

2024 PROCEEDINGS
THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA
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JOINT MEMORIAL

A Joint Memorial/Divine Service was held in the Grand Chapter Temple at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, at 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 4, 2024. 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 Walter D. Waddell, Jr. lit the red candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan. Most Illustrious Grand Master Judd J. Wolfe lit the purple candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar W. Chavez lit the white candle in remembrance of those Sir Knights who have ascended this past year. The following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were remembered:

DOYLE RAY HATFIELD

AUGUST 24, 1952 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

I rise to give tribute to Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Doyle Ray Hatfield. Born on August 24, 1952, at Hartford, Alabama to Doyle T. Hatfield and Lillie Sampley Hatfield. One of four brothers and a sister. He attended public schools in what he affectionally called "LA", or Lower Alabama. Upon graduation from High School, Doyle enlisted into the United States Navy. He completed his basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes. Shortly thereafter he suffered a serious medical issue and was honorably discharged.

When I met Doyle, he worked for IBM in the Information Technology field. At the time of his retirement, he was an Analyst Manager of File Transfer.

He married Susan Lynne Helms (known as Lynne) on December 23, 1988.

Lynne and Doyle shared a family of five children – three daughters and two sons, 10 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. Lynne and Doyle settled in Waverly Hall, Georgia.

In 1985, Brother Doyle began his Masonic journey and on March 18, 1985, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Stephens Lodge No. 586, Free & Accepted Masons, Manchester, Georgia. He served Stephens as Master of the Lodge three times. From there his Masonic travels took him to become a perpetual member of five other Lodges. In Rose Hill No. 484 he served as Master twice; Kimbrough No. 118, which merged with Hamilton 16, he served as Master once; Woodbury No. 713, which merged with Greenville No. 321, he served as Master three times. He affiliated with my Lodge, Columbian No 7, and at the time of his departure from this realm he was serving as Senor Warden. He was also a member of James E. Miller Daylight Lodge No. 760.

Worshipful Brother Hatfield served as the Master of the 4th District Masonic Convention. He served as District Deputy to the Grand Master for the 4th District (4A) for eleven years. He also served as Master of Research Lodge No. 3, located in Columbus, Georgia. He was a President of the Valley Association of Past Masters. He served Grand Lodge of Georgia as the 4th District Board of Relief Representative.

On April 26, 1986, Doyle became a Master of the Royal Secret, 32 Degree, Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Columbus, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. He served the Valley in many capacities and was honored by receiving the designation of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on November 1, 2003. He was coronated a 33 Degree, Inspector General Honorary on October 15, 2011. Illustrious Doyle served as the Personal

Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Georgia for the Valley of Columbus from June 17, 2017 to June 18, 2021. He was made Personal Representative Emeritus upon his retirement from this office. In the York Rite he was exalted to the most sublime Degree of the Royal Arch on February 2, 2000, as a member of Darley Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons. He served as Excellent High Priest of Darley Chapter No. 7 in 2002. He served as High Priest of the 4th District Royal Arch Masons. He was the Vice-President of the Grand Chapter Order of High Priesthood and was on the Degree Team. Illustrious Companion Hatfield was greeted as a Royal & Select Master on February 5, 2000, as a member in Hope Council No. H04, Royal and Select Masters. He served as Illustrious Master for the year 2002. He later served as the Illustrious Master of the 4th District (now the Mid-West Georgia) Council Convention.

Right Eminent Doyle Ray Hatfield was Knighted into the Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar on February 5, 2000, as a member of Saint Aldemar Commandery No. 3. He first became Eminent Commander of the Commandery for the year 2005 and served again as Eminent Commander in 2019. He was on the Order of Knight Crusader of the Cross Team and served as Knight Crusader of the East. He was elected to the Grand Commandery Officer Line as Grand Standard Bearer in 2010. He was elected and served with distinction as the 154th Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia in 2016.

Right Eminent Hatfield was a member of many other concordant bodies of Freemasonry. Such as River City No. 526 Allied Masonic Degrees where he served as Sovereign Master, Georgia Council No 304, Allied Masonic Degrees, Georgia College of Societas Rosicruciana in Cibitibus Foederatis. He was also a member of Muscogee Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine where he served as Puissant Sovereign. A member of Chattahoochee Valley College No. 166, York Rite Sovereign College of North America where he served as Governor and Secretary. He was honored with membership into Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and served this body as Preceptor. He was honored with being bestowed with the Knight of York Cross of Honor and served Georgia Priory 39 as Prior. He was also honored with the Order of the Purple Cross by York Rite College, 33rd Degree Honorary Inspector General of the Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Knights of York Grand Cross of Honor, the Knight Commander of the Temple and the love and esteem of many of his brethren, companions, and Sir Knights. Brother Doyle served Freemasonry for 38 years.

Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Doyle Ray Hatfield laid down his working tools of life and entered into the Celestial Lodge above, that House not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens on September 13, 2023.

“Bang the drum slowly play the pipe lowly
To dust be returning from dust we began
Bang the Drum slowly I'll speak of things holy
Above and below me world without end.”

Respectfully Submitted: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

LARRY CURTIS BENNETT
OCTOBER 17, 1945 – DECEMBER 27, 2023

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.

His Masonic Service is outstanding. 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 served as High Priest of the 9th Masonic District Convention in 2022. 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 was 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, from 2007 through 2009. He received the Order of High Priesthood May 2, 2005. He has served as the Chapter District Director of Work from 2012 to 2023. He served as the High Priest of the 9th District Royal Arch Convention 2014. He is a recipient of the Ritualistic 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 2023. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel on May 1, 2006. He has served as the Assistant Custodian of the North for the York Rite Bodies from 2015 to 2023. 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 was a member of the Carl F. Lester Jr. Council # 65 Knight Masons of the USA. He was a member of Luther G. Palmer # 123 York Rite College of North America and served 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 and served as the Puissant Sovereign in 2021. He is a member of Cherokee Rose Priory # 56 Knight of York Cross of Honor.

Larry was a great friend, mentor, and companion to many Masons in Georgia. He was someone very special who traveled many miles with me as we served our respective bodies in 2018 and 2019.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Higgins

HARRY BRADFORD ALLEN
OCTOBER 1, 1943 – JANUARY 10, 2024

Most Illustrious Companion Allen was born on October 1, 1943, to Gus R. Allen and V. Maude Allen. Companion Allen was educated in the Bartow County School system. He graduated from the Pine Log High School in 1961. He joined the U.S. Army in April 1962 and was stationed in Japan and Germany. He served three years and was discharged in March 1965.

After his discharge from the Army, the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation (now Lockheed-Martin) hired Most Illustrious Companion Allen where he worked until he was laid off in 1972. He went to work for Cartersville Cable TV where he took classes from the National Cable TV Institute, receiving a diploma. He attended the Grauther School of Electrical Engineering where he received an Associate's Degree in Engineering. He was later recalled to Lockheed in 1978 and retired in 2006 as a supervisor. He was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in White, Georgia.

Most Illustrious Companion Allen was initiated as an Entered Apprentice degree on January 1, 1996; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 19, 1996; and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 23, 1996, all in Canton Lodge No. 77 F. & A.M. in Canton, Georgia. He Served as Worshipful Master in 2004. Most Illustrious Companion Allen was a Charter Member of Georgia Mountain Daylight Lodge No. 758 in Canton, Georgia, and served as Worshipful Master in 2010.

Most Illustrious Companion received the Royal Arch, Council Degrees, and Commandery Orders in a one-day class held in Americus, Georgia on January 17, 1998. He served as High Priest of Canton Chapter No. 135 Royal Arch Masons in 2000, Illustrious Master of Canton Council No. 3 Royal & Select Masters in 2001, and Past Commander of Amicalola Commandery No. 41 in 2004. In 2006, he served as High Priest of the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention. In addition, he held to membership in many honorary and appendant bodies of Freemasonry including: Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Cherokee Council No. 439 Allied Masonic Degrees, Carl F. Lester Jr. Council No. 65 Knight Masons, Luther G. Palmer College No. 123 York Rite College, Rufus R. White Conclave Red Cross of Constatine, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon to name a few.

In 2011-2012, Most Illustrious Companion Allen served Georgia as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters of the State of Georgia. In 2016, Most Illustrious Companion was elected as a Past Grand High Priest (Honorary) of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons.

On a personal note, Harry (as he told us to call him), was a great friend and lover of the fraternity. He enjoyed degree work and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. He was a jovial man and took his degree work seriously, but was not afraid to have some fun, even at his own expense. Ask any person who has witnessed his work in the Royal Arch Widows Degree, or any Sir Knight who worked with him when he worked the line in Commandery, or when conferring the orders. At his request, I had the honor of serving as his Grand Chaplain during his term as Most Illustrious Grand Master. He was a friend to me and my family during our time of loss during that term, and I shall never forget that. His

friendship and mentorship are not only missed by me and my family, but his many friends, brothers, and companions throughout this state.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Carri and Matthew Dunlap; grandchildren, Patrick Colosi, Chris and Carrie Colosi, Hannah and Ryan Salter, and Eric Dunlap; great grandchildren, Jackson, Everleigh, and Charlotte Salter; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Mavis Allen; sisters, Helen Smith, and Patsy J. Allen; several nieces and nephews.

Respectfully Submitted: Steve Harris

JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia convened in a Joint Session on Friday, May 3, 2024. The Grand Secretary/Recorder affirmed that there was a Constitutional number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies present to convene the Grand York Rite Bodies. MEGHP Walter D. Waddell, Jr. declared the 202nd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. MIGM Judd J. Wolfe declared the 198th Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business. REGC Ditmar W. Chavez declared the 164th Annual Conclave of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of Georgia duly convened for the purposes of receiving Distinguished Guests and conducting Joint Grand York Rite Business.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PMEGHP Joe E. Turner welcomed the following Distinguished Guests:

GEORGIA DIGNITARIES RECOGNIZED

Jan M. Giddens, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia

Jerry Seaman, Grand Royal Patron, Order of Amaranth

Joe R. Bush, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Chapter RAM Georgia, Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor, YRSCNA Jurisdiction of Georgia

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

Richard Klenke, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star

Edgar M. Land, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia

Michael H. Wilson, PMEGHP, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Assistant Personal Representative to the SGIG, Valley of Atlanta A&A Scottish Rite

Bobby B. Simmons, PMEGHP, PMIGM, PREGC, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Past Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Very Eminent Grand Fourth Pillar, Grand College of America, HRAKTP; Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment, KT

Wade C. Smith, Sr., PMEGHP, PMIGM, Georgia; Grand Treasurer, Grand York Rite of Georgia; General Grand Ambassador for Georgia, General Grand Chapter, RAM, International and General Grand Council, R&SM, International

C. Danny Wofford, PGHP, PIGM, PGC, PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Intendant General for the Northern Division of Georgia, Red Cross of Constantine

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INT.

Chadwick Burks, PMEGHP, Arizona; Right Excellent General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International

Mark A. Bradley, PGHP, Georgia, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southeast Region, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INT.

James W. Bard, PMIGM, Georgia; Right Puissant Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Monty Glover, PMPGGM, Hawaii, Past Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lawrence Tucker, PREGC, Texas; VE Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, KT, USA

GRAND YORK RITE OF ALABAMA

Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, KT

GRAND YORK RITE OF FLORIDA

Henry A. Adams, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, KT; Past SE Department Commander; Most Excellent Grand High Priest, RAM

Sheldon Arpad, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Florida, KT

Adam M. Bryan, Past Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Florida, KT

James W. Hogg, Right Eminent Grand Commander, KT

Ronald A. Naumowicz, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, KT
Steven Q. Steele, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, KT; Past Most Eminent Grand Master, Convent General, KYCH

GRAND YORK RITE OF INDIANA

James L. Davis, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Indiana, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF MICHIGAN

Christopher M. Potts, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Michigan, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Patrick Terry, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

John Bowker, Right Excellent/Right Illustrious/Eminent Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand York Rite of South Carolina

Michael Keen, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of South Carolina, KT

Terry S. Pruitt, Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council of South Carolina, R&SM

Charles A. Varn, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of South Carolina, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF TENNESSE

Thomas W. Binford, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Tennessee, RAM

Clarence Crump, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, KT

Justin M. Higgins, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Tennessee, R&SM

Michael Neulander, Representative, Grand York Rite Bodies of Tennessee

John L. Palmer, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tennessee, F&AM; Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, KT

John W. Simmons, II, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, KT

Timothy Sutton, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, KT

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by RE Companion Joey E. Jackson, RE Grand King, Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, VI Companion Timothy K. Starling, VI Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, and VE Sir Knight Tyler W. Pledger, VE Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT, that all out-of-state Distinguished Guests that are not already Honorary Members be made Honorary Members of the three Georgia Grand York Rite Bodies. Seconded and Approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH

GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL

It is my honor to provide this report as the Grand Custodian of North. I was unfortunately reappointed as Grand Custodian – North only due to the death of one of the greatest ritualists I have ever known, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Larry C. Bennett. Ironically, MIPGM Larry eagerly took over for me as I assumed the Grand East in Grand Chapter. He performed an amazing job in this role. He greatly expanded the schools of instruction and the assistant custodians. The loss of MIPGM Larry is a great loss for the whole of Georgia Masonry.

I took over for MIPGM Larry in February of 2024. I want to thank the Assistant Custodians for all the work that they have done through this past year. They are really the heart and soul of this operation. The Assistants are the ones that are in front of the Companions and Sir Knights and are working with them to ensure their work is exemplary. I am excited about continuing to work with the Assistant Custodians that are currently on board and am also looking to add a couple more Assistants to effectively cover the York Rite Bodies in the North.

With the assistance of MIPGM Floyd Edmondson, we were able to fulfill one of MIPGM Larry's biggest goals. He always wanted to hold a School of Instruction which included the Opening, Closing and degree work as well. At the 9th District Chapter Convention, we were able to make this goal a realization. As I said, MIPGM Floyd was a great help in this effort, and I would like to thank him and MEPGHP Stephen C Higgins and MIPGM Dan Ricketts for their help in putting this together and presenting it to the Companions of the 9th District.

The Degree and Order work in the North is stellar. There have been a couple of one-day festivals including the Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival, and the Covington Festival. Each of these conferred all the degrees of the Chapter and Council and the Orders of the Commandery. There were many more new companions brought into the York Rite bodies through the efforts of these festivals. Also, some of the District Conventions confer the degrees at their

Conventions and have brought in many Companions as well. Finally, some of the local bodies have begun doing their own work. As Custodians of the Work, we are strongly encouraging these local bodies to perform their own degree work and if necessary, reach out to neighboring bodies to enlist their assistance as well.

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, Grand Custodian of the North
GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar Chavez and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia:

Greetings,

I am very pleased to report that with determination and unified guidance, we have continued the foundation for renewed purpose for each of the constituent Commanderies of the State of Georgia.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ditmar Chavez, tasked each of the Divisions to assemble and form a Divisional Inspection for each of the six Divisions of our great state. The purpose of which was to reset and review, by a School of Instruction, proper sword etiquette, review of the established Tactics and Ritual, and general instructions for all Sir Knights and the respective Commanderies.

These six Divisional Inspections were again well received and continued the opportunity to allow the Sir Knight's a comprehensive and thorough guide to opening a Commandery and other instructions. Most importantly, the ability to see the sidelines filled, and to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship that is growing as we continue to work past the issues of the pandemic that has stifled our Fraternity.

I am grateful for the opportunity to field many questions, concerns, discussions, suggestions as to the tactics and rituals at each of these Divisional Inspections, as well as phone calls, text messages and emails before and after each of them. I am pleased with the excitement exhibited at each of these Divisional Inspections. I hope and pray that these will be expanded upon in the future as we know we have much more analysis, self-assessment, and instruction to go.

The Chivalric Orders continue to be conferred and ritualistic teams across North Georgia are excited to bring new Sir Knights into our Christian Order. The York Rite classes continue and am pleased that even more local Commanderies are doing the Chivalric Orders themselves. I know that with the good Lord above leading, guiding and directing our path, we will continue to spread the good news, both far and wide!

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts, Grand Custodian of the North

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE SOUTH
GRAND CHAPTER

Esteemed MEGHP Walter Waddell, distinguished companions, and assistant custodians,

I am deeply grateful to MEGHP Walter Waddell for entrusting me with the privilege to serve our craft in this esteemed position for the duration of this year. Additionally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our diligent assistant custodians for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the past year. Reflecting on the past year, it fills me with pride to witness the continued renewal and revitalization within our craft. Our regular gatherings and degree conferrals have been instrumental in fostering a sense of unity and purpose among us. I've had the honor of lending assistance to several chapters in the conferral of the Capitular degrees, and presently, I am engaged in aiding Jesup Chapter #70 with an ongoing School of Instruction focused on the Mark Master's Degree. The commitment of our assistant custodians, alongside my own, remains steadfast in providing support and guidance whenever our expertise is required.

As I draw near to the conclusion of my term, I find myself reflecting on the profound privilege it has been to serve alongside you all. Together, we uphold the principles and traditions of our beloved Fraternity, which stands as a beacon of light in our lives. Let us, dear companions, recommit ourselves to the noble cause of Freemasonry, continuously striving to enhance and elevate it to even greater heights.

In closing, I extend my sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you for the opportunity to serve. May our bonds of fellowship and fraternity endure, guiding us as we journey forward together.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COUNCIL

Esteemed MIGM Judd Wolfe, distinguished members of the Craft, and honored Assistant Custodians,

It is with deep gratitude that I extend my sincerest thanks to MIGM Judd Wolfe for entrusting me with this esteemed position, granting me the privilege to serve the Craft and the Grand Council throughout this past year. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to the assistant custodians for their invaluable support and dedication during our journey together.

Reflecting on this past year, we take pride in the remarkable progress the Craft has made in fulfilling our mission to illuminate the path of our brethren.

Witnessing the influx of new members across all branches of the York Rite fills me with optimism and reaffirms our commitment to spreading the teachings of Freemasonry. I am delighted to share that our York Rite lodges and conventions in the southern region of the state have continued to convene regularly, fostering a vibrant community dedicated to the noble principles of our order. Personally, I have had the privilege of assisting several councils in the solemn conferral of the cryptic degrees, an experience that reinforces our shared bond and commitment to Masonic excellence.

As we stand on the threshold of a new chapter, I am pleased to report that thus far, no requests for instructional assistance have been received. However, let it be known that myself and my esteemed assistant custodians remain steadfast

and prepared to provide guidance and support whenever called upon. Our readiness to impart the light of Freemasonry stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to the Craft and its timeless principles. In closing, I wish to express my profound gratitude to each member of the Craft for the privilege of serving you this past year. Let us, companions, continue to uphold the sacred tenets of Freemasonry with unwavering dedication and unwavering resolve. May we persist in our pursuit of excellence, ever committed to improving ourselves and enriching the legacy of our beloved Craft. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and all Sir Knights dispersed throughout Georgia I am happy to report another successful year of Divisional inspections. Once again we concentrated on tactics of opening, closing and forming for inspections. All of the divisions met and were well attended. There were several festivals held and we had a large increase in membership. I attended many of the festivals and those Sir Knights that conferred the orders are to be commended, they did a fantastic job and it was quite obvious they practiced to ensure perfection. It has been my pleasure to serve as custodian of work for this year and I commend all of the Sir Knights for their hard work and dedication.

Courteously: Tommy Marshall

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR GRAND CHAPTER Grand Officers and our Companions all:

The membership of our Grand Chapter has continued to decrease throughout the past 20 years. The following chart shows the amount of decrease:

2005	9439	2012	6356	2019	3495
	-539		-291		-104
2006	8900	2013	6065	2020	3391
	-534		-567		-451
2007	8366	2014	5498	2021	2840
	-340		-593		-311
2008	8026	2015	5071	2022	2732
	-430		-691		-59
2009	7596	2016	4380	2023	2673
	-406		-150		-13
2010	7190	2017	4230	2024	2660
	-310		-325		
2011	6880	2018	3849		
	-335		-354		

Programs continued for this year include the presentation of information to the blue lodge about the York Rite and the development of a Mark Master program where the lodge members can become a member of a Mark Master lodge without a fee. With the permission of the Worshipful Master, a Mark Master lodge in our local blue lodges can be opened. These programs can be presented by any chapter that is proficient in degree work. Interest in the York Rite by lodge

members does seem to be increasing. It is important that we continue to communicate with and encourage our Masonic lodges to look for more light in freemasonry by becoming a York Rite member. Also, a program to contact suspended members needs to be enacted. One difficulty with this program is finding contact information on our suspended members. This project shouldn't fall on the shoulders of the Chapter Secretaries. We recommend the High Priests of the Chapters appoint a committee to research and contact the suspended members and invite them to come back into the Chapter. Respectfully submitted: James R. Harris, Sr. Chairman; Ryan Nealey, T. Matthew Sanford; and Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

GRAND COUNCIL

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers, and Companions, All:

We the Committee on Membership submit the following:

In 2024, we will have increased our membership for the first time in many years.

In January 2023 we started the year with 2051 Companions in our Councils.

During the year there were 105 Companions who were Greeted, 44 that Affiliated, 10 who were reinstated, which gave us a total gain of 159.

Additionally, we had 24 Companions who Demitted, 54 who were Suspended, and 74 who were Deceased. This gave us a total loss of 152. These numbers show that this year we have seen a total increase of 7 Companions. We were able to finish 2023 with a total of 2058 Companions, for the first increase in many years.

We are very thankful to all the Councils who have worked so hard on membership, thus resulting in an increase of 7 Companions in our membership. We continue to encourage all of our Companions and Sir Knights in the York Rite to ask to give presentations to the Blue Lodges in your areas. Most Lodges are looking for programs to present to the lodge. If you need a presentation to use in the promotion of the York Rite, contact a District Deputy to the Grand Illustrious Master or a member of the Membership Committee. Companions, thank you again for your work and dedication to the growth of the York Rite. With your continued support, 2024 may be an even better year in seeing positive growth and numbers. Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted: James R. Harris, Sr., Chairman; Ryan Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford; Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

GRAND COMMANDERY

The Grand Commandery has seen a net increase in membership over the past year. We are very appreciative that the Grand Commandery's recruiting efforts have resulted in positive growth for the first time in many years. At the end of 2022, we had 1839 Sir Knights on record. To this, we added 109 new Sir Knights, 32 affiliated and 12 reinstated. This is a total gain in membership of 153. We had a total loss of 127 Sir Knights. Of these, 15 demitted, 34 were suspended, and 78 received their Eternal Reward. At the end of 2023, there were 1865 Sir Knights reported in our membership database, resulting in a gain of 26 Sir Knights.

In closing, on behalf of the Membership Committee, we would like to congratulate our Commanderies on their excellent year of recruiting members. Given this encouraging data, as well as preliminary membership reports for this year, it is our hope that in the next report, we will show even more increase in membership. Fraternally Submitted: James R. Harris, Sr., Chairman; Ryan Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford; Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
GRAND CHAPTER

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

We offer the following recommendations:

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

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

As a Chapter, visit other Chapters to provide extended fellowship, and assistance when needed.

The Committee recommends that each Royal Arch Mason read the paper entitled "A Brief History of the Grand Chapter of Georgia" written by MEPGHP Joe E. Turner. As we look to the future let us look at the past and our great tradition of bringing "more light" to Masons.

The Committee is most appreciative of the confidence placed in us by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Walter D. Waddell, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; and William E. Cantrell

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.
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, Judd J. Wolfe.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; and William E. Cantrell

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

Sir Knights, please review the following recommendations and requests.

Recommendations and Requests

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

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

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; and William E. Cantrell

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The members of the Long-Range Planning Committee send sincere thanks and Congratulations to the Grand officers of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia on having a great year and for appointing us serve on this committee for 2023-2024. We have had an active and productive year. We have held Zoom meetings throughout the year that were well attended and collegial on every occasion. As the Grand Presiding Officers are ex-officio members of all Grand York Rite committees, they were invited to all of our meetings, and they also joined every meeting that was held. In total we met five times this year.

We identified the need to identify and promote leadership in our Grand Bodies. One way to do this is restructure the procedure by which potential officers are identified and nominated and we have submitted legislation that we feel will be step forward in this process.

Another concern was how to help the Grand Officers grow into the leadership that they have been elected to provide. To this end we developed an instrument for the Grand Officers to report their activities on a Yearly basis. At the current time compliance with this reporting system is voluntary and it is our hope that it will be seen as beneficial by the Grand line officers and beneficial for promoting more active and involved Grand Officers in the future.

Recommendations:

- That all Grand Officers serve on all committees as they progress through their respective lines and that all Grand Committees hold at least quarterly meetings either by conference call or by Zoom.
- That there be orientation sessions for all candidates for Grand Line positions held yearly to make known what the expectations are for Grand York Rite officers as they prepare to serve the Grand York Rite of Georgia.

Once again, the members of this committee thank the Presiding Grand Officers for this opportunity serve and hope the incoming officers have a very successful year in 2024-2025.

Respectfully Submitted: James W. Bard, Chair; Joe Oelgoetz; James Harris; and Tyler Pledger

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC COMMITTEE

The true image of Templary is exemplified by deeds not only words it is important that others (the general public) know what we stand for. Our general concerns as Knights Templar are in four areas: Christianity, Country, Community and Commandery. Patriotic and Civic Activity has long been recognized as an integral part of Templar responsibility but has suffered from lack of direction. it needs to receive full and wholehearted programming in every commandery. Commanderies are encouraged to use their local initiative in planning Patriotic and Civic Activities. which some commanderies in this state perform on holidays every year. Lead a discussion on the Asylum floor on how your commandery can express itself on the community service Join other organization in Patriotic Parades and Public Displays encourage members to assist in all youth organizations: DeMolay Rainbow Boy Scouts etc. Sponsor School Essay contest on patriotism. Charge every Sir Knight with his Responsibility: to set an example to his children and others by obeying the laws himself. to Vote his convictions and every public election. To accept the Bill of Responsibility as well as the Bill of Rights. 2022-23 was a year of getting back to normal. We had commanderies attending parades getting back in the public view, and sending preachers back to the Holy Lands.

Respectfully Submitted: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; William W. Grist; William T. White; and Alessandro Silva

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE YORK RITE PAGE FOR THE MASONIC MESSENGER

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

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

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 Walter D Waddell, Jr., the Most Illustrious Grand Master Judd J. Wolfe and the Right Eminent Grand

Commander Ditmar W Chavez for the confidence they have shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate all three on a fantastic year as the presiding officer for the state of Georgia in their respective body.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE GEORGIA SUPPLEMENT TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

It is truly an honor to be able to continue to perform this function for the Sir Knights of Georgia. I look forward to the time that I will spend providing information to the Grand Commandery of Georgia. I have enjoyed working with the Right Eminent Grand Commander and am sure to enjoy working with the incoming Grand Commander as well. I will continue 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 for the Knights Templar magazine is no longer being distributed with the printed copy of the magazine. It is only available through the online version which can be accessed from the Grand York Rite of Georgia website, www.yorkriteofga.org. The deadline for submissions will continue to be the 20th of the month but will be published the 1st of the next month. For example, if you would like something in the June issue of the magazine, it would need to be submitted by May 20th. Please contact me at mike@thesampsell.com or by phone at (770) 366-1800.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar W. Chavez for the confidence he has shown in me for this position. I would also like to congratulate REGC Marshall on a great year as Grand Commander and working to guide us through this past year.

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Line Officers, Sir Knights and Companions

of the Grand Your Rite of Georgia,

Your committee thanks you for the opportunity to maintain our York Rite website. With the continued input for our fellow Companions and Sir Knights our website has remained a valuable tool and a wealth of information not only to Georgia Masons but to the entire world. We hope to continue to add current and historical information for our members and public in the months and years to come. Thank you to all of the companions and Sir Knights that contributed to the websites photo gallery. Thank you to our Grand Secretary Mark Bradley for the documentation and training material provided for our Membership database and it's uses. Please remember to update the membership information for your local York Rite body each month in the York Rite database.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman; Richard T. Petersen; and Mark A. Bradley

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS COMMITTEE

The Grand Master's Class honoring our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Benjamin W Polston, III, and our 3 presiding Grand Officers of the York Rite, MEGHP Walter D Waddell, Jr., MIGM Judd J Wolfe, and REGC Ditmar W

Chavez was held on April 6, 2024 at the Grand Chapter building in Macon, GA. Dan Ricketts, Peter Bard, Hendry Howard and myself have worked diligently to continue the tradition of this GM Class which was started by the late MEPGHP Terry Farmer.

The Degrees and the Orders were presented in admirable fashion and several Chapters, Councils and Commanderies were represented to assist with the fine ritual work in honor of our presiding officers. The work was impressive and ensured our 29 new candidates for Chapter and Council and 29 new candidates for Commandery were impressed with the lessons of the degrees and orders.

I would like to express a special thanks to Right Excellent Companion Mark Bradley and Ms. Marla Horton for all their work in ensuring that the logistics of the day would be as seamless as possible. For those of you know that work ANY with the Grand York Rite office, they are a very professional team and do their absolute utmost to assist with anything you could possibly think of that moves the Grand York Rite to being a better Grand body than any other around. I would also like to thank all the teams that stepped up to assist as degree teams for this class. For the Capitular degrees, Cherokee Chapter #13, Augusta Chapter #A01 and Steve Higgins and his DGD team conferred the RA degree. For the Cryptic degrees, Marietta Council #74 and Ballard Council #16. For the Orders of Knighthood, Eminent Sir Knight Dan Ricketts conferred the first two orders in short form and then a select team from the Grand Commandery officers conferred the Order of the Temple.

Several members assisted in ensuring that the day went without any issues and the committee is looking forward to continuing this great day of degree work in the future!

Respectfully Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is pleased to report that as of 01/31/2024 the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 75 Perpetual Members with a total of \$206,174.95 invested. The money is invested with Wells Fargo Advisors.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chairman; Michael H. Wilson; Wade C. Smith; Mark A. Bradley; and Ryan C. Nealey

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter Building Trustees met periodically this year and addressed many issues with our building at 811 Mulberry Street, some ongoing and some new. Your Trustees negotiated and signed a new lease with the Grand Lodge of Georgia which will continue our facilities relationship with them through 2028.

Most of our previous issues have been addressed, either by repairing them or planning for repair. One of our projects this year was repairing and repainting the walls in the auditorium and upstairs foyer and lobby area. Unfortunately, it would be safe to assume that the expenses to maintain our beloved Masonic building will never go away. But with the continued support of the Brethren, Companions

and Sir Knights of Georgia, we will move forward in our quest to provide a comfortable, functioning work environment for both our Grand Lodge of Georgia Administrative Office, as well as our own Grand York Rite Office, while also proving an affordable meeting place for those Masonic organizations in search of the same. Ms. Julie Hickman continues to care for our custodial issues and is doing an outstanding job. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs this past year.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Bradley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Ditmar W. Chavez; MEGHP Walter D. Waddell, Jr.; MIGM Judd J. Wolfe; Grand Line Officers, REPGCs; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; Distinguished Guests; Companions and Sir Knights: It has been a joy to serve this past year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve our craft in this meaningful way. To be allowed through your generosity to continue in a role that I love has been rewarding beyond measure. Your Grand York Rite Office is working hard to help our local York Rite bodies grow by providing better communications and by being open to feedback from our local and state leaders. With a continued emphasis on improving our York Rite database, there has been a broader focus on simplifying the information sharing process. Although this remains an ongoing effort, we have made great strides in membership management and local administration, while improving the way we communicate to our prospective members.

I would like to commend all our secretaries and recorders for stepping forward and accepting a volunteer role in your local bodies that requires more from you than most of us realize. You remain the backbone of our constituent Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. THANK YOU FOR DOING A GREAT JOB!!! My recommendations as your statewide York Rite counterpart would be to continue your commitment to our York Rite database, diligently working towards getting your bylaws updated, and minimizing our suspensions from non-payment of dues, and our continued focus on recruitment and retention through relevance. Your Grand York Rite Office is blessed to have an Administrative Assistant like Ms. Marla Horton. She remains the voice of our office. We are also thankful for our tower of strength that is Companion and Sir Knight Wade C. Smith. His wisdom in all things York Rite is unsurpassed.

GRAND CHAPTER		GRAND COUNCIL		GRAND COMMANDERY	
Chapters effective 12-31-22	55	Councils effective 12-31-22	50	Commanderies 12-31-22	33
Chapters effective 12-31-23	53	Councils effective 12-31-23	48	Commanderies 12-31-23	32
Data adjustment from 2022	2	Data Adjustment from 2022	2	Data Adjustment from 2022	1
Members effective 12-31-22	2673	Members effective 12-31-22	2051	Members effective 12-31-22	1839
Exalted	102	Greeted	105	Knighted	109
Affiliated	47	Affiliated	44	Affiliated	32
Reinstated	9	Reinstated	10	Reinstated	12
GAIN	158	GAIN	159	GAIN	153
Demitted	23	Demitted	24	Demitted	15
Suspended	50	Suspended	54	Suspended	34
Deceased	98	Deceased	74	Deceased	78
LOSS	-171	LOSS	-152	LOSS	-127
NET GAIN/LOSS	-13	NET GAIN/LOSS	7	NET GAIN/LOSS	26
Members 12-31-23	2660	Members 12-31-23	2058	Members 12-31-22	1865

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

MEGHP Walter D. Waddell Jr; MIGM Judd J. Wolfe; REGC Ditmar W. Chavez; Grand York Rite Grand Line Officers; MEPGHPs; MIPGMs; REPGCs; Distinguished Guests; My Companions and Sir Knights All: Thank you for permitting me the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Treasurer for the past six years.

My Friends: Let me assure you that your administrative team has continued to excel in all aspects during the past year. Mark and Marla have continued to operate this office this past year like a well-oiled machine. They have raised your Grand Line Office to another level of excellence. They do a magnificent job of ensuring that each task and request is immediately and professionally addressed. Each supporting the other in all endeavors. In Addition to professionally handling all routine administration they have made another quantum leap in systematizing and professionalizing your Grand York Rite Office. They have continued to tweak and upgrade your new Data Base. Any time a problem surfaces the team immediately conducts an analysis and solves the problem. They have also continued to perfect a comprehensive twelve-month Office Management calendar. For you military that is your SOP. Finally, they continue to work on creating a closer knit, more family-oriented relationship with your Grand Lodge Office Staff.

Behold the Temple. How beautiful it is. Nigh on completed. How well we have labored under our wise and wonderful Master Craftsman.

Most Excellent Brother Mark, as your Building Superintendent and in emulation of that ancient historical Grand Master's fantastic temple building' skills, has steadily led and supervised the essential renovations of your beautiful, historical Temple during the past year. Please view the up-grading accomplishments and commend WB Mark and his Building and Finance Committees for an outstanding job.

Marla is a fantastic Administrative Assistant who professionally manages this Office any time Mark and I are on the road.

My Companions and Sir Knights all, did you notice how competently and professionally your 2023 one day Grand Sessions were conducted? Your Grand Secretary-Recorder has continued to be the South -East Leader. Others are coming on board.

The 2023 investment and checking accounts are reflected in the KTEF Trustees Report.

May God Bless and keep my beloved Georgia Grand York Rite family safe and prosperous for another year.

Your Humble Servant: Wade C. Smith, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Line Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions All, My many thanks go out to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia, Most Excellent Companion Walter D. Waddell, Jr. for appointing me Chairman of the RARA Committee this year. It has been a wonderful learning experience and my honor to serve on this committee with Excellent Companion John (Jay) Finch, Jr., Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil and Excellent Companion Thomas J. Chapman, Excellent Grand

Royal Arch Captain. I would like to thank them both for their valuable assistance, hard work, and dedication to the Craft. It is through their efforts that 2023-2024 was successful by them sharing RARA information at Lodge Events, Chapters, and District Conventions. Your Committee for the Royal Arch Research Assistance makes the follow report: From March 2023 through March 2024, Georgia Royal Arch Masons supported RARA generously by donating a total amount of \$ 34,998.00. A total of 79 separate contributions were made to RARA this past year. This included 36 Chapters, 22 Individuals, 10 District Conventions, 2 separate donations from the Grand Chapter of Georgia, 7 donations from Concordant Bodies, and 2 Corporate Donations. There are over 70 Jurisdictions that donate to RARA yearly. Georgia ranks fifth in all – time giving since the inception of RARA. This has been accomplished only through the Charity of the York Rite Masons of Georgia. On behalf of the Royal Research Assistance Program, the Committee would like to thank you all for your support and generous donations that made this year successful.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John (Jay) Finch; and Thomas J. Chapman

REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers, and Companions All:

We the Committee on C.M.M.R.F. submit the following:

We have had an outstanding year of Fundraising for CMMRF, and thanks to your Companions, this has been another record year for GA. For 2023 you raised \$21,263.50, a respective \$1815.00 more than 2022. That ranks 7th in the nation. We moved up one spot. Companions that are outstanding. Overall, since the beginning, the state of Georgia has given over \$317,782.34 for CMMRF. Because of you, lives have been saved and changed forever. Because of you another child gets to experience Christmas, birthdays, and the joy of a life being saved, another heart beats, another child walks, because of you less tears have shed, and more hearts are joyed. Because of your generosity and compassion and obedience to your heart, you have given to the limits of your abilities, that's the mark of a true Mason. But we can do better we averaged \$18 per man. What is the price of cancer being cured, what is the price of another heart beating, with the courage and fortitude of you great men, we can do great things in Georgia, give beyond yourself, and see the bigger picture. Please consider donating online, I urge you to give whether it be \$5, \$10, \$100, or \$1000 per month or more give as much as you can afford. Go to <https://www.cmmrf.org/> Along with our District Grand Deputies, and Grand Council we hope to have an even better year in 2024. Please search your heart and give over and above, you will be blessed beyond measure!

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted: John C. Miller, Chair; Timothy K. Starling; and James D. Arnold

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Declining membership, not enough candidates petitioning York Rite Masonry, and the inability to confer Degrees and Knights Templars to receive their Orders because of COVID in the past, have made a deep impact upon York Rite Masonry. However, Degree Work has increased since the beginning of COVID and all three Bodies are increasing their memberships once again.

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

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

The Finance Committee recommends the principal monies in the investment accounts NOT be touched and all future spending comes from income only. We recommend the proposed budget for the ensuing year be passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; and John E. Finch Jr. (Jay)

2024-2025 APPROVED BUDGET OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Accrued Capital	\$ 2,400.00
Grand Session	\$ 5,500.00
Grand Chapter Sales	\$ 2,800.00
Grand Council Sales	\$ 2,000.00
Grand Commandery Sales	\$ 2,000.00
Health Insurance	\$ 17,000.00
Per Capita	\$140,672.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$172,372.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 5,972.00
Administrative Assistant (Payroll)	\$ 36,500.00
Computer/Copier Maintenance	\$ 8,500.00
Condolences	\$ 600.00
Grand Session	\$ 25,000.00
Grand Secretary/Recorder (Payroll)	\$ 39,500.00
Health Insurance	\$ 17,000.00
Masonic Messenger	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,000.00
Postage	\$ 2,200.00
Public Relations	\$ 100.00
Printing	\$ 6,000.00

Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,500.00
Travel	\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 172,372.00

BUILDING CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Building Donation	\$ 500.00
Grand Chapter Rent	\$ 11,890.00
Grand Council Rent	\$ 8,776.00
Grand Commandery Rent	\$ 7,644.00
Grand Lodge Rent	\$ 30,254.00
Meeting Fees	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 60,764.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 2,364.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00
Building Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Electricity/Georgia Power	\$ 12,000.00
Landscaping and Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Pest Control/Allgood	\$ 900.00
Property Insurance and Bonds	\$ 8,000.00
Trash/Advanced Disposal	\$ 2,500.00
Water/Macon Water Authority	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 60,764.00

CHAPTER CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Chair Order	\$ 200.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 26,069.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Per Capita	\$ 66,723.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 91,192.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 102.00
Awards/Recognitions	\$ 700.00
Building Rent	\$ 11,890.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,400.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 600.00
MEGHP Travel	\$ 5,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 62,500.00
Per Capita Dues – GGC	\$ 6,500.00
Regalia	\$ 700.00
SE Regional Conference	\$ 900.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 91,192.00

COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Chair Order	\$ 200.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 12,726.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 1,333.00
Per Capita	\$ 51,150.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65,409.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Awards/Recognitions	\$ 700.00
Building Rent	\$ 8,776.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,400.00
G. Session Photos	\$ 100.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 600.00
MIGM Travel	\$ 5,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 41,233.00
Per Capita Dues/GGC	\$ 5,000.00
Regalia	\$ 700.00
SE Regional Conference	\$ 900.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 65,409.00

COMMANDERY CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Chair Order	\$ 200.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 9,746.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Per Capita	\$ 66,122.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 76,268.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 1,735.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 2,000.00
Building Rent	\$ 7,644.00
CPA Compilation	\$ 1,400.00
Grand Session Photos	\$ 100.00
Masonic Charities	\$ 750.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 36,939.00
Per Capita Dues – GE	\$ 17,000.00
Regalia	\$ 1,000.00
REGC Travel	\$ 5,000.00
SE Regional Conference	\$ 1,200.00
Triennial	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 76,268.00

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Walter Waddell,

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Judd Wolfe,

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ditmar Chavez

On April 5, 2024, I conducted my audit of the Grand York Rite Office's accounting procedures and review of specific accounts.

After reviewing the year end statements of the various checking accounts of the bodies, I find no cause of material concern. I did find a couple of minor bookkeeping issues and I worked with Marla to correct those as needed. I want to commend Marla on her record keeping. With her assistance any questions were quickly researched and resolved.

After reviewing the investment accounts of the bodies. I make the following recommendations:

- 1) That the investment policy of the various Investment Accounts be reviewed, and adjustments made (where Code permits). This should be done with an eye to maximizing yearly return while always remembering the fiduciary responsibility of managing these funds.
- 2) That the investment accounts with Truist and the investment accounts with Wells Fargo, be combined to be housed with one investment company—be it Truist, Wells Fargo, or some other different company. This reduces paperwork, and lessens complications when changes need to be made.

Lastly, I reviewed the Quickbooks files, and any questions or issues were discussed and addressed with Marla and Mark.

Respectfully Submitted: Ryan Nealey, Chair

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 3, 2024
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**WALTER DUVOY WADDELL, JR.
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2023-2024**

WALTER DUVOY WADDELL, JR.

PERSONAL

Walter Duvoy Waddell, Jr. was born on June 1, 1969 in Decatur, Georgia. The proud son of Walter Duvoy Waddell, Sr. and Genell Elaine Waddell. He has a sister, Constance Elaine Morris who lives in Fayetteville Georgia with her family. He graduated from Forest Park Sr. High School in Forest Park Georgia with Vocational Seal at his graduation in 1988. He would go on to become a Firefighter with the City of Atlanta Fire Department in 1990, advancing to Driver, Lieutenant, and Captain. During his career, he obtained an Associate Degree in 2013, and a Bachelor in 2016, both in Fire Science.

He has three boys who are grown and with their own children, counting four grandsons, one granddaughter, and another grandchild due in September. He loves to spend most Sunday afternoons with them. Cooking out and attending church makes his life complete.

MASONIC

Walter Duvoy Waddell, Jr. began his Masonic journey at Lafayette Lodge #44 by being initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 19th, 2001, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on October 25, 2001, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason November 20th, 2001. He served as Master of Lafayette Lodge #44 in 2006, and Master of Charity Daylight Lodge #754 in 2016, then Director of Work of that lodge in 2019. In 2021 Walter was appointed Tyler of the 5th Masonic District Convention. Walter was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Silver Shoals Chapter #14 in April 2002 and served as High Priest in 2005. He received the Order of the High Priesthood in 2005. Walter was greeted as a Select Master in Pickens Council #55 in April 2002 and served as Illustrious Master in 2010. He received the Order of The Silver Trowel in 2010. Walter was Knighted in Amicalola Commandry #41 in April 2002 and served as Eminent Commander of Rome Commandry #8 in 2018. He received the order of Knight Crusader of the Cross in 2018. Walter became a Knight of Cherokee Rose Priory #56 KYCH in 2022 and is a member of Carl Lester #65 Knight Masons. Walter became President of Cumming Shrine Club in 2007, President of Arab Guard Shrine Unit in 2010, President of Knights of Mecca Shrine Unit in 2012, President of the Southeastern Shrine Past Masters Association in 2016 and 2017. In 2024 Walter was elected to the Divan of the Yaarab Shriners. Walter became Worthy Patron of Cumming Chapter #346 in 2008 and was elected to that position three more times. In 2021 he was appointed to be the District Deputy for The Order of the Eastern Star and in 2023 he was the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Representative to Puerto Rico for Georgia. Walter became a member Grand Tall Cedar of Georgia Forest #181 in 2013. In 2002 Walter became a member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite 32°. Walter Joined the Scottish Rite Hospitality team in 2008, Invested 32° KCCH in The Scottish Rite in 2011, became the Commander of the Atlanta Court of Honor in 2017, President of the Cobb County Scottish Rite Association in 2017, Chief of the Hospitality team at the Valley of Atlanta in 2019 and Association Director for Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite in 2020.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Georgia- 2023-2024 Companions, I cannot finish without saying that we could not have accomplished anything this year without divine guidance. I have prayed for that at all times

during my journey. It was the Supreme Architect who led me here, and through his guidance, we have accomplished so much. I would never have been able to complete my term without that wisdom that He has bestowed on me. His strength kept me going on those many long days and nights. I pray that He will continue to lead me and give me strength to always proclaim HOLINESS TO THE LORD. Thank you ALL for the chance to serve YOU, that's all I ever really wanted to do!!!

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

The Two Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 3, 2024 with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Walter D. Waddell, Jr. presiding and with all Grand Chapter Officers present and in their respective stations. Being assured by the Grand Secretary that a quorum was present, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the Two Hundred and Second Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Right Excellent Grand King
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Lamar E. Richards (14)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
Joe R. Bush (49)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Jack J. Bell (162)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Johnie M. Garmon (24)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
John E. Finch, Jr. (13)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Matthew Sanford (9)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Edward C. Barclay (14)	Excellent Grand Sentinel

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1988 William E. Cantrell (144)	2014 Michael H. Wilson (71)
1995 Joe E. Turner (10)	2016 William F. Shepard (66)
2000 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2017 Mark A. Bradley (84)
2002 A. Joseph Clark (K01)	2018 Stephen C. Higgins (135)
2005 Hugh F. Watson (13)	2018 Gary D. Lemmons (61)
2006 Robert L. Gill (9)	2019 James W. Tate (73)
2009 Wade C. Smith (24)	2019 Andre E. Lovas (34)
2009 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2020 Michael H. Sampsell (13/87)
2010 J. Timothy Ingram (28)	2021 John H. Johnson (47)
2012 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)	2022 C. Hendry Howard (9)
2013 Clyde E. Griffin (03)	

2023-2024 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett and Floyd E. Edmondson;

South: T. Matthew Sanford and C. Hendry Howard

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Michael L. Wolcott; Peter D. Bard;

Joey E. Jackson;

MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; John H. Johnson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; John E. Finch, Jr.
Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar E. Richards; Wiley A. Gammon
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Larry C. Bennett
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; John T. Flener, Jr.; Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold
R. A. R. A.: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John E. Finch, Thomas J. Chapman
Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson; William F. Shepard; Jack J. Bell; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle;
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; William Cantrell
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; Tyler W. Pledger
Public Relations: F. Andrew Lane, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Stephen C. Higgins
Membership: James R. Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols; Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Floyd E. Edmondson
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch; John T. Flener, Jr.
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; Peter Bard; Hendry Howard
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John E. Finch; Raymond G. Laird
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2023-2024 GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Chair	Mitch Tripp (26)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st	Lyle T. Chadwick (13)	7 th
Bruce T. Fykes (23)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (47)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (11/73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (135)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael J. Etheridge (84)	9 th
Eric S. Tress (50/142)	5 th	Brandon P. Simmons (150)	9 th
Sherman D. Rankin (18)	6 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
Michael L. Hamlin (4)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th		

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Line Officers of the Grand Chapter, District Grand Deputies, Distinguished Guests, and all the Companions of Royal Arch Masonry;

I would like to welcome each of you to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Grand High Priest of Georgia this year. This year has gone by faster than I thought it would, and though I may not have gotten to do everything I wanted to accomplish, that's ok. The friendships that I have developed over this year have been priceless and mean the world to me. Judd and I visited many Chapter and Council meetings together with one goal in mind, to promote York Rite Masonry in a positive and fun way. Together, we have attended the General Grand Chapter/Council Triennial, a few festivals, and many conventions with a similar goal and that was to serve the State of Georgia with good representation. I don't have the words to express what this journey has meant to me. It has been one of enlightenment and purpose. It is a highlight of my Masonic journey and an honor to follow in the footsteps of so many good Companions that paved the way for me to serve as they did. I may not have deserved such a reward, but I will forever be indebted to the Grand Chapter of Georgia and its member companions for this gift.

To my fellow Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers; Thank You. I must state with my deepest appreciation to you for serving alongside me and the dedication that you have shown during this last year. It shows me what Masonry means to you and your earnest desire to advance Capitular Masonry. To my Constituent officers and members of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery; I appreciate the unity we have achieved as our slogan has been "Unity is our Strength". Many Thanks to All of You.

To my fellow Past Grand High Priests; I have learned so much from serving alongside you through-out my years of development. It has made me who I am today. You have shown me the importance of working together as a team and to listen as a leader. Many of you have helped me with your advice and guidance this year many times during my journey. I honestly think of each of you as my mentors. Thank you for being there for me and lending a helpful hand when asked and never pressuring me into anything.

I would like to thank Companions Jack Bell and Jay Finch, under the direction of Companion Joel Oelgoetz, for their countless hours of hard work for the Royal Arch Research Assistance campaign this year and over the last few years. I express my deepest thank you for the efforts to make this a success. Their leadership is remarkable, as you will get to see more of them in the years to come.

I am extremely proud of our District Deputies this year. They have been some of the most hardworking Companions in the state and the backbone of this order. A special thanks to the Chairman of the District Deputies, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Steve Higgins, for his constant ability to improve our communications and the drive to inspire others to lead with confidence to promote the Royal Arch. The District Deputies are in good hands with this great system in place.

To the hard working Right Excellent Grand Secretary Mark Bradley, I could not have done this without your assistance, and I thank you for that. A special thanks to Marla Horton for her many hours of dealing with Mark and bringing a calmness to the office. Wade Smith taught me to go out there and spread the good cheer of

the Royal Arch Masonry, and to make the most out of our visitations by being inspiring.

To Past ME Grand High Priest William Cantrel; thank you for having the faith to nominate me and sending me on this tremendous journey.

Thank you to Past ME Grand High Priest Bill Shepherd for installing me as Grand High Priest.

To Ditmar and Judd, love is the only word that comes to mind when I think of you guys. We had a fantastic year together and I am a better man and Companion for knowing and serving with you.

Respectfully Submitted: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.

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

To the Right Excellent Grand King, Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address is honored to make the following report:

We join with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in welcoming all guests and members to the two hundred two Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. We pray that this Grand Convocation will be enjoyed by all present.

We acknowledge the travels of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this year, and we appreciate the distinguished manner in which he has represented our Grand Chapter and the Royal Masons of Georgia in his journeys.

We acknowledge the dispensations and decisions that our Grand High Priest has had to make this year and applaud his leadership in all issues.

We join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for their support and service. We complement our Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his appointment of the two "appointed" Grand Officers...Excellent Companion Lamar Egbert Richards, Right Excellent Reverend Grand Chaplain, and Excellent Companion Edward Clayton Barclay, Excellent Grand Sentinel. These two great companions have added much to our Grand Chapter this year. We join the Most Excellent High Priest in his appreciation and acknowledgment of the unity the Grand Chapter Officers, our Grand Chapter is in good hands for many years to come.

We commend the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in seeking advice and guidance from those who have traveled this way before, the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest. We especially acknowledge Most Excellent Companion William Edward Cantrel, for having faith in Most Excellent Companion Waddell and nominating him for the office of Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil and starting him on this journey.

We join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in acknowledging the District Grand Deputies and the Chairman of the District Grand Deputies, Most Excellent Companion Steve Higgins. These Excellent Companions are indeed the hardest working Companions in Royal Arch Masonry.

We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Judd Joseph Wolfe and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ditmar Wieduwilt Chavez for their efforts and working with the Grand High Priest in promoting York Rite Masonry this year. Also we thank Most Worshipful Brother Michael Alan Kessler and Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Wesley Polston II,

for their support of York Rite Masonry, when we work together great things can be accomplished.

We appreciate the support our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has provided to the Royal Arch Research Assistance program. Through his support and the efforts of Jack Bell, Jay Finch and all of the committee, we continue to be a strong and leading supporter of this great work.

We wish to join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking the Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Mark Bradley and Marla Horton for their service, their hard work should never go unnoticed, their efforts makes it easy for the rest of us.

Now as our Most Excellent Companion Walter Duvoy Waddell, Jr. lays down the gavel of the Grand Chapter, we are assured that his service to our great fraternity is not ended. That soon the time will come for him to arise again to deeds of even more exalted usefulness.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; and John H. Johnson

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, report that one Bill to amend the Royal Arch Code was referred to the committee off consideration at this Annual Convocation.

Code Bill no. 1

This Bill seeks to amend the CONSTITUTION SECTION OF THE 2022 Royal Arch Mason Code of Georgia, by re-arranging code sections 1.3.2, sections 1 through 6, 1.3.3, and 1.3.4, which deals with the election and appointment of officers.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.

We, your committee on jurisprudence, report that three Bills to amend the Royal Arch Code were referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation. The Committee finds:

Code Bill no. 2

This BILL seeks to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Section 2.10.1.6, Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1 of the 2022 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to assessment of Royal Arch Masons to continue the \$1.00 annual increase for five (5) more years.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.

Code Bill no. 3

This bill seeks to amend section 2.10.1.3 to provide that business may be transacted in any degree including balloting.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.

Code Bill no. 4

This bill seeks to amend section 2.13.1 relating to provide that Business May be Transacted in any degree including balloting. The Jurisprudence Committee finds

this bill in conflict with code section 2.10.4.1, as both addresses the election of officers.

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

The Resolution was not in proper form and could not be considered.

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.

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, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; and F. Andrew Lane Jr.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to amend the CONSTITUTION SECTION OF THE **2022 Royal Arch Mason Code of Georgia, by re-arranging code sections 1.3.2, sections 1 though 6, 1.3.3, and 1.3.4 which currently reads as follows and by adding a new section 1. 3.2.5 to provide for notification of intent to run for office. Also deleting section 6 of 1.3.2**

CURRENT WORDING:

1.3.2. Elections and Appointments.

Section (1) The Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and the Grand Masters of the Three Veils shall be elected by written ballot, or by acclamation if approved by a majority of those present, on the first day of the Annual Convocation, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the newly elected Grand High Priest before his installation.

Section (2) Candidates for the lowest open elected offices, after the above election has taken place, shall be nominated from the floor by a proposer, the nominating speeches being limited to two minutes each. If more than one candidate is to be nominated, the proposers shall make themselves known and arrange among themselves the order of nomination. There being no further nominations, the candidates shall present themselves jointly west of the Holy Altar for the information of those present.

Section (3) A Candidate may not nominate himself.

Section (4) Balloting, if required, shall be only for those candidates nominated, and any ballots cast for other candidates shall be discarded by the Tellers, and not counted in the total number of votes.

Section (5) A majority of the votes cast for the nominated candidates shall be necessary to a choice.

Section (6) Nothing in these provisions shall affect the necessary qualifications for Grand Office.

1.3.3. Term of Office. All Grand Officers, when installed shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed.

1.3.4. Eligibility for Office. A Companion shall not be eligible to office in this Grand Chapter who has not been regularly elected, installed and presided over

a Chartered Chapter, provided however, that this requirement shall not apply to the office of Grand Sentinel, Grand Chaplain, or Grand Organist

REVISED SECTIONS AND NEW ADDITIONS:

1.3.2 Elections and Appointments

A Companion shall not be eligible to office in this Grand Chapter who has not been regularly elected, installed, and presided over a Chartered Chapter, provided however, that this requirement shall not apply to the Appointed Officers appointed by the newly elected Grand High Priest.

1.3.2.5

Any Qualified Companion who wishes to be considered for election to the lowest open office in the Grand Officer line, shall submit a Declaration of Intent for Elected Office to the Grand Secretary's office by January 1 of any calendar year, with a letter of recommendation from his local chapter, in which he gives his masonic information and other qualifications. The Grand Secretary shall submit all Declarations of Intent for Elected Office, to all Grand Officers and all local chapter Secretaries to be read at two meetings prior to May 1.

1.3.3

Section (1) The Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and the Grand Masters of the Three Veils shall be elected by written ballot, or by acclamation if approved by a majority of those present, on the first day of the Annual Convocation, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. All Appointed Officers shall be appointed by the newly elected Grand High Priest before his installation.

Section (2) Candidates for the lowest open elected offices, after the above election has taken place, **who have filed a Declaration of Intent for Elected Office**, shall be nominated from the floor by a proposer, the nominating speeches being limited to two minutes each. If more than one candidate is to be nominated, the proposers shall make themselves known and arrange among themselves the order of nomination. There being no further nominations, the candidates shall present themselves jointly west of the Holy Altar for the information of those present.

Section (3) In the case that only one Candidate has filed a Declaration of Intent for Elected Office at the time of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia is to be held, and that Candidate passes away or withdraws after January 1st then nominations from the floor during Grand Chapter are acceptable.

Section (4) A Candidate may not nominate himself.

Section (5) Balloting, if required, shall be only for those candidates nominated, and any ballots cast for other candidates shall be discarded by the Tellers, and not counted in the total number of votes.

Section (6) A majority of the votes cast for the nominated candidates shall be necessary to a choice.

1.3.4 Term of Office. All Grand Officers, when installed shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed.

Respectfully Submitted: Joseph F. Oelgoetz III and Joe E. Turner

TO BE EFFECTIVE IN 2025.

BILL NO. 2

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Section 2.10.1.6. Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1 of the 2022 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia relating to assessment of Royal Arch Masons to continue the \$1.00 annual increase for five (5) more years.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that Code Section 2.10.1.6, Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1, which currently states "Every subordinate Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter \$21.00 for every Royal Arch Mason, except those elsewhere excluded, members of said Chapter on the last day of December of each year, and the General Grand Chapter per capita tax as may be adopted from time to time. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Chapter. These dues must be received by the Grand Secretary not later than March 1st. Chapters failing to make such payments shall be assessed a ten percent penalty for such delinquency. This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2017. One Dollar (\$1.00) of the Georgia per capita tax will be paid into the Grand Chapter Building and Maintenance Fund. The per capita tax due General Grand Chapter shall be collected in addition to the per capita collected for the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

BE AMENDED to Change the per capita tax by changing the dates and adding the following change:

An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2025 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Chapter.

So that section 2.10.1.6, Dues to Grand Chapter, paragraph 1 of the 2022 Grand Chapter Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

Every subordinate Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter \$26.00 for every Royal Arch Mason, except those elsewhere excluded, members of said Chapter on the last day of December of each year, and the General Grand Chapter per capita tax as may be adopted from time to time. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2025 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Chapter. These dues must be received by the Grand Secretary not later than March 1st. Chapters failing to make such payments shall be assessed a ten percent penalty for such delinquency. This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2025. One Dollar (\$1.00) of the Georgia per capita tax will be paid into the Grand Chapter Building and Maintenance Fund. The per capita tax due General Grand Chapter shall be collected in addition to the per capita collected for the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted: Wade C. Smith and Jack J. Bell

BILL NO. 3

Proposed code change to The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Georgia

Section 2.10.1.13 Business May be Transacted in any degree.

A Bill to provide that Business May be Transacted in any degree including balloting by amending Section 2.10.1.13 of the Grand Chapter Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

This is the exact un-amended language of the existing code section 2.10.1.13 Business may be transacted, except balloting, in a Lodge of Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Master degrees.

This is the exact amended language of the proposed code section 2.10.1.13 Business, including balloting may be transacted in a Lodge of Mark, Past, or Most Excellent or Royal Arch degrees.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman

BILL NO. 4

Proposed code change to The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Georgia Section 2.13.1 Ballot.

A Bill to provide that Business May be Transacted in any degree including balloting by amending Section 2.13.1 of the Grand Chapter Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

This is the exact un-amended language of the existing code section 2.13.1

In Royal Arch Degree. Ballots for officers can only be taken in the Royal Arch Degree. All other business

may be transacted in Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Degrees, only Royal Arch Masons being present.

This is the exact amended language of the proposed code section 2.13.1

Ballots for officers and other business may be transacted in the Mark, Past, or Most Excellent or Royal

Arch Degrees.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman

REPORT OF CHARTER & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report: Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of Austin Chapter No. 18 changing location from Fort Valley to Warner Robins and changing dues and fees. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a change in the bylaws of Adoniram Chapter No. 41 changing the meeting time to 10:00 AM and thus becoming a "Daylight" chapter. Congratulations and best wishes. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of Brunswick Chapter No. 66 changing dues and fees and other minor changes. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received changes in the bylaws of Fayetteville Chapter No. 72 that were adopted on November 2, 2020 but were never sent in for approval. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted. We also have a Resolution to change the name of the chapter to Fayette County Chapter No. 72 and we recommend approval of the name change.

Your Committee has received a complete revision of the EIGHTH district bylaws which were rejected on September 29, 2022. They were revised and re-submitted from the 2023 EIGHTH District convention. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee notes the First and Eleventh Districts were consolidated into the South Georgia Royal Arch Masonic Convention in 2023. Your committee has also received a proposed By-Laws which were approved at the annual meeting of the convention in July, 2023 and recommends approval as submitted.

Your COMMITTEE AGAIN NOTES that it is almost 200 miles from Valdosta to Savannah and PERHAPS, Valdosta would be better served by being in the Second District with its neighboring cities of Tifton, Albany, Thomasville, etc.

Your Committee has received changes to the Seventh District Chapter bylaws. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and they are of a routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular convocation.

Your Committee notes that Y. A. Wright Chapter No. 122 at Worthville, Georgia was consolidated with Lakewood Chapter No. 27 at Lovejoy, Georgia on October 1, 2023. The Y. A. Wright Jewel which the Grand High Priest wears came from that chapter. Genesis Chapter No. 166 at Warner Robins consolidated with Austin Chapter No. 18 at Fort Valley on August 1, 2023 and at the same time Austin Chapter No. 18 moved to Warner Robins.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: ALLEGEHANEY NO. 64, 150 YEARS, AND DOUGLASVILLE NO. 50, 75 YEARS.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; and Larry C. Bennett

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The May 2, 2022 Royal Arch Mason Code is available from the Grand Secretary's office.

The 2022 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Convocation session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

Respectfully Submitted May 3, 2024: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; and Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

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

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

WHAT IS A FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT?

From the Grand Lodge of Iowa we find these words: "As we conceive of it, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was designed to serve as a sort of post-graduate course in a school of Masonry of which the writers of the round table form the faculty. Its purpose is to give the Mason of one locality and one State accurate information as to the achievements and accomplishments of Masonry in other states and localities, and to show him what the Masonic institution stands for in the world at large.

Does the local Mason need this information? Most assuredly. For the Mason who knows only his own Masonry is like the businessman who knows nothing more than his own personal, private, and peculiar methods, who never studies the operations of his associates and competitors, and whose business sooner or later dies of stagnation and dry rot. Despite a firm and solemn resolution never to deviate from the ancient landmarks or suffer them to be infringed, we find that Masonry has taken many and varied forms of activity in different States and jurisdictions, and that the Masonry of no two of these is exactly alike. Personally, we are glad to know that this is so, for it proves to us that the institution is a living and growing thing". (Musings of a Fraternal Correspondent, by Louis Block, Past Grand Master, privately printed, Iowa Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1928)

Glen L. Opp from Ohio was my all-time favorite fraternal correspondent. In the 2000 Ohio Grand Chapter proceedings, his report starts on page 70 and goes to page 106, and the reader knew exactly what was going on in each state and all over the world in Capitular Masonry. Ohio had 25, 270 Royal Arch Masons. Unfortunately, this is no longer generally possible, for I have received no out of state or foreign proceedings for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore and most states do not put them online.

I do receive the General Grand Chapter Newsletters and a couple of states newsletters and I note with interest activities going on in other states. I also get the Royal Arch Mason magazine and find items of interest included in those pages.

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Harry B. Allen

And all Companions of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Capitular Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

Joey E. Jackson (59)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Right Excellent Grand King
Joe R. Bush (49)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Jack J. Bell (162)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Johnie M. Garmon (24)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
John E. Finch, Jr. (13)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Matthew Sanford (9)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
Brandon P. Simmons	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MEGHP announced the following appointments: Bruce H. McNall (3), Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist (14); and Robert A. Brooks (3), Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 4, 2024 by Most Worshipful Brother Clyde E. Griffin.

2024-2025 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Michael H. Sampsell and Floyd E. Edmondson;

South: T. Matthew Sanford and C. Hendry Howard

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Michael L. Wolcott; Peter D. Bard;

Joey E. Jackson;

MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson; John H. Johnson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John C. Miller; John H. Finch, Jr

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar Richards; Baron Conklin

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;

Matthew T. Sanford

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; John T. Flener, Jr.;

Robert C. Lord

Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold

R. A. R. A.: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John E. Finch, Thomas J. Chapman

Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson;

William F. Shepard; Jack J. Bell; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

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

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

Timothy K. Starling; William Cantrell; T. Matthew Sanford

Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;

Tyler W. Pledger

Public Relations: F. Andrew Lane, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Stephen C. Higgins

Membership: James R. Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford;

Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;

Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith

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

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch; John T. Flener, Jr.
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; Peter Bard; Hendry Howard
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John E. Finch; Raymond G. Laird
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2024-2025 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Chair	Mitch Tripp (26)	7 th
Jimmy L. Hires, Jr. (3)	1 st	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (47)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (71)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (11/73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (135)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	William Garrison (48)	9 th
Eric S. Tress (50/142)	5 th	Richard L. Tanner (150)	9 th
Robert E. Soderstrom (155)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
Samuel K. Lowder (27)	6 th	Tommy T. Marshall (9)	11 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th	Sherman D. Rankin (18)	12 th

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 202nd Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 203rd Annual Convocation will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 2, 2025.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIAL

The 75th Triennial will be held in September of 2026 in Washington D.C.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion Joey E. Jackson, MEGHP, declared the 202nd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia closed in due and ample form.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
EG Secretary



Joey E. Jackson
Most Excellent
Grand High Priest

PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

The 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 3, 2024 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:

John H. Johnson	Excellent President
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Vice President
Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Recorder-Treasurer
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Chaplain

Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Conductor
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Herald
Jack J. Bell	Excellent Steward
Mark S. Johnson	Excellent Sentinel

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1986 C. Brantley Morgan	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	2019 William F. Shepard
2002 Clyde E. Griffin	2020 William F. Shepard
2009 J. Timothy Ingram	2022 James W. Tate
2012 Wade C. Smith	2023 Michael H. Sampsell

CONFERRAL TEAM

Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent President
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Chaplain
Edward C. Barclay	Excellent Conductor
Michael H. Sampsell	Excellent Herald
Floyd E. Edmondson	Excellent Steward
John H. Johnson	Excellent Sentinel

CANDIDATES

Thomas Carder (27)	Tracy W. Lemasters (166)
Il Poong Chi (16)	William D. Lord, Sr. (49)
Jimmy L. Densmore (80)	Charles A. Maneu (135)
Arthur D. Dickerson (A01)	Matthew R. Medley (13)
Andrew D. Dickerson (A01)	Tony D. Morris (47)
William B. Dobbs, II (71)	Christopher M. Shaw (135)
Christopher D. Gabor (66)	Mark A. Stone (25)
Willis C. Hunter (66)	Roger L. Warner (48)
Brandon A. Jones (70)	Hugh C. Woodruff (49)

2024-2025 OFFICERS

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

Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent President
Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Vice President
C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Secretary-Treasurer
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Chaplain
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Conductor
Jack J. Bell	Excellent Herald
Mark S. Johnson	Excellent Steward
Joe R. Bush	Excellent Sentinel

The officers were installed by MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Excellent Secretary-Treasurer

Stephen C. Higgins
Excellent President

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

On Friday, May 3, 2024, a banquet was held at Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2023-2024 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Chapter awards were presented:

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEGHP Walter D. Waddell and General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks presented Sweetheart Awards to Lady Bobbie Chavez and Lady Sheri Crowe.

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

C. Danny Wofford presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Most Excellent Companion Johnnie M. Garmon.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEGHP Walter D. Waddell and General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion J. Walter McCannon, Jr.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks presented MEGHP Walter D. Waddell, Jr. with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

MEGHP Walter D. Waddell, Jr. presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Jesup Chapter No. 70.

RECIPIENTS OF THE EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

*2014 J. Benny Allen (64 & 24)	2018 Floyd E. Edmondson (150)
2015 Wade C. Smith (24)	2018 Joe E. Turner (27)
2015 Clyde E. Griffin (A03)	2019 J. Timothy Ingram (28)
*2015 Edward Helton (64)	2020 William F. Shepard (66)
2016 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2021 Michael H. Wilson (71)
2016 Wayne H Garrett (64)	2022 Mark A. Bradley (84)
2017 Robert L. Gill (9)	2023 Hugh F. Watson (13)
*2017 Joseph P. Suttles (155)	2024 Johnnie M. Garmon (24)

* Indicates Death

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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

*1980 Joseph P. Suttles (37)	*2003 William H. McDaniel (K01)
*1981 Robert E. Taylor (4)	2004 William F. Shepard (66)
*1982 Oran G. Moore (79)	2005 James D. Davis (11)
*1983 Willie P. Hammond (72)	2006 Johnnie M. Garmon (24)
*1984 Lee D. Holcomb (50)	*2007 Kerry J. Buchan (G03)
*1985 Lewis H. Keith (27)	2008 A. Wayne Norton (21)
1986 C. Danny Wofford (84)	2009 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (13)
*1987 David B. Dukes (70)	*2010 G. Everett Cox (160)
**1988 Kenneth R. Smith (144)	*2011 Phillip H. Floyd (48)
*1989 Minor C. Shadburn (144)	2012 Leonard A. Davis (11)
*1990 William J. Bird (70)	2013 Edward C. Barclay (14)
***1991 Lawrence E. Anderson (22)	2014 Bruce A. McNall (G03)
*1992 William H. Lewis (107)	2015 Benjamin W. Polston, II (71)
*1993 Edward C. Davis (122)	2016 Ronald H. Wallace (24)
*1994 W. George Bean (49)	2017 James E. Stevens (66)
*1995 James E. Salter (75)	2018 Judd J. Wolfe (48)
*1996 Rudolph Fuglaar (119)	2019 Robert W. Tidwell (75)
*1997 George Utiss, Sr. (66)	2020 John H. Johnson (47)
1998 Robert L. Gill (9)	2021 John E. Finch, (13)
*1999 Russell L. Baker (47)	2022 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)
2000 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (80)	2023 John A. Minnich (4)
*2001 William L. Montgomery (73)	2024 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (25)
2002 Stephen C. Higgins (135)	

* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dinit

RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARD

2010 Josie Bentley	2015 Sharon Bailey	2018 Benigna Haggas
2010 Loyce Price	2015 Sheila Hensley	2019 Sherri Kirk
2010 Margaret Lovas	2015 Susan Pope	2019 Angi Harris
2010 Pat Smith	2015 Tammie Polston	2019 Barbara Tate
2010 Rebecca Taylor	2016 Barbara Edmondson	2019 Nancy Simmons
2012 Anna Montgomery	2016 Buffi Peacock	2020 Ivy Harris
2012 Cheryle Shepard	2016 Debbie Lemmons	2020 Diane Nealey
2012 Halli Stevens	2016 Helen Leinbaugh	2020 McKenzie Knight
2012 Jana Watson	2016 Laine Bolton	2020 Leigh Knight
2012 Marilyn Yeary	2017 Eva Garmon	2020 Sue Mason
2012 Ruth Wellman	2017 Marla Horton	2021 Stephanie Ricketts
2013 Erica Matheny	2017 Gay Bradley	2021 Elizabeth Finch
2013 Glenda Porter	2017 Emmie Sampsell	2021 Shelly Howard
2014 Barbara Bozeman	2017 Lynne Hatfield	2021 Rosemarie Johnson
2014 Fae Suttles	2017 Karen Johnson	2022 Becky Wolbert
2014 Judy Griffin	2017 Cheryle Turner	2022 Paula Bard
2014 Lily Stafford	2018 Sheila Ingram	2022 Halli Stevens
2014 Liz Miller	2018 Joy Wolfe	2022 Denise Maddox
2014 Nora Wells	2018 Judy Nichols	2022 Amanda Flener
2015 Brenda Gill	2018 Nancy Rich	2023 Brenda Marshall
2015 Carol McDonald	2018 Kay Higgins	2023 Brenda Cordle
2015 Jane Wilson	2018 Terry Massaro	2023 Marsha Jackson
2015 Joan Head	2018 Jeanette Hendry	(Posthumously)

2024 Bobbie Chavez 2024 Sheri Crowe

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2024

Teko A. Foly	General Grand High Priest
Chadwick B. Burks	General Grand King
Reed B. Fanning	General Grand Scribe
Joe E. Kier	General Grand Treasurer
Dick E. Browning	Grand Secretary
Sheldon Arpad	General Grand Chaplain
Anthony Johnson	General Grand Captain of Host
Ronald Andress	General Grand Principal Sojourner
C. James Graham	General Grand Royal Arch Captain
Joseph MacIntyre	General Grand Master of Third Veil
Randall Gilless	General Grand Master of Second Veil
Roderic L. Wagoner, Jr.	General Grand Master of the First Veil
Marvin W. Schendel	General Grand Sentinel

**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	1919	Andrew S. Harvey (26)	11-22-1946
1847-53	William T. Gould (2)	10-28-1882	1920	Joseph C. Greenfield (16)	12-20-1920
1854-61	Philip T. Schley (7/3)	08-31-1862	1921	Welby C. Jordan (K01)	01-16-1954
1862-68	Samuel S. Lawrence (13)	10-02-1890	1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931
1869-71	Moses P. Kellogg (34)	11-25-1889	1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930
1872-73	George W. Adams (3)	01-05-1893	1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947
1874-77	Luther J. Glenn (16)	06-09-1886	1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928
1878	William J. Johnson (12)	05-12-1886	1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952
1879-80	James W. Oslin (55)	01-09-1906	1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966
1881-83	Charles E. Lambdin (51)	03-03-1888	1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947
1884	William A. Graham (12)	02-24-1904	1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944
1885	Andrew M. Wolihin (15)	02-22-1897	1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931
1886-94	James W. Taylor (8)	12-15-1925	1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937
1895-97	Charles Wessolowsky (15)	07-08-1904	1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950
1898-00	Henry C. Burr (10)	03-15-1901	1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934
1901	Henry Banks (11)	06-03-1920	1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972
1902	Robert L. Colding (3)	10-21-1927	1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938
1903	Alexandrian M. Lambdin (51)	07-06-1909	1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955
1904	Young A. Wright (54)	05-12-1911	1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66)	02-19-1936
1905	John C. Joiner (16)	12-26-1927	1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940
1906	J. Luther Gable (40)	01-12-1929	1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943
1907	Thomas F. Moody (31)	01-14-1927	1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972
1908	Luther M. Heard (25)	01-20-1917	1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967
1909	Jacob A. Walton (7)	06-01-1925	1938	P. T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947
1910	William F. Bowe (2)	08-25-1932	1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972
1911	John R. Wilkinson (16)	04-07-1915	1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966
1912	William G. England (41)	03-26-1931	1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (92)	08-07-1942	1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949
1914	Frank O. Miller (18)	03-17-1937	1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963
1915	Hiram Warner Hill (52)	01-13-1934	1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969
1916	J. Furman Bell (6)	12-03-1940	1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959
1917	Thomas H. Jeffries (16)	11-06-1948	1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962
1918	Elliot W. Parish (3)	10-13-1963	1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950

1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988	1986	Steven V. Carter (90)	11-11-2017
1949	James R. Belflower (47)	10-07-1981	1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001
1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958	1988	William E. Cantrell (144)	
1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959	1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994
1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954	1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993
1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974	1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013
1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979	1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995
1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981	1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995
1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999	1994	Ruben Martinez (75)	03-28-2021
1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979	1995	Joe E. Turner (10)	
1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981	1996	William J. Bird (70)	02-15-2016
1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958	1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998
1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981	1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)	09-11-2019
1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992	1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014
1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999	2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985	2001	William D. Miles (16)	03-04-2017
1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1969	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	02-22-2007
1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999	2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	10-15-2021
1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1967	James E. Moseley (10)	02-10-2017	2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1967	Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05-2010
1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973	2008	Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	02-02-2021
1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1972	John M. McClurd, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001	2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	11-13-2020
1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987	2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	11-29-2015
1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013	2012	James C. Bentley, Jr. (Hon) (107)	02-20-2021
1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009	2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992	2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000	2015	James T. Farmer (10)	03-06-2016
1978	H. Grady Keith (27)	05-28-2022	2016	William F. Shepard (66)	
1979	John Benny Allen (64)	10-24-2017	2017	Mark A. Bradley (84)	
1980	Felix Gersten (7) 06-10-1993		2018	Stephen C. Higgins (135)	
1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000	2019	James W. Tate (73)	
1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991	2020	Michael H. Sampsell 13/87)	
1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010	2021	John H. Johnson (47)	
1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997	2022	C. Hendry Howard (9)	
1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014	2023	Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	
1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007			

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: Arthur Dickerson

K01: Keystone: No Representation

03. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey;

Ronald B. Wolbert; Clyde E. Griffin;

Robert A. Brooks; Bruce McNall;

Ernest McCorkle

04. Constantine: Matthew Astin;

Michael L. Hamlin; Bobby B. Simmons;

Jerry Purvis

06. Temple: No Representation

07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez;

Joseph E. Oelgoetz, III; Timothy K. Starling

09. Waycross: Matthew Sanford;

James R. Bennett; C. Hendry Howard;

Tommy T. Marshall

10. Pythagoras: Joe E. Turner

11. St. John's: No Representation

13. Cherokee: Peter D. Bard;

James W. Bard; Michael H. Sampsell;

John E. Finch, Jr.; Jan M. Giddens;

Daniel C. Ricketts

14. Silver Shoals: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.

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

16. Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey;

Alessandro V. Silva

18. Austin: No Representation

21. Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee

23. J. M. Rushin: Bruce Fykes

24. Enotah: William T. White; William W. Grist;

Johnie M. Garmon; Wade C. Smith

25. Oliver: Charles Humphrey;

Walter McCannon

26. Rome: John M. Tripp

27. Lakewood: Larry T. Croy; Joe E. Turner;

Samuel K. Lowder; Monte McDonald

28. Pickens: Keith Hales; James T. Ingram

34. Newnan: No Representation

41. Adoniram: No Representation

47. Tifton: John H. Johnson;

Howard L. Maddox; Jeremy W. Hobbs;

Tony D. Morris

48. Taylor: Wiley Q. Forrester; Judd J. Wolfe;

Bill Garrison

49. Dave H. Keever: Joe R. Bush; Steve

Kimbro; Wiley Gammon, Jr.; Eric R. Howell

50. Douglasville: Eric S. Tress; Lloyd Lane

59. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson

61. Kellogg: James B. Phillips

64. Alleghaney: No Representation

66. Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman;

William F. Shepard; Richard J. Corwin

James E. Stevens; Charles Taylor;

Willis Hunter

70. Jesup: No Representation

71. Covington: Benjamin W. Polston, II;
William M. Jones

72. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson;
George W. Schreiner, IV

73. Fort Benning: Harry Ross;
Baron L. Conklin

74. Roswell: No Representation

75. Forest Park: No Representation

77. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary

80. Wilford H. Hall: No Representation

84. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
C. Danny Wofford; Michael J. Etheridge;
Michael L. Wolcott

87. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
O. C. Grounds

94. Bainbridge: No Representation

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

K01 Keystone: No Representation

A01 Augusta: Andrew D. Dickerson

03 Georgia: Robert A. Brooks

04 Constantine: Bobby B. Simmons

06 Temple: No Representation

07 Darley: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

09 Waycross: Matthew Sanford

10 Pythagoras: Joe E. Turner

11 St. John's: No Representation

13 Cherokee: Matthew R. Medley;
Sudhanshu H. Shukla

14 Silver Shoals: Walter D. Waddell, Jr.

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

16 Mt. Zion: William R. Carver, Jr.

18 Austin: No Representation

21 Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee

23 J.M. Rushin: Forrest Cowart

24 Enotah: William W. Grist

25 Oliver: Walter McCannon

26 Rome: John M. Tripp

27 Lakewood: Samuel K. Lowder

28 Pickens: Nathan Wade

34 Newnan: No Representation

41 Adoniram: No Representation

47 Tifton: John H. Johnson

48 Taylor: Roger L. Warner

49 Dave H. Keever: Mark Griffis

50 Douglasville: Eric S. Tress

99. Chickamauga: Thomas J. Rogers;
Tyler W. Pledger; Tracy D. Wright

107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel:
No Representation

120. Hubert: No Representation

122. Y. A. Wright: No Representation

135. Canton: James R. Harris; Steve Harris
Stephen C. Higgins; David Wellman;
Christopher Shaw

142. Dallas: Eric S. Tress

150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson;
Edgar Land; Brandon P. Simmons;
William W. Grist; Richard Tanner

155. Mt. Horeb: No Representation

160. Smyrna: Robert R. Cordle; John C. Miller

162. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell

166. Genesis: Tracy W. Lemasters

59 Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson

61 Kellogg: James B. Phillips

64 Alleghaney: No Representation

66 Brunswick: Christopher D. Gabor

70 Jesup: Brandon A. Jones

71 Covington: William B. Dobbs, II

72 Fayetteville: George W. Schreiner, IV

73 Fort Benning: Harry Ross

74 Roswell: No Representation

75 Forest Park: No Representation

77 Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary

80 Wilford H. Hall: No Representation

84 Winder: Michael J. Etheridge

87 Austell: David M. Cochran

94 Bainbridge: No Representation

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**PROCEEDINGS
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OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
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HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 3, 2024
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JUDD JOSEPH WOLFE
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2023-2024

JUDD JOSEPH WOLFE

PERSONAL

Brother Judd J. Wolfe was born in Coldwater, Michigan on February 18, 1961. In 1979 he graduated from Litchfield High School in Michigan. Brother Judd grew up in a very small town in southern Michigan where his family (who have been part of that community for several past generations) instilled in him a strong work ethic and integrity. Brother Judd's grandfathers both passed away before he was born but because of his personality and disposition was often compared to his Grandfather Wolfe who, Brother Judd discovered in April of 1997, was a member of the local Masonic Lodge. In 1981 Brother Judd, his mother, and his sister moved to Georgia. Brother Judd has lived in Georgia since 1981 and is proud to call Georgia home.

Brother Judd has been married since 1985 to one of his best friends, Joy Wolfe (who is originally from Alabama), and they have three children. Two of their children are married and one is in a committed relationship. Brother Judd and Lady Joy have one grandson.

Brother Judd has served the public as a police officer since 1980 and retired in 2023 after serving 20 years as a School Resource Officer with the Gwinnett County School Police Department. Presently Judd works as the General Secretary for the Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta.

Brother Judd has been a very avid scuba diver and scuba instructor for the past 30 years and enjoys diving in fresh water as well as the oceans.

MASONIC

Brother Judd has enjoyed his Masonic journey and is proud to be a 25-year mason since being raised to Master Mason in Dacula Lodge No. 433 in April of 1997. He is Past Master of Dacula Lodge and has served Dacula Lodge as the lodge secretary and Director of Work. Brother Judd is also a member and Past Master of Gwinnett Daylight Lodge # 744. Brother Judd is a member and Past High Priest of Taylor Chapter # 48, Royal Arch Masons, and is a Past High Priest of the Ninth District Royal Arch Convention. Brother Judd is a Past Illustrious Master of N.T. Pirkle Council # 65, Royal and Select Masters and is a Past Illustrious Master and currently the Recorder/Treasurer for the Northeast Georgia Council Convention. Brother Judd is currently serving as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters in Georgia. Brother Judd is a Past Commander of Arnold de Troye Commandery # 31, Knights Templar. Brother Judd is a recipient of the Order of the High Priesthood, the Order of the Silver Trowel, and Knight Crusaders of the Cross. He is a member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite where he is a Knight Commander Court of Honor. He is a member and Past Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard. He is also a Past Knight Commander of the Knights of Saint Andrews. Brother Judd is a member and Past Governor of W. Joe Clarke York Rite College # 203 where he has served as the Director of Work and is an Associate Regent and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of York. Brother Judd is member and Past Sovereign Master of Dave H. Keever Council # 365, Allied Masonic Degrees as well as Secretary/Treasurer of Georgia Council # 304, Allied Masonic Degrees. Brother Judd is a Past Excellent Chief of Carl F. Lester Council # 65, Knight Masons where he currently serves as the Scribe and is a charter member of Crowned Martyrs Council # 120, Knight Masons. Brother Judd is currently serving as an officer of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; an officer of

Oglethorpe Chapel # 21, Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, USA; an officer of Fidelities Tabernacle # 77, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and an officer of Georgia College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Brother Judd is a member of Cherokee Rose Priory # 56 Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Brother Judd is a founding member and a Past Master of The Georgia Court of Athelstan # 124 where he serves as the secretary. Brother Judd holds membership in numerous other Masonic bodies including the Royal Order of Scotland, Georgia Highland Association, the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, the James Jackson # 127 Sword of Bunker Hill, the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, and is an Knight in the Royal Order of Red Branch of Eri of the Supreme Grand Faslaire. Brother Judd is also a Noble of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine of the Yaarab Shrine.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Most Illustrious Grand Master Judd J. Wolfe at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 3, 2024. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Wiley A. Gammon, Illustrious Grand Chaplain. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the One Hundred Ninety-Eighth Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
John C. Miller (60)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wiley A. Gammon (44)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
William P. Garrison (65)	Illustrious Grand Orator
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
F. Keith Hales (55)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Michael L. Hamlin (6)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Michael L. Wolcott (64)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel

LIVING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood (75)	2014 Charles E. Taylor (16)
1987 Clyde E. Griffin (2)	2015 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
1988 C. Danny Wofford (77)	2016 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
1990 Gary D. Lemmons (61)	2017 John I. Haggas (4)
1998 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	2018 Wade C. Smith (79)
2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI)	2019 Joe E. Turner, Hon. (10)
2006 Daniel C. Rickets (74)	2019 Ryan C. Nealey (13)
2007 Rodney A. Couch (42)	2020 Ronald B. Wolbert (02)
2008 Wayne H. Garrett (64)	2021 James W. Bard (74)
2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)	2022 Robert R. Cordle (60)
2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)	

2023-2024 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North - Larry C. Bennett and Floyd E. Edmondson;
 South - T. Matthew Sanford and C. Hendry Howard
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Michael L. Wolcott; Peter D. Bard;
 Joey E. Jackson
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; John E. Finch, Jr.
Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar E. Richards; Wiley A. Gammon
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane
By-laws, Charters, Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Larry C. Bennett;
 Stephen C. Higgins
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;
 John T. Flener, Jr.
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: John C. Miller, Chair;
 Timothy K. Starling; Jim Harris; Keith Hales
Grand Illustrious Masters Address: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Larry C. Bennett;
 F. Andrew Lane
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
 Timothy K. Starling; William E. Cantrell
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;
 Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Public Relations: F. Andrew Lane, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Stephens C. Higgins
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
 Tyler W. Pledger
Membership: James R Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Matthew T. Sanford;
 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson; Ryan C. Nealey
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch;
 John T. Flener, Jr.
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Grand Master's Class: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
 Peter D. Bard; C. Hendry Howard
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman
Organist: Philip C. Faulkner
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John T. Finch, Jr.; Raymond G. Laird
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

2023-2024 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Stephen C. Higgins (03)	Chair	R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (02)	1 st	Mitch Tripp (26)	7 th
Bruce T. Fykes (20)	2 nd /3 rd	Lyle T. Chadwick (74)	7 th
Howard L. Maddox (58)	2 nd /3 rd	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73)	4 th	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (03)	9 th
Eric S. Tress (29/37)	5 th	Michael J. Etheridge (77)	9 th
Sherman D. Rankin (35)	6 th	Brandon P. Simmons (19)	9 th
Michael L. Hamlin (06)	6 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
		Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To all the Companions of the Great State of Georgia, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master's, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Grand Commander, my family, and friends. I want to thank all of you for electing me to serve as your Illustrious Grand Master for 2023-2024. The honor of serving the Companions and our wonderful fraternity is something that I will remember all my life. Being members of this great fraternity gives each of us the opportunity to be better versions of ourselves. Additionally, as members of our fraternity we have the golden opportunity to meet and develop wonderful friendships that we cherish for a lifetime.

VISITATION

The bonds of friendship and brotherly love are very strong. Thinking back to when I began the journey in the Grand Council line seven years ago, I cannot help but reflect on the friendships I made. Friendships I had before entering this line have been strengthened by this journey and because of my service in this Grand Line I have met and befriended many additional Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights across Georgia, and the Southeast. I have also been blessed to develop friendships with brethren from different parts of the USA and several other countries. Over the years in the Grand Council line, I have enjoyed visiting many Councils and Conventions. During this past year, as the M.I.G.M. I have been able to visit most of our Councils in Georgia and the District Conventions. During my travels I have also attended several Chapter meetings and appreciated the opportunity to represent the Grand Council. Many of my visits to Chapters and Councils were with MEGHP Walter D. Waddell, Jr. MEGHP Waddell and I were also fortunate to be able to attend some visitations with the REGC Ditmar W. Chavez. I have had a great time serving with these two York Rite Leaders and have gotten to know each of them better as this year has progressed.

During this year as the MIGM I have had the honor and privilege to represent Georgia, bring greetings, and speak at several appendant masonic groups. These include Grand York Rite of Florida, the Southeastern York Rite Conference, Georgia AMD Statewide Festival, the General Grand Council Triennial, the Grand York Rite of Michigan, the Grand Court of Amaranth, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the Covington York Rite Festival, Georgia DeMolayCon, the 9th Masonic district Convention, District RAM Chapter Conventions, and District Council Conventions. I also attended and received recognition in local meetings of Knight Masons, the Georgia Court of Athelstan, Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College, the KYCH, Allied Masonic Degrees, S.R.I.C.F., as well as various Lodge meetings, Scottish Rite Meetings, and the KCCH investiture. During this year I was honored to petition and become a member of the George Washington Conclave of the DeMolay.

During these visits to Councils around the state I had the privilege of presenting Time of Service awards to Companions who have reached the 50-year mark in their respective councils. I am very thankful that the Right Eminent Grand Commander gave me the honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Georgia as the Grand inspecting officer for Pilgrim Commandery No. 15. I also want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar Chavez for the honor of participating in the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Thank you so much companions for the warm fraternal greetings and honors shown to my wife, Joy, and I during our visits this year. We were always received with open arms, and we truly enjoyed all of the fellowship, great conversations, and just spending time with the companions from all parts of the State while getting to know many of you better.

NECROLOGY

During this Grand York Rite year several Companions have been called from labor including Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters Larry C. Bennett (who passed on December 27, 2023) and Harry B. Allen (who passed on January 10, 2024). While we are saddened at the loss of our Companions, we are blessed to have known them and to have shared in their masonic journeys. We pray that the Supreme Grand Master will continue to provide peace and strength to the families and friends of those called from labor.

DISPENSATIONS

Several requests for dispensations were received this year and were of a routine nature. The dispensations were granted and are on file in the Grand Recorder's Office.

CMMRF

CMMRF donations are doing well. Right Illustrious Companion John Miller and the CMMRF committee have been hard at work this year and I refer you to his report for details. The Grand Council has continued to confer the Royal Order of Zanzibar as a CMMRF fundraiser, and I would encourage the Grand Council to continue to confer this fun degree (which is open to Masons and their wives) to promote the CMMRF. Thank you to all the Councils and District Council Conventions for your continued donations to CMMRF.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

In December of 2021, the Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred in Macon in order to make this Degree available to more Cryptic Masons in Georgia. I am very happy to say that it has continued to be conferred in Macon and is planned to be conferred in June of 2024 in Macon.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Companions, during my travels I have seen several Councils that are doing well, and we have seen growth in membership in some of our Councils. Unfortunately, we have a few Councils that are continuing to struggle. I encourage Companions to visit other Councils in your area to help support those Councils. I also encourage our Companions to reach out to the Worshipful Master of their Lodges and offer to do a program about the York Rite.

APPOINTMENTS

It was an honor and privilege for me to make the following appointments this year as Grand Council Officers. Illustrious Companion Bill Garrison as the Grand Orator, Illustrious Companion Wiley A. Gammons, Jr. as Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Companion Michael L. Wolcott as Grand Sentinel, Illustrious Companion Phillip Faulkner as Grand Organist, and Illustrious Companion R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. as Grand Photographer. I appreciate everything y'all have done this year as well as the support and friendship you have provided over the years. Your dedication to Cryptic Masonry and Georgia York Rite Masonry is greatly appreciated.

To the Companions who agreed to serve as District Deputies, Committeemen, and Committee Chairmen thank you for accepting your appointments and thank you for the leadership you provided.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Keep up the great work. As I mentioned earlier, overall, we have seen growth in our numbers. That is due to your hard work and dedication to York Rite Masonry. Continue to visit and talk about the York Rite at your Blue Lodge meetings. Continue to visit other Councils around your area. Use the General Grand Council programs such as the First Responder Award, Youth Advocate Award, and Veterans Award to promote York Rite Masonry. Work on the degrees during your meetings and confer the degrees locally. Attend your District Council Meetings and use the District Council Conventions to confer degrees.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATION

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Companions of Georgia for giving me this opportunity to serve as YOUR Most Illustrious Grand Master of Georgia. Serving at your Illustrious Grand Master has, so far, been the highlight of my Masonic journey.

To my wonderful wife Joy. Thank you for being with me and for being a part of my Masonic journey. Thank you for your loving support and encouragement over the more than 25 years of Masonry. You have always been very helpful and willing to jump in and do anything to assist me. The time spent in the Grand Council line has been great with you by my side.

Thank you to all the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters especially those with whom I served. John Haggas, Larry Bennett, Ryan Nealey, Ron Wolbert, Jim Bard, and Rusty Cordle.

Thank you to Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Mark Bradley and Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Wade Smith for all that you two do for York Rite Masonry. Your guidance and advice have always been appreciated and it shows that you both have what is best for Masonry at heart in all that you do.

I want to say thank you to Marla for your hard work and dedication to York Rite Masonry. We are blessed to have you working for the York Rite Bodies. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for the job you do for our fraternity.

My very good friend and Brother from Alabama PMIGM Scott Wadsworth and I have discussed many times that there are so many people we would not know if it was not for masonry. I cherish all the friendships I have made, and I look forward to continued success of the York Rite Bodies of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted, Most Humbly and Sincerely: Judd J. Wolfe, MIGM

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia, we, the Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address, submit the following: We have reviewed the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address and find it shows his travels, labors, dedication and love for all bodies of freemasonry and its members. While maintaining his duties as Secretary/Recorder of several Masonic bodies, including General Secretary of the Valley of Atlanta, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He has traveled extensively throughout the year representing and promoting Cryptic Masonry—both in Georgia and in other states. He was privileged to visit as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

His in-state visitations included most of our councils and most of the council conventions as well as several Royal Arch and Commandery meetings with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Walter Waddell and Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar Chavez. He was privileged to present several 50-year membership awards to deserving Cryptic Masons. Other in-state visitations included several appendant and invitational bodies.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master was privileged to attend several out-of-state functions representing Georgia including the Grand York Rite of Florida, the Southeastern York Rite Conference, the General Grand Council Triennial and the Grand York Rite of Michigan.

During his year serving as Most Illustrious Grand Master, he was honored to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) in the Scottish Rite; be accepted as a member of the George Washington Conclave of the Order of DeMolay and participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master was blessed to be accompanied and supported during his travels by his wife, Lady Joy. Most Illustrious Companion Judd has encouraged the conferral of the Order of Zanzibar and Lady Joy has conferred the Order of the Mushroom for the ladies. Both are fun degrees and the money raised goes to our charity, CMMRF.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Judd joins the craft in mourning the loss of two of our Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters during his year---MIPGM Larry C. Bennett and MIPGM Harry B. Allen. While saddened by their passing, he is (as are all of us) blessed to have known them and shared their friendship and masonic journey.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master reports that we show an increase in membership in some councils this year while some are still struggling. He encourages us to visit and support those councils needing help and to use the general grand council programs such as the First Responder Award, Youth Advocate Award and Veterans Award to promote York Rite Masonry. He also encourages the councils to confer the council degrees locally and support their district council conventions.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Judd thanks the companions of Georgia for the opportunity to serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master. We commend him for a year filled with work, travel and fellowship and we wish him and Lady Joy continued blessings and success.

Fraternally Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chair; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia: We your Committee on Jurisprudence report that one bill was submitted to the Committee to amend the Constitution Section of the Grand Council Code of Georgia.

Code Bill no. 1

This bill seeks to amend the CONSTITUTION SECTION of the 2022 Grand Council Code of Georgia by re-arranging code sections 1.3.2 sections 1-6, 1.3.2.1 and 1.3.3 which currently read as follows and by adding new section 1.3.2.1 and 1.3.2.2 to provide notification or intent to run for off and also deleting section 6.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper form and not in conflict with any section of the Code.

We your Committee on Jurisprudence report that two Bills were submitted to the Committee to amend the Grand Council Code of Georgia Royal and Select Masters.

Code Bill no. 2

This BILL seeks to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Section 2.4.1.section 4, Grand Council, Fees and Funds of the 2022 Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to assessment of Royal and Select Masters to continue the \$1.00 annual increase for five (5) more years.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper form and not in conflict with any section of the Code.

Code Bill no. 3

This Bill seeks to provide that a Quorum may consist of 3 or more amending Section 2.8.3.6 of the Grand Council Code.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill to be in conflict with Section 2.8.5.6 and should not be considered.

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.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; and F. Andrew lane Jr.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

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CURRENT WORDING

1.3.2 Election and Appointment of Grand Officers. The election and appointment of Grand Officers shall be governed by the following rules:

- 1). The Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Marshal, and Grand Steward shall be elected by written ballot or by acclamation if approved by a majority of those present, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, and Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the newly elected Illustrious Grand Master before his installation.
- 2). Candidates for the lowest open elective offices (where openings have been created by the advancement of senior officers) shall be nominated from the floor by a proposer and a seconder, the nominating speeches being limited to two minutes each. If more than one candidate is to be nominated, the proposers shall make themselves known and arrange among themselves the order of nomination. There being no further nominations, the candidates shall present themselves jointly west of the Holy Altar for the information of those present.
- 3). A Candidate may not nominate himself.

4). Balloting, if required, shall be only for those candidates nominated, and any ballots cast for other candidates shall be discarded by the Tellers, and not counted in the total number of votes.

5). A majority of the votes cast for the nominated candidates shall be necessary to elect.

6). Nothing in this Section shall affect the necessary qualification for Grand Officers. **1.3.2.1 Auditing Committee Report Required Before Election.**

Before a vote is taken, a report must be obtained from the Auditing Committee as to the number of eligible votes present. If more votes should be cast than are reported by the Auditing Committee, the Illustrious Grand Master shall declare "NO BALLOT", obtain a recount of votes present and then proceed with the election.

1.3.3 Eligibility for Office. All officers, except the Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, and the Grand Sentinel, shall be Past or Present Illustrious Masters and members of this Grand Council

REVISED SECTIONS AND NEW ADDITIONS.

1.3.2 Election and Appointment of Grand Officers. All Grand Officers except those appointed by the Grand Illustrious Master shall be Past or Present Illustrious Masters and Members of this Grand Council

1.3.2.1. Any Qualified Companion who wishes to be considered for election to the lowest open office in the Grand Officer line, shall submit a Declaration of Intent for Elected Office to the Grand Recorder's office by January 1 or any calendar year, with a letter of recommendation from his local Council, in which he gives his Masonic information and other qualifications. The Grand Recorder shall submit all declarations of Intent for Elected Office to Grand Officers and all local Council Recorders and all local Recorders to be read at two meetings prior to May 1.

1.3.2.2 Auditing Committee Report Required Before Election. Before a vote is taken, a report must be obtained from the Auditing Committee as to the number of eligible votes present. If more votes should be cast that are reported by the Auditing Committee, the Illustrious Grand Master shall declare "NO BALLOT", obtain a recount of votes present and then proceed with the election.

1.33
1). The Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Marshal, and Grand Steward shall be elected by written ballot or by acclamation if approved by a majority of those present, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Appointed Grand Officers shall be appointed by the newly elected Illustrious Grand Master before his installation.

2). Candidates for the lowest open elective offices (where openings have been created by the advancement of senior officers) shall be nominated from the floor by a proposer and a seconder, the nominating speeches being limited to two minutes each. If more than one candidate is to be nominated, the proposers shall make themselves known and arrange among themselves the order of nomination. There being no further nominations, the candidates shall present themselves jointly west of the Holy Altar for the information of those present

3). In the case that only one Candidate has filed a Letter of Declaration of Intent for Elected Office of the Grand Council or Royal and Select Masters of Georgia is

to be held, and that Candidate passes away or withdraws after January 1, then nominations from the floor are acceptable.

4.) A Candidate for office may not nominate himself.

5.) Balloting, if require shall be only for those candidates nominated, any ballots cast for other Candidates shall be discarded by the Tellers, and not counted in the Total number of votes.

6.) A majority of the votes cast for the nominated candidates shall be necessary to elect.

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Bard

BILL NO. 2

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Section 2.4.1.section 4, Grand Council, Fees and Funds of the 2022 Grand Council Code of Georgia relating to assessment of Royal and Select Masters to continue the \$1.00 annual increase for five (5) more years.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Council of Royal and select Masters of Georgia that Code Section 2.4.1.section 4, which currently states " For each Select Master whose name is on roll as of December 31, except those elsewhere excluded, \$21.00 plus any assessments levied by General Grand Council. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2018 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Council

BE AMENDED to Change the per capita tax by changing the dates and adding the following change:

An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2025 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Council.

So that section 2.4.1 section 4 Grand Council Fees and Funds of the 2022 Grand Council Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

For each Select Master whose name is on roll as of December 31, except those elsewhere excluded, \$26.00 plus any assessments levied by General Grand Council. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2025 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Council

This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted: Wade C. Smith; Jack J. Bell

BILL NO. 3

A Bill to provide that a Quorum may consist of 3 or more amending Section 2.8.3.6 of the Grand Council Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

This is the exact un-amended language of the existing code section 2.8.3.6 In the absence of a quorum (9 or more), no business may be transacted; but a quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid. A Council may open in the Royal Master's Degree, with a minimum of five members present, to transact business as necessary, except that balloting on petitions and officers may take place on the Royal Master's Degree only by dispensation granted by the Illustrious Grand Master in his discretion.

This is the exact amended language of the proposed code section 2.8.3.6

With a quorum of 3 or more a Council may be opened on any degree for the purpose of conducting business including balloting on petitions and election of officers of subordinate Councils.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman

REPORT OF CHARTER & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

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

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of Ballard Council No. 16 changing dues and fees and other minor changes. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of H. C. Rigdon, Jr. Council No. 35 changing location from Fort Valley to Warner Robins and changing dues and fees. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received a change in the bylaws of Piedmont Council No. 56 changing the meeting time to 10:00 AM and thus becoming a "Daylight" council. Congratulations and best wishes. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your Committee has received changes in the bylaws of Fayetteville Council No. 66 that were adopted on November 2, 2020 but were never sent in for approval. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted. We also have a Resolution to change the name to Fayette County Council No. 66 and we recommend approval of the name change.

Your Committee does not seem to have ever received a signed approval copy of the Bylaws of Silver Shoals Council No. 84 that was chartered in 2023.

Your Committee has received changes to the Seventh District Council bylaws.

Your Committee recommends approval as submitted

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and they are of a routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular assembly.

Your Committee notes that Graydon W. Kitchens Council No. 18 at Worthville, Georgia was consolidated with Lakewood Chapter No. 10 at Lovejoy, Georgia on October 1, 2023. Covenant Council No. 83 at Warner Robins consolidated with H. C. Rigdon, Jr. Council No. 35 at Fort Valley on August 1, 2023 and at the same time H. C. Rigdon, Jr. Council No. 35 moved to Warner Robins.

This Committee has received no requests for new Council charters.

HAPPY 175TH BIRTHDAY GRIFFIN COUNCIL NO. 8, 75TH BIRTHDAY WALKER COUNCIL NO. 24, 50TH BIRTHDAY ZABUD COUNCIL NO. 64 AND TARA COUNCIL NO. 75, 40TH BIRTHDAY CALHOUN COUNCIL NO. 61

Respectfully Submitted May 3, 2024: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Larry C. Bennett; and Stephen C. Higgins

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The May 2, 2022 Royal and Select Masters Code is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

The 2022 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Assembly session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.
Respectfully Submitted May 3, 2024: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson; and Ryan C. Nealey

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

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

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

No out of state or foreign proceedings have been received for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore. I do receive the General Grand Council Newsletters and a couple of state council newsletters and I note with interest activities going on in other states.

No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
John C. Miller (60)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Keith Hales (55)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Michael L. Hamlin (6)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Peter D. Bard (74)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MIGM made the following appointments: Baron L. Conklin (73), Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner (3), Grand Organist; Ditmar W. Chavez (H04), Grand Sentinel; James W. Bard (74), Grand Orator; and Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (H04), Grand Adjutant.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 4, 2024 by Most Illustrious Companion Floyd E. Edmondson.

2024-2025 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North - Floyd E. Edmondson and Michael H. Sampsell; South - T. Matthew Sanford and C. Hendry Howard

Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Michael L. Wolcott; Peter D. Bard; Joey E. Jackson

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John C. Miller; John E. Finch, Jr.

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar E. Richards; Baron Conklin

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane

By-laws, Charters, Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Matthew T. Sanford; Stephen C. Higgins

Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair

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

Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: Michael L Hamlin Chair;
 Keith Hales; Peter Bard
Grand Illustrious Masters Address: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; James W. Bard;
 Andrew Lane
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
 William E. Cantrell; James R. Harris; T. Matthew Sanford
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Larry W. Nichols;
 Michael H. Wilson; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Public Relations: F. Andrew Lane, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Stephens C. Higgins
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
 Tyler W. Pledger
Membership: James R Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Matthew T. Sanford;
 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; James Arnold
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Floyd E. Edmondson; Ryan C. Nealey
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch;
 John T. Flener, Jr.
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Grand Master's Class: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
 Peter D. Bard; C. Hendry Howard
Photographer: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John T. Finch, Jr.; Raymond G. Laird
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Grand Council of Georgia Bicentennial: Jim Miller, Chair

2024-2025 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (3)	Chair	Mitch Tripp (26)	7 th
Jimmy L. Hires, Jr. (2)	1 st	J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th
Howard L. Maddox (58)	2 nd /3 rd	Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73)	4 th	David M. Wellman (3)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	William Garrison (65)	9 th
Eric S. Tress (29/37)	5 th	Richard L. Tanner (19)	9 th
Robert E. Soderstrom (33)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
Samuel L. Lowder (10)	6 th	Tommy T. Marshall (30)	11 th
R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th	Sherman D. Rankin (35)	12 th

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 199th Annual Assembly will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 2, 2025.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 198th 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.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
 Grand Recorder



Timothy K. Starling
 Most Illustrious Grand Master

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLYDE E. GRIFFIN
ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL
MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024**

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 Friday, May 3, 2024 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

Mark A. Bradley	Thrice Illustrious Master
Ryan C. Nealey	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Mark S. Johnson	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Judd J. Wolfe	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Robert R. Cordle	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
<i>Vacant</i>	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood	2014 Alan P. Pryor
1986 C. Danny Wofford	2015 Paul E. Wells
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1991 Dannie L. Reed	2017 Charles E. Taylor
1993 Gary D. Lemmons	2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
1996 Lanier S. Dasher	2019 James W. Bard
2001 Bobby B. Simmons	2020 James W. Bard
2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2021 Donald C. Combs
2007 A. Joseph Clark	2022 Floyd E. Edmondson
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr.	2023 William F. Shepard
2010 William E. Cantrell	
2011 C. Michael Ellis	

CONFERRAL TEAM

Roger W. Coursey	Thrice Illustrious Master
C. Hendry Howard	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Richard Corwin	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Matthew Sanford	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Ryan C. Nealey	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel

CANDIDATES

Thomas Carder (10)	Brandon A. Jones (70)
Il Poong Chi (13)	Tracy W. Lemasters (83)
Jimmy L. Densmore (36)	William D. Lord, Sr. (44)
Arthur D. Dickerson (A01)	George W. Schreiner, III (66)
Andrew D. Dickerson (A01)	Christopher M. Shaw (3)
William B. Dobbs, II (41)	Mark A. Stone (25)
Christopher D. Gabor (16)	Roger L. Warner (65)
Willis C. Hunter (16)	Hugh C. Woodruff (44)

2024-2025 OFFICERS

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

Ryan C. Nealey	Thrice Illustrious Master
Mark S. Johnson	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Judd J. Wolfe	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Robert R. Cordle	Thrice Illustrious Steward

Michael J. Etheridge
Peter D. Bard

Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

The officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion Mark A. Bradley.

ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith
Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer

Ryan C. Nealey
Illustrious Master

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

On Friday, May 3, 2024, a banquet was held at Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2023-2024 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Council awards were presented:

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

MIGM Judd J. Wolfe and RPSERDGM James W. Bard presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Joy S. Wolfe, Lady Carla Y. Etheridge, Lady Linda A. Gammon, Lady Jolynn Para-Garrison, and Lady Bobbie S. Chavez.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

MIGM Judd J. Wolfe presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Kim Marie May.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Judd J. Wolfe presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Roger W. Buterbaugh.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

RPSERDGM James W. Bard presented College of Preservation Awards to Mark S. Johnson, Judd J. Wolfe, and Joe E. Turner.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

RPSERDGM James W. Bard presented MIGM Judd J. Wolfe with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Judd J. Wolfe presented the Council of the Year Award to Marrietta Council No. 74.

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

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

2020 Ryan C. Nealey
2021 Daniel C. Ricketts
2021 Ronald B. Wolbert
2022 Wade C. Smith, Sr.
2022 Rodney A. Couch
2022 James W. Bard
2022 Mark A. Bradley
2023 Robert R. Cordle
2023 Wayne Garrett
2024 Mark S. Johnson
2024 Judd J. Wolfe
2024 Joe E. Turner

RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33)
1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7)
*1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23)
*1978 Willis R. Bettis (74)
*1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33)
1980 Billy E. Collins (55)

*1981 Wilford H. Hall (36)
*1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33)
*1983 George T. Poole (4)
*1984 Homer Tyre (16)
*1985 William L. Boynton (7)
*1986 Ruben Martinez (75)

*1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62)	*2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77)
*1988 Willie P. Hammond (8)	*2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36)
**1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77)	*2008 Alexander Loo (A01)
*1990 James W. Cowart (2)	2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
1991 James B. Phillips (61)	2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30)
*1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33)	2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60)	*2012 Edward V. Massaro (74)
*1994 John B. Modling (13)	2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10)
*1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58)	2014 Michael H. Sampsell (47)
1996 William S. Cleland (76)	2015 Kevin L. Miller (16)
1997 Peter E. Dean (42)	2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60)
1998 Bill G. Messer (5)	2017 Michael H. Wilson (41)
*1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)	*2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)
*2000 Bobby Massey (55)	2019 Tyler W. Pledger (24)
*2001 Charles E. Hanenkrat (49)	2020 Jack J. Bell
2002 James Timothy Ingram (55)	2021 James W. Bard
*2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2)	2022 Michael J. Etheridge
2004 Brent Griffin (57)	2023 Michael Hamlin
2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2)	2024 Roger W. Buterbaugh

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

*1984 Thomas R. Chadwick (16)	**2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01)
*1985 Richard J. O'Keefe (7)	2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)
1986 Andre E. Lovas (76)	2007 William F. Hardison (2)
*1987 Homer Chapman (H04)	2008 James W. Bard (74)
*1988 Jack L. Hepner (2)	2009 Mrs. Tina Brady
1989 Henry V. Tweedell (42)	2010 Charles E. Reed (7)
*1990 Floyd Cox (76)	2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)
**1991 Leo F. Bowersox, Jr. (7)	2012 James W. Stovall
*1992 Oliver Grantham (13)	2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
1993 John Pigott (2)	2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
*1994 Titus F. Rodgers (H04)	*2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
1995 William R. Carver (13)	2016 James W. Stovall
1996 Ronald J. Tomazin (2)	2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)
**1997 John Terry Dixon (11)	2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04)
*1998 James Y. Wilson, Jr. (23)	2019 Angi Harris
1999 David L. Canaday (33)	2020 Gena Kelley
2000 Mrs. Martha Hardison - Rainbow	2021 Michael W. Canada
2001 Marc Bohn - DeMolay	2022 Victor J. Somers
2002 Burton E. Jones (24)	2023 Mark Griffis
2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)	2024 Kim Marie May
*2004 Julius K. Moody (2)	

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RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

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

2016 Margie Lane	2017 Brenda Gill	2020 Paula Berry
2016 Hilda Parks	2017 Nancy Simmons	2020 Barbara Tate
2016 Diane Nealey	2017 Fae Suttles	2021 Ruth Nash
2016 Barbara Land	2017 Margaret Lovas	2021 Shirley Tyner
2017 Tammie Polston	2017 Sharon Jennings	2021 Emmie Sampsell
2017 Lynne Hatfield	2018 Benigna Haggas	2022 Elizabeth Finch
2017 Deborah Jones	2018 Gay Bradley	2022 Linda Harris
2017 Beth Hyde	2018 Jeanette Hendry	2022 Brenda Cordle
2017 Marla Horton	2018 Nora Wells	2023 Margo Giddens
2017 Pat Schwarz	2018 Helen Leinbaugh	2023 Jennifer Bryant
2017 Pat Glass	2019 Sherri Kirk	2024 Joy Wolfe
2017 Lisa Batt	2019 Judy Nichols	2024 Carla Etheridge
2017 Debbie Lemmons	2019 Kay Higgins	2024 Linda Gammon
2017 Cheryl Turner	2019 Eva Garmon	2024 JoLynn Para-Garrison
2017 Roda Wofford	2020 Becky Ann Wolbert	2024 Bobbie Chavez

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024

William G. Snyder	General Grand Master
G. Thomas Taylor	General Grand Deputy Master
W. Keith Powell	General Grand Principle Conductor of the Work
Charles A. McCollum	General Grand Treasurer
Mark E. Irwin	General Grand Recorder
Mark Megee	Assistant General Grand Treasurer
R. Sean Gardiner	Assistant General Grand Recorder
E. Jeffrey Craig	General Grand Chaplain
Charles M. Roberts	Assistant General Grand Chaplain
Jeffery York	Assistant General Grand Chaplain
David Witt	General Grand Captain of the Guard
Corey Curtiss	General Grand Conductor of the Council
Brian Dimetter	General Grand Steward
Robert Davis	General Grand Orator
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	General Grand Lecturer
John Bridegroom	General Grand Marshal
James W. Bard	Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master

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

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

1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon] (6)	07-12-1928	1978	Clyde C. Brown (13)	10-25-1997
1924	Francis A. Johnson (23)	03-31-1940	1979	Bobbie L. Byrd (52)	03-10-2017
1925	Clarence H. Andrew (6)	08-20-1930	1980	Rufus R. White (36)	12-31-1993
1926	William S. Richardson (13)	12-24-1934	1981	Luther G. Palmer (33)	06-11-1987
1927	Nathaniel H. Ballard (16)	02-09-1936	1982	Charles. L. Taylor, Jr. (40)	09-05-2010
1928	John T. Waldrop (8)	05-19-1931	1983	Roy H. Homans (16)	06-28-1998
1929	Thos. H. Jeffries [Hon] (13)	11-06-1948	1984	Hugh L. Smith (7)	03-01-1995
1929	Frank O. Miller (9)	03-17-1937	1985	Howard W. VanScoy, Jr. (6)	05-11-2019
1930	Jack G. Standifer (39)	11-20-1972	1985	James E. Underwood (75)	
1931	Orlando C. Long (13)	10-26-1937	1986	J. Willard Register (H04)	04-24-1999
1932	Chas. W. Pidcock, Jr. (14)	01-16-1961	1987	Clyde E. Griffin (G02)	
1933	Walter Frank Wells (23)	11-07-1947	1988	C. Danny Wofford (77)	
1934	W. Furman King (2)	11-07-1950	1989	Ralph C. James (42)	06-14-1989
1935	Hugh W. Taylor (17)	05-18-1966	1989	Raymond E. Keen (26)	08-06-1999
1936	Vivian O. Kimsey (21)	09-20-1966	1990	Gary D. Lemmons (61)	
1937	Byron L. Milling (13)	10-28-1958	1991	Thomas R. Gaines (6)	08-18-2013
1938	Wm. Jeff. Aldridge (29)	03-14-1964	1992	John A. Morse (13)	12-08-1994
1939	James D. Owens (6)	10-05-1961	1992	J. Eugene Lowry (13)	02-25-2014
1940	John F. Hatfield (14)	08-13-1958	1993	Charles R. Maffett (73)	01-10-2007
1941	John Orson Smith (38)	11-23-1968	1994	Willie P. Hammond (8)	09-01-2011
1942	John B. Russell (59)	01-20-1955	1995	Buford M. Brand (19)	03-10-2002
1943	Lloyd C. Prichard (3)	10-09-1982	1996	Roy R. Jackson (58)	11-06-2007
1944	Ray O. Schill (23)	06-12-1975	1997	J. Richard Jones (53)	08-03-2018
1945	John P. Weisiger (13)	01-08-1971	1998	Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) (13)	03-26-2010
1946	Manning M. Quattlebaum (2)	12-29-1959	1998	J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)	
1947	David L. Paulk (59)	04-22-1979	1999	Ted H. Hendon (37)	04-20-2007
1948	Joseph A. Moor (G04)	09-04-1972	2000	Thomas L. Blanton (49)	04-27-2024
1949	Charles E. Powers (H04)	08-07-1977	2001	Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) (33)	09-11-2019
1950	James R. Bellflower (58)	10-07-1981	2001	Ruben Martinez (75)	03-28-2021
1951	J. Tillman Morgan (48)	09-20-1969	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (41)	07-23-2002
1952	William J. Penn, Jr. (7)	07-30-1959	2002	John P. Bohanan (3)	09-11-2019
1952	Clifton E. Franklin (14)	03-16-1967	2003	Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) (55)	05-10-2007
1952	James P. Flynn (33)	09-29-1957	2003	Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) (64)	
1953	Harold L. Walters (74)	12-01-1960	2003	Jack Lee Hepner (G02)	12-04-2010
1954	W. Reddick (14)	03-03-1970	2004	Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) (G02)	12-22-2007
1955	Corliss H. Edwards, Sr. (6)	10-22-1992	2004	Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	01-10-2022
1956	William J. Mobley (2)	07-21-1981	2005	W. Larry Hicks (13)	04-26-2016
1957	Charles C. Moon, Sr. (32)	07-31-1966	2006	Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] (36)	07-20-2014
1958	Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (G04)	03-20-1969	2006	Daniel C. Ricketts (74)	
1959	Walker Rush Camp (9)	01-15-1974	2007	Rodney A. Couch (42)	
1960	Lonzo Pope (7)	06-23-1991	2008	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1961	John T. Sessions (13)	01-19-1971	2009	James C. Bentley, Jr. (20)	02-20-2021
1962	Ottis Brewer Turner (8)	02-10-1999	2011	Harry B. Allen (3)	01-10-2024
1963	Herman E. Freeman (2)	08-01-1984	2012	Mark S. Johnson (66)	
1964	Grady Eugene Wilkins (26)	09-12-1979	2013	F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)	
1965	T. Evans Gates (6)	12-30-1987	2014	Charles E. Taylor (16)	
1966	Jay D. Barton (A01)	03-09-1981	2015	Floyd E. Edmondson (19)	
1967	James E. Moseley (8)	02-10-2017	2016	Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)	
1967	Harry P. Boyd (43)	04-06-1990	2017	John I. Haggas (4)	
1968	Austin P. Phillips (38)	03-18-1981	2018	Larry C. Bennett (55)	12-27-2023
1969	Harry E. Copelan (69)	01-15-1999	2019	Ryan C. Nealey (13)	
1970	John W. Sisk (13)	08-01-1996	2020	Ronald B. Wolbert (2)	
1971	Harold C. Duncan (30)	02-12-1996	2021	Bobby B. Simmons (6) (Hon)	
1972	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr (G04)	04-06-2012	2021	James W. Bard (74)	
1973	David S. Lemons (10)	05-23-2003	2022	Robert R. Cordle (60)	
1974	Hayden M. Carmichael (46)	01-09-1993	2023	Judd J. Wolfe (65)	
1975	Oswald H. King, Jr. (39)	06-21-2013	2024	Mark A. Bradley (77)	
1976	Rupert Queen (19)	11-03-2005			
1977	Lee D. Holcomb (37)	04-21-2009			

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram: Arthur Dickerson

G02. Georgia: Clyde E. Griffin;

Roger W. Coursey; Ronald B. Wolbert;

Robert Brooks; Bruce McNall

03. Canton: Steven G. Harris;

James R. Harris; Stephen C. Higgins;

David M. Wellman; Christopher Shaw

G04. Georgia: No Representation

H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;

Ditmar W. Chavez; Timothy K. Starling

06. Washington: Matthew Astin;

Michael L. Hamlin; Bobby B. Simmons;

Jerry Purvis

07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation

08. Griffin: Joe E. Turner

10. Lakewood: Larry Croy; Joe E. Turner;

Samuel K. Lowder; Monte McDonald

13. Jason Burr: Alessandro V. Silva;

Ryan C. Nealey

15. Rome: John M. Tripp

16. Ballard: Richard J. Corwin, Jr.;
William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens;
Thomas J. Chapman; Christopher Gabor;
Willis Hunter

18. Graydon W. Kitchens:

No Representation

19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson;
Edgar M. Land; Brandon P. Simmons;
Richard Tanner

20. Hunter: Bruce Fykes

24. Walker: Thomas J. Rogers;
Tyler W. Pledger; Tracy D. Wright

25. Elbert: Charles Humphrey;
Walter D. McCannon, Jr.

28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation

29. Western: Eric S. Tress

30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford;
James R. Bennett; Tommy T. Marshall;
C. Hendry Howard, Jr.

33. Euclid: No Representation

35. H. C. Rigdon: Gordon B. Ruthruff

36. Walton C. Griffin: No Representation

37. Douglasville: Lloyd Lane

38. George H. Fields: No Representation

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

41. Covington: Benjamin W. Polston, II;
William M. Jones

44. Gwinnett: Joe R. Bush; Wiley Gammon,
Jr.; Eric R. Howell; Steve Kimbro

46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson

47. Austell: Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
O. C. Grounds

53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary

54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell

55. Pickens: Keith Hales; Walter D. Waddell,
Jr.; James T. Ingram

56. Piedmont: No Representation

58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs;
John H. Johnson; Howard Maddox;
Tony D. Morris

60. G. Everett Cox: Robert R. Cordle;
John C. Miller

61. Calhoun: James B. Phillips

62. Hiram: No Representation

64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott

65. N.T. Pirkle: Wiley Q. Forrester, III;
Judd J. Wolfe; Bill Garrison

66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson;

70. Jesup: No Representation

73. Fort Benning: Harry Ross;
Baron L. Conklin

74. Marietta: John E. Finch, Jr.;
Peter D. Bard; Jan M. Giddens;
Daniel C. Ricketts; James W. Bard;
Matthew Medley; Michael Sampsell

75. Tara: No Representation

77. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
C. Danny Wofford; Michael J. Etheridge

78. Warrenton: No Representation

79. Brasstown: William W. Grist;
William T. White; Johnie M. Garmon;
Wade C. Smith

83. Covenant: No Representation

84. Silver Shoals: No Representation

94. Bainbridge: No Representation

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

A01. Adoniram: Andrew D. Dickerson

G02. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey

03. Canton: Christopher Shaw; Charles A. Maneu

G04. Georgia: No Representation

H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz

06. Washington: Michael L. Hamlin

07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation

08. Griffin: Joe E. Turner

10. Lakewood: Samuel K. Lowder

13. Jason Burr: William R. Carver, Jr.

15. Rome: John M. Tripp

16. Ballard: Christopher Gabor

18. Graydon W. Kitchens: No Representation

19. Summit: Brandon P. Simmons

20. Hunter: Forrest Cowart

24. Walker: Micajah Gary

25. Elbert: Walter D. McCannon, Jr.

28. A. W. Goodwin: No Representation

29. Western: Eric S. Tress

30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford

33. Euclid: No Representation

35. H. C. Rigdon: Gordon B. Ruthruff

36. Walton C. Griffin: No Representation

37. Douglasville: Lloyd Lane

38. George H. Fields: No Representation

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

41. Covington: William Dobbs, II

44. Gwinnett: Mark Griffis

46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson

47. Austell: David M. Cochran

53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary

54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell

55. Pickens: Nathan Wade

56. Piedmont: No Representation

58. Tifton: Tony D. Morris

60. G. Everett Cox: John C. Miller

61. Calhoun: James B. Phillips

62. Hiram: No Representation

64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott

65. N.T. Pirkle: Roger L. Warner

66. Fayetteville: George Schreiner

70. Jesup: Brandon Jones

73. Fort Benning: Harry Ross

74. Marietta: Sudhansu H. Shukla;

Ainsley Coley

75. Tara: No Representation

77. Winder: Michael J. Etheridge

78. Warrenton: No Representation

79. Brasstown: William T. White

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**PROCEEDINGS
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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 3, 2024
A. O. 906**



DITMAR WIEDUWILT CHAVEZ
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2023 - 2024

DITMAR WIEDUWILT CHAVEZ

Ditmar Chavez was Raised January 2006, Columbian Lodge #7 Columbus, GA.
Past Master of Columbian #7, 2011
Past Illustrious Master of Hope Council #4
Past High Priest of Darley Chapter #7.
32° KCCH Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus.
Member of the Order of the High Priesthood,
Order of the Silver Trowel
Knight Crusader of the Cross
Past Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery #3,
Past Sovereign River City Council AMD # 526,
Past Sovereign Columbus Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine,
Past Governor Chattahoochee Valley #166 York Right College.
Member Georgia Collage SRICF,
Member Carl F. Lasted J.R. Council #65 Knight Masons
Member Georgia Priory #39 KYCH
Member Fidelitys Tabernacle No. LXXVII
Served as Past High Priest 4th District Chapter RAM; Past Illustrious Master
Midwest Convention R&SM; Tyler 4th Masonic District Convention; Eminent
Grand Sentinel Grand Commandery of Georgia.
Serving as Treasurer of:
Columbian Lodge #7.
Darley Chapter #7.
Hope Council #4.
St Aldemar Commandery #3.
River City Council #526 AMD;
Chattahoochee York Rite Collage #166.
Serving as Secretary / Treasurer,kloui90876:
Muscogee Council Red Cross of Constantine.

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

The One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Right Eminent
Grand Commander Ditmar W. Chavez at 11:30 AM on Friday, May 3, 2024.
Being assured that a quorum was present, the Right Eminent Grand Commander
declared the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Captain General
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Ryan C. Nealey (9)	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
Michael H. Sampsell (26)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Alessandro V. Silva (9)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

William T. White (37)
James O. Blalock (41)
Roger W. Buterbaugh (3/73)
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (3)
R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (04)

Eminent Grand Warder
Eminent Captain of the Guard
Eminent Grand Adjutant
Eminent Grand Sentinel
Eminent Grand Photographer

*Indicates Absence

LIVING RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1996 James B. Phillips (19)	2012 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
1998 Bobby B. Simmons (2)	2013 C. Danny Wofford (31)
2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)	2014 Terry L. Hensley (19)
2004 Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	2015 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2007 Paul E. Wells (3)	2015 Joe E. Turner (Hon) (35)
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)	2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64)
2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)	2020 Mark S. Johnson (22)
2011 James E. Stevens (21)	2022 Tommy T. Marshall (36)

2023-2024 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; John E. Finch, Jr.
Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; Lamar E. Richards; Wiley A. Gammon
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane;
Daniel C. Ricketts; Tommy T. Marshall
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;
Larry C. Bennett
Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Tommy T. Marshall
Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair;
Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens;
Doyle R. Hatfield
Relief: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith;
Doyle R. Hatfield
KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: William T. White, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey;
Michael H. Sampsell
Patriotic & Civic: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; William W. Grist;
William T. White; Alessandro Silva

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnie M. Garmon;
Paul E. Wells
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord;
John T. Flener, Jr.
Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs;
Gregory B. Foster
Easter Sunrise Service: William T. White, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Judd Wolfe
Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
Floyd E. Edmondson
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
Tyler W. Pledger
Membership: James R. Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford;
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Floyd E. Edmondson

Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; William W. Grist
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling; William E. Cantrell
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch; John T. Fleener, Jr.
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Richard J. Hallwood; Thomas J. Chapman
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle; William F. Shepard
Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel C. Ricketts; South: Tommy T. Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; Peter D. Bard; C. Hendry Howard
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

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's my great honor to welcome you to the 164th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, Knights Templar. Should you need assistance to make your visit to Macon and this season 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 Past Grand Commanders, D.W. Hendry, Steve A. Kirk and Doyle R. Hatfield. Without their encouragement, mentorship and friendship I would have miss the world that was opened to me. I also would have deprived myself of all the friends, and personal relationships I have had with the Sir Knights and families of the Commanderies of Georgia.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I have been encouraged by the number of Knight Templar knighting we have had this year. It gives me great pleasure to know that we have more Sir Knights on the rolls then when I started my year. We must continue to bring new members into the Order and encourage them to be involved. Cultivate them in such a way that they will bring in new membership into our ranks. The last report I have seen for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Georgia was ranked 11th nationally in contributions. The only state in the Southeast that was ranked higher was Florida, ranked 5th nationally. This has been a financially difficult year for most of us but, we have done better and can do so again. I had the pleasure to assist

The Grand Encampment in the KTEF Grant Presentation to the Augusta University Medical College of Georgia for ongoing research in Ophthalmology. The state of our Order is improving, and I am encouraged with our growth and excited about our future.

NECROLOGY

It is with a sad heart that I must report the passing through the last veil to that foreign country on which no traveler ever returns. My best friend and travel companion, REPGC Doyle R. Hatfield passed away on September 13, 2023. Eminent Past Grand Sentinel Walt Rosso also Passed away June 14, 2023. We selfishly mourn their loss, but we are sustained by our faith that, yet they are gone from this world, we know we will be reunited when the Grand Architect of the Universe calls us home to be with them in everlasting paradise. I am sure there are many others not mentioned who have touched our lives, may their memories live on with each of us and the Lord be with their families.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

I would like to thank Sir Knight Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Eminent Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight James O. Blalock Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, and Roger W. Buterbaugh Eminent Grand Adjutant for all they have done for me this year. They have traveled and supported me all year and I thank them.

HOST COMMANDERY

I thank the Officers of St. Aldemar Commandery #3. You have supported me, encouraged me, and held me up throughout the year. I am proud to be a member to St. Aldemar and encouraged that we are doing the work and expending our enrollment.

GRAND INSPECTING OFFICERS

To the officers who served as Inspecting Officers this year I am eternally grateful. I realize it is often difficult to take time from other pressing duties to do this. 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 accepted to serve on this year's committees, I Thank You for your dedication. Little would have been accomplished without you.

DISPENSATIONS

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

INSPECTIONS

This Templar Year we conducted Division Inspections, all Commanderies in each Division assembled in the Asylum of the host Division of their Annual Inspection. I am happy to report that I was able to attend all 6 Division Inspections and was impressed by the attendance of the Sir Knights participating. The host Commanderies were Amicalola # 41; Fort Benning # 73; Waycross # 36; Aronold de Troye # 31; Bethlehem # 30; Constantine # 26. It gives me great honor to thank Sir Knight Daniel Ricketts, and Past Grand Commander Tommy Marshall, for accepting and conducting School of Tactics in conjunction with the Inspections of the 6 Divisions of Knights Templar of Georgia. The School of Instruction was well received by all the Commanderies that attended. Many

positive comments were made by the Sir Knights to the value and importance of bringing the Commanderies together in Tactics.

VISITATIONS

The Grand York Rite Session of Georgia in Macon; Cherokee Rose Priory #56 KYCH; Annual Communications of the Grand Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star; 125th Annual Assembly of the Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth; The 2023 DeMolayCon Honors Night; The Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite Feast of Tishri; 23rd Annual State Wide Festival AMD; Ft. Benning Commandery #73; Carl F. Lester Council #65 Knight Masons; Forth District Masonic Convention Greenville; KTP; Order of the Temple Atlanta; 101st Anniversary Columbus Chapter Order of DeMoly; Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite 100th Anniversary; Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite Masquerade Ball; Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite Feast of Tabernacles; Fidelitys Tabernacle No. LXXVII; Grand Lodge of Georgia; Tifton Family Dinner Night, Tifton Lodge #47 and Tiftarea Lodge #745; Chattahoochee York Rite Collage #166; Muscogee Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; York Rite Festival Atlanta; Alexius Commandery #22; Christmas Observance Ft. Benning #73 and St Aldemar #7; York Rite Festival Covington GA.; Waycross Southeast Council Convention and a 50 year York Rite Award; 74th Annual Session Grand Court of Georgia Order of the Amaranth

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

The 2023 Grand York Rite Session of Florida in Lake Mary; Southeastern York Rite Conference, Mobile AL; Phenix City Chapter #149 K.T. Phenix City AL; The Sixth Annual Knight Templar Charity Ball Alabama, Montgomery AL; Crawford Masonic Lodge F&AM #863, Crawford AL; Grand York Rite Session Alabama in Huntsville; Grand York Rite Session South Carolina in Columbia; Grand York Rite Session North Carolina in Clemons/Winston Salem; Grand York Rite Session Tennessee, in Nashville.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

A Special Thanks goes out to REPGC Terry Hensley for agreeing to chairing this endeavor. The Sir Knights of Georgia had selected 5 Pilgrim Ministers to send to the Holy Land. Alas the ongoing battle in the Holy Land has keep this Pilgrimage from happing. It is not known how long fighting will continue but we will not give up in trying to send Ministers to walk the steps that Jesus walked. All 5 Ministers agreed to continue with their plan to attend this Pilgrimage when it is safe again to do so.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

I wish to thank the Eminent Grand Warder William T. White for his remarkable support of putting together this years Easters Sunrise Service Trip. The highlight of the trip was the laying of the Wreath at The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Joining me were MWGM Benjamin W. Paulson II, MEGHP Walter D. Waddell and MIGM Judd J. Wolf. On Sunday we attended the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial

GRAND MASTER CLASS

On April 6, 2024, I was privileged to attend the Fifteenth Annual York Rite Festival Most Worshipful Grand Master's Class. It was an honor to assist in the Knighting of new Sir Knights to the Various Commanderies of Georgia. All York Rite Degrees and Orders were conferred, and it was a pleasure to join MWGM

Benjamin W. Paulson II, MEGHP Walter D. Waddell and MIGM Judd J. Wolf for this excellent display of Masonic Unity in Georgia.

I command EG Standard Bearer Michael H. Sampsell and thank him for the many hours of devoted service to put this class together.

**KNIGHT TEMPLER FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA; EDUCATION FOUNDATION;
MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION**

As one of my many official acts, it was my privilege to attend the presentation of 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 amazes me how we are able to accomplish so much as a group that we couldn't afford to do individually.

APPRECIATION

First and foremost, it is important that I thank the Almighty for salvation and for his care as we travelled this year.

Words can not express the gratitude I owe to all the Sir Knights that I have come to know during my travels during the past years. I command all of you for having shown kindness, compassion, respect and hospitality to myself and the Grand Line Officers during this past year.

I would like to thank all the Host Commanderies for their excellence in hosting this past year's inspections. Your dedication to the craft was most impressive and the Inspections would not have been successful without your hard work.

A thank you to the most important people that keep the Grand York Rite working like a well-oiled machine, EG Recorder Mark A. Bradley, EG Treasurer Wade C. Smith, and the glue that keeps them together the wonderful Marla R. Horton, Administrative Assistant.

To the Lady of my life, Ms Bobbie, who stood beside me and traveled those many miles with me. Thank you is not enough to repay you for all you have gone through for me. I cherish you and the love we have shared throughout the years and look forward to the many more to come.

Sir Knights of Georgia as I step down as Grand Commander, I feel a sigh of relief and mixed emotions from the good times we have enjoyed during the last few years. I will still be around serving in this the best Fraternity in Free Masonry and wish nothing but the best in the incoming years to those serving behind me. May the blessings of God the Father ever rest upon you.

Respectfully Submitted: Ditmar W. Chavez, 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 join with our Grand Commander in welcoming all Sir Knights to the 164th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. We welcome all out-of-state guests, in-state-guests, and dignitaries. You indeed honor us with your presence.

We thank our host Commandery, St. Aldermar Commandery No. 3 for all the hospitality and kindness extended to the visitors and members of this conclave.

We fully agree that the State of the Order of our Grand Commandery is in excellent condition.

The growth in membership, the high ranking in our contribution to the Eye Foundation, and the support and training given to each Commandery. The Necrology report always bring sadden of our loss of our Sir Knights but let us turn the coin and remember all the great times shared with them and Thank God for the wonderful memories. Our relationship with REPGC Doyle R. Hatfield, Eminent Past Grand Sentient Walt Rosso, and the many other Sir Knights who we shared time with will be surly miss. Our Prayers will be with their families. Your Choice of the Appointed Officers, Sir Knight Joseph F. Oelgoetz, iii, James O. Blalock, and Roger W. Buterbaugh were excellent choices. Grand Inspecting Officers, and Committee Members were also great selections. We salute all for a Job well done, they took their responsibilities serious, and their performance was outstanding. We are grateful for their services. Well Done Sir Knights. We were well pleased that all your Dispensations were routine and in accordance with Templar Laws.

Having Division Inspections with all the Commanderies participating and having great attendance gave excellent results plus having the School of Tactics was a well-planned day. We congratulate all the Host Commanderies, and everyone involved to make these Inspections very successful.

Your travels In-state and outer-state took you many places representing our Grand Commandery and the time and miles help build relationships and witness how others manage their affairs. Review the lists of places and events, we are very proud you let others see who we are and what we do. We hope that your and Bobbie memories will last forever.

Our Grand Commandery set again the standard in sending Ministers to the Holy Land.

Very proud we selected 5 Ministers to go but disappointed due to circumstances they were unable to go this year. We hope Commanderies will work together by sharing the cost and send more Minister next year. We like to give our thanks to REPGC Terry Hensley, once again for a JOB WELL DONE.

We are thankful for supporting the Easter Sunrise Service. We hope the growth of Sir Knights and their lady's participation will increase as they witness this beautiful event as we celebrate Easter. We like to add our thanks to Sir Knights William White for making this a Super Trip to entire other want to go next year.

The Grand Master Class get better every year and we hope we will contention providing this event to give our candidates the best degree works.

We are thankful for the Sir Knights supporting and giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Mollie Moseley Foundation Trust. Our forefathers set up the Knight Templar Education Foundation and we are very thankful. The management of these funds are outstanding by contributing for research at Emory University and Medical College of Georgia, scholarships and assist in sending Ministers to the Holy Land. Our marketing our charities by our Grand Commander, his officers and the Sir Knights is outstanding, we salute each of you.

In your appreciation you showed how proud and thankful you were for all the support received during your year as our Right Eminent Grand Commander. Speaking for all the Sir Knights of the Grand Commander of Georgia, you provided the leadership and the directions.

Which made it ease to follow and support you. You have a kind heart and loving spirit which is the icing on cake as we enjoyed your year.

Additions to our report - Our uniform tells who we are and what we represent, so we agree keep wearing the uniform. From PREGC Carl Camel REPGC has a smile on his face in Heaven.

Our membership is growing due to hard work and demonstration of our faith in our mission.

We welcome all new member and let us keep them by make them apart in all that we do.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar and First Lady Bobbie y'all have served the Grand Commandery of Georgia with honor and set a high standard for us to follow. Y'all actions has demonstrated the love, enjoyment, and happiness for each of us. We ask for God Blessing upon each of you and hope the memories will be last forever as y'all continue to serve.

Your Lade Bobbie stood tall as the First Lady and our ladies thank her for her abilities to make us feel welcome and enjoy supporting our Sir Knights.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Paul Wells; and Johnie Garmon

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 two (2) Bills submitted to the committee to amend the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia.

Code Bill no. 1

This Code Bill seeks to amend Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

The Committee on Jurisprudence finds this Bill is in proper form and not in conflict with any other section of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations.

Code Bill no. 2

This BILL seeks to amend Article I, Per Capita tax of the Constituent Commandery Section, Section 3, Returns and Dues Section of the 2022 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to returns and dues to continue the \$1.00 annual increase for five (5) more years.

The Committee on Jurisprudence finds this Bill is 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, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Tommy T. Marshall; and Daniel C. Ricketts

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to provide for an amendment of the Per Capita tax by amending Article I, of the Constituent Commanderies Section, Section 3, Returns and Dues Section

of the 2022 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia relating to returns and dues to continue the \$1.00 annual increase for five (5) more years.

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

"SECTION 3, RETURNS AND DUES.

Returns and Dues. Every Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery by remittance to the Grand Recorder, the following fees for its members:

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

BE AMENDED by changing the \$26.00 to \$31.00 and changing the date to 2025.

So that section Article I, of the Constituent Commanderies Section, Section 3, Returns and Dues, ITEM 1 Section of the 2014 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia as approved shall read as follows in its entirety:

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

\$31.00 for every Sir Knight, unless otherwise exempt, who is a member of said Commandery on the last day of December. An additional increase of \$1.00 per year shall automatically be added beginning in 2025 and continuing for five (5) years unless changed or amended by this Grand Commandery.

This Legislation to amend the Per Capita Tax if adopted, shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted: Wade C. Smith; Jack J. Bell

REPORT OF CHARTER & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee on Charters and By-Laws wishes to make the following report: Your Committee is ONLY TOO HAPPY to report that we have received a complete rewrite of the ByLaws of Dekalb Commandery No. 38. Thank you Sir Knights of Dekalb Commandery and a special thank you to my friend, Brian Kelley, the Commander, for that last "coin" right before Your Committee recommended approval as submitted!!!!

Your Committee has received a rewrite of the bylaws of Ivanhoe Commandery Chapter No. 10 changing location from Fort Valley to Warner Robins and changing dues and fees. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted. Your Committee has received what appears to be a complete revision of the bylaws of Constantine Commandery Chapter No. 26. Your Committee recommends approval as submitted, however, Your Committee did ask several questions which need to be answered.

Your Committee has received changes to the bylaws of Blue Ridge Commandery No. 37 and recommends approval as submitted.

YOUR 2023 COMMITTEE examined a complete revision of the bylaws of Coastal Plains Commandery No. 42 and asked for several changes, which have not been received.

Your Committee notes that St. Peter Commandery No. 45 at Warner Robins consolidated with Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10 at Fort Valley on August 1, 2023 and at the same time Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10 moved to Warner Robins. We note with much SADNESS the passing of our friend Charles Edwin Ferguson, Sr., on March 24, 2024, the last commander of St. Peter Commandery No. 45

This committee has reviewed all dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and they are of routine nature and meet with our approval. Almost all were to receive and ballot at a regular conclave.

This Committee has received no requests for new Commandery charters.

NO SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS ARE FOUND THIS YEAR.

Respectfully submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; and Larry C. Bennett

REPORT OF CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

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

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

The May 2, 2022, Commandery Code is available from the Grand Recorder's office.

The 2022 code is placed on the Grand York Rite website as a PDF file and SHOULD BE updated annually after each Grand Conclave session so that a current copy is always available for use by any member.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; and Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

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

Your Foreign Correspondent wishes to make the following report:

No out of state or foreign proceedings have been received for review. I do not know if any Grand Jurisdictions even send proceedings to other states anymore. No requests for recognition have been received to my knowledge.

Your correspondent notes with sadness the decline in the usefulness of the Knights Templar Magazine since the change in Editors. May it soon rest in peace!

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

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

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

This Committee is charged with the responsibility of administering the 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., as well as the investment accounts for the Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, Grand Chapter of Georgia Building, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT.

The Division funds, which are controlled by rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment, allowed the committee to award five \$1000 scholarships to deserving students to further their education.

The Corporation funds, controlled by the Trustees, awarded two \$50,000 gifts each to Emory University Eye Center and Medical College of Georgia at Augusta Medical Center for continued vision research. Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon on April 12, 2024. Representatives from the two institutions were in attendance to receive the gifts presented by Chairman Clyde E. Griffin.

The Mollie S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia funds are invested with only the interest used and sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. \$10,000 was sent this year to Grand Encampment allowing the purchase of a Golden Chalice Award to be presented to the Georgia Chapter, Social Order of the Beaucant.

We are pleased to report the net worth of the following investment accounts effective December 31, 2022: KTEF, Division = \$334,393.77; KTEF, Inc. = \$4,367,612.61; MSM Trust = \$914,479.36; Grand Chapter = \$207,462.11; Grand Council = \$55,882.53; Grand Commandery = \$509,087.37; and Building Fund = \$102,176.71.

This Board of Trustees lost one of our own this year in the passing of Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Doyle R. Hatfield. Since REPGC Hatfield's term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve a REPGC to succeed him for a five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2028.

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

Thanks especially to our REGC Ditmar Chavez 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, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; and James E. Stevens

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

We want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar Chavez for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee. We were excited to serve on this team and all were looking forward to the trip. We had several discussions with the REGC regarding the Easter Sunrise Service Trip and discussed many wonderful places to visit along the way.

24 Sir Knights, spouses, and guests participated in the 2024 Easter Sunrise Service Excursion. The attendees traveled to Petersburg, VA, and Washington, DC before finally arriving to the Alexandria, VA area. At our first stop at Concord Mills, NC, all were treated to a variety of options for a great lunch, but pushed onward to Petersburg, VA where we enjoyed a phenomenal meal and even greater fellowship. Our plans for a "walking tour" of Williamsburg, VA were cancelled due to the weather, but a contingency plan of spending the day touring the Nation's Capital provided everyone with an exciting day. We visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Museum of Natural History and toured the DC "MALL" area before adjourning for a delicious Italian dinner.

On Friday, we partnered with the Sir Knights of Florida and several dignitaries to continue our expedition. We toured the Jefferson Memorial, the US Capital, the Scottish Rite Museum, and the Museum of the Bible. Each locale provided a plethora of enjoyment and information re: each of the stops. We had another evening of fine dining at a local establishment and everyone again truly enjoyed being in each other's company.

On Saturday, we were again joined by the Sir Knights of Florida who accompanied us to the Arlington National Cemetery. We supported the Sir Knights from our southern border as they laid a wreath, which in turn they were there in support of our three leaders of the York Rite bodies and our esteemed Grand Master Polston. After the extremely solemn and moving ceremony, we were treated to a tour of the barracks and preparation rooms for the Soldiers who guard that sacred place. Many thanks go out to one of our own who served valiantly in the position many years ago, Brother Jim Tate for arranging that incredible tour. We as a nation could not be more proud of the dedication, precision, and expertise these young soldiers from the US Army demonstrated. After the incredible experience of being on this hallowed ground, we then journeyed to the George Washington Masonic Building for an afternoon of touring the facility and learning even more about our first President and Grand Master of Virginia. If you have never been to this incredible museum, you must add it to your bucket list of places to visit. After an exhausting, yet exhilarating day, we joined with all the other Sir Knights from the Eastern Division for a delicious banquet and unparalleled camaraderie, following by some great fellowship in the different hospitality rooms.

On Sunday morning, your York Right representatives from the great state of Georgia, along with our Grand Master, also participated in the 94th Annual East Coast Easter Sunrise Service which was also held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

It was truly an honor to represent the Grand Commandery of Georgia and were ecstatic that this trip was able to include so very many incredible museums and events in which to participate. We are hopeful that the Easter Sunrise Service Trip will continue to be a Grand Commandery of Georgia tradition for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted: William T. "Whitey" White, Chair

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

To: The RE Grand Commander, RE Past Grand Commanders, Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee, Inc., and Grand Commandery Officers, of the Grand Commandery of Georgia:

It is indeed an honor and great pleasure to serve and be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. We thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander for this appointment.

As Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, I submit the following report:

Due to the war with Hamas and the unrest in Israel, Gaza and the surrounding Countries, the HLP Chairman of Grand Encampment, made the decision to cancel the HLP 2024. He did this earlier this time to save the monies that have been sent for each Minister and that nothing would be lost in fees charged. He assured me that the Minister's approved would be placed on the itinerary for the HLP 2025 pilgrimage. If he had waited an additional 30 days each Minister would have been charged \$450.00, his good thinking saved all monies for the 2025 pilgrimage.

Georgia Minister's (at this time) for 2025 are as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Commandery Sponsored By</u>
Robert Dale Kitchen	Arnold De Troye No. 31
Andrew Thomas Blakemore	St. Aldemar No. 3
Paul Allen Bennett	Pilgrim No. 15
William L. Harris	St. Bernard No. 25
Daniel Allan Hyatt	Blue Ridge Mtn No. 37

I ask your prayers for Israel, as well as for everyone involved. In our biblical studies, we see that ever since God gave the land to Israel, people after people have been trying to run Israel out of the land, declaring that the land isn't Israel's. But, in the end, God himself, will fight the fight for His chosen people. May I share some food for thought? As Christians, this should be a very profound moment.

Here is the thought: If prayer was a job, would you still be employed?

Respectfully Submitted: Terry L. Hensley, Chair

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 2023-2024, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Grand Commander	1
Past Grand Commanders	6
Grand Line Officers	18
Past Commanders	7

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 208.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 9.

DUES STATUS

Reports show 151 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears for two years were 68 and in arrears for three years 8.

Number of Commanderies	Amount Charged for the orders
1	\$200.00
1	\$185.00

6	\$150.00
1	\$ 140.00
1	\$135.00
6	\$130.00
1	\$128.00
1	\$127.00
3	\$125.00
5	\$100.00
1	\$95.00
1	\$90.00
1	\$85.00
2	\$75.00

Two not reported

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$453,931.00

The general condition for each commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent: (100-91)

1,2,3,4,7,8,9,14,15,19,21,22,25,26,29,31,36,37,38,40,41,73

Very Good: (90-81) 5, 10, 11,30,33,42

Good: (80-71) 12,17

Respectfully Submitted: William F Shepard, Chairman; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
and Floyd E. Edmondson

Fair: No Score (70-0) 16

No Report 35

REPORT OF THE TACTICS AND RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Ditmar Chavez and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia:

The Tactics and Ritual Committee has continued to work diligently on the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies this past year and has received positive feedback from the recently revised Manual of Asylum Ceremonies printed last year.

The Tactics and Ritual committee endeavored to provide a detailed and instructional manual for the betterment of the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

The Custodians of the North and the South continue to instruct and inform all Sir Knights of Georgia that the manual is available in digital format as well as a physical copy, for a small fee, from the office of the Grand Recorder.

The recently revised Manual of Asylum Ceremonies has been presented at each of the six Divisional Inspections this past year where it continues to be well received. These divisional inspections and Schools of Instruction continue to give the opportunity to allow the Sir Knight's in attendance, a comprehensive and thorough guide to opening a Commandery in an Open or Closed Inspection, the Manual of the Sword, and other instructions.

All requests for clarification, instruction or other were referred to the Grand Custodian of the North or South and were handled appropriately. The continued success of our tactics and ritual will only be furthered with the assistance of all Sir Knights and the renewed interest in the informed instruction of our forms and ceremonies.

Sir Knights: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; and William Grist

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Annual Triennial is a great opportunity for our Grand Commandery to share in the future of Grand Encampment.

This will be my 11th Triennial to attend, made many friends and enjoyed their activities.

I am very thankful to the members of the Grand Commandery of Georgia for all the support and opportunities given to Nancy and me as we served as your representative.

Please read the agenda of the Triennial and I hope you will decide to go and enjoy the activities and the beautiful city of Salt Lake City.

Triennial committee: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; and Tommy T. Marshall

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Doyle R. Hatfield

And all Sir Knights of Georgia

And those of Sister Jurisdictions who have

Departed this life during the past

Templar Year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

Tyler W. Pledger (29)	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Raymond G. Laird (25)	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
William W. Grist (37)	Eminent Grand Captain General
Ryan C. Nealey (9)	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Michael H. Sampsell (26)	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Donald C. Combs (7)	Eminent Grand Prelate
Wade C. Smith (37)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (31)	Eminent Grand Recorder
Alessandro V. Silva (9)	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
William T. White (37)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
John T. Flener, Jr. (42)	Eminent Grand Warder

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: Thomas J. Rogers (29), Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Tracy D. Wright (29), Eminent Grand Sentinel; and William B. Rigsby (29), Eminent Grand Adjutant.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed on Saturday, May 4, 2024 by Most Worshipful Brother C. Danny Wofford.

2024-2025 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; John C. Miller; John E. Finch, Jr.

Memorial: Donald C. Combs; Lamar Richards; Wiley Gammon

Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; F. Andrew Lane; Daniel C. Ricketts; Tommy T. Marshall

Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins; Matthew Sanford

Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; Tommy T. Marshall

Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair; Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens; Tommy T. Marshall

Relief: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith; Tommy T. Marshall

KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: William T. White, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Michael H. Sampsell

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

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

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

Easter Sunrise Service: Whitey White, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Judd Wolfe

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

Floyd E. Edmondson
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;
 Tyler W. Pledger
Membership: James R. Harris, Sr., Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; T. Matthew Sanford;
 Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey; Floyd E. Edmondson
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
 Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;
 William W. Grist
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
 Timothy K. Starling; William E. Cantrell; T. Matthew Sanford
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
 John E. Finch; John T. Flener, Jr.
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
 Richard J. Hallwood; Thomas J. Chapman
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Richard T. Petersen; Mark A. Bradley
Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle;
 William F. Shepard
Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; James D. Arnold
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel C. Ricketts;
 South: Tommy T. Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
 Peter D. Bard; C. Hendry Howard
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
 FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
 TYLER W. PLEDGER
 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 2024-2025 Grand Commandery
 Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps.
 The two Corps shall have three Divisions. The First Corps containing Divisions
 One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five,
 and Six.

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

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

Division One: The Grand Warder, John T. Flener

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, William T. White

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, Alessandro V. Silva

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, Michael H. Sampsell

Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, Ryan C. Nealey

Division Six: The Grand Captain General, William W. Grist

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

FIRST CORPS: Daniel C. Ricketts (26)

FIRST DIVISION: John T. Flener, Jr. (42)

Division Officers: **Bruce D. Mann (17); Howard L. Maddox (42)**

Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge); Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville); St. Paul No. 5 (Albany)

SECOND DIVISION: William T. White (37)

Division Officers: **James D. Reese (7); Robert A. Brooks (7);**

James R. Bennett (36)

Palestine No. 7 (Savannah); St. Elmo No. 21 (Brunswick); Malta No. 16 (Valdosta); Waycross No. 36 (Waycross); Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)

THIRD DIVISION: Alessandro V. Silva (9)

Division Officers: **Jerry H. Purvis (2); Roger W. Buterbaugh (3)**

St. Omer No. 2 (Macon); Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville); St. Peter No. 45 (Warner Robins); Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley); St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus); Ft. Benning No. 73 (Columbus)

SECOND CORPS: Raymond G. Laird (25)

FOURTH DIVISION: Michael H. Sampsell (26)

Division Officers: **Jeffery F. Hightower (35); Eric S. Tress (40);**

P. Brian Kelley (38)

Constantine No. 26 (Marietta); Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville); Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park); Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta); Dekalb No. 38 (Decatur); Tancred No. 11 (Newnan); Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy); Griffin No. 35 (Griffin)

FIFTH DIVISION: Ryan C. Nealey (9)

Division Officers: **Brandon P. Simmons (37); Jimmy L. Densmore (19)**

Blue Ridge Mtn. No. 37 (McCaysville); Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper); Rome No. 8 (Rome); St. John's No. 19 (Dalton); Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga)

SIXTH DIVISION: William W. Grist (37)

Division Officers: **Dale B. Cliett (1); William E. Adams, Jr. (25)**

Philemon No. 33 (Toccoa); Arnold de Troye No. 31 (Buford); Pilgrim No. 15 (Gainesville); Georgia No. 1 (Augusta); Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 (Elberton); St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington)

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Grand Commandery Officers, exclusive of the Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Adjutant, and Grand Sentinel will submit to the Grand Recorder's office an annual report of all visitations made and activities engaged upon for the Grand Commandery no later than April 15, 2025.

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, assist the Division Commander in coordinating the Annual Inspections 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, 2025. Each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on a date and time selected by the Eminent Commander, for the purpose of participating in their Annual Tactics Inspection. This Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction and shall include a full uniform Tactics Inspection by their assigned Grand Liaison Officer, serving as the Grand Inspecting Officer. 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. The assigned Grand Liaison Officer shall submit to the Grand Recorder a full report of the Tactics Inspection within ten (10) days of said inspection using the 2024-25 Commandery Tactics Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Divisional Conclave Date and at the assigned time, for the purpose of participating in their respective Annual Divisional Conclave. The Divisional Conclave shall include a Tactics and Ritual School of Instruction facilitated by the appropriate Grand Commandery Custodians. Also at the Annual Divisional Conclave, each Recorder shall furnish their assigned Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Administrative Inspection Form. The completed Administrative Inspection Form shall then be forwarded to the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after said Administrative Inspection. All assigned Grand Inspecting Officers MUST use the current Administrative 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 shall verify if either method is in order.

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

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 Knights 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 partner with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. Our goal is for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2025.

FUNDRAISERS

I encourage every Commandery to hold at least one fundraiser per year to support the programs of the Commandery 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.

Respectfully ordered on this the 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 2024.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

Tyler W. Pledger
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

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

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder



Tyler W. Pledger
Grand Commander

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

The 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:

Jan M. Giddens (26)
William F. Shepard (21)

Knight Crusader of the East
Knight Crusader of the West

Tommy T. Marshall (36)
Raymond G. Laird (25)
Tyler W. Pledger (29)
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)
Jack J. Bell (9)
Mark A. Bradley (31)

Knight Crusader of the South
Knight Crusader of the North
Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Knight Crusader of the Temple
Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)
2007 Joe E. Turner (35)
2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)
2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
2015 C. Danny Wofford (31)
2016 Paul E. Wells (3)

2017 Mark S. Johnson (22)
2018 James E. Stevens (21)
2019 Mark A. Bradley (31)
2020 Mark A. Bradley (31)
2022 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
2023 Floyd E. Edmondson (41)

CONFERRAL TEAM

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
Ryan C. Nealey (9)
Mark S. Johnson (22)
Jan M. Giddens (04)
Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
Tommy T. Marshall (36)
James E. Stevens (21)

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

CANDIDATES

Il Poong Chi (9)
Joe Colvard (14)
Baron L. Conklin (73)
Jimmy L. Densmore (19)
Tony N. Dickerson (14)
Arthur D. Dickerson (G01)
Andrew D. Dickerson (G01)
Christopher D. Gabor (21)

Willis C. Hunter (21)
Patrick B. Kelley (38)
Stephen C. Kimbro (38)
Tracy W. Lemasters (45)
Samuel K. Lowder (22)
Harry E. Ross (73)
Charles R. Spray (16)
Richard Tanner (37)

2024-2025 OFFICERS

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

William F. Shepard (21)
Tommy T. Marshall (36)
Raymond G. Laird (25)
Tyler W. Pledger (29)
Daniel C. Ricketts (26)
Jack J. Bell (9)
Ryan C. Nealey (9)
Mark A. Bradley (31)

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

The Officers were installed by Eminent Sir Knight Floyd E. Edmondson.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

William F. Shepard
Knight Crusader of the East

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

On Friday, May 3, 2024, a banquet was held at Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2023-2024 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Commandery awards were presented:

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Ditmar W. Chavez and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Joy Wolfe and Lady Bobbie Chavez.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Ditmar W. Chavez and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knight Robert C. Lord, Sir Knight Ditmar W. Chavez, and Sir Knight Larry Thomas Croy.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Ditmar W. Chavez, REG Recorder Lawrence Tucker, and RE Department Commander Robert W. Waldron, Sr. presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

REG Recorder Lawrence Tucker presented REGC Ditmar W. Chavez with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of Grand Encampment.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
*1965	Preston Y. Luther (2)	*1996	Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
*1966	Ira R. Huffaker (4)	1997	Gary D. Lemmons (19)
*1967	William M. Drinnon (2)	*1998	Bobby L. Massey (41)
*1968	Graydon W. Kitchens (4)	*1999	Otis Medley (2)
*1999	Otis Medley (02)	*2000	Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
*1970	T. Malcolm Gray (24)	2001	Wallace D. Mays (5)
*1971	Ross F. Mainor (2)	2001	Robert L. Gill (36)
*1972	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	2002	Austin E. Pearce (21)
1973	Dannie L. Reed (35)	*2003	James E. Miller (3)
*1974	Joel M. Hammond (24)	*2004	Carl W. Dohn (2) **
*1975	George H. Balentine (33)	2005	Emory L. Morris (29)
*1976	Aaron E. Cole (26)	*2006	R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
*1977	George C. King (5)	**2007	Craig A. Haggas (3)
*1978	Dave H. Keever (31)	2008	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
*1979	S. Talmadge Lord (8)	2009	John T. Holt (9)
*1980	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	*2010	James T. Farmer (35)
*1981	Fernor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)	2011	Robert W. Tidwell (4)
*1982	Jack O. Smith (41)	2012	Mark S. Johnson (35)
*1983	William M. Hutcheson (4)	2013	Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
*1984	Rufus R. White (19)	2014	Mark A. Bradley (31)
*1985	J. Sheffield Thompson (40)	2015	William F. Shepard (21)
*1986	Virlyn Y. Jones (14)	2016	James W. Tate (3)
1987	C. Danny Wofford (31)	2017	John I. Haggas (3)
*1988	H. Clayton Garrett (15)	2018	Raymond G. Laird (25)
*1989	Ottis. B. Turner (35)	2019	William R. Kayma (9)
*1990	Lewis H. Keith (9)	*2020	James C. Huffman, III (10)
*1991	Walter A. Walker (2)	2021	Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
*1992	J. Walter Cowart (7)	2022	Gary A. Palmer (4)
*1993	John S. Perry (4)	2023	Joey D. Crews (36)
1994	A. Wayne Norton (33)	2024	Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (3)
*1995	Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)		

* Indicates death ** Indicates demitted

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. Folendore, 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 Johnnie 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 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
 5-7-18 Jerry D. Moss (38)
 5-7-19 Brit T. Massey (41)
 5-7-19 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 5-7-19 Roy H. Miller, Jr. (10)
 5-7-19 Bruce H. McNall (7)
 5-7-19 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (14)

5-30-20 Tommy T. Marshall (36)
 5-30-20 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 *5-15-21 Carl J. Gamel (40)
 5-15-21 Emmet R. McCall, Sr. (40)
 5-14-22 Lanier S. Dasher, Jr. (4)
 5-14-22 Kevin R. Deverell (19)
 5-14-22 Michael L. Hamlin (2)
 5-14-22 James D. Reese (7)
 5-6-23 Jerry H. Purvis, Jr. (2)
 5-3-24 Bobby C. Lord (2)
 5-3-24 Ditmar W. Chavez (3)
 5-3-24 Larry T. Croy (22)

* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Dimit

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
 2020 Barbara Tate
 2020 Charlene Huffman
 2021 Halli Stevens
 2021 Lorene Carter
 2021 Karen Johnson
 2022 Carole Odom
 2022 Faye Phillips
 *2022 Betty Beasley
 2022 Sheila Hensley
 2023 Brenda Marshall
 2023 Barbara Bozeman
 2023 Betty Holcomb
 2024 Joy Wolfe
 2024 Bobbie Chavez

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2021-2024

David J. Kussman
 Jeffrey A. Bolstad
 Jack M. Harper
 David W. Studley
 Bobby B. Simmons
 Lawrence E. Tucker
 Robert W. Waldron

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

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

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

1896	William H. Fleming (1)	06/09/1944	1966	James E. Moseley (35)	02-10-2017
1897	Charles M. Wiley (2)	02/25/1927	1967	Douglas H. Tidwell (4)	10/30/1969
1898	Almeron W. Walton (8)	10/28/1929	1968	William J. Mobley (7)	07/21/1981
1899	Julius L. Brown (4)	09/04/1910	1969	Thomas J. Jones (14)	08/06/1976
1900	Thomas E. Fletcher, Sr. (6)	01/07/1925	1970	Shepherd G. Pryor, III (9)	05/07/2003
1901	Ernest A. Cutts (7)	03/02/1927	1971	Chester M. Cameron Sr. (16)	03/01/1983
1902	Frank O. Miller (10)	03/17/1937	1972	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (20)	04/07/2000
1903	George B. Whiteside (3)	03/10/1920	1973	James W. Register (3)	04/24/1999
1904	William Schweigert (1)	10/24/1939	1974	George E. Jones (10)	08/27/1993
1905	Robert B. Barron (2)	10/02/1915	1975	Clinton O. Morris (38)	04/07/1990
1906	John J. Seay (8)	08/17/1916	1976	Charles R. McCord, Jr. (2)	06/12/1978
1907	John R. Dickey (9)	06/14/1939	1976	Smith W. Brown [Hon] (2)	10/14/1981
1908	Luther P. Stephens (4)	03/18/1925	1976	Joseph C. Billingsley (2)	06/28/2006
1909	Alpheus B. Simmons (7)	02/11/1915	1977	William J. Clarke (31)	09/22/1993
1910	Joseph C. Greenfield (9)	12/20/1920	1978	Joseph R. Richardson (8)	01/27/1990
1911	George D. Case (12)	06/12/1922	1979	Ralph C. James [Hon] (14)	06/14/1989
1912	Frederick T. Petri (3)	07/26/1928	1979	John M. McClurd, Sr. (21)	04/17/2001
1913	Augustus G. Miller (5)	07/13/1931	1980	George C. Rogers (26)	12/21/1989
1914	William F. Bowe (G01)	08/25/1932	1981	Jack Cluck (G01)	04/15/2002
1915	Benjamin F. Hardeman (14)	08/31/1924	1982	Willie P. Hammond (35)	09/01/2011
1916	Robert L. Wyly (17)	06/03/1944	1983	George M. Davenport, Jr. (5)	09/01/2005
1917	John W. Murrell (4)	01/14/1959	1984	*Robert E. Hughes (24)	(Susp. 12/2001)
1918	Frederick W. Clarke (7)	10/20/1934	1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14)	(Susp. 6/2008)
1919	Alva C. Atkins, Sr. (13)	05/02/1933	1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	09/11/2019
1920	James C. Watts (8)	02/03/1931	1987	Edward Helton (15)	08/22/2021
1921	Charles A. McAlister (2)	12/15/1951	1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999
1922	Thomas D. Ridley (19)	07/24/1934	1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014
1923	William G. Mealor (15)	10/12/1953	1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993
1924	Harry S. Jones (12)	03/27/1945	1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007
1925	Perry L. Blackshear (9)	07/22/1974	1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992
1926	John B. Russell (20)	01/20/1955	1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009
1927	Edward B. Cohen (14)	02/24/1937	1992	William M. Roach Sr. (21)	10/21/1999
1928	Charles S. Wood (7)	02/16/1941	1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010
1929	Charles L. Bailey (G01)	02/26/1945	1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)	10/09/2019
1930	Early H. Johnson (3)	09/06/1947	1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995
1931	Thomas C. Law (4)	05/04/1962	1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010
1932	Lunie J. Brock (23)	03/28/1968	1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009
1933	Ralph J. Hancock (26)	06/18/1937	1996	James B. Phillips (19)	
1934	William J. Penn, Jr. (24)	07/30/1959	1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	11/11/2017
1935	Edgar D. Kenyon (15)	11/07/1981	1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)	
1936	Charles R. McCord, Sr. (2)	03/22/1938	1999	Clarence E. Horne (4)	10/05/2018
1937	Francis C. Jones (30)	02/09/1942	2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007
1938	James C. Newton (22)	06/06/1970	2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007
1939	Watts B. Powell, Sr. (13)	11/12/1945	2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	02/20/2021
1940	John P. Stephens (G01)	02/19/1976	2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002
1941	Frank B. Willingham (6)	06/12/1955	2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014
1942	Bolling S. DuBose (14)	11/06/1973	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1943	Walter F. Wells, Sr. (4)	11/07/1947	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	
1944	Joseph A. Moore (12)	09/04/1972	2005	Charles B. Stephens (26)	(Resigned)
1945	David L. Paulk, Sr. (20)	04/22/1979	2006	Ernest A. Forthman (24)	12/09/2008
1946	Lawrence C. Petri (3)	11/05/1977	2007	Paul E. Wells (3)	
1947	William A. Sims (9)	11/24/1952	2008	Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)	10/26/2011
1948	Arthur W. Goodin (16)	12/21/1975	2009	Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)	
1949	Samuel M. Alsup (27)	05/10/1977	2010	Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)	
1950	William S. Ray (7)	06/04/1966	2010	Charles M. Ellis (29)	
1951	Charles W. Pidcock, Jr. (28)	01/16/1961	2011	James E. Stevens (21)	
1952	Walter M. Housch (29)	12/23/1965	2012	Johnnie M. Garmon (37)	
1953	David W. Wells (10)	03/04/1973	2013	C. Danny Wofford (31)	
1954	Joseph W. Neal (3)	11/19/1960	2014	Terry L. Hensley (26)	
1955	James R. Belflower, Sr. (20)	10/07/1981	2015	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	
1956	Lee A. Green (4)	04/13/1984	2015	Joe E. Turner (35)	
1957	Cody O. James (31)	06/08/1965	2016	Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	09/13/2013
1958	Ernmett A. Rogers (12)	06/24/2001	2017	Drewey W. Hendry (25)	02/02/2021
1959	William A. Patat (33)	12/10/1977	2018	Steve A. Kirk (41)	10/17/2019
1960	William C. Sanders (13)	07/25/1985	2019	Robert W. Waldron (25)	
1961	Carl F. Lester, Jr. (9)	02/04/1996	2019	Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	(Suspended)
1962	William T. Bateman (10)	07/19/1964	2020	Mark S. Johnson (22)	
1963	Floyd L. Reynolds (34)	01/20/1969	2021	Carl J. Gamel (40)	12/22/2022
1964	Lonzo Pope (24)	06/23/1991	2022	Tommy T. Marshall (36)	
1965	James C. Slaughter (21)	09/10/1977	2023	Ditmar W. Chavez (3)	

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

1. **Georgia:** Arthur Dickerson
2. **St. Omer:** Matthew Astin; Michael L. Hamlin; Bobby B. Simmons; Jerry Purvis
3. **St. Aldemar:** Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; Timothy K. Starling; Ditmar W. Chavez
4. **Coeur de Lion:** No Representation
5. **St. Paul:** No Representation
7. **Palestine:** Roger W. Coursey; Joey E. Jackson; Clyde E. Griffin; Ronald B. Wolbert; Bruce McNall; Robert Brooks
8. **Rome:** Walter D. Waddell, Jr.; John M. Tripp
9. **Atlanta:** Alessandro V. Silva; Ryan C. Nealey; Jack J. Bell
10. **Ivanhoe:** Tracy W. Lemasters
11. **Tancred:** No Representation
12. **Plantagenet:** No Representation
14. **Godfrey de Bouillon:** Charles D. Humphrey; Walter McCannon
15. **Pilgrim:** Michael L. Wolcott
16. **Malta:** No Representation
17. **Crusader:** No Representation
19. **St. John's:** James B. Phillips
21. **St. Elmo:** Thomas J. Chapman; Richard J. Corwin, Jr.; James E. Stevens; William F. Shepard; Charles Taylor; Willis Hunter
22. **Alexius:** Mark S. Johnson; Larry T. Croy; Joe E. Turner; Monte McDonald
25. **St. Bernard:** Benjamin W. Polston, II; William M. Jones
26. **Constantine:** James W. Bard;
- Daniel C. Ricketts; Michael H. Sampsell; Robert R. Cordle; John C. Miller; Peter D. Bard; Jan M. Giddens; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
29. **Charles Martel:** Tyler W. Pledger; Thomas J. Rogers; Tracy D. Wright
30. **Bethlehem:** Bruce Fykes
31. **Arnold de Troye:** Joe R. Bush; Judd J. Wolfe; Mark A. Bradley; C. Danny Wofford; Wiley Q. Forrester; Michael Etheridge
33. **Philemon:** Michael R. Sosebee
35. **Griffin:** Joe E. Turner; Jeffery Hightower
36. **Waycross:** C. Hendry Howard, Jr.; Tommy T. Marshall; James R. Bennett; Matthew Sanford
37. **Blue Ridge Mountain:** William T. White; Floyd E. Edmondson; Wade C. Smith; William W. Grist; Johnie M. Garmon; Brandon P. Simmons
38. **DeKalb:** Wiley A. Gammon, Jr.; Eric Howell; Steve Kimbro
40. **Douglasville:** Eric S. Tress; Lloyd Lane
41. **Amicalola:** Keith Hales; James R. Harris, Sr.; Stephen C. Higgins; James Blalock; Steve Harris; Edgar M. Land; James T. Ingram
42. **Coastal Plain:** Howard L. Maddox; John H. Johnson; Jeremy Hobbs; Tony D. Morris
45. **St. Peter:** No Representation
73. **Ft. Benning:** Baron L. Conklin

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. **Georgia:** Andrew D. Dickerson
2. **St. Omer:** Matthew Astin
3. **St. Aldemar:** Jonas Barlow
4. **Coeur De Lion:** No Representation
5. **St. Paul:** No Representation
7. **Palestine:** Robert Brooks
8. **Rome:** John M. Tripp
9. **Atlanta:** William R. Carver, Jr.
10. **Ivanhoe:** Tracy W. Lemasters
11. **Tancred:** No Representation
12. **Plantagenet:** No Representation
14. **Godfrey De Bouillon:** Walter McCannon
15. **Pilgrim:** Michael L. Wolcott
16. **Malta:** Charlie R. Spray
17. **Crusader:** No Representation
19. **St. John's:** James B. Phillips
21. **St. Elmo:** Christopher D. Gabor;
- Brandon Jones
22. **Alexius:** Samuel K. Lowder
25. **St. Bernard:** William B. Dobbs, II
26. **Constantine:** John E. Finch, Jr.
29. **Charles Martel:** Micajah Gary
30. **Bethlehem:** Forrest Cowart
31. **Arnold De Troye:** Bill Garrison
33. **Philemon:** Michael R. Sosebee
35. **Griffin:** Joe E. Turner
36. **Waycross:** C. Hendry Howard, Jr.
37. **Blue Ridge Mountain:** Richard L. Tanner
38. **Dekalb:** Steve Kimbro
40. **Douglasville:** Eric S. Tress; Lloyd Lane
41. **Amicalola:** Nathan Wade
42. **Coastal Plain:** John H. Johnson
45. **St. Peter:** No Representation
- 73 **Ft. Benning:** Baron L. Conklin

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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 2024

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2024 + 4000 = 6024$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2024 + 530 = 2554$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2024 + 1913 = 3937$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2024 + 1000 = 3024$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2024 - 1118 = 906$

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

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
CONSOLIDATED**

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 190,547.29
Investments, at cost	<u>586,332.37</u>
Total current assets	776,879.66

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	232,811.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(28,729.69)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>204,082.23</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 980,961.89</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payroll taxes payable	\$ <u>3,670.74</u>
Total current liabilities	3,670.74

NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions	971,873.86
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>5,417.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>977,291.15</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 980,961.89</u>
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GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 15,302.04
Per capita income	187,388.78
Rituals and miscellaneous income	23,273.92
Other income	27,194.27
Building income	0.00
Interest income	121.27
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	10,753.34
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>1,284.01</u>
Net support and revenue	265,317.63
Total unrestricted support, revenue	

and net assets released from donor restrictions	265,317.63
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	5,420.09
Awards	500.00
Conference expense	12,882.67
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	3,330.00
Entertainment – distinguished guests	2,419.60
Grand Recorder	8,920.70
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Investment fee	5,361.50
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	200.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	714.82
Travel	3,262.29
Triennial	<u>800.00</u>
Total program expenses	47,111.67
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	86,886.93
Advertising	100.00
Charitable contributions	530.00
Depreciation expense	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Insurance – Liability	11,695.32
Management fee-payroll and taxes	54,022.99
Office supplies and expense	11,890.00
Postage	1,922.89
Printing	5,455.87
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	0.00
Stationary and supplies expense	0.00
Telephone	2,363.17
Utilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	186,676.51
Total expenses	<u>233,788.18</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	31,529.45
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>517,934.02</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 549,463.47</u>

BUILDING FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Other income	\$ 1,100.00
Building income	<u>59,864.00</u>
Net support and revenue	60,964.00
Total unrestricted support, revenue	

and net assets released from donor restrictions	60,964.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Depreciation expense	5,820.30
Insurance	5,067.39
Office supplies and expense	269.97
Repairs and maintenance	17,666.33
Stationery and supplies expense	2,238.14
Utilities	<u>12,998.87</u>
Total management and general expenses	44,061.00
Total expenses	<u>44,061.00</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	16,903.00
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>410,924.18</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 427,827.18</u>

CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended
December 21, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 15,302.04
Per capita income	187,388.78
Rituals and miscellaneous income	23,273.92
Other income	28,294.77
Building income	59,864.00
Interest income	121.27
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	10,753.34
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>1,284.01</u>
Net support and revenue	326,282.13
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	326,282.13
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative expense	5,420.09
Awards	500.00
Conference expense	12,882.67
DeMolay	100.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	3,330.00
Entertainment – distinguished guests	2,419.60
Grand Recorder	8,920.70
Grand Treasurer expense	3,000.00
Investment fee	5,361.50
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	200.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	714.82
Travel	3,262.29
Travel	<u>800.00</u>
Total program expenses	47,111.67

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES

Salaries	86,886.93
Advertising	100.00
Charitable contributions	530.00
Depreciation expense	5,820.30
Insurance	5,067.39
Insurance – Liability	5,067.39
Management fee-payroll and taxes	54,022.99
Office supplies and expense	12,079.31
Postage	1,922.89
Printing	5,455.87
Rent	11,890.00
Repairs and maintenance	17,666.33
Stationery and supplies expense	2,238.14
Telephone	2,363.17
Utilities	<u>12,998.87</u>
Total management and general expenses	230,737.51
Total expenses	<u>277,849.18</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	48,432.95
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>928,858.20</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 977,291.15</u>

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31, 2023

ASSETS**CURRENT ASSETS**

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 8,891.72
Wells Fargo-investments, at cost	<u>52,983.06</u>
Total current assets	<u>61,874.78</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 61,874.78</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**NET ASSETS**

Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>61,874.78</u>
Total net assets	<u>61,874.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 61,874.78</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

Dividend income	\$ 1,168.87
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	3,043.23
Per capita income	51,066.12
Rituals and miscellaneous income	2,087.00
Interest income	<u>26.28</u>
Net support and revenue	57,391.50

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	1,209.62
Conference expense	300.00

DeMolay	100.00
Dues-General Grand Council	34,235.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Other charitable donations	100.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rent	8,776.00
Rituals and other printed material	512.10
Travel	333.01
Triennial	<u>800.00</u>
Total program expenses	46,565.73
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Investment fee	<u>367.57</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>367.57</u>
Total expenses	<u>46,565.73</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	10,458.20
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>51,416.58</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 61,874.78</u>

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

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 18,907.28
Investments, at cost	<u>455,402.33</u>
Total current assets	474,309.61
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,063.37)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>20,956.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 495,266.19</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>495,266.19</u>
Total net assets	<u>495,266.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 495,266.19</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 11,776.35
Long-term capital gain distributions	1,681.42
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(3,843.60)
Per capita income	64,285.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>2,123.00</u>
Net support and revenue	76,022.17
PROGRAM EXPENSES	

Awards	1,862.12
Conference expense	900.00
DeMolay	100.00
Grand Encampment per capita expense	16,575.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	100.00
Other charitable donations	250.00
Rainbow	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	1,456.15
Travel	<u>2,852.95</u>
Total program expenses	24,196.22
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	3,577.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	36,939.00
Rent	<u>7,644.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>48,860.50</u>
Total expenses	<u>73,056.72</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2,965.45
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>492,300.74</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 495,266.19</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2023
ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>650,458.63</u>
Total current assets	<u>650,458.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 650,458.63</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ <u>650,458.63</u>
Total net assets	<u>650,458.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 650,458.63</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 20,975.33
Long-term capital gain distributions	2,977.71
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(5,877.18)
Contributions	25,600.57
Other income	<u>27,437.94</u>
Net support and revenue	71,114.37
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>43,690.00</u>

Total program expenses	43,690.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fee	<u>6,356.57</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>6,356.57</u>
Total expenses	<u>50,046.57</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	21,067.80
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>629,390.83</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 650,458.63</u>

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

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 4,131.56
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>3,466,480.95</u>
Total current assets	3,470,612.51
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Equipment	<u>8,511.17</u>
Net property and equipment	8,511.17
OTHER ASSETS	
Note receivable-Grand Chapter of GA	<u>60,000.00</u>
Total other assets	<u>60,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,539,123.68</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payable to GA Division	\$ <u>139.05</u>
Total current liabilities	139.05
NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>3,538,984.63</u>
Total net assets	3,538,984.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,539,123.68</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 92,435.63
Interest income	4,825.00
Long-term capital gain distributions	6,254.95
Other income	5,000.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>167,474.93</u>
Net support and revenue	275,990.51
Restrictions satisfied by payments	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>10,026.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	286,016.51

PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	20,000.00
Honorariums	111,750.00
Ministerial grants	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	148,750.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Bank service charges	59.00
Investment fees	<u>31,336.75</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>31,395.75</u>
Total expenses	<u>180,145.75</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	105,870.76
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
Holyland Pilgrimage	10,026.00
Net assets released from donor Restrictions	(10,026.00)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	0.00
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	105,870.76
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,433,113.87</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,538,984.63</u>