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JOINT MEMORIAL/DIVINE SERVICE

April 30, 2017

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple, at 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, at 4:00 PM, Sunday, April 30, 2017. A warm welcome was extended to all in attendance of 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 Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan since the last Memorial/Divine Service. Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin W. Polston, II lit the Purple Candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Doyle R. Hatfield lit the White Candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year. Grand Chaplains Eulan R. Wheeler and Timothy K. Starling, and Grand Prelate and Reverend Donald C. Combs conducted the Service. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

BOBBY JOE TOWNSEND

JUNE 5, 1928 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

***Eulogized May 4, 2014, but not placed in the 2014 Proceedings**

I rise today to answer the roll call for one that has gone on for his final rewards. Bobby Joe Townsend lived a long productive and successful life. Bobby Joe was widely known for his honest and friendly manner. He was always ready to serve no matter the calling. Bobby's warm smile and outgoing personality kept him from being a stranger to anyone. The eldest of two siblings, Bobby Joe Townsend was born June 5, 1928 to Arnold E. and Elizabeth V. Townsend in Marietta, Georgia. He attended Fulton County public schools and graduated from West Fulton High School in 1945. Immediately after graduation, Brother and Sir Knight Townsend joined in the military effort of World War II by volunteering to become a member of the United States Merchant Marines and later the United States Navy. Upon returning from military service he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University and received his Bachelor of Law Degree from Woodrow Wilson Law School in Atlanta. During his studies, our brother found time to marry the former Miss Barbara Gordon in April, 1949. To this union were born two daughters, Victoria and Valerie. If anyone spent any time with Right Eminent Grand Commander Townsend, you could easily detect the pride he felt for his family. He was a very loving and caring husband, father and grandfather.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Townsend began his masonic career at Center Hill Lodge #686 in Atlanta, Georgia where he was initiated, passed, and then raised on May 5, 1952. Brother Townsend served his Lodge on all committees, as catechism coach, and on the degree teams. Our Brother served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1970 and was Treasurer from 1971 through 1983. He served as a Trial Commissioner and later became Vice Chairman of the 7th Masonic District Trial Commission. He served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alaska near the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Worshipful Brother Townsend served on the Educational and Historic Commission for the Grand Lodge of Georgia from 1990 through 1994. He was elected Chairman in 1994. In October 1994 he was named Grand Marshall for the Grand Lodge of Georgia by Most Worshipful Joseph P. Suttles. Worshipful Brother Townsend served on the Entertainment Committee from 1993-1998.

As a Royal Arch Mason, Brother and Most Excellent Companion Townsend was exalted in Bolton Chapter #112 in 1952. He became a Charter Member of Center Hill Chapter #83. He served as High Priest of Leland Chapter in 1970 and as Treasurer from 1971-1983. Most Excellent Companion Townsend served on

numerous Committees in the Seventh Royal Arch District Convention and was the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Georgia. In 1983-1984 he served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Georgia. From 1993-1996 he was the Ambassador to the General Grand High Priest for Georgia. Most Excellent Companion Townsend received the Order of High Priesthood in 1970. He served as President of High Priesthood 1999-2000.

Brother and Companion Townsend joined Jason Burr Council #13, Royal and Select Masters, in 1955. He served as Illustrious Master in 1974 and as Recorder from 1976 through 1978. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1974 and served in the line of the Order and presided as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1982.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Townsend received the Knight Templar Orders in Atlanta Commandery #9 in 1955. He served as Eminent Commander in 1978-1979. Right Eminent Sir Knight Townsend was elected as Warder of the Grand Commandery of Georgia in 1995. He was elected as very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander in May 2001. Unfortunately, he was shortly thereafter thrust in as Right Eminent Grand Commander upon the untimely death of the elected Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Earl D. Harris. He was made Knight Commander of the Temple 10-25-1997. Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby served on the Knight Templar Education Foundation Committee from 2007-2012.

He was Past Sovereign Master of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Eminent Prior of Cherokee Rose Priory of the Knight York Cross of Honor, Preeminent Governor of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123 and Sovereign Master of North Atlanta Council #312 of the Allied Masonic Degrees. He served as District 25 Representative to the Grand Master General Convent General of the Knight York Cross of Honor, the Royal Order of Scotland, Georgia Lodge of Research, Georgia State Forest #181 Tall Cedars of Lebanon; and Khorasan Grotto of the M.O.V.P.E.R.; and former member of YAARB Shrine Temple where he was an Emeritus member of the Motor Corps. In 1970 he was also the recipient of the Grand Cross of Colors from the Supreme Assembly of the Order of Rainbow.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Townsend received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Atlanta in 1967, he received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor and was Coroneted Inspector General Honorary, 33rd Degree in 1985. Brother Townsend served as a Member of the Stage Crew from the time he joined the Order and was named Stage Director in 1988 and held that position until he retired due to his wife's declining health in 2012. He also served as Venerable Master of Kadosh of the Atlanta Consistory and a member of the Inspector General's Advisory Conference in 1983. He was responsible for the setting up and conferral of both KCCH and 33rd Degree Teams for several years.

Brother Townsend and his wife Barbara were members of the Order of the Eastern Star since 1972. Bobby served his Chapter as Worthy Patron in 1974 and again in 1978. He served on numerous committees of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, including; the Jurisprudence Committee, the Appeals Committee as well as Parliamentarian for the Grand Chapter. He was elected as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Georgia of the Order of the Eastern Star for 1981-1982. The General Grand Chapter also recognized his abilities by appointing him to serve as Chairman of "Atlanta Publicity" Committee at the

General Grand Meeting in Seattle during 1986, as Tour Committee Chairman 1988 in Atlanta, and Chairman of the Credentials Committee in St. Louis in 1991.

At the time of his passing on September 20, 2014, Right Eminent Grand Commander Bobby Joe Townsend was survived by his loving wife of 65 years. Lady Barbara Gordon Townsend passed away on March 15, 2015. May they both Rest in Peace with their Lord and Savior. They both are surely missed. Respectfully Submitted: Johnnie M. Garmon, REPGC, 33rd, Junior Grand Deacon

NED EUGENE DULL

OCTOBER 18, 1923 – JANUARY 11, 2017

Sir Knight Ned E. Dull was born on October 18, 1923 in Ohio City, Ohio. He attended the public schools in Ohio City, the Ohio State University and The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina. He was a lumber dealer in Van Wert, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret. They had four daughters.

Civic activities included membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, Rotary Club, Elks, American Legion, V.F.W., Ohio and National Retail Lumber Dealers Association. He was a Trustee and member of the First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

During World War II, he served four years in the U.S. Army, including two years overseas in the European Theatre with the 10th Infantry Division.

Masonically, Sir Knight Dull was Raised in the Van Wert Lodge No. 218 and was a Past Presiding Officer of the York Rite Bodies of Van Wert. He served as Drill Captain of the Drill Team of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, when they won National Championships at the 1961, 1964, 1957, and 1976 Triennial Conclaves, and was a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations. He was a member of Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Zenobia Temple, AAONMS; and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was a Past Sovereign of Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and a Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, R.C.C. Also, Past Sovereign Master, Buckeye Council No. 92, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Preceptor, Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and Past Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America; member of Buckeye Council No. 64, Knight Masons of Ireland; Dayton Chapter No. 67, National Sojourner; Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City (CBCS); and the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Sir Knight Dull as an active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and was a recipient of the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was Coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1970.

Sir Knight Dull was elected Grand Captain General, September 2, 1976, in Kansas City, Missouri, and served in that capacity until November 30, 1977, when he was advanced to the office of Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo upon the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John B. Cottrell, Jr. Elected Deputy Grand Master on August 15, 1979, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and 47th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. at the 55th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment August 19, 1982, in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. He became a Most Eminent Past Grand Master at the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August, 1985. Sir Knight Dull laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum January 11, 2017. Fraternaly Submitted: Lawrence E. Tucker, REG Recorder, Grand Encampment

JAMES ERWIN MOSELEY
OCTOBER 10, 1925 – FEBRUARY 10, 2017

We are gathered here today at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia to give the memorial for James E Moseley. This is the building that he loved and the building that he spent more than a third of his life at doing good for Masonry in Georgia.

Jim was born October 10, 1925 in Rockdale County, Georgia to Sam Allison & Ida Lee Ray Moseley. He was educated in the public schools of Rockdale and Henry Counties, graduating from McDonough High School in 1942. He spent twenty-eight months in the Army Signal Corps during World War II, with service in Europe. He then worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company from 1942 until August 3, 1964.

He married Miss Mollie Sue Stanton on July 6, 1947. Together they had one child, James Robert Moseley, born on May 11, 1948. He became a Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy and was killed in a training accident in Hawaii on June 16, 1983 as the pilot of a P-38 Orion submarine tracking plane, part of the "Screaming Eagles" Patrol Squadron One. Jim and Mollie had two Grandchildren, Kevin Scott Moseley and Emily Suzanne Moseley (Surbaugh), and six great-grandchildren.

Jim was ordained a Deacon in Griffin Presbyterian Church and was Past President and Treasurer of his Sunday School Class. He later became a Deacon in First Presbyterian Church of Macon and Chairman of the Board of Deacons in 1998. He was also on the Board of Directors for the Middle Georgia Pastoral Counseling Center based at Macon First Presbyterian Church

It was in Freemasonry that Jim became known worldwide. His Masonic career spanned 67 years and many honors and recognitions were his. We will cover those events that we have knowledge of, and there may be some that nobody remembers.

Jim was raised in Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 in Griffin on March 30, 1950 at the age of 24, serving as Worshipful Master in 1956. He affiliated with Mabel Lodge No. 255 in 1985 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1996. He re-affiliated with Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 in September 2013 as a dual member. He served as Master of the Sixth Masonic District Convention in 1964. Lonzo Pope appointed him Third Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge in 1972 and in October of 1979, the brethren elected him Grand Master of Masons in Georgia. He received the Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Award in 1977.

At various times he chaired the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Code Supplement, Grand Master's Address, Retirement, and Publications Committees. He was also a trustee of the Masonic Home of Georgia for four years. Jim also served as Executive Commissioner of the Masonic Service Association from 1980 until 1993 as Recording Secretary and as Commissioner Emeritus.

He was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch in Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 in Griffin on July 13, 1950, and served as High Priest in 1955. The Companions elected him as Grand High Priest at the 1967 Grand Convocation. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1955 and was elected President of the Anointed High Priests in 1991. He was honored by General Grand Chapter by being appointed General Grand Captain of Host for the 1969 – 1972 Triennial. He also received the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Award, Silver in 1996

He was greeted as a Select Master in Griffin Council No. 8 on November 30, 1950, and served as Illustrious Master in 1955. The Companions elected him as Most Illustrious Grand Master at the 1967 Grand Assembly. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree in 1955 and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1991.

Jim was Knighted in Griffin Commandery No. 35 on March 18, 1953, and served as Commander from 1956 until 1957. He was elected to the Grand Commandery line as Grand Warder on May 14, 1959, and served as Grand Commander from 1966 until 1967. In recognition of his many years of work in the Commandery and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, he was at the 58th Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, held in August of 1991, appointed for a 3 year term as the Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander of the Grand Encampment. He was also awarded the first Grand Encampment "Knight Commander of the Temple" award in Georgia in 1992, and in 1999 became the first person in Georgia to receive the "Knight Grand Cross of the Temple" award.

On July 19, 1964, Tom Bateman, the Grand York Rite Secretary-Recorder died. Within a few days, the call goes out to 815 Hale Avenue in Griffin and it went something like this: Eminent Grand Generalissimo Moseley, laying all other business aside, we want you to come to Macon and be the Grand York Rite Secretary-Recorder. On August 9, 1964, Jim was installed in that office and he served faithfully for thirty-five years until his retirement on July 31, 1999.

Jim also found work to do in the York Rite Invitational Bodies. He was inducted on September 12, 1956 into Georgia Priory No. 39, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and served as Prior from 1973 until 1974. He served a total of almost twenty years as Registrar of Georgia Priory #39. He is a Knight York Grand Cross of Honour (KYGCH) with Four Quadrants, and served in 1987 as Grand Prelate of Convent General, KYCH. He was the fifth Georgia member of KYCH to receive a 50-year award from that organization.

He was installed on August 8, 1964 as a Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine in St. Ambrose Conclave in Atlanta, GA. He transferred to Oglethorpe Conclave in Savannah and in 1969 he became the Charter Sovereign of New Covenant Conclave in Macon. He served as Imperial Grand Marshal of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine in 1979.

Jim was ordained on May 11, 1965 in Upper Room Tabernacle No. 45, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He served as Preceptor in 1975 and Registrar for many years. He demitted from the KTP in 2010.

In the Scottish Rite, he received the Degrees in the Valley of Atlanta in 1964, affiliating with the Valley of Macon in 1967. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1971 and Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33° by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA in 1975.

His other activities included Royal Order of Scotland, Yaarab Shrine Temple, Regent of the Mutual Guild (organization for Grand Secretaries) in 1976, and he was a member Fort McPherson Chapter No. 60, National Sojourners. He was also a member of the Eastern Star serving as Worthy Patron in 1957 for Liberty Chapter No. 147.

Jim died on February 10, 2017, and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Macon, Georgia at Block 3, Section B, Lot 204, South where he rejoined the love of his life, Miss Mollie, who died almost 15 years earlier on March 17, 2002. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BOBBIE LEWIS BYRD
APRIL 19, 1928 – MARCH 10, 2017

Since May 15, 1962, Bobbie L. Byrd served the Craft of Freemasonry with distinction. He served all Masonic bodies, his church, community, state and country exceedingly well, and in so doing, made a lasting and indelible impression upon our lives. He gave willingly of himself for the betterment of our Fraternity and humanity in general.

Anyone having had the opportunity to witness Companion Bobbie do the part of King Zedekiah in the Super Excellent Master Degree were left with an indelible memory. It is doubtless that there will never be another like him in that degree, and when we remember his portrayal we will smile.

Companion Byrd was born on April 19, 1928 in Lexington, NC, the first of three children born to James C. Byrd and Johnnie F. Byrd. He moved to Georgia at the age of three and was educated in the Walton County public schools.

He married the former Peggy Thornton on May 22, 1948 and in this union, they were blessed with two children, Pamela and Tim, later being blessed with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Companion Bobbie and Peggy enjoyed almost 69 years together.

Companion Bobbie served in the Georgia National Guard from 1946 to 1956. He was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church, serving over the years at various times as Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Church Lay Leader and Lay Speaker. He was employed by the General Motors Assembly Division in Doraville, Georgia and retired after many years of service.

His Masonic life began in Generous Warren Lodge No. 20, being Raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 15, 1962. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1967.

Companion Byrd was Exalted to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Monroe Chapter No. 101 on August 14, 1962, and served as High Priest in 1966, and after consolidation became a member of Covington Chapter No. 71 in 2009. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1966. He served as High Priest of the Eighth District Convention in 1970 and as District Grand Deputy to the Grand High Priest from 1972 until 1973.

Companion Byrd was Greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Triangle Council No. 42 on February 21, 1963, and served as Illustrious Master in 1970. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1970. Companion Byrd later became a Charter Member of the newly formed Monroe Council No. 52 on May 8, 1978. After consolidation, Companion Bobbie became a member of Triangle Council No. 42 in May of 1987. He was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council on April 18, 1973, serving through the line of Grand Officers, and as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, in 1979.

Companion Byrd was Knighted in Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 14 on March 10, 1967, and he served as Eminent Commander from 1971 until 1972. He also served for many years as Excellent Prelate of the Commandery.

Companion and Sir Knight Byrd was a member of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and served as Eminent Prior in 1987. He was a member of Georgia Council of Anointed High Priests and the Order of the Silver Trowel. He was a member of W. Joe Clarke York Rite College No. 203.

Our Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Bobbie departed this life at the age of 88 to be with his Lord and Savior. His work on Earth having been accomplished, he has been released from his captivity in the flesh to return over the rough and rugged way of the valley of the shadow of death. He has entered his abiding place eternal in the heavens, there to erect his last moral and Masonic Temple and adore The Holy One of Israel throughout the endless cycles of eternity. Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PIGM

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Annual Grand York Rite Banquet was held at 6:30 PM, Sunday, April 30, 2017, at the Macon Marriott City Center with MIPGM Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Master of Ceremonies, introducing the Grand Council, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery Officers. MIGM Benjamin W. Polson, II, MEGHP William F. Shepard, and REGC Doyle R. Hatfield each extended a short welcome. The Invocation was given by the Reverend Donald C. Combs and then the Master of Ceremonies invited all to participate in a delicious buffet meal. After the meal, MIPGM Dr. Lemmons called on each of the Presiding Officers to introduce their families and other special guests. He then introduced all of the Distinguished Guests and orchestrated the following presentations and events.

COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

DGGM Sidney J. LeLuan, III and MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II presented the General Grand Council Distinguished Service Medal to Most Excellent Companion Michael H. Wilson.

COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

DGGM Sidney J. LeLuan, III and MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II presented the General Grand Council Adult Youth Award to Excellent Companion Andrew D. Bass.

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

DGGM Sidney J. LeLuan, III and MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II presented Lady of the Council Awards to Tammie Polston, Lynne Hatfield, Deborah Jones, Beth Hyde, Marla Horton, Pat Schwarz, Pat Glass, Lisa Batt, Debbie Lemmons, Cheryle Turner, Roda Wofford, Brenda Gill, Nancy Simmons, Fae Suttles, Margaret Lovas, and Sharon Jennings.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

DGGM Sidney J. LeLuan, III presented MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II with a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEPGGHP Larry E. Gray, MEGG Secretary and MEGHP William F. Shepard presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion James E. Stevens.

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEPGGHP Gray and MEGHP William F. Shepard presented Sweetheart Awards to Eva Garmon, Marla Horton, Gay Bradley, Emmie Sampsell, Lynne Hatfield, Karen Johnson, and Cheryle Turner.

KIRBY AWARD

MEPGGHP Larry E. Gray and MEGHP William F. Shepard presented Kirby Awards to MEPGHP Robert L. Gill and MEPGHP Joseph P. Suttles.

FIFTY-YEAR AWARD

Most Excellent Companion Gray, MIPGM Lemmons, and MEGHP Shepard presented a Fifty-Year Apron, Pin, and Certificate to Excellent Companion James B. Phillips for having served this great Fraternity for more than fifty years. They also presented Excellent Companion Phillips a framed Resolution for having served as Secretary in Kellogg Chapter No. 61 for more than fifty years. Excellent Companion Phillips received a standing ovation for his many years of dedicated service to our beloved Fraternity.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

MEPGHP Larry E. Gray presented MEGHP William F. Shepard with a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REG Recorder Lawrence E. Tucker and REGC Doyle R. Hatfield presented the Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight John I. Haggas.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REPGC Paul E. Wells awarded the coveted KCT to Sir Knights Doyle R. Hatfield, Brandon S. Yarbrough, Bruce D. Mann, and Dr. Wallace D. Mays.

KNIGHT COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REPGC Paul E. Wells presented the Knight Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Terry Westbrook.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker presented REGC Doyle R. Hatfield a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

GRAND MASTER WELCOMED

MWPGM Lemmons introduced Most Worshipful Brother Gary H. Leazer, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for comments after which Rev. Donald C. Combs, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, closed with prayer.

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in Joint Session at the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon on Monday, May 1, 2017 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and other Business. The Grand Sec/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. REGC Doyle R. Hatfield and his Grand Officers opened the 157th Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia in full form at 7:30 AM. After the Opening, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance, the REGC declared the 157th Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery duly convened for the purpose of hosting a Joint Grand York Rite Session, receiving Distinguished Guests, and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. REGC Hatfield received MEGHP William F. Shepard, who then extended a cordial welcome and declared the 195th 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. REGC Hatfield received MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II, who then extended a welcome and declared the 191st Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. The REGC ordered the Grand Steward to inform the Sentinel that the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia were open for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Joint Grand York Rite Business. Distinguished Guests were requested to retire for introductions. Distinguished Guests were introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

REGC Hatfield, MEGHP Shepard, and MIGM Polston, II welcomed the following Distinguished Guests to the Grand York Rite Sessions of Georgia:

ALABAMA

William J. Burfitt, MEGHP

ALASKA

James Hogg, EGRA Captain, G Chapter; IG Sentinel, Grand Council and EG Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery and Past Master of Internet Lodge No. 9659, Manchester, England, United Grand Lodge of England

FLORIDA

H. Warren Almand, Jr., MEPGHP, MIPGM; Charles R. Cooper, MEGHP; Benjamin Holland, MIGM; John Miller, Aide de Camp; Frederick Gerdorn, REGC

MICHIGAN

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

NORTH CAROLINA

C. Ray Hall, MEGHP; Lon A. Peden, MIGM

OHIO

Eddie Bressman, Excellent Grand Representative of Ohio near Georgia

SOUTH CAROLINA

James W. Lyle, MEGHP; William F. Martin, II, REGC

TENNESSEE

Paul F. Richards, MIGM

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

Bruce D. Mann, Eminent Prior, Georgia Priory No. 39, K.Y.C.H.

F. Andrew Lane, Jr. MIPGM, PMWGM, General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int. Eminent Prior, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, K.Y.C.H.

Clyde E. Griffin, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, PMW Grand Master, Grand Superintendent for Georgia, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA
Andre E. Lovas, REGC, Hon; Intendant General for the Northern Div. of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine; Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Past Most Worthy Grand Master, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, USA, Past Most Excellent Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons of the USA, and Grand Preceptor, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptors

GRAND COUNCIL KNIGHT MASONS, USA

D. Allen Surratt, MIPGM, Grand Secretary/Recorder NC, Past Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA, Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Secretary General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, KYCH and currently Eminent Grand Secretary General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Most Excellent Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons of the USA

CONVENT GENERAL KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Steven Q. Steele, MEPGHP Fla; REPGC Alaska, and Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour
Ronald F. Keel, Eminent Grand Prelate, Convent General, Knights of the YCOH
Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC, PMWGM and current Grand Treasurer, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment, USA, KT. Very Eminent Grand Outer Guard, Grand College of America, HRAKTP and Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour

GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA

Luther A. Hill, Sr., MEPGHP, Alaska, MIPGM, Alaska, REPGC, Tennessee, Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, KYCH, Illustrious General Grand Steward, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int. and Most Eminent Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America, HRAKTP

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Georgia, and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int. representing John F. Wermann, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southeastern Region, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Int. C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, Past MWGM; General Grand Librarian, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int. Larry Gray, MEPGGHP, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int. and currently serving as General Grand Secretary, Gen. Gr. Chap. RAM. Int.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

Kenneth E. Dyer, Past MWGM, Mississippi, MEPGHP, MIGM, REPGC, Mississippi, Grand Standard Bearer, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, and Regional Deputy for the Southeast Region, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int.; Sidney J. Leluan, III, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, of Arizona, Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Arizona, and Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Int.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE USA

Paul E. Wells, REPGC, Past Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine for the Southern Division of Georgia, and Right Eminent Deputy in Georgia for College of Honors, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; Henry A. Adams, REPGC, Florida, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander Grand Encampment, KT; Lawrence E. Tucker, Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, KYCH, Past Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, Masonic Order of Athelstan, and Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, KT representing Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, KT

GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

Gary H. Leazer, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ga. F & A. M.

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

COMMUNICATIONS READ

The Grand Secretary/Recorder stated that several Communications from Sister Jurisdictions, other Distinguished Masons, within and without of our Jurisdiction, had been received, expressing regrets at being unable to attend the Grand Sessions. They further extended their best wishes for a very prosperous and harmonious Grand Session.

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Line Officers, Sir Knights and Companions of the Grand Your Rite of Georgia: The Grand York Rite website is our public face to the world and continues to be a valuable tool for the Sir Knights and Companions of Georgia. The Committee would like to thank all the Brothers who have taken the time to help us identify problems and thereby contribute to our website's improvement. We would like to give special thanks to Brother Chris Brown for his time and expertise in maintaining the website.
Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Hyde, Webmaster; Benjamin W. Polston, II, MIGM

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE MASONIC MESSENGER

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

The York Rite page in the Masonic Messenger varies in location in the magazine depending on other content within the magazine. The deadline for submission of information for consideration will be the 20th day of the month, in the month prior to the issue. For example, if you would like something in the July issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by June 20th. Please contact me at mike@thesampells.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

Due to our limited space in the Masonic Messenger, we will continue to leverage our webpage for additional information regarding the promotion of the York Rite in Georgia. The website for all of York Rite Masonry in Georgia continues to be WWW.YORKRITEOFGA.ORG. Be sure to visit this site regularly to stay informed about the activities of the York Rite Bodies.

I would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Sheppard, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin W. Polston, II, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Doyle R. Hatfield for the confidence they have shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate all three on a fantastic year as the presiding officer for the state of Georgia in their respective body.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

GRAND CHAPTER APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	3,373		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	1,140		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	4,513		
INCOME			
	BUDGETED	EARNED	
PER CAPITA	77,579		
FUDRAISERS			
INVESTMENTS	8,320		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	85,899	70,769	
EXPENSES			
	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	2,092	209
CPA COMPILATION	800	929	116
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	600	523	87
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	260	130
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	6,746	6,778	101
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	340	500	147
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	0	0
BUILDING RENT	7,279	7,280	100
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888	60,888	100

GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	0	0	0
REGALIA	600	994	166
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	100
MASONIC CHARITY	500	200	40
TOTAL EXPENSES	83,853	84,544	101
TOTAL INCOME	85,899	70,769	82
BALANCE	2,046	-13,775	

GRAND COUNCIL			
APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,479		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	519		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,998		
INCOME	BUDGETED	EARNED	
PER CAPITA	57,017		
FUDRAISERS			
INVESTMENTS	5,527		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	62,544	63,217	
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	600	445	74
CPA COMPILATION	900	899	100
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	820	164
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	0
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	4,958	4,776	96
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	330	500	152
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	0	0
BUILDING RENT	4,835	4,836	100
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	40,448	40,448	100
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	0	0	0
REGALIA	600	820	137
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	100
MASONIC CHARITY	500	200	40
TOTAL EXPENSES	58,771	57,844	98
TOTAL INCOME	62,544	63,217	101
BALANCE	3,773	5,373	

GRAND COMMANDERY			
APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,184		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	502		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,686		
INCOME	BUDGETED	EARNED	
PER CAPITA	76,440		
FUDRAISERS			
INVESTMENTS	4,952		

TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	81,392	76,580	
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,400	400	29
CPA COMPILATION	900	927	103
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	900	180
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	0
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	24,174	24,183	100
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	430	700	163
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	6,000	0	0
BUILDING RENT	4,332	4,333	100
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	36,238	36,238	100
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	0	0	0
REGALIA	600	163	28
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	100
MASONIC CHARITY	500	300	60
TOTAL EXPENSES	79,374	72,244	91
TOTAL INCOME	81,392	76,580	94
BALANCE	2,018	4,336	

REGC, MEGHP, MIGM, all Grand Line Officers, all Past Grand Line Officers, and my Companions/Sir Knights All: I herewith submit my sixth Grand Treasurer Report for the May 1-2, 2017 Grand Conclave, Convocation, and Assembly. First, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all Companions/Sir Knights for permitting me to serve another year as your Grand Treasurer. A special thanks is extended to Marla Horton, an outstanding Administrative Assistant, and Wade Smith, the Grand Secretary/Recorder, for their support this past year. Finally, a special thanks and an 'I love you' is extended to my wife, Brenda, for her love and support and for handling the computer requirements for me.

Fraternally Submitted: Robert L. Gill, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC; MEGHP; MIGM; Grand Officers; REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Companions/Sir Knights: I herewith submit my Sixth Grand Commandery, Grand Secretary/Recorder Reports for the year ending December 31, 2016 for your May 1-2, 2017 Grand York Rite Conclave/Convocation/Assembly.

GRAND COMMANDERY

Number of Commanderies as of December 31, 2015 34

St. Michael Commandery Number 43 consolidated with St. Peter Commandery Number 45 June 1, 2017. Mt. Calvary Commandery UD received their Mt. Calvary Commandery Number 28 Charter May 1, 2017. The Grand Commandery Officers installed the Mt. Calvary Officers January 21, 2017

Number of Commanderies as of December 31, 2016 33

Sir Knights as of December 31, 2015 2665

Knighted	89	
Affiliated	31	
Reinstated	14	
Gain		<u>134</u>
Demitted	48	
Suspended	129	
Deceased	105	

Loss	282
Net Gain/Loss	-148
Sir Knights as of December 31, 2016	2,517

GRAND CHAPTER

Number of Chapters as of December 31, 2015 62
 Middle Georgia Chapter #165 consolidated with Genesis Chapter #166
 June 1, 2016. Camden Chapter #121 consolidated with Brunswick
 Chapter #66 October 1, 2016. Trion Chapter #19 consolidated with Rome
 Chapter #26 & Wilford H. Hall Chapter #80 December 6, 2016. Moultrie Chapter,
 UD received their Moultrie Charter Number 91 May 2, 2016. The Grand Chapter
 Officers installed The Moultrie Chapter Officers January 21, 2017.

Number of Chapters as of December 31, 2016	59
Companions as of December 31, 2015	4,380

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Exalted	93
Affiliated	142
Reinstated	19
GAIN	254
Demitted	62
Suspended	159
Deceased	183
LOSS	-404

NET GAIN/LOSS	-150
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Companions as of December 31, 2016	4,230
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GRAND COUNCIL

Number of Councils as of December 31, 2015 54
 Dublin Council #12 consolidated with Covenant Council #83 June 1, 2016.
 Camden Council #11 consolidated with Ballard Council #16 October 1, 2016.

Number of Councils as of December 31, 2016	52
Members as of December 31, 2015	2929

Greeted	97
Affiliated	73
Reinstated	17
Gain	187
Demitted	57
Suspended	116
Deceased	110
Loss	-283

NET GAIN/LOSS	-96
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Members as of December 31, 2016	2833
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COMMENDATION

All Leaders, past Leaders, and Companions are to be commended for this year's reduction in Demits and Suspensions. Thank you for your dedicated efforts to reduce these two groups. Please continue the good works.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That each Body, that has not previously accomplished this task, re-write their By-Laws using the adopted STANDARD FORMAT and submit them to this Office for approval and placement in the York Rite archives.
- 2) That each York Rite Mason actively assist their Officers in stemming the NPD and Demit categories and bring those who have departed back into the fold.

THANKS

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere and profound thanks to all Companions and Sir Knights for permitting me the honor and privilege of serving you another year. A very special thanks is extended to REGC Doyle R. Hatfield, MEGHP William F. Shepard, MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II, the Grand Line Officers, and the constituent Secretaries/Recorders for their outstanding, unwavering support during the year. Secretaries and Recorders, you are doing a great job in keeping the records of your Bodies in proper order by continuing to make timely Reports, which are essential to keeping your Grand York Rite Records and Data Base current and relevant. Many thanks Team!

A Special Thanks is extended to 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, Annual Data Drops, and this year they refined the annual statistical data sheet (Cut off December 31, 2016). Great job Team! We are fortunate to have two Brothers with that type knowledge and skill working in the quarry, advising, and supporting this great Fraternity. I also want to extend a special thanks to REPGC Paul E. Wells and REPGC Terry Hensley (Finance Chairs) and MEPGHP Robert L. (Bob) Gill (Grand Treasurer) for their devotion and dedication to creating a more comprehensive financial accounting and reporting procedure. This has been a labor of love for these outstanding dedicated Brothers. And a special shout out is extended to MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II for his development of a superb combined financial reporting system. That collective advice and support has made the difference in our accountability, reporting, and transparency.

A very special thanks is extended to Marla Rene' Horton, our Administrative Assistant. What a difference she has made in the front office demeanor, friendliness, culture, organization, and efficiency. She is very rapidly mastering all aspects of this office and all personalities associated with our York Rite Bodies - in state and nationally. And what an amazing retentive ability she possesses. After researching and accomplishing a task, there is no need for further discussion and/or direction when that type task reoccurs. She has proven to be a dedicated worker and a tremendous asset to this office and the York Rite Bodies. Take a look at the new and improved Grand Treasurer Report. Marla designed it. A great job Lady!

A special thanks is extended to our Ericka Matheny for her continued support to the Georgia York Rite Bodies from her Beach Front Home at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa. She will again be returning this year to help with the Grand Sessions. She and Marla are partnering on management of the Grand Sessions, Quick Books, Bank Statement reconciliations, and money management, thus reducing the burden of that financial complex.

Finally, I want to thank Pat, my child Bride, for permitting me to continue to serve. MAY GOD BLESS! Fraternaly Submitted: Wade Smith, G. Secretary/Recorder

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCIAL BUDGETS FOR 2017-2018

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCES	CHAPTER 2017-2018	COUNCIL 2017-2018	COMMANDERY 2017-2018
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	3,164	2,342	2,075
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	1,033	459	442
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	33	32	26
TOTAL	4,230	2,833	2,517
INCOME			

PER CAPITA	66,444	55,589	76,279
FUDRAISERS	6,250	6,250	6,250
INVESTMENTS	10,787	0	0
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	83,481	61,839	82,529
EXPENSES			
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	500	1,400
CPA COMPILATION	900	900	900
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	500	500
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	200	200
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	6,348	5,900	22,761
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	340	340	2,000
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	800	4,170
BUILDING RENT	7,280	4,836	4,332
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888	40,448	36,239
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE			
REGALIA	600	600	600
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	4,000
MASONIC CHARITY	525	525	525
TOTAL EXPENSES	83,481	59,649	77,727
TOTAL INCOME	83,481	61,839	82,529
BALANCE	0	2,190	4,802

RAM OPERATIONS	2017-2018
INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	60,888
GRAND COUNCIL	40,448
GRAND COMMANDERY	36,239
GRAND SESSION	
SALES	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	137,575
EXPENSES	
MASONIC MESSENGER	1,000
SHADY DALE RODEO	125
BOND (1/3 PIF EVERY 3 YEARS)	600
COMPUTER AND COPIER MAINTENANCE	9,000
CONDOLENCES	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 EXPENSES	137,575
TOTAL INCOME	137,575
BALANCE	0

RAM BUILDING	2017-2018
INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	7,279
GRAND COUNCIL	4,836
GRAND COMMANDERY	4,332
GRAND LODGE	25,153
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	41,600
EXPENSES	
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
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	3,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,600
TOTAL INCOME	41,600
BALANCE	0

Motion Made, Seconded, and Approved May 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted: Paul E. Wells, REPGC

**GRAND COMMANDERY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
May 1, 2017**

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

Your Committee reports that one Bill to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia, and no proposed Resolutions, were referred to your Committee for review and consideration.

Your Committee finds that this Bill is 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, if passed.

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 on May 1, 2017: Johnie M. Garmon (37), PC, Chairman; James B. Phillips (19), PC; Terry L. Hensley (19), PC; Joseph R. Bush (31), PC; and Michael H. Wilson (25), PC

**GRAND COMMANDERY BILLS READ AND MOTION TO APPROVE
BY JOE E. TURNER**

BILL NO 1 APPROVED

A BILL to delete Article 1, General Statutes, Section 17 – Moseley Pension Fund as it currently exists.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, that Article 1, General Statutes,

Section 17 – Moseley Pension Fund, which currently states:

“The Mosley Pension Fund established by funds appropriated prior to April 2000, together with interest earned shall be used to provide James E.

Moseley, a gratuitous monthly pension of \$250.00. There shall be paid out of this Fund to James E. Moseley the sum of \$250.00 on the last day of each

month beginning with the first month of his retirement. Provided further, that in the event his wife Mollie shall survive at the death of James E. Moseley, a sum equal to eighty percent (80%) of said monthly pension shall be paid to her and continue until her demise. Mollie Moseley died on March 17, 2002. BE AMENDED to DELETE the entire section due to the death of James E. Moseley on February 10, 2017.

BILL NO 2 APPROVED

A BILL to provide for an amendment of how money may be distributed from the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund by amending Section 18.5 - York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia, which currently reads:

"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 in order to maintain a sound program.

BY ADDING a new sentence to the third paragraph which shall state: "Provided, however, that no funds may be withdrawn from the corpus funds paid to obtain a Perpetual Membership, except under such extreme conditions as may be determined and approved by the Fund Committee and as permitted under the Laws of the State of Georgia for executors and trustees," so that Section 18.5 - York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia shall read as follows:

"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.

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. Provided, however, that no funds may be withdrawn from the corpus funds paid to obtain a Perpetual Membership, except under such extreme conditions as may be determined and approved by the Fund Committee and as permitted under the Laws of the State of Georgia for executors and trustees."

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

**GRAND CHAPTER REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
May 1, 2017**

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 one Bill presented to the Grand Chapter and find it to be in order to be considered by the Grand Chapter. We have reviewed all the Dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest and find them to be in order.

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

**GRAND CHAPTER BILLS READ AND MOTION TO APPROVE
BY JOE E. TURNER**

BILL NO 1 APPROVED

A BILL to delete Section 2.4.4.3 of the By-Laws Section of the Grand Chapter Code—Moseley Pension as it currently exists.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, that Section 2.4.4.3 of the By-Laws Section of the Grand Chapter Code—Moseley Pension, which currently states "The Mosley Pension Fund established by funds appropriated and earned therefore prior to April 2000, together with interest earned shall be used to provide, upon James E. Moseley's retirement as Grand Secretary, a gratuitous monthly pension of \$250.00. Said sum of \$250.00 will be paid on the last day of each month beginning with the first month of his retirement. Provided further, that in the event his wife Mollie shall survive at the death of James E. Moseley, a sum equal to eighty percent (80%) of said monthly pension shall be paid to her and continue until her demise. Mollie Moseley died March 17, 2002.

BE AMENDED to DELETE the entire section due to the death of James E. Moseley on February 10, 2017.

BILL NO 2 APPROVED

A BILL to provide for an amendment of how money may be distributed from the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund by amending Section 2.10.5.5 – York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia, which currently reads:

"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.

BY ADDING a new sentence to the third paragraph which shall state: "Provided, however, that no funds may be withdrawn from the corpus funds paid to obtain a Perpetual Membership, except under such extreme conditions as may be determined and approved by the Fund Committee and as permitted under the Laws of the State of Georgia for executors and trustees," so that Section 2.10.5.5 – York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia shall read as follows:

"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. Provided, however, that no funds may be withdrawn from the corpus funds paid to obtain a Perpetual Membership, except under such emergency conditions as may be determined and approved by vote of the Grand Body."

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

**GRAND COUNCIL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
May 2, 2017**

To the Most Illustrious Grand High Master, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Georgia: Your Jurisprudence Committee has received no Bills or Resolutions to be presented to the Grand Council. We have reviewed all Dispensations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and find them to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons (61), MIPGM, Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram (55), PIM; and James E. Stevens (16), PIM

**GRAND COUNCIL BILLS READ AND MOTION TO APPROVE
BY JOE E. TURNER**

BILL NO 1 APPROVED

A BILL to provide for an amendment of how money may be distributed from the York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund by amending Section 2.8.6.5 – York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia, which currently reads:

“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 from time to time in order to maintain a sound program.

BY ADDING a new sentence to the third paragraph which shall state: “Provided, however, that no funds may be withdrawn from the corpus funds paid to obtain a Perpetual Membership, except under such extreme conditions as may be determined and approved by the Fund Committee and as permitted under the Laws of the State of Georgia for executors and trustees,” so that Section 2.8.6.5 – York Rite Perpetual Membership Fund of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia shall read as follows:

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REPORT OF THE BUILDING TRUSTEES

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Line Officers, Companions and Sir Knights all:

We your Building Committee Trustees make the following Report:

Your building is in great shape. The building is sealed and no leaks have been detected since last year's renovation. The 1960's compressor expired, a new one has been installed. The inside and outside is well maintained.

Several Sir Knights, led by an expert electrician, and Eminent Commander of the St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, have devoted three weekends here this past year changing out old electrical systems to LED lighting. The electrical upgrade has reduced the monthly electrical bill. The enhanced lighting has been a God send to the employees. The labor and purchasing abilities of these dedicated Sir Knights to the preservation of this beautiful edifice resulted in a lamination of all labor costs and a significant purchasing price of required materials. The collective purchasing reduction and free labor resulted in approximately \$3,000 saving in renovation costs. The remaining old electrical systems in the building will be replaced by these same Sir Knights this next year.

We request you take a few moments during the Grand Session to view the Beautiful Laffetta Memorial that was installed this year.

We thank you for permitting us to serve on this vital committee.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENTATION

The following Sir Knights were given certificates of appreciation for renovating the Grand Chapter building electrical systems from fluorescent to LED, thus creating a better lighting system and insuring reductions in future electrical bills:

Sir Knight Timothy K. Starling, Eminent Commander; Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield, REPGC; Sir Knight John I. Haggas, MIGM; Sir Knight R. Scott Pless, PEC; Sir Knight Ditmar W. Chavez, PEC; Sir Knight Joe Oelgoetz, PEC; and Sir Knight Baron Conklin, PEC

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

The initial project was an outgrowth of the Southeastern York Rite Leadership Conference Fourth Year (optional) Project by the Committee Chairman. A two by four foot (2'w x 4'h) obelisk/pyramid poster was submitted to the York Rite Education and Historical Committee and the Grand Lodge Education and

Historical Committee for approval. Being approved, the poster formed the genesis for additional committee projects.

The second project was a York Rite PowerPoint presentation covering Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery designed to inform, educate and motivate Blue Lodge Brothers to continue their Masonic journey in York Rite Degrees and Orders and to inform the general public. The initial presentation was developed and submitted to the York Rite Education and Historical Committee and the Blue Lodge Education and Historical Committee and was approved.

The initial PowerPoint presentation was deemed to be too lengthy due to the large amount of educational material and information in the presentation. The original presentation was revised and divided into two (2) separate projects being a York Rite presentation covering Chapter, Council and Commandery and a Blue Lodge Orientation presentation. Both presentations recently received final approval of the York Rite and Blue Lodge Education and Historical Committees. Another project approved by the E & H Committees was a revised one sheet (front and back tri-fold) educational and information summary handout about the York Rite.

The Committee would like to thank MWGM Gary H. Leazer and Companion Robert Davis of Oklahoma (Head of York Rite Education) for very constructive assistance in the three (3) revised presentations.

Committee members are Companions/Sir Knights: Keith Taylor, James Watkins, and Rusty Cordle.

Fraternally Submitted: Richard John Hallwood, DGD, District 7C, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Line Officers, Companions and Sir Knights: Your Foreign Correspondent has reviewed the Annual Proceedings of numerous Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Commanderies, General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, and Grand Encampment. Most of their proceedings are on their websites. 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. The rights and benefits appertaining to our craft motivate us to maintain our participation in our recruitment of Companions and Sir Knights 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. We need to strive to promote the growth and development of our York Rite system and you and I can help by communicating and working with all Bodies. 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 York Rite Masonry. It is vital to maintain and build enthusiasm for our Craft 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 Beloved York Rite, Country and the entire world. "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.

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

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Membership Revitalization Committee was organized in 2015. The Committee was authorized by the Grand Presiding Officers with the directive to develop informational and educational materials and to implement programs to encourage existing members to become more active. The Committee developed a Membership Revitalization plan, programs, and materials starting in 2016. The Committee will be assembling and coordinating informational materials and suggestions to enable presiding Officers to increase attendance and participation. The Committee requests and welcomes input from all Companions and Sir Knights. The Committee would like to thank MWGM Gary H. Leazer and Companion Robert Davis of Oklahoma for very constructive assistance in the revised presentations. Committee members recruited were Keith Taylor, James Watkins, and Rusty Cordle.

Fraternally Submitted: Richard J. Hallwood, Chairman

REKINDLING THE FLAME: REBIRTH OF THE YORK RITE

By Andrew D. Bass

2015 marked the beginning of a historic journey in Georgia Freemasonry. Never before had a York Rite body's charter gone dark, only to have its light and legacy restored. It was only after a small group of Brothers, filled with a thirst for enlightenment, a talent for dedication, and a level of respect and confidence from their peers to endorse the undertaking, did they discover the path and endeavored together to become, Companions. The sleepy town of Moultrie Georgia, way down south, home to a Masonic Lodge with an impressive history sets this stage. The kind of historic lodge and legacy, which upon its discovery, inspired the Freemasons within its number to pose the question, "What happened to us?" The answers to that question quickly led to another, "How do we get it back?" In our minds, this was the representation of the decline of Freemasonry manifest, and we were determined to push back and directly oppose the idea of Freemasonry's ancient arts fading into nothing, or worse, becoming a diluted version of itself.

Our lodge was home to Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles W. Pidcock (1951). The benefactor of our lodge and of its property. Our York Rite lasted over 100 years in our jurisdiction. Our Chapter being chartered in 1896 followed by Council in 1891, and finally Mt. Calvary Commandery in 1944. Quite a legacy to let slip away or fall into obscurity, as by November of 2001, the Moultrie York Rite had surrendered each of its charters. And so, with a yesteryear standard and desire for Templary coupled with the portrait and jewels of our homegrown Past Grand Commander staring down at us, we petitioned our sponsor York Rite bodies to guide us and set a Plumb Line in our hearts and actions towards reclaiming our charters. In May of 2015, the Grand York Rite of the State of Georgia met to discuss the possibility of granting dispensation to a group of brand new Sir Knights and Companions. With reserve, caution, and resistance, the spark of Freemasonry found kindling and hope eventually won out. Our year-long dispensation period had begun.

The beginning was difficult. We were Sir Knights eager to start carrying the mantle. Romantic history and lofty ideals of chivalry and Christian Knighthood buzzed through our ever interaction. But reality is a heavy thing. We had no money, no precedence, and no experience. Passion only took us to the door, it was up to us to cross its threshold and fulfill the requirements necessary to earn our charters. We found our cornerstone in our Treasurer/Recorder. His pulling double duty in all three bodies while maintaining an open line of communication with the Grand York Rite Secretary, gave us a clear path to fulfilling the

requirements needed to function. After the bi-laws, projects, and paperwork had been completed, we had to struggle to bridge the gap between our passion for the works to come, and the means to facilitate them. We subdued our grand vision for the future and settled upon the more practical goals of tracking down old members, relocating paraphernalia and artifacts, setting project goals for operation and charity funds, district activity with our sister bodies, and primary membership. The dispensation required growth and the ability to maintain before charters would be considered. And we were determined.

Our best opportunity to learn our Craft, was participation. We made ourselves available for travel. We aided in inspections, participated in observances, learned our ritual through trial by fire with visits from our Grand line and through our participation in statewide York Rite festivals, we started to get the feel for what was expected and soon became a fully functioning Commandery. In January of 2017, Mt. Calvary Commandery No.28, along with the Chapter and Council, was presented its charter in loving ceremony and Grand fashion, once again authorized to be displayed proudly within the walls of our historic lodge. The Grand York Rite of Georgia had saw fit, after witnessing the efforts of the Companions within, to fulfill our request also to restore our original numbers quoting "We do not see these men, or these charters as being new bodies with an old history. But instead, we recognize them as old bodies, with a new history." What a moving moment there, in that Grand Session, surrounded by our peers, hearing those words.

It is April of 2017 now. The last year has been a productive one to say the least. Our Commandery has become a part of statewide degree teams and festivals, responsible for and sharing the honor of creating and teaching new Sir Knights in our great state. A successful annual Children's Ball created here in Moultrie to celebrate the birth of our Great Redeemer and facilitate a positive community relationship towards The Fraternity. Annual Breathe Prom Event participation for our children with special needs, along with Easter and Christmas observances in our local churches. New member growth and the rekindling of knightly aspiration among the Symbolic Lodge brethren in our area. Several receptions and official visitations from both Grand Commanders during our reopening, including a visit from our Department Commander and Grand Encampment representative, Henry A. Adams. State York Rite fundraisers and projects and more. Truly, if success is possible and solemnity for our arts has not been lost, look no further for that proof. Sir Knights all, we remain. We thrive. In closing, I leave you with this: the key to our progress, any progress, has and always will be Truth. It starts and ends with each of us. Our standards and adherence to them. The solemnity of our practices. The impressions we make upon the next generation. And the ability to see Truth in all things, not just those which are convenient. "Every possibility for the future of The Craft rests squarely upon our shoulders, because it only means and will only ever mean, exactly what it means to us."

The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies Business having been completed: Right Eminent Grand Commander Doyle R. Hatfield declared the 157th Annual Joint Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Shepard declared the 195th Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin W. Polston, II declared the 191st Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly closed.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH
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OF THE
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OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 1, 2017
A. O. 899**



**DOYLE RAY HATFIELD
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2016 - 2017**

DOYLE RAY HATFIELD

PERSONAL

Doyle Ray Hatfield was born on August of 1952 in Hartford, Alabama. He is the son of the late Doyle T. Hatfield and Lilly J. Hatfield. His primary education was in the Geneva County School System, and he graduated from Geneva County High School in 1970. He majored in Data Processing and minored in Accounting at George C. Wallace State Junior College in Dothan, Alabama. After spending time in the USN, he continued his education at Columbus State University with a BBA degree in Computer Information Management. He has a Master of Science degree in Management from Troy University. He has served as an adjunct professor in Computer Science at the Phenix City Campus of Troy University. He has a total of forty-five years of experience in the Computer Information Management field including everything from operations to management.

BLUE LODGE

In 1985, Doyle was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Stephens Lodge #586 in Manchester, Georgia. He is a perpetual member of five lodges: Stephens Lodge #586 (Master 3 times), Rose Hill Lodge #484 (Master 2 times), Kimbrough Lodge #118 (Master 1 time; merged with Hamilton Lodge #16), Woodbury Lodge #713 (Master 3 times; merged with Greenville 321), and West Georgia Daylight Lodge #760.

WB Hatfield has served through the chairs and as Master of the 4th Masonic District Convention. He served as District Deputy to the Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District for eleven years. He has also served as Past Master of Research Lodge #3 several times and Past President of the Valley Association of Past Masters several times.

Doyle is currently serving the Grand Lodge of Georgia as the 4th District Board of Relief Representative.

SCOTTISH RITE

In 1986, Doyle became a 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason and was Coroneted a 33 Degree in the Valley of Columbus, Orient of Georgia working under the A.&A.S.R of Free Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction.

YORK RITE

Excellent Companion Hatfield was exalted in Darley Chapter #7, RAM, in Columbus, Georgia where he served through the chairs and as Excellent High Priest. Doyle served The Grand Chapter of Georgia on various Committees. He is the recipient of the Order of High Priesthood. He has worked his way through the chairs of the Order of the High Priesthood and is currently serving as Excellent Vice President of that Degree. Doyle also served as Excellent High Priest for the 4th District Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Illustrious Companion was Greeted in Hope Council #4, R&SM, and served through the chairs and served as Illustrious Master. Doyle served The Grand Council of Georgia on various Committees. He is the recipient of the Order of the Silver Trowel. He has also served as the Illustrious Master of the 4th District Council Convention.

Doyle was Knighted in St. Aldermar Commandery #3, KT, and served through the chairs, including his position as Commander of St. Aldermar #3. Doyle received the Knight Crusaders of the Cross degree. He was elected and served through the Knight Crusaders of the Cross degree team where he served as Knight Crusader of the East. Doyle was elected Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Georgia where he served through the line and was elected Grand Commander in 2016.

Sir Knight Hatfield is also a member of: The Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Georgia Priory #39; Past Governor of Chattahoochee Valley York Rite College #166; Past Sovereign of Muscogee Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; Past Sovereign Master of River City Council #526 Allied Masonic Degrees; Member of Georgia #304 AMD; Georgia College of Societas Rosicruciana in Cibitabus Foeberatis; and Past Preceptor of Georgia's Upper Room Tabernacle XLV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

2017 OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The One Hundred Fifty-Seventh 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 1, 2017 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander Doyle R. Hatfield 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 157th Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Doyle R. Hatfield	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Drewey 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, Jr.	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Tommy T. Marshall	Eminent Grand Warder
John I. Haggas	Eminent Captain of the Guard
Timothy K. Starling	Eminent Grand Adjutant
Ditmar W. Chavez	Eminent Grand Sentinel

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders were then requested to retire to be introduced by REGC (Honorary) Joe E. Turner:

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 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
1999 Clarence E. Horne (4) *	2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
2001 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)	

* Indicates absent

2016-2017 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Timothy K. Starling
Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Richard J. Corwin, Jr.; Kevin L. Hyde
Jurisprudence: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Joseph R. Bush;
Michael H. Wilson; James B. Phillips
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.;
Dr. Gary D. Lemmons
Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips
Education: Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair;
James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens; Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.
Relief: D. W. Hendry, Sr.; Charles R. Beasley; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith
KTEF & Mollie S. Moseley Eye Trust: Brandon Yarbrough, Chair;
Charles R. Beasley; Carl J. Gamel
Patriotic & Civic: Charles R. Beasley, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Mark S. Johnson

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REGC 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; Rev. Donald C. Combs;
D. W. Hendry, Sr.
Easter Sunrise Service: Lawrence M. Rich, Chair; Mark A. Bradley;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Mark A. Bradley,
James T. Ingram
Long Range Planning: D. W. Hendry, Sr., Chair; Charles R. Beasley;
Steve A. Kirk
Membership: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel
Perpetual Membership: Michael H. Wilson, (3), Chair; Jan M. Giddens, (2);
Larry W. Nichols, (1)
Constitution/Statutes/Regulations: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair;
Joe E. Turner; Ryan C. Nealey
Tactics and Ritual: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Robert L. Head, Jr.;
Tommy T. Marshall; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons;
Joe E. Turner; James E. Underwood; Joseph R. Bush
Editor of Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; 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; Earnest A. McCorkle;
William F. Shepard
Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; John I. Haggas
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Floyd E. Edmondson; South:
Robert L. Head, Jr.
GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Vice Chair;
Floyd E. Edmondson; Robert L. Head, Jr.; Wade C. Smith
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. **GEORGIA:** No Representation
2. **ST. OMER:** Emmett R. Johns, PC
3. **ST. ALDEMAR:** Robert S. Pless, EC;
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, EG
4. **COEUR DE LION:** Larry W. Nichols, EC
5. **ST. PAUL:** Ronald Keel, EC
7. **PALESTINE:** Ronald E. Boatright, EG;
William R. Waters, Jr., CG
8. **ROME:** James C. Durbin, Sr., EC; Walter D.
Waddell, Jr., EG

9. ATLANTA: Robert E. Soderstrom, EC; Jack J. Bell, EG
10. IVANHOE: Phillip Wyatt, PC
11. TANCRED: Leonard A. Davis, PC
12. PLANTAGENET: No Representation
14. GODFREY DE BOUILLON: No Representation
15. PILGRIM: Wayne H. Garrett, Proxy
16. MALTA: James C. Bentley, EC
17. CRUSADER: Bruce D. Mann, Proxy
19. ST. JOHN'S: James E. Jennings, PC
21. ST. ELMO: Thomas J. Chapman, CG
22. ALEXIUS: Mark Johnson, EG
25. ST. BERNARD: G. Neal Pressley, EC; Jeffrey L. Anderson, CG
26. CONSTANTINE: Robert L. Hall, Jr., EC; Michael H. Sampson, EG; James Mashburn, CG

28. MT. CALVARY: Andrew D. Bass, EC
29. CHARLES MARTEL: Tyler W. Pledger, EC
30. BETHLEHEM: Bruce Fykes, Proxy
31. ARNOLD DE TROYE: Judd J. Wolfe, PC
33. PHILEMON: Ronald Scott, EC
35. GRIFFIN: Frankie Holland, EC
36. WAYCROSS: Matthew T. Sanford, EG
37. BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN: William W. Grist, EG
38. DEKALB: Jerry D. Moss, Proxy
40. DOUGLASVILLE: Eric Tress, EC
41. AMICALOLA: James R. Harris, Sr., EC; Franklin K. Hales, EG; Keith R. Taylor, CG
42. COASTAL PLAIN: Jeremy Hobbs, EC
45. ST. PETER: Albert N. Mimbs, EC

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

To the Officers, Members, and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, I bestow a hearty welcome to all and hope that your attendance here, at the One Hundred and Fifty Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, leaves a lasting impression upon you with fond memories for the future.

A special welcome is extended to our Personal Grand Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, our own Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, who is also serving this year as Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH. I also welcome our S.E. Department Commander, Sir Knight Henry Adams, REPGC of Florida. It has been my pleasure this past year to serve and work with two of the finest families I know in York Rite. They are Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. "Bill" Shepard and his wife Cheryle, and Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin W. Polston, II and his wife Tammie.

I could go on and on with the number of people who have had a big impact on me and my Masonic Career, but I do not have the time, paper, or energy to name them all. Lynne Hatfield, thank you for being my wife, friend, and support. Thanks to my children and grandchildren for all of their support over the years. A very special thank you goes out to two other ladies of Masonry that have stood up with me when my wife could not be there. They are Past First Lady of Knights Templar in Georgia Lady Nora Wells (REPGC Paul Wells) and Past First Lady of Masonry for the state of Georgia Lady Liz Miller (PGM James E. Miller).

STATE OF THE CRAFT

As I have tried to do all year, I will keep this short and to the point. We started out this year to have fun. I hope everyone has had at least half as much fun as I did. I am very proud to be the Grand Commander this year while all York Rite Masons in Georgia have accomplished so much. We completed a great part of the goals that we set out to complete this year. We had some of the best fundraisers ever to help out our York Rite, to keep our plans for growth, and to continue to build our organization. This year we have sent more Ministers to the Holy Land than any other year which makes me even prouder than ever to be a Sir Knight. I think we have more Golden Chalicees than any other Grand Commandery within Grand Encampment. Our goal is not complete until we have a Golden Chalice in every Commandery in the Grand Commandery of Georgia. We continue to rank among the top Grand Jurisdictions for contributions to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

We had a great time this year attending Christmas Observances around the state. While I attended several, one really stands out and I want to recognize and thank Albany for a great program and some of the best food I have eaten all year. I think with all the great food I was served, at almost every place I went, I will have to go on a diet for the next year to lose the extra weight I put on this past year. It was great attending church services with my fellow Sir Knights. I look forward to being invited to hear some of the ministers preach who went to the Holy Land this year.

Another great time I had was attending the Easter Sunrise Services at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Marching up Shooters Hill on a perfect day made especially for the Divine Service which was delivered was a great conclusion to a trip that I will never forget. Laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an experience which one could never forget. Thank you to all who had a part of and who assisted in making this happen. I will treasure the memories and the people that attended and had a part in putting it all together. You all did great.

We had some great inspections this year and I was fortunate enough to be able to attend all of them. Super job to all and I look forward to more in the future. We had one inspection this year from the brand new Mt. Calvary Commandery #28 in Moultrie, Georgia. I was proud to be a part of their ceremonies with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and in the presentation of their Charter and Installation of their Officers.

I was also able to attend some of our Schools of Instruction around the state and would like to express my thanks to the Custodians of the Work Sir Knight Sonny Head and Sir Knight Floyd Edmondson and their crews in making sure we all were working on the same sheet of music. Great job, men.

A big thanks goes to my Grand Captain of the Guard, Eminent Sir Knight John Haggas, for all the traveling he did with me this year and for making sure I got home safely. I did not travel very many of the twenty-seven thousand miles this year without him.

I was able to issue several Dispensations this year for a variety of reasons. One special one to St. Aldemar Commandery #3 of Columbus for holding their regular meeting which was on a Holiday at the Grand York Rite Building in Macon for the purpose of having a work day. Those men, including some from other Commanderies, spent a couple of weekends and that holiday volunteering their time and labor in upgrading the lighting system in the building to LED lights.

Thank You Eminent Grand Adjutant, Tim Starling, Eminent Commander of St. Aldemar, for heading up these work days and working with Eminent Sir Knight Emmett Johns and Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith at the Grand York Rite Building to save countless thousands of dollars on these needed upgrades and future saving. Like I said in the beginning, I cannot express my thanks to everyone including the Officers both elected and appointed who worked so hard this year to make the Grand Commandery of Georgia one of, if not the best, Commandery in the Grand Encampment. A very special thank you to our Grand Recorder Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith, MEPGHP and his staff for making this year very special to me.

Respectfully Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield, REGC

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REGC ADDRESS

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Grand Encampment Representatives, Distinguished Guest, Sir Knights, and my Brethren:

Right Eminent Sir, this Committee is honored to be chosen to give the response to your address. It is my pleasure to speak on your behalf. We join our Grand

Commander in extending a hearty welcome to all and hope that your attendance here, at the One Hundred and Fifty Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, leaves a lasting impression upon you with fond memories for the future. We join our Grand Commander in a special welcome to the Personal Grand Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, our own Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, who is also serving this year as Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH. Also welcome to our Southeastern Department Commander, Sir Knight Henry Adams, REPGC of Florida. We commend the strong environment of union that our Right Eminent Grand Commander has forged with Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William F. "Bill" Shepard and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Benjamin W. Polston, II. This leadership has assured that the York Rite remains vibrant and mighty in the Grand Jurisdiction of Georgia. We concur with the respect paid to the wives of our three Grand Officers of the York Rite. Additionally, we join him in recognizing a number of ladies, who have been so supportive of our great fraternity throughout the years.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

We have listened to the report of our Grand Commander on the State of the Craft. We note that the Grand Commander has worked hard to assure that this year was a time to have fun. We join with the Grand Commander in hoping that everyone has enjoyed the year. We are very proud of the accomplishments the Grand Commander has enjoyed this year while also recognizing that all York Rite Masons in Georgia have accomplished so much. Specifically, we note:

- We have had one of the most effective fundraisers in our history.
- We have sent a record number of ministers to the Holy Land.
- We continue to have more Golden Chalice than any other Grand Commandery.
- We continue in the top Grand Jurisdictions for contributions for the KTEF.

We also note that the Grand Commander had a great time this year attending Christmas Observances around the state. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Our Grand Commander enjoyed a great tour culminating with the Easter Sunrise Services at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Easter morning was a delightful day at the Sunrise Service and the entire Georgia contingent enjoyed the event. We joined our Grand Commander in the sympathetic laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our Grand Commander, accompanied by our Grand Master, Grand High Priest, and Grand Illustrious Master, led us in an experience which one could never forget.

We commend our Grand Commander on his remarks concerning the great inspections this year. His support of these tactics and procedures is very important. We also commend his support of our Schools of Instruction around the state and would like to join with him in expressing our thanks to the Custodians of the Work, Sir Knight Sonny Head and Sir Knight Floyd Edmondson, and their crews for taking the lead in this work of great importance.

As our Grand Commander Doyle R. Hatfield and his Lady Lynne retire from the East, we ask that the blessings of Almighty God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rest upon them. May it be our Lord's will that they have many years of service to our wonderful Fraternity.

Respectfully Submitted: Terry L. Hensley, REPGC, (19), Chairman; James E. Stevens, REPGC, (21); Johnie H. Garmon, REPGC, (37)

REPORT OF THE CHARTERS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

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

Your Committee notes that a Dispensation has been issued to Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 14 to move from Athens, Georgia to Elberton, Georgia. Your Committee has received no By-Law change from this Commandery and have no knowledge of when the changes were voted on or whether they were adopted by the members. However, we believe that Article III, Section 3, of the Constituent Commanderies Section of the Grand Commandery Code gives the Grand Commander the authority to approve this move and he has approved it.

We also note that on January 15, 2017 the Grand Recorder requested all Recorders to send in complete copies of all their By-Laws for filing in the office. Your Committee does not believe but few have been received.

Your Committee received revisions to the By-Laws of Atlanta Commandery No. 9 changing the dues. This revision also included adding a New Section 6.9 on Perpetual Membership. Your Committee approved the change of dues, but rejected Section 6.9 on December 21, 2016.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of Pilgrim Commandery No. 15. Your Committee approves the submitted revision of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of St. John's Commandery No. 19. Your Committee approves the submitted revision.

Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-Laws of Griffin Commandery No. 35 changing the dues charged.

Your Committee notes that the Charter of St. Michael Commandery No. 43 in Cochran was surrendered on June 1, 2016. The members were all consolidated into St. Peter Commandery No. 45 at Warner Robins. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these members into Warner Robins.

This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery Charters. Respectfully submitted on May 1, 2017: Joe E. Turner, PC (22), Chairman; F. Andrew Lane, Jr., PC (40); Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19)

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Doyle R. Hatfield, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights all: First of all, I thank Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed on me and the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Next, I thank REGC Doyle R. Hatfield for appointing me to this position for the year 2016-2017. I express my grateful appreciation to Eminent Sir Knight Robert L. Head, Custodian of the South, for his cooperation and support and also to all of the Assistant Custodians who devoted their time and effort to this cause.

Following the lead of MEPGHP Terry Farmer, the Commanderies in the Northern Jurisdiction of Georgia were further divided and Assistant Custodians assigned to each as follows:

1. Ryan Nealey-Atlanta #9, Douglasville #40, Coeur de Lion #4, and DeKalb #38
2. Mike Jones—Godfrey de Bouillon #14 and St. Bernard #25
3. Michael Sosebee—Pilgrim #15 and Philemon #33
4. Mark Bradley—Arnold de Troy #31
5. Jan Giddens—Charles Martel #29, St. John's #19, Constantine #26, and Rome #8
6. Britt Massey—Amicalola #41 and Blue Ridge #37
7. Isaiah Hardin—Alexius #22, Tancred #11, and Griffin #35

8. Dale Cliett—Georgia #1 and Plantagenet #12
Eminent Sir Knight Robert L. Head, Custodian of the South, held a School of Instruction at Pilgrim #15 in Gainesville on July 23, 2016 following the Commandery Festival. I express my grateful appreciation to ESK Sonny for holding this School. ESK Sonny did a great job and the School was well received. ESK Gary Palmer held a School of Instruction at St. Peter #45 in Warner Robins on Saturday, December 10, 2016. ESK Gary did a great job and the School was well received. The Syllabus for Royal Arch, developed by ESK Mike Sampsell, was modified to be used for the Commandery Schools of Instruction. The Syllabus is a very valuable tool because it brings uniformity to the subjects to be covered. I believe the Schools produce the greatest benefit to Commanderies when they can be held in their local bodies on their regular meeting nights. This way, the Officers and Members will be present for the instructions. It is difficult for some Sir Knights to travel distances and meet scheduling dates when the Schools are held at a state-wide or regional location. The Assistant Custodians are a tremendous asset because by assigning the Commanderies to an Assistant it provides better and more frequent access to the membership than can be achieved by only one person trying to cover all of North Georgia. I recommend the continuation of the practice of appointing a Custodian of the North and a Custodian of the South who will be responsible for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery who may in turn appoint Assistant Custodians for each body. I personally prefer an Assistant Custodian for the Chapter and Council and a separate Assistant Custodian responsible for only the Commandery. Hopefully a lot of groundwork has been laid this year that will help make next year even better as the Assistant Custodians and Commandery Members continue to work together to make our Commanderies the best they can be.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for entrusting me with the care of teaching the Work this last Grand York Rite Year. I have enjoyed teaching the Work to new Sir Knights and refreshing the older Sir Knights as well. My approach this year was simple by design. The new Tactics Manual was released last year and I focused most of my attention on getting that document out among the Commanderies and instructing the Sir Knights in its use. I deliberately focused my attention on the Commandery this year. I held Schools in every Division and used a Syllabus that incorporated the Opening, Inspection, and Closing Ceremonies. I held a total of five Schools with an average attendance of 20 Sir Knights. The material was well received and I believe fully integrated into the Commanderies. Again, we are not where we wish to be, but we made huge strides and I expect performance to improve. I would like to make the following recommendations to the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander:

1. The Assistant Custodians worked hard, but handling three bodies is a tall order. I would humbly recommend the Liaison Officers for each Division have Assistant Custodian added to their duties but for the Commandery only. That would take a great deal of pressure off the Assistants for the Chapter and Council and allow them to increase their efforts in those Bodies. The Liaison Officers are out there on the front line and would be in a better position to assist the Commanderies under their supervision.

In closing, I would again like to extend my thanks to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for allowing me to serve. I feel we had a good York Rite Year and I

look to forward to being of service in the future, should the incoming leaders see fit to allow me to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert L. Head, Jr., KCT, Custodian of the South
REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE (KTEF TRUSTEES)

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

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

The Division funds, which are controlled by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment, allowed the Committee to award five \$1000 Gifts to deserving under graduate students to further their education.

The Corporation funds, which are controlled by the Trustees, awarded \$42,000 Research Gifts to the Ophthalmology Departments of Emory University and Augusta University, eight (8) Ministerial Gifts of \$1,500 each to deserving Theology Students, and eleven (11) Matriculation Gifts of \$1,000 each to additional deserving undergraduate students.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. funds are invested with only the interest being sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in \$10,000 increments in order to purchase Golden Chalice for qualifying Commanderies.

We are pleased to report that the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia, Inc., has a net worth of \$263,246; our solely owned corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., has a net worth of \$3,593,049; and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. has a net worth of \$580,919.

REPGC Timothy M. Taylor's five-year term expires at this May 1, 2017 Commandery Conclave. This Committee recommended and the incoming REGC has appointed REPGC Taylor to succeed himself for another five years on the Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee.

We wish to thank Dr. Julian J. Nussbaum for his expert advice and recommendations in giving Research Gifts to the Schools of Ophthalmology at Emory University and Augusta University. He has been a very valuable source of information for many years and we continue to call upon him each year for advice and assistance in selecting the Research Projects that are most worthy of our research dollars.

Presentations of the Research Gifts were made at a luncheon held March 10, 2016. Representatives from the two institutions were in attendance to receive the gifts, which were presented by the Chair, Sir Knight Clyde E. Griffin, REPGC. A very special thank you is extended to our REGC Doyle R. Hatfield 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.

We wish to thank our Secretary Wade C. Smith for his complete involvement with the Committee and the timely announcements and record keeping that keeps us abreast of the status of all our accounts. The three corporations' records, financial and administrative, are available in his office for anyone's review.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, REPGC, Chairman; Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips, REPGC; James E. Stevens, REPGC; and Timothy M. Taylor, Sr., REPGC

REPORT OF THE KTEF (49th CAMPAIGN) AND THE MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST, Inc. COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights: It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the 49th Voluntary Campaign and the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. Your Committee has worked hard during the last year to inform the Sir Knights of the opportunities to support these great charities.

The 49th Voluntary Campaign is under way. As of April 1, 2017, Georgia is ranked 15th with a total donation of \$17,732.00. This gives us an average of \$7.03 donated per member in Georgia.

The following Commanderies gave in excess of \$10.00 per member: Alexius No. 22; Couer De Lion No. 4; St. Omer No. 2; Ivanhoe No. 10; Pilgrim No. 15; St. Paul No. 5; and St. John's No. 19. At the beginning of our Grand Commandery year I challenged every Commandery to hold a fundraiser and donate all or a portion of the proceeds to the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust as a way to increase the Trust. Sir Knights, this Trust is a vehicle so that we may contribute generously to Voluntary Campaigns each year. The more we can support the Trust the more it can support us in our charitable giving to the Voluntary Campaigns. As of April 1, 2017, a total of \$13,644.00 was donated to the Trust. The Committee would like to commend and thank the following for donations in excess of \$1,000.00 to the Trust: Arnold de Troye Commandery No. 31; Griffin Commandery No. 35; Plantagenet Commandery No. 12; Richard P. Marshall; and The Social Order of the Beauceant, Georgia Assembly. We continue the sale of the commemorative numbered coins minted for the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust. The coins are available for \$10.00 each. Over 750 coins have been sold to date for the benefit of the Trust.

We were pleased to present a Golden Chalice to Coeur De Lion Commandery No. 4 at their Annual Inspection. To date nine Golden Chalicees have been presented. We continue to urge each Commandery to work toward the goal of receiving a Golden Chalice. I thank Marla Horton and Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith for their assistance. Keep up the Good Work, Sir Knights!

Respectfully Submitted: Brandon S. Yarbrough (35), Chairman; Charles R. Beasley (4); and Carl J. Gamel (40)

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

We visited almost all of the Commanderies around the state 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 Mollie S. Mosley Foundation, we are ranked number 10 in the world with a total of \$38,352.00 in donations. Based on our membership of 3,143 members, that is an average of \$12.20 per member which puts us at number 22 in the world on a per capita basis. All in all, we had a good year and I am looking forward to better years in the future.

Fraternally Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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

The Committee makes the following recommendations for the consideration of the Sir Knights of Georgia:

1. That each Commandery prepare a history of the Commandery and submit it to the Committee;
2. That the Sir Knights of Georgia prepare papers on any subject regarding notable Sir Knights, historical or informational topics and forward them to the Committee for potential publications which would benefit York Rite Masonry;
3. That consideration is given by the Grand Commandery to writing an updated History of Templary in Georgia;
4. That each Commandery have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Sir Knights; and
5. That they visit Symbolic Lodges, first requesting an opportunity to provide educational information on the advantages of York Rite membership, using a power point presentation, which is highly recommended by the Committee.

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Doyle R. Hatfield, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PC (31), Chairman;
 Gary D. Lemmons, PC (19); Joe E. Turner, PC (35), Member (22);
 James E. Underwood, PC (4); and Joe R. Bush, PC (31)

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 the basics. We will be trying different ideas in the upcoming year to not only retain members, but to hopefully get some of those members back that we have lost. Let's put them to work doing what they enjoy doing. Let's get new members into the York 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 membership rise in all of our Masonic Bodies.

Fraternally Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

To: The RE Grand Commander, REPGCs, Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee, Inc., and Grand Commandery Officers, of the Grand Commandery of Georgia: As Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, I submit the following report: It is indeed an honor and great pleasure to serve and be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander for this appointment. We are very busy in working to make it easier for Sir Knights and Commanderies to be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. It is in my opinion, one of the greatest works in Templary. The Ministers we send have the greatest opportunity to increase in knowledge, not only of the geography of the Promise Land, but also of themselves, by walking where Jesus walked. They can with this experience open the scriptures with more understanding than ever before, because "we" as Knight Templar helped make it possible. We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved.

We have sent Eight Ministers this year (2016 - 2017) to the Holy Lands from Georgia, sponsored by Ten Commanderies, and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation, Incorporated of Georgia.

The Ministers and Commandery sponsors are:

Minister	Sponsor
Dr. Hambric Brooks	Griffin Commandery No. 35
A. Jonier Orozco	Tancred Commandery No. 11
Larry Patton	Douglasville Commandery No. 40
David Kees	St. Aldemar Commandery No. 03
Nathan Boyd	St. Bernard Commandery No. 25
Brian Clayton	Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery No. 37
Michelle Ortiz	Atlanta Commandery No. 09
	Constantine Commandery No. 26
	DeKalb Commandery No. 38
Donald Combs	Palestine Commandery No. 07
	St. Elmo Commandery No. 21
	Waycross Commandery No. 68

Respectfully Submitted: Terry L. Hensley, Chair

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 our sad duty to report, that the dread messenger death has again knocked on the door of life and 105 of our Sir Knights have been called to their heavenly reward. While here on earth they may have traveled a rugged road, and walked in the shadows of misfortune, however, it is our fervent prayer that they have received their righteous reward at the hand of their Savior and Redeemer and were welcomed into that glorious kingdom above. We all have Sir Knights whom we revere as they had a great influence upon our lives. It could be that they were mentors, encouragers, supporters, listeners, teachers, or any combination thereof including friends, brothers, and Fraters of Knighthood. It is because of who they were to us that causes us to have to have faith in the Lord above and to recognize that because of their faith and ours we have the hope of a reunion when we reach that heavenly kingdom above. Truly the Lord is good to those whose Hope is in Him! I would close this report with these words from CS Lewis: *"If all is lost, thanks be to God! If I must see it go, watch it go, watch it fade away, die, and 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 and grace surround all those who have gone before us, and whose faith was patient and true! So may it ever be, Amen!

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Eminent Grand Prelate;
Richard J. Corwin, Excellent Grand Chaplain; and
Kevin L. Hyde, Illustrious Grand Chaplain

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Bobby Joe Townsend

Ned Eugene Dull

James Erwin Moseley

And 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

The Tactics and Ritual Committee recommends the following changes to the 2015 reprint of the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies:

1. **PAGE 7** – Delete the section that reads “CROSS SWORDS OR FORM ARCH OF STEEL” and replace it with the following:

FORM ARCH OF STEEL

The command “FORM ARCH OF STEEL” is directed only to the Knights of the Line formed directly in front of the Eminent Commander who are formed in two lines, facing inward, about three paces apart and at “Carry Swords”. The command will be given in a low voice: Sir Knights of the Line, “CARRY, SWORDS! FORM ARCH OF STEEL, CROSS, SWORDS!” [Form Arch of Steel is a preparatory command and the Sir Knights do not move. At the command “CROSS” the Knights of the Line will execute “PRESENT, SWORDS” (The Senior and Junior Wardens will also execute “Present Swords” at this time and not an Officer’s Salute.) At the command “SWORDS!” the Knights of the Line will in one continuous, smooth motion advance the right foot about eighteen inches, turn the left foot square to the left and take the position of Parry One, which is by raising and extending the sword arm, back of the hand to the right and up, without changing the grasp, wrist as high as the head with the edge of the sword up, the blade in prolongation of the forearm and engage the sword of the Knight opposite about ten inches from the point.]

TO BREAK THE ARCH OF STEEL

The command will be given “CARRY, SWORDS!” [At the command “CARRY”, the Knights of the Line will return the feet and sword to the position of “Present Swords” in one continuous, smooth motion. At the command “SWORDS”, the Knights of the Line will return to the position of ‘Carry Swords’.

The commands to Form Arch of Steel and Carry, Swords should be given by the Eminent Commander. An exception will be at the Grand Commandery Session. The Right Eminent Grand Commander will be on the floor receiving and greeting the Distinguished Guests who are received under the Arch of Steel and the Eminent Grand Captain General would give the commands.]

[Note: In a regular Commandery meeting with no inspection involved OR at an Open or Closed Inspection, after the Distinguished Sir Knight(s) who will be received under an Arch of Steel is/are introduced at the foot of the lines, the Eminent Commander will descend from the East and go uncovered through the lines, greet the Distinguished Sir Knight(s) and direct him (them) to remain standing to be received under an Arch of Steel. The Eminent Commander would then return uncovered through the lines to the East (Re-Cover immediately after passing through the lines). The Eminent Commander will command the Knights of the Line in a low voice “SIR KNIGHTS: CARRY, SWORDS! FORM ARCH OF STEEL. CROSS, SWORDS!” The Eminent Commander would then address the Distinguished Guest(s) by his (their) title(s) and say “Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander” (or whatever title(s) is/are appropriate), please join me in the East.” After the Distinguished Sir Knight(s) is/are received under the Arch of Steel and has/have joined the Eminent Commander in the East, the Eminent Commander should say “Sir Knights, Carry Swords! Please join me in giving him (them) a Hearty Welcome!” If more than one Distinguished Guest are received in the East, it is preferred to receive as many as practical at one time rather than repeatedly duplicating the procedure. The Eminent Commander may then (depending on the circumstances) offer the command of the Commandery and proceed as necessary.]

Grand Honors Three times Three (3X3) are not proper for any Grand Commandery Officer. Their Grand Honors is the act of being received under an Arch of Steel. They may, at the discretion of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, be given a Hearty Welcome after being received under an Arch of Steel.

The following are entitled to be received under an Arch of Steel:

- A. Sitting Grand Master of Grand Encampment
- B. Representative(s) of the Grand Master, Grand Encampment—includes Department Commanders
- C. All current Officers of Grand Encampment, including Prelate
- D. Right Eminent Grand Commander
- E. All visiting Right Eminent Grand Commanders from other jurisdictions
- F. Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders
- G. Grand Masters of Grand Lodges

The following may be received under an Arch of Steel at the discretion of the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

- A. Past Grand Masters of Grand Encampment
 - B. Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodge
 - C. Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders from other jurisdictions
2. **PAGE 16, LINE 18** – Insert the word “Escort” so that the command will be “ONE FILE, ESCORT, RIGHT, FACE!”
3. **PAGE 22** – Replace the entire page with the following:

Sir Knight will drop his left hand to his side and move his left foot straight back to one pace behind the right foot. At command “SWORD,” each Sir Knight will simultaneously move his right foot back and place it beside his left foot and come to a Carry.)

E.C.—(see black book, p. 103, line 5)—Return... (The E. C. will wait until the Standard Bearer positions the Beauceant in its holder) Sword! (The Standard Bearer returns the Beauceant to its holder; does not DRAW SWORD.)

E. C.—First (see black book, p. 103, line 6). Sir...(see black book, p. 103, line 7—at command “Kneel”, the Knights will advance the right foot about eighteen inches and kneel on left knee.) “Un” (see black book, p. 103, line 8—take the chapeau by the front piece with the left hand) “cover” (raise the chapeau from the head and place it on the right shoulder). “Dep” (on command “chapeau” place the chapeau to the left of the right foot, feathers to the left, peak pointing toward the body). “Int...” (see black book, p. 103, line 9—The Knights of both Divisions extend arms in front of body; palms forward, fingers open and extended upward. The Knights of the First Division will cross their arms, right over left, and interlace their fingers with those of the Second Division.)

E. C.—(see black book, p. 103, line 10) Sir Knights... (The Knights of the First Division will pronounce the word E... The Knights of the Second Division will cross their arms; fingers still interlaced, and give the Response G-w-u. First Division will return to CROSS ARMS and keep fingers interlaced until after the command (see black book, p. 103, line 14)—Sir Knights:-Secure (at command “Secure” drop hands to sides. At command “chapeau”, grasp the visor of the chapeau with the left hand and place it on the right shoulder. At the command “Recover” place the chapeau on the head and drop the hand. At the command “Arise” all rise, bringing the right foot back in line. Both Generalissimo and Captain General return to their stations and remain standing.)

[If the Sir Knights are not able to kneel, the E. C. still gives the commands “Kneel” (the Knights will advance the right foot about eighteen inches). “Un” (take the chapeau by the front piece with the left hand) “cover” (raise the

chapeau from the head and place it on the right shoulder). "Dep." (on command "chapeau" place the chapeau to the left of the right foot, feathers to the left, peak pointing toward the body.) "Int..." (The Knights of both Divisions extend arms in front of body; palms forward, fingers open and extended upward. The Knights of the First Division will cross their arms, right over left, and interlace their fingers with those of the Second Division.) (See black book, p. 103, line 10) Sir Knights... (The Knights of the First Division will pronounce the word E... The Knights of the Second Division will cross their arms; fingers still interlaced, and give the Response G-w-u. First Division will return to CROSS ARMS and keep fingers interlaced until after the command (see black book, p. 103, line 14)—Sir Knights:-Secure (at command "Secure" drop hands to sides. At command "chapeau", grasp the visor of the chapeau with the left hand and place it on the right shoulder. At the command "Recover" place the chapeau on the head and drop the hand. At the Command "Arise", all bring the right foot back in line. Both Generalissimo and Captain General return to their stations and remain standing.]

E. C.—S.K.C.G.... (C.G. takes one step forward, draws sword, executes ½ RIGHT FACE, salutes and remains at Officer Salute), (see black book, p. 104, line 1) (See Plate 4.) (C. G. comes to a Carry, executes ½ LEFT FACE and commands)

C. G.—SIR KNIGHTS: DRAW SWORDS! (Includes Standard Bearer and Sword Bearer)

C. G.—SIR KNIGHTS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS, (Senior and Junior)

4. **PAGE 29, LINE 18** – Insert the word "Escort" so that the command will be "ONE FILE, ESCORT, RIGHT FACE!"

5. **PAGE 30** – Delete the last portion of line 26 and all of lines 27-31 and replace with the following wording:

At the command "**PRESENT SWORDS**" the E. C. momentarily raises his chapeau in respect to the Grand Standard (Beauceant)" and with his eyes upon the Standard marches in front of the Standard Guard until just past the Beauceant and approaches the East between the lines uncovered (followed by the Generalissimo and then the Prelate.) Generalissimo and Prelate DO NOT UNCOVER. The E. C. recovers immediately after passing through the lines.

6. **PAGE 36** – Replace the entire page with the following:

(Left hand upon the right shoulder of the same Sir Knight he is communicating with.)

E.C.—COMMUNICATE. (Done.) (Note: The Second Division communicates the P.P. Word and the First Division responds.)

E.C.—(see black book, p. 103, line 5)—Carry...(At command "CARRY", each Sir Knight will drop his left hand to his side and move his left foot straight back to one pace behind right foot. At command "SWORD", each Sir Knight will simultaneously move his right foot back and place it beside his left foot and come to a Carry.)

E.C.—(see black book, p. 103, line 5)—Return (the E.C. will wait until the Standard Bearer positions the Beauceant in its holder), Swords! (The Standard Bearer returns the Beauceant to its holder; does not DRAW SWORD.)

E.C.—(see black book, p. 103, line 6)—First...after the word "First" insert "Sir"... (see black book, p. 103, line 7)—(at command "KNEEL", the Knights will advance the right foot about eighteen inches and kneel on left knee). "Un" (see black book, p. 103, line 8)—take the chapeau by the front piece with the left hand "Cover" (raise the chapeau from the head and place it on the right shoulder). "Dep..."—on command "chapeau" place the chapeau to the left of the right foot,

feathers to the left, peak pointing toward the body.) E.C.—“Int...”—The Knights extend arms in front of body, palms forward, fingers open and extended upward. The Knights of the First Division will cross their arms, right over left, and interlace their fingers with those of the Second Division.) (See black book, p. 103, line 10) E.C.—SIR... The Knights of the First Division will pronounce the Word E... The Knights of the Second Division will cross their arms; fingers still interlaced and give the Response G-w-u. First Division will return to CROSS ARMS and keep fingers interlaced until after the command (see black book, p. 103, line 14) E.C.—Sir Knights, Sec... (See black book, p. 103, line 14)—at command “secure”, drop hands to sides. At command “chapeau”, grasp visor of the chapeau with the left hand and place it on the right shoulder. At the command “Recover”, place the chapeau on the head and drop the hand. At the command “Arise” all rise and bring right foot back in line. Generalissimo and Captain General return to their stations and remain standing.)

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E. C.—(see black book, p. 104, line 1) (C. G. takes one step forward)

7. PAGE 46, LINE 18 – Insert the word “ESCORT” so that the command will be “ONE FILE, ESCORT, RIGHT, FACE!”

8. PAGE 49 – Replace the entire page with the following:
 “GIVE CUTS” with Swords still touching, each Sir Knight will advance one regular step with his left foot placing it beside the left foot of the Sir Knight he is communicating with and simultaneously each Sir Knight will place his left hand upon the right shoulder of the same Sir Knight he is communicating with.)
E.C.—COMMUNICATE. (Done.) (Note: The Second Division communicates the P.P. Word and the First Division responds.)
E.C.—(see black book, p. 103, line 5)—Carry... (At command “CARRY”, each Sir Knight will drop his left hand to his side and move his left foot straight back to one pace behind right foot. At command “SWORD”, each Sir Knight will simultaneously move his right foot back and place it beside his left foot and come to a Carry.)
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Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted: Robert L. “Sonny” Head, EG Sword Bearer, Custodian of the South; Tommy T. Marshall, EG Warder; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, PREGC; and Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION RETURNS

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia: This Committee has reviewed the Annual Inspection Returns for 32 of the 33 Commanderies in Georgia for the Templar Year 2016-2017. Mt. Calvary #28 was not required to undergo an Inspection this year since they did not receive their Charter until January 21st. We submit the following report:

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Past Commanders	8
Grand Line Officers	16
Past Grand Commanders	6
R. E. Grand Commander	2

FULL FORM OPENINGS: The number of full form openings was 272.

ATTENDANCE: The average attendance at Conclaves was 12.

DUES STATUS: Reports show 224 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears with dues for two years were 94 and in arrears for three years were 16.

Number of Commanderies	Amount charged for the orders
1	\$200.00
1	\$162.00
3	\$150.00
1	\$140.00
2	\$135.00
5	\$130.00
1	\$128.00
1	\$127.00
3	\$125.00
1	\$121.00
1	\$120.00
1	\$115.00
1	\$110.00
5	\$100.00
2	\$95.00
1	\$90.00
2	No Report

CASH: The total reported cash in treasuries was \$320,120.00.

The general condition for each Commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91) 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 19, 21, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 41, 45

Very Good: (90-81) 1, 11, 12, 17, 22, 38, 40, 42

Good: (80-71) 15

Fair: (70-0) 14

Respectfully Submitted: William F Shepard (21), Chairman; Mark A Bradley (31); and Timothy Ingram (41)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Doyle R. Hatfield, appointed Tellers and the Election was held and resulted in the following Officers being elected:

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

APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: Doyle R. Hatfield, Eminent Grand Orator; Isaiah T. Hardin, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Raymond G. Laird, Eminent Grand Sentinel; David B. Williams, Jr., Eminent Grand Adjutant; and Mark A. Collins, Aide de Camp.

2017-2018 STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Timothy K. Starling
Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Eulan R. Wheeler; Timothy K. Starling
Jurisprudence: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Joseph R. Bush; Michael H. Wilson; James B. Phillips
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Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips
Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., Inc. & MSM, Inc.) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens; Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.
Relief: Charles R. Beasley; Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Brandon S. Yarbrough; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith
KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; Charles R. Beasley; Steve A. Kirk
Patriotic & Civic: Steve A. Kirk, Chair; Mark S. Johnson; Carl J. Gamel

2017-2018 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; James E. Stevens; Johnie M. Garmon
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Ronald F. Keel; Robert C. Lord
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Easter Sunrise Service: Lawrence M. Rich, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
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Membership: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel
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Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II
Web Master: Kevin L. Hyde, Chair; Benjamin W. Polston, II; J. Chris Brown
Foreign Correspondence: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair
Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Earnest A. McCorkle; William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Perry
Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Doyle R. Hatfield

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

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

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Doyle Hatfield, Chair; William F. Shepard

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

INSTALLATION

The newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Sir Knight Joe E. Turner, REGC (Honorary), with assistance from Sir Knight Michael H. Wilson, Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Benjamin W. Polston, II, Grand Prelate. After the installation and on behalf of the Grand Line Officers, the VEDGC, Steve A. Kirk, pledged his support to the Grand Commander in the cause of promoting Templary.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 158th Annual Conclave will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in Macon.

TIME OF NEXT GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

The 68th Triennial will be held in Indianapolis In., August 18-22, 2018

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 157th Annual Conclave be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Eminent Sir Knight Drewey W. Hendry, Sr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia until the next Annual Conclave.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Grand Recorder



Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.
Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Drewey W.

Hendry, Sr.

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1 **for the Templar Year of 2017-2018**

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

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

GREETINGS:

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That during the 2017-2018 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall be grouped into three Divisions each with the First Corps containing Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

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

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

Division One: The Grand Warder

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer – Sir Knight Tommy T. Marshall

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer – Sir Knight Robert L. Head, Jr.

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden – Sir Knight Carl J. Gamel

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden – Sir Knight Mark S. Johnson

Division Six: The Grand Captain General – Sir Knight Brandon S. Yarbrough

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

Divisions as follows:

FIRST CORPS	Steve A. Kirk (41)	770-893-7227	sandskirk@ellijay.com
First Division	Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	706-644-3397	ditmarc47@aol.com
Division Officers:	Bruce D. Mann (17)	229-246-3046	bmanncpa@yahoo.com
	Timothy E. Crimmins (5)	229-881-2495	tiedcrm@gmail.com

St. Paul No. 5 (Albany) Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville)

Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge) Mt. Calvary No. 28 (Moultrie)

Second Division	Tommy T. Marshall (36)	912-282-4493	tmarshall@btconline.net
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Division Officers: James D Reese (7) 912-659-4265 *No Email Address*

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

Palestine No. 7 (Savannah) Malta No. 16 (Valdosta) St. Elmo No. 26 (Brunswick) Waycross No. 36

(Waycross) Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)

Third Division	Robert L. Head, Jr. (11)	706-905-7730	sonnyxone@gmail.com
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Division Officers: Jerry H. Purvis (43) 770-468-1073 jhp1861@gmail.com

Richard D. Brogdon (3) 706-587-1601 fortbenninglodge@bellsouth.net

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

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

SECOND CORPS	Steve A. Kirk (41)	770-893-7227	sandskirk@ellijay.com
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Fourth Division	Carl J. Gamel (40)	404-435-6754	carlgamel@gmail.com
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Division Officers: Jan M. Giddens (26) 678-232-4115 giddensj@comcast.net

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

Gary A. Palmer (4) 404-326-9675 garyapalmer40@gmail.com

Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park) Constantine No. 26 (Marietta)

Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta) Griffin No. 35 (Griffin) Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville)

DeKalb No. 38 (Decatur) Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy) Tancred No. 11 (Newnan)

Fifth Division	Mark S. Johnson (22)	770-306-8708	mjfayetteville@aol.com
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Division Officers: William T. White (37) 478-997-1011 whiteyinga@gmail.com

Brittney T. Massey (41) 706-253-2694 btmassey@forsythco.com

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	Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	404-473-1872	byarbrough26@gmail.com
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Division Officers: Joseph R. Bush (31) 628-308-0344 joebush1207@gmail.com

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

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 will Command,

Assist, and supervise their respective Divisions.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Division Commanders shall (1) Maintain direct communication with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Corps Commander and the Eminent Grand Recorder's Office with respect to each Commandery in his Division, as to ritual, opening, tactics, armory, regalia, programs, and/or any special 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 to do so.

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

INSPECTIONS

All Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2018. It is the duty and obligation of each Grand Inspecting Officer to be fair, objective, and impartial in inspecting a Commandery.

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

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

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 fundraisers 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.

FUNDRAISERS

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

FESTIVALS

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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 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, never let me forget that I am your servant. The greatest servant gives his best to the one he serves. I want to express the gratitude and appreciation 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 Atlanta Commandery Number 9 for allowing me to join their ranks of Knighthood and for St. Bernard Commandery Number 25 for supporting me during the past several years. I solicit each of your prayers, council, guidance and recommendations throughout this Templar Year.

11) But he that is the greatest among you shall be your servant; 12) And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted (Matthew 23:11-12)

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 this 1st day of May, 2017.

Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTEST:
Wade C. Smith
Eminent Grand Recorder

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

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

YEAR	NAME
*1992	J. Walter Cowart (7)
*1993	John S. Perry (4)
1994	A. Wayne Norton (33)
*1995	Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
*1996	Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
1997	Gary D. Lemmons (19)
*1998	Bobby L. Massey (41)
*1999	Otis Medley (2)
*2000	Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
2001	Wallace D. Mays (5)
2001	Robert L. Gill (36)
2002	Austin E. Pearce (21)
*2003	James E. Miller (3)
*2004	Carl W. Dohn (2) **
2005	Emory L. Morris (29)
2006	*R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
2007	Craig A. Haggas (3)
2008	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2009	John T. Holt (9)
2010	James T. Farmer (35)
2011	Robert W. Tidwell (4)
2012	Mark S. Johnson (35)
2013	Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
2014	Mark A. Bradley (22)
2015	William F. Shepard (21)
2016	James W. Tate (3)
2017	John I. Haggas (3)

* Indicates death ** Indicates expelled

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

12-1-92 James E. Moseley (35)
 *4-2-93 James W. Coward (7)
 *4-2-93 Wilford H. Hall (19)
 *4-2-93 Willie P. Hammond (35)
 *4-2-93 William M. Hutcheson (4)
 *4-2-93 James W. Register (3)
 *4-2-92 William M. Roach, Sr. (21)
 4-2-93 Joseph P. Suttles (4)
 *4-27-93 Ted H. Hendon (9)
 *4-27-93 Lee D. Holcomb (40)
 *4-27-93 Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)
 *4-27-93 John S. Perry (4)
 4-27-93 James E. Underwood (4)
 7-20-93 Clyde E. Griffin (7)
 *7-20-93 C. Johnson, Jr. (20)

*7-20-93 James E. Miller (3)
 *7-20-93 Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)
 *7-20-93 Emmett A. Rogers (12)
 *7-20-93 Hugh L. Smith (24)
 1-26-95 Clarence E. Horne (4)
 *1-26-95 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 *1-26-95 Raymond E. Keen (27)
 1-26-95 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 1-26-95 Dannie L. Reed (35)
 10-13-95 Billy F. Adams (8)
 *10-13-95 Joseph C. Billingsley (2)
 *10-13-95 Jack Cluck (1)
 10-13-95 Edward Helton (15)
 *10-13-95 Roy H. Homans (21)
 *10-13-95 Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)
 *10-13-95 Charles R. Maffett (3)

- 10-13-95 William D. Miles (9)
 *10-13-95 Lloyd C. Odom (10)
 *10-13-95 Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)
 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. Stonecypther (33)
 5-1-00 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *2-6-03 Eli A. Stafford (7)
 2-6-03 Paul E. Wells (3)
 5-2-04 Freddie R. Jackson (2)
 5-2-04 James E. Jennings, Jr. (19)
 *5-1-05 Jack L. Hepner (7)
- 5-1-05 James T. Ingram (41)
 *4-30-06 Ernest A. Forthman (24)
 4-30-06 Ruben Martinez (4)
 5-6-07 Alfred J. Clark (14)
 5-6-07 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 5-4-08 Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)
 5-4-08 Robert L. Gill (36)
 5-4-08 Joe E. Turner (35)
 5-6-08 Andre E. Lovas (11)
 *5-6-09 Phillip H. Floyd (31)
 5-6-09 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
 *5-6-09 Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)
 5-6-09 Emmett R. Johns (2)
 5-4-10 Terry L. Hensley (19)
 5-4-10 James E. Stevens (21)
 5-1-11 Charles M. Ellis (29)
 5-1-11 William F. Shepard (21)
 5-1-11 John A. Wages (25)
 5-3-12 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 5-3-12 Wade C. Smith, Sr. (37)
 5-5-13 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 5-5-13 Steve A. Kirk (41)
 5-4-14 Story A. Tate (31)
 5-4-14 Ernest A. McCorkle (7)
 5-1-15 Leonard A. Davis (11)
 5-1-15 John A. Minnick (02)
 5-1-16 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 5-1-16 Charles R. Beasley (04)
 5-1-16 Robert L. Head, Jr. (03)
 4-30-17 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 4-30-17 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
 4-30-17 Bruce D. Mann (17)
 4-30-17 Wallace D. Mays (5)

*Indicates death

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *2001 Mrs. Mollie S. Moseley | 2010 Mrs. Fae Suttles |
| 2001 Mrs. Frances Dohn | 2012 Mrs. Barbara Townsend |
| *2002 Mrs. Mildred Spradley | 2014 Mrs. Judy Griffin |
| *2004 Mrs. Loyce Price | 2016 Mrs. Terry Westbrook |
| *2006 Dr. Fleetwood Maddox | 2016 Mrs. Helen Leinbaugh |
| 2008 Mrs. Rebecca Taylor | 2016 Mrs. Gay Bradley |
| 2008 Mrs. Nora Wells | |

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS
 MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017**

The Fifteenth 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:

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| Paul E. Wells (03) | Knight Crusader of the East |
| Carl J. Gamel (40) Pro Tem | 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, 11 (25) Knight Crusader of the Temple
 Wade C. Smith (37) Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7) 2004 Edward Helton (15)
 2007 Joe E. Turner (35) 2008 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 2009 William D. Miles (16) 2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
 2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12) 2012 Lanier S. Dasher (38)
 2013 Doyle R. Hatfield (3) 2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2015 C. Danny Wofford (31) 2016 Paul E. Wells (3)
 2017 Charles R. Beasley (4)

CONFERRAL TEAM

Floyd E. Edmondson (37) Knight Crusader of the East
 Mark A. Bradley (31) Knight Crusader of the West
 Mark S. Johnson (22) Knight Crusader of the South
 Jan M. Giddens (04) Knight Crusader of the North
 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25) Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
 Doyle R. Hatfield (03) Knight Crusader of the Asylum
 Ryan A. Nealey (09) Knight Crusader of the Temple

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

CANDIDATES

Robert L. Hall (26) R. Scott Pless (3)
 Carl J. Ward (40) Franklin P. Hollard (3)
 Timothy K. Starling (3) Andrew D. Bass (28)
 Tyler W. Pledger (29) Charles W. Lane (22)

2017-2018 OFFICERS

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

Charles R. Beasley (04) Knight Crusader of the East
 Mark S. Johnson (22) Knight Crusader of the West
 James E. Stevens (21) Knight Crusader of the South
 Mark A. Bradley (31) Knight Crusader of the North
 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25) Knight Crusader of the Asylum
 Carl J. Gamel (40) Knight Crusader of the Temple
 Wade C. Smith (37) Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder

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

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

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1860-67	William T. Gould (G01)	7/18/1882	1887	Charles T. Watson (4)	05/09/1913
1868-69	Thomas W. Chandler (4)	5/11/1890	1888	James L. Fleming (1)	12/12/1926
1870-71	George S. Obeart (2)	12/23/1888	1889-90	Azariah G. Howard (4)	01/26/1893
1872	Allen S. Cutts (5)	3/17/1896	1891	Richard J. Nunn (7)	06/29/1910
1873	William H. Tuller (4)	11/26/1880	1892	George W. McElhaneay (3)	09/15/1893
1874	Samuel P. Hamilton (7)	06/21/1899	1893	Washington P. Baldwin (2)	12/13/1919
1875	George T. Anderson (4)	04/04/1901	1894	Alsop P. Woodward (4)	03/17/1915
1876	Thomas Hardeman, Jr. (2)	03/07/1891	1895	Joseph K. Orr, Sr. (3)	09/18/1938
1877-78	William J. Pollard (1)	06/08/1899	1896	William H. Fleming (1)	06/09/1944
1879	Charles R. Armstrong (2)	11/01/1893	1897	Charles M. Wiley (2)	02/25/1927
1880	William D. Luckie (4)	04/23/1885	1898	Almeron W. Walton (8)	10/28/1929
1881-82	William S. Rockwell (7)	09/20/1909	1899	Julius L. Brown (4)	09/04/1910
1883-84	William B. Young (1)	11/12/1916	1900	Thomas E. Fletcher, Sr. (6)	01/07/1925
1885-86	Thomas Ballantyne(7)	04/24/1903	1901	Ernest A. Cutts (7)	03/02/1927

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

*Indicates Suspension

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R.E. Grand Recorder

R.E. S.E. Department Commander

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Leinbaugh

Louisiana: John L. Belanger / James B. Phillips

Maine: Kenneth L. Dorman / J. Timothy Ingram

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Nevada: James F. W. Clark / Brandon S.

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PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

1. Georgia: No Representation

2. St. Omer: Emmett R. Johns; Robert C. Lord;

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Timothy K. Starling; Paul E. Wells

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Clark; James T. House; Ruben Martinez; Gary

A. Palmer

5. St. Paul: Marvin B. Bannister; Ronald F.

Keel

7. Palestine: Roger W. Coursey; Joey E.

Jackson; Bruce H. McNall; James D. Reese;

Ronald Wolbert

8. Rome: William E. Cantrell

9. Atlanta: Ryan C. Nealey; Glenn R. Weber

10. Ivanhoe: No Representation

11. Tancred: Leonard A. Davis; Andre E.

Lovas

12. Plantagenet: No Representation

14. Godfrey de Bouillon: No Representation

15. Pilgrim: Wayne H. Garrett; Carl E.

Puchstein

16. Malta: No Representation

17. Crusader: Bruce D. Mann

19. St. John's: William G. Economy; James E.

Jennings; Gary D. Lemmons; Leon S. Lewis

21. St. Elmo: William F. Shepard; Charles E.

Taylor

22. Alexius: Raforad J. Chambers; Larry T.

Croy; Andrew D. Rodgers

25. St. Bernard: James R. Hazelwood; William

M. Jones; Raymond G. Laird; Benjamin W.

Polston; Michael H. Wilson; Robert D. Wing;

David Johnson

26. Constantine: James W. Bard; Edward V.

Massaro; Dana E. Schwarz

29. Charles Martel: No Representation

30. Bethlehem: No Representation

31. Arnold de Troye: Mark A. Bradley;

Thomas R. Conn; Lawrence M. Rich; Eulan R.

Wheeler; C. Danny Wofford; Judd J. Wolfe

33. Philemon: Owen E. Nolte; James W.

Patterson

35. Griffin: Wayne L. Burkett; Isaiah T. Hardin;

Neil C. Maddock

36. Waycross: C. Hendry Howard; Nikkie W.

Jordan

37. Blue Ridge Mountain: William W. Grist;

Edgar M. Land; Morris M. Parks; William T.

White

38. DeKalb: Joe R. Anthony; Lanier S. Dasher

40. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel; Emmet R.

McCall; Larry D. Pattillo; Carl J. Ward

41. Amicalola: Larry C. Bennett; Stephen C.

Higgins; Alfred A. Lincoln

42. Coastal Plain: John H. Johnson

45. St. Peter: David B. Williams; Gordon

Ruthruff

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 1, 2017
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**WILLIAM FRANKLIN SHEPARD
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2016-2017**

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 tech with the United States Postal Service, where he has worked for the past twenty six years. He married the former Cheryle Ann Rhymes in 1977. They have one son Brett, two grandsons, and two adopted grandsons. Bill and Cheryle are both of the Baptist faith.

MASONIC

Companion Shepard was raised in Brunswick Lodge No. 717 on November 18, 1999. He served 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 was Exalted in Brunswick Chapter No. 66 Royal Arch Masons in 2000. He served as High Priest of his Chapter as well as the Eleventh Royal Arch District Convention. He received the Order of High Priesthood and now serves as Excellent Master of Ceremonies 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 Deputy Master. He is a recipient of the Ish Sodi award. He has received the Order of the Silver Trowel and is currently serving as the Thrice Illustrious Chaplain. He was Knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 21 in 2000 and served as Commander and received the Knight Crusader of the Cross Award. 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 Master of Ceremonies in the Lodge of Perfection. He was 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 Deputy Prior. He is a member of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests of the Upper Room Tabernacle #XLV and is serving as the Sixth Pillar. He is a member of Oglethorpe Conclave Red Cross of Constantine in Savannah and serving as Puissant Sovereign. He is a member of Crowned Martyrs Council #120 Knight Masons, of Oglethorpe Chapel # 21 St. Thomas of Acon and Tall Cedars of Lebanon Savannah Forest #217. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Savannah Council # 328 Allied Masonic Degrees, 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-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 1:00 PM, Monday, May 1, 2017, 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.

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
Richard J. Corwin, Jr.	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner	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
John H. Johnson	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
James E. Stevens	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 Fifth Annual Convocation duly convened. All Past Grand High Priests of Georgia were asked to retire for introductions. The MEPGHPs were introduced by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Joe E. Turner.

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests were then requested to retire to be introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner:

1978 H. Grady Keith (27) *	2008 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)
1979 J. Benny Allen (64) *	2009 Wade C. Smith (24)
1986 Steven V. Carter (90) *	2009 C. Danny Wofford (84) (Hon)
1988 William E. Cantrell (144) *	2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
1994 Ruben Martinez (75)	2011 William L. Montgomery (73) *
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80) (Hon)
1998 Leon S. Lee, III (15) *	2012 James C. Bentley, Jr. (131) (Hon)
1999 Joseph P. Suttles (37) (Hon) *	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2001 William D. Miles (16) *	2015 William F. Shepard (66)
2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01) *	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
2004 Emmett R. Johns (04)	2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
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
Richard J. Corwin (66)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	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
John H. Johnson (47)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
James E. Stevens (66)	Excellent Grand Sentinel

GRAND CHAPTER 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		

2016-2017 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Assistant Custodians: 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 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, Jr., Chair; Reverend 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

Royal Arch Research Assistance: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; John H. Johnson

Building Trustees: Emmett R. Johns, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Robert L. Gill;

Paul E. Wells; Michael H. Wilson

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

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

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

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

Perpetual Membership: Michael H. Wilson, (3), Chair; Jan M. Giddens, (2);

Larry W. Nichols, (1)

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; Andrew D. Bass, Vice Chair;

Floyd E. Edmondson; Robert L. Head, Jr.; Wade C. Smith

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: No Representation

K01. Keystone: No Representation

03. Georgia: Ronald E. Boatright; Roger W.

Coursey; Clyde E. Griffin; Bruce H. McNall;

James D. Reese; Ronald B. Wolbert

04. Constantine: David B. Williams

06. Temple: No Representation

07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez; John I.

Haggas; Joseph F. Oelgoetz; R. Scott Pless;

Timothy K. Starling

09. Waycross: James R. Bennett; Tommy T.

Marshall

10. Pythagoras: Wayne L. Burkett; Isaiah T.

Hardin; Brandon S. Yarbrough

11. St. John's: No Representation

13. Cherokee: James W. Bard; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Dana E. Schwarz; Jan M. Giddens; Robert L. Hall; Michael H. Sampsell; Hugh F. Watson
14. Silver Shoals: Phillip C. Faulkner; Walter D. Waddell
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: Ronald F. Keel
16. Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey; Glenn R. Weber
18. Austin: No Representation
21. Toccoa: James W. Patterson
23 J. M. Rushin: Bruce T. Fykes
24. Enotah: Johnnie M. Garmon; Wade C. Smith; William T. White
25. Oliver: No Representation
26. Rome: No Representation
27. Lakewood: Larry T. Croy; Andrew D. Rodgers; Joe E. Turner
28. Pickens: Larry C. Bennett; F. Keith Hales; Steve A. Kirk
34. Newnan: Andre E. Lovas
41. Adoniram: No Representation
47. Tifton: No Representation
48. Taylor: Judd J. Wolfe
49. Sweetwater: Joe R. Bush; Thomas R. Conn, Sr.; Jerry D. Moss; Lawrence M. Rich
50. Douglasville: Charles R. Beasley; Carl J. Gamel; Emmet R. McCall; Larry D. Pattillo
59. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson; William R. Waters
61. Kellogg: James W. Bard; Terry L. Hensley; Gary D. Lemmons
63. Mt. Moriah: Mark A. Collins; Drewey W. Hendry; Michael H. Wilson
64. Alleghaney: Wayne H. Garrett; Edward Helton; Carl E. Puchstein; Michael L. Wolcott
66. Brunswick: Richard J. Corwin; William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens; Charles E. Taylor
70. Jesup: No Representation
71. Covington: Drewey W. Hendry; Kevin L. Hyde; David O. Johnson; William M. Jones; Raymond G. Laird; Benjamin W. Polston; G. Neal Pressley; Michael H. Wilson

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

K01Keystone: No Representation
A01 Augusta: No Representation
03 Georgia: Robert A. Brooks, HP
04 Constantine: Emmett R. Johns, Proxy
06 Temple: No Representation
07 Darley: Timothy K. Staring, HP
09 Waycross: James Bennett, HP; Mathew Sanford, EK
10 Pythagoras: Franklin P. Holland, Jr., HP; Wayne Burkett, Proxy
11 St. John's: Leonard Davis, Proxy
13 Cherokee: James Mashburn, HP; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Proxy
14 Silver Shoals: Walter Waddell, Proxy
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: Marvin B. Bannister, Proxy
16 Mt. Zion: Larry W. Nichols, HP
18 Austin: Phillip P. Wyatt, Proxy
21 Toccoa: Owen E. Nolte, HP; Ronnie H. Scott, EK
23 J.M. Rushin: Bruce Fykes, Proxy
24 Enotah: William W. Grist, HP
25 Oliver: Steven E. Wooten, Proxy
26 Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr., HP
27 Lakewood: Tommy Croy
28 Pickens: David H. Whitaker, HP
34 Newnan: Andre A. Lovas, HP
41 Adoniram: No Representation
47 Tifton: Jeremy Hobbs, Proxy
48 Taylor: Judd J. Wolfe, Proxy
49 Sweetwater: Thomas R. Conn, Proxy
50 Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel, HP
59 Statesboro: Joey Jackson, Proxy
61 Kellogg: Gary Lemmons, Proxy

72. Fayetteville: Charles R. Beasley; Mark S. Johnson
73. Fort Benning: Richard D. Brogdon; Paul E. Wells
74. Roswell: No Representation
75. Forest Park: Gregory B. Foster; C. Wayne Glass; Ruben Martinez; Gary A. Palmer
77. Sardis: Joe R. Anthony; Lanier S. Dasher, Jr.; Thomas B. McCrary; Billy G. Messer
80. Wilford H. Hall: William G. Economy; Leon S. Lewis
84. Winder: Mark A. Bradley; Henry D. Clay; Steve M. Perry; Eulan R. Wheeler; C. Danny Wofford
87. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Oliver C. Grounds; Michael H. Sampsell
89. West Point: No Representation
91. Moultrie: John H. Johnson
94. Bainbridge: Bruce D. Mann
99. Chickamauga: No Representation
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel: No Representation
120. Hubert: William G. Wagner
122. Y. A. Wright: Brian J. Chambers
135. Canton: Steven G. Harris; Keith R. Taylor; David M. Wellman; Robert D. Wing
142. Dallas: Carl J. Gamel
144. Cartersville: No Representation
150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson; William W. Grist; Charles P. Nealey; Edgar Land; Morris M. Parks
154. Greensboro: No Representation
155. Mt. Horeb: Robert E. Soderstrom
160. Smyrna: Robert R. Cordle; James L. Hale; John C. Miller; Thomas L. Roberts; Lawson W. Roland
162. Alpharetta: No Representation
165. Middle Georgia: Emmett R. Johns; Bobby B. Simmons
166. Genesis: Albert N. Mimbs; Gordon B. Ruthruff

63 Mt. Moriah: Drewey W. Hendry, Sr., Proxy
64 Alleghaney: Wayne H. Garrett, Proxy
66 Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman, HP
70 Jesup: No Representation
71 Covington: Joseph C. Waters, HP; Jeffrey L. Anderson, EK
72 Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson, Proxy
73 Fort Benning: Richard D. Brogdon, Proxy
74 Roswell: No Representation
75 Forest Park: Gary Palmer, EK
77 Sardis: William I. Rodgers, HP
80 Wilford H. Hall: James E. Jennings, Jr., Proxy
84 Winder: Henry Clay, Proxy
87 Austell: Michael H. Sampsell, ES
89 West Point: Johnny L. Yates, HP
91 Moultrie: Andrew C. Bass, EK
94 Bainbridge: Bruce D. Mann, Proxy
99 Chickamauga: Tyler W. Pledger, HP
107 Valdosta: No Representation
120 Hubert: William G. Wagner, HP
122 Y.A. Wright: Neil C. Maddock, Proxy
135 Canton: Gabor Orban, Jr., HP
142 Dallas: Eric S. Tress, Proxy; Carl J. Gamel, ES
144 Cartersville: No Representation
150 Ellijay: Morris Parks, Proxy; David Alsobrook, EK
154 Greensboro: Dennis P. Helmreich, HP
155 Mt. Horeb: James T. House, HP
160 Smyrna: Robert H. Cordle, Proxy
162 Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell, Proxy
166 Genesis: Albert N. Mimbs, EK

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers of Georgia, Past Grand High Priest of Georgia, Distinguished Guests, and Companions all. It is my honor to welcome you to the One Hundred Ninety Fifth 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.

NECROLOGY

This year the Grand Architect of the Universe called home many of our beloved Companions to their eternal resting place. Our Grand Chapter family lost Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Right Excellent Grand Secretary Emeritus James E. Moseley. 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, privilege, and distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia on many occasions this year. I have traveled many miles this year to attend many meetings throughout this great state. It was indeed a pleasure for me 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; eleven District Chapter Conventions; three Council Conventions; several Commandery Inspections; Georgia Priory #39 KYCH; Scottish Rite of Savannah; AMD statewide council in Warner Robbins; Savannah Council AMD; Oglethorpe Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Herman E Freeman York Rite College; Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls; Grand Conclave Order of DeMolay; Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star; Grand Court of the Order of Amaranth; Upper Room Tabernacle KTP; and the Grand Lodge of Georgia. It was a pleasure and privilege to honor many of companions with twenty five, fifty and sixty year Royal Arch awards, to be present at numerous Royal Arch family nights, the Grand Masters York Rite Class in Macon, and numerous festivals throughout the state. I also attend many Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery meetings.

OUT OF STATE VISITS

The Southeastern York Rite Conference in Mississippi; Grand Chapter of Mississippi; Grand Chapter of Florida; Grand Chapter of Alabama; Grand Chapter of South Carolina; Grand Chapter of North Carolina; and the Annual Conclave Convent General KYCH in Houston, Texas.

DISPENSATIONS

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

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.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

It is with great pleasure to 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 bonds 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. At our last Grand Convocation it was our great pleasure to issue Moultrie Chapter #91 their charter. This year it was again my pleasure to assist in hanging the charter and installing their officers. We look for this Chapter to continue to grow and we wish them the best. We have many Chapters and Companions working hard for Royal Arch Masonry. Unfortunately some Chapters are inactive and some have turned in their charters. To those Companions that are working for Royal Arch Masonry and the York Rite we say thank you. Finally, this Grand Chapter is blessed with an exceptional group of Grand Line Officers. Their dedication and service to the Craft have been an inspiration to me during this year. With their leadership, the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia could not be brighter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the schools of instruction should continue in their current format, holding local schools at the Chapters and districts;
2. 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;
3. That all candidates are voted on in the Chapters they petition and that any voting on candidates at conventions or festivals should be avoided if at all possible;
4. That Chapters and District Royal Arch Conventions should include programs that will encourage companions to attend;
5. That Chapters should mentor their new members, give them something to do, make them feel a part of their Chapter, and encourage them to be active in their Chapter; and
6. That a Grand Masters' class be held each year, to honor the Grand Master, the Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

APPRECIATIONS

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 the Companions of this great Grand Jurisdiction, the friends I have made over the last few years—the time we spent together is priceless. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. To my Blue Lodges Brunswick #717 and Ocean #214, to my local York Rite Bodies Brunswick Chapter #66, Ballard Council #16, St. Elmo Commandery #21, and the Eleventh Royal Arch District—thank you for your support this year without your help and understanding we would not have been able to serve as we have. To Excellent

Companions Richard Corwin and Jimmy Stevens for their friendship and willingness to travel many miles across this state. I cannot say enough how much I thank you. To Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin Polston and Tammie; to Right Eminent Grand Commander Doyle Hatfield and Lynne—Cheryle and I were blessed to share this year with you. You have helped to make it very special. To Most Excellent Companion Wade Smith—I thank you for all the assistance, guidance, and words of encouragement. I cannot name all that have helped me over the year, the list is long and if I start naming them all, I would surely leave someone out. Companions from all across this state you know who you are and I thank you. To my wife Cheryle—many years ago we sat in a Cracker Barrel restaurant after a Grand York Rite Session, and out of the blue I said, “What do you think about me running for one of these Grand Lines,” expecting you to call me crazy; but to my surprise you said, “I think you should.” Thus, our journey began and you have been by my side throughout. I could not have done this without you. I love you.

May God Bless!

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS

To the Right Excellent Grand King, Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia and Guests: The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address is honored to make the following Report: We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in welcoming all guests and members to the One Hundred Ninety-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in marking the passing of so many of our Companions this year. In particular, we note that our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Right Excellent Grand Secretary James E. Moseley ascended to that Celestial Lodge above this year. He will be forever remembered and missed by all.

We note that our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has travelled many miles in and out of the state, representing Grand Chapter at Sister Grand Jurisdictions, at District Chapter Conventions, Council Conventions, Commandery Inspections, Symbolic Lodges, Scottish Rite, and other Masonic Bodies and other organizations.

We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in noting the exceptional efforts of Right Excellent Grand Scribe Stephen C. Higgins for his outstanding efforts in raising awareness for Royal Arch Research Assistance.

We join with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in noting that the state of Royal Arch Masonry is alive and well.

We too encourage local ritualistic work to be performed in individual Chapters and continue enthusiasm for festivals when necessary.

We note that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's appreciation of his Grand Line Officers, for their dedication and service to the Craft this year.

We have read the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's recommendations. We agree with them and encourage all companions to be in support.

We compliment the Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his two appointments as Grand Officers, Excellent Companion Richard J. Corwin as Chaplin, and Excellent Companion James E. Stevens as Excellent Grand Sentinel.

We thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his lovely Lady Cheryle for their outstanding contributions to Free Masonry, especially our beloved York Rite. Most Excellent Sir, we too acknowledge that the love of your life and our first Lady is your greatest supporter and cheerleader. You two are a phenomenal team and an intrinsic blessing to our Fraternity. As you lay down your working

tool, the Gavel, we are assured that this is only a short respite and that you two will very soon accept a more exalted position and continue to actively support this great Fraternity. We collectively say, "Job Well Done!"

Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP, Chairman; Clyde E Griffin, MEPGHP; James Timothy Ingram, MEPGHP

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

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

It is this Committee's sad duty to report that the High Priest of the Heavens and the Earth has called home 183 of our fellow Companions. They have laid down the working tools of life and went on to that place of wages, rest, and refreshment. We mourn their loss and pray that their loved ones be comforted by Him as only He can. While the loss of these Companions leaves a void in our Fraternity, we can't help but to cherish the memories we have of them and reflect on the contributions each made in bringing more Light to their fellow man. We honor their memories by continuing to build on the legacy that they have left for us. We hope and pray that when the time comes for us to lay down our working tools of this life and go to that place of wages, rest, and refreshment that we will once again be joined with our departed Companions. May we hear, as our departed Companion surely have, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.

Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt: 25:211, NIV)

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Eminent Grand Prelate; Richard J. Corwin, Excellent Grand Chaplain; and Kevin L. Hyde, Illustrious Grand Chaplain

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Bobby Joe Townsend

James Erwin Moseley

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 OF THE NORTH

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William F. Shepard, Grand Chapter Officers and my Companions all: First of all, I thank Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed on me and the Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. Next, I thank MEGHP William F. Shepard for appointing me to this position for the year 2016-2017. I express my grateful appreciation to Excellent Companion Robert L. "Sonny" Head, Custodian of the South, for his cooperation and support, and also to all of the Assistant Custodians who devoted their time and effort to this cause. Following the lead of MEPGHP Terry Farmer, the Chapters in the Northern Jurisdiction of Georgia were further divided and Assistant Custodians assigned to each as follows:

1. Mike Sampsell—Cartersville #144, Rome #26, Adoniram #41, Kellogg #61, Chickamauga #99, Wilford H. Hall #80, Cherokee #13, Smyrna #160, Austell #87, and Dallas #142
2. Ryan Nealey—Alpharetta #162, Roswell #74, Mt. Horeb #155, Sardis #77, Mt. Zion #16, and Douglasville #50
3. Mike Jones—Keystone #K01, Oliver #25, Covington #71, and Greensboro #154
4. Larry Bennett—Silver Shoals #14, Pickens #28, Canton #135, Ellijay #150, and Enotah #24
5. Michael Sosebee—Taylor # 48, Toccoa #21, Sweetwater # 49, Allegheny #64, and Winder #84
6. Isaiah Hardin—St. John's #11, West Point #89, Newnan #34, Fayetteville #72, Lakewood #27, Pythagoras # 10, and Y. A. Wright #122
7. Dale Cliett—Hubert #120, Augusta #A01, and Temple #6

Excellent Companion Larry Bennett held four Schools of Instruction: Canton on August 2, 2016; Ellijay on November 15, 2016; Canton on February 7, 2017; and Enotah on March 13, 2017. He covered the Opening and Closing of a Chapter, Reception of the MEGHP and Excellent District Grand Deputies, Order of Business, Reception of Petitions, Second Reading of Petitions and Balloting, and bringing a Motion to the floor. The Schools were well received. Excellent Companion Larry does an outstanding job with the Schools. The rest of the Assistant Custodians worked with their respective Chapters to help them with their Openings and Closings while continuing to maintain their heavy Masonic schedule of activities. I commend all of the Assistant Custodians for an excellent job. Excellent Companion Mike Sampsell developed a Syllabus to be used for conducting the Schools of Instruction. The Syllabus is a very valuable tool because it brings uniformity to the subjects to be covered. I believe the Schools produce the greatest benefit to Chapters when they can be held in their local bodies on their regular meeting nights. This way, the Officers and Members will be present for the instructions. It is difficult for some Companions to travel distances and meet scheduling dates when the Schools are held at a state-wide or regional location. The Assistant Custodians are a tremendous asset because by assigning the Chapters to an Assistant it provides better and more frequent access to the membership than can be achieved by only one person trying to cover all of North Georgia. I recommend the continuation of the practice of appointing a Custodian of the North and a Custodian of the South who will be responsible for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, who may in turn appoint Assistant Custodians for each body. I personally prefer an Assistant Custodian for the Chapter and Council and a separate Assistant Custodian responsible for only the Commandery. Hopefully a lot of groundwork was laid this year that will help make next year even better as the Assistant

Custodians and Chapter Members continue to work together to make our Chapters the best they can be.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for entrusting me with the care of teaching the Chapter Work this Grand York Rite Year. I have enjoyed teaching the Work to new Companions and refreshing the older Companions as well. When Most Excellent Terry Farmer implemented the system we currently use, his focus was naturally on the Chapter Work. He also instructed that we concern ourselves with the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, which we did and I believe the changes that were made two years ago have been successfully integrated into our Ritual. We will begin working on the Conferral of the Chapter Degrees next. Therefore, the Chapter is running along smoothly regarding Opening and Closing. That is not to say that we are where we want to be. However, we have made huge strides toward reaching that goal. I would like to make the following recommendations to the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

1. Continue as we have, but begin to focus on Degree Work. Perhaps only the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees this year.

In closing, I would again like to extend my thanks to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for allowing me to serve. I feel we had a good York Rite Year and I look to forward to being of service in the future, should the incoming Heads of each Body see fit to allow me to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert "Sonny" Head, KCT, Custodian of the 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.: Taylor No. 48 to change meeting dates; and Jesup No. 70 to change meeting time and dues to an unknown amount.

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.

We also note that on January 15, 2017 the Grand Secretary requested all Secretaries to send in complete copies of all their By-Laws for filing in the office. Your Committee does not believe but few have been received.

Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-Laws of Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 and Cherokee Chapter No. 13, changing the dues charged.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of St Johns Chapter No. 11. This Committee approves the submitted By-Laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 1 from twelve months to six months so that the sentence in the section will read: "When a candidate is rejected by the Chapter, his petition cannot again be received under six months."

Your Committee received revisions to the By-Laws of Mt. Zion Chapter No. 16, changing the meeting dates and the dues. This revision also included adding a New Section 5.10 on Perpetual Membership. Your Committee approved the changes of meeting dates and dues, but rejected Section 5.10 on December 21, 2016.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of Alleghaney Chapter No. 64. Your Committee approves the submitted revision of the By-Laws.

Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-Laws of Wilford H. Hall No. 80 to change the fees and dues.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of West Point Chapter No. 89. Your Committee approves the submitted By-Laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 1 from twelve months to six months so that the sentence in the section will read: "When a candidate is rejected by the Chapter, his petition cannot again be received under six months."

Your Committee notes that the Charter of Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165 in Cochran was surrendered on June 1, 2016. The Members were all consolidated into Genesis Chapter No. 166 at Warner Robins or Georgia Chapter No. 3 at Savannah, depending on which was closer and whether they belonged to the Council or Commandery in Cochran or Savannah. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Members into either Warner Robins or Savannah.

Your Committee notes that Camden Chapter No. 121 in St. Mary's was consolidated with Brunswick No. 66 on October 1, 2016. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Members into Brunswick.

Your Committee notes that Trion Chapter No. 19 at Trion was consolidated with Rome Chapter No. 26 on December 6, 2016. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Members into Rome.

Your Committee notes that Cairo Chapter No. 163 at Cairo was consolidated with J. M. Rushin Chapter No. 23 on February 1, 2017. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Members into Thomasville.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter Charters.

Respectfully submitted on May 1, 2017: Joe E. Turner, PHP (27), Chairman; 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 2016-2017.

I would like to thank MEGHP William Shepard for appointing me as Chairman of this Committee and giving me the opportunity to work with such a hardworking and devoted Companion as John Henry Johnson, EG Master 2nd Veil. 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 used. The last three years we have issued challenges to the conventions and they have excelled each year. The challenge next year will be for each Chapter to donate at least one dollar per member. Once again, Georgia had an outstanding year. I know of at least eight Chapters that were 100% in giving 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 \$4,000.00. The Ninth District once again gave the largest district donation of \$1,300.00. A great 'Thank You' goes out to all who gave. This year, from April 15, 2015 through April 15, 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 15, 2017 through April 14, 2018.

Dr. Musiek is still operating from the University of Arizona and will receive \$60,000.00 this year. Hearing Health Foundation is awarded a \$120,000.00 grant and gives to four doctors \$30,000 each for CAPD research. Autism Speaks receives a grant of \$100,000.00 for their Toddler Treatment Program. This involves the testing of infants from 12 to 36 months for both Autism and for CAPD.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins (135), REGS, Chairman; John H. Johnson (47), Grand Master of the 2nd Veil

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The 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 based on a recommendation of the Grand Secretary. The newly reprinted Code would contain all of the legislation adopted since 2014, and it is our recommendation that the 'Forms' section be deleted. All forms used by Secretaries and Companions are on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size. The forms in the Code book are very small and difficult to copy when needed.

Respectfully submitted on May 2, 2017: Joe E. Turner, PHP (27), Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey, PHP (16); Michael H. Sampsel (87)

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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

Recommendations and Comments:

1. That Blue Lodge Ambassadors be appointed to cover each Masonic District in Georgia. The duties of said Ambassadors will be to provide educational information concerning York Rite Masonic membership and its opportunities for "more light." Worshipful Masters are constantly seeking programs for their communications and if requested, the Ambassadors should provide an interesting and informative program on York Rite Masonry. The PowerPoint presentation is highly recommended for this purpose.
2. That each Grand Chapter member appoint a historian to write a historical update for Volume V of the History of Royal Arch Masonry that the General Grand Chapter is in the process of writing. The update should include guidelines prepared by Most Excellent Companion George Marshall of Alabama who will be compiling the updated history. Most Excellent Companion Joe E. Turner has been appointed to serve as Georgia's Grand Historian. Most Excellent Companion Danny Wofford, General Grand Librarian, has been appointed as coordinator for all histories submitted. Unfortunately, not much progress has been made on the project throughout the General Grand Chapter.
3. That each Chapter have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Companions. We need to do more than open, read the minutes, and close.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Shepard.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PHP (84), Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons, PHP (61); Joe E. Turner, PHP (10)

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Recommendations and Comments:

1. That the Grand Chapter continue formulation of plans to become financially sound rebuilding investment funds, which have been depleted largely over the years. Fundraisers with a portion going to our charitable efforts should continue each year. Per Capita increases over the next few years will ensure a balanced budget each year.
2. That the constituent Chapters also endeavor to secure a sound financial footing. Many Chapters are struggling with minimal finances. Many think that Masonry has been far too cheap for too many years compared to other organizations.
3. That at some point an elevator be installed in the Grand Chapter building. Many of our members find it difficult to climb the stairs when attending our Sessions. We need to make the experience of attending our Sessions as comfortable as possible especially for those with health problems.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William F. Shepard.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PHP (84), Chairman; Clyde E. Griffin, PHP (3); Joe E. Turner, PHP (27)

JOHN S. PERRY TROPHY PRESENTED

MEGHP William F. Shepard presented the John S. Perry Trophy to Ellijay Chapter Number 150. This trophy is presented annually to the Chapter that best meets the goals of the program established by the MEGHP.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mark A. Bradley, Grand High Priest Elect, announced the following appointments: Hendry D. Clay, Jr. (84), Sentinel; Robert W. Tidwell (155), Photographer; Phillip C. Faulkner (14), Organist; Eulan R. Wheeler (84), Chap.

2017 – 2018 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Timothy K. Starling; NW: Ryan C. Nealey

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

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

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

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

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

James E. Stevens

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GM Y. R. Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Assistant Chair

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Robert R. Cordle, Chair; John H. Johnson; Doyle R. Hatfield

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Elect, Mark A. Bradley, and the other newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by M.E. Grand Companion C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP, assisted by ME Grand Companion Wayne H. Garrett, MEPGHP, Grand Captain of the Host, and Excellent Companion Jan A. Giddens, MEPGHP, serving as Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 195th Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 196th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia will be held in the Grand Chapter Building, in the City of Macon on Monday, May 7, 2018. The Grand Chapter Officers will open at 7:30 AM.

TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL

The 71st Triennial of General Grand 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 Mark A. Bradley, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared the 195th 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 Eulan R. Wheeler.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
REG Secretary



Mark A. Bradley
MEG High Priest

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017**

The One Hundred Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Order of High Priesthood, of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on April 22, 2017 with the elected and appointed Officers in their respective stations:

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

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith	2003 F. Lamar Pearson, Jr
1978 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2006 Edmond H. Shaw
1986 C. Brantley Morgan	2007 William L. Montgomery
1988 Joseph P. Suttles	2009 J. Timothy Ingram
1989 Thomas L. Reese, II	2010 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.
1990 William E. Cantrell	2011 Emmett R. Johns
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)	2012 Wade C. Smith
1996 Andre E. Lovas	2014 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2015 Michael R. Sosebee
1998 C. Danny Wofford	2016 Mark A. Bradley
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	2017 Michael H. Wilson

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

For the thirtieth year in a row, Past Excellent President C. Danny Wofford led his team in conferring the Order in the most proficient and impressive manner. After the conferral and installation, Excellent Companion C. Danny Wofford announced that he would be stepping down and that this would be his last conferral. Your Scribe would bet that every Companion in the Temple at that time had been anointed by our Past Excellent President. We applaud you for your many years of dedication to this Order, and we hope and pray that you will continue to be present to watch your successors perform.

CANDIDATES

Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Tyler W. Pledger (99)
Charles W. Albert (160)	Franklin P. Holland (10)
Jefferson C. McElheney, Jr. (122)	James G. Mashburn (13)
Joseph S. Rainey (6)	Baron L. Conklin (73)

2017-2018 OFFICERS

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

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

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

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith	Edward C. Barclay
Excellent Recorder	Excellent President

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

*2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24)	2015 Wade C. Smith (24), Asst. Custodian
2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)	2015 Edward Helton (64)
2016 C. Danny Wofford (84), Custodian	2016 Wayne H Garrett (64)
2017 Robert L. Gill (9)	2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155)

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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

* Indicates Death

** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dimit

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

2010 Josie Bentley	2012 Marilyn Yeary	2014 Nora Wells
2010 Loyce Price	2012 Ruth Wellman	2015 Brenda Gill
2010 Margaret Lovas	2013 Ericak Matheny	2015 Carol McDonald
2010 Pat Smith	2013 Glenda Porter	2015 Jane Wilson
2010 Rebecca Taylor	2014 Barbara Bozeman	2015 Joan Head
2012 Anna Montgomery	2014 Fae Suttles	2015 Sharon Bailey
2012 Cheryl Shepherd	2014 Judy Griffin	2015 Sheila Hensley
2012 Halli Stevens	2014 Lily Stafford	2015 Susan Pope
2012 Jana Watson	2014 Liz Miller	2015 Tammie Polston

2016 Barbara Edmondson	2016 Laine Bolton	2017 Emmie Sampsell
2016 Buffi Peacock	2017 Eva Garmon	2017 Lynne Hatfield
2016 Debbie Lemmons	2017 Marla Horton	2017 Karen Johnson
2016 Helen Leinbaugh	2017 Gay Bradley	2017 Cheryl Turner

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

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

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIRST
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
TUESDAY
MAY 2, 2017
A. DEP. 3017**



BENJAMIN WESLEY POLSTON, II
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2016 – 2017

BENJAMIN WESLEY POLSTON, II
PERSONAL

Benjamin Wesley Polston, II was born August 1, 1962 to Wes and Joy Polston in Dothan, Alabama, but he was raised in Marianna, Florida, which is located on the panhandle. His family owned a farm and cattle ranch. He was active in Boy Scouts, JROTC, and FFA.

Companion Polston is married to Tammie Steadham Polston, and they have four children, Dana, Leigh, Makenzie, and Grant. They also have two sons-in-law, Daniel Reddock and Kevin Skinner. Ben and Tammie have four grandchildren, Makinley, Bronlin, McKenzie, and Penelope.

Companion Polston graduated from Chipola Junior College with an Associate of Arts and completed his college education at Florida State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Economics with a minor in Risk Management. He is very fortunate and blessed to be in his thirty-second year of employment with Standard Motor Products, Inc. as the Key Account Sales Manager. His wife Tammie owns a hair salon and three Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios. Ben and Tammie are members of Rockdale Baptist Church in Conyers, and Tammie serves on the Women's Ministry Team.

MASONIC

Blue Lodge

- 2nd Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia
- Webmaster for Grand Lodge of Georgia Website
- Perpetual Member, Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6, Covington
- Perpetual Member, Cottondale Lodge No. 206, Florida
- Past Master, Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6
- Webmaster for Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6
- Founding Member of "8th District Memorial Association"
- Webmaster for "8th District Memorial Association"

York Rite

- Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters
- Past High Priest, Covington Chapter No. 71
- Past Illustrious Master, Covington Council No. 41
- Past Commander, St. Bernard Commandery No. 25, Covington
- Received Order of High Priesthood, Silver Trowel, and Knight Crusader of Cross
- Received Honor of Knight Commander of the Temple
- Received Knight Templar Cross of Honor
- Cryptic Mason of the Year
- Royal Arch Mason of the Year
- Order of the Purple Cross, York Rite College of North America
- Director of Work Covington York Rite Bodies
- Webmaster for Atlanta Masonic Library, General Grand Chapter Library
- Past Illustrious Master of North East Georgia Council District Convention
- Charter Member of W. Joe Clark York Rite College, #203
- Member of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Current Herald
- Super Excellent Degree Master for Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honor

- Member of Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council No. 65, Knight Masons
- Member of Allied Masonic Degrees, Council No. 327 Augusta and Henry Trooper Council No. 312
- Member of Fidelitas Tabernacle No. LXXVII, KTP
- Member of Thomas of Acon
- Past Sovereign of Alexander Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Serving as Recorder
- Member of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
- Webmaster for Alexander Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
- Past Chairman, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, State of Georgia
- Past Webmaster, Grand York Rite Bodies, State of Georgia
- Past Grand Chaplain, Grand Council, Royal and Select Master, State of Georgia
- Past Editor, Knights Templar Magazine Supplement, State of Georgia, Grand Encampment

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction USA

- Life Member, Valley of Atlanta
- 32nd Knight Commander Court of Honor, 2009
- East Side Scottish Rite Association, President, 2008-2009
- Founding Member of ESSRA Scholarship, 501C3
- 14th Degree, Degree Master
- 28th Degree, Cast Member
- 30th Degree, Cast Member
- 31st Degree, Cast Member
- Past Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Atlanta
- Completed "Master Craftsman" Series 1, 2 and 3
- Past Appointee to House of the Temple Rebuilding Campaign, State of Georgia
- Member of Intendant of the Building Society, Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction
- Life Member of the Royal Order of Scotland

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

- Perpetual Contributing Member of Yaarab Shrine
- Member of Alcovy Shrine Club
- Member of Knights of Mecca
- Member of Ritualistic Team, Performs High Priest and Prophet
- Member of Royal Order of Jester, Atlanta Court No. 91

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

The One Hundred Ninety-First Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, with Most Illustrious Grand Master, Benjamin W. Polston, II, presiding and with all Grand Line Officers present and in their respective stations. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Kevin L. Hyde, Grand Chaplain. The Most Illustrious Grand Master led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Being assured that a quorum was present, Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the One Hundred Ninety-First Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
John I. Haggas (04)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Larry C. Bennett (55)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Robert L. Gill (9)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Kevin L. Hyde (41)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Robert B. Wolbert (02)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
James W. Bard (13)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Illustrious Grand Steward
William M. Jones (41)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters were then requested to retire to be introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner:

1985 Howard W. Van Scoy (6) *	2004 Benjamin L. Johnson (33)
1985 James E. Underwood (75) *	2006 Daniel C. Ricketts (74) *
1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2)	2007 Rodney A. Couch (42) *
1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)	2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)
1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	2009 James C. (Pete) Bentley (20)
1997 J. R. Jones (53)	2010 Thomas W. Tinley, III (G01) *
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2011 Harry B. Allen (3) *
2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49) *	2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)
2001 Joseph P. Suttles (Hon) (33)*	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
2001 Ruben Martinez (75)	2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
2002 John P. Bohanan *	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil Rhode Island)*	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)

*Indicates absence

2016-2017 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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SW: Timothy K. Starling; NW: Ryan C. Nealey (5th); Michael H. Sampsell (7th);
NE/NW: Larry C. Bennett (9th); NE/NE: Michael Sosebee (9th)

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Larry W. Nichols, 1 Yr.

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Chair

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Timothy K. Starling	4 th	William T. White	9 th
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H04. HOPE: Ditmar W. Chavez; Doyle R. Hatfield; Joseph F. Oelgoetz; R. Scott Pless; Timothy K. Starling
6. WASHINGTON: Emmett R. Johns; Robert C. Lord; Alfred J. Minnich; Bobby B. Simmons
7. HUGH L. SMITH: Marvin B. Bannister
8. GRIFFIN: Wayne L. Burkett; Isaiah T. Hardin; Joe E. Turner; Brandon S. Yarbrough
10. LAKEWOOD: Andrew D. Rodgers
13. JASON BURR: Larry W. Nichols
14. MOULTRIE: John H. Johnson
15. ROME: No Representation
16. BALLARD: Richard J. Corwin; William F. Shepard; Charles E. Taylor
18. GRAYDON W. KITCHENS: Raford J. Chambers; Neil C. Maddock
19. SUMMITT: Edgar M. Land; Charles P. Nealey; Morris M. Parks
20. HUNTER: No Representation
24. WALKER: No Representation
25. ELBERT: Steven E. Wooten
28. A. W. GOODIN: No Representation
29. WESTERN: F. Andrew Lane, Jr.; Carl J. Gamel; Eric S. Tress
30. WAYCROSS: C. Hendry Howard; Nikkie J. Jordan; Tommy T. Marshall
33. EUCLID: James T. House
35. H.C. RIGDON, JR.: No Representation
36. WALTON C. GRIFFIN: William G. Economy; Leon S. Lewis
37. DOUGLASVILLE: Charlie R. Beasley; Carl J. Gamel; Emmet R. McCall; Larry D. Pattillo
38. GEORGE H. FIELDS: Bruce D. Mann
40. E. L. MCCONNELL: James W. Patterson; Michael R. Sosebee
41. COVINGTON: James R. Hazelwood; David O. Johnston; Raymond G. Laird; Benjamin W. Polston, II; G. Neal Pressley; Michael H. Wilson; Robert D. Wing
42. TRIANGLE: No Representation
44. GWINNETT: Jerry D. Moss; Lawrence M.

Rich; Joseph Bush
46. STATESBORO: William R. Waters
47. AUSTELL: Oliver C. Grounds; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Michael H. Sampsell; Carl J. Ward
49. MINOR C. SHADBURN: No Representation
53. SARDIS: Joe R. Anthony; Lanier S. Dasher; Billy G. Messer; William J. Rodgers
54. ALPHARETTA: No Representation
55. PICKENS: Franklin K. Hales; Steve A. Kirk; Walter D. Waddell
56. PIEDMONT: No Representation
58. TIFTON: John H. Johnson
60. SMYRNA: James L. Hale; John C. Miller; Thomas L. Roberts; Lawson W. Roland
61. CALHOUN: Gary D. Lemmons; James B. Phillips
62. HIRAM: Andre E. Lovas
64. ZABUD: Wayne H. Garrett, Edward Helton, Carl E. Puchstein; Michael L. Wolcott
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: Jan M. Giddens; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; James G. Mashburn; Edward V. Massaro; Russell L. Mathuss; Michael H. Sampsell; Dana E. Schwarz
75. TARA: Gregory B. Foster; C. Wayne Glass; Ruben Martinez; Gary A. Palmer
76. LITHONIA: Dreywe W. Hendry, Sr.; Michael H. Wilson
77. WINDER: Mark A. Bradley; Steven M. Perry; Eulan R. Wheeler
78. WARRENTON: William G. Wagner
79. BRASSTOWN: Johnie M. Garmon; William W. Grist; William T. White
83. COVENANT: Albert N. Mimbs; Gordon B. Ruthruff; William T. White; Brandon S. Yarbrough

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation
G02. Georgia: Robert A. Brooks, IM
03. Canton: Gabor Orban, Jr., DM
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: William P. Morris, IM; Robert L. Head, Jr., DM; Timothy K. Starling, Proxy
06. Washington: Emmett R. Johns, Proxy
07. Hugh L. Smith: Marvin Bannister, Proxy
08. Griffin: Franklin P. Holland, Jr., IM
10. Lakewood: Larry Croy, Proxy
13. Jason Burr: Glenn Weber, Proxy
14. Moultrie: Andrew D. Bass, IM
15. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr., Proxy
16. Ballard: Thomas J. Chapman, IM
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: Neil C. Maddock, Proxy
19. Summit: C. Paul Nealey, Proxy; Richard Himefarb, DM
20. Hunter: Bruce Fykes, Proxy

24. Walker: Tyler W. Pledger, IM
25. Elbert: Steven Wooten, Proxy
28. A. W. Goodwin: James C. Bentley, Jr., PCW
29. Western: Eric S. Tress, Proxy
30. Waycross: James R. Bennett, IM; Mathew Sanford, PCW
33. Euclid: Robert E. Soderstrom, IM
35. H. C. Rigdon: Phillip Wyatt, Proxy
36. Walton C. Griffin: J. Edward Jennings, Jr., DM
37. Douglasville: Carl J. Gamel, IM
38. George H. Fields: Bruce D. Mann, Proxy
40. E. L. McConnell: Owen E. Nolte, IM; Ronnie H. Scott, DM
41. Covington: Joseph C. Waters, IM; Jeffrey L. Anderson, DM
42. Triangle: No Representation
44. Gwinnett: Thomas R. Conn, Sr., Proxy
46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson, Proxy

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| <p>47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Proxy
 49. Minor C. Shadburn: William Cantrell, Proxy
 53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary, Proxy
 54. Alpharetta: Jack Bell, Proxy
 55. Pickens: David A. Whitaker, IM
 56. Piedmont: No Representation
 58. Tifton: Jeremy Hobbs, Proxy
 60. G. Everett Cox: John C. Miller, DM
 61. Calhoun: James B. Phillips, Proxy
 62. Hiram: Leonard Davis, Proxy
 64. Zabud: Wayne H. Garrett, Proxy</p> | <p>65. N.T. Pirkle: Judd J. Wolfe, Proxy
 66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson, Proxy
 73. Fort Benning: Richard D. Brogdon, Proxy
 74. Marietta: Peter Bard, IM; Anthony Williams, DM;
 Jude Gellman, PCW
 75. Tara: Gregory B. Foster, PCW
 76. Lithonia: No Representation
 77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley, Proxy
 78. Warrenton: William G. Wagner IM
 79. Brasstown: William W. Grist, IM
 83. Covenant: David Williams, IM</p> |
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MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER 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 Ninety-First Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia.

IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE VISITATION

During my year as Most Illustrious Grand Master I was honored to install the Officers of five of the six District Conventions. I was in attendance at the First Annual Grand York Rite Dove Shoot during the Western Convention. During my years in the Grand Council Line, I visited more than twenty Councils, numerous Blue Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies. REGC Doyle R. Hatfield honored me with the privilege of inspecting two Commanderies. I was also honored to install the Officers of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6. As your Most Illustrious Grand Master, I was able to attend the Grand Sessions of Florida and Alabama. I also attended the Southeastern Regional York Rite Convention in Mississippi. It was my privilege to represent the Grand Council of Georgia at the Grand Lodge of Georgia Session. Throughout the year, I had the pleasure of representing the Grand Council of Georgia at the following appendant bodies: Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, W. Joe Clarke York Rite College No. 203, Georgia Council No. 304 Allied Masonic Degrees, Henry Trooper Council No. 312 Allied Masonic Degrees, Alexander Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and Fidelitas Tabernacle No. LXXVII, KTP. I was honored to participate in the conferring of work at the following festivals, reunions, and conventions: Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6, Commandery Festival, Gainesville, GA, Covington Festival, Grand Masters Festival, 7th District Royal Arch Convention, 7th District Council, NE Georgia Council Convention, York Rite College, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest, Super Excellent Master's Degree Conferral, 7th District and NE GA Council Convention, Order of High Priesthood, Order of Silver Trowel, Knights Crusader of the Cross, Fall Reunion, and Spring Reunion.

NECROLOGY

We are all saddened by the loss of 110 Council Companions in our jurisdiction this past year. Among the deceased were the following Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters James E. Moseley and Bobbie L. Byrd. All of the departed Companions will be missed by those who remain, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

DISPENSATIONS

During this 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 honor and privilege to appoint the following Grand Council Officers: Kevin L. Hyde, Grand Chaplain; William M. Jones, Grand Sentinel; Phillip C. Faulkner, Grand Organist; and Robert W. Tidwell, Grand Photographer.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

I want to thank CMMRF Chairman and Illustrious Companion James W. Bard for taking our donations to new heights. Illustrious Companion Bard showed his dedication by traveling to Indiana to visit our research facility. He gave numerous presentations at Blue Lodges, Councils, and Conventions. We raised \$7,800 in the 2016 calendar year, which is about \$2.68 per Companion. I will refer to Illustrious Companion Bard's report for the details.

I want to also thank the Companions of our Great York Rite for their continued generosity and support for our General Grand Council's Charity. I know that many lives will be improved and saved through the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

This was the first year of the Perpetual Membership, and we had a total of forty-two Companions and Sir Knights purchase Perpetual Memberships. We have an additional ten members in the three-year payment program. We have collected a total of \$90,279.95, of which \$80,000.00 has been invested with Edward Jones Investments. We have an additional \$13,493.65 pledged from members in the payment program as well. This gives us a total of over \$103,000 for the first year. I have no doubt, if properly managed, that the Perpetual Membership investments will be of great significance for the long term financial strength of Georgia York Rite Freemasonry.

I want to thank the following Companions for their dedication to getting this program off of the ground: Michael H. Wilson, Chairman; Larry C. Nichols and Jan M. Giddens, Committee Members; William F. Shepard, Doyle R. Hatfield, Wade C. Smith, and Robert L. Gill, Ex Officio Members; and Joe E. Turner and Larry Zwahlen, York Rite Database Management.

FUNDRAISERS

We got out of the box this year with two fundraisers for the Grand York Rite. I want to thank MEGHP William F. Shepard and REGC Doyle R. Hatfield for their resolve to have these fundraisers. We had a lot of fun and generated some positive cash flow to build on the long-term financial stability of Georgia York Rite Freemasonry. From both fundraisers, we generated a net total of approximately \$30,000. We distributed \$25,000 in the following manner: 25% or \$6,250 split between the three bodies and their respective charities; \$6,250 to the Grand Chapter of Georgia; \$6,250 to the Grand Council of Georgia; \$6,250 to the Grand Commandery of Georgia; and \$5,000 left in the account as seed money for future fundraising projects.

DOVE SHOOT

The First Annual Grand York Rite Dove Shoot was held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 in Americus, Georgia. Preparation work started at the Grand York Rite Session. Excellent Companion John H. Johnson was named as Chairman of the Committee with the assistance of Companions Frank Batt (North) and Andrew Bass (South).

We rented a booth at the Buckarama in Perry, Georgia to promote the Dove Shoot. I did not know what I had been missing. Companion Roy Miller spearheaded the team! The following Companions worked the booth: Mike Jones, Roy Miller, Jeff Smith, and Andrew Bass. Companion Bass could be a fair booth salesman if he so desired. The Buckarama has all of the hunting

vendors/guides in the world. We had a good time! It cost me a lot of money, though! Tammie and I are going on a bear hunt in Saskatchewan, Canada in May.

I would like to thank the following Companions and their wives for their hard work and dedication: Charles Ferguson, Roy Miller, Wayne Glass, Dana Schwarz, Paul Cates, Kevin Hyde, Mike Jones, Jeff Smith, and Brant Fletcher. I know that I have missed many others not named, and I thank you all very much. One thing we will not forget is the gnats! I'm sure glad that I live above the gnat line.

Income was generated from four different parts of the Dove Shoot. Below is an overview:

Sponsors - \$6,200
 51 Dove Shooters - \$5,100
 Gun/Cooler Raffle Tickets Sales - \$5,353.54
 Silent Auction - \$125
 Total Income = \$16,778.54

Sponsors	City	Total
Covington York Rite	Covington	\$500.00
Mableton Lodge No. 171	Powder Springs	\$500.00
Cherokee Chapter No. 13	Acworth	\$500.00
York Rite Bodies of Macon 4-6-2	Macon	\$500.00
Merle Norman/Hair Motif	Conyers	\$500.00
Coeur De Lion Commandery No. 4	Jonesboro	\$500.00
Constantine Commandery No. 26	Marietta	\$300.00
Marietta Council No. 74	Acworth	\$300.00
Smyrna Chapter No. 160	Powder Springs	\$300.00
St. Peter Commandery No. 45	Warner Robins	\$300.00
Advantage Realty	Tifton	\$300.00
G. Everette Cox Council No. 60	Powder Springs	\$200.00
Jason Burr Council No. 13	Canton	\$200.00
Pickens Council No. 55	Canton	\$200.00
Johnie Garmon	Blairsville	\$100.00
Acworth Masonic Lodge No. 176	Acworth	\$100.00
Gwinnett Council No. 44	Grayson	\$100.00
Sweetwater Chapter No. 49	Grayson	\$100.00
A-1 Reddock Painting	Leesburg	\$100.00
North Slappey Pawn	Albany	\$100.00
Dawson Road Pawn	Albany	\$100.00
Pickens Chapter No. 28	Canton	\$100.00
Sixth Dist. Chap and Council Convention		\$100.00
Hope Council No. 4	Columbus	\$100.00
Edward and Terry Massaro	Acworth	\$100.00

We had the following expenses:

Banner of Sponsors - \$50.31
 T-shirts - \$600.10
 Field - \$2,500
 Gun Magazine Advertisement - \$230
 Yeti Cooler - \$320.99
 Beretta A400 Action - \$1,245.50
 Sponsor Signs - \$288.90
 Andrew Tent Co. - \$1,389.93
 Buckarama Booth - \$500
 RTIC Coolers - \$213.99
 All American Waste Services (Port-A-Lets) - \$310
 Total Expenses = \$7,649.72
 Total Net Income from Dove Shoot = \$9,128.82
 Again, a sincere thank you to all the Sir Knights and Companions of the State of Georgia for their support!
52-WEEK GUN RAFFLE
 I want to thank REGC

Doyle R. Hatfield for his idea to have the gun raffle, which was a great success! I will leave the details to his report. Thank you to all the Companions for their dedication, hard work, and generosity.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I find the general state of Cryptic Masonry to be steadying itself in relation to membership. We have at the end of the year a total of 2,833 Cryptic Members, down by only 96 net. I think that we have a bright future in Georgia Cryptic Masonry. I found all Companions in my travels to be enthusiastic and proficient in the work. I was humbled by the receptions that I received from the Companions of the State of Georgia in all of my travels.

MOULTRIE

One of the highlights of my year as MIGM was being able to constitute Moultrie Council No. 14 and install the Officers in full form on Saturday, January 21, 2017. All Grand Council Officers were present for this momentous and rare occasion. I

think that this is a reflection of what can happen when Companions have a passion for the Craft. I know that I will miss many that made this possible, but I want to acknowledge the following: Z. Brant Fletcher, Andrew C. Bass, John H. Johnson, and Wade C. Smith. The Charters were beautiful, and I want to thank Raymond G. Laird for his work on them. Congratulations to Moultrie York Rite! Let the work begin! "With that light of faith beaming upon us," all things are possible!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

One of the highest honors that a citizen may have is to pay tribute to the ones that sacrificed everything for our great nation. I want to thank REGC Doyle R. Hatfield for allowing me to participate in this noble and solemn ceremony. It is a moment that I will cherish forever.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

I want to first thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me up to this point in my life. I have been truly blessed! I thank my wonderful wife Tammie for all her support during my years of service to the Craft. I also thank my children for their understanding and love when I could not make all their special occasions. I thank all the Companions of the State of Georgia for their support and generosity. I thank all the Grand Council Officers for their hard work and dedication to Cryptic Masonry. We have a bright future with your upcoming leadership! I want to acknowledge the Companions of Covington Council No. 41. They are truly dedicated and hardworking, and work makes human nature noble! It was a pleasure to serve with Illustrious Companion Kevin L. Hyde and Illustrious Companion Jones. The best I can say is that they are servants to the Craft. They sacrificed a lot and so did their families! I am indebted to you both and to your families. I want to also acknowledge the two Illustrious Masters during my year, Neal Pressley and Joseph Waters. I want to acknowledge and thank Chairman of the District Deputies Len Davis for his above and beyond service to the Craft. Also, I thank the District Deputies for all their work and dedication. I want to thank the two Custodians of the Work, Floyd Edmondson and Robert "Sonny" L. Head, and all their respective assistants. It was of the utmost pleasure to serve with MEGHP William F. Shepard and REGC Doyle R. Hatfield. They are fantastic leaders, ritualists, true gentleman, and they love Freemasonry. Georgia Freemasonry was blessed to have them as leaders! Nothing is done until the paperwork is done! We have a great new assistant Marla Horton, and she has been a true asset to our office. I want to thank her for getting in there and working hard! I want to thank Robert Gill for his work as Treasurer. Our Grand Recorder Wade C. Smith is a true gentleman who is dedicated to our Craft. I never arrived in Macon to find Companion Smith not working hard. I want to thank him for his support, knowledge, wisdom, and love to our Fraternity. I want to also thank the two Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Gary Leazer and F. Andrew Lane, Jr., for their understanding and support while I served in both lines simultaneously. I want to thank Clarence E. "Buster" Horne for accepting and nominating me to this line. This is just a partial list of Companions I want to thank for their advice, counsel, and support: Michael H. Wilson, Mike Jones, Kevin Hyde, Wade C. Smith, Russ Hazelwood, Drewrey W. Hendry, C. Danny Wofford, Mark. A Bradley, Wayne Garrett, Tim Ingram, Andre E. Lovas, Joe E. Turner, Jan M. Giddens, Larry C. Nichols, John H. Johnson, Andrew D. Bass, Rob Wing, Al Cass, Paul Cates, Z. Brant Fletcher, Frank Batt, C. Wayne Glass, Roy M. Miller, Dana Schwarz, Charles Ferguson, Floyd E. Edmondson, F. Andrew Lane, and all the Companions of the great state of

Georgia! May God bless you and your families, and may Cryptic, York Rite, and Blue Lodge Masonry continue to receive blessings from the Most High!

Respectfully Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Most Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER ADDRESS

To the Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and my Companions All:

We the Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master Address are pleased to make the following report: Our Most Illustrious Grand Master extended a warm and sincere welcome to our in-state and out-of-state guests and all the Companions present. We join our MIGM in thanking The Good Lord for sparing our Grand Line this year, but we are saddened by the loss of 110 of our Companions and two of our Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, James E. Mosley and Bobby I. Byrd. We note that our Most Illustrious Grand Master traveled many miles in-state to many various functions, festivals, installations of officers, conventions, and other regular meetings. He also visited other Grand Jurisdictions. He was instrumental in several fundraisers for the CMMRF. He was also busy promoting Perpetual Memberships for the York Rite Bodies. Our Most Illustrious Grand Master constituted Moultrie Council No. 14. Our Most Illustrious Grand Master also thanked many people for their help this year including a special thanks to his wife Tammie.

Respectively Submitted: Wayne H. Garrett, Chairman; Gary D. Lemmons; and C. Danny Wofford

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Benjamin W. Polston, II, Grand Council Officers and my Companions All: First of all, I thank Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed on me and the Cryptic Masons of Georgia. Next, I thank MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II for appointing me to this position for the year 2016-2017. I express my grateful appreciation to Illustrious Companion Robert L. "Sonny" Head, Custodian of the South, for his cooperation and support and also to all of the Assistant Custodians who devoted their time and effort to this cause. Following the lead of MEPGHP Terry Farmer, the Councils in the Northern Jurisdiction of Georgia were further divided and Assistant Custodians assigned to each as follows:

1. Mike Sampsell—Minor C. Shadburn #49, Rome #15, Piedmont #56, Calhoun #1, Walker #24, Walton C. Griffin #36, Marietta #74, G. Everette Cox #60, Austell #47, and Western #29
2. Ryan Nealey—Alpharetta #54, Euclid #33, Sardis #53, Douglasville #37, and Jason Burr #13
3. Mike Jones—Elbert #25, Covington #41, and Triangle #42
4. Larry Bennett—Pickens #55, Canton #3, Summit #19, and Brasstown #79
5. Michael Sosebee—N. T. Pirkle #65, E. L. Mc Connell #40, Gwinette #44, Zabud #64, and Winder #77
6. Isaiah Hardin—Hiram #62, Fayetteville #66, Lakewood #10, Griffin #8, and Graydon W. Kitchens #18
7. Dale Cliett—Warrenton #78, Adoniram #A01, and Georgia #G04

Right Illustrious Companion Larry Bennett held four Schools of Instruction: Canton on August 2, 2016; Summit on November 15, 2016; Canton on February 7, 2017; and Brasstown on March 13, 2017. He covered the Opening and Closing of a Council, Reception of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Illustrious District Grand Deputies, Order of Business, Reception of Petitions, Second Reading of Petitions and Balloting and Bringing a Motion to the Floor.

The Schools were well received. Illustrious Companion Larry does an outstanding job with the Schools. The rest of the Assistant Custodians worked with their respective Councils to help them with their Openings and Closings while still maintaining their heavy schedule of Masonic activities. I commend all of the Assistant Custodians for an excellent job. Illustrious Companion Mike Sampsell developed a Syllabus to be used for the Royal Arch Schools of Instruction and it was modified to be used for the Council Schools of Instruction. The Syllabus is a very valuable tool because it brings uniformity to the subjects to be covered. I believe the Schools produce the greatest benefit to the Councils when they can be held in their local bodies on their regular meeting nights. This way, the Officers and Members will be present for the instructions. It is difficult for some Companions to travel distances and meet scheduling dates when the Schools are held at a state-wide or regional location. The Assistant Custodians are a tremendous asset because by assigning the Councils to an Assistant it provides better and more frequent access to the membership than can be achieved by only one person trying to cover all of North Georgia. I recommend the continuation of the practice of appointing a Custodian of the North and a Custodian of the South who will be responsible for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, and who may in turn appoint Assistant Custodians for each body. I personally prefer an Assistant Custodian for the Chapter and Council and a separate Assistant Custodian responsible for only the Commandery. Hopefully a lot of groundwork has been laid this year that will help make next year even better as the Assistant Custodians and Council Members continue to work together to make our Councils the best they can be.

Respectfully Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for entrusting me with the care of teaching the Council Work over this last Grand York Rite Year. I have enjoyed teaching the Work to new York Rite Members and refreshing the older Members as well. My approach this year was simple by design. Regarding the Council Work and the new Ritual rewritten, I believe that two years ago is still in use and the Councils are doing well. I believe we will focus on the Council this upcoming year and attempt to ensure the Opening and Closing Ceremonies are being executed in accordance with the reprinted manual. I'd like to make the following recommendations to the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master:

1. Continue to emphasize the Opening and Closing and perhaps add the Royal Master Degree

In closing, I would again like to extend my thanks to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for allowing me to serve. I feel we had a good York Rite Year and I look forward to being of service in the future, should the incoming Heads of each Body see fit to allow me to serve.

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

REPORT OF CHARTERS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

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

Your Committee notes that a Dispensation has been issued to N. T. Pirkle Council No. 65 to change meeting dates. Your Committee has received no By-Law change from this Council 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 this item to the Grand Council. We also note that on January 15,

2017 the Grand Recorder requested all Recorders to send in complete copies of all their By-Laws for filing in the office. Your Committee does not believe but few have been received. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-Laws of Griffin Council No. 8 and Marietta Council No. 74 changing the dues charged. Your Committee received revisions to the By-Laws of Jason Burr Council No. 13, changing the meeting dates and the dues. This revision also included adding a New Section 6.4 on Perpetual Membership. Your Committee approved the changes of meeting dates and dues, but rejected Section 6.4 on December 21, 2016. Your Committee approves the amendment to the By-Laws of Walton C. Griffin Council No. 36 to change the fees and dues. Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of Zabud Council No. 64. Your Committee approves the submitted revision of the By-Laws. Your Committee notes that the Charter of Dublin Council No.12 in Cochran was surrendered on June 1, 2016. The Members were all consolidated into Covenant Council No. 83 at Warner Robins or Georgia Council No. 2 at Savannah, depending on which was closer and whether they belonged to the Council or Commandery in Cochran or Savannah. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Members into either Warner Robins or Savannah. Your Committee notes that Camden Council No.11 in St. Mary's was consolidated with Ballard Council No. 16 on October 1, 2016. Your Committee appreciates the acceptance of these Members into Brunswick.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council Charters.

Respectfully submitted on May 2, 2017: Joe E. Turner, PIM (10) Chairman; C. Danny Wofford, PIM (77); James B. Phillips, PIM (61)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

James Erwin Moseley

Bobbie Lewis Byrd

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 All: 2016 was a very good year for CMMRF donations in Georgia. At the Grand Session last year, I was proud to announce that Georgia had moved up to 10th place nationally and issued a challenge to the Companions to continue to move up. Companions—we succeeded. We now rank 9th nationwide in donations to our charity.

Donations by year for the last five years:

2012 - \$2,286.00

2013 - \$3,590.00

2014 - \$3,385.00

2015 - \$6858.50

2016 - \$7837.00

As one can easily see, our donations were up almost \$1,000.00 since 2015.

While the goal of having all Councils donating at least \$1.00 per member is still in effect, I want to challenge all Councils to increase their donation by \$0.50 per member this year. The details of our donations for the year 4/1/2015 to 3/31/2016

Because we appreciate your generosity, appropriate lapel pins, certificates, and plaques are awarded based on cumulative totals.

Councils		Individuals	
\$25	Master's Club Certificate	\$25	Master's Club Certificate
\$50	Giblemito Club Certificate	\$50	Giblemito Club Certificate and Bronze Lapel Pin
\$100	Grand Master's Club Certificate	\$100	Grand Master's Club Certificate and Bronze with Stone Lapel Pin
\$500	Ish Sodi Club Certificate	\$150	Silver Lapel Pin
\$1,000	General Grand Master's Club Certificate & Nine Arch Triangle Plaque	\$300	Silver with Stone Lapel Pin
\$2,000	Extender Bar for Plaque	\$500	Ish Sodi Club Certificate and Gold Lapel Pin
		\$750	Gold with Stone Lapel Pin
		\$1,000	General Grand master's Club Certificate & Nine Arch Triangle Plaque
		\$2,000	Gold Lapel Pine with 2 Diamond chips

Each additional \$1,000 donation will earn another extender bar for the Council or another diamond chip for the individual.

are included along with this report.

Our donations go towards funding cutting edge research through the Indiana Center for Vascular and Biologic Medicine using adult stem cells harvested either from adipose tissue (fat) or the patient's own bone marrow.

These are not the embryonic stem cells taken from fetuses but the patient's own adult stem cells. Current areas of research include using these cells to treat:

1. Peripheral Vascular Disease
2. Heart Disease, both Coronary Artery Disease and Congestive Heart Failure

There is also pre-clinical research ongoing in using adult stem cells for the treatment of:

1. Diabetes and Diabetic Retinopathy
2. Emphysema
3. Aortic Aneurysm
4. Burn Healing
5. Delayed Wound Healing

Other research for the future include Arthritis and Erectile dysfunction.

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

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

CMMRF has an outstanding donor recognition program for both Councils and Individuals as summarized in the table above.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard, Chairman

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council of Georgia, Royal and Select Masters, the Long Range Planning Committee wishes to make the following report:

Recommendations and Comments:

1. That the Grand Council continue formulation of plans to become financially sound rebuilding investment funds, which have been depleted largely over the years. Fundraisers, with a portion going to our charitable efforts, should continue each year. Per Capita increases over the next few years will ensure a balanced budget each year.
2. That the constituent Councils also endeavor to secure a sound financial footing. Many Councils are struggling with minimal finances. Many think that Masonry has been far too cheap for too many years compared to other organizations.
3. That at some point an elevator be installed in our building. Many of our members find it difficult to climb the stairs when attending our Sessions. We need to make the experience of attending our Sessions as comfortable as possible, especially for those with health problems.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Benjamin W. Polston, II.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PIM (77), Chairman; Clyde E. Griffin, PIM (2); Gary D. Lemmons, PIM (61)

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia:

The Educational and Historical Committee wishes to make the following report: Comments and Recommendations:

1. That Blue Lodge Ambassadors be appointed to cover each Masonic District in Georgia. The duties of said Ambassadors will be to provide educational information concerning York Rite Masonic Membership and its opportunities for "more light." Worshipful Masters are constantly seeking programs for their communications and if requested, the Ambassadors could provide an interesting and informative program on York Rite Masonry. The PowerPoint presentation is highly recommended for this purpose.
2. That each Council have at least two educational programs during the year for the benefit of the Companions. We need to do more than open, read the minutes, and close.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin W. Polston, II, and we are honored to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted: Gary D. Lemmons, PIM (61), MIPGM, Chairman; C. Danny Wofford, PIM (77), MIPGM; Joe E. Turner, PIM (8)

GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY

MIGM Benjamin W. Polston, II presented the Grand Master's Trophy to Covington Council No. 41 for their exceptional efforts in carrying out his program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MIGM Polston appointed tellers and the following were elected:

John I. Haggas	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Larry C. Bennett	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Ryan C. Nealey	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Robert L. Gill	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Ronald B. Wolbert	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
James W. Bard	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council

Robert R. Cordle
Judd J. Wolfe

Illustrious Grand Marshal
Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICERS APPOINTED

MIGM Haggas appointed Companions Timothy K. Starling, Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Grand Organist; Doyle R. Hatfield, Grand Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell, Grand Photographer.

2017-2018 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

MIGM's Address: Wayne H. Garrett, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons; C. Danny Wofford

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

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

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

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

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

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

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

Perpetual Membership: Michael H. Wilson, Chair; Jan M. Giddens;

Larry W. Nichols;

Benjamin W. Polston, II

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

S. Matthew Perry; William F. Shepard

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

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

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

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

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield;

William F. Shepard

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BRING GREETINGS

DGGM Sidney J. LeLuan, III spoke briefly and brought greetings from General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

The 47th Triennial Assembly of General Grand Council will be held at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. August 23-29, 2017.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 192nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon on Monday, May 7, 2018, beginning at 1:00 PM.

INSTALLATION

The newly elected Officers were duly installed by Most Illustrious Companion Clyde E. Griffin, MIPGM. He was assisted by Companion Doyle R. Hatfield, REPGC, as Grand Marshal and Companion Benjamin W. Polston, II, MIPGM, as Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 191st Annual Assembly be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSES

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia was closed in due form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Companion Timothy K. Starling.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Grand Recorder



John I. Haggas
Most Illustrious Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL MACON, GEORGIA – SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

The Assembly of the Grand Council, Order of the Silver Trowel, of the State of Georgia was opened in the Grand York Rite Building in Macon, Georgia on April 22, 2017, with the following Officers present at their respective stations:

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

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1981 John Benny Allen	2005 Thomas L. Blanton
1985 James E. Underwood	2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
1986 C. Danny Wofford	2007 A. Joseph Clark
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2009 M. George Folendore, Jr
1991 Dannie L. Reed	2010 William E. Cantrell
1993 Gary D. Lemmons	2011 C. Michael Ellis
1996 Lanier S. Dasher	2013 Thomas W. Tinsley, III
1997 Clarence E. Horne	2014 Alan P. Pryor
2000 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2015 Paul E. Wells
2001 Bobby B. Simmons	2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
2003 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr.	2017 Charles E. Taylor

CONFERRAL TEAM

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

Andrew D. Bass Four Companions
 For the second year in a row, the Order was conferred by MEGHP William F. Shepard and his superbly proficient team.

CANDIDATES

Peter D. Bard (74)	Baron L. Conklin (73)
Tyler W. Pledger (24)	Charles W. Albert (60)
Franklin P. Holland (8)	Jefferson C. McElheney, Jr. (18)
Thomas J. Chapman (16)	

2017-2018 OFFICERS

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

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

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

ATTEST:

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

*1984 Thomas R. Chadwick (16)	*1988 Jack L. Hepner (2)
*1985 Richard J. O'Keefe (7)	1989 Henry V. Tweedell (42)
1986 Andre E. Lovas (76)	*1990 Floyd Cox (76)
*1987 Homer Chapman (H04)	1991 Leo F. Bowersox, Jr. (7) **

- *1992 Oliver Grantham (13)
- 1993 John Pigott (2)
- *1994 Titus F. Rodgers (H04)
- 1995 William R. Carver (13)
- 1996 Ronald J. Tomazin (2)
- 1997 John Terry Dixon (11) **
- *1998 James Y. Wilson, Jr. (23)
- 1999 David L. Canaday (33)
- 2000 Mrs. Martha Hardison - Rainbow Girls
- 2001 Marc Bohn - DeMolay
- 2002 Burton E. Jones (24)
- 2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)
- *2004 Julius K. Moody (2)
- 2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01) **
- 2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)
- 2007 William F. Hardison (2)
- 2008 James W. Bard (74)
- 2009 Mrs. Tina Brady
- 2010 Charles E. Reed (7)
- 2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)
- 2012 James W. Stovall
- 2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
- 2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
- 2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
- 2016 James W. Stovall
- 2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)

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RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

- 2006 Marguerite Zeigler-Buchan
- 2007 Becky Couch
- 2008 Judy Griffin
- 2010 Josie Bentley
- 2010 Pat Smith
- 2013 Karen Johnson
- 2015 Cheryle Shepard
- 2015 Susan Pope
- 2015 Sheila Hensley
- 2015 Jane Wilson
- 2015 Ruth Wellman
- 2015 Ericka Matheny
- 2016 Barbara Edmondson
- 2016 Margie Lane
- 2016 Hilda Parks
- 2016 Diane Nealey
- 2016 Barbara Land
- 2017 Tammie Polston
- 2017 Lynne Hatfield
- 2017 Deborah Jones
- 2017 Beth Hyde
- 2017 Marla Horton
- 2017 Pat Schwarz
- 2017 Pat Glass
- 2017 Lisa Batt
- 2017 Debbie Lemmons
- 2017 Cheryle Turner
- 2017 Roda Wofford
- 2017 Brenda Gill
- 2017 Nancy Simmons
- 2017 Fae Suttles
- 2017 Margaret Lovas
- 2017 Sharon Jennings

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

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

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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 2017

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2017 + 4000 = 6017$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2017 + 530 = 2547$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2017 + 1913 = 3930$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2017 + 1000 = 3017$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2017 - 1118 = 899$

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

April 30, 2017

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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, 2016, and the related consolidated statement of activities for the twelve months then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of

a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles requires that marketable securities be reported at fair market value. Management is reporting the Organization's marketable securities at historical cost as determined by the original purchase price of the security. The effect of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles has not been determined. Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the consolidated statement of cash flows required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures and consolidated statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters,

April 30, 2017

****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, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 165,748.75
Investments, at cost	340,270.97
Moseley Pension Fund, at cost	<u>37,414.85</u>
Total current assets	543,434.57

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	73,031.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,644.45)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>66,387.47</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 609,822.04</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to CMMRF	\$ 10.00
Due to/from other	120,705.89
Due to RARA	862.87
Payroll taxes payable	<u>4,591.75</u>
Total current liabilities	126,170.51

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	440,819.39
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Temporarily restricted	<u>42,832.14</u>
Total net assets	<u>483,651.53</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 609,822.04</u>
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CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
March 31, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	\$ 142,061.19
Charitable donations	45,736.35
Building income	26,721.00
Other income	18,404.19
Rituals and miscellaneous income	10,009.84
Dividend income	4,452.21
Long-term capital gain distributions	978.96
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>(1,688.22)</u>
Net support and revenue	246,675.52

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM
RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions satisfied by payments	2,800.00
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	249,475.52

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Administrative expense	61,585.78
Awards	1,200.00
Conference expense	500.00
DeMolay	100.00
District deputies expense	17,723.67
Dues – General Grand Chapter	6,778.00
Grand High Priest expense	1,092.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	5,516.00
Grand Recorder	30,561.95
Grand Secretary expense	1,929.00
Grand Treasurer expense	3,111.96
Hospitality expense	100.00
RARA	639.00
Rituals and other printed material	8,548.21
Pension expense	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total program expenses	142,185.57

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Bank service charges	259.99
Charitable contributions	650.00

Depreciation expense	1,872.62
Insurance	2,723.41
Investment fees	2,262.16
Legal and professional expense	1,049.40
Management fee-payroll and taxes	41,096.88
Office supplies and expense	50,382.01
Rent	8,718.41
Repairs and maintenance	12,942.75
Telephone	4,881.38
Utilities	<u>668.66</u>
Total management and general expenses	127,507.67
Total expenses	<u>269,693.24</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(20,217.72)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Investment income	2,206.14
Pension funds transfer	4,800.00
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(2,800.00)</u>
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>4,206.14</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(16,011.58)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>499,663.11</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 483,651.53</u>

GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
March 31, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Per capita income	\$142,061.19
Charitable donations	45,736.35
Other income	14,609.12
Rituals and miscellaneous income	10,009.84
Dividend income	4,231.61
Long-term capital gain distributions	820.96
Building income	(764.00)
Gain on sale of securities	<u>(1,696.80)</u>
Net support and revenue	215,008.27
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	215,008.27

PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	61,585.78
Awards	1,200.00
Conference expense	500.00
DeMolay	100.00
District deputies expense	17,723.67
Dues-General Grand Chapter	6,778.00
Grand High Priest expense	1,092.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	5,516.00
Grand Recorder	30,561.95
Grand Secretary expense	1,929.00
Grand Treasurer expense	3,111.96
Hospitality expense	100.00
RARA	639.00
Rituals and other printed materials	<u>8,548.21</u>
Total program expenses	139,385.57
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Bank service charge	259.99
Charitable contributions	650.00
Investment fees	2,185.09
Legal and professional expense	1,049.40
Management fee-payroll and taxes	41,096.88
Office supplies and expense	47,634.78
Telephone	4,881.38
Travel	<u>8,718.41</u>
Total management and general expenses	106,475.93
Total expenses	<u>245,861.50</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
	(30,853.23)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Net investment income	<u>2,206.14</u>
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
	<u>2,206.14</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	
	(28,647.09)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>420,511.15</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 391,864.06</u>

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

12 Months ended
March 31, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Building income	\$ 27,485.00
Other income	3,795.07
Dividend income	220.60
Long-term capital gain distributions	158.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>8.58</u>
Net support and revenue	31,667.25
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM	
RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	34,467.25
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Pension expense	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total program expenses	2,800.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Depreciation expense	1,872.62
Insurance	2,723.41
Investment fees	77.07
Office supplies and expense	2,747.23
Repairs and maintenance	12,942.75
Utilities	<u>668.66</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>21,031.74</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,831.74</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	10,635.51
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	
NET ASSETS	
Pension expense	4,800.00
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(2,800.00)</u>
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>2,000.00</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	12,635.51
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>79,151.96</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 91,787.47</u>

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
March 31, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 48,979.97
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	36,329.21
N/R-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>875.25</u>
Total current assets	<u>86,184.43</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 86,184.43

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>81,303.81</u>
Total net assets	<u>81,303.81</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 86,184.43

12 Months ended
March 31, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Per capita income	\$ 45,818.75
Rituals and miscellaneous income	1,366.00
Dividend income	617.50
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	160.17
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>118.88</u>
Net support and revenue	48,081.30

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Administrative expense	200.00
Awards	200.00
Conference expense	500.00
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation	606.00
Dues-General Grand Council	4,776.00
Grand Council expense	13,830.68
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	23,886.34
Hospitality expense	100.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	<u>100.00</u>
Total program expenses	44,199.02

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Bank service charges	36.00
Management fee	286.77
Office supplies and expense	<u>899.27</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>1,222.04</u>
Total expenses	<u>45,421.06</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
	2,660.24
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>78,643.57</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 81,303.81</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
April 30, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 110,895.01
SunTrust Bank-money market	3,609.81
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	321,317.47
Moseley Pension Fund, at cost	<u>29,872.56</u>
Total current assets	465,694.85
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,393.37)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>25,626.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 491,321.43</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>457,758.87</u>
Temporarily restricted	<u>29,872.56</u>
Total net assets	<u>487,631.43</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 491,321.43</u>

12 Months ended
April 30, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Per capita income	\$ 82,701.70
Dividend income	5,459.57
Rituals and miscellaneous income	3,265.00
Long-term capital gain distributions	1,061.72
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>(8,011.14)</u>
Net support and revenue	84,476.85
NET ASSETS RELEASED	
FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>3,217.72</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	87,694.57
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	500.00
Conference expense	4,700.00
Dues-General Grand Commandery	75,419.43
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	1,063.00
Investment expense	217.72
Rainbow	100.00
Transfer to RAM Chapter-pension expense	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	85,000.15
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Charitable contributions	254.00
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	3,454.86
Legal and professional expense	927.29
Office supplies and expense	<u>330.26</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>5,666.91</u>
Total expenses	<u>90,667.06</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(2,972.49)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Net investment gain	248.54
Net assets released from restrictions	(3,217.72)
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(2,969.18)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(5,941.67)

NET ASSETS, beginning 493,573.10

NET ASSETS, ending \$ 487,631.43

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2016

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost \$ 515,129.82
Total current assets 515,129.82

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 515,129.82

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted \$ 515,129.82
Total net assets 515,129.82

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND
NET ASSETS

\$ 515,129.82

12 Months ended
December 31, 2016

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions \$ 11,757.00
Dividend income 9,867.85
Gain (loss) on sale of securities 6,424.03
Long-term capital gain distributions 1,937.13
Net support and revenue 29,986.01

PROGRAM EXPENSES

K. T. Eye Foundation 27,000.00
Total program expenses 27,000.00

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Investment fee 4,939.45
Office supplies and expense 126.64
Total management and general
expenses 5,066.09

Total expenses 32,066.09

DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED
NET ASSETS

(2,080.08)

NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>517,209.90</u>	
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 515,129.82</u>	

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2016

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 85,543.89	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	3,284,386.51	
Total current assets		3,369,930.40
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>\$ 3,450,372.57</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payable to GA Division	<u>\$ 139.05</u>	
Total current liabilities		139.05
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	<u>3,450,233.52</u>	
Total net assets		<u>3,450,233.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,450,372.57</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2016

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Dividend income	\$ 47,403.35	
Interest income	18,426.96	
Long-term capital gain distributions	9,596.85	
Other income	1,705.00	
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>(7,591.96)</u>	
Net support and revenue		69,540.20

Restrictions satisfied by payments

Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>11,515.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	81,055.20
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	28,198.11
Honorariums	20,199.00
Ministerial grants	12,000.00
Research grants and donations	<u>84,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	144,910.70
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Investment fees	28,198.11
Legal and professional expense	3,052.19
Ministerial grants	250.00
Office supplies and expense	<u>4,369.11</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>35,869.41</u>
Total expenses	<u>180,780.11</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(99,724.91)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	11,515.00
Net assets released from restrictions	(11,515.00)
DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>0.00</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(99,724.91)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,549,958.43</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,450,233.52</u>