sr., 2 Yr; James B. Phillips, 1 Yr
Relief: Drewey W. Hendry, Sr., Chair; Charles R. Beasley; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith

KTEF 47th Campaign: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair, 1 Yr.

Carl J. Gamel, 2yr. Charles R. Beasley, 3 Yr.

Patriotic & Civic: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Mark S. Johnson

SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2016-2017

G. Commander's Address: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; James E. Stevens; Johnie M. Garmon

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs; Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.

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

MSM Eye Foundation: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Joseph W. Westbrook

Inspection Report: William F. Shepard, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; James T. Ingram

Long Range Planning: Drewey W. Hendry, Sr., Chair; Charles R. Beasley; Steve A. Kirk

Membership: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel

Constitution, Statutes, & Regulations: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Ryan C. Nealey

Tactics and Rituals: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Robert L. Head; Tommy T. Marshall; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Educational & Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; James E. Underwood; Joe R. Bush; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons

Editor of the KT Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II

Internet and Web Page: Kevin I. Hyde, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell; Benjamin W. Polston, II

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan

Entertainment: David Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle; William F. Shepard

Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; John I. Haggas

GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson; Robert L. Head, Jr.

Grand Custodians of the Work: N: Floyd E. Edmondson; S: Robert L. Head

INSTALLATION

The newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Sir Knight Paul E. Wells, REPGC, assisted by Sir Knight Jams E. Stevens, REPGC, as Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Terry L. Hensley, REPGC, as Grand Prelate. After the installation the VEDGC, Drewry W. Hendry, Sr., on behalf of the Grand Officers, pledged their support to the Grand Commander in the cause of promoting Templary.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 157th Annual Conclave will be held on May 1, 2017 in Macon, Georgia.

TIME OF NEXT GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

The 67th Triennial will be holden in Indianapolis In., August 18-22, 2018

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 156th Annual Conclave be approved, printed and distributed.

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

There being no further business Eminent Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield, Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave which will convene in Macon on May 1, 2017.

ATTEST:

WADE C. SMITH
Grand Recorder



Doyle R. Hatfield
Grand Commander

TO: Constituent Commanderies, Grand Commandery Officers, and Past Grand Commanders: From the apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Doyle R. Hatfield, 2016-2017

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
From The Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Doyle R. Hatfield

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1

for the Templar Year of 2016-2017

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

TO: Constituent Commanderies, Grand Commandery Officers And REPGC Greetings,

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That during the 2016-2017 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall be grouped into three Divisions each with the First Corps containing Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the First Corps shall be assigned to the Eminent Grand Generalissimo and the Second Corps shall be assigned to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That each Division shall have a Grand Commandery Officer assigned as Division Commander as follows:

Division One: The Grand Warder - Tommy T. Marshall

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer - Robert L. Head, Jr.

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer - Carl J. Gamel

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden - Mark S. Johnson

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden - Brandon S. Yarbrough

Division Six: The Grand Captain General – Steve A. Kirk

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

FIRST CORPS	Charles R. Beasley (4)	404-313-4466
First Division	Tommy T. Marshall (36)	912-282-4493
Division Officers:	Bruce D. Mann (17)	229-246-3046
	Timothy E. Crimmins (5)	229-881-2495
St. Paul No. 5 (Albany)	Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville)	
Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge)	Mt. Calvary No. 28 (Moultrie)	
Second Division	Robert L. Head, Jr. (11)	706-905-7730
Division Officers:	James D Reese (7)	912-659-4265
	Robert R. Bennett	912-337-0601
Palestine No. 7 (Savannah)	Malta No. 16 (Valdosta)	St. Elmo No. 26 (Brunswick)
Waycross No. 36 (Waycross)	Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)	
Third Division	Carl J. Gamel (40)	404-435-6754
Division Officers:	Jerry H. Purvis (43)	770-468-1073
	Richard D. Brogdon (3)	706-587-1601
St. Omer No. 2 (Macon)	Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville)	
Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley)	St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus)	
St. Peter No. 45 (Warner Robins)		
SECOND CORPS	Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)	770-366-7136
Fourth Division	Mark S. Johnson (22)	770-306-8708
Division Officers:	Jan M. Giddens (26)	678-232-4115
	Jan Masskant, Jr. (9)	404-579-1235
	Gary A. Palmer (4)	404-326-9675
Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park)	Constantine No. 26 (Marietta)	
Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta)	Griffin No. 35 (Griffin)	Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville)
DeKalb No. 38 (Decatur)	Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy)	Tancred No. 11 (Newnan)
Fifth Division	Brandon S Yarbrough (35)	404-473-1872
Division Officers:	William T. White (37)	478-997-1011
	Terry M. Childers (19)	706-625-4336
Rome No. 8 (Rome)	St. Johns No.19 (Dalton)	Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper)
Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga)	Blue Ridge Mt. No. 37 (McCaysville)	
Sixth Division	Steve A. Kirk (41)	706-692-6581
Division Officers:	Joseph R. Bush (31)	628-308-0344
	Michael R. Sosebee (33)	706-599-3485
Georgia No.1 (Augusta)	Philemon No.33 (Toccoa)	
St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington)	Godfrey de Bouillon No.14 (Athens)	
Arnold de Troye No.31 (Buford)	Pilgrim No.15 (Gainesville)	

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Corps Commanders shall 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 need 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Division Commanders will conduct at least two (2) Inspections in their Division during the Templar year and will assist all other Grand Inspecting Officers assigned by the Right Eminent Grand Commander in their respective Divisions.

GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS

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

INSPECTIONS

All Commanderies will be inspected by March 1, 2017. It is the duty of the Grand Inspecting Officer to be fair, objective, and impartial in inspecting a Commandery.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Recorder will furnish the Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Inspection Form. The completed Inspection Form will be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after the Inspection.

BONDS

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

AUDIT

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

CHARITIES

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., and the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia Inc. This year it is my goal to have every Commandery in Georgia send a Minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I therefore encourage each Commandery that can't individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. I firmly believe that if we can provide each community with a minister, who has experienced a trip to the Holy Land that each community will return the favor many times by positively supporting our fund raisers and potential new Sir Knights. So PLEASE implement or revive the program whereby funds are annually set aside to sponsor a Minister and then use those funds at the appropriate time to sponsor your selected Minister.

FUND RAISERS

Please support as many Fund Raisers as you can, either monetarily or by spending time participating in these worthwhile projects. Any ideas for future fund raisers will be well received by your Grand York Rite Officers.

FESTIVALS

All Commanderies participating in York Rite Festivals, where all the York Rite Degrees/Orders are conferred, are encouraged to confer the Templar Orders on a separate date when possible. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

MEMBERSHIP

The Masonic Fraternity as a whole is suffering from a decline in membership. Our beloved Christian Order unfortunately is not exempt from this decline. As a Christian Knight, we should always keep a watchful eye for a worthy candidate to become a member of our Christian Order. As Christian Knights, we have the best selling point in all of Masonry, the belief in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In our daily walk through life, we should each act as a disciple of our Lord and Savior. Each day we should each act in a manner that demonstrates the true value of our Christian Order, so others will want to be a part of our Magnanimous Order.

COMMITTEES

The successful completion of our many projects rests solely on the dedicated work of the members appointed to the various Committees. I have appointed those Sir Knights that I feel will excel in the tasks at hand. Some changes have been made, so please use due diligence in the Committees, to which you have you been assigned.

APPRECIATION

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation and thanks for your showing me your trust and faith in electing me to the great honor of serving you as your Grand Commander for this upcoming year. I will do everything in my power, with the assistance of our Lord and Savior, to see that we make this Templar Year as good, if not better, than any Templar Year before. Together Sir Knights is the only way we can make this happen. Please do not hesitate in letting me know if there is anything that I can do for you this upcoming year. Life is not perfect. And as far as I know there has only been one perfect one. The one we all want to keep in our hearts and minds for not only this Templar Year but for the rest of our lives. Sir Knights, I am not the best orator and my use of words are simple. But, I want to express the 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 St. Aldemar Commandery Number 3 for allowing me to join their ranks of Knighthood. I solicit each of your prayers, council, guidance and recommendations throughout this Templar year. 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 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 2016.

Doyle R. Hatfield

ATTEST: Wade Smith

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Eminent Grand Recorder

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR NAME

YEAR NAME

*1965 Preston Y. Luther (2)

*1967 William M. Drinnon (2)

*1966 Ira R. Huffaker (4)

*1968 Graydon W. Kitchens (4)

*1999 Otis Medley (02)
 *1970 T. Malcolm Gray (24)
 *1971 Ross F. Mainor (2)
 1972 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)
 1973 Dannie L. Reed (35)
 *1974 Joel M. Hammond (24)
 *1975 George H. Balentine (33)
 *1976 Aaron E. Cole (26)
 *1977 George C. King (5)
 *1978 Dave H. Keever (31)
 *1979 S. Talmadge Lord (8)
 1980 Joseph P. Suttles (4)
 *1981 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)
 * Indicates death ** Indicates expelled

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

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

1994 A. Wayne Norton (33)
 *1995 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
 *1996 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 1997 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 *1998 Bobby L. Massey (41)
 *1999 Otis Medley (2)
 *2000 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 2001 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 2001 Robert L. Gill (36)
 2002 Austin E. Pearce (21)
 *2003 James E. Miller (3)
 *2004 Carl W. Dohn (2) **
 2005 Emory L. Morris (29)
 2006 *R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
 2007 Craig A. Haggas (3)
 2008 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2009 John T. Holt (9)
 2010 James T. Farmer (35)
 2011 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 2012 Mark S. Johnson (35)
 2013 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 2014 Mark A. Bradley (22)
 2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)

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

*5-1-00 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 5-1-00 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *2-6-03 Eli A. Stafford (7)
 2-6-03 Paul E. Wells (3)
 5-2-04 Freddie R. Jackson (2)
 5-2-04 James E. Jennings, Jr. (19)
 *5-1-05 Jack L. Hepner (7)
 5-1-05 James T. Ingram (41)
 *4-30-06 Ernest A. Forthman (24)
 4-30-06 Ruben Martinez (4)
 5-6-07 Alfred J. Clark (14)
 5-6-07 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 5-4-08 Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)
 5-4-08 Robert L. Gill (36)
 5-4-08 Joe E. Turner (35)
 5-6-08 Andre E. Lovas (11)
 *5-6-09 Phillip H. Floyd (31)
 5-6-09 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
 *5-6-09 Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)

*Indicates death

5-6-09 Emmett R. Johns (2)
 5-4-10 Terry L. Hensley (19)
 5-4-10 James E. Stevens (21)
 5-1-11 Charles M. Ellis (29)
 5-1-11 William F. Shepard (21)
 5-1-11 John A. Wages (25)
 5-3-12 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 5-3-12 Wade C. Smith, Sr. (37)
 5-5-13 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 5-5-13 Steve A. Kirk (41)
 5-4-14 Story A. Tate (31)
 5-4-14 Ernest A. McCorkle (7)
 5-1-15 Leonard A. Davis (11)
 5-1-15 John A. Minnich (02)
 5-1-16 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 5-1-16 Charles R. Beasley (04)
 5-1-16 Robert L. Head, Jr. (03)

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

*2001 Mrs. Mollie S. Moseley
 2001 Mrs. Frances Dohn
 *2002 Mrs. Mildred Spradley
 *2004 Mrs. Loyce Price
 *2006 Dr. Fleetwood Maddox
 2008 Mrs. Rebecca Taylor
 2008 Mrs. Nora Wells

2010 Mrs. Fae Suttles
 2012 Mrs. Barbara Townsend
 2014 Mrs. Judy Griffin
 2016 Mrs. Terry Westbrook
 2016 Mrs. Helen Leinbaugh
 2016 Mrs. Gay Bradley

PROCEEDING OF GRAND CONCLAVE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

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

C. Danny Wofford (31)
 Paul E. Wells (03)
 Jan M. Giddens (04) Pro Tem
 Charles R. Beasley (04)
 Mark S. Johnson (22)
 Mark A. Bradley (31) Pro Tem
 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) Pro Tem
 Wade C. Smith (37)

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

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)
 2007 Joe E. Turner (35)
 2009 William D. Miles (16)
 2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)
 2013 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 2015 C. Danny Wofford (31)

2004 Edward Helton (15)
 2008 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
 2012 Lanier S. Dasher (38)
 2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2016 Paul E. Wells (3)

CONFERRAL TEAM – KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 Mark S. Johnson (22)

Knight Crusader of the East
 Knight Crusader of the West
 Knight Crusader of the South

Jan M. Giddens (04)
 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 Doyle R. Hatfield (03)
 Ryan A. Nealey (09)

Knight Crusader of the North
 Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
 Knight Crusader of the Asylum
 Knight Crusader of the Temple

CANDIDATES

Joseph N. Arquette (14) Marvin B. Banister (05) James W. Bard (26)
 Freddie L. Eller (41) Robert E. Gordon (09) James T. House (04)
 David O. Johnson (25) Douglas A. Koschel (22) Gregory S. Mahan (12)
 James P. Seals, Jr. (21) James D. Seymour (11) Charles W. Phelps (15)
 Raymond D. McEntyre (35) Lawrence M. Rich (31) Timothy F. Wells (61)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Paul E. Wells (03) Knight Crusader of the East
 Charles R. Beasley (04) Knight Crusader of the West
 Mark S. Johnson (22) Knight Crusader of the South
 James E. Stevens (21) Knight Crusader of the North
 Mark A. Bradley (31) Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) Knight Crusader of the Asylum
 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25) Knight Crusader of the Temple
 Wade C. Smith (37) Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder

There being no further business, the Order of Knight Crusaders of the Cross was closed with prayer by Benjamin W. Polston, II.

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

1958	Emmett A. Rogers (12)	06/24/2001	1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993
1959	William A. Patat (33)	12/10/1977	1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007
1960	William C. Sanders (13)	07/25/1985	1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992
1961	Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	02/04/1996	1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009
1962	William T. Bateman (10)	07/19/1964	1992	William M. Roach Sr. (21)	10/21/1999
1963	Floyd L. Reynolds (34)	01/20/1969	1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010
1964	Lonzo Pope (24)	06/23/1991	1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)	
1965	James C. Slaughter (21)	09/10/1977	1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995
1966	James E. Moseley (35)		1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010
1967	Douglas H. Tidwell (4)	10/30/1969	1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009
1968	William J. Mobley (7)	07/21/1981	1996	James B. Phillips (19)	
1969	Thomas J. Jones (14)	08/06/1976	1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	
1970	Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	05/07/2003	1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)	
1971	Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16)	03/01/1983	1999	Clarence E. Horne (4)	
1972	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	04/07/2000	2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007
1973	James W. Register (3)	04/24/1999	2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007
1974	George E. Jones (10)	08/27/1993	2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	
1975	Clinton O. Morris (38)	04/07/1990	2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002
1976	Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2)	06/12/1978	2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014
1976	Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2)	10/14/1981	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1976	Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	06/28/2006	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	
1977	William J. Clarke (31)	09/22/1993	2005	Charles B. Stephens (26)	(Resigned)
1978	Joseph R. Richardson (8)	01/27/1990	2006	Ernest A. Forthman (24)	12/09/2008
1979	Ralph C. James [Hon] (14)	06/14/1989	2007	Paul E. Wells (3)	
1979	John M. McClurd, Sr. (21)	04/17/2001	2008	Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)	10/26/2011
1980	George C. Rogers (26)	12/21/1989	2009	Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)	
1981	Jack Cluck (G01)	04/15/2002	2010	Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)	
1982	Willie P. Hammond (35)	09/01/2011	2010	Charles M. Ellis (29)	
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1984	*Robert E. Hughes (24)	(Susp. 12/2001)	2012	Johnie M. Garmon (37)	
1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14)	(Susp. 6/2008)	2013	C. Danny Wofford (31)	
1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)		2014	Terry L. Hensley (26)	
1987	Edward Helton (15)		2015	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	
1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999	2015	Joe E. Turner (35)	
1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014	2016	Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	

*Indicates Suspension

OFFICIAL INFORMATION: THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE GRAND MASTERS FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE DEATH OF DEMOLAY

1	Hugh de Payens	1118	14	Philip de Plesis	1201
2	Robert of Burgundy	1139	15	William de Carnota	1217
3	Everard de Barr	1147	16	Peter de Montagu	1218
4	Bernard de Trenellape	1151	17	Armand Peragrossa	1229
5	Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154	18	Herman Petragrorius	1237
6	Andrew de Montbar	1165	19	William de Rupefort	1244
7	Philipo od Naplus	1169	20	William de Sonnac	1247
8	Odo de St. Amand	1171	21	Reginald Vichierius	1250
9	Arnold de Troye	1180	22	Thomas Beraud	1257
10	John Terricus	1185	23	William de Beaujeau	1274
11	Gerald Ridefot	1187	24	Theobald Gaudinius	1291
12	Robert Sablacus	1191	25	Jacques de Molay	1298
13	Gilbert Gralius	1196		(De Molay died in 1314)	

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
TUESDAY
MAY 3, 2016
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**WILLIAM FRANKLIN SHEPARD
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2015-2016**

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN SHEPARD
PERSONAL**

William F. Shepard was born in Hartford, Alabama on May 12, 1954 to Frank and Margaret Shepard. He attended and graduated from Geneva County High School in 1972. He went on to attend George C. Wallace Technical College and received certification in heavy equipment operation. He worked many years in the heavy construction industry as a crane operator and welder. He is currently employed as a bulk mail Technician with the United States Postal Service, where he has worked for the past twenty five years. He married the former Cheryle Ann Rhymes in 1977. They have one son Brett and two grandsons and two adopted grandsons. Bill and Cheryl are both of the Baptist faith.

MASONIC RECORD

Companion Shepard was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Brunswick Lodge No. 717 on November 18, 1999, serving as Worshipful Master in 2007. He affiliated with Ocean Lodge No. 214 in 2008 and served as Worshipful Master in 2011. He was appointed to the Board of Custodians for the Eleventh Masonic District in 2008 and is currently serving as Chairman of that Board. He received the Sam Owens Award as Mason of the year in 2014. He is presently serving as Chaplain of the Eleventh masonic District.

He was Exalted in Brunswick Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, in 2000. He has served as High Priest of his Chapter as well as High Priest of the Eleventh Royal Arch District Convention. He received the Order of High Priesthood and now serves as Excellent Conductor in that Order. He is a recipient of the General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award and the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel.

He was Greeted in Ballard Council No. 16 in 2000 and served as Illustrious Master. He is currently serving the Southeast Council Convention as the Principal Conductor of the Work. He is a recipient of the Ish Sodi Award. He was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 21 in 2000 and has served as Commander and received the Knight Crusader of the Cross. He is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple and the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Savannah. He is a past Commander of the Council of Kadosh and is currently serving as Expert in the Lodge of Perfection. He has been invested as a Knight Commander Court of Honor. He is a member and past President of the Southeast Georgia Scottish Rite Association. Companion Shepard was Inducted as Knight York Cross of Honor in Georgia Priory # 39 and is currently serving as Warder. He is a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests of the Upper Room Tabernacle # XLV and is serving as the Fifth Pillar. He is a member of Oglethorpe Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, in Savannah, and is serving as Viceroy. He is a member of (1) Carl F. Lester Jr. Council # 65 Knight Masons, (2) Oglethorpe Chapel # 21 St. Thomas of Acon, and (3) Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Savannah Forest # 217. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Savannah Council # 328 Allied Masonic Degrees and a recipient of the Masonic Order of the Bath and other appendant Orders. He is serving as Governor of Herman E. Freeman, York Rite College. He is a member of Alee Shrine Temple in Savannah and the Brunswick Shrine Club.

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

The One Hundred Ninety Fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 8:30 AM, Tuesday, May 3, 2016, in the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, in the City of Macon, with Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Shepard presiding, with all Grand Chapter Officers present, and in their respective stations. Due to the passing of Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Terry Farmer and the resignation of Excellent Companion Harry B. Allen, due to poor health, all progressive Grand Line Officers were advanced one or two stations respectively with M.E. Companions C. Danny Wofford and Wayne H. Garrett being appointed to fill the two vacancies for the Convention.

Mark A. Bradley	Right Excellent Grand King
Stephen C. Higgins	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
J. Wesley Blalock	Excellent Grand Chaplain
John D. Morrow	Excellent Grand Organist
Edward V. Massaro	Excellent Grand Captain of Host
J. Russell Hazelwood	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
James W. Tate	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Wayne H. Garrett, MEPGHP	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Neil C. Maddock	Excellent Grand Sentinel

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Excellent Companion, J. Wesley Blalock, Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. After being assured that a quorum was present, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Shepard declared the One Hundred Ninety Fourth Annual Convocation duly convened. All Past Grand High Priests of Georgia were asked to retire to be introduced. The MEPGHP were introduced by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Joe E. Turner.

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1967 *James E. Moseley (10)	2008 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)
1978 *H. Grady Keith (27)	2009 Wade C. Smith (24))
1979 *J. Benny Allen (64)	2009 C. Danny Wofford (84) (Hon)
1986 Steven V. Carter (90)	2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
1988 *William E. Cantrell (144)	2011 William L. Montgomery (73)
1994 Ruben Martinez (75)	2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80) (Hon)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2012 James C. Bentley, Jr. (131) (Hon)
1998 *Leon S. Lee, III (15)	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
1999 *Joseph P. Suttles (37) (Hon)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2015 William F. Shepard (66)
2001 William D. Miles (16)	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
2002 *A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
2004 Emmett R. Johns (04)	
2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)	
2006 Robert L. Gill (9)	

* Indicates absent

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

William F. Shepard (66)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand King
Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill (9)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer

Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
J. Wesley Blalock (10)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
John D. Morrow (150)	Excellent Grand Organist
Edward V. Massaro (13)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
J. Russell Hazelwood (71)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
James W. Tate (73)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
C. Danny Wofford, MEPGM (84)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Wayne H. Garrett MEPGHP (64)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Neil C. Maddock (122)	Excellent Grand Sentinel
*James C. Moseley	Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Em
*Joseph P. Suttles (37)	Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Em

DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis (11)	Chair	Richard J. Hallwood (71)	7 th
*Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st	Joseph N. Arquette (K01)	8 th
Timothy E. Crimmins (15)	2 nd /3 rd	Robert D. Wing (71)	8 th
Ronald L. Marcinski (23)	2 nd /3 rd	Keith R. Taylor	9 th
Lamont D. Pitts (18)	4 th	Michael R. Sosebee (21)	9 th
Timothy K. Starling (7)	4 th	William T. White (24)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (162)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
Alessandro V. DaSilva (16)	5 th	Nikki W. Jordan (9)	11 th
Jerry H. Purvis (165)	6 th	James E. Stevens (66)	11 th
Christopher E. Chapman (27)	6 th	Wendell L. Browning (107)	11 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
Homer C. Cowart (144)	7 th		

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Larry C. Bennett, (9th), Michael R. Sosebee (9th)

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07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez; John I. Haggas; Joseph F. Oelgoetz

09. Waycross: Richard S. Bailey; Nikki W. Jordan; Tommy T. Marshall

10. Pythagoras: Wayne L. Burkett; Brandon S. Yarbrough

11. St. John's: James D. Davis; Leonard A. Davis

13. Cherokee: James W. Bard; Russell L. Mathuss; Dana E. Schwarz

15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: Robert Davis

16. Mt. Zion: Alessandro V. DaSilva; Robert E. Gordon; Ryan C. Nealey;
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34. Newnan: Andre E. Lovas

49. Sweetwater: Joe R. Bush; Thomas R. Conn, Sr.; Lawrence M. Rich

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61. Kellogg: Terry L. Hensley

63. Mt. Moriah: Mark A. Collins

64. Alleghaney: Edward Helton

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71. Covington: Kevin L. Hyde; William M. Jones; Raymond G. Laird;
Robert D. Wing

72. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson

73. Fort Benning: Richard D. Brogdon

75. Forest Park: C. Wayne Glass; Gary A. Palmer

77. Sardis: James P. Anderson; Joe R. Anthony; Lanier S. Dasher, Jr.;
Fletcher E. McCone; Billy G Messer; William Jan Rodgers

80. Western: William G. Economy; James E. Jennings

84. Winder: Henry D. Clay; Mark A. Bradley; Ernest P. Gentry;
Timothy M. Taylor; Storey A. Tate; Eulan R. Wheeler; C. Danny Wofford

87. Austell: Windell L. Duncan; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; O. C. Grounds;
James O. McDonald; Michael H. Sampshell

89. West Point: Joseph H. Elliot; William H. Spears

97. Hapeville: Preston D. Cutler; Gregory Foster; C. Wayne Glass

99. Chickamauga: James E. Dawson; C. Michael Ellis; Richard L. Scoggins

122. Y. A. Wright: Rafor J. Chambers; Edmond H. Shaw

135. Canton: Harry B. Allen; Stephens C. Higgins

142. Dallas: Carl J. Gamel; Fred A. Lane

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165. Middle Georgia: Emmett R. Johns; George S. Kight;
William L. Montgomery; Bobby B. Simmons

166. Genesis: Charles E. Ferguson

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004 Constantine: Emmett R. Johns, Proxy	72 Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson, Proxy
006 Temple: M. Van Melder, Proxy	73 Fort Benning: James W. Tate, Proxy
007 Darley: R. Scott Pless, Proxy	74 Roswell: Jack J. Bell, Proxy
009 Waycross: Robert L. Gill, Proxy	75 Forest Park: Gregory B. Foster, High Priest
010 Pythagoras: Wayne L. Burkett, Proxy	77 Sardis: J. R. Jones, Proxy
011 St. John's: Robert M. Grant, High Priest	79 Alapaha: Jimmy T. Porter, High Priest
013 Cherokee: Edward v. Massaro, Proxy	80 Western: K. Eller, High Priest
014 Silver Shoals: Lamar Richards, Proxy	82 Daisy: No Representation
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016 Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey, Proxy	87 Austell: Michael H. Sampsell, Proxy
018 Austin: Phillip P. Wyatt, Proxy	89 West Point: Leonard A. Davis, Proxy
021 Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee, Proxy	91 Moultrie: Z. Brant Fletcher, High Priest
023 J.M. Rushin: No Representation	94 Bainbridge: No Representation
024 Enotah: William T. White, High Priest	99 Chickamauga: No Representation
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026 Rome: No Representation	120 Hubert: William G. Wagner, High Priest
027 Lakewood: Garry G. Stewart, Proxy	122 Y.A. Wright: Neil C. Maddock, Proxy
028 Pickens: Steve A. Kirk, Proxy	135 Canton: Stephen C. Higgins, Proxy
034 Newnan: Andre A. Lovas, High Priest	142 Dallas: Carl J. Gamel, Proxy
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047 Tifton: John H. Johnson, Proxy	150 Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson, Proxy
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049 Sweetwater: Thomas R. Conn, Proxy	155 Mt. Horeb: James House, High Priest
050 Douglasville: Lloyd R. Lane, Proxy	160 Smyrna: Richard J. Hallwood, High Priest
059 Statesboro: No Representation	162 Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell, Proxy
061 Kellogg: James B. Phillips, Proxy	165 Middle Georgia: Bobby B. Simmons, Proxy
063 Mt. Moriah: Drewry W. Hendry, Sr., Proxy	166 Genesis: David B. Williams, Secretary;
64 Alleghaney: Wayne H. Garrett, Proxy	Philip D. Booth, High Priest

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS

Most Excellent General Grand Chapter Scribe, Past General Grand Chapter High Priest, General Grand Chapter Officers, Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers of Georgia, Past Grand High Priest of Georgia, Distinguished Guest, and my Companions all. It is my honor to welcome you to the One Hundred Ninety Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia. It is my prayer that you have an enjoyable stay in Macon. We appreciate your attendance and feel confident that you will enjoy the Great Fellowship and Brotherly Love that we are blessed with here at the Grand Chapter of Georgia. If we can be of any assistance to you during your visit with us, please contact any of our Grand Chapter Officers.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

It is with great pleasure that I report that Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia is alive and well. Traveling across this great State, we have been encouraged to see the brotherly love and enthusiasm exhibited by the companions of this great Fraternity. I commend those Chapters that are performing degree work in their own Chapters and I encourage them to continue to do so. Local ritualistic work is essential in perpetrating Royal Arch Masonry. It creates that home and family atmosphere, that bond with our new member that is so essential to the perpetration of Free Masonry. I was also encouraged by the success of the festivals and the district conventions that preformed work on candidates. The fellowship, brotherly love, joy and enthusiasm that those Companions displayed were an inspiration. We welcome our new Companions and encourage them to become active in their Chapters. Finally: this Grand Chapter is blessed with an exceptional group of Grand Line Officers. Their dedication and service to the Craft have been an inspiration to me during this year. With their leadership, the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia could not be brighter.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Stephen C. Higgins, for the outstanding work that he has done for us with our wonderful

charity, The Royal Arch Research Assistance Program. Thanks to his dedicated effort, extensive travel, numerous presentations, and many collections the Grand Chapter of Georgia is still at the apex of charity giving. We are all indebted to Right Excellent Companion Steve for his devotion, and dedication to this project.

NECROLOGY

This year the angle of death struck our Grand Chapter, the Grand Architect of the Universe called home, James "Terry" Farmer, our Most Excellent Grand High priest. Our Grand Chapter family also lost Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest; William J. Bird and Jimmy T. Porter, together with Past Excellent Grand Chaplin Wilford G. Bean. We also had the sad duty of saying good bye to 319 of our beloved Companions from across this Grand Jurisdiction. Our prayers go to the family of all our dear deceased companions and may they have comfort in knowing that their loved ones have entered into that rest prepared for the faithful from the foundation of the world. . A solemn Memorial Service was conducted Sunday evening for all of our beloved departed companions and their families.

VISITATIONS

It has been an honor and distinct pleasure for me to have the opportunity to represent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia on many occasions this year. Most Excellent Companion Terry traveled in excess of 16,000 miles this year to attend many meetings throughout this great state. It was only his ill health and untimely death that prevented him from traveling and visiting more. It was indeed his great pleasure to represent the Grand Chapter at the following meetings. Unified Reception of the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander, in Macon Georgia. Three Chapter District Conventions, two Council Conventions, several Commandery inspections, Commandery Christmas Observances, Cherokee Rose Priory KYCH, Scottish Rite Atlanta, AMD state wide council in Warner Robbins, YAARAB Shrine Atlanta, Alexander Conclave Covington, Scottish Rite State Wide Reunion, Macon, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, KCCH investiture Augusta, Luther G. Palmer York Rite Sovereign College, several parades with the Legion of Honor of the Shrine, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, at least forty four different Chapters, and many Blue Lodge, Council, and Commandery meetings.

Please note: I was able to attend eleven Chapter District Conventions and one Council District Convention. It was my honor to represent the Grand High Priest and this Grand Chapter when his health prevented him from being there.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITS

Grand Chapter of Florida, Southeastern York Rite Conference in Florida, Great Smokey Mountain Summer Assembly Maggie Valley North Carolina, Red Cross of Constantine Southeast Regional Conclave St. Petersburg, Florida. Most Excellent Companion Terry, along with a Degree Team of Georgia Companions traveled to his beloved home state of North Carolina and conferred the Mark Masters' and Past Masters' degree on several occasions, it was his great joy to show those tar heels how to confer the work.

Most Excellent Companion Terry had been a regular at the Grand Convocations of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina. His health prevented him from attending these Grand Sessions this year. I'm sure he was missed at their Annual Convocations.

DISPENSATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

This year Most Excellent Companion Terry retooled the School of Instruction. He encouraged the Grand Custodians, with the help of assistants, to conduct

Schools at the local Chapters. This was met with great enthusiasm. These Schools of Instruction should continue in this format.

That the festivals continue under the direct supervision of the Grand Custodians of work. This will ensure that work is done in a proper and impressive manner.

That all candidates be voted on in the Chapters that they petition. Any voting on candidates at Conventions or Festivals should be avoided if at all possible.

That Chapters and District Royal Arch Conventions should include programs that will encourage Companions to attend. That a Grand Masters' Class be held each year, in order to honor the Grand Master, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

APPRECIATION

We must begin by thanking our Heavenly Father for his great love and many Blessings, which he has bestowed on us. Only through his guidance could we fill this important office.

To Pythagoras Chapter #10 and the Sixth Royal Arch District Convention for their support, not only this year, but for the last several years as Terry traveled through this Royal Arch Officer Grand Line.

To Most Illustrious Companion Floyd Edmondson and Right Eminent Sir Knight Lloyd Leinbaugh: I know Terry appreciated the way you were able to work together and your Friendship.

To thank Most Excellent Companion C. Danny Wofford and Joe E. Turner: Terry spoke many times of their friendship, encouragement, and advice over the past year.

To Brenda who supported Terry throughout his married life. We probably do not know how much the loss of Ms. Brenda affected Terry.

To his daughter Buffi: The love and care you gave Ms. Brenda and Terry is greatly appreciated.

CONCLUSION

It is with great regret that I must submit this address on behalf of Most Excellent Grand Companion Terry Farmer. This was his year, the final leg of this journey, a journey he very much enjoyed. I cannot hope to know what thoughts Terry would have recorded in this his final address. I can only guess by conversations we had over the years. I think if Terry could speak to us now one of his greatest regrets would be not being able to participate in the Reef Laying Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery this year. His Military Service to his country was one of the things he was most proud of. I would like to include the reflections of Terry's Excellent Grand Chaplain and Excellent Grand Sentinel in this Report. They are the two Companions that spent the most time with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this past Year.

A TRIBUTE TO AND DEDICATION TO THE CRAFT

MEGHP Terry Farmer was dedicated to improving the Craft. He was determined to leave Royal Arch Masonry in a better condition than he received it. He accomplished this by the judicious selection of dedicated Companions throughout Georgia. He felt that if a Companion was not able to, or willing to accomplish the task, he should be replaced. His Appointments warranted serious consideration and expectations. Appointments, of the Directors of Work, were essential to the unification of the work. Schools of Instruction were held locally and regionally, replacing the Annual State Wide Meeting. With the assistance of MIGM Floyd Edmondson, REGC Lloyd Leinbaugh, and the Finance Committee, the Annual Budget was modified saving several thousands of dollars.

Personal Objectives:

1. Visitation to all 62 Chapters was a personal goal of his and before his loss of his wife Brenda and his loss to the Craft he visited 44 Chapters. Presentation of Grand Chapter Coins and Pins to deserving Companions was made during Chapter visitations and District Conventions.

2. Present Welcome Home Viet Nam Pin: Special Viet Nam Veteran Pins were reserved to those who served honorably in the Viet Nam conflict. He personally welcomed back these Viet Nam veterans.

Neil Maddox, Excellent Grand Sentinel

Last May, when the MEGH Priest appointed me as his Excellent Grand Chaplin, I did not know what I had let myself into. During the next 11 months we traveled to Chapters that I never knew existed. Sometimes we would be gone only for a few minutes, but sometimes we didn't get home until the next day. We would talk about a lot different subjects, but Terry never got tired of talking about his family, his wife, his children, his furry kids, and his Masonic Family. He was also very proud of his Military Career, his time with the FAA Center, and working with a pit Crew for a Race car Driver. But mostly he talked about time spent with his family on vacations. All his accomplishments in life were so memorable to him. He helped me with my Masonic travels. I would have never traveled or enjoyed the Masonic Brothers that I met when I was with him. I think the proudest he made me feel was when he introduced me as His Grand Chaplin and asked me to close the Meeting in Prayer. I feel really blessed to have known this great Mason. He was not only a true Mason, a great Friend, but, a true Brother. Rest in Peace, Terry, because you deserve it.

Wesley Blalock, Excellent Grand Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, MEGHP

On behalf of James "Terry" Farmer, MEGHP

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS

To: the Right Excellent Grand King, Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priest and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address is honored to make the following report: We join with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in welcoming all guests and members to the One Hundred Ninety Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

We pause to remember the passing of Most Excellent Companions James (Terry) Farmer, William J. Bird and Jimmy T. Porter, together with Past Excellent Grand Chaplin Wilford G. Bean, along with 319 of our beloved companions.

We note the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has traveled in excess of 16,000 miles this year promoting Capitular Masonry. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest in all his travels has represented Georgia York Rite Masonry with honor and dignity wherever he may have appeared in state and out of state.

We greatly appreciate our Most Excellent Grand High Priest's recognition of all Veterans, more especially the Vietnam Veterans, this year.

We greatly appreciate our Most Excellent Grand High Priest working together with Most Illustrious Companion Floyd Edmondson and Right Eminent Grand Commander Lloyd J. Leinbaugh in making the changes they have made to better the Craft and York Rite Masonry over all. All Dispensations were of a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Secretary's Office. The Committee commends the Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his State Of The Craft by encouraging brotherly love and exhibiting enthusiasm throughout the Fraternity. He has encouraged Chapters, Festivals and District Conventions to confer work on candidates while encouraging fellowship and brotherly love. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest also recognizes the exceptional Grand Line officers he has

been fortunate enough to work with this year. He thanks them all for their devotion and dedication.

The Committee compliments the Most Excellent Grand High Priest on all of his recommendations. All of his new programs have been a success and welcomed by all companions. We complement our Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his appointment of Excellent Grand Sentinel Neal Maddox and Excellent Grand Chaplin Wesley Blalock. These two companions have traveled many miles and dedicated their lives to York Rite Masonry, showing their love for the Fraternity. The Committee would like to give a special thank you to Most Excellent Companion William F. Shepard for this Address of the Grand High Priest. We can't imagine how difficult it must have been to have written this Report. All of us that knew Most Excellent Grand High Priest James (Terry) Farmer, knew how hard he worked and how much he loved York Rite Masonry. We that knew him well loved him and will miss him.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP, Covington 71, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, Officers, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, and most have their proceedings on their website. "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." — George Washington — U.S. President & Freemason. Without a doubt the fraternal fellowship and profound friendships forged in our York Rite are some of the most important reasons why we have dedicated our lives to Masonry. These rights and benefits appertaining to our craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our Chapters, District Meetings, Committee Work and in our recruitment of new Companions in the York Rite. While we have the responsibility to share the story of York Rite masonry with fellow Masons across our State and Nation, we are missing a significant opportunity to help in igniting and conducting the flame of York Rite masonry internationally. It is vital that we work to expand the sphere of York Rite Masonry internationally. The General Grand Chapter is recommending that every jurisdiction be an Ambassador to other jurisdictions who are not in the York Rite system to promote our organization and offer assistance to any who may wish to inquire about membership from the Europe/Africa regions, Latin and South America regions, etc. As a Christian who seeks to spread the Gospel, it is easy to see that our dissemination of our York Rite Fraternity is a clear and present means to make disciples among all people across the Globe. What greater benefit can we have for our Christian Masonic tradition to be involved in this mission? We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our Royal Arch System and you and I can help by communicating and working with General Grand Chapter through our Grand Chapter to provide information they need. We can broaden our communication to take advantage of our electronic age, to shrink our world, and become true Companions in the universality of international Royal Arch Masonry. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft within our Chapters and expand our efforts to encourage our Blue Lodge Brethren to seek further light. We must be Ambassadors for our Craft, and continue to be a positive example in our communities in service to our Chapter, Country and even the entire World.

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel V. Hagan, PHP (59), KYCH

REPORT OF MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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

We, your Memorial Committee wish to submit the following report. It is with deep sadness and sorrow, that we report 271 of our Royal Arch Masons have laid down the working tools of life. These companions have diligently labored in the quarries of the fraternity, and have now entered into rest; we mourn their passing. The vacancy they leave is one of great loss to their chapters and is felt by all the companions.

We are indeed sad to report that the dread Messenger of Death has not spared the Grand Chapter family. Our current Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James Theodore Farmer was called home in March of 2016, to join again with his wife Brenda who died in July of 2015. Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests William Johnson Bird and Jimmy Terrell Porter, also died since our last annual Convocation. A fitting Memoriam for each of these Companions was presented at the Memorial Service.

As we view the finished work they have left behind on the trestle board of our fraternity, let us continue to add too, build upon, and share with excitement and enthusiasm, the great light of Royal Arch Masonry. So that we together may leave our mark toward the progressive growth of the York Rite. In all things may we continually hold forth the standard of our teachings as Masons, before God and man. And as the dreaded mandate will eventually call for one and all, let us, Companions, strive to live a life by word and action, in complete obedience to the Lord our God, the great "I AM." That we may hear the welcome words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wesley Blalock, Grand Chaplain, Chairman

Morris M. Parks, Grand Chaplain

Rev. Donald C. Combs, Grand Prelate



In Memoriam

This Memorial is affectionately inscribed to the memory of

James T. "Terry" Farmer, GHP 2016

William J. (Billy) Bird, MEPGHP 1996

Jimmy T. Porter, MEPGHP 2014

Wilfred G. Bean

And all Companions of Georgia and those of

Sister Jurisdictions who have Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - NORTH

First, I thank Almighty God for His blessings on Me and on the Craft. Next, I thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Michael H. Wilson, for appointing me to this position. I thank Excellent Companion Tommy Marshall, Custodian of the South, for his assistance, support and co-operation. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred at The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the 11th District Royal Arch Convention, the Covington York Rite Festival, the 9th District Royal Arch Convention and the Grand Master's Class. Hopefully, some of the other District Conventions will start conferring Degrees or have some type of Instruction at

their Conventions. Excellent Companion Tommy Marshall and I, along with the help of a number of Companions, have re-written the opening/closing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, revised the Reception of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Reception of the District Grand Deputy to the Grand High Priest, and have dispersed a list of some sources for the Companions to buy a jacket or blazer. We did not hold a one-day school of instruction in Macon this year. I agree with those who believe there must be a better way to get the Instructions to the local Directors of Work and into our local Bodies, where it is needed most. Historically, most of our local Officers cannot or will not attend this School in Macon. I thank all of our great Companions, who assisted Companion Tommy and myself in our work this year. I greatly appreciate those Royal Arch Secretaries who forwarded me the contact info for their 2015 High Priests so I could communicate with them without having to wait until this fall to get the York Rite Directory. With everyone working together, in peace and harmony, I look forward to seeing great things in the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia. Fraternally, Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN - SOUTH

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander and Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of Georgia: I am happy to report that we have had another successful year in York Rite Masonry. I have attended a couple of one day Festivals where attendance was great and the work was superb. My yard stick for measuring success is not only the number of Candidates that were present, but the number that stays active after the Class. I am happy to report that I have seen some new faces conferring Degrees. We can have large classes, but if we do not get the new Companions and Sir Knights active we are not accomplishing much. The 11th district has tried something new this year. They have conferred the Royal Arch Degrees at their Convention and two weeks later, at their Council Convention, they conferred the Council degrees and the Orders of the Temple. All who participated seemed to enjoy this format better. Instead of one long day they had two shorter days. Since this is my final year as Custodian of the South, I would like to thank all of the Leaders of the Bodies (past and present) for their support over the last few years. I can only hope that I lived up to your expectations. I would also like to thank all of the Companions and Sir Knights who have made me feel welcome at the different Events around the State. I hope that I was able to help those that needed it. Even though I will not be serving as a Custodian next year I will still be available to help any York Rite Body or Companion/ Sir Knight that needs it.

Respectfully submitted, Tommy T. Marshall, Grand Custodian, South

REPORT OF CHARTERS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report: Your Committee notes that Dispensations have been issued to several chapters to change meeting times, dates, places of location, etc.: Augusta No. 1 to move the monthly convocation from Wrightsboro Rd. to Wheeler Rd. in Augusta and then to move to Evans, Ga; Constantine No. 4 to cancel any meeting that falls on a National Holiday; Taylor No. 48 to change meeting dates; Mt. Moriah No. 63 to move monthly convocations from Lithonia Lodge No. 84 to the old E. A. Minor No. 603 lodge building; Fort Benning No. 73 to change from monthly to quarterly meetings and Mt. Horeb No. 155 to move to a new location in Sandy Springs. Your Committee has received no By-Law changes from these chapters and have

no knowledge of when the changes were voted on or whether they were adopted by the members. We therefore leave the approval of these items to the Grand Chapter. Your committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of J. M. Rushin No. 23, to change the time of the meetings. Your committee approves the amendment to the bylaws of Covington Chapter No. 71, R.A.M. adding an amount for the treasurer. Your Committee notes that Tri-City Chapter No. 90 at Alma was consolidated with Waycross Chapter No. 9 on June 3, 2015. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these members into Waycross. Your Committee notes that Blakely Chapter No. 44 in Blakely, was consolidated with Bainbridge No. 94 on November 10, 2015. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these members into Bainbridge No. 94. Companion John Allen wrote every member of the chapter to see if they wished to go to Bainbridge or if they wished to be demitted. This saved a lot of work for Companion and Secretary Bruce Mann in Bainbridge. Your Committee notes that Douglas Chapter No. 52 at Douglas was consolidated with Waycross Chapter No. 9 on November 10, 2015. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Nine members into Waycross. Your Committee notes that the Charter of Daisy Chapter No. 82 in Adel, was surrendered on February 1, 2016. The members were all consolidated into Tifton or Valdosta depending on which was closer and whether they belonged to the council or Commandery in Tifton or Valdosta. Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of the Fifth District Royal Arch Masonic Convention. One of the major changes is charging per capita fee for each member, while the old by-laws provided for a flat fee per chapter. Your Committee suggests Article 5 Section 3 C, be changed from the word suspended to inactive member of the convention. Its members would still be able to attend the convention if they desired. If the chapter is suspended, then maybe the members can't attend? The Committee also wonders in Article 7 Section 4 and 5, if the same person is both how much does the convention pay? The Committee is also aware that these By-Laws were further changed at the convention held in March 2016, but the new changes have not been received by your committee. Your committee does approve the submitted By-Laws. Your Committee also has before it a revision of the bylaws of the Sixth District Royal Arch Masonic Convention changing the manner in which dues are calculated for the chapter members. Your Committee approves this amendment. This committee has before it paperwork and proposed By-Laws praying for a Charter to issue forth for a Chapter in Moultrie, Georgia which has been operating under Dispensation since March 4, 2015. These Companions further request that they be allowed to use the name and number of the former chapter in Moultrie, Ga, being Moultrie Chapter #91, which was consolidated with Tifton Chapter #47 in 2001. The Grand Chapter Code, Section 2.10.2.6 states that a chapter defunct for five years cannot be "RESTORED". This committee does not consider this action a restoration, but the creation of a new chapter with an old history. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, code states "after the lapse of one year from the time the chapter became defunct, the old charter or number may be restored only by the action of the General Grand Chapter". (Article V, Sec 501.00) Your Committee believes this same authority devolves to this Grand Chapter. The committee recommends that if this Grand Chapter votes to allow this Chapter to use the name and number of the former chapter that a charter be issued to these Companions and their successors, to be styled MOULTRIE CHAPTER NO. 167 to be located in Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia. It will be necessary for the chapter to obtain a new seal as it will be

improper to use the old seal with the old charter date. We wish them much success in their endeavors.

Respectfully submitted, Joe E. Turner, PHP (10) CHMN.

C. Danny Wofford, PHP (84), James B. Phillips, PHP (61)

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Grand Line Officers, Distinguished Guests and companions all. Your Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance makes the following report for the year of 2015/2016.

I would like to thank MEGHP Terry Farmer for appointing me as chairman of this committee and giving me the opportunity to work with such hard working and devoted companions as Michael Sampsell, EG Master 1st Veil, and John Henry Johnson, District Grand Deputy. The power point program we now have and present at each RAM district convention has resulted in great success.

Companions are now able to see exactly where and how our money is being used. The last two years we have issued challenges to the conventions and they have exceeded those each year. The challenge next year will be the same: beat what you gave in 2015/16. Once again Georgia had an outstanding year. I know of at least 8 Chapters that were 100% and I am sure there are more of which I am not aware. I am not going to try and give the total for each district but note once again the donation from Mt. Zion #16 of \$4000.00. The 9th District beat last year's giving with \$2000.00.

This year from April 15th 2015 thru April 15th 2016, Georgia Masonic bodies and individuals gave to General Grand Chapter for RARA over \$10,000.00. I thank you for your dedication and gifts this past year. I want to thank each Chapter, Masonic body, or individual who gave. Once again I ask you to save your change or at least all of your pennies to give to your local chapter or convention and let's try and top the dollar amount given this year. The year will run from April 15th, 2016 to April 15th, 2017.

Dr. Musiek is now at the University of Arizona and will receive \$60,000.00 each year. Hearing Health Foundation is awarded a \$120,000.00 grant and gives to (4) M.D.'s or Ph.D.'s \$30,000 each for CAPD research. Autism Speaks receives a grant of \$100,000.00 for their Toddlers Program. This involves the testing of infants from 12 to 36 months of ages for both Autism and for CAPD.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Higgins (135), REGS, Chair, Michael H. Sampsell (13/87), GM1stV
John H. Johnson (47) DDGHP, 2nd, 3rd

REPORT OF THE BUILDING TRUSTEES

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Companions all:

We, your Building Trustee Committee, report that our building is in the best shape that it has been in a very long time. The building has been completely sealed and there are no leaks from the rain, etc. There have been no major concerns in the building or any major fixes. The building upgraded to new lighting as the old ones went out.

Respectfully Submitted, Emmett R. Johns, J. Edward Jennings, JR.,

Wayne H. Garrett, Wade C. Smith

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia: Your committee on Code Revision wishes to make the following report: Your Committee has nothing to report at this annual meeting. The 2014 Royal Arch Mason Code is in use

among the various chapters in this jurisdiction and is a much needed improvement from the 1995 Code.

Your Committee believes that a REPRINT of the Code may be necessary if all of the legislation to be presented at this annual convocation is adopted. If a reprint is needed, some additional forms will be added that were omitted.

Respectfully submitted May 3, 2016.

Joe E. Turner, PHP (10) CHMN; Ryan C. Nealey, PHP (16)

Benjamin W. Polston, II, PHP (71)

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

We want to say thank you to the chapters and degree teams that did such an outstanding job presenting the degrees of the chapter in your own chapter or in the several festivals. Thanks to the companions of the Atlanta area for starting a new festival in Atlanta. Thanks to the companions who travel to Macon to make the Grand Masters Festival a success. If you pick out a few, you are sure to leave some out, to those, Thank You! Now for our suggestions on gaining and maintaining members:

1. Going to church as a group.

2 In your meetings, invite speakers to encourage members to seek more light by studying the degrees.

3 Presenting programs at the lodge to encourage brethren to seek more light in the York Rite Degrees.

Yours in Christian Love: Robert L. Gill; A. Joseph Clark; Rubin Martinez

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

This Committee has met twice during the current Year to review and make suggestions for Companion Richard Hallwood's proposal for the York Rite Leadership Program, 4th Year Project. He has designed a self-adhesive digital high-resolution vinyl (Avery Super Cast) color wall image of the York Rite Degrees including the Blue Lodge which he hopes at some point to distribute to all lodges. This would of course require either private or public funding from some source. After much discussion and many emails, your E & H Committee has approved the Design and the Symbols relating to the Degrees. This proposal has also been presented to the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission for their guidance and approval at the appropriate time. Several members of this Committee are also members of the Grand Lodge Educational and Historical Commission and were able to see the proposal at their meetings also. Your Committee wishes Companion Hallwood much success in his Project. The Committee again wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters of Georgia: Recommendations and Requests and Comments:

1. We would request each Chapter and Council in Georgia to prepare a history and submit it to the Committee. So much history is out there and some of it is now lost due to the ravages of time and deaths.

2. We also request that any York Rite Mason prepare a paper on any subject regarding notable Companions, historical or informational Topics and forward them to the Committee. These papers could be published or distributed for the benefit of York Rite Masonry in Georgia.

3. The Committee recommends that each Chapter and Council have an educational Program during the year for the benefit of the Companions.

4. The Committee wishes a Happy 177th Birthday to Constantine Chapter No.4 in Macon. It was chartered September 14, 1838 by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, while the Grand Chapter of Georgia was asleep during the Morgan Affair. Washington Council No.6 in Macon is also celebrating its 172nd Birthday, being chartered February 14, 1843, by the Grand Council of Georgia.

5. The Committee also wishes a Happy 170th Birthday to Cherokee Chapter No. 13 in Marietta. It was chartered May 5, 1845. These three Bodies have served Capitular and Cryptic Masonry well for these many years.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PHP, #10; Gary D. Lemmons, PHP, #61
J. Benny Allen, PHP, #64; Clyde E. Griffin, PIM, #2

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

One of the first things on the agenda is to shore up our membership and at the same time get back to basics. We will be trying different ideas in the upcoming year to not only retain members, but maybe get some of those members back we have lost. Let's put them to work doing what they enjoy doing. Let's get new members into the Rite and find out what they like to do.

We have to make sure the "Christianity" part of the York Rite is alive and well. We would like to see joint events sponsored with some churches around the state, Secret Santa, Secret Bunny, Secret Turkey, etc., until it is no longer secret. We must let our light shine. We will attempt to sponsor more minister's trips to the Holy Land. If we can peak the curiosity of those congregations, and take part in their social events, they may be more apt to ask "What does it take to become a part of your organization". As we answer that question, we should see a membership rise in all of our Masonic Bodies.

Thanks, Doyle

JOHN S. PERRY TROPHY PRESENTED

M.E. Grand High Priest William F. Shepard presented the John S. Perry Trophy to Covington Chapter Number 71. This trophy is presented annually to the Chapter that best meets the goals of the Program established by the Grand High Priest.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Grand Companion William F. Shepard, MEGHP, appointed tellers and the election of Officers was held with the following results:

William F. Shepard (66)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand King
Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Robert L. Gill (9)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Edward V. Massaro (13)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
J. Russell Hazelwood (71)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
James W. Tate (73)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
John H. Johnson (47)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil

OFFICERS APPOINTED

William F Shepard, Grand High Priest-elect, announced the following appointment: Companion Richard Corwin, Grand Chaplain; Companion Phillip Faulkner, Grand Organist; Companion James Stevens, Grand Sentinel.

2016 – 2017 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Custodians of Work: North: Floyd E. Edmondson; South: Robert L. Head, Jr.

Assistant Custodians: **NE:** William M. Jones; **SE:** Joey E Jackson;

NW: Ryan C. Nealey (5th); Michael H. Sampsell (7th); Larry C. Bennett, (9th);

Michael R. Sosebee, (9th)

MEGHP Address: Michael H. Wilson, Chair; Clyde E. Griffin; James T. Ingram

Finance: Paul E. Wells, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Richard J. Corwin, Chair; Rev. Donald C. Combs; Kevin L. Hyde

Jurisprudence: Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; James E. Stevens; James T. Ingram

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

James B. Phillips

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan

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

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

RARA: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; John H. Johnson

Building Board of Trustees: Emmett R. Johns, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
Wade C. Smith (Sec.); Robert L. Gill (Treasurer) Paul Wells, Finance

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

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

Long Range Planning: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Clyde E. Griffin; Joe E. Turner

Membership: Hugh F. Watson, Chair; Wayne H. Garrett; Robert L. Gill

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

Masonic Magazine Supplement Editor: Michael H. Sampsell

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

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Organist: Phillip H. Faulkner

Parliamentarian: Thomas E. Tante, IV

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Elect, William F. Shepard, and the other newly elected and/or appointed Grand Chapter Officers were installed by M.E. Grand Companion Clyde E. Griffin, MEPGHP, assisted by M. E. Grand Companion Wayne H. Garrett, MEPGHP, Grand Captain of the Host, and M. E. Grand Companion Robert L. Gill, MEPGHP, serving as Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 194nd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Georgia be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 195th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia will be holden in the Grand Chapter Building, in the City of Macon on the 1st Monday in May. (May 1, 2017) The Grand Chapter officers will open at 1:00 P.M.

TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL

The 70th Triennial of G. G. Chapter will be held at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. August 23-29, 2017.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion William F. Shepard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared the 194nd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form with the closing prayer being delivered by the newly appointed Grand Chaplain, Excellent Grand Companion Richard J. Corwin, Jr.

Wade C. Smith
REG Secretary



William F. Shepard
M.E.G. High Priest

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL. ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. GRAND CONVOCATION

Monday, May 4, 2016 - A.B. 3926

The One Hundred Sixty-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon on April 23, 2016, A.B. 3926, with the Elected and Appointed Officers in their respective stations:

Mark A. Bradley

Excellent President

Michael H. Wilson	Excellent Vice President
Edward C. Barclay	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Chaplain
Doyle H. Hatfield	Excellent Conductor
William F. Shepard	Excellent Herald
Story A. Tate (Absent)	Excellent Steward
James W. Tate	Excellent Sentinel
Pledge of Allegiance by all. Opening Prayer by Excellent Chaplain,	
Benjamin W. Polston, II	

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith	1978 James C. Bentley, Jr.
1986 C. Brantley Morgan	1988 Joseph P. Suttles
1989 Thomas L. Reese, II	1990 William E. Cantrell
1991 James E. Moseley	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 Edmond H. Shaw
2007 William L. Montgomery	2009 J. Timothy Ingram
2010 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.	2011 Emmett R. Johns
2012 Wade C. Smith	2014 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2015 Michael R. Sosebee	2016 Mark A. Bradley

CONFERRAL TEAM

Excellent President	C. Danny Wofford
Excellent Vice President	Michael H. Wilson
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Mark A. Bradley
Excellent Chaplain	Benjamin W. Polston, II
Excellent Conductor	Edward C. Barclay
Excellent Herald	Michael H. Sampsell
Excellent Steward	Floyd E. Edmondson
Excellent Sentinel	John H. Johnson

2016 CANDIDATES

Marvin B. Banister (15)	Richard A. Byrd (162)	William M. David (162)
Richard W. Echols (77)	James M. George (84)	Robert L. Hall, Jr. (13)
Edward D. Holloway (89)	Douglas A. Koschel (72)	Gregory S Mahan (6)
Steve T. Miers (87)	Charlie W. Phelps (64)	G. Neal Pressley (71)
Jeffery L. Smith (48)	Charles R. Spivey (89)	Keith R. Taylor (135)
Timothy F. Wells, Sr. (61)		

ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2016-2017 OFFICERS

Michael H. Wilson	Excellent President
Edward C. Barclay	Ex. Vice President
Doyle R. Hatfield	Ex. Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Rec-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston	Excellent Chaplain
William F. Shepard	Excellent Conductor
James W. Tate	Excellent Herald
Robert L. Gill	Excellent Steward
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Sentinel
The Officers were installed by Most Excellent Companion, C. Danny Wofford,	
MEPGHP with Excellent Companion Mark A. Bradley acting as Marshall.	
Closing Prayer by Excellent Chaplain, Benjamin W. Polston, II	

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

2014 J Benny Allen (64 & 24) Custodian	2015 Wade C. Smith (24) Asst. Custodian
2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)	2015 Edward Helton (64)
2016 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2016 Wayne H Garrett (64)

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

<p>*1952 Ottis B. Turner (10) *1953 Robert Wiley Beall (55) *1954 Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (6) *1955 Thomas E. Gaines (136) *1956 Ezekiel K. Clifton (3) *1957 W. Tom Bateman (18) *1958 Edward P. Hittaffer (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. Dowling 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)</p>	<p>*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 Johnie 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)</p>
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* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dimit

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

1984-1987	*Richard S. Sagar
1993-1996	James E. Moseley
2002-2005	*Grady T. Bozeman
2002-2005	Edward Helton

*Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

1969-1972	*Richard B. Russell, Jr.
1993-1996	Samuel A. Nunn, Jr.
2002-2005	Thomas T. Irvin

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

1978	H. Grady Keith (27)		1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)	
1979	John Benny Allen (64)		1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014
1980	Felix Gersten (7) 06-10-1993		2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991	2001	William D. Miles (16)	
1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	2-22- 2007
1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007	2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	
1986	Steven V. Carter (90)		2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001	2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1988	William E. Cantrell (144)		2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05- 2010
1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994	2008	Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	
1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995	2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	
1994	Ruben Martinez (75)		2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	
1995	Joe E. Turner (10)		2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1996	William J. Bird (70)		2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998	2015	James T. Farmer (10)	
1998	Leon S. (Sam) Lee, III (15)		2016	William F. Shepard (66)	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

JURISDICTION	TO GEORGIA	FROM GEORGIA
Alabama	James S. Blanteno	James C. Bentley, Jr.
Alaska	John Connolly	Mark A. Bradley
Alberta	Thomas Hargreaves	Troy E. Wise, Sr.
Argentina	Juan C. Lamberti	Mike Jones
Arizona	Joseph F. Zito	Bruce Gunnin
Arkansas	Edward M. Malcolm	Daniel C. Ricketts
Austria	Helmut Ramberger	David L. Canaday
Belgium	E. Jacques Dumont	
British Columbia	George Coupland	Benjamin L. Johnson
California	Robert C. Coe	William E. Cantrell
Colorado	Humbert Rees	William L. Montgomery
Connecticut	Edward S. Eby	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Delaware	Edward Naylor, Jr.	Leon S. Lee, III
District of Columbia	T. Forbes Smith	John A. Wages
England	Kenneth J. Stafford	
Finland	Toivo Virkkunen	Reed S. Britt, Jr.
Florida	Arthur John Larose	Bobby J. Townsend
France	J. Bird	
Germany	Robert C. Simpson	Emmett R. Johns
Greece	Vassilios Charalabidis	Wayne H. Garrett
Hawaii	Charles Wegeneer	Paul E. Wells
Idaho	James L. Curtis	Sherman Rankin
Illinois	Harold Greer	James H. Bates
India	Devinder Gupta	William F. Shepard
Indiana	Gary A. Snyder, Jr.	E. C. Kelley, Jr.
Iowa	Tim S. Anderson	Jimmy T. Porter
Ireland	Thomas F. Killen	Michael H. Wilson
Israel	Joseph Cohen	Andrew P. Wright
Italy	Italo Sparaciari	Robert L. Gill
Kansas	Roderick G. Kingdom	W. Scott Cleland
Kentucky	Earl Ray Young	Ernest A. McCorkle
Louisiana	George O. Martin	Richard S. Sagar
Maine	William J. Hatch	F. Ray Jackson
Manitoba	Len Ciszewski	Robert W. Tidwell
Maryland	Randolph B. Sayre	A. Joseph Clark

Massachusetts	George Pushee, III	Gary A. Palmer
Mexico	Charles R. Quick	Ruben Martinez
Michigan	Gordon Ruthruff	Andre E. Lovas
Minnesota	Jay U. Ipsen	Bruce H. McNall
Mississippi	Billy Frank Smith	Edward Helton
Missouri	Edward E. Wilson	Albert F. Garner, Jr.
Montana	Loren E. Sigman	Clyde E. Griffin
Nebraska	Donald Rasmussen	Joey E. Jackson
Nevada	Wayne Higby	Clarence E. Horne
Newfoundland	Malcolm Moss	James W. Tate
New Brunswick	E. Hammie Wadman	James D. Reese
New Hampshire	Raymond H. Chase	Stephen Higgins
New Jersey	Neal A. McCarthy	Lanier S. Dasher, Jr.
New Mexico	James A. White	Rodney A. Couch
New South Wales	R. E. Black	Gary D. Lemmons
New York	Harley DeShane	Lloyd C. Caldwell
New Zealand	Bruce R. McConnell	D.W. Hendry, Sr.
North Carolina	W. C. Morrisette, Jr.	J. Terry Farmer
North Dakota	Edwin R. Anderson	J. Ed Jennings, Jr.
Nova Scotia	John G. Palmer	Thomas L. Blanton
Ohio	Arthur E. Ross	Joe E. Turner
Oklahoma	C. A. Poulter	M. Van Melder
Ontario	Fred Garvin	Elliott P. Harn, Jr.
Oregon	Benjamin F. Wade	Wade C. Smith
Panama	Thomas E. Lee	
Pennsylvania	Charles C. Hoover	Bobby B. Simmons
Quebec	William J. Goodall	Cornelius H. Howard
Queensland	William E. Mills	Coster L. Livingston
Rhode Island	Edwin Earl Fielder	Joseph P. Suttles
Saskatchewan	Don McDonald	William G. Economy, Jr.
Scotland	Thomas Ogilvie	Wilford H. Hall
South Australia	Maxwell Atkinson	Charles Hall
South Carolina	Thomas B. Clark, Jr.	
South Dakota	Rodney J. Larson	J. Timothy Ingram
Tennessee	L. Richard Dietz	J. Benny Allen
Texas	Thomas B. Johnson	Craig Haggas
Utah	Horace A. Thomas	Michael R. Sosebee
Venezuela	Jorge Serrano Acosta	Wallace D. Mays
Vermont	Gordon R. DeGowin	W. Larry Hicks
Victoria	Alan Wallace Reid	Hugh F. Watson
Virginia	Edward R. Burton	John W. Halliday, Jr.
Washington	Richard D. Hein	James E. Underwood
Western Australia	Robert H. Jackson	Steven V. Carter
West Virginia	Okey S. Sheets	Steve A. Kirk
Wisconsin	Donald C. Hoeft	Leonard A. Davis
Wyoming	Kenneth S. Watts	C. Danny Wofford

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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 2016

Ancient Craft Masons-

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2016 + 4000 = 6016$

Royal Arch Masons-

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2016 + 530 = 2546$

Order of High Priesthood-

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2016 + 1913 = 3929$

Royal and Select Masters-

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2016 + 1000 = 3016$

Knights Templar-

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2016 - 1118 = 898$

**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
FINANCIAL REPORT
March 31, 2016**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT
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Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons 811 Mulberry Street Macon, Ga 31201
We have compiled the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons (a not-for-profit organization), as of March 31, 2015, 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,

March 15, 2016

****NOTE:** An identical letter was submitted for the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery

**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
CONSOLIDATED
March 31, 2015**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 152,238.53
Investments, at cost	254,896.93

Moseley Pension Fund, at cost	37,634.31	
Due from other	<u>3,312.41</u>	
Total current assets		448,172.18
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Building improvements	73,031.92	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,771.90)</u>	
Net property and equipment		<u>70,260.02</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 518,432.20</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to CMMRF	\$ 10.00	
Due to RARA	862.87	
Payroll taxes payable	<u>1,844.00</u>	
Total current liabilities		2,716.87
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	475,864.18	
Temporarily restricted	<u>39,851.15</u>	
Total net assets		<u>515,715.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 518,432.20</u>

CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
March 31, 2015

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Per capita income	\$ 145,341.00
Building income	42,700.16
Gain on sale of securities	19,682.70
Dividend income	8,198.51
Rituals and miscellaneous income	8,019.66
Long-term capital gain distributions	4,937.65
Other income	<u>1,014.98</u>
Net support and revenue	229,894.66
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>3,265.39</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	233,160.05
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Conference expense	1,188.87
Dues - General Grand Chapter	4,344.00
Grand High Priest expense	2,184.66
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	1,932.00
Investment expense	265.39
Investment fee	2,611.40
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
RARA	(71.00)

Rainbow	100.00
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension Expense	3,000.00
Travel	4,000.00
Triennial	1,750.00
DeMolay	100.00
Entertainment-distinguished guests	17,386.50
Grand Recorder expense	30,346.14
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Investment fee	70.56
Rituals and other printed material	<u>6,175.48</u>
Total program expenses	78,584.00

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Bank service charges	30.00
Charitable contributions	725.00
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Insurance	2,359.30
Legal and professional expense	600.00
Office supplies and expense	13,489.92
Postage	1,139.32
Printing	7,523.32
Repairs and maintenance	31,024.12
Salaries	52,477.16
Taxes-payroll	4,051.72
Telephone	4,747.85
Utilities	<u>21,634.32</u>
Total management and general expenses	141,627.83
Total expenses	<u>220,211.83</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	12,948.22
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TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Investment income	(1,391.43)
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(3,265.39)</u>

DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(4,656.82)</u>
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	8,291.40
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NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>507,423.93</u>
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NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 515,715.33</u>
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GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
March 31, 2015

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	\$ 61,805.00
Gain on sale of securities	19,600.94
Dividend income	6,940.41
Long-term capital gain distributions	4,736.60

Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>153.00</u>
Net support and revenue	93,235.95

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>3,265.39</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	96,501.34

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Conference expense	1,188.87
Dues - General Grand Chapter	4,344.00
Grand High Priest expense	2,184.66
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	1,932.00
Investment expense	265.39
Investment fee	2,611.40
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
RARA	(71.00)
Rainbow	100.00
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension expense	3,000.00
Travel	4,000.00
Triennial	<u>1,750.00</u>
Total program expenses	21,505.32

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Charitable contributions	600.00
Office supplies and expense	100.00
Utilities	<u>3,449.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	4,149.00
Total expenses	<u>25,654.32</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	70,847.02
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TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

NET ASSETS

Investment income	(1,391.43)
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(3,265.39)</u>

DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY

RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(4,656.82)</u>
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	66,190.20
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NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>370,373.17</u>
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NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 436,563.37</u>
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BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

12 Months ended
March 31, 2015

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	\$ 83,536.00
Building income	42,700.16
Other income	7,866.66

Dividend income	1,258.10
Other income	1,014.98
Long-term capital gain distributions	201.05
Gain on sale of securities	<u>81.76</u>
Net support and revenue	136,658.71
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>0.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	136,658.71
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
DeMolay	100.00
Entertainment-distinguished guests	17,386.50
Grand Recorder expense	30,346.14
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Investment fee	70.56
Rituals and other printed material	<u>6,175.48</u>
Total program expenses	57,078.68
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Bank service charges	30.00
Charitable contributions	125.00
Depreciation expense	1,825.80
Insurance	2,359.30
Legal and professional expense	600.00
Office supplies and expense	13,389.92
Postage	1,139.32
Printing	7,523.32
Repairs and maintenance	31,024.12
Salaries	52,477.16
Taxes-payroll	4,051.72
Telephone	4,747.85
Utilities	<u>18,185.32</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>137,478.83</u>
Total expenses	<u>194,557.51</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(57,898.80)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>0.00</u>
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>0.00</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(57,898.80)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>137,050.76</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 79,151.96</u>

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
March 31, 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 57,953.40	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	34,730.84	
N/R-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>875.25</u>	
Total current assets		93,559.49
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 93,559.49</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>88,678.87</u>	
Total net assets		<u>88,678.87</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 93,559.49</u>

12 Months ended
March 31, 2015

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	\$ 51,547.93
Dividend income	935.57
Long-term capital gain distributions	760.39
Rituals and miscellaneous income	390.00
Gain on sale of securities	<u>232.44</u>
Net support and revenue	53,866.33

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	325.00
DeMolay	(1,055.00)
Dues - General Grand Council	3,626.00
Entertainment-distinguished guests	300.00
Grand Council expense	36,970.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	6,098.00
K. T. Eye Foundation	100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rent	<u>3,449.00</u>
Total program expenses	50,113.00

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Charitable contributions	500.00
Investment fee	252.63
Legal and professional expense	900.00
Office supplies and expense	<u>288.87</u>

Total management and general expenses	<u>1,941.50</u>
Total expenses	<u>52,054.50</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	1,811.83
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>86,867.04</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 88,678.87</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION April 30, 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 110,078.43	
SunTrust Bank-money market	3,609.81	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	316,904.58	
Moseley Pension Fund, at cost	<u>35,313.94</u>	
Total current assets		465,906.76

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Leasehold improvements	28,019.5	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(992.37)</u>	
Net property and equipment		<u>27,027.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 492,934.34</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to RAM	<u>\$ 3,690.00</u>	
Total current liabilities		3,690.00

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>451,548.31</u>	
Temporarily restricted	<u>37,696.03</u>	
Total net assets		<u>489,244.34</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 492,934.34</u>

12 Months ended
April 30, 2015

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	\$ 84,272.88
Gain on sale of securities	30,076.73
Dividend income	9,933.36
Long-term capital gain distributions	6,184.50
Moseley Coin Income	3,000.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>100.00</u>
Net support and revenue	133,567.47

NET ASSETS RELEASED

FROM RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>3,249.72</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	136,817.19

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	1,411.86
Conference expense	300.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues - General Grand Commandery	30,825.00
Grand Lodge Children's Garden	500.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	915.00
Hospitality expense	100.00
Investment expense	249.72
K. T. Eye Foundation	100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Shady Dale Rodeo	125.00
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension expense	3,000.00
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	41,926.58

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Depreciation expense	700.50
Hospitality expense	200.00
Investment fee	3,255.12
Legal and professional expense	900.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	47,816.00
Moseley Coin Expense	3,050.60
Office supplies and expense	1,345.32
Rent expense	<u>10,649.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>67,916.54</u>
Total expenses	<u>109,843.12</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	26,974.07
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TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

NET ASSETS

Net investment gain	1,783.39
Net assets released from restrictions	(3,249.72)

DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY

RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(1,466.33)
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	25,507.74
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NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>463,736.60</u>
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NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 489,244.34</u>
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MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2014

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-savings	\$ 386.64
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>515,761.82</u>

Total current assets	<u>515,761.82</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 515,761.82</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>515,761.82</u>
Total net assets	<u>515,761.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 515,761.82</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2014

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 26,475.76
Contributions	8,368.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	8,100.75
Net support and revenue	<u>42,944.51</u>

PROGRAM EXPENSES

K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>23,723.00</u>
Total program expenses	<u>23,723.00</u>

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Investment fee	<u>4,828.33</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>4,828.33</u>
Total expenses	<u>28,551.33</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	14,393.18
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NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>501,368.64</u>
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NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 515,761.82</u>
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THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2014

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 26,141.18	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	3,427,634.63	
Total current assets		3,453,775.81

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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

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>\$ 3,534,217.98</u>

<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payable to GA Division	<u>\$ 139.05</u>	
Total current liabilities		139.05
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	<u>3,534,078.93</u>	
Total net assets		<u>3,534,078.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,534,217.98</u>
12 Months ended		
<u>December 31, 2014</u>		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Dividend income	\$ 68,970.06	
Gain on sale of securities	37,930.58	
Long-term capital gain distributions	25,446.76	
Interest income	25,226.51	
Other investment income	<u>3,390.00</u>	
Net support and revenue	133,567.47	
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	160,963.91	
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	6,990.00	
Ministerial grants	53,500.00	
Research grants and donations	<u>100,500.00</u>	
Total program expenses	160,990.00	
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL		
Bank service charges	48.00	
Investment fees	28,053.00	
Office supplies and expense	<u>918.15</u>	
Total management and general expenses	<u>29,018.15</u>	
Total expenses	<u>190,008.15</u>	
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(29,044.24)	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>0.00</u>	
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(29,044.24)	
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,563,123.17</u>	
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,534,078.93</u>	