

**2019 PROCEEDINGS
THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA**

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JOINT MEMORIAL/DIVINE SERVICE

May 5, 2019

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, at 4:00 PM, Sunday, May 5, 2019. A warm welcome was extended to all in attendance for the Joint York Rite Ceremony of Remembrance for deceased Companions/Sir Knights. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Stephen C. Higgins lit the Red Candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan since the last year's memorial service. Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry C. Bennett lit the Purple Candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk lit the White Candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year. Grand Chaplains Steven G. Harris and Edward C. Barclay, and Grand Prelate and Reverend Donald C. Combs conducted the Service. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

JOSEPH RICHARD "DICK" JONES

AUGUST 14, 1935 – AUGUST 3, 2018

It becomes my sad duty to answer the roll for Joseph Richard Jones, Dick Jones to most of us, who can no longer answer for himself. It is our hope and belief that he is in a better place, where there is no sickness and no sadness and where he has rejoined Miss Bobbie, the love of his life.

I first met Dick and his wife in the early 1980's when I was a District Deputy to the Grand High Priest and we have been friends ever since traveling many miles together since 1990 when I was in the Grand Chapter Line and he was in the Grand Council Line. We have actually been across Jones Creek somewhere and been to Jones County and had a lot of fun in between.

Companion Jones grew up in Miami before moving to Jacksonville when he was twelve. He joined American Crusaders DeMolay chapter in 1952 at the age of seventeen. He attended Jacksonville Junior College in the mid-1950s earning an Associate in Art Degree before moving to Atlanta in 1956. He attended Georgia State College in Atlanta earning a Bachelor of Administration Degree and was a member of Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity. He was in the Florida – Georgia Air National Guard for eight years as a mechanic.

In 1961 Dick was an Assistant Examiner for Continental Insurance Company before beginning a long career with the Internal Revenue Service in February 1963, as a Revenue Officer in the Collection Division where he retired in January 1995.

Dick was initiated in Sardis Lodge #107 when it was still in the Buckhead part of Atlanta, Georgia on July 3, 1958, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on July 17, 1958, and raised as a Master Mason on August 7, 1958, serving as Worshipful Master in 1968 and 1976. Sardis Lodge #107 became Chamblee Sardis Lodge #444 in February of 2000. He also affiliated as a charter dual member with Metro Daylight Lodge #743 in 1992.

He joined Sardis Chapter #77, RAM and Sardis Council #53, RSM on May 10, 1980 and DeKalb Commandery #38, KT on October 24, 1987. He served as High Priest of the Fifth District Royal Arch Convention in 1993 and as Illustrious Master of the Fifth District Council Convention in 1990. He was honored by the Companions of the Grand Council when they elected him to serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, RSM in 1997. Dick never served as Commander of his Commandery, but he attended a lot of inspections and Commandery meetings wearing his famous plum or purple coat and black or grey pants uniform.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on April 28, 1961 and joined the Robing Room at some time thereafter and ultimately became the Director of the Robing Room in 1997 succeeding Gene Lowry and serving until 2008. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 4, 1989, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on November 8, 1997.

Companion Jones was invited to become a member of many of the Appendant-Honorary Bodies in Georgia and joined many of them. Although he had demitted from several of these bodies in later years, he was the Secretary of Zarthan Council #329 Allied Masonic Degrees for many years.

His wife Bobbie whom he married on April 7, 1963 and who had been a stewardess for Delta Airlines, died on September 2, 2014, they having been married fifty one years. Dick is survived by one son and one daughter and two grandchildren.

By the way, Richard, Causey said if there were any tax dollars up there, send them down here ASAP!

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, PGHP

WILLIAM DOUGLAS MILES
AUGUST 26, 1939 – MARCH 4, 2017

Most Excellent Companion Bill Miles contributed greatly to humanity and our country through his profession and his service in the various Masonic bodies. His zest for life, his accomplishments individually, and with assistance, will not soon be forgotten and we are much better for his life here on earth.

Companion Bill joined the US Navy in 1957 when he was eighteen years old and served until 1960. He then attended the University of Maryland where he received a Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science. He worked for the Federal Government in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, with most of his service as a Personnel Manager with the U. S. Geological Survey, retiring in 1996.

Companion Bill was initiated in Kensington Lodge #198 in Kensington, Maryland on March 26, 1974, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 28, 1974, and raised as a Master Mason on September 14, 1974. He demitted from Kensington Lodge #198 on March 27, 1979 and affiliated with Tucker Lodge #42 in Tucker, Georgia on March 12, 1979, serving as Worshipful Master in 1985.

He joined Mt. Zion Chapter #16, RAM in Atlanta on August 19, 1983 and Jason Burr Council #13, RSM in Atlanta on November 12, 1983 and Atlanta Commandery #9, KT on November 19, 1983. He served as Secretary Recorder for these three bodies for most of the 1990s. He was also a past presiding officer of all these bodies and was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on August 30, 1994. He served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM in 2001 and served for several years as Chairman of the Grand Chapter Finance Committee. Companion Bill became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on May 26, 1979 in the L. Foy Harris, 33° Class, which was a one-day Reunion.

Companion Miles worked tirelessly in the Scottish Rite from the time he joined, serving as Commander of Atlanta Court, K. C. C. H. in 1995 and Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 2001. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 19, 1987, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33 Degree on November 25, 1995. He served as President of the Gwinnett-Alcoy Scottish Rite Association and in 2007 he became the General Secretary of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite Bodies and the Scottish Rite Foundation. He served with distinction as Secretary for six years.

Companion Bill was invited to become a member of most of the Appendant-Honorary Bodies in Georgia and served in a position of leadership in many of them, including several years as Secretary of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123.

Companion Miles was Methodist. He is survived by his wife Mary Sue, whom he married in 1964 and two daughters.

The officers and members of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia, hereby notes in its records the passing from this life of a man who was loved by his friends and respected by all.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, PGHP

CLARENCE ERNEST "BUSTER" HORNE

MAY 3, 1925 – OCTOBER 5, 2018

Upon graduation from High School, Brother Horne joined the United States Navy where he served in the Pacific Theater as an aerial gunner and radioman. After the war ended in 1945, he served on the staff of the Navy News in Manila, Philippines until his discharge in 1946.

He married Anita Ruth Strickland from Phenix City in 1946 and played amateur baseball in Alabama before moving to the Atlanta area about 1948. He began working for Ruralist Press as a printer in 1948 becoming an account executive and then Vice President before retiring in 1990. Ruralist Press was founded in the 1880s to produce the Hastings Seed Catalog, became Stephens Graphics in 1971 and was acquired by Bell South in the late 1980s where more than 65 million Yellow Pages and White Pages directories were printed annually.

Our Brother "Buster" was involved with the Atlanta Old-Time Baseball Players and again played amateur baseball in the early 1950s.

Brother Horne was initiated in East Point Lodge #288 on February 17, 1953, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 3, 1953, and raised as a Master Mason on March 28, 1953 serving as Worshipful Master in 1963. He was elected Secretary of the Lodge in December 1965 and served as its Secretary until December of 2016, a total of fifty-one years. He served as Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge for William M. Hutcheson in 1991 and was appointed in 1994 as Third Grand Steward of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia by James W. (Buddy) Seymour and he served with distinction as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia in 2002. He was very active in Grand Lodge serving on Charters and By-Laws Committee for over ten years, Publications Committee, and as a member of Jurisprudence Committee for several years.

Brother Buster was also a longtime member of Daylite Lodge #125 having affiliated with them as a dual member on December 4, 1991.

He joined Mt Zion Chapter #16, RAM on November 9, 1974, Jason Burr Council #13, RSM on November 9, 1974 and Coeur de Lion Commandery #4, KT on November 16, 1974. He was a past presiding officer of all these bodies and was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on August 30, 1994. He was very active in the York Rite bodies and was elected as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT in 1999.

Brother Horne was invited to become a member of all the Appendant-Honorary Bodies in Georgia and served in a position of leadership in many of them.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on November 3, 1961 as a member of the John Wimbish Guinn, 33° Class. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 20, 1965, and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° on October 18,

1973. Since November 3, 1961, Brother Horne has served the Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta, for fifty- seven years in several capacities. He was also Chairman of the Executive Committee for several years. In 1989 he was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Bill Hutcheson, in the Valley of Atlanta, and he served for Bill Hutcheson, Earl Harris and Leonard Buffington a total of fourteen years. He also served as a Trustee of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Scottish Rite Medical Center.

Brother Horne in his years contributed greatly to mankind and our country. His zest for life, his accomplishments individually will not soon be forgotten and we are much better for his life here on earth. He was a kind, generous and compassionate Christian friend to many who traveled many miles with him to some remote place to confer degrees or offer assistance.

Brother "Buster" was a longtime Baptist, but after moving to his farm in Henry County near McDonough in 1977, he affiliated with Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church where he served as Lay Leader, Lay Member, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and a member of the Administrative Board and Finance Committee. He was one of the Pillars of the Church during his forty plus years there and he was always being asked for his thoughts and guidance on the church and its activities. Brother Horne's wife Anita died on January 26, 2013 they having been married just over sixty-six years. He is survived by one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Buster passed to the great beyond in his ninety third year. He is gone but not forgotten.

Respectfully Submitted: Clyde E. Griffin, PGC

With thanks to PGCH Joe E. Turner for providing his expert knowledge and expertise.

DONALD HINSLEA SMITH
MAY 31, 1923 – FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Donald Hinslea Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where he was educated in the public schools. He began his career life simultaneously with the beginning of the Second World War, serving from the week of Pearl Harbor until he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in April 1964. He served as a combat infantry officer in Europe in 1944-45, and in 1946 transferred to the Military Police Corps, the branch in which he was serving when he retired. His service included the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was decorated for bravery and for meritorious service.

He entered Eastern Kentucky University upon retirement from the Army and graduated with honors in 1966, subsequently earning a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He was an Assistant Professor of Police Administration and the University Registrar of his Alma Mater when he retired in 1985. He is a past officer in Phi Kappa Phi National Scholastic Honor Society; Phi Delta Kappa, Professional Education Fraternity.

He was preceded in death by his wife the former Kathleen Virginia McCallum of Detroit, and their daughter Susan Burks Smith. He is survived by their two sons: The Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr., and Mark M. Smith. Sir Knight Smith was a Deacon in the Berea Baptist Church, Kentucky, where he taught a Men's Bible Class beginning in 1960.

Masonically, he was Raised in Atlanta Lodge No. 59, Georgia, from which he demitted in 1962 to become affiliated with Richmond Lodge No. 25 near his home in Kentucky. In the latter, he served as Worshipful Master in 1977. In the

York Rite, Sir Knight Smith was a member of Richmond Chapter No. 16, Council No. 71, and Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky. He served as High Priest of Richmond Chapter, and as Illustrious Master of R. & S.M. of Richmond Council, and served as Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Kentucky. He was Knighted in June 1960 and in 1969 was elected Eminent Commander of Richmond Commandery. In the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Sir Knight Smith held the office of Grand Commander, 1974-75. He served as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation being appointed to that position at the 53rd Triennial Conclave by Grand Master Willard M. Avery.

Appendant membership includes the following: Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights York Cross of Honour; Golgotha Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Kentucky; Kentucky Chapter No. 134, National Sojourners; St. Barnabas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Louisville, Kentucky; Royal Order of Scotland and the Philalethes Society. He was Past Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, U.S.A.; Past President of the Forty-Fivers; and held the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay. He also held membership in the York Rite Sovereign College and in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lexington and Louisville; Oleika Temple, AAONMS, Lexington; Allied Masonic Degrees; Colorado College, SRICF; and Order of Eastern Star. He served as Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, HRAKTP, in 1991. He served the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA as Most Excellent Great Chief in 1999.

In the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, he was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General on August 15, 1979, at Indianapolis, Indiana. He was advanced to the office of Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on February 16, 1980, following the death of William P. Wilson. Elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, August 18, 1982, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Elected Most Eminent Grand Master, August 13, 1985, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He presided over the Fifty-Seventh Triennial Conclave held in Lexington, Kentucky, August 8-10, 1988. He was appointed Right Eminent Grand Prelate in 1996 by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford.

Sir Knight Smith laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Banquet was held at 6:30 PM, Sunday, May 5, 2019, at the Macon Marriott City Center with MIPGM Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Master of Ceremonies, introducing the Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, and Grand Council Officers, followed by an introduction of Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael H. Wilson. MIGM Larry C. Bennett extended a short welcome to those in attendance. Sherri Kirk, President of the Social Order of the Beauceant made special introductions, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and then an Invocation by Reverend Donald C. Combs. Excellent Companion David M. Wellman escorted his lady Ruth to the East to explain meal procedures and all guests were invited to enjoy a buffet meal. After the meal, MIPGM Dr. Lemmons orchestrated the following presentations and events.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS PRESENTATION

Grand Worthy Advisor Madison Ricketts was introduced and escorted to the East for her presentation.

GEORGIA DEMOLAY PRESENTATION

State Senior Councilor J. Chase Sullivan of Georgia DeMolay was introduced and brought forward his remarks on behalf of State Master Councilor C. Blake McElroy.

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley and MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins presented Lady Sherri Kirk, Lady Angi Harris, Lady Barbara Tate, and Lady Nancy Simmons with Sweetheart Awards.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley presented MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins with a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REG Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad, REPGC Bobby B. Simmons, and REGC Steve A. Kirk presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Sherri Kirk with an additional award to be presented to Lady Brenda Gill at a later date.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

REG Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad and REPGC Bobby B. Simmons presented REGC Steve A. Kirk a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

Deputy General Grand Master Monty J. Glover and MIGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Sherri Kirk and Lady Kay Higgins with additional awards to be presented to Lady Judy Nichols and Lady Eva Garmon at a later date.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Deputy General Grand Master Monty J. Glover and MIGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Lady Angi Harris.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

Deputy General Grand Master Monty J. Glover presented MIGM Larry C. Bennett with a Plaque and Lapel Pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

MWPGM Lemmons introduced Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael H. Wilson who then gave his remarks. A special presentation was then made by MIGM Larry C. Bennett, REGC Steve A. Kirk, and MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins to honor Wade C. Smith for his many years of service as Grand Secretary-Recorder. After which, Grand Chaplain Edward C. Barclay lead the benediction.

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 6, 2019 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. MIGM Larry C. Bennett and his Grand Officers opened the 193rd Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia in full form at 7:30 AM. After the Opening, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance, MIGM Bennett declared the 193rd Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purpose of hosting a Joint Grand York Rite Session, receiving Distinguished Guests, and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. MIGM Bennett received REGC Steve A. Kirk who then extended a cordial welcome and declared the 159th Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of hosting and

receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. MIGM Bennett received MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins who then extended a welcome and declared the 197th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter duly convened for the purposes of hosting and receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. The MIGM 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

MIGM Bennett, REGC Kirk, and MEGHP Higgins welcomed the following Distinguished Guests to the Grand York Rite Sessions of Georgia:

ALABAMA

William H. Bledsoe, Jr., MEGHP

B. Wayne Sparks, MIGM

Thomas H. Nesbit, MEPGH, MIPGM, and REGC

NORTH CAROLINA

Kevin P. Wood, MIGM

OHIO

H. Jeffrey Shaw, RE Grand King

Martin R. Trent, REGC

OKLAHOMA

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., EGM of First Veil

SOUTH CAROLINA

Abram C. Flora, MEGHP

Jeffrey L. Hall, REGC

TENNESSEE

Garry L. Carter, MIGM

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

John Henry Johnson, EG Captain of the Host, and Eminent Prior, Georgia Priory No. 39, K.Y.C.H.

Mark A. Bradley, PGHP, Grand Secretary/Recorder, York Rite Bodies in Georgia, Worshipful First Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia, and Eminent Prior, Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, K.Y.C.H.

Clyde E. Griffin, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, MWPGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Grand Superintendent for Georgia, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, USA,

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

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.

CONVENT GENERAL KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Joe E. Turner, PGHP Ga; Personal Representative of Most Eminent Grand Master General, Dennis A. Sheridan, District 25, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

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

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

James W. Tate, RE Grand King, and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

C. Danny Wofford, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, MWPGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; General Grand Librarian, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Int.

Teko A. Foly, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, & MWPGM, District of Columbia, ME General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

F. A. (Drew) Lane, Jr., PIGM, PMWGM of Georgia and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int.

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

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

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

Ronald F. Keel, Aide-de-Camp to RE Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, REG Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

Brandon S. Yarbrough, VEDGC, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT., Grand Secretary, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, USA, and Aide-de-Camp to RE Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, REG Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

James C. McGee, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC, Alabama, and RE SE Department Commander, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

Bobby B. Simmons, REPGC, MWPGM of Georgia, MEPG Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, VEG First Pillar, Grand College of America, HRAKTP and REG Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

Jeffrey A. Bolstad, MEPGHP, Montana, Past REGC, Montana, IG Conductor of Council, Grand Council of Montana, REG Captain General, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar representing Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, MEG Master, Grand Encampment, KT., USA

GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

Michael H. Wilson, MEPGHP and MWGM of Masons in Georgia, F. & A. M.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by James W. Tate, Right Excellent Grand King; and Ryan C. Nealey, Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master; and Brandon S. Yarbrough, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander that all out-of-state Distinguished Guests, that are not already Honorary Members, be made Honorary Members of the three Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies. Seconded and Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS READ

MEGHP, MIGM, REGC, Grand Line Officers, and Distinguished All: Many Communications have been received from Sister Grand Jurisdictions, other Distinguished Masons, within and out of our Jurisdiction, expressing regrets at being unable to attend your Annual Grand Sessions and have extended best wishes for a very prosperous and harmonious Grand Session.

Fraternally Submitted: Wade C. Smith for Mark A. Bradley, Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26 NIV)

We have often been reminded of the fact that we are born to die. Mortality has been brought into view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life. As this year comes to a close, it our sad duty to report that 509 of our Companion Sir Knights from Chapter, Council, and Commandery combined have been called home to their heavenly reward. An alarm rang out at the door of this earthly asylum and those pilgrim warriors were summoned. These burning tapers of life in our Grand Commandery have been extinguished and none but the High and Almighty Holy one can relight them. Their memories will be cherished in our hearts as long as we hold breath. Earlier we held a memorial service to honor these valiant Knights of the Cross and with appropriate words of affection offered up a fitting tribute to their legacy. Those who have stirred the sands of time and gone before us indeed leave something for us to follow. In the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *"the lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time."* Sir Knights, those footprints form a path that we should strive to follow if we expect to grasp their hands in fellowship once again. These valiant and magnanimous crusaders have left a legacy of courage, integrity, faithfulness, and hope as well as a love for the Prince of Peace and the Captain of our Salvation. With their swords they taught the lessons of justice, fortitude, and mercy. So if we can follow the path laid out for them and us, in a manner trustworthy and true, then we too shall break the bonds of the earthly death and live in the reality of a resurrection in Christ's eternity. Until then our Friends, Brothers, and Sir Knights, farewell!! And May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all!! Amen!!

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Donald C. Combs; Steven G. Harris;
Edward C. Barclay

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

First and foremost, I thank Almighty God for the many blessings He has given to me, my family, and our Fraternity this past year. I would also like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Stephen C. Higgins, Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry C. Bennett, and Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk for appointing me to this committee. Throughout the year we have had many reports of sickness, accidents, and deaths. It is heartbreaking sometimes to bring these situations to your attention, requesting your assistance in praying for their needs; however, it is also refreshing when we hear of prayers being answered. Being human, we are frail, dependent, and needy creatures in so many ways and it is reassuring to be able to know others are praying for us and that we are not alone to carry our burdens. I appreciate all of the forwarded information from our members across our great state who are concerned for the health and well-being of other members and their loved ones. God knows who they all are, so let's continue to pray His will be done for His honor and glory in each and every situation. May our Fraternity continue to grow and prosper in ways that are pleasing to Him.

Fraternally Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

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

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

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

The Degree and Order work in the North is stellar. There have been several one-day festivals that I have been able to be a part of including the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, the Paulding/Douglas York Rite Festival, and the Covington Festival. Each of these conferred all of the degrees of the Chapter and Council and the Orders of the Commandery. There were many more new companions brought into the York Rite bodies through the efforts of these festivals. Also, some of the district conventions are conferring the degrees at their conventions and, as a result, have brought in many Companions. Finally, some of the local bodies have begun doing their own work. As Custodians of the Work, we are strongly encouraging these local bodies to perform their own degree work and, if necessary, reach out to neighboring bodies to enlist their assistance.

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

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee had a good year. The committee introduced a Mentoring program for Grand Chapter and Grand Council. Also, we developed a scripted program to introduce Royal Arch to our Blue Lodge Brothers during their regular communications.

In the Mentoring Program, a mentor is assigned to each new candidate. The Mentor is responsible for contacting the candidate, to let him know that his petition has been accepted and the time and place of his degrees. The Mentor is also responsible for being present at each of the Degrees, especially if the Degrees are conferred at a festival. After induction, the Mentor is responsible for answering questions about the Degrees and reviewing the Due Guards and

Signs of the Degrees before the new Companion's next regular meeting. This will allow an emotional bond to be formed between the Mentor and the candidate. A mentoring manual has been created to assist the Mentor. It includes the Mentor's duties and a high-level description of the Degrees.

The program to introduce Royal Arch enables and encourages a Royal Arch Mason to speak in a Blue Lodge, with the Worshipful Master permission, reminding them of several questions that have not been answered in the Blue Lodge Degrees; whereas, the Royal Arch will lead him on a path of continued enlightenment.

There has been an increase in petitions and interest in the Royal Arch after the program has been presented in Blue Lodges.

In the upcoming year, work will continue to create a program to formally introduce the Council to Royal Arch Companions and the Commandery to Council Companions.

The Committee would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Stephen C. Higgins, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Larry C. Bennett and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Steve A. Kirk for their support and assistance. Committee members are Companions Rick Hallwood, Daniel Bennett and Michael Wolcott.

Fraternally Submitted: Keith R. Taylor (135, 3), Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The York Rite Public Relations and Membership Committees were divided into two separate committees for the 2018 - 2019 year.

The Public Relations Committee finished the design, implementation and refining of a generic York Rite Website that can be easily replicated for every Chapter, Council, and Commandery that does not have a website. All or parts of the website can be copied and pasted onto a new or existing website by everybody. The domain name registration fee to host a new website is only \$12 per year on Google Sites.

Each new website can easily be customized by substituting the local information page with the current list of officers, contact information for the presiding officer as well as the Secretary/Recorder, upcoming events, stated meeting dates and times, location and a directional map. The website can be static (updated once a year) or dynamic (actively updated).

We have now received York Rite E&H approval for the website. All content was edited by Companion Robert Davis of Oklahoma, Head of York Rite Education, with contributions from PGIM Floyd Edmondson. All content has been approved by the Blue Lodge & York Rite E&H Committees.

To view, go to: www.yorkritesmyrna.org, and scroll through all of the pages and follow all the links.

NOTE: The Council menorah symbol for Royal Master is being replaced.

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

Fraternally Submitted: Richard John Hallwood (160, 60, 26), Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE GRAND CHAPTER

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

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

who are ready and willing to offer assistance. Your attention is directed to the generic York Rite website for PowerPoint presentations and other information pertaining to York Rite education. The web address is www.yorkritesmyrna.org. The committee expresses appreciation to Companion Richard Hallwood for his work on the approved site.

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

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Stephen C. Higgins.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford (84), Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram (28); Joe E. Turner (27)

GRAND COUNCIL

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

1. Worshipful Masters are constantly seeking programs for their communications and if requested we need the ability to provide an interesting and informative program on York Rite Masonry. We have numerous well-qualified Companions who are ready and willing to offer assistance. Your attention is directed to the generic York Rite website for PowerPoint presentations and other information pertaining to York Rite education. The web address is www.yorkritesmyrna.org. The committee expresses appreciation to Companion Richard Hallwood for his work on the approved site.

2. It is recommended that each Companion who has not received the Super Excellent Master Degree make it a point during the year to receive this most impressive and educational Degree. There are normally two or more opportunities across our State each year to receive the Degree. There are no fees or dues and it is a lifetime membership.

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

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Larry C. Bennett.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford (77), Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram (55); Joe E. Turner (10)

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

The Committee wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Sir Knights of Georgia:

Recommendations and Requests

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

5. Visit Symbolic Lodges, first requesting an opportunity to provide educational information on the advantages of York Rite membership. The generic York Rite website can be utilized in preparation and in making presentations.
www.yorkritesmyrna.org.

Gould Jewel

Included in this report is an article prepared by RESK Joe Turner on the William Tracy Gould Jewel now on display at the Atlanta Masonic Library and Museum. Gould was the first Grand Commander of Georgia 1860-68.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF GEORGIA, KT 1860

The Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar was formed in the Asylum of Georgia Commandery No. 1 in Augusta, Georgia on April 25, 1860. There were at the time four chartered Commanderies in Georgia, located in Augusta, Macon, Columbus and Atlanta. The first action of the Grand Commandery was to charter another Commandery, DeMolay No. 5 at Americus, Georgia, about 75 miles south from Macon and about 60 miles southeast of Columbus. This was what might be considered the Grand Commandery's first venture into South Georgia.

At the formation of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, William Tracy Gould from Augusta was elected as Right Eminent Grand Commander and he served until 1868. He was a lawyer, jurist and prominent mason of his day. He had previously served as The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia from 1847- 1854 and as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters from 1845 – 1847 and as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar from 1853 – 1856. In 1870, he became the 73rd active member 33^o of the Supreme Council for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

After having served as Grand Commander for eight hard years during and after the War Between the States, he declined further election. The Grand Commandery, though not having much money, decided it would be appropriate to procure a jewel for his service. This was done and at the Annual Conclave in 1869, a jewel was presented to him. The proceedings offer no information as to cost of the jewel or the manufacturers name, city, etc.

William Tracy Gould died in 1882 and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia. The jewel probably died too. However, a dealer on EBay in Oregon, 3000 miles from Augusta, Georgia resurrected the jewel in April of 2017. The dealer was selling some stuff for a local family there in Oregon and this jewel had come down through family to them. The Atlanta Masonic Library and Museum Association, Inc. was able to win the bid and bring the jewel back to Atlanta where it is now on permanent display for all to see.



The jewel is in excellent shape, made of gold and consists of a top bar, white ribbon and a golden circle enclosing a red Maltese cross with a shield over the cross. Inscribed on the front is Grand Commandery State of Georgia. Inscribed on the back: Presented to Sir Wm Tracy Gould R. E. Gr Com KT AO 742 TO 1868 AO 750 by the Grand Commandery Georgia A.D. 1859.

Joe Turner, Past Grand Commander, Honorary: President Atlanta Masonic Library

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Steve A. Kirk, for the opportunity to be of service during the year.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford (31), Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram (41); Joe E. Turner (22)

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Heads of the York Rite Bodies, Sir Knights, Companions, and Distinguished Guests All: Your Long-Range Planning committee makes the following report.

The finances of the York Rite Bodies is stabilizing due to the changes made in per-capita. We want to thank the leadership of the craft. We want to thank the Finance committee for their continued diligence and transparency.

This committee would also like to remind the Craft of the importance of the Perpetual Membership and its ability to help financially support the Grand Bodies and Constituent Bodies long-term.

We want to thank the GHP, MIGM and REGC for their continued support of the Grand York Rite fundraisers. These fundraisers have been instrumental in balancing our finances. We want to recommend to incoming officers the continued support of statewide fundraising.

The Grand Chapter Building is the Crown Jewel of Georgia York Rite Masonry.

We want to thank the building committee and the Grand Secretary/Recorder for their dedication. Long-term, the building does need an elevator and Most Illustrious Companion Floyd E. Edmondson is researching this project.

Membership has continually declined in unison with other Masonic organizations.

Ritual is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and thus the York Rite. We recommend that all Companions and Sir Knights of Georgia re-dedicate themselves annually to presenting the finest ritual possible to incoming Companions and Sir Knights.

Fraternally Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II (71, 41, 25)

REPORT OF THE BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

We are pleased to report that the building is in good condition for its age and some much-needed improvements have been addressed. Due to high winds and condition of the awning, it was replaced. In an effort to promote unity between the bodies who use the building, the decision was made to use the current emblem of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. The entrance to the building is pleasing and makes a statement of unity for all who enter or pass by. Constantine No. 4, Washington No. 6, and St. Omer No. 2 are now meeting and using the building.

The conference rooms are used on an as needed basis.

The heating and air needed service again and will be a concern in the future.

There are a couple of leaks in the roof which should be addressed soon.

The New Street side had some water damage and repair was made.

Cleaning of the building has been taken care of by Julie Hickman, since the retirement of Mr. Charles Irvin. As many of you know Mr. Charles' parents cared for the building since 1954.

Omer Commandery No. 2 was gracious to hang the pictures in the stairwell, which added so much to the climb and brought back to life the memory of these esteemed Right Eminent Grand Commanders.

In closing, our building is in good hands and we appreciate the opportunity to serve and to guide progress in an efficient manner.

Respectfully Submitted: Van S. McGee, Chairman; Wade C. Smith; Doyle R. Hatfield; Michael H. Wilson

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE MASONIC MESSENGER

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

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

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 Stephen C. Higgins, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry C. Bennett and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk for the confidence they have shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate all three on a fantastic year as the presiding officer for the state of Georgia in their respective body.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

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

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

Due to our limited space in the Knights Templar Magazine, we will continue to leverage our webpage for additional information on our Inspections, Christmas observances, and other information regarding Knights Templary in Georgia. The website for all of York Rite Masonry in Georgia continues to be

WWW.YORKRITEOFGA.ORG. Be sure to visit this site regularly to stay informed about the activities of the York Rite bodies.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Kirk on a fantastic year as Grand Commander.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell (26), Chairman

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

To: Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of Georgia:

Our Website is a critical part of the Grand York Rite of Georgia and is the public face of Georgia York Rite Masonry.

The committee would like to thank Brother Chris Brown (Webmaster) for his hard work this year in maintaining and updating the website. Secretary/Recorders can submit monthly reports and Commandery Inspection reports thru the website.

All photos by Sir Knight Robert Tidwell are now on Google Photos. Links to photos are on Grand York Rite Website.

Respectfully Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, PMIGM, KYCH

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS COMMITTEE

MEGHP Steve Higgins, MWGIM Larry Bennett, and REGC Steve Kirk:

The 11th Annual Grand Master's Class was a huge success. We had a great day of degree work and fellowship. We conferred the degrees and orders on 37 candidates. Which is one of the largest classes yet. I had very good feedback from all of the new Companions and Sir Knights. Despite the very long day, all really enjoyed the work.

I would personally like to thank all of the degree teams. All of the degree teams did an outstanding job. Without the hard work and dedication of these Companions and Sir Knights, this day would not have been possible. I would also like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Mike Wilson and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Drew Lane who assisted in conferring the Royal Master's Degree. It was a treat for them to take the time out of their busy schedules to do the degree work. I would also like to thank all of the Companions that helped set up, remove props, and fill any vacancies in the degree teams. Without these volunteers we would not have been so successful.

In conclusion, I would like to thank MEGHP Steven Higgins, MWGIM Larry Bennett, and REGC Steve Kirk for having the confidence in me to put this day together. It is my hope that all involved had a day of fellowship and fun while bringing more light to the candidates. It is never too soon to think about next year. With so many new Companions, I would love to see them participate in degree work at the next Grand Master's Class.

Respectfully Submitted: Tommy T. Marshall

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is pleased to report that as of March 31, 2019, the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 50 Perpetual Members with a total of \$107,416.29. The monies are invested with Wells Fargo Advisors.

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

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

We would like to urge the Heads of the Grand York Rite Bodies to have a Grand Officer responsible for promoting the Perpetual Membership at all Inspections and District Conventions.

During the calendar year, the committee has approved perpetual membership lapel pins, which have been distributed.

1. What is a Perpetual Membership? Pay a One Time Fee and Never Pay Dues Again.
2. How does it work? Perpetual Membership Committee will invest your Fee.
3. What is Cost? New Members see No. 7. Current Members see No. 4.
4. What will fee be on January 1st, 2019? Membership prior to 2016. 24 Times Dues and every Year after on January 1st it will go up 1 times Dues stopping at 25 Times.
5. Can I buy Perpetual Membership for just One Body? Yes
6. Can I get my money back? Once Application Approved, NO.
7. What if I join the York Rite in 2019? Your Fee will be 21 Times during the calendar year you joined going up to 22 Times on January 1st and every year after stopping at 25 Times.
8. What about Current year Dues? You must be current to purchase a Perpetual Membership.
9. What Money comes back to My Local Bodies? Local Dues, District Dues if Applicable (Chapter-See PM Form, A&B and Council-See PM Form, A&B, See PM Form, E&F and Local Dues (Commandery-See PM Form I) at the amount at time of purchase.
10. How will my Local Bodies receive my money? As a credit (Forever) on their annual statement (See Question 9). Plus, a credit for State Fees Amount of time of Purchase (During your Lifetime).
11. What happens when I Die? How much will my local bodies receive? See question 9, forever, as credit on statement?
12. Can I transfer my membership? Yes, if approved. For more information contact Grand York Rite office.
13. Can I buy multiple memberships? Yes, if approved. See Question 12.
14. Where is the Perpetual Membership Application? On Grand York Rite of Georgia Website.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins; MIGM Larry C. Bennett; REGC Steve A. Kirk; Grand Line Officers; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; REPGCs; Distinguished Guests; Companions; and Sir Knights All: As each of you are aware, it became necessary, as a result of health conditions, to reorganize your Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder offices prior to Grand Session. As a consequence of that necessity, MEGHP Higgins, MIGM Bennett, and REGC Kirk met in Macon on March 1st with MEPGHP Mark A. Bradley and Grand Secretary/Recorder Wade C. Smith. Your three Grand Line Leaders accepted the resignations of Grand Treasurer, Robert L. Gill, and Grand Secretary/Recorder, Wade C. Smith. Your three Grand Line Leaders, in unity, peace and harmony, appointed Most Excellent Grand Companion Mark A. Bradley as Grand Secretary/Recorder and Wade C. Smith as Grand Treasurer. Your Grand Secretary/Recorder has graciously concurred that your humble servant and Grand Scribe of the past eight years could complete this his eighth

and final Grand Secretary/Recorder Report. On behalf of the three Grand Line Leaders, the Grand Line Officers, and your Secretaries/Recorders, I thank you, individually and collectively, for another wonderful year of peace, unity, and harmony which has prevailed throughout the great State of Georgia York Rite Masonry. Each has diligently labored in the quarries during the past year in an effort to raise the bar for Georgia York Rite Masonry and I am happy to report that the task has been accomplished. I commend each of you for your contributions. Your 2019 Grand York Rite data is below enumerated.

<u>GRAND CHAPTER</u>		<u>GRAND COUNCIL</u>		<u>GRAND COMMANDERY</u>	
<u>Chapters 12-31-17</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>Councils 12-31-17</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Commanderies 12-31-17</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Chapters 12-31-18</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>Councils 12-31-18</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Commanderies 12-31-18</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Data adjustment from 2017</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>Data adjustment 2017</u>	<u>-53</u>	<u>Data adjustment 2017</u>	<u>-1</u>
<u>Members 12-31-17</u>	<u>3,849</u>	<u>Members 12-31-17</u>	<u>2,604</u>	<u>Members 12-31-17</u>	<u>2,341</u>
Exalted	94	Greeted	91	Knighted	95
Affiliated	11	Affiliated	14	Affiliated	16
Reinstated	30	Reinstated	24	Reinstated	15
GAIN	135	GAIN	129	GAIN	126
Demitted	56	Demitted	48	Demitted	43
Suspended	184	Suspended	115	Suspended	97
Deceased	249	Deceased	128	Deceased	132
LOSS	489	LOSS	-291	LOSS	-272
NET GAIN/LOSS	-354	NET GAIN/LOSS	-162	NET GAIN/LOSS	-146
<u>Members 12-31-18</u>	<u>3,495</u>	<u>Members 12-31-18</u>	<u>2,442</u>	<u>Members 12-31-17</u>	<u>2,195</u>

COMMENDATION

All Leaders, past Leaders, Secretaries/Recorders, and Companions are commended for their efforts in recruiting and reducing Demits and Suspensions. Please continue the good works.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That each body that has not previously accomplished this task, please re-write your by-laws, using the STANDARD FORMAT, and submit them to this office for approval and placement in the archives.

My beloved Secretaries/Recorders: I thank you for your outstanding, unwavering support, and assistance during the past eight years and more especially this past year. You are the lynch pins that holds these three bodies together. I thank you for doing a great job in keeping your records in proper order and continuing to make timely reports, which are essential to keeping your Grand York Rite records and databases current and relevant. Many thanks, team!

A special thanks is extended to Most Excellent Grand Companion Joe E. Turner, MEPGHP for continuing to upgrade and maintain our databases.

I want to extend a special thanks to your Finance Team and Most Excellent Grand Companion, Robert L. Gill, MEPGHP, your Grand Treasurer of eight years. They have once again refined and improved the financial management process—an eight-year labor of love that gets better with each year.

A special shout out is extended to MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston, II for his insight, research, and development of our financial reporting system. He continues to watch over the process and helps at every turn. Most Illustrious Sir, we are proud of you and we need your continued support and guidance.

A very special thanks is extended to Marla Rene' Horton, our outstanding, accomplished, very professional, very knowledgeable Administrative Assistant. She has continued to grow in knowledge and significance during the past year. She is the voice of and go-to person for your Grand Office. Her front office professionalism, demeanor, and positive reception of all callers and/or visitors is phenomenal. She has continued to improve in researching, composing, and

editing. She has proven to be a focused, dedicated worker and a tremendous asset to the York Rite Bodies. She is a superb and efficient office manager. Finally, I want to thank Pat, my child bride of 65 years, for permitting me to continue to serve you and this wonderful, beloved craft.

MAY GOD BLESS!

Fraternally Submitted: Wade C. Smith for ME Companion Mark A. Bradley,
Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

GRAND CHAPTER			
APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,927		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	874		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	39		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	3,840		
INCOME	BUDGETED	RECEIVED	
PER CAPITA	73,175		
FUDRAISERS	6,250		
INVESTMENTS	9,326		
MISCELLANEOUS	1,495		
TOTAL INCOME	90,246		
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	1,400	
CPA COMPILATION	900	1,590	
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	1,100	2,953	
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	
PER CAPITA DUES – G. GRAND/GRAND ENC	8,163	8,898	
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	680	400	
SESSION PHOTOS	100	110	
TRIENNIAL	800	0	
BUILDING RENT	11,890	11,890	
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888	60,888	
G. PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	
MASONIC CHARITY	525	300	
TOTAL EXPENSES	90,246	94,846.73	
TOTAL INCOME	90,246		
BALANCE	0		

GRAND COUNCIL			
APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,216		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	395		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	40		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,651		

INCOME	BUDGETED	RECEIVED	
PER CAPITA	55,400		
FUDRAISERS	6,250		
INVESTMENTS	762		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	63,637		
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	500	0	
CPA COMPILATION	900	1,195	
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	1,100	5,150.25	
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	
PER CAPITA DUES – G. GRAND/GRAND ENC	5,608	5,602.50	
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	680	1,200	
SESSION PHOTOS	100	110	
TRIENNIAL	800	0	
BUILDING RENT	8,776	8,776	
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	40,448	40,448	
GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	
MASONIC CHARITY	525	300	
TOTAL EXPENSES	63,637	66,832.63	
TOTAL INCOME	63,637		
BALANCE	0		

GRAND COMMANDERY APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019			
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	1,951		
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	391		
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	34		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,376		
INCOME	BUDGETED	RECEIVED	
PER CAPITA	72,602		
FUDRAISERS	6,250		
INVESTMENTS	0		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	82,529		
EXPENSES	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	%
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,400	517.58	
CPA COMPILATION	900	1,195	
GRAND OFFICERS REGALIA REPAIR	500	621.50	
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	0	
PER CAPITA DUES – G. GRAND/GRAND ENC	22,761	21,078	
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	2,000	1,500	
SESSION PHOTOS	100	110	
TRIENNIAL	4,170	8,000	
BUILDING RENT	4,332	7,644	

RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	36,239	36,239	
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	
MASONIC CHARITY	525	400	
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,727	83,555.08	
TOTAL INCOME	82,529		
BALANCE	+4,802		

MIGM, REGC, MEGHP, Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Line Officers, and my Companions/Sir Knights All: I have requested that Wade Smith submit my Eighth Grand Treasurer Report for 2019-20 Grand Convocation, Assembly, and Conclave. I thank you for permitting me to serve you as your Grand Treasurer for the past eight years. May God bless each of you and your families. A special thanks is extended to Marla Horton, an outstanding Administrative Assistant, for her 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 for the past year.

Fraternally Submitted: Wade C. Smith for Robert L. Gill

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee on the RARA makes the following Report for the year 2018-2019:

My sincere thanks goes to the MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins for appointing me as the Chairman of the RARA Committee this year. It was a great honor to work with the other committee members—John H. Johnson, EGCoFH, and Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, EGM1V—on presenting the RARA at every District Convention, at numerous Chapter meetings and in other Masonic events throughout the year. The RARA Committee was very busy this year as we presented the 11 RARA presentations at all of the District Conventions, over 20 individual chapters, and numerous Blue Lodge events.

At this time, the Georgia RARA Masons are ranked #2 in the East Region and #6 nationally in total contributions. We have closed in the gap on #1 Florida in the East Region by \$5k this year, bringing Georgia only \$15k behind Florida for the upcoming year. Our goal each year is to have every Chapter contribute at least 100% in giving based on number of members. We had 21 Chapters this year achieve 100% awards, which is 10 Chapters more than our preceding year. The District Conventions produced \$4200 in donations to the RARA for 2018-2019. Some special call outs need to go Mt. Zion Chapter #16 for \$8,000 in 2 RARA contributions, along with 7 \$500 donations from individual chapters and 1 \$500 donation from an individual companion. The total given statewide this year was \$20,220, which is approximately \$6000 over our prior year. The RARA Committee presented 12 Diamond Lapel pins this year to numerous Conventions, Chapters and one individual, with 1 Lapel Pin having 16 Diamonds on it. Congratulations to Mt. Zion #16 for this achievement! The RARA Lapel Pin Jewel is awarded for each \$500 donation or cumulative donations over the 3 year Triennial period (Aug 2017 to Aug 2020).

On behalf of the RARA Committee for 2018-2019, we would like to thank all of the Georgia York Rite Companions for their increased donations in 2018-2019, which has helped Georgia RARA close the gap on Florida. We look forward to another great year and continuing to serve the craft.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert D. Wing (71), Chairman; John H. Johnson (58/91); Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (59)

REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Greetings to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions:
2018 was a good year for CMMRF donations in Georgia. At the Grand Session last year I was proud to announce that Georgia had moved up to 9th place. We did not maintain our ranking even though donations were up over the past year. We now rank 11th nationwide in donations to our charity, only \$400 behind 10th.

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
\$3,590	\$3,385	\$6,859	\$7,837	\$6,876	\$7,596

While the goal of having all Councils at least at \$1.00/per member is still in effect. I want to challenge all Councils to increase their donation by at least \$0.50/member over last year.

Our donations go to fund 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. CMMRF has a very active donor recognition program and during the past year the following individuals or Councils were recognized for their contributions.

James W. Bard, Gold pin with 3 diamonds

I had the pleasure of presenting General Grand Masters Awards, literally from one corner of the state to the other.

NT Pirkle Council # 65, Triangle Plaque

Winder Council #77, Extender Bar

Zabud Council #64, Extender Bar

Marietta Council #74, 2 Extender Bars

CMMRF has had a program for CMMRF day (March 6) in the past years where they have been urging all Councils to donate \$5/member to CMMRF. This year the board of directors decided to increase that amount to \$9/member. In order for most of our Councils to participate in this program we will need to have designated fund-raising activities for that purpose and I strongly urge our Councils to get behind this program.

CMMRF continues to fund cutting edge research at the Indiana Center for Vascular and Biologic Medicine. Current areas of research include using adult stem cells to treat: 1. Peripheral Vascular Disease and 2. Heart, 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, and 5. Delayed wound healing.

Other possible areas of research in the future include Arthritis and Erectile Dysfunction.

Thank you for all your work and donations for the past year. I have truly enjoyed serving you for the past few years as your chairman and thank you for that privilege. I am stepping down as the Chairman after this Grand Session and I strongly urge you to get behind our new chairman and let's get Georgia back into the top ten where we belong.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 51ST VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN & MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST, INC.

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

It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the 51st 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 51st Voluntary Campaign is under way. As of April 1, 2019 Georgia is ranked 13th with a total donation of \$24,554.47. This gives us an average of \$10.79 donated per member in Georgia. The following Commanderies gave in excess of \$10.00 per member:

Coeur De Lion No. 4	St. Omer No. 2	Ivanhoe No. 10
Constantine No. 26	Georgia No. 1	St. Paul No. 5
St. John's No. 19	Amicalola No. 41	Arnold de Troye No. 31
Atlanta No. 9	Waycross No. 36	Douglasville No. 40
St. Elmo No. 21		

We continue to challenge 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, 2019 a total of \$11,753.00 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:

Pilgrim No. 15	Steve A. Kirk, REGC	Jasper Lodge No. 50
St. Bernard No. 25	Richard P. Marshall	Walton Lodge No. 200

The Social Order of the Beauceant - GA 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. More projects are in the works to raise money for the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation. Be ready to donate your money!

We thank Marla Horton and Eminent Sir Knight Wade Smith for their assistance. Keep up the Good Work Sir Knights!

Respectfully Submitted: Brandon S. Yarbrough (35), Chairman; Carl J. Gamel (40); Robert L. Head (3)

REPORT OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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

Your committee is honored to report to you that our fundraising efforts have been successful and we were able to contribute \$6,250.00 to each of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chairman

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCIAL BUDGETS FOR 2019-2020

GRAND YORK RITE OF GEORGIA FINANCES	CHAPTER 2019-2020	COUNCIL 2019-2020	COMMANDERY 2019-2020
MEMBERSHIP			
DUES PAYING MEMBERS	2,716	2,055	1,836
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP	734	343	322
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	45	44	37
TOTAL	3,495	2,442	2,195
INCOME			
PER CAPITA	73,513	53,706	73,677
FUDRAISERS	6,000	6,000	0
WITHDRAWAL FROM INVESTMENTS	10,590	2,678	1,936
MISCELLANEOUS	1,500	1,000	0
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	91,603	63,384	75,613
EXPENSES			
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	1,000	500	1,000
CPA COMPILATION	1,000	900	900
REGALIA	1,500	500	1,200
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	200	200	200
PER CAPITA DUES – GENERAL GRAND/GRAND ENCAMPMENT	9,000	5,608	19,830
REGIONAL CONFERENCE	700	600	1,500
SESSION PHOTOS	100	100	100
TRIENNIAL	800	800	2,500
BUILDING RENT	11,890	8,776	7,644
RAM/OFFICE EXPENSES	60,888	40,448	36,239
TRAVEL EXPENSE	4,000	4,000	4,000
MASONIC CHARITY	525	400	500
TOTAL EXPENSES	91,603	62,832	75,613
TOTAL INCOME	91,603	63,384	75,613
BALANCE	0	+552	0

RAM OPERATIONS	2019-2020
INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	60,888
GRAND COUNCIL	40,448
GRAND COMMANDERY	36,239
GRAND SESSION	7,475
SALES	1,235
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	146,285
EXPENSES	
MASONIC MESSENGER	1,000
SHADY DALE RODEO	250
BOND (1/3 PIF EVERY 3 YEARS)	600
COMPUTER AND COPIER MAINTENANCE	9,000
CONDOLENCES	575
ANNUAL GRAND SESSION EXPENSE	21,415
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE	0
GRAND RECORDER EXPENSE	5,800
OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,045
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	146,285
TOTAL INCOME	146,285
BALANCE	0

RAM BUILDING	2019-2020
INCOME	
GRAND CHAPTER	11,890
GRAND COUNCIL	8,776
GRAND COMMANDERY	7,644
GRAND LODGE	28,309
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	56,619
EXPENSES	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3,000
BUILDING REPAIR	5,500
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	3,000
LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE	5,000
SALARY/WAGES/TAXES	7,000
PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,000
TRASH/ADVANCED DISPOSAL	1,900
WATER/MACON WATER	1,000
GAS/SCANA ENERGY	5,000
GA POWER	16,000
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	6,219
TOTAL EXPENSES	56,619
TOTAL INCOME	56,619
BALANCE	0

Motion Made, Seconded, and Approved May 7, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted: Doyle R. Hatfield, REPGC

RESOLUTION:

WADE C. SMITH, GRAND RECORDER EMERITUS

Whereas, Right Illustrious Companion Wade C. Smith has been a Master Mason for almost 60 years; and

Whereas, he has served as Worshipful Master of Allegheny Lodge 114, F&AM (Worshipful Master, 1990) and as Secretary of his Lodge for 18 years;

Whereas, he served as Illustrious Master of Brasstown Council 79, R&SM in 2002; and

Whereas, he served the Craft as Most Illustrious Grand Master (Honorary) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia, and has labored tirelessly in the vineyards of Freemasonry; and

Whereas he has served the Craft with distinction as GRAND RECORDER of the Grand Council of Georgia for eight (8) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia does, hereby, declare that Right Illustrious Companion Wade C. Smith be given the title of Grand Recorder Emeritus with all the rights and prerogatives appertaining thereto, in its One Hundred and Ninety-Third Annual Assembly in the City of Macon, Georgia, this 6th day of May 2019.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Assembly and a suitable copy thereof be transmitted to our Right Illustrious Companion Wade C. Smith.

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, MIGM

RESOLUTION:

WADE C. SMITH, GRAND RECORDER EMERITUS

Whereas, Eminent Companion Wade C. Smith has been a Master Mason for almost 60 years; and

Whereas, he has served as Worshipful Master of Allegheny Lodge 114, F&AM (Worshipful Master, 1990) and as Secretary of his Lodge for 18 years;

Whereas, he served as Eminent Commander of Blue Ridge Commandery 37, KT in 2002 and has labored tirelessly in the vineyards of Freemasonry; and

Whereas he has served the Craft with distinction as GRAND RECORDER of the Grand Commandery of Georgia for eight (8) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Georgia does, hereby, declare that Eminent Companion Wade C. Smith be given the title of Grand Recorder Emeritus with all the rights and prerogatives appertaining thereto, in its One Hundred and Fifty-Ninth Annual Conclave in the City of Macon, Georgia, this 6th day of May 2019.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Conclave and a suitable copy thereof be transmitted to our Eminent Companion Wade C. Smith.

Respectfully Submitted: Steve A. Kirk, REGC

RESOLUTION:

WADE C. SMITH, GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

Whereas, Right Excellent Companion Wade C. Smith has been a Master Mason for almost 60 years; and

Whereas, he has served as Worshipful Master of Allegheny Lodge 114, F&AM (Worshipful Master, 1990) and as Secretary of his Lodge for 18 years;

Whereas, he served as Excellent High Priest of Enotah Chapter 24, RAM from 1999 to 2001; and

Whereas, he served the Craft as Grand High Priest from May 2009 to May 2010, and has labored tirelessly in the vineyards of Freemasonry; and

Whereas he has served the Craft with distinction as GRAND SECRETARY of the Grand Chapter of Georgia for eight (8) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia does, hereby, declare that Right Excellent Companion Wade C. Smith be given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus with all the rights and prerogatives appertaining thereto, in its One Hundred and Ninety-Seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Macon, Georgia, this 6th day of May 2019.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Convocation and a suitable copy thereof be transmitted to our Right Excellent Companion Wade C. Smith.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, MEGHP

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Tyler W. Pledger.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

RPDGM Monty J. Glover and General Grand Ambassador for Georgia F. Andrew Lane, Jr. presented the College of Preservation Award to MIGM Larry C. Bennett and MIPGM J. Edward Jennings, Jr.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Larry C. Bennett presented the Council of the Year Award to Walker Council No. 24.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Steve A. Kirk presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight William R. Kayma.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

RE Captain General Jeffery A. Bolstad (representing GM Jeffery N. Nelson) and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knights Brit T. Massey, Robert W. Tidwell, Roy H. Miller, Jr., Bruce H. McNall, and J. Walter McCannon, Jr.

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR AWARD

REGC Steve A. Kirk presented the Commandery of the Year Award to Charles Martel Commandery Number 29.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

GG Scribe Teko A. Foly and MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion Robert W. Tidwell.

KIRBY AWARD

GG Scribe Teko A. Foly and MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins presented the Kirby Award to Excellent Companion J. Timothy Ingram.

JOHN S. PERRY TROPHY

MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins presented the John S. Perry Trophy to Jesup Chapter Number 70.

The Joint Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies Business having been completed: Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry C. Bennett declared the 193rd Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk declared the 159th Annual Joint Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly closed. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Stephen C. Higgins declared the 197th Annual Joint Assembly of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly closed.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THIRD
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 6, 2019
A. DEP. 3019**



LARRY CURTIS BENNETT
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2018 – 2019

LARRY CURTIS BENNETT

PERSONAL

Larry Curtis Bennett was born on October 17, 1945 to Willard and Lorene Bennett in Bartow County, Georgia. He married Delores Jean Watson on September 3, 1965. They have three children, one daughter, two sons and one grandson.

MASONIC

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 16, 1980 in Ducktown Lodge # 572 Free and Accepted Masons and served as Worshipful Master in 1987. He served as the Director of Work from 1994 to 2011. He served as Secretary of Ducktown Lodge # 572 from 2009 to 2016. He served as the Assistant Custodian of the Uniform Work for the 9th Masonic District from 2009 to 2011. He served as Custodian of the Uniform Work for the 9th Masonic District from 2012 to 2018. He served as the Secretary of the Board of Custodians from 2012 to 2018. He was selected as the Mason of the Year of the 9th Masonic District in 2013 and is currently the Junior Warden of the 9th Masonic District Convention. He is a charter member of Georgia Mountain Daylight Lodge # 758 (which was chartered in 2008). He served as Worshipful Master in 2011. He has been a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta since June 5, 1999. He is currently a member of and past President of the Appalachian Mountain Scottish Rite Association in Jasper, GA. He was exalted in Pickens Chapter # 28 Royal Arch Masons on February 18, 2002 and served as High Priest in 2005. He served as Secretary of Pickens Chapter # 28, 2007 through 2009. He received the Order of High Priesthood May 2, 2005. He has served as the Director of Work since 2012 to present. He served as the High Priest of the 9th District Royal Arch Convention 2014. He is a recipient of the Ritualist Jewel for the RAM. He was greeted as a Select Master in Pickens Council # 55 on July 7, 2003 and served as Illustrious Master in 2006. He served as Recorder of Pickens Council # 55 from 2007 to 2010. He has served as Director of Work from 2012 to present. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel May 1, 2006. He has served as the Assistant Custodian of the North for the York Rite Bodies from 2015 to present. He was knighted in Amicalola Commandery # 41, February 8, 2007 and served as Commander in 2013. He has received the Knight Crusader of the Cross. He is a member of Cherokee Council # 439 Allied Masonic Degrees and served as Sovereign Master in 2013. He received the Red Branch of Erie and the Order of the Bath. He is a member of the Carl F. Lester Jr. Council # 65 Knight Masons of the USA. He is a member of Luther G. Palmer # 123 York Rite College of North America and currently serving as the Chancellor. He received the Order of the Purple Cross of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He is a member of Rufus R. White Red Cross of Constantine, currently serving as the Eminent Viceroy. He has received the College of Viceroys. He is a member of Cherokee Rose Priory # 56 Knight of York Court of Honor.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 7:30 AM on Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Auditorium of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, with MIGM Larry C. Bennett presiding and with all Grand Line Officers present and in their respective stations. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Edward C. Barclay, Grand Chaplain. The

MIGM led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Being assured that a quorum was present, the MIGM declared the One Hundred Ninety-Third Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Larry C. Bennett (55)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Robert B. Wolbert (02)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Edward C. Barclay (55)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
James W. Bard (13)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Freddie L. Eller (55)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Robert W. Tidwell (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

The MIPGMs retired to be introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner:

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

*Indicates absence

2018-2019 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

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

C. Danny Wofford

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Edgar M. Land; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Edward C. Barclay, Chair; Steve Harris; Rev. Donald C. Combs

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, 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;

Benjamin W. Polston, II

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF): James W. Bard, Chair; Robert R. Cordle; Judd J. Wolfe
Entertainment: David M. Wellman, Chair; Ernest A. McCorkle; S. Matthew Perry; William F. Shepard
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; J. Timothy Ingram
Long Range Planning: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield; William F. Shepard
Public Relations: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; Robert R. Cordle
Membership: Keith R. Taylor, Chair; Michael L. Wolcott; Daniel P. Bennett; Richard J. Hallwood
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell
Masonic Magazine Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Kevin L. Hyde; J. Chris Brown
GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Assistant Chair; Wade C. Smith
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair
Fundraising: Larry C. Bennett, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Stephen C. Higgins
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2018-2019 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Leonard A. Davis (62)	State Chair	Homer C. Cowart (49)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (2)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th
Bruce D. Mann (38)	2 nd /3 rd	Steven E. Wooten (25)	8 th
Andrew D. Bass (14)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
David L. Moncus, Jr. (62)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (3)	9 th
Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (54)	5 th	William T. White (79)	9 th
Alessandro V. Da Silva (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (66)	6 th	Nickie D. Jordan (30)	11 th
Jimmie W. Hobgood (18)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the elected and appointed Grand Council Officers, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, General Grand Council Officers, Distinguished In-State and Out-of-State Guests and Companions all: It is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome each of you to the One Hundred Ninety Third (193rd) Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia. Thank you for visiting our home and should you need any assistance during your stay please permit me or one of our Grand Council Officers to assist you.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITATIONS

It has been my honor to represent the Grand Council of Georgia at the following out-of-state visitations: Southeastern York Rite Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, Grand York Rite Session of South Carolina and the Grand York Rite Session of North Carolina. I traveled to Alexandria, Virginia and then proceeded to Arlington, Virginia where we were given a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and afterwards I was honored and privileged to be allowed to join the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Georgia, MWB Michael Wilson, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia, Right Eminent Sir Knight Steve Kirk and the Most

Excellent Grand High Priest of Georgia, Most Excellent Companion Stephen Higgins in the ceremony of laying the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was a very moving and humbling experience and one I will never forget. Afterwards, we were allowed, and I must say honored, to meet and talk with the Soldiers in their quarters where they prepare for their next shift and was given a tour and an in depth explanation of exactly what they do and the training required to achieve the status of Honor Guard. Being allowed to participate in the Ceremony of the Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was indeed the highlight of my Masonic Career and I feel so blessed to have had such an honor. On Easter Sunday I was privileged to be counted in the group representing The York Rite of Georgia along with twenty seven (27) other Sir Knights, Companions and Ladies of Georgia and to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This was also a very humbling and heartwarming experience as we all came together to worship in the true sense of Christian Soldiers.

IN-STATE VISITATIONS

I have been very honored to represent the Grand Council of Georgia at the Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow Girls, the Grand Conclave of the Order of the DeMolay, the Grand Session of the Daughters of the Nile, the Grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth, the Grand Session of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Statewide AMD Council, Warner Robbins, Georgia Priory # 39 KYCH, many Festivals, Conventions and the Grand Masters Class in Macon.

I have visited several blue lodges including my own where the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Stephen Higgins, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Steve Kirk and I presented a program on the advantages of belonging to the York Rite in an effort to build our membership. I want to thank Most Excellent Companion Stephen Higgins for leading the way and initiating this program. I have been able to travel with him and participate with our own Grand Council Program to present to the Lodges. All three (3) Bodies have been successful in gaining new members as a result. I am very proud and honored to have had the privilege to present Twenty Five, Fifty and Sixty Year Awards to our distinguished Companions in several Councils throughout the State. I traveled with Most Illustrious Companion Floyd Edmondson, Most Excellent Companion Stephen Higgins and Right Eminent Sir Knight Steve Kirk to Morristown, Tennessee to present Fifty Year Awards for Chapter, Council and Commandery to a member of Ellijay Chapter # 150, Summit Council # 19 and Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery # 37. This Companion is 99 years young and was very excited for all of us travel to Tennessee to present the Awards. I visited numerous Chapters and Councils throughout the State and attended all the Council Conventions and many of the Chapter Conventions. I was also privileged and honored to be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, RESK Steve Kirk to inspect Pilgrim Commandery # 15. I have attended meetings with Cherokee Rose Priory # 56 KYCH, Luther G. Palmer # 123 York Rite College of North America, Carl F. Lester Council # 65 Knight Masons of the USA, Rufus R. White Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Cherokee Council # 439 Allied Masonic Degrees, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta and the Appalachian Mountain Scottish Rite Association.

NECROLOGY

This year we have lost 128 Companions as the dread messenger of death has once again visited our Grand Council much too often. Let us continue to pray that God will give peace and strength to the families of those who have laid down their working tools and have found that entrance to a place of refreshment, wages and rest.

DISPENSATIONS

We have issued several dispensations this year, all have been routine in nature and are on file in the Grand Recorders Office.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

The number of companions participating in the Perpetual Membership Program continues to grow and I feel this is a great tool for our fraternity and will help us move forward. It will also continue to help your constituent Council even after you are gone. I would like to see more companions look into becoming a perpetual member of the York Rite.

FUNDRAISERS

Companions, the fund raisers for our York Rite Bodies originated as a means for building our investment accounts in an effort to try to keep down our per capita increases. This year the dove shoot did not net us a lot of money in itself, but combined with the 52 week gun giveaway we will once again be able to distribute \$6,250.00 into each of three accounts of the York Rite Bodies. I do want to thank all of the companions who have worked so hard in our dove shoot and in selling the tickets on the gun giveaway. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I have traveled the state this year and visited many Councils and want to thank each of the companions for their hospitality and generosity. The companions have been very enthusiastic in receiving me into their Councils and have treated me with great respect and brotherly love. I have been afforded the opportunity to meet and greet a lot of our companions throughout the state that I would not otherwise have the opportunity to meet. A lot of Councils have revitalized their degree teams and are very proudly conferring their own degrees. I sincerely hope and pray that the craft will continue to support the District Conventions and Festivals in their Districts. I encourage the constituent councils to volunteer to confer degrees and work with other councils at the conventions and festivals that we may build and maintain the membership in this great fraternity.

APPOINTMENTS

It was my distinct honor and privilege to appoint the following Grand Council Officers:

Companions Edward C. Barclay, Grand Chaplain, Freddie Eller, Grand Sentinel, Robert Tidwell, Grand Photographer and Phillip Faulkner, Grand Organist. All of these companions are very dear to me and I thank you so much for accepting the appointments and for the manner in which you have served the craft. I want to thank the companions who accepted appointments and agreed to serve on the several committees; you have all done a great job in your service to the craft. I want to especially express my sincere gratitude to the District Grand Deputies who, through their hard work and dedication, have made this year a success.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the leaders and companions of the state continue to work on the Perpetual Membership Program.

I recommend that the Membership Program started this year, of going into the Blue Lodges soliciting members, be continued. It has been a fruitful endeavor in that we did gain members from this program.

I highly recommend that the councils continue to confer the degrees in their councils whenever possible and let's keep this great degree work alive for future generations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

First of all I want to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for all the blessings of life He has bestowed upon me and my family. Without His guidance all my efforts would be in vain. I want to express my love and appreciation for my family for their sacrifices during the years I have been away from them in my many endeavors in Freemasonry. My wife, Delores, for her unfaltering love and care, my daughter Kelly, my son Brian and daughter-in-law Megan, my grandson, Blaine and my son Daryl for understanding and support they have given me in my years of service to the craft.

I want to thank and acknowledge Most Illustrious Companion Wayne Garrett, who nominated me for this Grand Line, installed me into the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master and has been a friend, mentor and advisor for this year as in years past.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of the Grand Council Officers for their support and assistance. Without their companionship, prayers and support, this year would not have been as enjoyable. They are a hard working group of companions and certainly deserve acknowledgement. I particularly want to thank and acknowledge Illustrious Companion James Bard for his travel, hard work and dedication to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. He has traveled the state presenting the program and promoting the CMMRF.

His compassion and dedication for our charity shows in the manner in which he presents the program and the work he does to keep Georgia in the top ten (10) in the nation in donations to the CMMRF. I want to thank my lodges, Ducktown Lodge # 572 and Georgia Mountain Daylight Lodge # 758 for their understanding when I had to miss meetings. I thank Pickens Council # 55 for their support and understanding this year when I could not be there as well. I want to express a special thank you to Excellent Companion James Harris, the Excellent Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the friendship and courtesies he has extended to me during this year and for accompanying me to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Southeastern Regional Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. I thoroughly enjoyed the conversations and the company on these trips. I want thank Right Illustrious Companion Wade Smith, Grand Recorder, for all the hard work he has done to make our year a very special, successful and enjoyable experience. I thank you so very much for the advice, support, encouragement and companionship you have shown during the last few years. Your service and dedication to the craft has been very commendable and honorable. I also want to thank Marla Horton for keeping Wade out of trouble and for all your hard work and dedication to the York Rite Bodies. I want to express my appreciation to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Steve Kirk for the great times and enjoyable year this has been to have been associated with my companions from Amicalola Commandery # 41. And finally, I want to express a huge amount of appreciation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Steve Higgins. He has been a great traveling companion all year long and has been an enormous blessing to me. Together, we have traveled from the northernmost part of the state to the southernmost

part of the state promoting the York Rite of Georgia while attending Chapter and Council Conventions. We have been friends and Masonic Brothers for a very long and this year has proven that friendship can also be a great working relationship. So, to my Companion Steve Higgins, you have truly been a blessing to me this year and I definitely owe you a very special thank you for all your help and assistance. My inadequacies and inability to find the right words to express my sincere appreciation does not change the fact that I am eternally grateful for your friendship, companionship, encouragement and brotherly love you have shown this past year.

Again, thank you all so very much for giving me the opportunity to serve you, this great fraternity and this great state as your Illustrious Grand Master. I have been truly blessed just to be a part of this great York Rite family I have come to love and respect through the years. This has been an experience I will never forget and will cherish for the rest of my life. It is such an honor to belong to this beloved fraternity and I hope it will continue to grow and prosper. And always remember, "LET US BUILD INDUSTRIOUSLY WHILE OUR STRENGTH ENDURES".

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

To The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia:

Your committee on the Grand Illustrious Master's Address sincerely and fraternally submits the following report:

We have reviewed the Most Grand Illustrious Master's report to this Grand Council and note that he extended a warm and sincere welcome to all present, including our out-of-state distinguished guests. He offered any assistance as required while they are in our jurisdiction.

Our Grand Illustrious Master has crossed the State many times serving our Craft well and has represented Royal and Select Masonry in many other jurisdictions as well as Georgia. His attendance at, and participation in, our several York Rite Festivals, appendant bodies, and local Chapters, has proven his zeal and dedication to the Craft. His example and love for the Craft has been planted in our youth organizations and will, no doubt, lead many of our future leaders into York Rite Masonry. His dedication and representation of C.M.M.R.F. is much appreciated. Most Illustrious Grand Master Bennett noted, as have others before him, that there continues to be some Councils that show little interest, but those that are active and contributing for outnumber the others. The hard work done at the several York Rite Festivals by all the Grand York Rite Officers has offset our declining numbers, but we still suffered a net loss for the year.

The recommendations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master have been well thought out and are deserving of the Crafts' attention and participation.

His sincere appreciation to the Georgia Craft in particular is expressed and the love and support of his wife enabled him to do an outstanding job this year.

Special thanks were also extended to our Grand Secretary, Wade Smith. All members of Pickens Council No. 55 in Gainesville are honored by representation of our Council. We welcome Larry to the line of Past Grand Illustrious Masters.

Respectfully Submitted: Wayne H. Garrett, Chairman

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence report that no Bills were submitted to the Committee to amend the Royal and Select Master Code. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all dispensation issued from the office of the Grand Recorder in his behalf were in strict accordance with Royal and Select Masters Masonic Code of Georgia. One Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Convocation, we find that it is in proper form.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard (16), Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram (55); James E Stevens (16)

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:

We note that the Grand Recorder on January 15, 2017, 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 and your committee again requests this year that this be complied with.

Your Committee notes that a dispensation has been issued to Tara Council No.75 to change meeting places. Your Committee has received no by-law change from this council. We therefore leave the approval of this item to the Grand Council. (APPROVED)

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Summit Council No. 19. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted by-laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 4 from twelve months to six months.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Walker Council No. 24. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted by-laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Euclid Council No. 33. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted revision of the by-laws with the following changes: Change Chapter I Section 5 to agree with Chapter I Section 2 and Article II Section 5 from twelve months to six months.

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the by-laws of Pickens Council No. 55 changing the dues. Your Committee recommends approval of this change.

Your Committee has before it two amendments to the by-laws of Covenant Council No. 83 changing the time of the meeting and the fees. Your Committee recommends approval of these changes.

Your Committee was asked about expanding the Fifth District Council Convention to take in some councils outside that District and change its name to Greater Atlanta District Council Convention. Your Committee does not believe this can be done by a by-law change and appears to be in conflict with the Grand Council Code.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council charters.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; C. Danny Wofford;
James E. Stevens

RESOLUTION:

JOE E. TURNER, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER (HONORARY)

Whereas, Joe Edward Turner was born March 24, 1948 in Griffin, Georgia and grew up in Hampton, Georgia, and

Whereas, he was raised a Master Mason in Hampton Lodge No. 70, F & A.M. in 1972 and served as Worshipful Master in 1976, and contributed widely to the Masonic family throughout his Masonic career, and

Whereas, he was exalted in Pythagoras Chapter No. 10, R.A.M. in 1975, and, subsequently, was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia in 1995, and

Whereas, he received the General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby Award in 2018, and

Whereas, he was knighted in Griffin Commandery #35 on October 15, 1975 and elected as Commander: 1983 – 1984, and

Whereas, he was elected Past Grand Commander of Georgia, Knights Templar (Honorary) 2016, and

Whereas, he was greeted in Griffin Council No 8 on March 11, 1976 and, subsequently, was elected as Illustrious Master in 1982, and

Whereas, he was in line for the office of Illustrious Master, 6th District Royal and Select Masters, when said district voted to terminate the said convention, thereby serving the last and final Deputy Master for that office, and

Whereas, our Illustrious Companion has endeavored to provide leadership throughout all his efforts to shed light upon the work and knowledge of Freemasonry,

Now, Therefore, Let It Be Enacted by the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia that Joe Edward Turner be elected and installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master (Honorary) this 6th day of May, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, MIGM

REPORT OF THE CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The 2014 Royal and Select Masters Code is in use among the various councils in this jurisdiction and is a much needed improvement from the 1995 Code.

Your Committee recommends that a reprint of the Code is necessary based on a recommendation of the Grand Recorder. 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 recorders 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: Joe E. Turner (10), Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey (13); Michael H. Sampsell (47)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Joseph R. Jones

all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Cryptic Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MIGM Bennett appointed tellers and the following were elected:

Ryan C. Nealey (13)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Ronald B. Wolbert (2)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
James W. Bard (74)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Robert R. Cordle (60)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

MIGM-Elect Nealey appointed Companions James T. House, Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Grand Organist; Alessandro V. da Silva, Grand Sentinel; and Robert W. Tidwell, Grand Photographer.

2019-2020 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

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

Larry C. Bennett

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

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

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

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

Floyd E. Edmondson

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

Robert C. Lord

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

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

Benjamin W. Polston, II

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF): Robert R. Cordle,

Chair; Judd J. Wolfe; John C. Miller

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

S. Matthew Perry; William F. Shepard

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

J. Timothy Ingram

Long Range Planning: Robert R. Cordle, Chair; Timothy K. Starling;

Leonard A. Davis

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

Membership: Ronald B. Wolbert, Chair; Andy Frazier; Daniel P. Bennett;

William G. Wagner

Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.; Jeff Smith

Masonic Magazine Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel P. Bennett

Web Master: Alessandro V. da Silva, Chair; Jan Maaskant, Jr.; J. Chris Brown

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

Chair; Mark A. Bradley

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Brandon S. Yarbrough; James W. Tate

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected Officers were duly installed by Most Illustrious Companion Gary D. Lemmons. He was assisted by Companion F. Andrew Lane, Jr. as Grand Marshal and Most Illustrious Companion Floyd E. Edmondson as Grand Chaplain.

2019-2020 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Leonard A. Davis (62)	State Chair	Homer C. Cowart (49)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (2)	1 st	G. Keith Bryant (60)	7 th
Bruce D. Mann (38)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (25)	8 th
Andrew D. Bass (14)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
David L. Moncus, Jr. (62)	4 th	Keith R. Taylor (3)	9 th
Roger W. Buterbaugh (73)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (64)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (54)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (79)	9 th
Anthony Lawshee	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (66)	6 th	Nikkie D. Jordan (30)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (6)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

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

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 194th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 193rd Annual Assembly be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSES

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

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder



Ryan C. Nealey
Most Illustrious Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL MACON, GEORGIA – TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

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 May 7, 2019 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

James W. Bard	Thrice Illustrious Master
Donald C. Combs	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Brandon S. Yarbrough	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Floyd E Edmondson	Thrice Illustrious Steward
William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Mark A. Bradley	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood	1993 Gary D. Lemmons
1986 C. Danny Wofford	1996 Lanier S. Dasher
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2000 James C. Bentley, Jr.
1991 Dannie L. Reed	

2001 Bobby B. Simmons
 2005 Thomas L. Blanton
 2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.
 2007 A. Joseph Clark
 2009 M. George Folendore, Jr.
 2010 William E. Cantrell
 2011 C. Michael Ellis

2014 Alan P. Pryor
 2015 Paul E. Wells
 2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
 2017 Charles E. Taylor
 2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
 2019 James W. Bard

CONFERRAL TEAM

William F. Shepard
 Joey E. Jackson
 C. Hendry Howard
 Richard J. Corwin, Jr.
 Joey E. Jackson
 Brandon S. Yarbrough
 James W. Tate
 R. Scott Pless
 Andrew D. Bass

King David
 Benalah
 Senior Warden
 Junior Warden
 Four Companions
 Four Companions
 Four Companions
 Four Companions
 Four Companions

For the third year in a row, the Order of the Silver Trowel was conferred by MEPGHP William F. Shepard and his superbly proficient team.

CANDIDATES

Frank J. Belluardo (09)
 G. Keith Bryant (60)
 Roger W. Buterbaugh (73)
 Elbert R. Connell (58)
 Charles V. Courson (58)
 Alan T. Darr (24)
 James C. Durbin, Sr. (15)
 Daniel E. Fink (58)
 James O. Hood (02)
 Nickie W. Jordan (30)
 William H. Kitchens, Jr. (65)

Anthony W. McCool (H04)
 Victor A. McKelvey (44)
 Richard C. Miller (08)
 Robert A. Mulcay (54)
 Lawrence H. Mull (63)
 Thomas J. Rogers (24)
 Talmadge M. Sanford (30)
 John D. Scott (73)
 William R. Waters, Jr. (46)
 William T. White (79)
 James Z. Wyatt (01)

2019-2020 OFFICERS

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

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

The officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion Benjamin W. Polston, II, with assistance by Illustrious Companion James W. Bard, 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	Donald C. Combs
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

2016 F. Andrew Lane (#251)	2016 Charles E. Taylor (#239)
2016 Floyd E. Edmondson (#253)	2017 Bobby B. Simmons (#379)

2017 Benjamin W. Polston, II (#381)
 2017 C. Danny Wofford (#382)
 2017 Clyde E. Griffin (#383)
 2018 John I. Haggas (#12514)

2018 Gary D. Lemmons (#441)
 2019 Larry C. Bennett (55)
 2019 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33)
 1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7)
 *1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23)
 *1978 Willis R. Bettis (74)
 *1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33)
 1980 Billy E. Collins (55)
 *1981 Wilford H. Hall (36)
 *1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33)
 *1983 George T. Poole (4)
 *1984 Homer Tyre (16)
 *1985 William L. Boynton (7)
 1986 Ruben Martinez (75)
 *1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62)
 *1988 Willie P. Hammond (8)
 **1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77)
 *1990 James W. Cowart (2)
 1991 James B. Phillips (61)
 1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33)
 ***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60)
 *1994 John B. Modling (13)
 *1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58)
 1996 William S. Cleland (76)
 1997 Peter E. Dean (42)

1998 Bill G. Messer (5)
 *1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)
 *2000 Bobby Massey (55)
 *2001 Charles E. Hanenkrat (49)
 2002 James Timothy Ingram (55)
 *2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2)
 2004 Brent Griffin (57)
 2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2)
 *2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77)
 2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36)
 2008 Alexander Loo (A01)
 2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
 2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30)
 2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
 *2012 Edward V. Massaro (74)
 2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10)
 2014 Michael H. Sampsell (47)
 2015 Kevin L. Miller (16)
 2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60)
 2017 Michael H. Wilson (41)
 2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)
 2019 Tyler W. Pledger (24)

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

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

2002 Burton E. Jones (24)
 2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)
 *2004 Julius K. Moody (2)
 2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01) **
 2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)
 2007 William F. Hardison (2)
 2008 James W. Bard (74)
 2009 Mrs. Tina Brady
 2010 Charles E. Reed (7)
 2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)
 2012 James W. Stovall
 2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
 2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
 2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
 2016 James W. Stovall
 2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)
 2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04)
 2019 Angi Harris

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

2006 Marguerite Zeigler-Buchan	2016 Margie Lane	2017 Brenda Gill
2007 Becky Couch	2016 Hilda Parks	2017 Nancy Simmons
2008 Judy Griffin	2016 Diane Nealey	2017 Fae Suttles
2010 Josie Bentley	2016 Barbara Land	2017 Margaret Lovas
2010 Pat Smith	2017 Tammie Polston	2017 Sharon Jennings
2013 Karen Johnson	2017 Lynne Hatfield	2018 Benigna Haggas
2015 Cheryle Shepard	2017 Deborah Jones	2018 Gay Bradley
2015 Susan Pope	2017 Beth Hyde	2018 Jeanette Hendry
2015 Sheila Hensley	2017 Marla Horton	2018 Nora Wells
2015 Jane Wilson	2017 Pat Schwarz	2018 Helen Leinbaugh
2015 Ruth Wellman	2017 Pat Glass	2019 Sherri Kirk
2015 Ericka Matheny	2017 Lisa Batt	2019 Judy Nichols
2016 Barbara Edmondson	2017 Debbie Lemmons	2019 Kay Higgins
	2017 Cheryle Turner	2019 Eva Garmon
	2017 Roda Wofford	

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

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

1914	B. Palmer Axson (2)	05-23-1943	1970	John W. Sisk (13)	08-01-1996
1915-16	William A. Sims (13)	11-24-1952	1971	Harold C. Duncan (30)	02-12-1996
1917	Max Meyerhardt (15)	03-02-1923	1972	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr (G04)	04-06-2012
1918	Charles L. Bass (19)	02-29-1937	1973	David S. Lemons (10)	05-23-2003
1919	Augustus G. Miller (20)	07-13-1931	1974	Hayden M. Carmichael (46)	01-09-1993
1920	Henry S. Colding (2)	10-26-1925	1975	Oswald H. King, Jr. (39)	06-21-2013
1921	W. Paul Martin (27)	05-16-1962	1976	Rupert Queen (19)	11-03-2005
1922	Early H. Johnson (H04)	09-06-1947	1977	Lee D. Holcomb (37)	04-21-2009
1923	Pleasant T. McCutchen (18)	03-27-1947	1978	Clyde C. Brown (13)	10-25-1997
1924	James W. Taylor [Hon] (18)	12-15-1925	1979	Bobbie L. Byrd (52)	
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon] (6)	07-12-1928	1980	Rufus R. White (36)	12-31-1993
1924	Francis A. Johnson (23)	03-31-1940	1981	Luther G. Palmer (33)	06-11-1987
1925	Clarence H. Andrew (6)	08-20-1930	1982	Charles. L. Taylor, Jr. (40)	09-05-2010
1926	William S. Richardson (13)	12-24-1934	1983	Roy H. Homans (16)	06-28-1998
1927	Nathaniel H. Ballard (16)	02-09-1936	1984	Hugh L. Smith (7)	03-01-1995
1928	John T. Waldrop (8)	05-19-1931	1985	Howard W. VanScoy, Jr. (6)	
1929	Thos. H Jeffries [Hon] (13)	11-06-1948	1985	James E. Underwood (75)	
1929	Frank O. Miller (9)	03-17-1937	1986	J. Willard Register (H04)	04-24-1999
1930	Jack G. Standifer (39)	11-20-1972	1987	Clyde E. Griffin (G02)	
1931	Orlando C. Long (13)	10-26-1937	1988	C. Danny Wofford (77)	
1932	Chas. W. Pidcock, Jr. (14)	01-16-1961	1989	Ralph C. James (42)	06-14-1989
1933	Walter Frank Wells (23)	11-07-1947	1989	Raymond E. Keen (26)	08-06-1999
1934	W. Furman King (2)	11-07-1950	1990	Gary D. Lemmons (61)	
1935	Hugh W. Taylor (17)	05-18-1966	1991	Thomas R. Gaines (6)	08-18-2013
1936	Vivian O. Kimsey (21)	09-20-1966	1992	John A. Morse (13)	12-08-1994
1937	Byron L. Milling (13)	10-28-1958	1992	J. Eugene Lowry (13)	02-25-2014
1938	Wm. Jeff. Aldridge (29)	03-14-1964	1993	Charles R. Maffett (73)	01-10-2007
1939	James D. Owens (6)	10-05-1961	1994	Willie P. Hammond (8)	09-01-2011
1940	John F. Hatfield (14)	08-13-1958	1995	Burford M. Brand (19)	03-10-2002
1941	John Orson Smith (38)	11-23-1968	1996	Roy R. Jackson (58)	11-06-2007
1942	John B. Russell (59)	01-20-1955	1997	J. Richard Jones (53)	
1943	Lloyd C. Prichard (3)	10-09-1982	1998	Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) (13)	03-26-2010
1944	Ray O. Schill (23)	06-12-1975	1998	J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	
1945	John P. Weisiger (13)	01-08-1971	1999	Ted H. Hendon (37)	04-20-2007
1946	Manning M Quattlebaum (2)	12-29-1959	2000	Thomas L. Blanton (49)	
1947	David L. Paulk (59)	04-22-1979	2001	Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) (33)	
1948	Joseph A. Moor (G04)	09-04-1972	2001	Ruben Martinez (75)	
1949	Charles E. Powers (H04)	08-07-1977	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (41)	07-23-2002
1950	James R. Belflower (58)	10-07-1981	2002	John P. Bohanan (3)	
1951	J. Tillman Morgan (48)	09-20-1969	2003	Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) (55)	05-10-2007
1952	William J. Penn, Jr. (7)	07-30-1959	2003	Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) (64)	
1952	Clifton E. Franklin (14)	03-16-1967	2003	Jack Lee Hepner (G02)	12-04-2010
1952	James P. Flynn (33)	09-29-1957	2004	Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) (G02)	12-22-2007
1953	Harold L. Walters (74)	12-01-1960	2004	Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	
1954	W. Reddick (14)	03-03-1970	2005	W. Larry Hicks (13)	04-26-2016
1955	Corliss H. Edwards, Sr. (6)	10-22-1982	2006	Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] (36)	07-20-2014
1956	William J. Mobley (2)	07-21-1981	2006	Daniel C. Ricketts (74)	
1957	Charles C. Moon, Sr. (32)	07-31-1966	2007	Rodney A. Couch (42)	
1958	Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (G04)	03-20-1969	2008	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1959	Walker Rush Camp (9)	01-15-1974	2009	James C. Bentley, Jr. (20)	
1960	Lonzo Pope (7)	06-23-1991	2010	Thomas W. Tinsley, III (A01)	
1961	John T. Sessions (13)	01-19-1971	2011	Harry B. Allen (3)	
1962	Ottis Brewer Turner (8)	02-10-1999	2012	Mark S. Johnson (66)	
1963	Herman E. Freeman (2)	08-01-1984	2013	F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)	
1964	Grady Eugene Wilkins (26)	09-12-1979	2014	Charles E. Taylor (16)	
1965	T. Evans Gates (6)	12-30-1987	2015	Floyd E. Edmondson (19)	
1966	Jay D. Barton (A01)	03-09-1981	2016	Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)	
1967	James E. Moseley (8)		2017	John I. Haggas (4)	
1967	Harry P. Boyd (43)	04-06-1990	2018	Larry C. Bennett (55)	
1968	Austin P. Phillips (38)	03-18-1981	2019	Ryan C. Nealey (13)	
1969	Harry E. Copelan (69)	01-15-1999			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Georgia</u>	<u>From Georgia</u>
Alabama:	James S. Blanteno	Doyle R. Hatfield
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Arkansas:	Robert B. Mitchell	James E. Stevens
California:	Richard D. Kelly	Thomas L. Blanton
Colorado:	Sidney M. Waldrop	C. Danny Wofford
Connecticut:	Anthony E. Cirella	Joe E. Turner
Delaware:	Irwin R. Murray	Thomas R. Conn
District of Columbia:		James Bard

Eastern Canada:	Cornelius H. Howard
England & Wales:	Desmond Bowditch	F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
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Germany:	Robert C. Simpson	M. J. Jennings
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Illinois:	Dick J. Carroll	James C. Newsome, Jr.
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Iowa:	Jay Cole Simser	Glenn R. Weber
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07. Hugh L. Smith: Ronald F. Keel;
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08. Griffin: Brandon S. Yarbrough

10. Lakewood: Larry T. Croy; Joe E. Turner
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15. Rome: Norman L. Barden
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19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson;
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25. Elbert: J. Walter McCannon;
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 Benjamin W. Polston; Michael H. Wilson;
 Robert D. Wing
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47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
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 Charles D. Humphrey
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 Larry C. Bennett; Freddy L. Eller;
 F. Keith Hales; J. Timothy Ingram;
 Walter D. Waddell
56. Piedmont: David S. Jameson;
 James E. Smith
58. Tifton: No Representation
60. G. Everett Cox: G. Keith Bryant;
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 John C. Miller; Thomas L. Roberts
61. Calhoun: Daniel P. Bennett;
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 James B. Phillips
62. Hiram: Leonard A. Davis;
 William L. Montgomery; Lawrence H. Mull;
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64. Zabud: Wayne H. Garrett;
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 Daniel C. Ricketts; Michael H. Sampsell
75. Tara: Gregory B. Foster; C. Wayne Glass;
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77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
 C. Danny Wofford; Michael L. Wolcott
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79. Brasstown: Johnie M. Garmon;
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 Wade C. Smith

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A01. Adoniram: Billie H. Campbell; James Z. Wyatt
G02. Georgia: James D. Reese, Proxy
03. Canton: James R. Harris
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: Ditmar W. Chavez, Proxy
06. Washington: Bobby B. Simmons, Proxy
07. Hugh L. Smith: Ronald F. Keel
08. Griffin: Wayne L. Burkett, Proxy
10. Lakewood: Joe E. Turner
13. Jason Burr: Larry W. Nichols, Proxy
14. Moultrie: No Representation
15. Rome: James C. Durbin, Sr.
16. Ballard: Thomas J. Chapman

18. Graydon W. Kitchens: Raford J. Chambers
19. Summit: Charles P. Nealey
20. Hunter: Bobby Cumming, Proxy
24. Walker: Thomas J. Rogers, Proxy
25. Elbert: James W. McCannon
28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation
29. Western: Carl J. Gamel
30. Waycross: Mathew Sanford; Nickie Jordan
33. Euclid: William R. Kayma, Jr.
35. H. C. Rigdon: James C. Huffman, III, Proxy
36. Walton C. Griffin: Leon S. Lewis
37. Douglasville: James D. Roberts;
 Emmet R. McCall, Sr.

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| 40. E. L. McConnell: Michael R. Sosebee | 61. Calhoun: James B. Phillips |
| 41. Covington: Paul J. Cates, Jr.; Frank Batt | 62. Hiram: Russell Sanders |
| 44. Gwinnett: Victor A. McKelvey | 64. Zabud: No Representation |
| 46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson, Proxy | 65. N.T. Pirkle: Judd J. Wolfe |
| 47. Austell: Steve T. Miers | 66. Fayetteville: No Representation |
| 49. Minor C. Shadburn: Homer Cowart | 73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh |
| 53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary;
Lanier S. Dasher, Jr. | 74. Marietta: John J. Finch, Jr.; Peter D. Bard |
| 54. Alpharetta: Robert A. Mulcay | 75. Tara: Gary A. Palmer |
| 55. Pickens: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.; Alfred A. Lincoln | 77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley, Proxy |
| 56. Piedmont: No Representation | 78. Warrenton: No Representation |
| 58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs | 79. Brasstown: William W. Grist |
| | 83. Covenant: Albert N. Mimbs |

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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
MONDAY
MAY 6, 2019
A. O. 901**



**STEVE ALTON KIRK
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2018 - 2019**

STEVE ALTON KIRK

PERSONAL

Married to Sherri Kirk since 1970 with one daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren. Member and Deacon of Crossroads Baptist Church in Jasper, Georgia. Likes hunting, fishing, and camping in RV as time permits.

MASONIC

Member of Pickens Star Lodge #220; Initiated entered apprentice, 11-24-70; Passed to Fellowcraft, 12-8-70; Raised to Master, 1-16-71; served as Worshipful Master, 1987; and served as secretary for six years.

Member of Pickens RAM #28; Past High Priest, 2014. Member of Pickens Council #55; Past Illustrious Master, 2015. Member of Amicalola Commandery #41; Past Eminent Commander, 2010-2011.

Past Patron of Jasper Chapter #479; Order of the Eastern Star (five times); District Deputy (twice); Grand Representative; Grand Chapter Appointed Officer; Session Appointee; and Grand Chapter committee member.

Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, OES, 2009-2010; General Grand Chapter committee member for Scottish Rite charities, 2013-2015 Triennium.

Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta, 1992 (Freedom Class in Macon); Served on stage crew since joining; retired stage director; president of Appalachian Scottish Rite Association, 1996; Served three years as secretary of the KCCH, 1999; coroneted 33rd, 2008; member of the Traitor Cast; Blue Lodge Ambassador; Member of 33rd Degree conferral team.

Member of Cherokee Council #439, AMD; presently Sovereign Master; St. Ambrose Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Presently Viceroy; Carl F. Lester Council #65 Knight Masons, Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123; and Fidelities Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest.

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

The One Hundred Fifty-Ninth 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 6, 2019 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk and all the Grand Officers present and in their respective stations. The Grand Commander, being assured by the Grand Recorder that a quorum was present, requested the Prelate to offer the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Commander declared the 159th Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Steve A. Kirk (41)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
J. Timothy Ingram (41)	Eminent Grand Orator
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	Eminent Grand Warder
Brit T. Massey (41)	Eminent Captain of the Guard

Alfred A. Lincoln (41)
 F. Keith Hales (41)
 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 *Indicates Absence

Eminent Grand Adjutant
 Eminent Grand Sentinel
 Eminent Grand Photographer

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The REPGCs then retired to be introduced by REGC (Honorary) Joe E. Turner:

*1986 Joseph P. Suttles (4)	*2010 C. Michael Ellis (29)
*1987 Ed Helton (15)	2011 James E. Stevens (21)
*1994 Rev. Bill Adams (Hon) (8)	2012 Johnnie M. Garmon (37)
1996 James B. Phillips (19)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	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)	2017 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
*2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	2018 Steve A. Kirk (41)
2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)	2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64)
*Indicates Absence	

2018-2019 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Edgar M. Land

Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Edward Barclay; Steven Harris

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

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Dr. Gary D. Lemmons;
 C. Danny Wofford

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

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

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

Relief: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; Robert L. Gill; Wade C. Smith;

Mark S. Johnson

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; Carl J. Gamel;

Robert L. Head

Patriotic & Civic: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Carl J. Gamel; Johnnie M. Garmon

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Grand Commander's Address: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Doyle R. Hatfield;
 Paul Wells

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;
 James E. Stevens

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

Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Mark A. Bradley;
 J. Timothy Ingram

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

Membership: Richard J. Hallwood, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; Robert L. Head;
 James Watkins; Rusty Cordle

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

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

Constitution/Statutes/Regulations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell;
 Ryan C. Nealey

Tactics and Ritual: Robert L. Head, Jr., Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;
Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; J. Timothy Ingram;
Joe E. Turner

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

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

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

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair

Fundraising: Steve A. Kirk, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Larry C. Bennett

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

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

It is my great honor to welcome you to the 159th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar. Should you need any assistance to make your visit to Macon and this session more pleasant, don't hesitate to ask.

A special welcome is extended to the Representatives of the Grand Encampment, The Southeastern Department, and other Grand jurisdictions. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to be with us.

This year has been dedicated to the memory of Right Eminent Sir Knights Grady T. Bozeman and Bobby J. Townsend, two Past Grand Commanders who opened doors to the Masonic Fraternity that I might not have even knocked upon. Through their mentorship and friendship a world was opened to me that has become a mainstay in my life. My humble desire is that I might pass along to other young men the benefits and joys that I have had.

STATE OF THE ORDER

Even though we continue to battle dwindling numbers of members, I have been encouraged by the number of knightings we have had this year and the quality of work in the individual commanderies. As we bring new members into the Order we must be sure we welcome new Sir Knights by encouraging them to be involved. Cultivate their interest in Templary by giving them a part to do.

I am especially proud of the efforts to send ministers to the Holy Land. The importance of this cannot be overstated. We continue to be one of the top contributors to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and other charities and for this I thank you.

NECROLOGY

Thankfully we lost no Grand Commandery officers to the dread messenger death this year, but mourn the loss of several of our Sir Knights, friends and family.

Our sympathy goes out to all of them and the comfort that only God's spirit can provide.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

I would like to thank Sir Knights Keith Hales, Grand Sentinel, Britt Massey, Grand Captain of the Guard, Tim Ingram, Grand Orator, and Al Lincoln, Grand Adjutant for all they have done for me this year. And a special thanks Sir Knight James Blalock who even though I couldn't appoint chose to serve anyway. They each travelled with me and supported me all year and I thank you all.

HOST COMMANDERY

Amicalola #41, what can I say. You have supported me, and encouraged me, and held me up. I hope I haven't embarrassed you or disappointed you, for you are the greatest.

GRAND INSPECTING OFFICERS

To those who have served as grand inspecting officers this year I am eternally grateful. I realize it is often difficult to take time from other pressing duties to do this, but I want to thank you for accepting this responsibility. Thank you for your support and encouragement to the commanderies.

COMMITTEES

To all the unsung heroes who so graciously serve on our committees, thank you for your dedication. Without you, little would be accomplished.

DISPENSATIONS

All dispensations were of a routine nature and in accordance with Templar Law and copies are on file in the Grand Records office should you wish to view them.

I did have the honor to issue a dispensation for the formation of a new Commandery at Fort Benning Lodge. I wish for them a successful future and look forward to their being chartered.

INSPECTIONS

I am happy to report that I was able to attend all but one of the inspections. I was unable to attend Blue Ridge Mountain #37 due to accompanying my wife to Las Vegas for the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. I want to thank VEGC Brandon Yarbrough for representing me there. I think I saw more good inspections this year and commend the commanderies for their dedication to the work. It takes practice to do good work and was evident that the necessary time had been put in. I especially want to thank the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Members for their hospitality and fellowship as I visited with you.

VISITATIONS

It has been my privilege and honor to represent the Grand Commandery of Georgia at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.& A. M., the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, St. Ambrose Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Cherokee Rose Priory #56, KYCH, Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, St. Ambrose Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Fidelitas Tabernacle No. 77 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite. I also attended the Annual Communications of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Royal Order of Amaranth, the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

I was also privileged to attend the Annual Southeastern York Rite Session in Jackson, Mississippi, the Grand Encampment Knight Templars in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Grand York Rite of North Carolina in Clemmons and the Grand York

Rite of South Carolina in Myrtle Beach, and the Supreme Social Order of The Beauceant in Las Vegas, Nevada. I regret not being able to attend the Alabama Grand York Rite Session due to the passing of my mother.

THE WHITESIDE JEWEL

The Whiteside Jewel remains a sacred tradition with Grand Commanders in Georgia. It has been an honor to wear it this year. It is again in need of repair and I have located a jeweler who I think can do the work. After our Grand session I will take it to him for the needed repair.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

What can I say about the Holy Land Pilgrimage? It has been a resounding success and the commanderies are to be commended for their commitment to this important charity. We have been singled out at the Southeastern and other Grand jurisdictions for our dedication to this project. A special thanks to REPGC Terry Hensley for continuing to chair this endeavor.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This year's trip to Washington for the Easter Service was one of the most rewarding experiences of my year as Grand Commander. You often here the phrase, "I love it when a plan comes together." Well a plan came together in spades. My wife Sherri and I put together a list of places we would like to share with anyone who would like to come along. I asked ESK Larry Rich, ESK Mark Bradley, and REPGC Lloyd Leinbaugh to put the trip together and they did exactly what we wanted. The weather cooperated and we had a great time. The highlights of the trip of course were laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington and the Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Many Thanks to ESK Larry Rich, ESK Mark Bradley, and REPGC Lloyd Leinbaugh for their dedication to this endeavor. Thanks also to MEGHP Steve Higgins, MIGM Larry Bennet and MWGM Mike Wilson for accompanying us and assisting laying the wreath.

GRAND MASTERS CLASS

On April 27, 2018 I was privileged to attend the annual Grand Master's class honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master Mike Wilson. It was an honor to assist in Knighting 37 new Sir Knights to various Commanderies in Georgia. All York Rite Degrees and Orders were conferred and it was a pleasure to join MWGM Mike Wilson, MEGHP Steve Higgins and MIGM Larry Bennett for this excellent display of Masonic unity in Georgia.

I commend ESK Tommy Marshal and thank him for the many hours of devoted service to put this class together.

It has been my honor to serve as Grand Commander this year along with Most Worshipful Brothers Larry Nichols and Mike Wilson, Grand Masters, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Steve Higgins and Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry Bennett.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

APPRECIATION

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

First and most important I thank the Almighty for salvation, and for his care as we travelled this year.

I would like to thank:

Amicalola Commandery #41 Knights Templar;

Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Members, Grand Liaison Officers;

Commanders and Sir Knights of the Commanderies of Georgia;

Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith, Eminent Sir Knight Mark Bradley, and Marla Horton;

And to the Lady in my life, Sherri, who has stood beside me and encouraged me for 49 years "thank you" is pitiful pay for all you mean to me. I cherish the love we have shared for these 49 years and look forward to many more. Keep the RV packed for we are going to have some time to enjoy it.

Sir Knights of Georgia, I step down from Grand Commander with mixed emotions. First is relief, but I will miss the good times we have enjoyed. I will still be around and hope the best for our fraternity. I have all confidence in those coming up behind me and pledge my assistance to them.

Sir Knights, thank you all for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery. It has been an experience I will never forget. May the blessing of God the Father ever rest upon you.

Respectfully Submitted: Steve A. Kirk, Right Eminent Grand Commander

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

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

Your committee joins with our Grand Commander in welcoming all Sir Knights to the 159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. In particular, we welcome all our out-of-state, in-state guests and dignitaries. You indeed honor us with your presence.

We thank our host Commandery, Amicalola #41, for all the hospitality and kindness extended to all visitors and members at this Grand Conclave.

We note, with pleasure, that the Grand Commander dedicated his year of service to the memory of Right Eminent Sir Knights Grady Bozeman and Bobby Joe Townsend, two of Georgia's true Masonic giants. I know that they would approve wholeheartedly of the service of our Grand Commander in the duties of his office.

We join our Grand Commander in recognizing the services of Sir Knight Keith Hales, Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight Britt Massey, Grand Captain of the Guard, Sir Knight Al Lincoln, Grand Adjutant, and Sir Knight James Blalock. These Sir Knights travelled with the Grand Commander and assisted him in every way.

Your committee has listened intently to the report of our Grand Commander as to his stewardship over this Grand Commandery for the past year.

We note that he has made significant visitations both in state and out-of-state this year, always representing the Grand Commandery with dignity and class.

He attended all regularly scheduled inspections except one and that on all occasions he has brought wisdom and thought provoking ideas to the Sir Knights. We join our Grand Commander in recognizing the commanderies for their dedication to having good inspections, including hospitality and fellowship.

We also join our Grand Commander in expressing appreciation to all of those Sir Knights serving as grand inspecting officers

Your committee is in complete accord with the Grand Commander's comments on the State of the Order. Involvement is the key to cultivating the interest in Templary for our new members.

We note that the Grand Commander has strongly supported the several programs of the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment including but not limited to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust and the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The Easter Sunrise Service trip to Washington continues to be one of the highlights of each Grand Commandery year. We join the Grand Commander in many thanks to ESK Larry Rich, ESK Mark Bradley, and REPGC Lloyd Leinbaugh for their dedication in making this trip possible through their many efforts. We also note his thanks to MEGHP Steve Higgins, MIGM Larry Bennett, and MWGM Mike Wilson for accompanying the Sir Knights and assisting in laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

We note, with interest, the Grand Commander's comments on the Grand Master's York Rite Class held on April 27, 2019. We also join him in expressing joy at the Masonic unity we continue to experience in our jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander has worn the time honored Whiteside Jewel with honor and distinction to this Grand Commandery; always demonstrating humility and brotherly love as our leader.

Our Grand Commander has eloquently expressed appreciation to his Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Members, Grand Liaison Officers, Eminent Sir Knight Wade C. Smith, Eminent Sir Knight Mark Bradley, and Marla Horton; but most especially to his Lady Sherri, the love of his life.

As our Grand Commander surrenders the command of our Grand Commandery to his successor, we wish for Steve and Sherri many happy days ahead on the journey of life.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford (31); Doyle R. Hatfield (3); Paul E. Wells

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, report there were five (5) Bills to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia and one (1) Resolution referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for review and consideration.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard (21), Chairman;
J. Timothy Ingram (41); James E. Stevens (21)

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:

We note that the Grand Recorder on January 15, 2017, 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 and your committee again requests this year that this be complied with.

Your Committee has before it an amendment to the by-laws of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 14 changing the meeting dates. Your Committee recommends approval of this change.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the by-laws of Charles Martel Commandery No. 29. Your Committee recommends approval of this revision of the by-laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the by-laws of DeKalb Commandery No. 38. Your Committee does not recommend approval of this revision of the by-laws. The Committee has sent the Commandery several changes that are necessary.

Your Committee has before it two amendments to the by-laws of St. Peter Commandery No. 45 changing the time of the meeting and the fees. Your Committee recommends approval of these changes.

This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery charters.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1 (ADOPTED)

A Bill, to amend the 2014 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, by adding a new Section 4.5 in Article II, constituent commanderies, to provide for a quorum by which Commanderies may meet with less than nine members, which new section shall be numbered and worded as follows:

SECTION 4.5. A quorum of a Commandery consists of not less than nine members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same. However, a Commandery having not less than five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the Commandery, may be opened for the transaction of all such business as may be required. (Section 66, Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America Revised August 3, 2016, amended 2018 Grand Encampment Triennial, if adopted by a Grand Commandery)

BILL NO. 2 (ADOPTED)

Whereas our Grand Commandery Code conflicts with the Grand Encampment Constitution, therefore

A BILL, to amend the Duties of Officers and Committees Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article V.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article V be amended by striking a portion of Section 1 thereof.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commander shall attend and preside over all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery. He shall have a watchful supervision over all Commanderies in the jurisdiction and see that the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and Statues and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed. He shall have power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Commandery, to fill all vacancies that might occur in the offices thereof ~~except for the offices of Deputy Grand commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain-General~~, and to Grant letters of Dispensation

under provisions of the Statutes to nine or more qualified petitioners, residing within the jurisdiction, empowering them to form and open a Commandery with powers governing Commanderies under Dispensation. When empowered to do so, he shall appoint all officers not made elective, and all Committees authorized by the Grand Commandery, and is empowered to remove them at pleasure and appoint others.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Commander, either in person or by proxy to visit each one of the Constituent Commanderies, at least once during his term of office, and to carefully note and correct any errors of irregularities in the same, either in requirement of the Grand Encampment law or laws and regulations of this Grand Commandery, or of evolutions of the tactics adopted and required by the Grand Commandery. On occasions of his visits to Commanderies he shall have the right to preside and conduct the regular business of same. For all expenses incident to the duties of his office, he shall have the right to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer and receive reimbursement, not to exceed amount appropriated by Finance Committee and approved by Grand Commandery.

Generally he shall perform the usual traditional duties of his office as laid down by the Statutes, Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

BILL NO. 3 (ADOPTED)

A Bill, to amend the 2014 Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar, by adding a new Section 1.5 in Article V, constitution, to provide for vacancy in the grand Commandery officer line and how filled, which new section shall be numbered and worded as follows: SECTION 1.5. In the event of the death, permanent removal from the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery precluding the performance of the duties of his office, or the permanent disability of the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer or Grand Sword Bearer, the Officer of next lower rank, in the order named, shall succeed to such office, its title, prerogatives, and duties and shall be installed. Each Officer of lower rank shall likewise be advanced and installed. Each Office, or Offices, thus made vacant at the foot of the line shall remain vacant until the next Annual Conclave, provided, however, that the Grand Commander may appoint a Past Grand Commander to fill such vacant Office, or Offices, until the next Annual Conclave.

All other vacant Grand Commandery Officer positions shall be filled by the Grand Commander.

BILL NO. 4 (ADOPTED)

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the duties of the Deputy Grand Commander by amending Article V, Section 3, Deputy Grand Commander,, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article V, Section 2, The Deputy Grand Commander which currently states Article V, Section 2 The Deputy Grand Commander: The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, absence from the jurisdiction, mental or physical incompetency of the Grand Commander, shall perform the function of his office. At all times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

BE AMENDED by deleting the first sentence of the section, So that Article V, Section 2, The Deputy Grand Commander of the Constitution Statutes and

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

Article V, Section 2 The Deputy Grand Commander: The Deputy Grand Commander at all times shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

BILL NO. 5 (ADOPTED)

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the duties of the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General by amending Article V, Section 3, The Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General,, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article V, Section 3, The Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General which currently states

Article V, Section 3 The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General, in the absence, death, removal, or disability of their respective superiors shall act as Grand Commander, in order according to rank. At all times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

BE AMENDED by deleting the first sentence of the section, So that Article V, Section 3, The Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

Article V, Section 3 The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General at all times, shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations

Respectively Submitted: Brandon S. Yarbrough, PC #35

REPORT OF THE CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The 2014 Constitution / Statues / Regulations of Grand Commandery Code is in use among the various commanderies in this jurisdiction and is a much needed improvement from the 1994 Code.

Your Committee recommends that a reprint of the Code is necessary based on a recommendation of the Grand Recorder. The newly reprinted code would contain all of the legislation adopted since 2014, and it is our recommendation that the forms section not be added. All forms used by recorders and sir knights are on the Grand York Rite website and are in a useful size.

It is our further recommendation that the

CONSTITUTION/STATUTES/REGULATIONS COMMITTEE be dropped from the list of Grand Commandery Committees since the duties are the same.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner (22); Ryan C. Nealey (9); Michael H. Sampsell (26)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Clarence E. Horne

Donald H. Smith

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

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

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

The Division funds, which are controlled by rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment allowed the committee to award five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students to further their education.

The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, approved a \$42,000 gift to Emory University and a \$50,000 gift to Augusta University; six - \$1000 scholarships to deserving students; and assisted nine ministers for visits to the Holy Land.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia funds are invested with only the interest used and sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. \$20,000 was approved this year allowing the purchase of two Golden Chalices.

We are pleased to report that the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Georgia fund has a present net worth of over \$287,091. The present net worth of our solely owned Corporation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. fund is \$3,646,696, the Mollie S. Moseley Foundation Trust of Georgia stands at just \$627,612, the Grand Chapter Investment holds \$313,084, and the Grand Commandery Investment holds \$418,300.

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

We thank Dr. Julian Nussbaum for his expert advice and recommendations in giving to the two Schools of Ophthalmology, Emory University and Augusta University. He has been a valuable source of information for many years and we continue to call upon him. Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon hosted on April 29th of this year.

As always, our records, financial and otherwise, are available for review by anyone interested in viewing them.

We wish to thank our Secretary Wade C. Smith and his Assistant, Marla, for their complete involvement with the Committee, and also for the timely announcements and record keeping that keeps us abreast of the status of all our accounts.

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

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

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

Participants met at the Atlanta Masonic Center about 12:30 p.m. April 14 and everything was loaded by 1:30 p.m. Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve Kirk

welcomed everyone and made some special announcements. I knew that this was going to be a special trip for him and his First Lady Sherri. He has been talking about this trip for years. Bus loaded, we departed for Elkin, N.C. for our first nights stay with a brief stop for group dinner. We arrived at our first nights' stay about 8:00p.m.

On April 15th we departed our hotel about 7:30 and stopped at the Andy Griffith Museum. We were there about two hours. This was a first visit for several of our participants. Several changes had taken place since our last visit. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the museum. Our next stop was at the Natural Bridge State Park where we enjoyed boxed lunches and beautiful scenery. The name is a true description because it is a natural bridge that spans the gorge of about 80 feet. Our next stop was at the New Market Military Museum in Virginia. This military museum is privately owned and has artifacts from the Revolutionary War through World War II. The owner was there to answer any questions and was a very interesting person with whom to talk. We departed New Market, VA for Chambersburg, PA. where we spent our second night.

Our next day was April 16th, we departed our hotel in route to Gettysburg, PA. for a guided bus tour the famous Gettysburg Battlefield. Our tour guide was excellent stopping at all the major points of interest with the tour lasting about 3 hours. We had lunch and then left for the Mennonite Center in Lancaster, PA. Our group dinner was at Millers Smorgasbord in Ronks, PA. After dinner we went to our hotel for the night in Lancaster, PA.

It's now April 17th and we enjoyed a group tour of an Amish house and farm. After which we had a guided bus tour of the Amish country side. Our group lunch was at the Good and Plenty Restaurant in Ronks, PA., and we then departed for Valley Forge, PA. Upon arrival we had another guided bus tour of Valley Forge for about 3 hours. We then headed to our hotel in King of Prussia, PA for our 4th nights' stay.

April 18th and we are on our way to the Masonic Temple of Pennsylvania which is located in Philadelphia. We had an amazing guided tour through the Temple and it was absolutely beautiful. It really is a must that all Masons would enjoy seeing. We had a "walk on" guide on our bus to show us the many historical monuments, i.e. Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and numerous others. Afterwards we returned to our hotel in King of Prussia for our 5th night.

It is now April 19th and we departed for Ft McHenry in Baltimore, MD. We toured Ft McHenry and had a ceremony where the American Flag was displayed (it was the size of 40 by 60 feet). We spent about 3 hours with everyone doing their "own" thing. Some took walks around the fort and others purchased flags which they were able to have flown on the flag pole at Ft McHenry. We left there and headed to Alexandria, VA where we would stay the night for our 6th night. We had a group dinner at Joe Theismann's Restaurant before retiring for the evening. It's Saturday, April 20th and we are headed to Arlington National Cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The members who participated in the ceremony were Right Eminent Grand Commander – Steve Kirk, Most Worshipful Grand Master – Michael H Wilson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest – Stephen Higgins, and Most Illustrious Grand Master – Larry Bennett. We also enjoyed spending a few hours at Arlington strolling through the beautiful grounds. We returned to the hotel and we enjoyed pizza. Everyone then had a few hours to themselves to spend as they wanted. The Grand Encampment Reception and Banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel at 6:00PM. Everyone was dressed to the hilt and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

Our last day of the trip is April 21st and it is also one of the best parts of the trip. We celebrate Easter at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. It is an absolutely amazing place to see and to be able to participate in the Easter sunrise service is very rewarding. The Templars all march up Shooter's Hill and then the Easter Service begins. At the conclusion of the service we return to our hotel and prepare for the trip home. Before departure the 4 main heads were presented with plaques for their participation in the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington. After plaque presentations we departed for Atlanta, Ga. I want to add a special note about the trip through the Shenandoah Valley. It is truly breathtaking and filled with history. Just riding through this beautiful area made me truly appreciate this wonderful country and its amazing history. We had 31 people on our bus this year for the 7 days. Steve Higgins and Larry Bennett joined us on Friday and Saturday for a total of 33 participants. Respectfully Submitted: Lawrence M. Rich, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

There were Nine Ministers sent to the Holy Land from Georgia, sponsored by Twelve Commanderies, and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation of Georgia.

The Ministers we send have the greatest opportunity to increase in knowledge and not just of the geography of the Promise Land, but 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's made it possible. I was told the other day that one of our Minister's made this statement, "before when I studied my bible, I saw it in black and white, but now in color. We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved.

The Commanderies and Ministers who participated were:

Name	Sponsor(s)
Rev. Gregory Bruce Foster	Coeur de Lion No. 4
	Atlanta No. 9
	Constantine No. 26
	Dekalb No. 38
	Douglasville No. 40
Rev. Dallas Elijah Smith	Ivanhoe No. 10
Rev. Robert Jeff Merritt	Tancred No. 11
Rev. Dwayne Lemuel Jones	St. Bernard No. 25
Rev. Charles Thomas Cleveland	Philemon No. 33
Rev. Bobbie James Dutton	Griffin No. 35
Rev. Greg Eugene Carter	Waycross No. 36
Rev. Jonathan Clayton Reeves	Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37

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

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION RETURNS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This Committee has reviewed the Annual inspection reports of the 33 Commanderies of the State for the Templar Year 2018-2019, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Grand Commander	2
Past Grand Commanders	7
Grand Line Officers	7
Past Commanders	17

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 290.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 11

DUES STATUS

Reports show 216 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears with dues for two years were 56 and in arrears for three years 11

Number of Commanderies	Amount Charged for the orders
1	\$200.00
1	\$185.00
1	\$155.00
5	\$150.00
1	\$136.00
5	\$130.00
1	\$128.00
1	\$127.00
3	\$125.00
1	\$120.00
1	\$110.00
1	\$105.00
4	\$100.00
1	\$95.00
1	\$90.00
3	\$85.00
1	\$50.00
1	\$40.00

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$464,450.84

The general condition for each Commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91)

1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,15,19,21,22,25,26,29,30,31,35,36,37,38,40,41

Very Good: (90-81) 5, 14, 16, 28, 33, 45

Good: (80-71) 12, 17, 42

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

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Steve A. Kirk, led a delegation of Sir Knights from Georgia to the beautiful city of Indianapolis, Indiana for the Sixty-Seventh Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar on August 18 – 21, 2018. Most Eminent Grand Master, Duane Lee Vaught, GCT had a well-organized and planned meeting for all of us to enjoy as we look to our future as Knights Templar. We celebrated our

200-year anniversary of Grand Encampment in 2016 and we are very proud of our past and have great hope and faith in our future. We started many programs as the Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, and the Easter Sunrise Services in the past, but the outlook gives us opportunities to improve and be better. Remember membership should be our top priority. The proposed legislation was many and those that were adopted were sent to our Grand Commandery to be distributed so we can be knowledgeable of the changes. The Election of the Sixty- Eighth Triennial Officers were completed and Sir Knight Jeffrey Norman Nelson was elected as our Most Eminent Grand Master. Our REG Commander, Steve A. Kirk, nominated Bobby B. Simmons, for the office of Right Eminent Grand Treasurer for the ensuring Triennium and Sir Knight Simmons was declares the winner and he proudly accepted on behalf of the Grand Commander of Georgia and the Sir Knights of Georgia. We want to thank the wives who are our biggest supporters in accompanying us to the Triennial in Indianapolis. We the Committee on the Triennial are thankful for the opportunity to serve and we move for its adoption.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve A. Kirk, appointed Tellers and the Election was held and resulted in the following Officers being elected:

Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Mark S. Johnson (22)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Tommy T. Marshall (36)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Warder

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: James R. Dutton, Eminent Grand Orator; James C. Huffman, III, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Franklin P. Holland, Jr., Eminent Grand Sentinel; James W. Tate, Eminent Grand Adjutant; and Robert W. Tidwell, Eminent Grand Photographer.

2019-2020 STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Gary D. Lemmons; C. Danny Wofford

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

Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin (2), Chair; Bobby B. Simmons (4), Vice Chair; James B. Phillips (1); James E. Stevens (5); Doyle Hatfield (3)

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

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Mark S. Johnson, Chair; Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger

Patriotic & Civic: Carl J. Gamel, Chair; Raymond G. Laird; Tommy T. Marshall

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

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

Long Range Planning: Brandon Yarbrough, Chair; Mark Johnson; Carl Gamel; Tommy Marshall; Ditmar Chavez; Tyler Pledger; Raymond Laird; Grand Sword Bearer; Grand Warder

Membership: Tyler Pledger, Chair; 1st Division - Brant Fletcher; 2nd Division - Matthew Sanford; 3rd Division - Tracy Lemasters; 4th Division - Daniel Ricketts; 5th Division - Shane Fann; 6th Division - Raymond Laird

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

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

Constitution/Statutes/Regulations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre Lovas; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

Tactics and Ritual: Mark Johnson, Chair; Tommy Marshall, Phil Booth

Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; J. Timothy Ingram; Joe E. Turner

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

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

Web Master: Alessandro Silva, Chair; Jan Maaskant, Jr.; J. Chris Brown

Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner

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

Audit: Ronnie E. Hill, Chair; Lloyd R. Bowen; Edgar Land

Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell; South: Tommy Marshall

GM York Rite Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Tom Chapman, Vice Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

Fundraising: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Chair; James W. Tate; Ryan C. Nealey

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander
Brandon S. Yarbrough
GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

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

TO: Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand

Commanders and Constituent Commanderies. Greetings:

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That during the 2019-2020 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 Division Commander assignments are as follows:

Division One: The Grand Warder, William Grist

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, Daniel Ricketts

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Raymond Laird

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Tyler W. Pledger

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Ditmar W. Chavez

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Tommy T. Marshall

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

FIRST CORPS:

Carl J. Gamel (40) 404-435-6754 carlgamel@gmail.com

FIRST DIVISION:

William Grist (37)

Division Officers:

Bruce D. Mann (17) 229-246-3046 bmanncpa@yahoo.com

Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge); Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville)

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

St. Paul No. 5 (Albany); Mt. Calvary No. 28 (Moultrie)

SECOND DIVISION:

Daniel Ricketts (26)

Division Officers:

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

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

James R. Bennett (36) 912-337-0601 rustybenett038@gmail.com

Malta No. 16 (Valdosta); Waycross No. 36 (Waycross); Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)

THIRD DIVISION:

Raymond Laird (25) 678-642-7367 dyebama@gmail.com

Division Officers:

Jerry H. Purvis (2) 770-468-1073 jhp1861@gmail.com

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

Scott Pless (3) 706-593-3283 spless661@gmail.com

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

SECOND CORPS:

Mark S. Johnson (22) 770-306-8708 mjfayette@aol.com

FOURTH DIVISION:

Tyler W. Pledger (29) 706-506-2113 doc42884@aol.com

Division Officers:

Robert L. Hall, Jr. (26) 770-971-9856 robertjr.hall@att.net
 Constantine No. 26 (Marietta); Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville)
 Jack J. Bell (9) 770-570-2446 jbell00@aol.com
 Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park); Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta); Dekalb No. 38 (Decatur)
 Russell S. Sanders (11) 706-588-8336 rsanders9009@gmail.com
 Tancred No. 11 (Newnan); Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy); Griffin No. 35 (Griffin)

FIFTH DIVISION:

Ditmar W. Chavez (3) 706-442-4534 ditmarc47@gmail.com

Division Officers:

William T. White (37) 478-997-1011 whiteyinga@gmail.com
 Blue Ridge Mtn. No. 37 (McCaysville); Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper)
 James C. Durbin, Sr. (8) 706-409-0496 durbin1015@aol.com
 Rome No. 8 (Rome); St. John's No. 19 (Dalton); Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga)

SIXTH DIVISION:

Tommy T. Marshall (36) 912-282-4493 tmarshall@btconline.net

Division Officers:

Leonard A. Davis (11) 706-333-7110 len.davis1@gmail.com
 Philemon No. 33 (Toccoa); Arnold de Troye No. 31 (Buford); Pilgrim No. 15 (Gainesville)
 Dale B. Cliett (1) 706-831-9273 cliett@knology.net
 Georgia No. 1 (Augusta); Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 (Elberton); St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington)

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

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

GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS

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

INSPECTIONS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2020.

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

should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent.

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

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

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

CHARITIES

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. I would like for every Commandery in Georgia to work toward the goal of sending a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I therefore encourage each Commandery that cannot individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. I would like for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2020.

FUNDRAISERS

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

FESTIVALS

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

COMMITTEES

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

APPRECIATION

First I must thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for affording me the time, talent and treasure to devote to the Grand Commandery line over the past several years and for the opportunity to serve in the highest Office of Christian Masonry in Georgia. I am also eternally grateful to the past and present members of Griffin Commandery No. 35 who accepted, encouraged and assisted me with your Brotherly Love and Christian Fellowship.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude and emotion for the trust and honor you have bestowed upon me in this Magnanimous Office. It gives me a great deal of pride

to serve each of you and therefore be first in service to Georgia Templary. Together we can accomplish many great things. Each of us will carry the Cross unsullied in this upcoming Templar Year.

Proverbs 16:3 describes what we will do this Year - "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." Together we will move Templary Forward in 2019-2020. I solicit your Prayers and Words of Council and Comfort. Finally, let us all remember that we are Christian Soldiers. Let each of us so act before God and Man. We are Knights Templar each and every day, and may we ever "Let your Light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify our Father which art in Heaven."

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

Respectfully ordered on this the 6th day of May in 2019.

Attest:

Brandon S. Yarbrough
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

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

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

Greetings:

MEMBERSHIP

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: Since the Masonic Fraternity, as a whole, is suffering from a decline in membership and our beloved Christian Order unfortunately is not exempt from this decline then, 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 so others will want to be a part of our Magnanimous Order. This year we are focusing on membership. Sir Knights we must all do our part to RECRUIT new members as we work to RETAIN our current members and REINSTATE suspended members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Membership Committee will consist of a Chairman, Eminent Sir Knight Tyler Pledger and one Sir Knight from each Division as a Division Director. Division Directors are First Division - Brant Fletcher; Second Division - Matthew Sanford; Third Division - Tracy Lemasters; Fourth Division - Daniel Ricketts; Fifth Division - Shane Fann; Sixth Division - Raymond Laird. Each Division Director will be the Chair of a subcommittee for their Division which will consist of a Membership Chairman from each Commandery. Each Eminent Commander will appoint a Membership Chairman for their Commandery to assist in Recruitment, Retention and Reinstatement.

COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a Membership Award be hereby established. It shall be known as the Golden Spur Award and be presented to the Commandery with the largest net increase in membership in the Templar Year.

SIR KNIGHT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a Sir Knight Membership Award be hereby established. It is to recognize those Sir Knights who have Recruited new members into Templary as well as Reinstated suspended members. The Awards are colored single strand shoulder cords to be worn on the left shoulder of a Full Class A Uniform.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That effective May 6th 2019 any Sir Knight being the first line signer for a total of three petitioners, who are either Knighted or

Reinstated to membership after the aforementioned date is eligible to receive the Sir Knight Membership Award. The Award has the following levels:

First Award:	3 Petitions	Color: White
Second Award:	6 Petitions	Color: Green
Third Award:	10 Petitions	Color: Silver
Fourth Award:	15 Petitions	Color: Gold
Fifth Award:	20 Petitions	Color: Green & White
Sixth Award:	25 Petitions	Color: Green & Silver

A request form must be filled out and used to request presentation of the Sir Knight Membership Award. The form is originated by the Recorder of the recipient's Commandery. The names of the recipients will be published in the Georgia Supplement of the Knight Templar Magazine.

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

Respectfully ordered on this the 6th day of May in 2019.

Attest:

Brandon S. Yarbrough
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

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

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

Greetings:

ARCH OF STEEL

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That all Commanderies shall receive the following Dignitaries under the Arch of Steel: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, The Grand Master of Masons and Representatives of the Grand Encampment. Past Grand Commanders will be received under the Arch of Steel when they are to be received in the East.

UNIFORMS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That as Knights Templar we are a Uniformed Order and as such we shall adhere to the Uniform Regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia.

GRAND COMMANDER'S AWARD

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That it is an Honor to be presented with the Grand Commander's Award. Only one Grand Commander's Award is to be worn on your Uniform. A Sir Knight should wear the most recent Grand Commander's Award Presented to him or the one of his choosing.

COLOR GUARD

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That each Division will form a Color Guard Unit under the Direction of the Division Commanders. All Commanderies are requested to form a Color Guard Unit. Color Guard Units will make themselves available for Masonic and Public functions to present the Colors at events and bring better awareness of Templary to our Masonic Brethren and the Public in general.

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

Respectfully ordered on this the 6th day of May in 2019.

Attest:

Brandon S. Yarbrough
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, with assistance from Sir Knight James C. McGee, Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Grand Prelate. After the installation and on behalf of the Grand Line Officers, the VEDGC, Mark S. Johnson, pledged his support to the Grand Commander in the cause of promoting Templary.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 160th Annual Conclave will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in Macon.

TIME OF NEXT GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

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

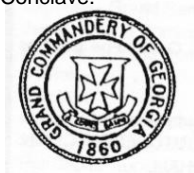
MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the minutes of the 159th Annual Conclave be approved, printed, and distributed.

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

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

Brandon S. Yarbrough
Grand Commander



ATTEST:
Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS MACON, GEORGIA – TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

The Seventeenth 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:

James E. Stevens (21)	Knight Crusader of the East
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Knight Crusader of the West
Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	Knight Crusader of the South
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)	Knight Crusader of the North
Carl J. Gamel (40)	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Floyd E. Edmondson (37)	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Doyle R. Hatfield (03)	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Wade C. Smith (37)	Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

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

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
James E. Stevens (21)	Knight Crusader of the Temple

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

CANDIDATES

Frank J. Belluardo (53)	James W. McCannon, Jr. (14)
Thomas J. Chapman (21)	Richard C. Miller (35)
Henry D. Clay (31)	Lawrence H. Mull (11)
Alan T. Darr (29)	Thomas J. Rogers (29)
James C. Durbin, Sr. (08)	Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (08)
Nickie W. Jordan (36)	William R. Waters, Jr. (07)
Howard Maddox (42)	William T. White (37)
James G. Mashburn (26)	James Z. Wyatt (01)

2019-2020 OFFICERS

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

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

The Officers were installed by Sir Knight James E. Stevens, Sir Knight Floyd E. Edmondson, Captain of the Guard, and Sir Knight Jan M. Giddens, Chaplain. All business having been concluded, the Knight Crusader of the Cross was closed with prayer.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith

Mark A. Bradley

Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

Knight Crusader of the East

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

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

*2010 James T. Farmer (35)
 2011 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 2012 Mark S. Johnson (35)
 2013 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 2014 Mark A. Bradley (31)

* Indicates death ** Indicates expelled

2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)
 2017 John I. Haggas (3)
 2018 Raymond G. Laird (25)
 2019 William R. Kayma (9)

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

*12-1-92 James E. Moseley (35)	9-15-97 Henry G. Keith, Sr. (9)
*4-2-93 James W. Coward (7)	9-15-97 Alexander Loo (1)
*4-2-93 Wilford H. Hall (19)	*9-15-97 Samuel B. Owens (36)
*4-2-93 Willie P. Hammond (35)	9-15-97 James B. Phillips (19)
*4-2-93 William M. Hutcheson (4)	9-15-97 James W. Seymour (14)
*4-2-93 James W. Register (3)	9-15-97 Bobby B. Simmons (2)
*4-2-92 William M. Roach, Sr. (21)	9-15-97 Charles D. Strickland (25)
4-2-93 Joseph P. Suttles (4)	9-15-97 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
*4-27-93 Ted H. Hendon (9)	*9-15-97 Bobby J. Townsend (9)
*4-27-93 Lee D. Holcomb (40)	4-7-98 Charles W. Martin (3)
*4-27-93 Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	4-7-98 Charles C. White, Jr. (3)
*4-27-93 John S. Perry (4)	*5-1-00 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
4-27-93 James E. Underwood (4)	5-1-00 C. Danny Wofford (31)
7-20-93 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	*2-6-03 Eli A. Stafford (7)
*7-20-93 C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	2-6-03 Paul E. Wells (3)
*7-20-93 James E. Miller (3)	5-2-04 Freddie R. Jackson (2)
*7-20-93 Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	5-2-04 James E. Jennings, Jr. (19)
*7-20-93 Emmett A. Rogers (12)	*5-1-05 Jack L. Hepner (7)
*7-20-93 Hugh L. Smith (24)	5-1-05 James T. Ingram (41)
*1-26-95 Clarence E. Horne (4)	*4-30-06 Ernest A. Forthman (24)
*1-26-95 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)	4-30-06 Ruben Martinez (4)
*1-26-95 Raymond E. Keen (27)	5-6-07 Alfred J. Clark (14)
1-26-95 Gary D. Lemmons (19)	5-6-07 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
1-26-95 Dannie L. Reed (35)	5-4-08 Merrill G. Folandore, Jr. (12)
10-13-95 Billy F. Adams (8)	5-4-08 Robert L. Gill (36)
*10-13-95 Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	5-4-08 Joe E. Turner (35)
*10-13-95 Jack Cluck (1)	5-6-08 Andre E. Lovas (11)
10-13-95 Edward Helton (15)	*5-6-09 Phillip H. Floyd (31)
*10-13-95 Roy H. Homans (21)	5-6-09 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
*10-13-95 Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	*5-6-09 Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)
*10-13-95 Charles R. Maffett (3)	5-6-09 Emmett R. Johns (2)
*10-13-95 William D. Miles (9)	5-4-10 Terry L. Hensley (19)
*10-13-95 Lloyd C. Odom (10)	5-4-10 James E. Stevens (21)
*10-13-95 Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	5-1-11 Charles M. Ellis (29)
10-13-95 Hugh F. Watson (26)	5-1-11 William F. Shepard (21)
*9-15-97 John B. Allen (15)	*5-1-11 John A. Wages (25)
9-15-97 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	5-3-12 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
9-15-97 Thomas L. Blanton (8)	5-3-12 Wade C. Smith, Sr. (37)
9-15-97 John P. Bohanan (41)	5-5-13 Mark A. Bradley (31)
*9-15-97 Grady T. Bozeman (41)	5-5-13 Steve A. Kirk (41)
*9-15-97 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)	5-4-14 Story A. Tate (31)
*9-15-97 Steven V. Carter (36)	5-4-14 Ernest A. McCorkle (7)
*9-15-97 Jim F. Dickerson (21)	5-1-15 Leonard A. Davis (11)
9-15-97 Vernon W. Evans (36)	5-1-15 John A. Minnich (02)
*9-15-97 Earl D. Harris (25)	5-1-16 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
	*5-1-16 Charles R. Beasley (04)

5-1-16 Robert L. Head, Jr. (03)
 4-30-17 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 4-30-17 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
 4-30-17 Bruce D. Mann (17)
 4-30-17 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 5-7-18 Drewrey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)

5-7-18 Jerry D. Moss (38)
 5-7-19 Brit T. Massey (41)
 5-7-19 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 5-7-19 Roy H. Miller, Jr. (10)
 5-7-19 Bruce H. McNall (7)
 5-7-19 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (14)

*Indicates death

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

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

2014 Judy Griffin
 2016 Terry Westbrook
 2016 Helen Leinbaugh
 2016 Gay Bradley
 2018 Nancy Simmons
 2018 Liz Miller
 2019 Brenda Gill
 2019 Sherri Kirk

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

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

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

1928	Charles S. Wood (7)	02/16/1941	1978	Joseph R. Richardson (8)	01/27/1990
1929	Charles L. Bailey (G01)	02/26/1945	1979	Ralph C. James [Hon] (14)	06/14/1989
1930	Early H. Johnson (3)	09/06/1947	1979	John M. McClurd, Sr. (21)	04/17/2001
1931	Thomas C. Law (4)	05/04/1962	1980	George C. Rogers (26)	12/21/1989
1932	Lunie J. Brock (23)	03/28/1968	1981	Jack Cluck (G01)	04/15/2002
1933	Ralph J. Hancock (26)	06/18/1937	1982	Willie P. Hammond (35)	09/01/2011
1934	William J. Penn, Jr. (24)	07/30/1959	1983	George M. Davenport, Jr. (5)	09/01/2005
1935	Edgar D. Kenyon (15)	11/07/1981	1984	*Robert E. Hughes (24)	(Susp. 12/2001)
1936	Charles R. McCord, Sr. (2)	03/22/1938	1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14)	(Susp. 6/2008)
1937	Francis C. Jones (30)	02/09/1942	1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	
1938	James C. Newton (22)	06/06/1970	1987	Edward Helton (15)	
1939	Watts B. Powell, Sr. (13)	11/12/1945	1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999
1940	John P. Stephens (G01)	02/19/1976	1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014
1941	Frank B. Willingham (6)	06/12/1955	1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993
1942	Bolling S. DuBose (14)	11/06/1973	1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007
1943	Walter F. Wells, Sr. (4)	11/07/1947	1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992
1944	Joseph A. Moore (12)	09/04/1972	1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009
1945	David L. Paulk, Sr. (20)	04/22/1979	1992	William M. Roach Sr. (21)	10/21/1999
1946	Lawrence C. Petri (3)	11/05/1977	1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010
1947	William A. Sims (9)	11/24/1952	1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)	
1948	Arthur W. Goodin (16)	12/21/1975	1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995
1949	Samuel M. Alsup (27)	05/10/1977	1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010
1950	William S. Ray (7)	06/04/1966	1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009
1951	Charles W. Pidcock, Jr. (28)	01/16/1961	1996	James B. Phillips (19)	
1952	Walter M. Housch (29)	12/23/1965	1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	
1953	David W. Wells (10)	03/04/1973	1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)	
1954	Joseph W. Neal (3)	11/19/1960	1999	Clarence E. Home (4)	
1955	James R. Belflower, Sr. (20)	10/07/1981	2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007
1956	Lee A. Green(4)	04/13/1984	2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007
1957	Cody O. James (31)	06/08/1965	2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	
1958	Emmett A. Rogers (12)	06/24/2001	2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002
1959	William A. Patat (33)	12/10/1977	2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014
1960	William C. Sanders (13)	07/25/1985	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1961	Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	02/04/1996	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	
1962	William T. Bateman (10)	07/19/1964	2005	Charles B. Stephens (26)	(Resigned)
1963	Floyd L. Reynolds (34)	01/20/1969	2006	Ernest A. Forthman (24)	12/09/2008
1964	Lonzo Pope (24)	06/23/1991	2007	Paul E. Wells (3)	
1965	James C. Slaughter (21)	09/10/1977	2008	Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)	10/26/2011
1966	James E. Moseley (35)	02-10-2017	2009	Merrill G. Folemdore, Jr. (12)	
1967	Douglas H. Tidwell (4)	10/30/1969	2010	Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)	
1968	William J. Mobley (7)	07/21/1981	2010	Charles M. Ellis (29)	
1969	Thomas J. Jones (14)	08/06/1976	2011	James E. Stevens (21)	
1970	Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	05/07/2003	2012	Johnnie M. Garmon (37)	
1971	Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16)	03/01/1983	2013	C. Danny Wofford (31)	
1972	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	04/07/2000	2014	Terry L. Hensley (26)	
1973	James W. Register (3)	04/24/1999	2015	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	
1974	George E. Jones (10)	08/27/1993	2015	Joe E. Turner (35)	
1975	Clinton O. Morris (38)	04/07/1990	2016	Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	
1976	Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2)	06/12/1978	2017	Drewrey W. Hendry (25)	
1976	Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2)	10/14/1981	2018	Steve A. Kirk (41)	
1976	Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	06/28/2006	2019	Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	
1977	William J. Clarke (31)	09/22/1993			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Jurisdiction To Georgia From Georgia

Alabama:	Claude C. McGraw	Gary D. Lemmons
Arizona:	Fred P. Talmadge.....	Matthew Perry
Arkansas:	Labon L. Tompkins	Drewrey W. Hendry
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Colorado:	Gaines S. Greene	John I. Haggas
Connecticut:	Joseph J. Howard	Richard D. Brogdon
Delaware:	C. William Tulloch	Bobby B. Simmons
District of Columbia: ...	William T. Cox	Floyd E. Edmondson
Florida:	E. L. Green	Jan M. Giddens
Idaho:	Dale Stoller	Clyde E. Griffin
Illinois:	Bernard M. North	Tyler W. Pledger
Indiana:	Peter T. Zivanovich	Timothy Crimmins
Iowa:	Robert K. Griffith	Daniel C. Ricketts
Italy:	None	James E. Stevens
Kansas:	Eldon E. Keitzell	Ernest A. McCorkle
Kentucky:	William F. Alderdice	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Louisiana:	John L. Belanger	James B. Phillips

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Maryland:	Caulder B. Morris	Thomas R. Conn
Mass & RI:	Edwin E. Fielder	Doyle R. Hatfield
Michigan:	George N. Loesch	Raymond G. Laird
Minnesota:	Ralph W. Bell	C. Danny Wofford
Mississippi:	Ellis F. Fehler	Robert W. Tidwell
Missouri:	Kevin B. Sample	Carl J. Gamel
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Nebraska:	Roger W. Miner	Jerry D. Moss
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Oregon:	George L. Eldredge	Robert L. Gill
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West Virginia:	F. Paul Baker	Charles R. Beasley
Wisconsin:	Gerald Forrell	John A. Minnich
Wyoming:	Kenneth S. Watts	Eulan R. Wheeler

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

- Georgia:** Billie H. Campbell; Charles G. Key
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- Coeur de Lion:** Jimmie D. Hobgood; James T. House; Nathan L. Mason; Larry W. Nichols; Gary A. Palmer; Joseph P. Suttles; Robert W. Tidwell; James E. Underwood
- St. Paul:** Charles E. Brown; Ronald Keel
- Palestine:** Donald C. Combs; Clyde E. Griffin; Daniel V. Hagan; Joey E. Jackson; Ernest A. McCorkle; James D. Reese; Ronald B. Wolbert
- Rome:** Billy F. Adams; William E. Cantrell; Walter D. Waddell
- Atlanta:** Jack J. Bell; Alessandro V. da Silva; Jan Maaskant, Jr.; Jan Maaskant, Sr.; Ryan C. Nealey
- Ivanhoe:** William D. Baxter; John M. Young
- Tancred:** Leonard A. Davis; Robert L. Head, Jr.; Andre E. Lovas; Lawrence H. Mull
- Plantagenet:** No Representation
- Godfrey de Bouillon:** J. Walter McCannon
- Pilgrim:** Edward C. Barclay; Jason R. Gee; Edward Helton
- Malta:** James C. Bentley
- Crusader:** Bruce D. Mann
- St. John's:** J. Edward Jennings; Gary D. Lemmons; Leon S. Lewis; James B. Phillips
- St. Elmo:** William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens; Charles E. Taylor
- Alexius:** No Representation
- St. Bernard:** Drewey W. Hendry; William M. Jones; Raymond G. Laird; Benjamin W. Polston; Michael H. Wilson; Robert D. Wing
- Constantine:** James W. Bard; Robert L. Hall; Robert D. Kilgore; Russell L. Mathuss; Daniel C. Ricketts
- Charles Martel:** Alan T. Darr; Charles M. Ellis; Tyler W. Pledger
- Bethlehem:** No Representation
- Arnold de Troye:** Mark A. Bradley; Joe R. Bush; Victor A. McKelvey; C. Danny Wofford; Judd J. Wolfe
- Philemon:** Michael R. Sosebee
- Griffin:** Wayne L. Burkett; James R. Dutton; Franklin P. Holland; Brandon S. Yarbrough; Joe E. Turner
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37. Blue Ridge Mountain:

Floyd E. Edmondson; Johnie M. Garmon;
William W. Grist; Edgar M. Land;
Wade C. Smith; William T. White

38. DeKalb: Lanier S. Dasher;

James W. Foster; Jerry D. Moss

40. Douglasville: John T. Fernander;

Carl J. Gamel; F. Andrew; Emmet R. McCall;

Larry D. Pattillo; Carl J. Ward

41 Amicalola: Freddy L. Eller; F. Keith Hales;

Steven G. Harris; J. Timothy Ingram;

Steve A. Kirk; Alfred A. Lincoln; Britt T. Massey

42. Coastal Plain: Jeremy W. Hobbs;

John H. Johnson

45. St. Peter: Albert N. Mimbs;

Gordon Ruthruff

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3. ST. ALDEMAR: Doyle R. Hatfield

4. COEUR DE LION: James T. House

5. ST. PAUL: Ronald F. Keel, Proxy

7. PALESTINE: William R. Waters, Jr.;
Robert A. Brooks

8. ROME: James C. Durbin, Proxy

9. ATLANTA: William R. Kayma, Jr., Proxy

10. IVANHOE: James C. Huffman, III, Proxy

11. TANCRED: Russell S. Sanders;
Richard B. Law

12. PLANTAGENET: No Representation

14. GODFREY DE BOUILLON:
J. Walter McCannon; Charles D. Humphrey,
Proxy

15. PILGRIM: Michael L. Wolcott

16. MALTA: No Representation

17. CRUSADER: Gerald D. Powell

19. ST. JOHN'S: Daniel P. Bennett

21. ST. ELMO: Thomas J. Chapman

22. ALEXIUS: Raford J. Chambers

25. ST. BERNARD: Jeffrey L. Anderson;
Paul J. Cates, Jr.

26. CONSTANTINE: James G. Mashburn;

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28. MT. CALVARY: No Representation

29. CHARLES MARTEL: Thomas J. Rogers

30. BETHLEHEM: Bobby W. Cummings

31. ARNOLD DE TROYE: Mark A. Bradley

33. PHILEMON: Michael R. Sosebee

35. GRIFFIN: Richard C. Miller, II;
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36. WAYCROSS: Richard S. Bailey, Sr., Proxy;
C. Hendry Howard

37. BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN:
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38. DEKALB: Stephen C. Kimbro

40. DOUGLASVILLE: James D. Roberts

41. AMICALOLA: James O. Blalock

42. COASTAL PLAIN: Howard Maddox

45. ST. PETER: Phillip D. Booth

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**PROCEEDINGS
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
TUESDAY
MAY 7, 2019
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STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER HIGGINS
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2018-2019

STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER HIGGINS

PERSONAL

Stephen was born on July 1, 1955 and is the son of Lenard Luke Higgins and June Hampton Higgins. He married Doris Kay Elliott on October 6, 1979. They have three children: Christopher Starling, Deanna Kay, and William Luke. He was employed by the City of Marietta in the power division retiring after 31 years as Senior Technician. He is currently employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education working in an Emotional Behavior classroom. He and his wife, Kay, are members of the First Baptist Church of Canton.

MASONIC RECORD

BLUE LODGE

Canton Lodge 77, F&AM (1989) (Worshipful Master 1992); Currently serving as Treasurer.

Georgia Mountain Daylight Lodge No. 758, F&AM, Charter member

Georgia Lodge of Research

YORK RITE BODIES

CHAPTER

Canton Chapter 135, RAM (Exalted 1989) (High Priest 1992) Secretary for 18 years. currently Treasurer

Past Grand Representative to New Hampshire. Currently the Representative to South Carolina.

DDGHP, 9th District - 7 years

2002 recipient of the General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award.

Past High Priest, 9th RAM District Convention

Holy Order of High Priesthood (currently serving as sentinel)

MEGHP, Grand Chapter RAM of Georgia 2018-2019

COUNCIL

Canton Council #3 R&SM: (1989) (I.M. 1993) Recorder 1999 – present

N. E. Georgia Council Convention, currently serving as Captain of the Guard

COMMANDERY

Amicalola Commandery #41 (Knighthood 1989) (Commander 2011) currently Treasurer

INVITATIONAL BODIES

Member, Rufus R. White Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine (2017) Serving in the chairs

Cherokee Rose Priory 56, Knight of the York Cross of Honour, (2013) Serving in the chairs

Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123 (2013)

Carl F. Lester, Jr. Council, Knight Masons (2017)

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

Charter Member, Cherokee Council #439 – PSM 2005– Currently Secretary

SHRINE

Yaarab Temple (1989)

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pickens Chapter #479

The Royal Order of Scotland

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

The One Hundred Ninety Seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened in full form at 7:30 AM, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, in the City of Macon, with Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Stephen C. Higgins presiding with all Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Excellent Companion Steven G. Harris, Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. After being assured that a quorum was present, Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the One Hundred Ninety Seventh Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
James W. Tate (73)	Right Excellent Grand King
Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Steven G. Harris (135)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
John H. Johnson (47)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
C. Hendry Howard (30)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Robert D. Wing (84)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
James R. Harris, Sr. (135)	Excellent Grand Sentinel

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The MEPGH Priests retired to be introduced by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner:

*1978 H. Grady Keith (27)	2009 Wade C. Smith (24)
*1988 William E. Cantrell (144)	2009 C. Danny Wofford (84) (Hon)
*1994 Ruben Martinez (75)	2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	*2011 William L. Montgomery (73)
*1998 Leon S. Lee, III (15)	2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)
*1999 Joseph P. Suttles (37) (Hon)	*2012 James C. Bentley, Jr. (131)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)
*2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2004 Emmett R. Johns (04)	2015 William F. Shepard (66)
2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
2006 Robert L. Gill (9)	2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
2008 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	2018 Stephen C. Higgins (135)

* Indicates absent

2018-2019 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell; South:

Robert L. Head, Jr.

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

MEGHP Address: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, Chair; Daniel P. Bennett;

J. Timothy Ingram

Finance: Doyle R. Hatfield, Chair; Edgar M. Land; Jan M. Giddens

Memorial: Edward Barclay, Chair; Rev Donald C. Combs; Steven Harris

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

J. Timothy Ingram

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James E. Stevens

Foreign Correspondent: Dr. Daniel V. Hagan, Chair

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Robert C. Lord

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Web Master: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Kevin L. Hyde; J. Chris Brown
GM Y. R. Festival: Tommy T. Marshall, Chair; Andrew D. Bass, Assistant Chair; Wade C. Smith
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Johnnie M. Garmon, Chair
Fundraising: Larry C. Bennett, Chair; Steve A. Kirk; Stephen C. Higgins
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

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Andrew D. Bass (91)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
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Doyle R. Hatfield (7)	4 th	Michael L. Wolcott (84)	9 th
Jack J. Bell (162)	5 th	William T. White (24)	9 th
Alessandro V. da Silva (16)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
Daniel G. Draper (72)	6 th	Nikkie W. Jordan (9)	11 th
Jimmie W. Hobgood (122)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th		

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To: The Most Excellent General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter Officers, Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia, Grand Chapter of Georgia Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Distinguished Guests and my Companions all. It is my honor to welcome you to the 197th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. It is my prayer that you have an enjoyable stay in Macon. If we can be of any assistance to you during your visit, please contact any of our Grand Chapter Officers.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

During my many travels this year to the Chapters, Conventions, and Festivals, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of all our companions. It is encouraging to see our young members' enthusiasm and energy toward our Craft. I was also heartened by the dedication of our long-time members who continue to work and support our Craft and work so hard to meld the young into the local bodies. I thank each of you for all you do! I believe the ritual work throughout the state is getting better each year. I was encouraged to see ritual work at district conventions as well as state wide festivals, but most especially I was so happy to

see Chapters coming together to perform degree work. I am especially pleased at the efforts of our Grand Officers, District Deputies, and Past Grand Officers to get our local Chapters involved in the degrees. I saw old members, young members and all in between working together to perform excellent degrees. I also attended several family nights that were well attended and encourage local chapters to try and hold at least one each year.

MEMBERSHIP

My Companions, I regret that I must report to you that despite your many efforts to increase membership during the past year our total number is still declining. Our 2018 total count has decreased by 354 members. Turning to the positive, we did bring into our membership 94 new members and reinstated and affiliated 41 for a total of 135. You are taking many actions to advertise and increase our membership. The many festivals that you have run this past year, to include the Grand Master's Class, the several District Conventions that are now conferring the degrees, and the Chapter conferrals are combining to increase our numbers, but our negatives are still exceeding the positives. You are doing an outstanding job. Please keep up your many efforts.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I want to extend a special thanks to Excellent Companions Robert Wing, Joseph Oelgoetz, and John Johnson for the outstanding job that has been done in pushing this, our beloved research effort, to a new high. Many of our Chapters, Districts, and individual members have honored us by donating more than \$500, thus earning the diamond pin awarded by General Grand Chapter. Companions wear this pin with pride in yourself and our Grand Chapter! I believe that when Ex. Companion Robert gives the RARA Report, you will be very pleased at the level of giving by our Royal Arch Masons here in Georgia. Thank you, My Companions, for your compassionate Charitable Giving.

NECROLOGY

My Companions, it is with a sad heart that I report to you that the dread messenger of death has once again visited too many of our Chapter Families during the past year. Two Hundred and Forth Nine (249) of our wonderful Companions have been called to be with their Heavenly Father during the past year. My Companions, we have lost so many of our members who had worked so hard to maintain our great organization. It is absolutely necessary that we who continue with their work do so in a manner that honors their memory. Please remember when you are upon bended knees in prayer, the Families in our Sister Jurisdictions that have suffered losses during the past year. My Companions, we must all gather around and love and support our bereaving families in their hour of sorrow. May the Good Lord Bless Those Families in their hour of loss and need.

TRAVELS

It has been an honor and distinct pleasure for me to have the opportunity to represent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia. I have traveled over 18,000 miles attending many meetings in and out of state.

IN STATE: Grand York Rite Reception in Atlanta, All Royal Arch and Council District Conventions, several Commandery Inspections, Christmas Observances, Georgia Priory KYCH, Scottish Rite Feast of Tisri in Atlanta, AMD Statewide Council in Warner Robbins, Order of the Rainbow Grand Assembly, Grand Conclave Order of DeMolay, Masonic Children's Home cottage dedication, Red Cross of Constantine State meeting, Daughters of the Nile Annual Meeting, Order of Amaranth Grand Session, and Grand Lodge of Georgia. I visited many of our Chapters and was well received by all. I presented the York Rite to many

Blue Lodges during their Work and Lecture time. I want to thank all the Masters who invited me to speak. I was received very cordially by all. I participated in numerous presentations of 25, 50, and 60-year awards to our members. I especially enjoyed the times I was able to travel with the Grand Illustrious Master and the Grand Commander around the state. Their support of me has been an especial blessing.

OUT OF STATE: I was honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Georgia at the Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, VA.

DISPENSATIONS

Companions, I have granted Fifteen (15) Dispensations this year. All were routine actions. They are in the Grand Secretary's Office should you desire to peruse them.

PROGRAMS

In response to the loss of membership, I instituted two programs to enhance our appeal to the Blue Lodges.

1. A program to present the Royal Arch in the Blue Lodge. This program ties the 4 Chapter degrees to the Fellowcraft and the Masters degrees. It is presented in such a way as to foster in the minds of the Brethren a desire to learn more about the "gaps" in the Blue Lodge degrees.
2. A Mentoring program to provide new candidates a Companion to guide and explain the Chapter to the new Companion. Its main goal is to make the candidate comfortable with becoming a Chapter member.

My hope is that these two programs will be continued by future Grand High Priests and will result in more of our Blue Lodge Brothers coming into the Royal Arch.

DDGHP

I'm extremely proud of all the DDGHP's who have served the craft this year. Excellent Companion Len Davis has served as State Chairman of the District Deputies this year and has given much information to the district deputies, and to the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe to benefit them in their travels throughout the state and to see where Chapters may need help from their Grand Line Officers.

GRAND MASTERS CLASS

I was grateful to be able to attend the Grand Masters Class this year. I continue to hear nothing but good and positive comments from everyone involved. I would like to commend Excellent Companion Tommy Marshall for his tireless efforts in continuing his work in the quarries.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1: To continue working with and using the Chairman of the DDGHP Program and the District Deputies to provide assistance to our Chapters.
- 2: To involve the new companions in our Chapter activities and specifically to encourage them to take part in the degree work.
- 3: To involve the Demolay and Rainbow youth in our Chapters. They are the future of our Fraternity!
- 4: To involve the Grand Chapter Officers in the Chapters in their areas.
- 5: To get our District officers involved in the Chapters. To have meaningful District meetings where the companions feel like being a part of the District.
- 6: To urge the Chapters to band together to form degree teams so the candidates get the best degree work possible.

CUSTODIANS

A very special thanks is extended to our two Custodians, Companions Mike Sampsell and Tommy Marshall and the Assistant Custodians. They did a superb

job last year. Thanks to their collective efforts we are making progress in proficiency and ritual work. Thank You Gentlemen.

APPRECIATION

I'd like to thank my Heavenly Father for all the blessings He has given me. I'd like to thank the Companions of the State of Georgia for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand High Priest this year. I'd like to thank Most Excellent Companion Wade Smith for his experience and guidance. I'd like to thank Excellent Companion Larry Bennett, MIGM, for his companionship and guidance as we travelled the state, not just this year, but several years, together. I'd like to thank Excellent Companion Steve Kirk, GC, for his friendship. I'd like to pay special thanks to Excellent Companions Jim Harris and Steve Harris who have travelled with, supported and taken care of me this year. We have spent many hours together and our friendship has grown as the miles piled up. I'd like to thank Canton Chapter #135 for all their support. I would like to express my thanks to all the Companions who have accepted me into their Chapters, become my friends, prayed for me, and made me welcome. To my family who has given up their dad for these years to do something he loves, thank you and I love you. To my wife Kay, who allowed me to do this, and who helped when she could, I couldn't have done this without you.

May God Bless You All.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

The Committee is honored to make this report:

STATE OF THE CRAFT

During his work this year, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Stephen C. Higgins led the fraternity toward a mastery of our efforts. Additionally, the State of the Craft worked happily with his leadership and with his Companions throughout our fraternity. The nature of the Grand High Priest's efforts were noted for excellent efforts on his part.

MEMBERSHIP

In 2018-19 our Grand High Priest reported that we had a decrease of 354 members in the current year. This still challenges us to develop more effective ways to strengthen our members and those who might become members.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Our Grand High Priest wishes to extend a special thanks to Excellent Companions Robert Wing, Joseph Oelgoetz, and John Johnson who have worked for strengthening the efforts of the Royal Arch Research Assistance.

NECROLOGY

It is sad to note that 249 Companions have been called from the terrestrial to the celestial for this year. We mourn these wonderful Companions.

TRAVELS

Our Grand High Priest exercised a number of travels for the closing year. He was welcomed by the Companions though out the area and was highly honored in Georgia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of recommendations were made from the Grand High Priest, and your committee is encouraging the brethren to adopt these in an effort to become stronger and more effective.

APPRECIATION

While the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has been appreciative of the Companions this year, we are extremely appreciative of his leadership and the

past. As he completes this year, we join with looking at his work and deeds of the future and believe that he will continue to contribute to the overall development of the fraternity.

Respectfully Submitted: Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, PHP

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We, your committee on jurisprudence, report that no Bills to amend the Royal Arch Code were referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Secretary were in strict accordance with the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia.

One Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Convocation, we find that it is in proper form.

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

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard (66), Chairman; J Timothy Ingram (28); James E Stevens (66)

REPORT OF THE 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:

We note that the Grand Secretary on January 15, 2017, 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 and your committee again requests this year that this be complied with.

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

Your Committee notes that a dispensation has been issued to one chapter to change places of location: Forest Park Chapter No. 75 to change meeting location to College Park. Your Committee has received no By-Law changes from this chapter. We therefore leave the approval of this item to the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Chickamauga Chapter No. 99. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Ellijay Chapter No. 150. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws with the following change: Change Article II, Section 1 from twelve months to SIX months.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the bylaws of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 155. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted revision of the By-Laws with the following changes: Change Chapter I Section 5 to agree with Chapter I Section 2 and Chapter IV Section 5 from twelve months to SIX months.

Your Committee has before it a complete revision of the By-Laws of Genesis Chapter No.166. Your Committee recommends approval of these By-Laws. Your Committee was asked about expanding the Fifth District Royal Arch Convention to take in some chapters outside that District and change its name to Greater Atlanta District Royal Arch Convention. Your Committee does not believe this can be done by a By-Law change and appears to be in conflict with the Royal Arch Code.

Your Committee has before it a new set of Bylaws of 7Th District Royal Arch Convention since none could be found from previous conventions. Your Committee recommends approval of the submitted By-Laws.

Your committee requested those District Conventions that had no By-Law copies in the Grand Secretary's office to please send them in. We now have all District Convention By-Laws except the tenth. It is hoped we will get that one soon.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; C. Danny Wofford;
James E. Stevens

RESOLUTION:

GARY D. LEMMONS, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

WHEREAS, Companion Gary Dale Lemmons has been a Mason for more than forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, Illustrious Master of his Royal and Select Master Council, Commander of his Commandery, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM in 1990, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia in 2001; and

WHEREAS, he has been High Priest of Wilford H. Hall Chapter No. 80, Royal Arch Masons, is a member of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Georgia, Grand Council of the Order of the Silver Trowel, having served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993, and the Order of the Knight Crusader of the Cross; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia that our honored and beloved Companion and Servant Gary Dale Lemmons be further honored by being elected as Most Excellent Grand High Priest with all the rights and prerogatives appertaining thereto at this One Hundred Ninety Seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Macon, Georgia, this 6th day of May 2019 and that he preside during a part of this Annual Convocation.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution and Election be spread upon the minutes of this Convocation and a suitable copy thereof be transmitted to our Most Excellent Companion Lemmons.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, MEGHP

REPORT OF THE 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 recommends that a reprint of the Code is 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 available in a useful size.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner (27); Ryan C. Nealey (16);
Michael H. Sampsell (87)

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

William D. Miles

And all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MEGHP Stephen C. Higgins appointed tellers and the election of Officers was held with the following results:

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OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

James W. Tate, Grand High Priest Elect, announced the following appointments: Brandon S. Yarbrough, Sentinel; Robert W. Tidwell, Photographer; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist; and Paul E. Wells, Chaplain.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Elect James W. Tate and the other newly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Excellent Companion Clyde E. Griffin, Installing Officer, assisted by Excellent Companion William F. Shepard, Installing Captain of the Host, and Excellent Companion Edgar M. Land, Installing Chaplain.

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 197th Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 198th 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 4, 2020. The Grand Chapter Officers will open at 7:30 AM.

TIME OF NEXT TRIENNIAL

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

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion James W. Tate, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared the 197th 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 Paul E. Wells.

James W. Tate
MEG High Priest



ATTEST:
Mark A. Bradley
EG Secretary

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD
HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
MACON, GEORGIA – TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019**

The One Hundred and Seventieth Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Georgia was opened in due form in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on May 7, 2019 to receive those companions that desired more Masonic light by being anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the C. Danny Wofford Holy Order of High Priesthood. The following Officers were in their respective stations:

Doyle R. Hatfield	Excellent President
William F. Shepard	Excellent Vice President
James W. Tate	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Robert D. Wing	Excellent Chaplain

Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Conductor
John H. Johnson	Excellent Herald
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Steward
Jan M. Giddens, Pro Tem	Excellent Sentinel

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1977 H. Grady Keith	2006 William L. Montgomery
1978 James C. Bentley, Jr.	2009 J. Timothy Ingram
1986 C. Brantley Morgan	2011 Emmett R. Johns
1988 Joseph P. Suttles	2012 Wade C. Smith
1989 Thomas L. Reese, II	2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1990 William E. Cantrell	2014 Michael R. Sosebee
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)	2015 Mark A. Bradley
1996 Andre E. Lovas	2016 Michael H. Wilson
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2017 Edward C. Barclay
1998 C. Danny Wofford	2018 Doyle R. Hatfield
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	2019 William F. Shepard
2003 F. Lamar Pearson, Jr.	

CONFERRAL TEAM

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

For the second year, the Holy Order of High Priesthood was conferred by MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston, II and his superbly proficient conferral team.

CANDIDATES

Jeffrey A. Allmond (70)	William H. Kitchens, Jr. (48)
James D. Arnold (70)	Anthony W. McCool (7)
Frank J. Belluardo (16)	Victory A. McKelvey (49)
Elbert R. Connell (47)	Richard C. Miller (10)
Charles V. Courson (47)	Lawrence H. Mull (34)
Alan T. Darr (99)	Thomas J. Rogers (99)
James C. Durbin, Sr. (26)	John D. Scott (73)
Daniel E. Fink (28)	William R. Waters, Jr. (59)
James O. Hood (03)	William T. White (24)
Paul A. Kimpel (77)	James Z. Wyatt (A01)

2019-2020 OFFICERS

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

William F. Shepard	Excellent President
James W. Tate	Excellent Vice President
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Wade C. Smith	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
Robert D. Wing	Excellent Chaplain
John H. Johnson	Excellent Conductor
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Herald
Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Steward
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Sentinel

The officers were installed by MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston, II with assistance by Excellent Companion Floyd E. Edmondson, Chaplain, and Excellent Companion Mark A. Bradley, Conductor. All business having been concluded, the Holy Order of High Priesthood was closed with prayer.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith

Excellent Recorder-Treasurer

William F. Shepard

Excellent President

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

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

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

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

*Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

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

*Indicates Death

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General Grand Sentinel

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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	1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959
1847-53	William T. Gould (2)	07-18-1882	1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954
1854-61	Philip T. Schley (7/3)	08-31-1862	1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974
1862-68	Samuel S. Lawrence (13)	10-02-1890	1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979
1869-71	Moses P. Kellogg (34)	11-25-1889	1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981
1872-73	George W. Adams (3)	01-05-1893	1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999
1874-77	Luther J. Glenn (16)	06-09-1886	1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979
1878	William J. Johnson (12)	05-12-1886	1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981
1879-80	James W. Oslin (55)	01-09-1906	1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958
1881-83	Charles E. Lambdin (51)	03-03-1888	1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981
1884	William A. Graham (12)	02-24-1904	1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin (15)	02-22-1897	1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999
1886-94	James W. Taylor (8)	12-15-1925	1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970
1895-97	Charles Wessolowsky (15)	07-08-1904	1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985
1898-00	Henry C. Burr (10)	03-15-1901	1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001
1901	Henry Banks (11)	06-03-1920	1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989
1902	Robert L. Colding (3)	10-21-1927	1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1999
1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51)	07-06-1909	1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999
1904	Young A. Wright (54)	05-12-1911	1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990
1905	John C. Joiner (16)	12-26-1927	1967	James E. Moseley (10)	
1906	J. Luther Gable (40)	01-12-1929	1967	*Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997
1907	Thomas F. Moody (31)	01-14-1927	1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973
1908	Luther M. Heard (25)	01-20-1917	1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971
1909	Jacob A. Walton (7)	06-01-1925	1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984
1910	William F. Bowe (2)	08-25-1932	1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987
1911	John R. Wilkinson (16)	04-07-1915	1972	John M. McClurd, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001
1912	William G. England (41)	03-26-1931	1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (92)	08-07-1942	1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013
1914	Frank O. Miller (18)	03-17-1937	1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009
1915	Hiram Warner Hill (52)	01-13-1934	1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992
1916	J. Furman Bell (6)	12-03-1940	1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000
1917	Thomas H. Jeffries (16)	11-06-1948	1978	H. Grady Keith (27)	
1918	Elliot W. Parish (3)	10-13-1963	1979	John Benny Allen (64)	
1919	Andrew S. Harvey (26)	11-22-1946	1980	Felix Gersten (7)	06-10-1993
1920	Joseph C. Greenfield (16)	12-20-1920	1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000
1921	Welby C. Jordan (K01)	01-16-1954	1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991
1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931	1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010
1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930	1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997
1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947	1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928	1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007
1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952	1986	Steven V. Carter (90)	
1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966	1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001
1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947	1988	William E. Cantrell (144)	
1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944	1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994
1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931	1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993
1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937	1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013
1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950	1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995
1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934	1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995
1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972	1994	Ruben Martinez (75)	
1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938	1995	Joe E. Turner (10)	
1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955	1996	William J. Bird (70)	
1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon.) (66)	02-19-1936	1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998
1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940	1998	Leon S. (Sam) Lee, III (15)	
1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943	1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)	
1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972	1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014
1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967	2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1938	P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972	2001	William D. Miles (16)	
1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	2-22- 2007
1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963	2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	
1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959	2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05- 2010
1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950	2008	Drew W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	
1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1949	James R. Belflower (47)	10-07-1981	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	

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 2012 Jimmy T. Porter (79)
 2013 Clyde E. Griffin (G03)
 2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
 2015 James T. Farmer (10)

2016 William F. Shepard (66)
 2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
 2018 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
 2019 James W. Tate (73)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Georgia</u>	<u>From Georgia</u>
Alabama:	James S. Blanteno	Doyle R. Hatfield
Alaska:	John Connolly	Robert R. Cordle
Alberta:	Thomas Hargreaves	Troy E. Wise, Sr.
Argentina:	Juan C. Lamberti	Mike Jones
Arizona:	Joseph F. Zito	Johnnie M. Garmon
Arkansas:	Edward M. Malcolm	Michael H. Sampsell
Austria:	Helmut Ramberger	James R. Harris, Sr.
Belgium:	E. Jacques Dumont	
Brazil:		Alesandro Da Silva
British Columbia:	George Coupland	John E. Davis
California:	Robert C. Coe	William E. Cantrell
Colorado:	Humbert Rees	William L. Montgomery
Connecticut:	Edward S. Eby	Joe E. Turner
Delaware:	Edward Naylor, Jr.	Thomas R. Conn
District of Columbia:	James W. Mitchell	James Bard
England:		Kenneth J. Stafford
Finland:		Jack J. Bell
Florida:	Arthur John Larose	Ryan C. Nealey
France:		Floyd E. Edmondson
Germany:	Robert C. Simpson	Walter D. Waddell
Greece:	Vassilios Charalabidis	Jan M. Giddens
Hawaii:	Charles Wegeneer	Benjamin W. Polston, II
Idaho:	James L. Curtis	Sherman Rankin
Illinois:	Harold Greer	James H. Bates
India:	Devinder Gupta	
Indiana:	Gary A. Snyder, Jr.	E. C. Kelley, Jr.
Iowa:	Tim S. Anderson	W. Scott Cleland
Ireland:	Thomas F. Killen	Michael H. Wilson
Israel:	Joseph Cohen	Andrew P. Wright
Italy:	Italo Sparaciari	Robert L. Gill
Kansas:	Roderick G. Kingdom	Steve A. Kirk
Kentucky:	Earl Ray Young	Ernest A. McCorkle
Louisiana:	George O. Martin	Drewew W. Hendry, Sr.
Maine:	William J. Hatch	Paul Wells
Manitoba:	Len Ciszewski	Robert W. Tidwell
Maryland:	Randolph B. Sayre	A. Joseph Clark
Massachusetts:	George Pushee, III	Gary A. Palmer
Mexico:	Charles R. Quick	Ruben Martinez
Michigan:		Gordon Ruthruff
Minnesota:	Jay U. Ipsen	Bruce H. McNall
Mississippi:	James S. Sweet	Judd J. Wolfe
Missouri:	Edward E. Wilson	Ronald B. Wolbert
Montana:	Loren E. Sigman	Wade C. Smith
Nebraska:	Donald Rasmussen	Joey E. Jackson
Nevada:	Wayne Higby	Robert D. Wing
Newfoundland:	Malcolm Moss	Edgar D. Land
New Brunswick:	E. Hammie Wadman	James D. Reese
New Hampshire:	Raymond H. Chase	Steven G. Harris
New Jersey:	Neal A. McCarthy	Lanier S. Dasher, Jr.
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New South Wales:	R. E. Black	Gary D. Lemmons
New York:	Harley DeShane	Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
New Zealand:	Bruce R. McConnell	Robert L. Head
North Carolina:	W. C. Morrisette, Jr.	Larry C. Bennett

North Dakota:	Edwin R. Anderson	J. Ed Jennings, Jr.
Nova Scotia:	John G. Palmer	Thomas L. Blanton
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Panama:		Thomas E. Lee
Pennsylvania:	Charles C. Hoover	John Minnich
Quebec:	William J. Goodall	Cornelius H. Howard
Queensland:	William E. Mills	Coster L. Livingston
Rhode Island:	Edwin Earl Fielder	William F. Shepard
Saskatchewan:	Don McDonald	William G. Economy, Jr.
Scotland:	Thomas Ogilvie	Andre Lovas
South Australia:	Maxwell Atkinson	Charles Hall
South Carolina:	Thomas B. Clark, Jr.	Stephen C. Higgins
South Dakota:	Rodney J. Larson	J. Timothy Ingram
Tennessee:	L. Richard Dietz	Mark A. Bradley
Texas:	Thomas B. Johnson	Clyde E. Griffin
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Vermont:	Gordon R. DeGowin	Wayne H. Garrett
Victoria:	Alan Wallace Reid	James W. Tate
Virginia:	Daniel H. Jackson	C. Hendry Howard
Washington:	Richard D. Hein	John I. Haggas
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West Virginia:	Okey S. Sheets	John H. Johnson
Wisconsin:	Michael L. Fairbanks	Leonard A. Davis
Wyoming:	Kenneth S. Watts	C. Danny Wofford

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: Billie H. Campbell; Charles G. Key; James Z. Wyatt	23. J. M. Rushin: Forrest V. Cowart
K01. Keystone: Joseph N. Arquette; Alfred J. Clark	24. Enotah: Johnnie M. Garmon; William W. Grist; Richard H. Hoibraten; Wade C. Smith; William T. White
03. Georgia: Donald C. Combs; Roger W. Coursey; Clyde E. Griffin; James O. Hood; Joey E. Jackson; Ernest A. McCorkle; Bruce H. McNall; James D. Reese; Ronald B. Wolbert	25. Oliver: Steven E. Wooten
04. Constantine: Charles E. Ferguson; Emmet R. Johns; Robert C. Lord; John A. Minnich; Jerry H. Purvis; Bobby B. Simmons	26. Rome: Walter L. Tharp
06. Temple: Gregory S. Mahan	27. Lakewood: Larry T. Croy; Franklin P. Peal; Joe E. Turner
07. Darley: Dittmar W. Chavez; John I. Haggas; Doyle R. Hatfield; Anthony W. McCool; Joseph F. Oelgoetz; R. Scott Pless; Timothy K. Starling	28. Pickens: Larry C. Bennett; Freddie L. Eller; F. Keith Hales; J. Timothy Ingram; Steve A. Kirk
09. Waycross: Robert L. Gill; C. Hendry Howard; Nickie W. Jordan; Tommy T. Marshall	34. Newnan: Richard B. Law; Andre E. Lovas; William L. Montgomery; Lawrence H. Mull; Aubra L. Nash
10. Pythagoras: James R. Dutton; Franklin P. Holland; Van S. McGee; Brandon S. Yarbrough	41. Adoniram: No Representation
11. St. John's: James D. Davis; Leonard A. Davis; Robert M. Grant	47. Tifton: John H. Johnson
13. Cherokee: James W. Bard; Peter D. Bard; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Jan M. Giddens; Robert L. Hall; James G. Mashburn; Russell L. Mathuss; Daniel C. Ricketts; Michael H. Sampsell; Hugh F. Watson	48. Taylor: William H. Kitchens; Jeffrey L. Smith; Judd J. Wolfe
14. Silver Shoals: Phillip C. Faulkner; Walter D. Waddell	49. Sweetwater: Joe R. Bush; Thomas R. Conn; Jerry D. Moss
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: Charles E. Brown; Ronald F. Keel	50. Douglasville: John T. Fernander; Carl J. Gamel; F. Andrew Lane; Emmet R. McCall; Larry D. Pattillo; Eric S. Tress
16. Mt. Zion: Lloyd R. Bowen; Alessandro V. DaSilva; Henry G. Keith; Ryan C. Nealey; Larry W. Nichols	59. Statesboro: Daniel V. Hagan; Joey E. Jackson; Keith A. McIntyre; William R. Waters
18. Austin: No Representation	61. Kellogg: Daniel P. Bennett; Terry L. Hensley; Gary D. Lemmons; James B. Phillips
21. Toccoa: No Representation	64. Alleghaney: Wayne H. Garrett; Michael L. Wolcott
	66. Brunswick: William F. Shepard; Charles E. Taylor
	70. Jesup: James D. Arnold; Richard S. Bailey
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 R. Cris Lynch
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 C. Danny Wofford; Michael L. Wolcott
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 Steve T. Miers; Michael H. Sampsell
89. West Point: Andrew G. Meadows;
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91. Moultrie: Andrew D. Bass;
 John H. Johnson
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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 2019

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2019 + 4000 = 6019$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2019 + 530 = 2549$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2019 + 1913 = 3932$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2019 + 1000 = 3019$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2019 - 1118 = 901$

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

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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We have compiled the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons (a not-for-profit organization), as of December 31, 2018, and the related consolidated statement of activities for the twelve months then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the

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

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

GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CONSOLIDATED
December 31, 2018

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 113,474.21
Investments, at cost	<u>417,226.62</u>
Total current assets	530,700.83

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	73,031.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,618.65)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>63,413.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 594,114.10</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to CMMRF	\$ 10.00
Due to/from other	130,705.89
Due to RARA	862.87
Payroll taxes payable	<u>2,081.06</u>
Total current liabilities	133,659.82

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	450,536.99
Temporarily restricted	<u>9,917.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>460,454.28</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 594,114.10</u>
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CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

Per capita income	\$ 140,277.97
Building income	56,619.00
Other income	14,171.27
Charitable donations	12,892.97
Dividend income	7,338.21
Rituals and miscellaneous income	4,116.49
Long-term capital gain distributions	3,530.77
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	1,388.36
Interest income	<u>32.89</u>
Net support and revenue	240,367.93
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	61,028.00
Apron and carrying case	2,953.80
Awards	1,400.00
Conference expense	400.00
Cryptic Mason Medical Research Fdn	175.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	8,898.00
Fundraising expense	14,038.44
Grand Recorder	27,621.58
Grand Session expense	27,395.80
Grand Treasurer expense	2,250.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	255.00
RARA	175.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	8,365.66
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	159,256.28
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Depreciation expense	1,369.35
Insurance	2,909.87
Investment fees	4,067.79
Management fee-payroll and taxes	30,934.38
Office supplies and expense	19,511.85
Professional fees	2,200.00
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	15,750.17
Telephone	7,077.12
Travel	5,287.00
Utilities	<u>16,765.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	117,762.55
Total expenses	<u>277,018.83</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED	
NET ASSETS	(36,650.90)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>497,105.18</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 460,454.28</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Per capita income	\$140,277.97
Charitable donations	12,892.97
Other income	12,177.75
Dividend income	6,491.95
Rituals and miscellaneous income	4,116.49
Long-term capital gain distributions	3,201.27
Gain on sale of securities	1,625.60
Interest income	<u>32.89</u>
Net support and revenue	180,816.89
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	61,028.00
Apron and carrying case	2,953.80
Awards	1,400.00
Conference expense	400.00
Cryptic Mason Medical Research Fdn	175.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Chapter	8,898.00
Fundraising expense	14,038.44
Grand Recorder	27,621.58
Grand Treasurer expense	27,395.80
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Mollie Moseley Eye Foundation Trust	255.00
RARA	175.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed materials	8,365.66
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	159,256.28
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Investment fees	3,481.69
Management fee-payroll and taxes	24,434.38
Office supplies and expense	19,266.83
Professional fees	2,200.00
Rent	11,890.00
Telephone	7,077.12
Travel	5,287.00
Utilities	<u>2,386.93</u>
Total management and general expenses	76,023.95
Total expenses	<u>235,280.23</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED	
NET ASSETS	(54,463.34)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>402,695.76</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 348,232.42</u>
<u>BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND</u>	

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Building income	\$ 56,619.00
Other income	1,993.52
Dividend income	846.26

Long-term capital gain distributions	329.50
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>(237.24)</u>
Net support and revenue	59,551.04
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Depreciation expense	1,369.35
Insurance	2,909.87
Investment fees	586.10
Management fee-payroll and taxes	6,500.00
Office supplies and expense	245.02
Repairs and maintenance	15,750.17
Utilities	<u>14,378.09</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>41,738.60</u>
Total expenses	<u>41,738.60</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED	
NET ASSETS	17,812.44
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>94,409.42</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$112,221.86</u>

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2018**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 10,642.44
Wells Fargo-investments, at cost	41,319.98
N/R-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>875.25</u>
Total current assets	<u>52,837.67</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 52,837.67</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Due to/from RAM	<u>\$ 4,880.62</u>
Total current liabilities	4,880.62
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>47,957.05</u>
Total net assets	<u>47,957.05</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 52,837.67</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 546.49
Long-term capital gain distributions	11.17
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	3,638.78
Per capita income	6,461.97
Rituals and miscellaneous income	6,300.00
Other income	170.55
Interest income	<u>13.04</u>
Net support and revenue	17,142.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Conference expense	1,310.00
DeMolay	100.00

Dues-General Grand Council	5,602.50
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	9,150.25
Grand Chapter expense	30,448.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	<u>100.00</u>
Total program expenses	46,810.75
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Building expense	8,776.00
Investment fee	298.91
Office supplies and expense	50.88
Professional fees	1,195.00
Foreign Tax Paid	<u>3.07</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>10,323.86</u>
Total expenses	<u>57,134.61</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(39,992.61)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>87,949.66</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 47,957.05</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2018

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 28,137.76
Investments, at cost	<u>377,928.15</u>
Total current assets	406,065.91
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,560.87)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>24,459.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 430,524.99</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>426,834.99</u>
Total net assets	<u>426,834.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 430,524.99</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 8,274.94
Long-term capital gain distributions	4,143.59
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	20.74
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>6,250.00</u>
Net support and revenue	18,689.27

PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	67.58
Conference expense	1,610.00
DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	21,078.00
Grand Officers Jewel and apron maintenance fund	621.50
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Moultrie Masonic Home	100.00
Travel	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	27,777.08
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Depreciation expense	467.00
Investment fee	3,327.36
Management fee-payroll and taxes	36,239.00
Professional fees	1,195.00
Rent expense	7,644.00
Triennial expense	<u>8,300.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>57,172.36</u>
Total expenses	<u>84,949.44</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED	
NET ASSETS	(66,260.17)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>493,095.16</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 426,834.99</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2018

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>522,153.00</u>
Total current assets	<u>522,153.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 522,153.00</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ <u>522,153.00</u>
Total net assets	<u>522,153.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 522,153.00</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 13,896.53
Long-term capital gain distributions	6,950.12
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	1,006.58
Contributions	<u>21,017.46</u>
Net support and revenue	42,870.69
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>30,136.00</u>

Total program expenses	30,136.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Investment fee	<u>5,386.69</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>5,386.69</u>
Total expenses	<u>35,522.69</u>

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED

NET ASSETS	7,348.00
NET ASSETS, beginning	514,805.00
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 522,153.00</u>

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

December 31, 2018

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 22,822.31	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>3,265,302.99</u>	
Total current assets		3,288,125.30

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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

OTHER ASSETS

Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA	60,000.00	
Due to/from RAM	<u>11,931.00</u>	
Total other assets		<u>71,931.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,368,567.47</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payable to GA Division	<u>\$ 139.05</u>	
Total current liabilities		139.05

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>3,368,428.42</u>	
Total net assets		<u>3,68,428.42</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,368,567.47</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2018

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 60,933.87
Interest income	14,847.92
Long-term capital gain distributions	21,336.41
Other investment income	2,439.50
Public support and contributions	6,497.00
Loss on sale of securities	<u>28,319.43</u>
Net support and revenue	134,374.13
Restrictions satisfied by payments	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>15,332.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	149,706.13

PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	31,093.50
Honorariums	13,012.08
Research grants and donations	92,000.00
Scholarship Awards	<u>11,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	147,105.58
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Investment fees	30,618.11
Professional fees	<u>2,510.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>33,128.11</u>
Total expenses	<u>180,233.69</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(30,527.56)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	15,332.00
Net assets released from restrictions	(15,332.00)
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>0.00</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(30,527.56)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,398,955.98</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,368,428.42</u>