

2023 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 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 6, 2023. 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 C. Hendry Howard lit the red candle in remembrance of those Chapter Companions who have crossed over the River Jordan. Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert R. Cordle lit the purple candle in remembrance of the Council Companions who have ascended to be with the Holy Father. And Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy T. Marshall 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:

HENRY GRADY KEITH

MARCH 5, 1934 – MAY 28, 2022

Born on March 5, 1934, at Atlanta in Fulton County, Georgia one of six brothers and a sister, two brothers of whom died in their early years. Educated in the Atlanta Public Schools; graduated Fulton High School in 1952; graduated Georgia Institute of Technology in 1956 with degree of Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (with Honor); graduated Georgia Institute of Technology in 1960 with the degree of Master of Science in Engineering Mechanics; graduated Georgia Institute of Technology in 1965 with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering. His doctoral thesis was "Laminar Forced Convection under the Influence of a Resonant Acoustic Field".

Employed by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Georgia Division (now Known as the Lockheed –Martin Company) from June 1956 through March 1970 except for two brief interludes (one for 6 months active duty in the United States Air Force in 1957 and one leave of absence to satisfy the residency requirements for the Doctoral program at Georgia Tech).

Grady was employed by National Data Corporation from April 1971 to March 1983 and from 1985 to March 8, 1996, when he took an early retirement at age 62. During the two years from March 1983 to March 1985, he was employed by Sun Electric Corporation, located in Crystal Lake, Illinois as a technical advisor to the programming and sales staffs for a computer-based service station management system. Before he went to Sun Electric, he was serving as manager of the Advanced Systems Group with particular responsibility for all computer-to-computer interfaces between, the NDC computer and many banks throughout the United States and several Point-of- sale terminal systems. After he returned to National Data Corporation, he was responsible for NDC's Audio Response Systems utilized in the credit card authorization system, cash management functions, health care and other systems.

Grady received the Entered Apprentice degree on July 18, 1955; Fellowcraft degree on August 5, 1955; and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 19, 1955, all in Lakewood lodge No. 443. Served as Worshipful Master in 1967. Served as Worshipful Master of the Fifth District Masonic Convention in 1981. He demitted from Lakewood Lodge No. 443 on July 18, 1997, and affiliated with Palestine Lodge No. 486 on the same date.

Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason on September 23, 1955 in Lakewood Chapter No. 27. Served as High Priest in 1965. Received Order of High Priesthood on April 20 1965 and served as Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1977. Elected as Grand Master of the First Veil of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons on April 19, 1972 and became Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1978, serving with distinction. He also served as president of the Greater Atlanta

York Rite Festival in 1986 and hosted the very successful General Grand Officers Class that drew visitors from all over the country.

He served as General Grand Chapter Custodian of Work for three triennials (9 years), ending in 1990, and then served an additional three triennials (9 years) as General Grand Chapter Chairman of the Ritual Committee. The Committee on Work and Committee on Ritual were split in 1990. He demitted To Mt. Zion Chapter No. 16 on November 21, 1994.

Greeted as a Select Master on October 11, 1955 in Lakewood Council No. 10. Served as Illustrious Master in 1965 and 1982. Received the order of Silver Trowel on April 20, 1965. He served as Illustrious Master of the Fifth District Council Convention in 1977. He demitted To Jason Burr Council No. 13 on February 1, 1995.

He received all three orders of Knighthood on October 22, 1955 in Atlanta Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. Served as Eminent Commander in 1968-69 and beginning in 1971, served several years as Recorder. Grady received his sixty-five-year membership awards in the chapter, council and commandery on April 30, 2021.

He was invited to membership in Cherokee Rose Priory #56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour on April 29, 1969. He served as Registrar from 1971 to 1975 and as Prior in 1979.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on February 27, 1976 in the Jack Isenberg, 33° Bicentennial Class. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 19, 1981. He demitted from the Scottish Rite on December 20, 2007.

He received the degree of the order of Eastern Star on October 5, 1967 in Lakewood Chapter No. 162. Served as Worthy Patron in 1969-70. Received his fifty-year award on November 21, 2019.

Other masonically related memberships include: Royal Order of Scotland, St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, (4-2-1977) serving as Sovereign in 1992, The Philalethes Society, Upper Room Tabernacle No. 45, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, (12-1-1973) where he served as Preceptor in 1984. He demitted from Upper Room Tabernacle NO. 45 on April 17, 2010, and affiliated with Fidelitas Tabernacle No. 77 on that date.

He became a member of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta in 1968 and taught Sunday School Class (10th grade Boys) for six Years. He moved his membership to Chattahoochee Baptist Church in Marietta, in the 1980's where he was ordained as a Deacon on June 16, 1985. He also taught an adult Sunday School class for about 11 years and served as Church Treasurer for five years.

Grady laid aside his "redbook" on May 28, 2022 and is buried in Georgia Memorial Park Cemetery on Cobb Parkway in Atlanta. I was asked to be a pallbearer at the funeral and was happy but sad to be able to do so. We first met about 1982 at the Grand Chapter session and I was in awe of him then because he was a General Grand Chapter officer and he would be downstairs typing the proceedings while the meeting was upstairs. He was Mr. Royal Arch Mason! He is survived by his wife Sherri whom he married on December 27, 1963, and one son, Grady, Jr. This marriage was also blessed with one daughter Lynn, who died on October 13, 1983 at the age of thirteen.

FOUR BROTHERS: Paul, Albert, Lewis, and Grady, all members and Past Masters of Lakewood Lodge No. 443, all members and Past High Priests of Lakewood Chapter No. 27, all members and Past Illustrious Masters of

Lakewood Council No. 10, all members of Atlanta Commandery No. 9, and all members of Lakewood Chapter No. 162, Order of the Eastern Star. They were honored by the Fifth District York Rite Festival with a class named in their honor in May 1978. Now, all gone!!!!!!

CARL JOHN GAMEL

JULY 5, 1949 – DECEMBER 22, 2022

On December 22, 2022, Dallas, Georgia and the Northwest Georgia area lost one of its most dedicated and most active masons, a Twenty-five-year member of the fraternity. Brother Carl John Gamel passed the final veil and completed his masonic pilgrimage. I knew Carl for the entire length of my masonic tenure – which is 11 years and counting now. Carl was one of my masonic mentors from the time I was made a Master Mason in Draketown Lodge No. 252 in 2011. Carl and I had many “colorful” discussions over the years, and he was my York Rite mentor from the very start. Brother Carl was a mason’s mason. Always present and more than willing to help anyone anytime - while never looking for fanfare or accolades of any sort. His masonic obligation was the oath he lived by inside and outside the lodge room.

Now, Carl is unable to answer the roll call and I have been asked, and I am honored, to do that sad duty. It is all our hope that Carl is in a much better Place, where there are no more cancer and other illnesses for him to bear. May he forever rest in the Light and Comfort of the Almighty One. Amen.

Carl was born at Fort Meade, Maryland into a military family. His family would later live in Germany and other places – wherever his father was stationed. Carl attended schools both in Germany as well as Dallas High School in Paulding County. After graduating from high school, Carl served in the Armed Forces in the U.S. Army for over 20 years. After Carl’s love of God and family, the US Army followed, and masonry followed closely behind. Carl served in the US Army Transportation Corps driving trucks and other large equipment. He served multiple tours during the Vietnam war. After being discharged, Carl returned to driving transfer trucks for various businesses (including traveling rodeos – Carl was especially fond of the sport of all things rodeo). Carl finished his years of employment with, and retired from, the Paulding County School District as a school bus driver. Those children on his bus routes were so very special to Carl. So much so, that the very last conversation I had with Carl – two days before he passed – was about his concerns that someone needs to now take care of “his kids.” Knowing that Carl had no children of his own, he caught me off guard with this command, but the cancer had reached his brain by that point and “his kids” from the school bus were the very most important thing on his mind then. I set Carl at ease by letting him know that the school district had other drivers covering for him while he was in the hospital. Carl lived to care for others – especially children.

Carl began his Masonic pilgrimage on August 16, 1997, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Beulah Lodge No. 698 outside of Rockmart, Georgia within Paulding County. He served as Master of Beulah lodge in 2001 and served as Director of Work and Ambassador to the Children’s Home over the years.

Brother Carl affiliated with William G. England Daylight Lodge No. 747 as a dual member on May 1, 2007, and served as Master in 2008. Carl served as Treasurer of the lodge from December 4, 2018, until his death. He affiliated as a dual member with Paulding County Daylight Lodge No. 759 (inactive) on October

28, 2008, and served as Master of that lodge in 2010. Carl was also a member of 7th District Trial Commission Committee from 2018 to 2019.

Brother Carl became a Royal Arch Mason in Dallas Chapter No. 142 on August 21, 2001, and served as High Priest in 2006, 2012 and from 2018 until his death in 2022. He affiliated with Douglasville Chapter No. 50 on December 16, 2010 and served as High Priest in 2013, 2014 and 2017. He served as High Priest of the Seventh District Royal Arch Convention as well as the Fifth District Royal Arch Convention.

Companion Carl was greeted in Douglasville Council No. 37 on September 20, 2001, and served as Illustrious Master in 2006, 2016 and 2017. He affiliated with Western Council No. 29 in Dallas, Georgia on February 13, 2007, and served as Illustrious Master in 2013, 2015, and from 2018 until his death in 2022. He served as Illustrious Master of the Seventh District Council Convention as well as the Fifth District Council Convention.

Carl was knighted in Douglasville Commandery No. 40 on October 27, 2001, and served as commander in 2008 and 2014. Carl served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Georgia as Right Eminent Grand Commander from May 2021 to May 2022 – all the while coping with his stage 4 lung cancer. Right Eminent Grand Commander Carl was present at all individual commandery inspections across the state that year. He strived to do the same during his prior years in the Grand Commandery line. Outside of serving his local community through Beulah Lodge No. 698, Carl's proudest years were spent serving the commanderies of Georgia in the Grand Commandery line.

Carl became a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Atlanta on June 5, 1999. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 7, 2009. Carl served as Commander of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour from May 2018 – May 2019.

Carl was invited to join many honorary invitational bodies; Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, KYCH, and Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123. He was also a member of the Georgia State Forest No. 181, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Carl never married and had no children of his own. He is survived by his brother Frank as well as nieces and nephews. Carl was buried with full military and masonic graveside services at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

Rest in Peace, my dear and faithful Companion.

Respectfully Submitted: Eric S. Tress, Grand Liaison Officer, 4th Division, KT

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 5, 2023. 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 C. Hendry Howard declared the 201st 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 Robert R. Cordle declared the 197th 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 Tommy T. Marshall declared the 163rd 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 Principal Sojourner, 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

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

Harry V. Eisenberg, PGHP, Florida, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southeast Region, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int.

GRAND YORK RITE OF ALABAMA

Scott Wadsworth, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Alabama, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF FLORIDA

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

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

GRAND YORK RITE OF INDIANA

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

GRAND YORK RITE OF KENTUCKY

Gregory Raque, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM

GRAND YORK RITE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Brandon Penley, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of North Carolina, KT

Bill Poteat, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF OHIO

Stephen C. Hill, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Grand Council of Ohio, R&SM

GRAND YORK RITE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Thomas H. Martin, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of South Carolina, RAM

Terry S. Pruitt, Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Council of South Carolina, R&SM

Edward E. Smith, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of South Carolina, R&SM

Ted Thomas, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of South Carolina, KT

GRAND YORK RITE OF TENNESSE

Robert Beam, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, KT

Quentin Bolden, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Tennessee, R&SM

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

Michael Neulander, Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Grand Council of Tennessee, R&SM

John Simmons, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, KT

Steven Young, Eminent Grand Sentinel, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, KT

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS. INT.

Thomas Nesbitt, PMEGHP, Alabama; Right Puissant Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

G. Thomas Taylor, PMIGM, Delaware; Right Puissant General Grand Principle Conductor of the Work, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Robert W. Waldron, PREGC, Tennessee; PMWGM, Grand Lodge of Tennessee; Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, Grand Encampment, KT, USA

HONORARY MEMBERS

Motions were made by RE Companion Walter D. Waddell, Jr., RE Grand King, Grand Chapter of Georgia, RAM, VI Companion Judd J. Wolfe, VI Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia, R&SM, and VE Sir Knight Ditmar W. Chavez, 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. Certificates were presented to each in recognition of this honor.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

GRAND CHAPTER

Companions, it is my sad duty to report that 111 brothers of the Chapter have lain aside their working tools and traveled upon that Level of Time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler ever returns. They have earned their celestial rewards and ascended to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Remember these companions who have gone before us, for good men must die, but death cannot kill their names. Death is merely the end of a life, it is not the

end of the relationships that we had with our brothers and companions. Their spirits and memories will live on with us, for the only true dead are those who have been forgotten.

In closing, I leave you with the words of John 5:24, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford

GRAND COUNCIL

The annual recurrence of our Grand Session brings the opportunity to once again grasp the hand of companions we have not seen since our last gathering. We thank those Grand Officers who have served us during the last year and elect new officers to lead us into the next masonic year. The business of our grand body is conducted, but there are empty chairs left by those companions who have lived their lives respected and have died regretted.

The past year has seen seventy-nine (79) of the "sons of light" that have been gathered unto GOD. Seventy-nine is just a number, but it represents our Brothers and Companions whose association we have all benefited from. We shared our love of Freemasonry, basked in the Light of the many degrees we shared together, the many meals and fellowship we enjoyed. These Companions, by their example, lead us in the paths of York Rite Masonry. Their ability to confer degrees with such proficiency inspired us to work in the quarries along side them. Many of us owe the opportunities that Freemasonry has given us to these good men, their passing leaves holes that must be filled by those of us who learned from them.

Their lives were an example to us, so let their passing be the clarion call to us to honor their memory. These men inherited the Craft of Freemasonry and worked to leave it better for us, let us not have their lives and deaths been in vain. We need to pick up the mantle and move our Councils forward for those who will come after us, just as they did.

*Solemn strikes the funeral chime,
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below
Through a pilgrimage of woe.
Here another guest we bring;
Seraphs of celestial wing,
To our fun'ral altar come,
Waft our friend and brother home!
Lord of all below,---above---
Fill our hearts with truth and love,
When dissolves our earthly tie,
Take us to Thy Lodge on high!*

Fraternally Submitted: Jan M. Giddens, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

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

We have often been reminded of the fact that we are born to die. Mortality has been brought to view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life. As this Grand Commandery year comes to a close, it our sad duty to report that 90 of our Companion Sir Knights have been called home to their heavenly reward. An alarm rang out at the door of this earthly asylum and

those pilgrim warriors were summoned. These burning tapers of life in our Grand Commandery have been extinguished and none but the High and Almighty Holy one can relight them. Their memories will be cherished in our hearts as long as we hold breath. We hold a Memorial/Divine Service to honor these valiant Sir Knights of the Cross and with appropriate words of affection try offer up a fitting tribute to their legacy. Those who have stirred the sands of time and have gone on before us indeed leave something for us to follow. In the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *"the lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time."* Sir Knights, those footprints form a pathway that we should strive to follow if we can expect to grasp their hands in fellowship again. These valiant and magnanimous crusaders have left a legacy of courage, integrity, faithfulness, and hope as well as a love for the Prince of Peace and the Captain of our Salvation. With their swords they taught the lessons of justice, fortitude, and mercy. So if we can follow the path laid out for them and us, in a manner trustworthy and true, then we too shall break the bonds of the earthly death and live in the reality of a resurrection in Christ's eternity. Until then our Friends, Brothers, and Sir Knights, farewell!!! And May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all!! Amen!!
Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chairman, Eminent Grand Prelate

REPORT OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Companions and Sir Knights, another year has quickly passed since my last report. I was humbled and honored to be appointed to the Sunshine Committee by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Hendry Howard, Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert "Rusty" Cordle and Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy Marshall. I have tried to bring to your attention the names of some of our Brethren and their families in need of prayer. I have also tried to post funeral announcements of our departed Brethren so you would have the opportunity to visit at the funeral home, attend Masonic rites and pray for the surviving loved ones. I greatly appreciate your letting me know of a lot of these circumstances and for your prayers. I also tried to let you know of Masonic events happening around our state in the hope you would help spread the word and attend where possible. Please continue to pray for our sick members that they may be restored to good health, if it is God's will; and for our great Fraternity that it may grow and prosper.

Fraternally Submitted: Floyd E. Edmondson, MIPGM

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN OF THE NORTH GRAND CHAPTER

First, I want to thank the Most Excellent Grand Priest, ME Companion C. Hendry Howard, for appointing me to this position. I am very honored to serve the craft as Custodian of the North. We have conducted three (3) Schools of Instruction for the 2022-2023 year. We held a one-day school at Wilford H. Hall Chapter at Dalton, GA on June 20, 2022 with four (4) Chapters represented. We also conducted a one-day School of Instruction at Ellijay Chapter # 150 at Ellijay, GA on August 13, 2022 with four (4) Chapters represented. We also conducted a one-day School of Instruction at Taylor Chapter # 48 in Buford, GA on January 7, 2023. We had eleven (11) Chapters represented at this school. The attendance was very good and is evidence that the companions are ready to get back to York Rite meetings, back to work and eager to learn.

I and the Assistant Custodians of the North are ready to assist wherever and whenever needed and looking forward to a very successful 2023-2024 for the York Rite Bodies.

Assistant Custodians: Michael Sosebee, Mike Jones, Daniel Bennett and Tyler Pledger

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, Chairman

GRAND COUNCIL

First, I want to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Companion Robert R. Cordle, for appointing me to this position. I am very honored to serve the craft as Custodian of the North. We have conducted three (3) Schools of Instruction for the 2022-2023 year. We held a one-day school at Walton C. Griffin Council # 36 at Dalton, GA on June 20, 2022 with three (3) Councils represented. We also conducted a one-day School of Instruction at Summit Council # 19 at Ellijay, GA on August 13, 2022 with three (3) Councils represented. We also conducted a one-day School of Instruction at N.T. Pirkle Council # 65 in Buford, GA on January 7, 2023. We had eleven (11) Councils represented at this school. The attendance was very good and is evidence that the companions are ready to get back to York Rite meetings, back to work and eager to learn.

I and the Assistant Custodians of the North are ready to assist wherever and whenever needed and looking forward to a very successful 2023-2024 for the York Rite Bodies.

Assistant Custodians: Michael Wolcott, Peter Bard, Mike Jones, Daniel Bennett and Tyler Pledger

Respectfully Submitted: Larry C. Bennett, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy T. Marshall 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 laid the foundation for a renewed purpose for each of the constituent Commanderies of the State of Georgia.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Tommy Marshall, 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 well received and gave the opportunity to allow those Sir Knight's in attendance, a comprehensive and thorough guide to opening a Commandery and other instructions but 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 ritual 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**

I would like to thank our MEGHP C. Hendry Howard for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity this year. I would also like to express my thanks to the assistant custodians for their help this year.

This year has been another year of renewal and restoration for the craft, and we have continued to meet regularly and confer degrees. I have assisted several chapters in the conferral of the Chapter degrees, but I have not received any requests for instructional help as of the date of this report.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to the craft for allowing me to serve you this year. Companions, stay committed to this Fraternity, the greatest Fraternity on Earth and continue to strive to improve it to the best of your abilities.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

GRAND COUNCIL

I would like to thank our MIGM Robert "Rusty" Cordele for appointing me to this position and allowing me to serve the craft in this capacity this year. I would also like to express my thanks to the assistant custodians for their help this year.

This year has seen the craft make strides in our mission to imbue brothers with more light as we gain new members in all bodies of the York Rite. I am pleased to report that York Rite lodges and conventions in the southern part of the state continue to meet regularly and confer degrees. I have assisted several councils in the conferral of the cryptic degrees, and I have also had the privilege of helping to confer the Super Excellent Master's degree as part of Herman E

Freeman York Rite College #186 at the South Georgia Council Convention. As of the date of this report, I have not received any requests for instructional help.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to the craft for allowing me to serve you this year. Companions, stay committed to the Craft and continue to strive to improve it to the best of your abilities.

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew Sanford, Grand Custodian of the South

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:

2000	12,250	2008	8,026	2016	4380
loss	-357		-430		-150
2001	11,893	2009	7,596	2017	4230
	-811		-406		-325
2002	11,082	2010	7,190	2018	3849
	-607		-310		-354
2003	10,475	2011	6,880	2019	3495
	-528		-335		-104
2004	9,947	2012	6,356	2020	3391
	-508		-291		-451
2005	9,439	2013	6065	2021	2840
	-539		-567		-311

2006	8,900	2014	5498	2022	2732
	-534		-593		-59
2007	8,366	2015	5071	2023	2673
	-340		-691		

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. These two programs are primarily presented by the District Deputies and Grand / Past Grand officers. 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: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; James D. Arnold; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; 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:

We continue to lose Companions every year but this year we have seen a smaller loss than in the past. In January of 2022 we started the year with 2086 Companions in our Councils. During the year there were 92 Companions who were Greeted, 12 that Affiliated, 11 who were reinstated, which gave us a total gain of 115. Additionally, we had 15 Companions who Demitted, 42 who were Suspended, and 79 who were Deceased. This gave us a total loss of 132. These numbers show that this year we have seen a total loss of 17 Companions. We were able to finish 2022 with a total of 2051 Companions and the lowest number of losses in several years. We are very thankful to all of the Councils who have worked to keep the number of losses low and congratulate any Councils who have added Companions.

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, 2023 may be the year we start seeing positive growth and numbers.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted: Judd J. Wolfe, Chairman; John C. Miller; Ryan C. Nealey; and James R. Harris

GRAND COMMANDERY

Sir Knights: In looking at the membership numbers reported for 2022, I noticed that the numbers that this committee reported in their previous report did not match numbers reported through the membership database. Having contacted the Grand Recorder's office, it was determined that some of that error lay in

some cleanup in the membership database. The error is mine, as there are more Sir Knights on the database than I had previously reported.

In spite of this, the Grand Commandery continued to see a net decrease in membership over the past year. That being said, we have the lowest overall net loss this past year than we have recorded since 2010! This year, we have a net loss of 38 Sir Knights. At the end of 2021, we had 1,877 Sir Knights on record. To this we added 83 new Sir Knights, 6 affiliated, and 11 were reinstated. This is a total gain in membership of 100. We lost a total of 138 Sir Knights. Of these, 13 demitted, 35 were suspended, and 90 received their Eternal Reward. At the end of 2022, there were 1,839 active Sir Knights reported in our membership database. The net loss (38 Sir Knights) was a net decrease of 2.02% of the total membership. This net loss is represented in figure 1.

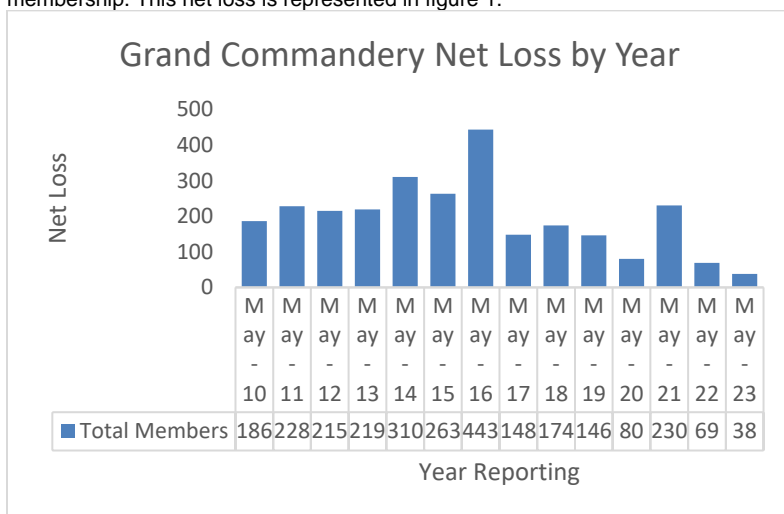


Figure 1

In closing, on behalf of the Membership Committee, I would like to congratulate our Commanderies on continuing to push for membership. Given this encouraging data, as well as preliminary membership reports for this year, it is my hope that in the next report, we show a net increase in membership.

Fraternally Submitted: Tyler W. Pledger, Chairman

**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 take a 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, C. Hendry Howard.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; and Daniel P. Bennett

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, Robert R. Cordle.

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

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.
6. The Sir Knights should attend the Divisional Inspections and take advantage of the tactics instruction presented at these.

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

Respectfully Submitted: C. Danny Wofford, Chairman; Joe E. Turner; and Daniel P. Bennett

REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
GRAND CHAPTER

MEGHP, Companions, and Distinguished Guests All: Your Long-Range Planning committee makes the following report. The finances of the Grand Chapter are in great shape due to the diligent work of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee. We want to thank the leadership of the Craft and the Finance committee for their continued diligence and transparency. This committee would also like to remind the Craft of the importance of the Perpetual Membership Program and its ability to help financially support the Grand Bodies and Constituent Bodies long-term.

We want to thank the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers for their continued support of the Grand Chapter as we continue the work of the York Rite. Your dedication to the craft and support for the programs will help carry on the work of the body for years.

The Grand Chapter Building is the Crown Jewel of Georgia York Rite Masonry. We want to thank the building Trustees and the Grand Secretary/Recorder for their dedication. Long-term, the building will need an elevator and we recommend that continued research be focused on completing this project. Membership decline in our bodies has lessened due to the exemplary work of our members in bringing our Blue Lodge brethren into the York Rite. With the end of restrictions from Covid, we have seen an increase in the number of candidates for our Chapters. Our members have been very diligent in volunteering to do degree work to bring Lodge members into our fold. We recommend our York Rite leaders and members continue to present the York Rite to our Blue Lodge members to foster interest in our York Rite.

Going forward, we believe programs such as the Mark Master Program, presented and encouraged to the blue lodges of our state, will increase interest in our York Rite and increase our membership.

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

Fraternally Submitted: Stephen C. Higgins, Chairman; J. Timothy Ingram; Jack Bell; Mark Bradley; and John Johnson

GRAND COUNCIL

It has been a very productive year for your Long-Range planning committee. The committee has met via Zoom just about every month since June 2022 in order to lay out a course of actions to make the Grand Council more functional in propagating Cryptic Masonry in Georgia. It was felt that before we could begin planning anything we needed to first establish just what our mission was in this endeavor. We therefore adopted the following Mission Statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The long range planning committee believes that since the Council holds the final Solomonic degrees in Masonry and that those degrees explain portions of the Hiram legend not completely explained in the preceding degrees. That Grand Council of Georgia should do all in its power to preserve, protect, propagate those degrees. Thereby making significant contributions to the Masonic journey

of its members. That the companions of Councils should be fully engaged and dedicated to their own Masonic Journey as well as augmenting the journey of others. We believe that this is best accomplished by promoting involvement, growth, and education in all areas of Cryptic Masonry through a variety of programs and promotions.

We then felt we needed to map out a vision of where we wanted to see the Grand Council going in the next 3-5years. We therefore adopted the following Vision Statement.

VISION STATEMENT

It is the statement of the Long- Range Planning committee that action is needed in the following areas to ensure the viability of the Grand Council of Georgia through the following:

- Membership Growth and Retention
- Active participation by member Councils
- Ensure the financial stability of the Grand Council of Georgia
- Encourage and Promote education within the York Rite
- Support and promote the charity of the Grand Council
- Encourage Ritual proficiency and expertise
- Encourage, support, and work in unison with all the bodies of the Grand York Rite whenever and wherever possible.
- Encourage the development of leaders within the York Rite

The long-range planning committee recommends that the Vision established in the Vision Statement be implemented through these goals and objectives.

- **Membership Growth and Retention.**
 1. Grand Council officers and District Grand Deputies should be making regular visits to Councils around the State and be present at all District Council Conventions. They should also be willing and able to assist smaller Councils by Visiting Blue Lodges to talk about The York Rite.
 2. At any Blue Lodge visit York Rite Members should have petitions for the York Rite Bodies available.
 3. Promote the Friend Zabud program to help with membership retention
 4. Promote the 10% gain certificate program
- **Promote active participation by constituent Councils**
 1. Develop a membership award program for first line signers
 2. Make meetings more meaningful through active education programs
- **Ensure the financial stability of the Grand Council of Georgia**
 1. Hold a 30-30-gun raffle
 2. Have a bicentennial coin struck and for sale
 3. Have a special pin made and sell it
- Encourage and promote Masonic education within the Grand Council and York Rite
 1. Develop a MELD type program for the York Rite
 2. Encourage members to attend the York Rite Leadership program at the Southeastern department conference
 3. Encourage all constituent councils to appoint a Chairman of education in their council and promote use of the Robert Davis education programs.
- **Support and promote the charities of the Grand Council of Georgia**
 1. Promote the performance of the Royal Order of Zanzibar in York Rite Bodies and at Blue Lodges. This would include having district officers and district deputies conferring the degree within their districts

2. Stage Table Councils as fund raisers
3. Have an Annual Ish Sodi type banquet
 - **Encourage Ritual proficiency and expertise in our councils**
1. Use the Ronald L. Thomas General Grand Council Ritual award to develop more proficient ritualists. Have all District Grand Deputies promote this award during their visits. The information about this award is readily available on the Grand York Rite website.
2. Have the Custodians and assistant custodians hold schools of instruction in their areas on a regular basis
3. Establishing lists of companions who can perform multiple parts and are willing to travel to help confer degrees at local councils.
4. Continue having the Super Excellent Master degree performed at regular intervals and various locations around the state.
 - **Encourage, support, and coordinate with the other Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Georgia whenever possible.**
 - 1. The first step is to have a joint meeting with the Long-Range planning committees to identify areas where a unified effort is possible to create a good result for the York Rite of Georgia
 - **Encourage and promote the development of effective leaders in the York Rite**
 - 1. As discussed elsewhere specifically in education.

We thank the Grand Council of Royal Select Masters for this opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert R. Cordle, MIGM; James W. Bard, Chairman; Judd J. Wolfe; Timothy K. Starling; John C. Miller, III; James R. Harris, III

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 public view and sending preachers back to the Holy Lands.

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

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 (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 C Hendry Howard, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Rusty Cordle and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy Marshall 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, Editor

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 has done 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 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@thesampells.com or (770) 366-1800.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander and my dear friend, Tommy T Marshall 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, Editor

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 the public in the months and years to come.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas J. Chapman; Michael H. Sampsell;
J. Chris Brown; Keith R. Taylor; and Alessandro V. Silva

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLASS COMMITTEE

The Grand Master's Class honoring our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Michael A Kessler, and our 3 presiding Grand Officers of the York Rite, MEGHP C Hendry Howard, MIGM Rusty Cordle, and REGC Tommy Marshall was held on April 29, 2023 at the Grand Chapter building in Macon, GA. Tom Chapman and myself have worked diligently to fill the void left when our Right Eminent Sir Knight Tommy Marshall had to vacate this position to fill the role of Grand Commander.

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 23 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 thank all the teams that stepped up to assist as degree teams for this class. For the Capitular degrees, Darley Chapter #4 (with help from others), Kellogg Chapter #61, Augusta Chapter #A01 and Steve Higgins and his DGD team conferred the RA degree. For the Cryptic degrees, Marietta Council #74 and others. 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!

Respectively Submitted: Michael H. Sampsell, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is pleased to report that as of 01/31/2023 the Grand York Rite of Georgia has 74 Perpetual Members with a total of \$185,841.00 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.

Respectively Submitted: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chairman; Michael H. Wilson; Wade C. Smith; Larry W. Nichols; 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. Most of our previous issues have been addressed, either by repairing them or planning for repair. We pressure washed the entire building and repaired, resealed and painted all cracks in the exterior finish. In October of 2022 a new cornerstone was consecrated by our Grand Master commemorating a 200-year relationship between the Grand Chapter of Georgia and the Grand Lodge of Georgia. 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 Brother Michael Hamlin and Jason Britt for helping with minor repairs this past year.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Bradley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

REGC Tommy T. Marshall; MEGHP C. Hendry Howard; MIGM Robert R. Cordle; 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.

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 12-31-21	55	Councils effective 12-31-21	50	Commanderies 12-31-21	34
Chapters effective 12-31-22	55	Councils effective 12-31-22	50	Commanderies 12-31-22	34
Data adjustment from 2021	0	Data Adjustment from 2020	0	Data Adjustment from 2020	0
Members effective 12-31-21	2732	Members effective 12-31-21	2068	Members effective 12-31-21	1877
Exalted	94	Greeted	92	Knights	83
Affiliated	11	Affiliated	12	Affiliated	6
Reinstated	16	Reinstated	11	Reinstated	11
GAIN	121	GAIN	1115	GAIN	100
Demitted	15	Demitted	15	Demitted	13
Suspended	54	Suspended	42	Suspended	35
Deceased	111	Deceased	79	Deceased	90
LOSS	-180	LOSS	-132	LOSS	-138
NET GAIN/LOSS	-59	NET GAIN/LOSS	-17	NET GAIN/LOSS	-38
Members 12-31-22	2673	Members 12-31-22	2051	Members 12-31-22	1839

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

REGC Tommy T. Marshall; MEGHP C. Hendry Howard; MIGM Robert R. Cordle; 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 you for the past five years.

My Friends: Let me assure you that you could not have elected and selected a more superb, functional administrative team. Mark and Marla have operated this past year like a well-oiled machine. They always ensure that each task and request is immediately and professionally addressed. Each supporting the other in all endeavors. Additionally, they have made another quantum leap in systematizing and professionalizing your Grand York Rite Office. They have also continued to upgrade your new Data Base. Any time a problem surfaces the team immediately conducts an analysis and solves the problem. They have also developed a comprehensive twelve-month 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 Staff.

Behold the Temple. How beautiful it is. Nigh on completed. How well we have labored under our wise and wonderful Grand Master. 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 has continued to professionally operate this office any time Mark and I are out of pocket. She has proven to be an outstanding dedicated administrator.

My Companions and Sir Knights all, did you notice how competently and professionally your 2022 one day Grand Sessions were conducted? That was not by accident. Your Grand Secretary-Recorder has continued researching, developing, revising, and practicing multiple times prior to your Grand Sessions. Mark's one day model is now being used by several other Grand Bodies. I assure you that more will move to the one day Session. We now have a model that is superior to our prior three day agendas.

Please assist in moving this superior one day approach forward. By the way it is also a money saver. The 2022 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:

Your committee for the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program make the following report. My sincere gratitude goes out to M.: E.: C. Hendry Howard, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia for appointing me, once again, chairman of the Georgia RARA Committee. A big Thank You to my Companions and Friends whom I am so very honored to serve with: Excellent Companion Jack J. Bell, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and Excellent Companion John (Jay) E. Finch, Grand Master of the First Veil. I thank them for their valuable assistance in presenting the RARA story at each of our District Conventions as well as at other Chapter and Lodge events. And none of this achievement could have happened without the charitable spirit of the

Companions of Georgia. It is through the efforts of the Committee and those of the Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that we have continued in our support of research in the understanding and mitigation of Central Auditory Processing Disorder.

For the year from March 2022 to March 2023, Georgia Royal Arch Masons gave generously for a total of \$35,308.25. Which put the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia in **third (3rd)** for donations made during the March 2022 to March 2023 period. There are over 70 jurisdictions that donate to RARA, and so Georgia should be proud. Only Florida and Kentucky were ahead of us. Importantly Georgia is fifth in the world in total giving since the inception of RARA with \$613,718.47.

In Georgia, a total of 56 separate contributions were generously given in the name of RARA. Of these 21 were from individual Chapters, 10 District Donations, 4 from Grand Chapter, 13 from individual donors, 7 from concordant bodies, and 1 Corporate donation.

On behalf of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program Committee, we want to thank all of the Georgia York Rite Masons for their generous donations and support of this very worthwhile program during this past year of 2022.

Respectfully Submitted: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, Chairman; Jack J. Bell; and John Finch

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 a fantastic year of Fundraising for CMMRF, and thanks to you Companions, this has been a record year for GA. For 2022 you raised \$19,448.50, that ranks 8th in the nation. Companions that is outstanding. Overall, since the beginning, the state of Georgia has given over \$296,518 for CMMRF. Because of you, many lives will be 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. That's the courage and fortitude of a real man to 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 a even better year in 2023. Please search your heart and give over and above, you will be blessed beyond measure!

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted: John C. Miller, Chairman; 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. The Finance Committee meets 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/Recorder, 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 monies available. After much consideration from our Leadership, a Budget was determined for the ensuing Year. The proposed budget for next year is the result of many hours of hard work to ensure the budget is balanced. The Grand Secretary / Recorder, the Grand Treasurer, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Dais Officers, and the Finance Committee were consulted in the Budget preparation. There has been an increase in candidates petitioning York Rite Masonry this past year. Hopefully in the year to come that number will continue to improve. 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 approved.

Respectfully Submitted: Jack J. Bell, Chairman; Barry L. Pinson; and Roger W. Buterbaugh

**2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET
OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT**

INCOME

Grand Session	\$ 3,500.00
Grand Chapter Sales	\$ 1,800.00
Grand Council Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Commandery Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Per Capita	\$140,672.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$148,372.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 7,172.00
Administrative Assistant (Payroll)	\$ 35,500.00
Computer/Copier Maintenance	\$ 8,500.00
Condolences	\$ 600.00
Grand Session	\$ 20,000.00
Grand Secretary/Recorder (Payroll)	\$ 39,500.00
Masonic Messenger	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,000.00
Postage	\$ 2,000.00
Public Relations	\$ 100.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,000.00
Printing	\$ 4,500.00
Travel	\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 148,372.00

BUILDING CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Accrued Capital	\$ 81.00
Building Donation	\$ 0.00
Grand Chapter Rent	\$ 11,890.00
Grand Council Rent	\$ 8,776.00
Grand Commandery Rent	\$ 7,644.00
Grand Lodge Rent	\$ 28,309.00
Meeting Fees	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 57,900.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 6,000.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00
Building Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Electricity/Georgia Power	\$ 12,000.00
Landscaping and Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Pest Control/Allgood	\$ 900.00
Property Insurance and Bonds	\$ 5,000.00
Trash/Advanced Disposal	\$ 2,000.00
Water/Macon Water Authority	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 57,900.00

CHAPTER CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Chair Order	\$ 200.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 26,460.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Per Capita	\$ 63,930.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 90,790.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
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	\$ 6,000.00
Regalia	\$ 700.00
SE Regional Conference	\$ 900.00
Triennial	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 90,790.00

COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Chair Order	\$ 200.00
Fundraising	\$ 0.00
Investment	\$ 13,045.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 1,610.00
Per Capita	\$ 50,554.00
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	\$ 12,182.00
Accrued Capital	\$ 200.00
Per Capita	\$ 63,686.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 76,268.00

EXPENSE

Accrued Capital	\$ 700.00
Awards and Recognitions	\$ 800.00
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	\$ 19,035.00
Regalia	\$ 1,200.00
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, C. Hendry Howard,
 Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert R. Cordle,
 Right Eminent Grand Commander, Tommy T. Marshall
 On April 28, 2023, I conducted my audit of the Grand York Rite Office's accounting procedures and review of specific accounts, focusing on Accounts Payable Disbursements, Payroll Tax Returns and Payments, and the Investment accounts for all bodies.

For A/P disbursements:

Mark opens the invoice/letter and if approved for payment he initials and dates the top page. Marla then enters for payment into QuickBooks and prints the check. Mark or Wade sign the check. Marla keeps a copy of the check stapled to the invoice.

From a review of the Georgia Power Co. monthly statements, this procedure is being followed exactly as described. In the event of a long absence of Mark or Wade, a procedure is in place where invoices can continue to be paid, where Marla can use Mark's signature stamp. This has only been used a very limited number of times over the years and wasn't used last year. All considered, the procedures in place are adequate to the needs, with no glaring holes or weaknesses.

For the paying and filing of Payroll Tax returns:

A review of the 1st Quarter 2023 reports was conducted on the Quarterly 941, G-7, DOL-4N, and any 940 payments. It was discovered that the 941 and G-7 had no payments in the 3rd month of the 1st Quarter (March). After a review of the

QuickBooks payroll record, it was determined that March's payroll checks were cut early (on February 27). This meant that a doubling of the Payroll Taxes was paid in March for February's taxable period. This instance will not cause a problem bookkeeping wise, however, it is best to keep the period and the pay date being covered the same. This could be an issue if it overlapped quarters or years for example.

*Per request of the Grand Recorder's Office a review of the following investment accounts and the distributions made from them was conducted for the year ended 12/31/2022**:

- KT Educational Foundation—\$200K in distributions were made, consisting of \$100K in donations for research, \$7K in scholarships, \$13K for Grand York Rite Employee Health insurance and \$80K to the Grand Chapter Building for a HVAC system. This fund had unrealized losses of about 20% of its January 1, 2022 Net Market Value during the year.
- KT Educational-Division of GA—\$7K in distributions were made, all being scholarships. This account is funded by Grand Encampment, which is why there are 2 Educational Foundation accounts.
- Mollie Moseley—\$55K in distributions were made, consisting of \$25K for St. Bernard Sword of Merit, and 3 Golden Chalice @ \$10K each (Douglasville, Amicalola, Atlanta). This fund had unrealized losses of about 17% of its beginning NMV during the 2022 calendar year.
- GA RAM Building—the only distributions from this account were for administrative fees.
- Grand Chapter—\$35K in distributions were made, this was for a Per Capita Payment—to correct the process in recording Per Capita, for 2022. The NMV is \$298K.
 - One note on this account, the year-end is set for 2/28. It might make more sense to change it to calendar year end to match the other investment accounts.
- Grand Council—the only distributions were for administrative fees and this fund has a NMV of just under \$50K.
- Grand Commandery—the only distributions were for administrative fees and this fund has a NMV of \$450K.
- Perpetual Membership—the only distributions were for administrative fees and this fund has a NMV of \$178K. No distributions have been taken to cover per capita costs so far, which may need to start at some point to help cover the per capita of perpetual members.

*No review of the spending policy or investment strategy was discussed or reviewed.

**The Grand Chapter investment account is set to a 2/28 year-end, so that was used instead of 12/31.

Lastly, questions or issues with QuickBooks were discussed and addressed with Marla and Wade.

Respectfully Submitted: Ryan C. Nealey, Chairman

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 5, 2023
A. O. 905**



TOMMY TROY MARSHALL
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2022 - 2023

TOMMY TROY MARSHALL

Initiated, Passed and Raised to Master Mason 1996 at Eureka lodge #294 Dania beach Fl.

Served as Worshipful Master 2000

Affiliated with Nahunta Lodge #391 2001

Perpetual members since 2016

Served as Worshipful Master 2007 and 2021.

Joined Waycross York Rite bodies in 2004 Served as High Priest of Waycross chapter #9 2008 Served as Illustrious Master of Waycross Council #9 2009

Served as Eminent Commander of Waycross Commandery #30 2010

Received Order of High Priesthood, Order of Silver Trowel and Knight Crusader of the Cross degrees.

Invited to join Knighthood of York Cross of Honor 2012.

Served as Illustrious Grand Sentinel of Grand Council of Georgia 2014 Served as Grand Liaison Officer For the Grand Commandery of Ga 2012-2016.

Served as Director of Works for Georgia South.

Served as chairman for Grand Master's class and Tactics committees Charter member of Knee Knocker Swamp council #494 Nahunta Ga.

Served as Sovereign Master 2013. Ennobled Knight Commander of Red Branch of Erie.

Member of Ogletorpe Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine and currently serving in the line Member of Crown Martyrs conclave of Knight Masons of the USA Served as Excellent Chief 2018 Member of Upper Room Tabernacle XLV Knight Templar Priest and currently serving in the line.

Member of Herman E. Freeman York Rite College Served as Governor 2021.

Served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ga. 2022-2023

Currently serving as Aide de Camp for the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment Right Eminent Bobby Simmons.

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

The One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy T. Marshall at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Being assured that a quorum was present, the Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Conclave duly convened.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER ROLL CALL

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| Tommy T. Marshall (36) | Right Eminent Grand Commander |
| Ditmar W. Chavez (3) | Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander |
| Tyler W. Pledger (29) | Eminent Grand Generalissimo |
| Raymond G. Laird (25) | Eminent Grand Captain General |
| Daniel C. Ricketts (26) | Eminent Grand Senior Warden |
| William W. Grist (37) | 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 |
| Ryan C. Nealey (9) | Eminent Grand Standard Bearer |
| Michael H. Sampsell (26) | Eminent Grand Sword Bearer |
| Alessandro V. Silva (9) | Eminent Grand Warder |
| James R. Bennett (36) | Eminent Captain of the Guard |
| Robert L. Gill (36) | Eminent Grand Adjutant |

John T. Flener, Jr. (42)
R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (04)
*Indicates Absence

Eminent Grand Sentinel
Eminent Grand Photographer

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)	2016 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
2010 Andre E. Lovas (Hon) (11)	2019 Robert W. Waldron (9/64)
2011 James E. Stevens (21)	2020 Mark S. Johnson (22)

2022-2023 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson
Memorial: Rev. Donald C. Combs, Chair; T. Matthew Sanford; James W. Bard
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Paul E. Wells; Johnie M. Garmon;
C. Danny Wofford
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; F. Andrew Lane Jr.;
C. Danny Wofford
Triennial: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Terry L. Hensley; James B. Phillips
Education: (KTEF, Inc., KTEF Div., & MSM) Clyde E. Griffin, Chair;
Bobby B. Simmons, Vice Chair; James B. Phillips; James E. Stevens;
Doyle R. Hatfield
Relief: Ditmar W. Chavez, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith;
Doyle R. Hatfield
KTEF & MSM Eye Trust: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; Ryan C. Nealey;
Michael H. Sampsell
Patriotic & Civic: Raymond G. Laird, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall; William W. Grist

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Commander's Address: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; Johnie M. Garmon;
Paul E. Wells
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord
Holy Land Pilgrimage: Terry L. Hensley, Chair; Donald C. Combs;
Gregory B. Foster
Easter Sunrise Service: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Lawrence M. Rich
Inspection Reports: William F. Shepard, Chair; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh;
Floyd E. Edmondson
Long Range Planning: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall;
Ditmar W. Chavez; Tyler W. Pledger; Raymond G. Laird; Daniel C. Ricketts;
William W. Grist; Ryan C. Nealey
Membership: Tyler W. Pledger, Chair; 2nd Division: S. Matthew Sanford;
3rd Division: Tracy W. Lemasters; 4th Division: Daniel C. Ricketts;
5th Division: M. Shane Fann; 6th Division: Raymond G. Laird
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Andre E. Lovas; F. Andrew Lane Jr.
Perpetual Membership: Benjamin W. Polston, II, Chair; Michael H. Wilson;
Larry C. Nichols; Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Tactics and Ritual: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chair; Tommy T. Marshall, Carl J. Gamel
Education and Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner;
Daniel P. Bennett

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Editor, Ga. Supplement, KT, Magazine: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair;
Richard J. Hallwood; Keith R. Taylor
Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Keith R. Taylor; J. Chris Brown
Foreign Correspondence: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle;
William F. Shepard; S. Matthew Pery
Audit: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
Grand Custodians of the Work: North: Daniel C. Ricketts; South:
Tommy T. Marshall
GM York Rite Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
Mark A. Bradley; Wade C. Smith
Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner
Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell
Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

I would like to start off by welcoming everyone to the 163rd annual Conclave of the Grand Commandry of Georgia. To all of the Sir Knights of Georgia, this is your session. My officers and I are here to serve you. Thank you for your attendance and participation. I would also like to welcome all of the representatives and distinguished guests from other jurisdictions. I hope that you have a very pleasant stay in our wonderful state. I would also like to welcome Right Eminent Sir Knight Larry Tucker, who is representing Most Eminent Grand Master David Cushman, and Right Eminent Sir Knight Robert Waldron, Southeast Department Commander. And finally, I would like to give a special welcome to Right Eminent Sir Knight Bobby Simmons Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I am very pleased to announce that the order is in very good shape. Although I think we are still suffering the lingering effects from COVID, our events are getting more and more participation.

We held six Divisional inspections instead of individual inspections and all of them were well attended. At these Divisional inspections we held a school of instruction which I felt was necessary due to the large numbers of new Sir Knights that have been Knighted since last year. It was my hope that we could standardize the uniform work across the state. Sir Knight Dan Ricketts is to be commended for putting together a tremendous training program and his skill in teaching tactics and drill. It is my hope that we can continue this program into the future.

While I feel this year has been successful there is always room for improvement. I would urge that the individual inspections resume so that we can reinforce the training that we have received.

This is the first year since the pandemic that we could send Ministers to the Holy land. We were able to send four and I consider this a great success. Every commandery is actively working toward sending a pastor on this trip.

All of our commanderies are doing a fantastic job supporting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Molly S. Mosely foundation. We had a Sword of Merit and a Golden Challis presented this year. Thank you to those Sir Knights for their hard work and dedication.

I continued with Sir Knight Carl Gamel's REPGC idea of wearing the Uniform at public events to gain awareness of our great fraternity. I think this has been a great success and our numbers are increasing. I know there were many

events across the state that were very well attended. The best indicator of the state of the Order is the number of new members this year. If we continue track, we may have the first positive growth in many years. This success is due to the efforts of the hard-working Sir Knights of Georgia.

NECROLOGY

I have the sad duty to report the loss of 39 Sir Knights to the dread messenger of Death. Among those lost was Sir Knight Jim Huffman Eminent Grand Aide to Camp for Right Eminent Grand Treasurer Bobby Simmons. Jim was a very good friend to all and a very hard worker in all of Masonry. We also lost Sir Knight Carl Gamel REPGC whom I followed behind in the Grand Commandery line. I will forever miss his friendship and was proud to command his final pass through the Arch of Steel. Rest well my comrade in arms, my friend and best of all my brother.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

I would like to thank Eminent Sir Knight Bob Gill for being my Grand Adjutant. His guidance and advice not only this year but throughout my service to the York Rite Bodies has been invaluable. I would also like to thank Rusty Bennett Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard and John Flener Eminent Grand Sentinel for traveling many miles with me throughout this year. I would like to thank R. Winslow Tidwell ESQ. the 27th Eminent Grand photographer for always getting my good side.

HOST COMMANDERY

I would like to thank Waycross Commandery #36 for all of their support during my entire time in the Grand Line. They were always willing to lend me a hand with whatever I asked of them. I cannot express enough gratitude to the members of Waycross York Rite bodies. I would also like to thank the brethren of Nahunta Lodge #391 for their understanding and patience during this journey. Grand Inspecting Officers, thank you to all of the Grand Inspecting Officers this year. I know it was challenging with a new system. However, they overcame all obstacles and were able to complete all of the inspections. While we did not inspect tactics this year, it was still critical to inspect their books to judge the overall health of our commanderies. I commend each and every one of the Grand Inspecting Officers for their time and dedication to fulfilling their appointment.

COMMITTEES

I would like to thank all of those Sir Knights that I appointed to a committee of the Grand Commandery. Without these Committeemen the work of the Grand Commandery would be impossible to complete.

DISPENSATIONS

All Dispensations were of a routine nature and in accordance with Templar Law. All copies are filed in the Grand Records office.

INSPECTIONS

As I stated earlier, the inspections were a little different this year. All of the Commanderies were represented at the divisional meeting except for one. That commandery asked for dispensation to hold their inspection at a later time due to a tragedy. They were inspected on their regular meeting night. Overall, the divisional inspections were a success and well attended. I think the Divisional meetings are a great idea until we get our numbers up and the New Sir Knights have received training. It is my hope that the tactical inspections resume at a future time.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITATIONS

May 15-18, 2022	Florida York Rite Grand Session	Orlando, FL
Jun 11-12, 2022	SE Department Conference	Melbourne, FL
Jul 16, 2022	Alabama Eye Foundation Fundraiser	Montgomery, AL
Aug 11, 2022	GC of Florida Official Visit	Fernandina Beach, FL
Nov 13-15, 2022	Grand Lodge of Alabama	Montgomery, AL
Dec 11, 2022	Castle Ottis Christmas Observance	St. Augustine, FL

Feb 24-25, 2023	Grand Session Alabama York Rite	Birmingham, AL
Mar 10-11, 2023	Grand Session South Carolina York Rite	Columbia, SC
Mar 18-21, 2023	Grand Session Tennessee York Rite	Nashville, TN
Apr 5-9, 2023	Easter Sunrise Grand Commandery Trip	Washington, D.C.
IN-STATE VISITATIONS		
May 14, 2022	Installation Grand York Rite of Georgia	Macon, GA
Jun 4, 2022	KYCH	Columbus, GA
Jun 18, 2022	International Order of Rainbow	Macon, GA
Jul 11, 2022	Medical College of Georgia	Augusta, GA
July 22, 2022	Georgia DeMolay	Carrollton, GA
Aug 1, 2022	Festival	Brunswick, GA
Aug 27, 2022	Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival	Atlanta, GA
Sep 28, 2022	Social Order of the Beauceant	Atlanta, GA
Sep 29, 2022	Table Lodge DeKalb Commandery	Atlanta, GA
Oct 15, 2022	5 th Division Inspection	Dalton, GA
Oct 22, 2022	2 nd Division Inspection	Savannah, GA
Oct 23-25 2022	Grand Lodge of Georgia	Columbus, GA
Oct 29, 2022	6 th Division Inspection	Covington, GA
Oct 29, 2022	Cornerstone Laying	Macon, GA
Nov 5, 2022	1 st Division Inspection	Albany, GA
Nov 12, 2022	Knight Masons of USA	Atlanta, GA
Nov 12, 2022	Fidelitas LXXVII KTP	Atlanta, GA
Dec 1, 2022	Waycross Christmas Observance	Waycross, GA
Dec 3, 2022	Upper Room XLV	Macon, GA
Dec 19, 2022	St. Elmo Christmas Observance	Brunswick, GA
Jan 28, 2023	3 rd Division Inspection	Warner Robins, GA
Feb 4, 2023	11 th District RA Convention	Brunswick, GA
Feb 11, 2023	St. John's Orders of the Temple	Dalton, GA
Feb 18, 2023	SE Georgia Council Convention	Brunswick, GA
Feb 25, 2023	4 th Division Inspection	Atlanta, GA
April 21, 2023	KTEF Grants Luncheon	Macon, GA
April 29, 2023	Grand Officers Class	Macon, GA
May 4-6, 2023	Grand York Rite of Georgia	Macon, GA

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

After being cancelled for the last three years, I am proud to say we are sending four pastors to the Holy land. This has been my number one goal this year to get this program going again. I believe it is the most important program we have to impact our local communities. I would like to thank Sir Knight Terry Henley REPGC for his tireless devotion to this program and the Knights Templar Education Foundation and it Trustees who ensure we have the money to send these Ministers.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We had a small, intimate group that traveled on our Grand Commanders Trip. Everyone had an outstanding time and enjoyed themselves immensely. We had great fellowship on the trip. We were able to see many old friends and met new friends from around the country. As a representative of all of the Sir Knights of Georgia, it was my distinct honor and pleasure to place the wreath at the tomb of unknown soldier. The Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment was awe inspiring.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The generosity of the Sir Knights of Georgia continually astound me. Our donations continue to grow and with the assistance of the Molly S. Mosley fund, we continue to be in the top ten contributors in the United States.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This program pays half of the cost to send Ministers to the Holy Land. Many of the neighboring states have to pay full price and subsequently cannot send as many as we do in Georgia. It also provides us two Grants to Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia along with several scholarships.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That each commandery continues its efforts to send Ministers to the Holy Land.
2. The Divisional Inspections continue with the School of Instruction to ensure the large numbers of new Knights are proficient and to insure that the Tactics remain uniform across the state.
3. That the Tactical inspections are reinstated on the commandery level on a regular meeting night taking advantage of The Division Commanders, Past Grand Commanders and Liaison Officers as Grand Inspecting officers.
4. That we remain focused on recruiting, retaining and reinstating members.
5. That we encourage all members of the commandery to attend public ceremonies in uniform to raise awareness of the Knights Templar and our charities.
6. That a pamphlet be created that will inform those wishing to serve in the Grand Commandery. This allows the Sir Knights to be better educated in the duties and responsibilities of the office.
7. That this Grand Commandery continues to be a beacon of light for all Christian Masons.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all of the Sir knights who have welcomed me into their asylums this year. I am deeply humbled by the generosity and kindness extended to me this year by all of the Sir Knights. Brenda and I have had a wonderful time traveling around the state and look forward to many more travels. I have had several mentors on my journey, and I cannot express the gratitude for passing along their wisdom to me. I would like to wish the incoming Grand Officers good luck in their upcoming years, and I hope that they are successful in all their endeavors.

In His Service: Tommy Marshall, 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 163rd 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, Waycross No. 36, and Nahunta Lodge No. 391 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. We hope COVID is gone forever.

The Divisional inspections were well done and accomplished several tasks including the inspections, school of Instruction, and standardized the uniform work across the state.

We would also like to commend Sir Knight Dan Ricketts and the teams at each Divisional inspection. For a Job Well done. We agree individual inspections should resume and the training should continue.

Our Grand Commandery set the standard in sending Ministers to the Holy Land and we're Very proud we are sending four this year. We hope Commanderies will work together by sharing the cost and send a Minister next year.

We are thankful for the Sir Knights supporting and giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Mollie Moseley Foundation Trust. In marketing our charities by our Grand Commander, his officers and the Sir Knights is outstanding, we salute each of you.

Our uniform tells who we are and what we represent, so we agree keep wearing the uniform. Sir Knight 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 members and let us keep them by make them apart in all that we do.

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 Carl Gamel and Jim Huffman set examples for all of us, so let us follow their footprints.

Your Choice of the Appointed Officers, Grand Inspecting Officers, and Committee Member were well done, they took their responsibilities serious, and their performance was outstanding. We are grateful for their services. Well Done Sir Knights.

Your travels took you many places representing our Grand Commandery and the time and miles help build relationships and witness how others manage their affairs. We hope that your and Brenda memories will last forever.

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.

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.

We fully agree with your seven Recommendations and hope they will be executed and supported by all the Sir Knights.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy and First Lady Brenda 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.

I appreciate you taking on the extra duties as my AIDE to the Grand Treasurer Grand Encampment.

Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chairman

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.

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

We are pleased to report all the Orders and Dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the office of the Grand Recorder were in strict

accordance with the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2022 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article IV Business, Section 6 Elections, to provide for nominations of Grand Commandery Officers.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article IV Business, Elections, Section 6, Elections, which currently states Section 6 Elections. The Officers of this Grand Commandery, except the Grand Sentinel, shall be chosen annually by written ballot, provided however that the current Grand Commandery line officers and the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Prelate may be elected by acclamation if no objection. Any remaining officer vacancy shall be filled by written ballot without nominations from the floor. Each Grand Officer so elected by a majority of the votes cast shall be installed before the close of each Annual Conclave, if present, and hold their offices until their several successors are elected and installed. Any elected officer, who may be absent, may subsequently be installed under the direction of the Grand Commander at a time and place designated.

Each Sir Knight on being elected to office in the Grand Body, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall furnish for filing in the office of the Grand Recorder, a concise record of his Masonic History, along with other appropriate data for an historical sketch.

BE AMENDED by deleting Section 6 Elections in its entirety and substituting therefore and new Section 6 Elections, so that Section 6, Elections, of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2022 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia as approved, shall read as follows:

Section 6 Elections. The Officers of this Grand Commandery, except the Grand Sentinel, shall be chosen annually by written ballot, provided however that the current Grand Commandery line officers and the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Prelate may be elected by acclamation if no objection. Any remaining officer vacancy shall be filled by written ballot and Candidates 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. Each Grand Officer so elected by a majority of the votes cast shall be installed before the close of each Annual Conclave, if present, and hold their offices until their several successors are elected and installed. Any elected officer, who may be absent, may subsequently be installed under the direction of the Grand Commander at a time and place designated.

Each Sir Knight on being elected to office in the Grand Body, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall furnish for filing in the office of the Grand Recorder, a concise record of his Masonic History, along with other appropriate

data for an historical sketch.

This Legislation to amend Section 6, Elections, if adopted, shall be effective immediately upon approval by the voting members of Grand Commandery. This Legislation amends a Constitutional Section of the 2022 Grand Commandery Code and will require approval of three fourths of the voting members.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 2

A BILL, to amend the Constitution Section of the Constitution Statutes and Regulations of the 2022 Grand Commandery Code of Georgia, Article IV Business, Elections, to add a new section 5.5 to provide for a declaration of intent to run for office and to delete the last paragraph of Section 6 which currently reads:

Section 6 Elections. The Officers of this Grand Commandery, except the Grand Sentinel, shall be chosen annually by written ballot, provided however that the current Grand Commandery line officers and the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Prelate may be elected by acclamation if no objection. Any remaining officer vacancy shall be filled by written ballot without nominations from the floor. Each Grand Officer so elected by a majority of the votes cast shall be installed before the close of each Annual Conclave, if present, and hold their offices until their several successors are elected and installed. Any elected officer, who may be absent, may subsequently be installed under the direction of the Grand Commander at a time and place designated.

Each Sir Knight on being elected to office in the Grand Body, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall furnish for filing in the office of the Grand Recorder, a concise record of his Masonic History, along with other appropriate data for an historical sketch.

BE IT ENACTED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia that Article IV Business, Elections, Section 5.5 be added to the code and the revised Section 6 will read:

Section 5.5 Declaration of Intent for Elected Office. Any qualified Sir Knight 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 of any calendar year, with a letter of recommendation from his local commandery, in which he gives his masonic information and other qualifications. The Grand Recorder shall submit all Declarations of Intent for Elected Office, to all Grand Officers and all local commandery Recorders to be read at two meetings prior to May 1.

Section 6 Elections. The Officers of this Grand Commandery, except the Grand Sentinel, shall be chosen annually by written ballot, provided however that the current Grand Commandery line officers and the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Prelate may be elected by acclamation if no objection. Any remaining officer vacancy shall be filled by written ballot and Candidates 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. Each Grand Officer so elected by a majority of the votes cast shall be installed before the close of each Annual Conclave, if present, and hold their offices until their several successors are elected and installed. Any elected officer, who may be absent, may subsequently be installed under the direction of

the Grand Commander at a time and place designated.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

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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:

Sadly, we continue to note the lack of attention to this committee's recommendations and requirements to the bylaws: Dekalb Commandery No. 38. This has now been in limbo for four years.

Your 2019 Committee examined and reviewed a complete revision of the bylaws of DeKalb Commandery No. 38. Your committee did not recommend approval of this revision of the By-Laws and sent the Commandery numerous changes that are necessary. No changes or amendments have been received and your committee is still unable to approve the By-Laws revision. This commandery needs to submit a new revision with all the changes.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3 deleting meetings on a federal holiday. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a complete revision of the bylaws of Saint Bernard Commandery No. 25 and recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has examined a complete revision of the bylaws of Blue Ridge Commandery No. 37 and recommends approval as submitted. The Sir Knights worked long and hard on this revision and I finally convinced them they don't meet on Good Friday anymore. Thank you, Sir Knights.

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

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.

Happy 70th Birthday: Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37. It was forty years ago that Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 4 moved from Forest Park to College Park. How soon we forget. I think I was there.

Respectfully Submitted May 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman;

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

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 May 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Andre E. Lovas; and F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

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 May 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman

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 \$50,000 gifts each to Emory University and Augusta Medical University.

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

We are pleased to report the net worth of the following investment accounts effective December 31, 2022: KTEF, Division = \$303,856.97; KTEF, Inc. = \$3,952,245.67; MSM Trust = \$805,358.30; Grand Chapter = \$292,784.22; Grand Council = \$49,607.43; Grand Commandery = \$449,365.18; and Building Fund = \$94,838.20.

Since REPGC Doyle Hatfield's term on the Committee expires at this Grand Convocation, this Committee recommends that the Grand Commander nominate and the Grand Commandery approve REPGC Doyle Hatfield to succeed himself for a five-year term on the Committee, expiring in 2028.

Presentations of the monetary gifts were made at a luncheon on April 21, 2023. Representatives from the two institutions were in attendance to receive the gifts presented by Chairman Clyde E. Griffin.

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

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

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

We want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy T. Marshall for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee. We were excited to serve on this committee and have been 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.

21 Sir Knights, spouses, and guests participated in the 2023 Easter Sunrise Service Trip. The attendees traveled to Spartanburg, SC, Greensboro, NC, Chester, VA and finally to the Alexandria, VA area. Along the way the group toured Hub City Railroad Museum, the Greensboro Science Center, and the Berkeley Plantation. The group witnessed a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the REGC and three others (selected by the REGC) were able to participate in a Wreath Ceremony. The group then toured Arlington National Cemetery. The group also participated in the 93rd Annual East Coast Easter Sunrise Service which was held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

We are incredibly happy that this trip was able to take place after being put on hold for the past few years and are hopeful that the Easter Sunrise Service Trip will continue to be a Grand Commandery of Georgia event for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted: Judd J. Wolfe, Chairman

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:

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

We are all still feeling the effects of the Covid pandemic, but through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we shall overcome.

We are very busy working to make it easier for Sir Knights and Commanderies to be a part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. It is in my opinion, one of the greatest works in Templary.

The Ministers we send have the greatest opportunity to increase in knowledge, not only of the geography of the Promise Land, but also of themselves, by walking where Jesus walked. They can with this experience open the scriptures with more understanding than ever before, because "we" as Knight Templar helped make it possible. We now share in their ministry, in every message given, and in every Soul saved.

We are sending (4) Ministers to the Holy Lands from Georgia for 2023, sponsored by Commanderies, and assisted by the generosity of the Knights Templar Education Foundation, Incorporated of Georgia.

The Minister(s) and Commandery sponsor(s) are:

MINISTER

SPONSOR

Rev. Nathaniel A. Long	Atlanta Commandery No. 9
Rev. William S. Moss	St. Bernard Commandery No. 25
Rev. Byron N. Ahrens	Blue Ridge Mtn Commandery No. 37
Rev. Martin S. Anderson	Waycross Commandery No. 36

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

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Terry L. Hensley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION RETURNS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Georgia. This Committee has reviewed the Annual inspection reports of the 33 Commanderies of the State for the Templar Year 2022-2023, and we submit the following report.

Inspections were conducted as follows:

Grand Commander	1
Past Grand Commanders	8
Grand Line Officers	15
Past Commanders	7

FULL FORM OPENINGS

The number of full form openings for this inspection year was 238.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance at conclaves is 9.4

DUES STATUS

Reports show 167 members were in arrears for one year. In arrears for two years were 65 and in arrears for three years 9

Number of Commanderies Amount Charged for the orders

1	\$200.00
1	\$185.00
6	\$150.00
1	\$135.00
7	\$130.00
1	\$127.00
3	\$125.00
4	\$100.00
1	\$95.00
1	\$90.00
3	\$85.00
1	\$80.00
1	\$50.00

Two not reported

CASH

The total reported cash in treasuries was \$373,036.00

The general condition for each commandery, rated as follows:

Excellent (100-91)

1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,19,21,22,25,26,29,31,36,38,40,41,42,45,73

Very Good: (90-81) 12,30,33,37

Good: (80-71)

Respectfully Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Fair: No Score (70-0)

17; Lloyd J. Leinbaugh; Incomplete 5; and Floyd E. Edmondson

REPORT OF THE TACTICS AND RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy T. Marshall and Members of the Grand Commandery of the state of Georgia:

The Tactics and Ritual Committee has worked diligently on the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies this past year and have reviewed the revisions, addendums and suggestions made from the Custodians of the Uniform Work from the South and North, members of the Grand Commandery and other well versed Sir Knights of the Order. In doing so, the Committee submitted a revised Manual of Asylum Ceremonies for the benefit of each Sir Knight of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia.

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. This manual is available in digital format as well as a physical copy, for a small fee, from the office of the Grand Recorder. The Committee expresses its grateful appreciation to ESK Mark A. Bradley, Grand Recorder, for his support and assistance in getting this book revised and printed.

The newly revised Manual of Asylum Ceremonies was presented at the last four of the six Divisional Inspections where it was well received and gave the opportunity to allow those 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.

Respectfully Submitted: Daniel C. Ricketts, Chairman; Tommy T. Marshall; and Carl J. Gamel

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

Your Triennial Committee has an information package that we hope will help make your plans to attend the 69th Triennial Conclave in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 14 – 21, 2024. Salt Lake City is a beautiful city with many things to see while attending the Conclave. They have non-stop flights from Atlanta, ease to fly into and back.

We have the schedule of the Conclave Meeting to help make your plans. Sunday, August 18, 2024, is really the date it starts. The Grand Master's Reception and the Devine Service on August 18, 2024, is very enjoyable. Monday, August 19, 2024, is the opening date for business.

Any questions let me know.

Your Committee Members are proud to serve.
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA

DATES: August 14-21, 2024
LOCATION: Little America Hotel
500 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT

RATES: From \$189/night

REGISTRATION
& MEALS PRICES: TBD

The Little America Hotel is a four-star property and offers 850 luxurious guestrooms, complimentary in-room wi-fi access, down pillows, and other luxury amenities.

The 10-acre grounds are beautifully landscaped with fountains, flower gardens, and over 300 trees. Our experienced, friendly staff is dedicated to our tradition of hospitality and excellence.

The Little America Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City, just 10 minutes from the Salt Lake International Airport.

Nestled between the Wasatch and Oquirrh Mountain Ranges in the magnificent Salt Lake Valley, Little America is within walking distance of shopping, restaurants, cultural and sporting events, and is roughly 30-40 minutes from the major ski resorts.

Other nearby attractions include historic Temple Square, the world-famous Great Salt Lake and national parks, forests, and monuments.

AGENDA:

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Eye Foundation Meetings and Luncheon

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Eye Foundation Meetings and Luncheon, Committee Meetings

Friday, August 16, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Registration, Credentials, Eye Foundation Meetings/Luncheon/Dinner, Committee Meetings, Drill Competition Practices, Vendors, Hospitality

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Registration, Credentials, Eye Foundation Meetings, Committee Meetings, Drill Lunches, Drill Inspection and Competition, Vendors, Photos, Hospitality

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Registration, Credentials, Eye Foundation Meetings, Committee Meetings, Vendors, Hospitality, Divine Service, M.E. Grand Master's Reception

Monday, August 19, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Conclave Meeting, Registration, Credentials, Eye Foundation Office, Committee Meetings, Vendors, Hospitality, Men's Luncheon, Ladies Program Luncheon, M.E. Grand Master's Family Dinner, State Jurisdictional Dinners

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Conclave Meeting, Registration, Credentials, Eye Foundation Office, Men's Luncheon, Ladies Tea, Vendors, Hospitality, Grand Encampment Banquet

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Grand Encampment Office, Conclave Meeting, Eye Foundation Office, Conclave Meeting, Incoming Officers' Meeting, Incoming Grand Master's Family Dinner
Respectfully Submitted: Bobby B. Simmons, Chairman; James B. Phillips; and Terry L. Hensley

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

Carl J. Gamel

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:

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)	Eminent Grand Warden

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The REGC made the following Appointments: James O. Blalock (41), Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (3), Eminent Grand Sentinel; Robert L. Gill (36), Roger W. Buterbaugh (3/73); and R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (4), Eminent Grand Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed after the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May 6, 2023 by Right Eminent Sir Knight Johnie M. Garmon.

2023-2024 GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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: TBA, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; Judd Wolfe;

William T. White

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. 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
DITMAR W. CHAVEZ
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 2023-2024 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall have three Divisions. The First Corps contains Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

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

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

Division One: The Grand Warder, William T. White

Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer, Alessandro V. Silva

Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer, Michael H. Sampsell

Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden, Ryan C. Nealey
Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden, William W. Grist
Division Six: The Grand Captain General, Daniel C. Ricketts

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

FIRST CORPS: Raymond G. Laird (25)

FIRST DIVISION: William T. White (37)

Division Officers: Bruce D. Mann (17)

Timothy E. Crimmins (5)

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

SECOND DIVISION: Alessandro V. Silva (9)

Division Officers: James D. Reese (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: Michael H. Sampsell (26)

Division Officers: Jerry H. Purvis (2)

Timothy K. Starling (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: Tyler W. Pledger (28)

FOURTH DIVISION: Ryan C. Nealey (9)

Division Officers: Robert L. Hall, Jr. (26)

Eric S. Tress (40)

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: William W. Grist (37)

Division Officers: Brandon P. Simmons (37)

James C. Durbin, Sr. (8)

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: Daniel C. Ricketts (26)

Division Officers: Dale B. Cliett (1)

William E. Adams (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.

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 Divisional Inspection of their Respective Commanderies and Attend the Grand Commandery Conclave. The Grand Liaison Officers shall wear a red and green shoulder cord as recognition of their office.

INSPECTIONS

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That all Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2024. Each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Divisional Inspection Date and at the assigned time, for the purpose of participating in their respective Annual Divisional Inspection. The Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction and shall include a Tactics and Ritual School of Instruction facilitated by the appropriate Grand Commandery Custodians. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight, in the line, is in full uniform in accordance with the Grand Commandery Code and the Grand Encampment Constitution. The uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent.

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

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

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

CHARITIES

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. I would like for every Commandery in Georgia to work toward the goal of sending a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I therefore encourage each Commandery that cannot individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. I would like for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2023.

FUNDRAISERS

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

FESTIVALS

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

Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

COMMITTEES

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

Respectfully ordered on this the 6th day of May in the year of our Lord 2023.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder
of the State of Georgia

Ditmar W. Chavez
Right Eminent Grand Commander
of the State of Georgia

GRAND COMMANDERY ADJOURNED

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

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Grand Recorder



Ditmar W. Chavez
Grand Commander

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

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:

Floyd E. Edmondson (41)

Knight Crusader of the East

Jan M. Giddens (26)

Knight Crusader of the West

William F. Shepard (21)

Knight Crusader of the South

Tommy T. Marshall (36)

Knight Crusader of the North

Raymond G. Laird (25)

Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross

Vacant

Knight Crusader of the Asylum

Vacant

Knight Crusader of the Temple

Mark A. Bradley (31)

Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer

LIVING PAST KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE EAST

2003 Clyde E. Griffin (7)

2016 Paul E. Wells (3)

2007 Joe E. Turner (35)

2017 Mark S. Johnson (22)

2010 Timothy M. Taylor (31)

2018 James E. Stevens (21)

2011 M. George Folendore, Jr. (12)

2019 Mark A. Bradley (31)

2013 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)

2020 Mark A. Bradley (31)

2014 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)

2022 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)

2015 C. Danny Wofford (31)

2023 Floyd E. Edmondson (41)

CONFERRAL TEAM

Floyd E. Edmondson (37)

Knight Crusader of the East

Ryan C. Nealey (9)

Knight Crusader of the West

Mark S. Johnson (22)

Knight Crusader of the South

Jan M. Giddens (04)

Knight Crusader of the North

Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)

Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross

Doyle R. Hatfield (03)

Knight Crusader of the Asylum

James E. Stevens (21)

Knight Crusader of the Temple

CANDIDATES

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Matthew R. Astin (2) | Monte M. McDonald (22) |
| Daniel P. Bennett (19) | John C. Miller (26) |
| Joshua M. Blakely (14) | Tony D. Morris (42) |
| James O. Blalock (41) | James M. Nichols (29) |
| Robert A. Brooks (7) | Jeffrey Ozburn (25) |
| Robert A. Cameron (7) | William B. Rigsby (29) |
| Robert R. Cordle (26) | Danny L. Russell (37) |
| Michael J. Etheridge (31) | Michael W. Schaefer (2) |
| James R. Gorthy (7) | Brandon P. Simmons (37) |
| Richard J. Hallwood (26) | Russell E. Ward (73) |
| Greg Hendrix (41) | William T. White (37) |
| Jeffery F. Hightower (35) | |

2023-2024 OFFICERS

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

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| Jan M. Giddens (4) | Knight Crusader of the East |
| William F. Shepard (21) | Knight Crusader of the West |
| Tommy T. Marshall (36) | Knight Crusader of the South |
| Raymond G. Laird (25) | Knight Crusader of the North |
| Tyler W. Pledger (29) | Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross |
| Daniel C. Ricketts (26) | Knight Crusader of the Asylum |
| Jack J. Bell (9) | Knight Crusader of the Temple |
| Mark A. Bradley (31) | Knight Crusader Treasurer/Recorder |

The Officers were installed by Right Eminent Sir Knight Mark S. Johnson.

ATTEST:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mark A. Bradley | Jan M. Giddens |
| Knight Crusader Recorder-Treasurer | Knight Crusader of the East |

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2022-2023 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Commandery awards were presented:

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Tommy T. Marshall and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Companion of the Temple Award to Lady Brenda Marshall, Lady Barbara Bozeman, and Lady Betty Holcomb.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

REGC Tommy T. Marshall and REG Treasurer Bobby B. Simmons presented the Knight Commander of the Temple Award to Sir Knight Jerry H. Purvis, Jr.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

REGC Tommy T. Marshall and REG Recorder Lawrence Tucker presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award to Sir Knight Joey Crews.

PRESENTATION TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

REG Recorder Lawrence Tucker presented REGC Tommy T. Marshall 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) | *1968 | Graydon W. Kitchens (4) |
| *1966 | Ira R. Huffaker (4) | *1999 | Otis Medley (02) |
| *1967 | William M. Drinnon (2) | *1970 | T. Malcolm Gray (24) |

*1971 Ross F. Mainor (2)
 *1972 James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)
 1973 Dannie L. Reed (35)
 *1974 Joel M. Hammond (24)
 *1975 George H. Balentine (33)
 *1976 Aaron E. Cole (26)
 *1977 George C. King (5)
 *1978 Dave H. Keever (31)
 *1979 S. Talmadge Lord (8)
 *1980 Joseph P. Suttles (4)
 *1981 Fernor R. Hargrove, Jr. (12)
 *1982 Jack O. Smith (41)
 *1983 William M. Hutcheson (4)
 *1984 Rufus R. White (19)
 *1985 J. Sheffield Thompson (40)
 *1986 Virlyn Y. Jones (14)
 1987 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *1988 H. Clayton Garrett (15)
 *1989 Ottis. B. Turner (35)
 *1990 Lewis H. Keith (9)
 *1991 Walter A. Walker (2)
 *1992 J. Walter Cowart (7)
 *1993 John S. Perry (4)
 1994 A. Wayne Norton (33)
 *1995 Reed S. Britt, Jr. (31)
 *1996 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 1997 Gary D. Lemmons (19)
 * Indicates death ** Indicates demitted

*1998 Bobby L. Massey (41)
 *1999 Otis Medley (2)
 *2000 Roy R. Jackson, Sr. (42)
 2001 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 2001 Robert L. Gill (36)
 2002 Austin E. Pearce (21)
 *2003 James E. Miller (3)
 *2004 Carl W. Dohn (2) **
 2005 Emory L. Morris (29)
 *2006 R. Lowman Oglesby (9)
 **2007 Craig A. Haggas (3)
 2008 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 2009 John T. Holt (9)
 *2010 James T. Farmer (35)
 2011 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 2012 Mark S. Johnson (35)
 2013 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)
 2014 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 2015 William F. Shepard (21)
 2016 James W. Tate (3)
 2017 John I. Haggas (3)
 2018 Raymond G. Laird (25)
 2019 William R. Kayma (9)
 *2020 James C. Huffman, III (10)
 2021 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 2022 Gary A. Palmer (4)
 2023 Joey D. Crews (36)

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

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

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

9-15-97 Bobby B. Simmons (2)
 9-15-97 Charles D. Strickland (25)
 9-15-97 Timothy M. Taylor (31)
 *9-15-97 Bobby J. Townsend (9)
 4-7-98 Charles W. Martin (3)
 4-7-98 Charles C. White, Jr. (3)
 *5-1-00 Henry L. Stonecypher (33)
 5-1-00 C. Danny Wofford (31)
 *2-6-03 Eli A. Stafford (7)
 2-6-03 Paul E. Wells (3)
 *5-2-04 Freddie R. Jackson (2)
 5-2-04 James E. Jennings, Jr. (19)
 *5-1-05 Jack L. Hepner (7)
 5-1-05 James T. Ingram (41)
 *4-30-06 Ernest A. Forthman (24)
 *4-30-06 Ruben Martinez (4)
 5-6-07 Alfred J. Clark (14)
 5-6-07 Wayne H. Garrett (15)
 5-4-08 Merrill G. Folendore, Jr. (12)
 5-4-08 Robert L. Gill (36)
 5-4-08 Joe E. Turner (35)
 5-6-08 Andre E. Lovas (11)
 *5-6-09 Phillip H. Floyd (31)
 5-6-09 Johnie M. Garmon (37)
 *5-6-09 Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)
 *5-6-09 Emmett R. Johns (2)
 5-4-10 Terry L. Hensley (19)
 5-4-10 James E. Stevens (21)
 *5-1-11 Charles M. Ellis (29)
 5-1-11 William F. Shepard (21)
 *5-1-11 John A. Wages (25)
 5-3-12 Benjamin W. Polston, II (25)

5-3-12 Wade C. Smith, Sr. (37)
 5-5-13 Mark A. Bradley (31)
 *5-5-13 Steve A. Kirk (41)
 *5-4-14 Story A. Tate (31)
 5-4-14 Ernest A. McCorkle (7)
 5-1-15 Leonard A. Davis (11)
 5-1-15 John A. Minnich (02)
 5-1-16 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)
 *5-1-16 Charles R. Beasley (04)
 5-1-16 Robert L. Head, Jr. (03)
 4-30-17 Doyle R. Hatfield (3)
 **4-30-17 Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)
 4-30-17 Bruce D. Mann (17)
 4-30-17 Wallace D. Mays (5)
 *5-7-18 Drewey W. Hendry, Sr. (25)
 5-7-18 Jerry D. Moss (38)
 5-7-19 Brit T. Massey (41)
 5-7-19 Robert W. Tidwell (4)
 5-7-19 Roy H. Miller, Jr. (10)
 5-7-19 Bruce H. McNall (7)
 5-7-19 J. Walter McCannon, Jr. (14)
 5-30-20 Tommy T. Marshall (36)
 5-30-20 Floyd E. Edmondson (37)
 *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)

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD

*2001 Mollie S. Moseley	2019 Brenda Gill
2001 Frances Dohn	2019 Sherri Kirk
*2002 Mildred Spradley	2020 Barbara Tate
*2004 Loyce Price	2020 Charlene Huffman
*2006 Dr. Fleetwood Maddox	2021 Halli Stevens
2008 Rebecca Taylor	2021 Lorene Carter
2008 Nora Wells	2021 Karen Johnson
2010 Fae Suttles	2022 Carole Odom
2012 Barbara Townsend	2022 Faye Phillips
2014 Judy Griffin	2022 Betty Beasley
2016 Terry Westbrook	2022 Sheila Hensley
2016 Helen Leinbaugh	2023 Brenda Marshall
2016 Gay Bradley	2023 Barbara Bozeman
2018 Nancy Simmons	2023 Betty Holcomb
2018 Liz Miller	

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2021-2024

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

1985	John W. Halliday, Jr. (14)	(Susp. 6/2008)	2003	Clyde E. Griffin (7)	
1986	Joseph P. Suttles (4)	09/11/2019	2004	Timothy M. Taylor, Sr. (31)	
1987	Edward Helton (15)	08/22/2021	2005	Charles B. Stephens (26)	(Resigned)
1988	Robert H. Kines, Jr. (12)	02/08/1999	2006	Ernest A. Forthman (24)	12/09/2008
1989	Wilford H. Hall (19)	07/20/2014	2007	Paul E. Wells (3)	
1990	John C. Kaufman [Hon] (21)	11/09/1993	2008	Jeff W. Hodges, Jr. (9)	10/26/2011
1990	Ted H. Hendon (9)	04/27/2007	2009	Merrill G. Foleadore, Jr. (12)	
1991	Horace L. Whitlock [Hon] (2)	12/01/1992	2010	Andre E. Lovas [Hon] (11)	
1991	Lee D. Holcomb (40)	04/21/2009	2010	Charles M. Ellis (29)	
1992	William M. Roach Sr. (21)	10/21/1999	2011	James E. Stevens (21)	
1993	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (33)	09/05/2010	2012	Johnie M. Garmon (37)	
1994	Billy F. Adams [Hon] (8)		2013	C. Danny Wofford (31)	
1994	Hugh L. Smith (24)	03/01/1995	2014	Terry L. Hensley (26)	
1995	William M. Hutcheson (4)	03/25/2010	2015	Lloyd J. Leinbaugh (26)	
1995	Lloyd C. Odom (10)	07/29/2009	2015	Joe E. Turner (35)	
1996	James B. Phillips (19)		2016	Doyle R. Hatfield (3)	
1997	Steven V. Carter (36)	11/11/2017	2017	Drewrey W. Hendry (25)	02/02/2021
1998	Bobby B. Simmons (2)		2018	Steve A. Kirk (41)	
1999	Clarence E. Horne (4)	10/05/2018	2019	Robert W. Waldron (25)	
2000	Grady T. Bozeman (41)	05/10/2007	2019	Brandon S. Yarbrough (35)	(Suspended)
2001	Charles R. Maffett [Hon] (3)	01/10/2007	2020	Mark S. Johnson (22)	
2001	James C. Bentley, Jr. (16)	02/20/2021	2021	Carl J. Gamel (40)	12/22/2022
2002	Earl D. Harris (25)	07/23/2002	2022	Tommy T. Marshall (36)	
2002	Bobby J. Townsend (9)	09/20/2014			

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

1. **Georgia:** No Representation
2. **St. Omer:** Jerry H. Purvis, Jr.; Michael L. Hamlin; John A. Minnich; Bobby B. Simmons
3. **St. Aldemar:** Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; Timothy K. Starling; Dittmar W. Chavez; Robert Pless
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; Donald Combs; James Gorthy; Bruce McNall
8. **Rome:** No Representation
9. **Atlanta:** Alessandro V. Silva; Ryan C. Nealey; Jack J. Bell
10. **Ivanhoe:** Roy Miller; Sherman D. Rankin
11. **Tancred:** No Representation
12. **Plantagenet:** No Representation
14. **Godfrey de Bouillon:** Charles D. Humphrey; Walter McCannon
15. **Pilgrim:** Michael L. Wolcott; Steve Thompson
16. **Malta:** Charles Spray
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
22. **Alexius:** Richard A. Cramblett; Mark S. Johnson; Larry T. Croy
25. **St. Bernard:** Michael H. Wilson; Raymond G. Laird; Jeffery L. Anderson; Benjamin W. Polston, II
26. **Constantine:** James W. Bard;
- Daniel C. Ricketts; Michael H. Sampsell; John C. Finch; Robert R. Cordle; John C. Miller; Peter Bard; Jan M. Giddens; Richard Hallwood; Shane Russell; Keith Bryant
29. **Charles Martel:** Tyler W. Pledger; Thomas J. Rogers; Douglas D. Skramstad; James Nichols
30. **Bethlehem:** No Representation
31. **Arnold de Troye:** Joe R. Bush; Judd J. Wolfe; Mark A. Bradley; C. Danny Wofford; Wiley Q. Forester
33. **Philemon:** Michael R. Sosebee
35. **Griffin:** Joe E. Turner; Jeffery Hightower
36. **Waycross:** C. Hendry Howard, Jr.; Tommy T. Marshall; James R. Bennett; Robert L. Gill; Matthew Sanford; Joey D. Crews; John Shaw
37. **Blue Ridge Mountain:** William T. White; Floyd E. Edmondson; Wade C. Smith; William W. Grist; Johnie M. Garmon; Edgar M. Land; Kerry Rittenhouse; Danny L. Russell; Brandon P. Simmons
38. **DeKalb:** Jerry D. Moss; James Foster; Wiley Gammon, Jr.; Eric Howell
40. **Douglasville:** Eric S. Tress; Greely R. Graves, Jr.; Eric Robinson
41. **Amicalola:** Keith Hales; James R. Harris, Sr.; Stephen C. Higgins; James Blalock
42. **Coastal Plain:** Howard L. Maddox; John H. Johnson; John T. Flener, Jr.; Jeremy Hobbs
45. **St. Peter:** Gordon B. Ruthruff
73. **Ft. Benning:** Roger Buterbaugh; Russell Ward

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

1. **Georgia:** No Representation
2. **St. Omer:** Matthew Astin; Michael W. Schaefer
3. **St. Aldemar:** Dittmar W. Chavez
4. **Coeur De Lion:** No Representation
5. **St. Paul:** No Representation
7. **Palestine:** Robert Brooks
8. **Rome:** Walter D. Waddell, Jr.; John Tripp
9. **Atlanta:** Ryan C. Nealey
10. **Ivanhoe:** Roy Miller
11. **Tancred:** No Representation
12. **Plantagenet:** No Representation
14. **Godfrey De Bouillon:** Joshua M. Blakely
15. **Pilgrim:** Michael L. Wolcott
16. **Malta:** Terry Dees
17. **Crusader:** No Representation
19. **St. John's:** James B. Phillips

- 21. **St. Elmo:** James D. Arnold;
Christopher Gabor
- 22. **Alexius:** Mark S. Johnson
- 25. **St. Bernard:** William B. Dobbs, II
- 26. **Constantine:** Robert R. Cordie
- 29. **Charles Martel:** William B. Rigsby
- 30. **Bethlehem:** No Representation
- 31. **Arnold De Troye:** Michael J. Etheridge
- 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:** Jerry D. Moss
- 40. **Douglasville:** Eric S. Tress
- 41. **Amicalola:** Stephen C. Higgins
- 42. **Coastal Plain:** Tony Morris
- 45. **St. Peter:** Gordon B. Ruthruff
- 73 **Ft. Benning:** Harry Ross

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS
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FRIDAY
MAY 5, 2023
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**CORNELIUS HENDRY HOWARD, JR.
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2022-2023**

CORNELIUS HENDRY HOWARD, JR.

PERSONAL

Cornelius Hendry Howard, Jr. was born October 12, 1963 in Blackshear, Ga. He graduated from Blackshear High School in 1981 and then attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He married Shelly Coffee Howard in 1994 and has two children. A daughter KellyAnn and husband Cody Williams, their daughters Tatum and Tess. A son Jackson and his wife Tori Howard. Hendry is a member of Walkerville Baptist Church in Blackshear. Hendry is a volunteer fireman with Pierce County Fire and Rescue. Hendry is employed by Steel and Metal Systems, where he supervises the project management group.

MASONIC

Hendry was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on October 21, 1996, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 18, 1996, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 8, 1997. He served as Master of Blackshear Lodge #270 in 2003 and is currently serving as treasurer. Hendry just received his 25-year membership award as a Master Mason.

Hendry was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Waycross Chapter #9 in September 2004 and served as High Priest in 2006. He received the Order of the High Priesthood in 2007 and is currently serving in that line as Excellent Conductor. Hendry served as High Priest of the 11th District Chapter Convention in 2013 and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. He has also earned and received the General Grand Chapter Ritual Award.

Hendry was greeted as a Select Master in Waycross Council #30 in September 2004 and served as Illustrious Master in 2010. He received the Order of The Silver Trowel in 2010. Hendry was also the recipient of The Cryptic Mason of the Year for 2009-2010. Hendry served as Illustrious Master of the South Georgia Council Convention in 2018. He also served as Illustrious Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Georgia in 2015.

Hendry was knighted in Waycross Commandry #36 in September 2004 and served as Eminent Commander in 2007. He received the degree of Knight Crusader of the Cross in 2007.

Hendry became a knight of Ga Priory #39 KYCH on June 4, 2011, and currently serves as Deputy Prior.

Hendry was knighted into Herman E Freeman York Rite College #186 in Savannah on March 30, 2011 and is currently serving as Seneschal.

Hendry was installed into the Oglethorpe Conclave Red Cross of Constantine on May 31, 2016 and currently serves as Prelate.

Hendry is a Charter member of Kneeknocker Swamp Council #494 AMD, chartered in November 2010. He served as Sovereign Master in 2012 and is currently serving as Recorder.

Hendry was initiated in Upper Room Tabernacle #45 Knight Templar Priest on December 2, 2017 and is currently serving as Inner Guard.

Hendry has served as Secretary for the 11th District Masonic Convention. Hendry has served as District Grand Deputy to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, District Grand Deputy to the Most Illustrious Grand Master and as District Deputy to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

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

The Two Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Georgia was opened at 10:30 AM

on Friday, May 5, 2023 with Most Excellent Grand High Priest C. Hendry Howard 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 First Annual Convocation duly convened.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER ROLL CALL

C. Hendry Howard (30)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Right Excellent Grand King
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith, (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Matthew Sanford (9)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Phillip C. Faulkner (14)	Excellent Grand Organist
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Joe R. Bush (49)	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Jack J. Bell (162)	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Thomas J. Chapman (66)	Excellent Grand Master, 3 rd Veil
Johnie M. Garmon (24)	Excellent Grand Master, 2 nd Veil
John E. Finch, Jr. (13)	Excellent Grand Master, 1 st Veil
Joey D. Crews (9)	Excellent Grand Sentinel
R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (75)	Excellent Grand Photographer

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)	

2022-2023 GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North: Larry C. Bennett; South: T. Matthew Sanford
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel P. Bennett; W. Michael Jones;
 Michael R. Sosebee; Isaiah T. Hardin; Dale B. Cliett; Joey E. Jackson
MEGHP Address: William F. Shepard, Chair; Hugh F. Watson;
 Thomas Chapman
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger W. Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson
Memorial: James E. Stevens, Chair; Donald C. Combs; Mark S. Johnson
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane
Charters/By-Laws/Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Stephen C. Higgins;
 Lloyd J. Leinbaugh
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; John T. Flener, Jr.;
 Robert C. Lord
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Russell L. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.
R. A. R. A.: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, Chair; Jack J. Bell; John E. Finch

Building Trustees: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Michael H. Wilson; Hugh F. Watson; William Shepard; Jan M. Giddens; Van S. McGee; Jack J. Bell;

Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III

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

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

Long Range Planning: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; Jack J. Bell; J. Timothy Ingram; Mark A. Bradley; John H. Johnson

Membership: Stephen C. Higgins, Chair; Jim Arnold; Jerry B. Vogler, Jr.; 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; Daniel C. Ricketts

Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; John E. Finch

Web Master: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman; J. Chris Brown

Grand Master Y. R. Festival: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Thomas J. Chapman

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell, Chair

Organist: Phillip C. Faulkner, Chair

Parliamentarian: Mark S. Johnson, Chair

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

Time Capsule: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Mark A. Bradley; John E. Finch; Larry Purdom

2022-2023 GRAND CHAPTER DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st	James E. Landrum (87)	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
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (155)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (24)	9 th
Alessandro V. Silva (16)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (6)	10 th
William F. Duggan, Jr. (72)	6 th	James C. Clark (9)	11 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, Distinguished Guests, and my Companions all: I would like to welcome you to the two hundred and first annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. To the Companions across our great state, I have enjoyed serving you this year as Grand High Priest. To the Chapters that I have visited thank you for your friendship and hospitality during my visits.

To my fellow Grand Line officers, thank you for your support and to your dedication to the Craft. I pray that your remaining journey through the line will be successful and enjoyable. To my two appointed officers Matt Sanford REGC and Joey Crews EGS, thank each of you for the support during my entire Grand Line journey.

Excellent Companion Mark Bradley, as Grand Secretary, many thanks to you for

all that you have done for me behind the scenes to make my year enjoyable and memorable. You go above and beyond in your duties to the Grand Chapter, and I offer you my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your service.

I wish also to thank Ms. Marla Horton for all she does to keep our York Rite bodies running smoothly. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

To the District Grand Deputies, thank you for your support and service to the craft this year. To the Custodians of the Work, Larry Bennett and Matt Sanford thank you for your service to the Companions this year. Thanks also to the assistant custodians of work.

To Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert "Rusty" Cordle, I have enjoyed serving this year with you and to the numerous times we have shared the East. To Right Eminent Grand Commander Tommy Marshall, this year will always be special to me. I was able to share the Grand East with not only a Brother and Companion from the Waycross York Rite bodies, but also a great friend. Most Worshipful Grand Masters Donald Combs and Michael Kessler it has been a pleasure serving with each of you this year.

MEPGHP Robert Gill, I can never thank you enough for being my mentor. You have supported and guided me since I began my Masonic journey. We have traveled many miles together over the years and hope we have many more to go. You have inspired me to do things that I never even imagined doing when I first became a Mason.

To all my Companions of Waycross Chapter #9, I wish to thank you for the support you have given me the last seven years. You are not only my brothers but also my friends and I appreciate each of you.

To MEPGHP John Henry Johnson, I enjoyed our journey through this line and I'm glad that we were able to both share the Bicentennial year of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia. Thank you for your support and friendship. I know I stressed you out by being hospitalized the day before I was to be installed as MEGHP.

Thank you for installing me as MEGHP when I was finally released and at home. To my family, I'm glad that you were there when I needed help. Shelly, thank you for all you did for me behind the scenes to help me in my travels. KellyAnn and Jackson, I am so thankful that God allowed me to be your father. You both made this year even more special by getting married two months apart. KellyAnn and Cody, you also gave me a bonus of two granddaughters. With that, Shelly; Jackson and Tori; KellyAnn, Cody, Tatum and Tess I love all of you more than you could ever imagine.

NECROLOGY

This year many of our Companions completed their eternal house and laid down the working tools of this world. Included in that number was Most Excellent Companion Grady Keith, who served as MEGHP in 1978. While we are saddened by our loss, they are rejoicing in their rewards of a life well spent. Our prayers go out to their families as they cope with their losses. We will hold a memorial service for our departed companions on May 6, 2023.

VISITATIONS

I have had the opportunity to visit many chapters this year throughout the state. Many of these visits have included presenting 50-year aprons, as well as a 75 year, to worthy Companions. I had the pleasure to present to one of my predecessors, MEPGHP Joseph Clark, his 50-year apron. I have attended all district conventions during my year but two, one due to an exposure to Covid and

one to work out of state. I have represented the Grand Chapter at the following events: Rainbow Girls State Assembly, OES State Assembly, Order of Amaranth State Assembly, SOOB National Assembly, GA Priory 39 KYCH, Statewide AMD Convention, Grand Lodge of Georgia, Upper Room Tabernacle KTP, and the Grand Master's Class.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITATIONS

The only out of state function that I was able to attend was the Southeastern Conference in Florida. I had planned on several visits to neighboring states grand sessions but due to job commitments, I was unable to. This was a letdown as I was looking forward to attending these sessions.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations were mainly of a routine nature. The only exception was the dispensation to allow Jesup Chapter #70 to move its meeting location. These dispensations are on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Excellent Companion Joe Oelgoetz for his hard work the last several years and for chairing the committee for RARA. Thanks also to Excellent Companions Jack Bell and Jay Finch for assisting Joe with the duties of this committee. Each of you have done a superb job of informing the companions of what our charity does and what our contributions are used for. Georgia ranked 5th for the year at the end of 2022. Many thanks to the Companions for their generous donations and support of our charity.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Companions, we are starting to see our losses leveling out. At the end of 2022 we had a net loss of only 59 companions, which is the lowest it has been in years. The future is looking brighter to have an increase maybe actually in our numbers at the end of 2023. Our Companions are working hard throughout the state to recruit new members, performing degree work, and improving in the ritual work. We have a commitment to ourselves and the Craft to be the best Companion we can be. By doing so, this great institution can prosper and preserve. We have just celebrated our bicentennial year, which was made possible by the commitment of our predecessors. During my travels this year, I have seen the fervency and zeal of our companions for the craft and to their commitment to it. I have also saw the commitment of the Grand Line officers to our great institution. I have faith that they will do a great job in leading the craft in the upcoming years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we continue to present programs to the Master Masons in our regular lodges whereby we generate interest in becoming Royal Arch Masons.
2. That we commit to engaging and educating our new members so they will look forward to attending meetings.
3. That we continue to hold the Grand Master's class, festivals, and do degree work at district conventions. While many chapters can confer the degrees with no help, many struggling chapters rely on these for assistance in conferring the degrees.
4. That chapters and conventions utilize the directors of work and hold schools of instruction for their members. If degree work is not being done at a district convention, a short instructive course would provide a program for that convention.

CONCLUSION

My fellow companions of this great state of Georgia, I again want to thank you for your support this year. I have greatly enjoyed my time progressing through this Grand Line and the friendships I have made over the years. Companions, it is my hope that I have respectfully and satisfactorily preformed the duties as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest this year. I was very humbled to be able to preside over part of our bicentennial year and I pray that our great institution continues to exist for generations to come. I want to wish for my successor and the other Grand Line officers a successful and enjoyable year. You have been a great group of Grand Line officers to serve with. Companions let us always remember the great virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. For me meaning Faith in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Hope in a better tomorrow and charity towards my fellow man. Companions, I appreciate each of you and look forward to many years of fellowship with you. May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and your family.

Respectfully Submitted: C. Hendry Howard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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 one Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. We pray that this Grand Convocation will be enjoyed by all present.

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 Talmadge Matthew Sanford, Right Excellent Reverend Grand Chaplain, and Excellent Companion Joey Dean Crews, Excellent Grand Sentinel. These two great companions have added much to our Grand Chapter this year. We also join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking Most Excellent Companion John Henry Johnson; these two Most Excellent Companions working together made our Bicentennial a success.

We read with interest the Most Excellent Grand High Priest comments on Most Excellent Companion Robert (Bob) Gill. We agree the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has been truly blessed having this Companion as his mentor and guide throughout his Masonic journey. We join the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thanking Waycross Chapter No. 9 in their support of our Grand High Priest.

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 make it easy for the rest of us.

We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in Acknowledging and thanking the District Grand Deputies, the Grand Custodians of the Work, and the Assistant Grand Custodians for their support and service.

We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert (Rusty) Cordle and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Tommy Marshall for their efforts working with the Grand High Priest in promoting

York Rite Masonry this year. Also we thank Most Worshipful Brother Donald Combs and Most Worshipful Brother Michael Kessler for their support of York Rite Masonry, when we work together great things can be accomplished. We join our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in marking the passing of so many of our companions this year. In particular, we note the loss of our Most Excellent Companion Grady Keith. While we will miss them, we are comforted by the knowledge that these great companions have "passed the veils of the outer courts and entered into the Grand Chapter of Heaven, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides forever reigns."

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 the committee, we continue to be a strong and leading supporter of this great work.

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 have reviewed the words of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as to the State of the Craft and find ourselves in agreement. We also concur with his Recommendations.

We whole-heartily join with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in acknowledging the great contributions of his lovely wife, the First lady of Royal Arch Masonry, Ms. Shelly. She surely has been a source of strength and comfort to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Now as our Most Excellent Companion Cornelius Hendry Howard, 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 rise again to deeds of even more exalted usefulness.

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard; Hugh F. Watson; and Thomas J. Chapman

REPORT FROM 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 three Bills to amend the Royal Arch Code were referred to the committee for consideration at this Annual Convocation. The Committee found them to be in order to be considered by the Grand Chapter. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all dispensations issued from the office of the Grand Secretary were in strict accordance with the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia.

No Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Convocation.

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

Fraternally Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Daniel C. Ricketts; 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 through 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 office of Grand Sentinel, Grand Chaplain, or Grand Organist.

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. 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, 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) 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.

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: Joe E. Turner

TO BE EFFECTIVE IN 2024.

BILL NO. 2

A bill to change the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia

2.11 Jurisdiction of Candidates:

Section 2.11.1 currently reads:

2.11.1 General: Any qualified Master Mason may petition for the Capitular Degrees in any Chapter within the County in which he has his legal residence, or in a Chapter in any other County which borders the County of legal residence; i.e., all Chapters located within a County of this State will enjoy concurrent jurisdiction over candidates with all other Counties which border said County. Provided, however, that any qualified Master Mason who resides in a County in which there is no Chapter and which County is not bordered by a County in which there is a Chapter may petition the Chapter nearest to him in this State.

Section 2.11.1 would be changed to read:

2.11.1 Petition for Degrees: Any qualified Royal Arch Mason may receive the Capitular Degrees in any Chapter within the State of Georgia. All Chapters will hold concurrent jurisdiction over candidates.

2.11.2 Violation of Jurisdiction: Delete in its entirety.

2.11.3 Waiver: Delete in its entirety.

2.11.4 Invasion of Territory Delete in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Higgins and John H. Johnson

BILL NO. 3

A bill to change the Royal Arch Masonic Code of Georgia

2.17. DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES AND STATE CHAIRMAN

Section 2.17.1 currently reads:

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

Section 2.17.1 would be changed by deleting "**September 1st and**" so that

Section 2.17.1 would read:

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

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Higgins and John H. Johnson

BILL NO. 4

Proposed code change to The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Georgia
Section 2.1301 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 membership and 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

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.

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 change in the bylaws of Darley Chapter No. 7 deleting any meetings that fall on a federal holiday. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Taylor Chapter No. 48 changing the meeting months to odd months and council meetings to even months. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee notes Dispensation No. 9 was issued on November 28, 2022 to move Jesup Chapter No. 70 to 34 South Street in Ludowici in Long County. Your committee recommends approval as requested.

Your committee has received a revised set of bylaws of Covington Chapter No. 71. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Forest Park Chapter No. 75 changing the day of the meeting. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 155 changing the meeting months to odd months and council meetings to even months. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Alpharetta Chapter No. 162 naming the locations for the combined meetings. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a complete revision of the eighth district bylaws which were rejected on September 29, 2022. They were submitted to be adopted at the 2023 eighth district convention and there were several conflicts in the sections. One of the major conflicts is that no past high priest can serve as a district officer.

Your committee notes Dispensation No. 18 was issued on April 3, 2023 to consolidate the First and Eleventh Districts into the South Georgia Royal Arch Masonic Convention. Your committee 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, Thomasville, etc. Your committee has also received a proposed By-Laws which will need to be approved at the annual meeting of the convention in July 2023 and signed.

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.

This Committee has received no requests for new Chapter charters.

Happy Birthday: Smyrna No. 60, 100 years, and Dave H. Keever, Sr. No. 49, 75 years.

Respectfully Submitted May 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman;
Stephen C. Higgins; and Lloyd J. Leinbaugh

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 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Ryan C. Nealey; and Daniel C. Ricketts

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

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:

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 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 May 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner

In Memoriam



This Memorial is affectionately

Inscribed to the memory of

H. Grady Keith, Sr.

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:

Walter D. Waddell, Jr. (14)	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Joey E. Jackson (59)	Right Excellent Grand King
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III (7)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Wade C. Smith (24)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (84)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
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

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MEGHP announced the following appointments: Lamar E. Richards (14) Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner, Organist (14); Edward C. Barclay (14), Sentinel; and R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (75), Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed after the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May 6, 2023 by Most Excellent Companion William F. Shepard.

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, Chair
Fundraising: F. Keith Hales, Chair; John E. Finch; Raymond G. Laird
Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair

2023-2024 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (135)	Chair	Mitch Tripp (26)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (03)	1 st /11 th	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		

MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the 201st Annual Convocation be adopted, printed and distributed.

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 202nd Annual Convocation will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 3, 2024.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIAL

The 74th Triennial will be held in September of 2023 in Branson, Missouri.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

Most Excellent Grand Companion Walter D. Waddell, Jr., MEGHP, declared the 201st 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



Walter D. Waddell, Jr.
Most Excellent
Grand High Priest

PROCEEDINGS OF THE C. DANNY WOFFORD

HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

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 5, 2023 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:

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

C. Hendry Howard	Excellent Conductor
Benjamin W. Polston, II	Excellent Herald
Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III	Excellent Steward
Jack J. Bell	Excellent Sentinel

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1986 C. Brantley Morgan	2014 Michael R. Sosebee
1990 William E. Cantrell	2015 Mark A. Bradley
1995 James W. Seymour (Demit)	2016 Michael H. Wilson
1996 Andre E. Lovas	2017 Edward C. Barclay
1997 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2018 Doyle R. Hatfield
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
2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.	

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

Matthew R. Astin (4)	James M. Nichols (99)
Daniel P. Bennett (61)	Jeffrey Ozburn (71)
William G. Boyles (28)	William B. Rigsby (99)
Robert A. Brooks (3)	Harry E. Ross (73)
Robert A. Cameron (27)	Shane D. Russell (13)
James R. Gorthy (3)	Michael W. Schaefer (120)
Jerry M. Hardigree (80)	George W. Schreiner, IV (72)
Jeffrey F. Hightower (10)	Richard Tanner (150)
Howard L. Maddox (47)	Russell E. Ward (73)
Tony D. Morris (47)	William T. White (24)

2023-2024 OFFICERS

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

John H. Johnson	Excellent President
Stephen C. Higgins	Excellent Vice President
Joey E. Jackson	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Mark A. Bradley	Excellent Secretary-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

The officers were installed by MIPGM Benjamin W. Polston.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Bradley
Excellent Secretary-Treasurer

John H. Johnson
Excellent President

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2022-2023 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Chapter awards were presented:

SWEETHEART AWARD

MEGHP C. Hendry Howard and General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks presented Sweetheart Awards to Lady Brenda Marshall, Lady Brenda Cordle, and Lady Marsha Jackson (Posthumously).

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

C. Danny Wofford presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Most Excellent Companion Hugh F. Watson.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MEGHP C. Hendry Howard and General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks presented the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Excellent Companion John A. Minnich.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

General Grand Scribe Chadwick Burks presented MEGHP C. Hendry Howard 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 C. Hendry Howard presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Winder Chapter No. 84.

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)	

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

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

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)

1922	Augustus G. Miller (9)	07-31-1931	1971	Graydon W. Kitchens (122)	08-12-1987
1923	Clarence H. Andrew (104)	08-20-1930	1972	John M. McClurd, Sr. (66)	04-17-2001
1924	Early H. Johnson (7)	09-06-1947	1973	William M. Drinnon (4)	02-03-1987
1924	Edgar A. McHan [Hon.] (24)	07-12-1928	1974	Richard S. Sagar (98)	12-11-2013
1925	William A. Sims (16)	11-24-1952	1975	J. Lewis Lester (87)	05-26-2009
1926	Hugh W. Taylor (31)	05-18-1966	1976	Charlie O. Murphy (155)	11-21-1992
1927	W. Frank Wells (97)	11-07-1947	1977	Marvin E. Oldham (K01)	08-13-2000
1928	John Swain (3)	01-02-1944	1978	H. Grady Keith (27)	
1929	William B. Graham (12)	07-02-1931	1979	John Benny Allen (64)	
1930	Charles L. Bass (93)	12-29-1937	1980	Felix Gersten (7)	06-10-1993
1930	Josiah T. Clarke (Hon.) (2)	05-13-1950	1981	Rufus C. Johnson, Jr. (52)	04-07-2000
1931	Charles Percival Taylor (155)	01-14-1934	1982	James T. Stanley (98)	05-02-1991
1932	Joseph A. Moore (6)	09-04-1972	1983	William M. Hutcheson (16)	03-25-2010
1933	Charles R. McCord (4)	03-22-1938	1984	C. Downing Pate (Hon.) (107)	10-25-1997
1934	John B. Russell (32)	01-20-1955	1984	Bobby Joe Townsend (83)	09-20-2014
1935	N. H. Ballard (Hon) (66)	02-19-1936	1985	Grady T. Bozeman (28)	05-10-2007
1935	Francis A. Johnson (97)	03-31-1940	1986	Steven V. Carter (90)	11-11-2017
1936	B. Palmer Axson (G03)	05-23-1943	1987	J. Walter Cowart (G03)	09-11-2001
1937	Newman N. Johnson (22)	11-03-1972	1988	William E. Cantrell (144)	
1938	Paul H. Ponder (158)	11-23-1967	1989	P. Woodrow Houston (44)	06-30-1994
1938	P.T. McCutchen (Hon.) (34)	03-27-1947	1990	George E. Jones (18)	08-27-1993
1939	Jack G. Standifer (44)	11-20-1972	1991	James E. Miller (73)	04-21-2013
1940	Thomas W. Sewell (34)	6-25-1966	1992	John S. Perry (75)	09-04-1995
1941	J. Warner Neal (7)	11-19-1960	1993	Ernest J. Gaines (49)	11-23-1995
1942	John W. Riley (6)	01-06-1949	1994	Ruben Martinez (75)	03-28-2021
1943	E. Paul Newhard (62)	05-16-1963	1995	Joe E. Turner (10)	
1944	J. Tillman Morgan (74)	09-20-1969	1996	William J. Bird (70)	02-15-2016
1945	Bartis E. Goodman (16)	01-09-1959	1997	William Henry Lewis (107)	06-07-1998
1946	Emanuel W. Rhoden (91)	10-20-1962	1999	Joseph P. Suttles (37)	09-11-2019
1947	W. Furman King (G03)	11-07-1950	1999	Wilford H. Hall (80)	07-12-2014
1948	Daniel W. Locklin (K01)	10-09-1988	2000	Wayne H. Garrett (64)	
1949	James R. Bellflower (47)	10-07-1981	2000	Ted H. Hendon (Hon.) (50)	04-27-2007
1950	John W. Ball, Jr. (112)	03-09-1958	2001	William D. Miles (16)	03-04-2017
1951	William J. Penn, Jr. (15)	07-30-1959	2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (71)	07-23-2002
1951	Arthur T. Harrison (66)	11-29-1954	2002	A. Joseph Clark (K01)	
1952	Thomas C. Sanders (155)	11-27-1974	2003	Eli A. Stafford (G03)	02-22-2007
1953	David L. Paulk (32)	04-23-1979	2004	Emmett R. Johns (4)	10-15-2021
1954	John H. Haddock (4)	03-03-1981	2005	Hugh F. Watson (13)	
1955	J. Willard Register (7)	04-24-1999	2006	Robert L. Gill (9)	
1956	Cecil F. Hall (33)	11-01-1979	2007	Charles L. Taylor, Jr. (21)	09-05-2010
1957	Austin P. Phillips (94)	03-18-1981	2008	Drewew W. Hendry, Sr. (63)	02-02-2021
1958	Lyndon S. Patterson (10)	05-07-1958	2009	C. Danny Wofford (84)	
1958	Jay D. Barton (2)	03-09-1981	2009	Wade C. Smith (24)	
1959	Harry M. Stanley, Jr. (119)	07-24-1992	2010	J. Timothy Ingram (28)	
1960	Raymond E. Keen (30)	08-06-1999	2011	William L. Montgomery (73)	11-13-2020
1961	James C. Newton (54)	06-06-1970	2012	Jimmy T. Porter (79)	11-29-2015
1961	G. Hice Gilbert (149)	08-19-1985	2012	James C. Bentley, Jr. (Hon) (107)	02-20-2021
1962	E. Alton Rogers (6)	06-24-2001	2013	Clyde E. Griffin (G03)	
1963	Ralph C. James (158)	06-14-1989	2014	Michael H. Wilson (71)	
1964	Charles H. Bush (131)	12-20-1969	2015	James T. Farmer (10)	03-06-2016
1965	James M. Head (63)	03-11-1999	2016	William F. Shepard (66)	
1966	Joseph R. Richardson (26)	01-27-1990	2017	Mark A. Bradley (84)	
1967	James E. Moseley (10)	02-10-2017	2018	Stephen C. Higgins (135)	
1967	Merrill D. Payton (15)	02-12-1997	2019	James W. Tate (73)	
1968	Ira R. Huffaker (16)	05-21-1973	2020	Michael H. Sampsell 13/87)	
1969	Thomas J. Brake, Jr. (10)	09-24-1971	2021	John H. Johnson (47)	
1970	Herman E. Freeman (G03)	08-01-1984	2022	C. Hendry Howard (9)	

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

A01. Augusta: No Representation
K01: Keystone: No Representation
03. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey;
 Ronald B. Wolbert; Clyde E. Griffin;
 Robert A. Brooks; Donald C. Combs;
 James Gorthy; Bruce McCall
04. Constantine: Michael L. Hamlin;
 Bobby B. Simmons; Michael Astin; John
 Minnich; Jerry H. Purvis
06. Temple: No Representation
07. Darley: Ditmar W. Chavez;
 Joseph E. Delgoetz, III; Timothy K. Starling;
 Robert Pless

09. Waycross: Robert L. Gill; Joey D. Crews;
 Matthew Sanford; James R. Bennett;
 C. Hendry Howard; Tommy T. Marshall;
 John Shaw
10. Pythagoras: Joe E. Turner;
 Jeffery Hightower
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; Shane Russell
14. Silver Shoals: Ronnie Holcomb
15. Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation
16. Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey;

Alessandro V. Silva
18. Austin: Roy Miller; Sherman D. Rankin
21. Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee
23. J. M. Rushin: No Representation
24. Enotah: William T. White; William W. Grist;
 Johnie M. Garmon; Wade C. Smith;
 Kerry Rittenhouse
25. Oliver: Joshua M. Blakely; Charles
 Humphrey; Walter McCannon
26. Rome: John Tripp
27. Lakewood: Larry T. Croy
28. Pickens: Keith Hales
34. Newnan: No Representation
41. Adoniram: No Representation
47. Tifton: John H. Johnson;
 Howard L. Maddox; Jeremy W. Hobbs;
 John Flener;
48. Taylor: Wiley Q. Forrester; Judd J. Wolfe;
 Bill Garrison
49. Dave H. Keever: Joe R. Bush;
 Jerry D. Moss; James Foster;
 Wiley Gammon, Jr.; Eric R. Howell
50. Douglasville: Eric S. Tress; Eric Robinson
59. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson
61. Kellogg: Timothy Cooper;
 James B. Phillips
64. Alleghaney: Michael L. Wolcott;
 Steve Thompson
66. Brunswick: Thomas J. Chapman;
 William F. Shepard; Richard J. Corwin;
 James E. Stevens; Charles Taylor
70. Jesup: No Representation
71. Covington: Raymond G. Laird;

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

K01 Keystone: No Representation
A01 Augusta: No Representation
03 Georgia: Ronald B. Wolbert
04 Constantine: Allen Hart
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: Barry L. Pinson;
 Matthew R. Medley; Sudhanshu H. Shukla
14 Silver Shoals: Walter D. Waddell
15 Wm. J. Penn, Jr.: No Representation
16 Mt. Zion: Ryan C. Nealey
18 Austin: Roy Miller
21 Toccoa: Michael R. Sosebee
23 J.M. Rushin: No Representation
24 Enotah: William W. Grist
25 Oliver: Joshua M. Blakely
26 Rome: John Tripp
27 Lakewood: Monte McDonald
28 Pickens: William Boyles
34 Newnan: No Representation
41 Adoniram: No Representation
47 Tifton: Tony Morris
48 Taylor: Judd J. Wolfe
49 Dave H. Keever: Eric R. Howell
50 Douglasville: Greely R. Graves, Jr.

Michael H. Wilson; Jeffery L. Anderson;
 Benjamin W. Polston, II
72. Fayetteville: Richard A. Cramblett;
 Mark S. Johnson
73. Fort Benning: Roger Buterbaugh;
 Russell Ward
74. Roswell: No Representation
75. Forest Park: No Representation
77. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary; Paul Kimpel;
 Billy G. Messer
80. Wilford H. Hall: No Representation
84. Winder: Mark A. Bradley;
 C. Danny Wofford; Michael J. Etheridge
87. Austell: No Representation
94. Bainbridge: No Representation
99. Chickamauga: Thomas J. Rogers;
 Douglas D. Skramstad; James Nichols;
 Tyler W. Pledger
107. Valdosta-Zerubbabel:
 Charlie Spray
120. Hubert: Michael Schaefer
122. Y. A. Wright: No Representation
135. Canton: Stephen C. Higgins;
 David Wellman
142. Dallas: Eric S. Tress
150. Ellijay: Floyd E. Edmondson;
 Edgar Land; Brandon P. Simmons
155. Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160. Smyrna: Robert R. Cordle; Keith Bryant;
 Richard Hallwood
162. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell
166. Genesis: Gordon B. Ruthruff

59 Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson
61 Kellogg: Timothy Cooper
64 Alleghaney: Michael L. Wolcott
66 Brunswick: Christopher Gabor
70 Jesup: James D. Arnold
71 Covington: William Dobbs, II
72 Fayetteville: George W. Schreiner, IV
73 Fort Benning: Roger Buterbaugh
74 Roswell: No Representation
75 Forest Park: No Representation
77 Sardis: Billy G. Messer
80 Wilford H. Hall: No Representation
84 Winder: Michael J. Etheridge
87 Austell: No Representation
94 Bainbridge: No Representation
99 Chickamauga: William B. Rigsby
107 Valdosta: Terry Dees
120 Hubert: Michael Schaefer
122 Y.A. Wright: No Representation
135 Canton: James R. Harris
142 Dallas: Eric S. Tress
150 Ellijay: Brandon P. Simmons
155 Mt. Horeb: No Representation
160 Smyrna: Keith Bryant
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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MACON
FRIDAY
MAY 5, 2023
A. DEP. 3023**



**ROBERT RUSSELL CORDLE
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2022-2023**

ROBERT RUSSELL CORDLE
PERSONAL

Robert Cordle (Rusty) was born in Atlanta Georgia on November 13, 1953. He grew up in Smyrna, GA, the youngest son of James and Sarah Cordle. He attended Wills High School in Smyrna until 11th grade, then transferred to Grace Baptist Academy where he graduated in 1972. At Wills high school Rusty was interested in wrestling, at Grace Academy he was interested in working with a printing press and was responsible for printing all materials for the school. After graduating high school Rusty worked in many places until he landed a job at Coats & Clark thread mill in Clarkdale Ga, where he worked for ten years. He then went to work in the elevator industry where he worked for 30 years and retired in 2012.

Rusty has two children, Son Russell William Cordle, and later after marrying his wonderful wife Brenda he gained a daughter, Terri Lynn (Majors) Small.

MASONIC

Rusty was raised in Inman Lodge #637 on November 19, 1998. He became a member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite in 2000. He also became a member of Yaarab Shrine in the same year and is currently a member of the World-Famous Red Devil Clown Unit. He was a Past Master of Inman Lodge in 2003 at which time he helped three lodges come together and form Mableton Lodge #171 where he served as Master in 2011. He is also a Past Master of James E. Sledge DL Lodge in 2017 and became a member of Smyrna Chapter #160 and G. Everett Cox Council #60 in 2009. He served as High Priest of Smyrna Chapter and Illustrious Master of G. Everett Cox Council #60 and elected Treasurer of both and is still serving in that position. Rusty is also a member of Constantine Commandery #26 where he served as Eminent Commander. He was Illustrious Master of the 7th District Council Convention and High Priest of the 7th District Chapter Convention. He served as the Grand Marshal for Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Jan M. Giddens 2021-2022. He is a member of Carl F. Lester Council #65 Knight Masons, North Atlanta Council #313 of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Luther G. Palmer #123 York Rite College, and St. Ambrose Conclave #227 of the Red Cross of Constantine.

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

The One Hundred Ninety-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Georgia was reconvened by Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert R. Cordle at 1:30 PM on Friday, May 5, 2023. The opening prayer was offered by Companion Jan M. Giddens, Illustrious Grand Chaplain. Being assured that a quorum was present, the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the One Hundred Ninety-Seventh Annual Assembly duly convened.

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER ROLL CALL

Robert R. Cordle (60)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Judd J. Wolfe (65)	Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Timothy K. Starling (H04)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
Wade C. Smith (79)	Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Illustrious Grand Recorder
Jan M. Giddens (74)	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
James W. Bard (74)	Illustrious Grand Orator
Phillip C. Faulkner (3)	Illustrious Grand Organist
John C. Miller (60)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
F. Keith Hales (55)	Illustrious Grand Steward
G. Keith Bryant (60)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (33)	Illustrious Grand Photographer

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)
2000 Thomas L. Blanton (49)	2018 Larry C. Bennett (55)
2003 Alvin R. Davis (64) (Affil RI)	2019 Joe E. Turner, Hon. (10)
2006 Daniel C. Ricketts (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)
2011 Harry B. Allen (3)	2022 Robert R. Cordle (60)
2012 Mark S. Johnson (66)	
2013 F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)	

2022-2023 GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Custodians of the Work: North-Larry C. Bennett; South-T. Matthew Sanford
Assistant Custodians: Tyler W. Pledger; Daniel Bennett; Michael Jones; Michael Wolcott; Peter Bard; Joey Jackson
Finance: Jack J. Bell, Chair; Roger Buterbaugh; Barry L. Pinson
Memorial: Jan M. Giddens, Chair; Jerry B. Vogler; Donald C. Combs
Jurisprudence: William F. Shepard, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts; F. Andrew Lane
By-laws, Charters, Dispensations: Joe E. Turner, Chair; C. Danny Wofford; Larry C. Bennett
Foreign Correspondent: Joe E. Turner, Chair
Auditing: Ryan C. Nealey, Chair; Lloyd R. Lane; Jerry B. Vogler
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation: John C. Miller, Chair; Timothy K. Starling; James D. Arnold
Grand Illustrious Masters Address: Floyd E. Edmondson, Chair; Larry C. Bennett; F. Andrew Lane; Judd J. Wolfe
Committee on Credentials: Bobby B. Simmons, Chair; John A. Minnich; Robert C. Lord; John Flener
Educational/Historical: C. Danny Wofford, Chair; Joe E. Turner; Timothy K. Starling.
Public Relations: Michael H. Sampsell; Daniel Bennett; Mark A. Bradley
Long Range Planning: James W. Bard, Chair; Judd J. Wolfe; Timothy K. Starling; John C. Miller
Membership: Judd J. Wolfe, Chair; John C. Miller; Ryan C. Nealey; James Harris
Entertainment: Mark A. Bradley, Chair; Wade C. Smith; Ernest A. McCorkle
Code Revision: Joe E. Turner, Chair; Jan M. Giddens; Floyd E. Edmondson; John C. Miller
Masonic Messenger Supplement: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; David Wellman; John E. Finch

Web Master: Thomas J. Chapman, Chair; Michael H. Sampsell;
Alessandro V. Silva

Grand Master's Class: Michael H. Sampsell, Chair; Daniel C. Ricketts;
Thomas J. Chapman; Judd J. Wolfe

Photographer: Robert W. Tidwell

Organist: Philip C. Faulkner

Sunshine: Floyd E. Edmondson

Parliamentarian: Johnie M. Garmon

2022-2023 GRAND COUNCIL DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES

Stephen C. Higgins (03)	Chair	Timothy O. Cooper (61)	7 th
Bruce H. McNall (02)	1 st	James E. Landrum (47)	7 th
Bruce T. Fykes (20)	2 nd /3 rd	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 (03)	9 th
Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th	Michael J. Etheridge (77)	9 th
Jan Maaskant, Jr. (33)	5 th	J. Ivy Smith (79)	9 th
Alessandro V. Silva (13)	5 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
William F. Duggan, Jr. (66)	6 th	James C. Clark (30)	11 th
Michael L. Hamlin (06)	6 th	Charles E. Ferguson (83)	12 th
R. Cris Lynch (36)	7 th		

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To all Companions of the Great State of Georgia, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master's, and my Family and Friends. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Illustrious Grand Master for 2022-2023. It is something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

VISITATION

A lot of the Councils are still having a hard time. I feel like we still do not have all the Companions back from when we all had to stay home because of that awful Covid. I was given the opportunity to visit a lot of Councils this year and was received with open arms. I got to meet some Companions that I have never met, and I saw Companions that I have known for a lot of years. My year started off right away. I was asked by Past REGC Terry Hensley who was going in as Master of the 7th Masonic District Convention to start in the line as 3rd Stewart and I was pleased to say yes. My Council visits started the next week on the 16th of May and on the 20th I moved in at the Yaarab Shrine Circus and stayed there until the 31st of May. In June I had the honor and privilege to speak at the Grand Assembly of the Rainbow Girls. In July I had the honor and privilege to speak at The International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, and in September I had the honor to speak at the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. In February I had the honor to represent The Grand Council of Georgia at the Grand York Rite of Alabama and attend the Covington York Rite Festival where 40 new Companions were installed in the York Rite. In March it was an honor to attend the Grand session of South Carolina, and North Carolina.

DISPENSATIONS

A few dispensations were requested this year, there was even one to have meetings in hopes of starting a new Council.

CMMRF

It was a great year for CMMRF in Georgia, I would like to thank and commend Ill. Companion John C. Miller and his committee for what they did and all the time and effort they put in to make this a great year. If you will please refer to the report of Ill. Companion Miller and look at our results for this year. I would like to thank all the Companions and Councils who contributed to CMMRF this year. It was all of you that made this year a success for CMMRF.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER'S DEGREE

Most Illustrious Jim Bard noticed that Companions around the state were not getting the Super Excellent Master's degree, so he started having a class in Macon at the Grand York Rite building with the help of Most Illustrious Companion Floyd Edmondson. I am very pleased to say that it continued this year, and my hope is that it continues in the coming years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have noticed that we are not even reaching 10% of the blue lodge brothers. We need to go to these lodges and talk about membership in the York Rite. We do have materials that can be used in your presentation. Ask the Master of the lodge if you can have a program about the York Rite. Most Masters are looking for some kind of program to present to the lodge, it might as well be the York Rite. Have a program in your lodge and present the First Responders or the Youth Advocate award. Schedule the Royal Order of the Zanzibar degree for your lodge.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I still notice Councils struggling sometimes to be able to open their Councils. If you see this in your area, ask your council to get together and visit them and help them open. On a good note, this year we had the smallest net loss ever. The net loss for this year was -17 Companions. If we can continue this trend, then maybe we can be in the plus column soon. Our gains in membership are getting better each year. We have had 3 Councils with 10% or higher in membership. The certificates for those Councils will be presented at the Grand Luncheon. Please refer to the Grand Recorder's report for more information.

APPOINTMENTS

It was an honor for me to make the following appointments for my year. MW& Ill. Companion Jan M. Giddens as Grand Chaplain, Ill. Companion Keith Bryant as Grand Sentinel, MI. Companion Jim Bard as my Grand Orator, Ill. Companion Phillip Faulkner as Grand Organist, and Ill. Companion R. Winslow Tidwell Esq, as the Grand Photographer. I would Like to thank all these Companions for serving with me this year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATION

First let me start by saying thank you to the Companions of the Great State of Georgia for electing me 7 years ago to the Grand Council. Next, I would like to thank God above. I would like to give a special thank you to my wife Brenda who has been there for me all these years. I love you with all my heart and I could not have done this without your support and understanding. I would like to give thanks to G. Everette Cox Council #60 for all the support that you have given me these last 7 years. I would also like to thank my home blue lodge Mableton #171 for hanging my picture in

the lodge. I would like to thank all the MIPGM that I served under; Ben Polston, John Haggas, Larry Bennett, Ryan(Grand Grape)Nealey Ron Wolbert, and Jim Bard. I would like to also thank the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Mark Bradley and Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Wade Smith for all you do for the Grand York Rite of Georgia. I would like to thank Marla for keeping them two straight and everything you do for the York Rite. I would like to say a special thank you to MIPGM Jim Bard for all you have done for me this past year in keeping the newsletter going and for all your advice. I have learned so much from you. I think the Grand Council has some great leadership coming up in the future. I hope that I have made a difference my year and I wish nothing but good things for the Grand Council of Georgia. I would like to quote someone I use to listen to all the time on the radio. Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars. Now to quote one of my favorite Grand Lodge Chaplains," I love you and there ain't nothing you can do about it."

Fraternally Submitted: Robert (Rusty) Cordle, Most Illustrious Grand Master

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 are pleased to report he had a very good year. MIGM Cordle was able to visit a lot of our Councils this year where he was received with open arms. Other in-state visitations included the honor of attending and speaking at the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls, The International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. A man and Mason with a big heart, he was able to spend a week and a half at the Yaarab Shrine Circus as a long-time member of the Clown Unit. He also attended the Covington York Rite Festival in February where several new members were welcomed into the York Rite. Out of state visitations included attending and representing Georgia at the Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina Grand York Rite Sessions. He was pleased with and recommends the continuation of Georgia's efforts to support our Charity—CMMRF; the conferral of the Super Excellent Master degree in Macon for the benefit of the Companions in South Georgia; MIPGM James Bard's Grand Council newsletter; the conferral of the fun degree Royal Order of Zanzabar to raise funds for CMMRF and the First Responders and Youth Advocate award presentations. The Grand Council of Georgia finished the year with a net loss of 17 members—the smallest net loss ever. Our gains in membership are getting better with three Councils showing a 10% or higher gain in membership. Although several Councils are still struggling, there are many positive signs Cryptic Masonry is alive and well in Georgia and the future looks great.

We commend Most illustrious Grand Master Cordle for his positive leadership this year and wish him well in his continued work for Freemasonry by serving in the 7th District Masonic Convention line and his continuing labor of love as a member of the Yaarab Temple Shrine Clown Unit.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted: Floyd Edmondson, Chairman; Larry Bennett; F. Andrew Lane, Jr.; and Judd Wolfe

REPORT FROM 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 four Bills were submitted to the Committee to amend the Royal and Select Master Code. The Committee reports them to be in order to be considered by the Grand Council. We are pleased to report that all decisions rendered by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all dispensation issued from the office of the Grand Recorder in his behalf were in strict accordance with Royal and Select Masters Masonic Code of Georgia. No Resolution was submitted for consideration at this annual Grand Assembly. Fraternaly Submitted: William F. Shepard, Chairman; Daniel C. Ricketts; and F. Andrew Lane Jr.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS

BILL NO. 1

A BILL, to amend the CONSTITUTION SECTION OF THE **2022 Grand Council Code of Georgia, by re-arranging code sections 1.3.2, sections 1 through 6, 1.3.2.1, and 1.3.3 which currently reads as follows and by adding a new section 1. 3.2.1 and 1.3.2.2 to provide for notification of intent to run for office. Also deleting section 6 of 1.3.2**

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 Work, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of 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 the 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 qualifications 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 Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, and the Grand Sentinel, 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 of 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 all Grand Officers and all local council 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 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.

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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 Work, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of 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 the 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.

TO BE EFFECTIVE IN 2024.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner

BILL NO. 2

A bill to change the Cryptic Masonic Code of Georgia

2.9 Jurisdiction of Candidates:

Section 2.9.1 currently reads:

2.9.1 Petition for Degrees: Any qualified Royal Arch Mason may receive the Cryptic Degrees in any Council within the County in which he has legal residence, or in a Council in any other County which borders the county of legal residence; i.e., all Councils located within a County of this State will enjoy concurrent jurisdiction over candidates with all other Counties which border said County. However, any qualified Royal Arch Mason who resides in a County in which there is no Council and which County is not bordered by a County in which there is a Council may petition the Council nearest to him in this state.

Section 2.9.1 would be changed to read:

2.9.1 Petition for Degrees: Any qualified Royal Arch Mason may receive the Cryptic Degrees in any Council within the State of Georgia. All Councils will hold concurrent jurisdiction over candidates.

2.9.2 Violation of Jurisdiction: Delete in its entirety.

2.9.4 Invasion of Territory Delete in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Higgins and John H. Johnson

BILL NO. 3

A bill to change the Cryptic Masonic Code of Georgia

2.27. DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTIES AND STATE CHAIRMAN

Section 2.27.1 currently reads:

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

Section 2.27.1 would be changed by deleting "**September 1st and**" so that Section 2.27.1 would read:

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

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Higgins and John H. Johnson

BILL NO. 4

A BILL, to amend the RIGHT TO DEMIT Section 2.8.4.4, of the BY-LAWS SECTION OF THE **2022 Royal AND SELECT Code of Georgia, which currently reads:**

2.8.4.4. Right to Demit. A member of a Council shall be entitled to receive a demit at a Stated Assembly upon his written request or by a viva voce vote; PROVIDED, his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him. And this severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not, no Council shall grant a demit to any of its members until dues have been paid or remitted, nor to one who is under charges; nor to one who has, in his official capacity, become indebted to the Council, so long as such indebtedness remains.

By CHANGING THE CURRENT WORDING OF " OR BY A VIVA VOCE VOTE" TO "BY A SHOW OF HANDS", SO THAT THE AMENDED SECTION SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

2.8.4.4. Right to Demit. A member of a Council shall be entitled to receive a demit at a Stated Assembly upon his written request by a show of hands; PROVIDED, his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him. And this severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not, no Council shall grant a demit to any of its members until dues have been paid or remitted, nor to one who is under charges; nor to one who has, in his official capacity, become indebted to the Council, so long as such indebtedness remains.

Respectfully Submitted: Joe E. Turner and Jan M. Giddens

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 change in the bylaws of Hope Council No. 4 deleting any meetings that fall on a federal holiday. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Euclid Council No. 33 changing the meeting months to even months and chapter meetings to odd months. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a revised set of bylaws of Covington Chapter No. 41. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Alpharetta Council No. 54 naming the locations for the combined meetings. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of N. T. Pirkle Council No. 65 changing the meeting months to even months and chapter meetings to odd months. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

Your committee notes Dispensation No. 11 was issued on November 28, 2022 to move Jesup Council No. 70 to 34 South Street in Ludowici in Long County. Your committee recommends approval as requested.

Your committee has received a change in the bylaws of Tara Council No. 75 changing the day of the meeting. Your committee recommends approval as submitted.

This committee has before it paperwork and proposed By-Laws praying for a Charter for Silver Shoals Council in Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia which

has been operating under Dispensation No. 7 since September 20, 2022. Your committee sees a bright future indeed for this council, and we recommend a charter issue forth for Silver Shoals Council No. 84.

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

Happy 75th Birthday Lakewood Council No. 10, 25th Birthday Warrenton Council No. 78.

Respectfully Submitted May 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman;
C. Danny Wofford; and Larry C. Bennett

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 5, 2023: Joe E. Turner, Chairman; Jan M. Giddens; Floyd E. Edmondson; and John C. Miller

REPORT OF THE 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.

DO THE YORK RITE BODIES OF GEORGIA NEED TO RECOGNIZE PRINCE HALL YORK RITE MASONRY IN THE SAME MANNER WITH THE SAME DOCUMENTS AS GRAND LODGE DID IN OCTOBER 2021

Respectfully Submitted May 2, 2022: Joe E. Turner

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

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
Mark A. Bradley (77)	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Wade C. Smith (79)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
James R. Harris, Sr. (3)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
James D. Arnold (70)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Keith Hales (55)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Michael L. Hamlin (6)	Illustrious Grand Steward

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The MIGM made the following appointments: Wiley A. Gammon (44), Grand Chaplain; Phillip C. Faulkner (3), Grand Organist; Michael E. Wolcott (64),

Grand Sentinel; William P. Garrison (65), Grand Orator; and R. Winslow Tidwell, Esq. (75), Grand Photographer.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were duly installed after the Grand York Rite Luncheon on Saturday, May 6, 2023 by Most Illustrious Companion C. Danny Wofford.

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 DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Stephen C. Higgins (3)	Chair	Baron L. Conklin (73)	4 th
Bruce H. McNall (02)	1 st /11 th	Eric S. Tress (29/37)	5 th
Bruce T. Fykes (20)	2 nd /3 rd	Sherman D. Rankin (35)	6 th
Howard L. Maddox (58)	2 nd /3 rd	Michael L. Hamlin (6)	6 th
Robert M. Grant, Sr. (62/73)	4 th	R. Cris Lynch (80)	7 th

Mitch Tripp (26)	7 th	David M. Wellman (3)	9 th
Lyle T. Chadwick (74)	7 th	Michael J. Etheridge (77)	9 th
J. Walter McCannon (25)	8 th	Brandon P. Simmons (19)	9 th
Jeffrey L. Anderson (41)	8 th	Gregory S. Mahan (G04)	10 th
		Charles E. Ferguson (166)	12 th

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 198th Annual Assembly will be held in the Grand Chapter Building in Macon, Georgia on Friday, May 3, 2024.

MINUTES ADOPTED

The Grand Recorder made a motion that was seconded and adopted that the proceedings of the 197th 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



Judd J. Wolfe
Most Illustrious Grand Master

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL
MACON, GEORGIA – FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023**

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 5, 2023 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Master
Mark A. Bradley	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Larry C. Bennett	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Wade C. Smith	Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer
Ryan C. Nealey	Thrice Illustrious Steward
Mark S. Johnson	Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
Judd J. Wolfe	Thrice Illustrious Chaplain

LIVING PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1985 James E. Underwood	2010 William E. Cantrell
1986 C. Danny Wofford	2011 C. Michael Ellis
1990 Clyde E. Griffin	2014 Alan P. Pryor
1991 Dannie L. Reed	2015 Paul E. Wells
1993 Gary D. Lemmons	2016 F. Andrew Lane, Jr.
1996 Lanier S. Dasher	2017 Charles E. Taylor
2001 Bobby B. Simmons	2018 Benjamin W. Polston, II
2005 Thomas L. Blanton	2019 James W. Bard
2006 J. Edward Jennings, Jr.	2020 James W. Bard
2007 A. Joseph Clark	2021 Donald C. Combs
2009 M. George Folendore, Jr.	2022 Floyd E. Edmondson
	2023 William F. Shepard

CONFERRAL TEAM

William F. Shepard	Thrice Illustrious Master
Michael L. Hamlin	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Judd J. Wolfe	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden

Matthew Sanford
Ryan C. Nealey

Thrice Illustrious Steward
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel

CANDIDATES

Matthew R. Astin (6)
Daniel P. Bennett (61)
Robert A. Brooks (2)
Robert A. Cameron (10)
James R. Gorthy (2)
Jerry M. Hardigree (36)
Jeffery F. Hightower (8)
Paul A. Kimpel (53)
Howard L. Maddox (58)
Matthew R. Medley (74)

Tony D. Morris (58)
James M. Nichols (24)
Jeffrey Ozburn (41)
William B. Rigsby (24)
Harry E. Ross (73)
Shane D. Russell (74)
Michael W. Schaefer (78)
Richard Tanner (19)
Russell E. Ward (73)
William T. White (79)

2023-2024 OFFICERS

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

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

The officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion William F. Shepard.
ATTEST:

Wade C. Smith	Mark A. Bradley
Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	Illustrious Master

GRAND YORK RITE LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, a luncheon was held at Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia in honor of the 2022-2023 Grand York Rite of Georgia Grand Line Officers. The following Grand Council awards were presented:

LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

MIGM Robert R. Cordle and GGPCW Tom Taylor presented the Lady of the Council Award to Lady Margo Giddens and Lady Jennifer Bryant.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

MIGM Robert R. Cordle presented the Adult Youth Leadership Award to Mark Griffis.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Robert R. Cordle presented the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Illustrious Companion Michael Hamlin.

COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

Grand Secretary-Recorder Mark A. Bradley introduced the new Georgia Dean of the College of Preservation to present College of Preservation Awards to Robert R. Cordle and Wayne Garrett.

PRESENTATION TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

GGPCW Tom Taylor presented MIGM Robert R. Cordle with a plaque and lapel pin, designating him a permanent voting member of the General Grand Council.

COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MIGM Robert R. Cordle presented the Council of the Year Award to Walton C. Griffin No. 36.

RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF PRESERVATION AWARD

2016 F. Andrew Lane (#251) 2020 Tommy L. Blanton
2016 Floyd E. Edmondson (#253) 2020 Ryan C. Nealey
2016 Charles E. Taylor (#239) 2021 Daniel C. Ricketts
2017 Bobby B. Simmons (#379) 2021 Ronald B. Wolbert
2017 Benjamin W. Polston, II (#381) 2022 Wade C. Smith, Sr.
2017 C. Danny Wofford (#382) 2022 Rodney A. Couch
2017 Clyde E. Griffin (#383) 2022 James W. Bard
2018 John I. Haggas (#12514) 2022 Mark A. Bradley
2018 Gary D. Lemmons (#441) 2023 Robert R. Cordle
2019 Larry C. Bennett (55) 2023 Wayne Garrett
2019 J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)

RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

*1975 Luther G. Palmer (33) *2000 Bobby Massey (55)
1976 Lavern A. Kistler (7) *2001 Charles E. Hanenkraat (49)
*1977 J. Sheffield Thompson (23) 2002 James Timothy Ingram (55)
*1978 Willis R. Bettis (74) *2003 Kerry J. Buchan (2)
*1979 Graydon W. Kitchens (33) 2004 Brent Griffin (57)
1980 Billy E. Collins (55) 2005 Ernest A. McCorkle (2)
*1981 Wilford H. Hall (36) *2006 Phillip H. Floyd (77)
*1982 Eddie F. Forrester (33) *2007 Lloyd D. Caldwell (36)
*1983 George T. Poole (4) *2008 Alexander Loo (A01)
*1984 Homer Tyre (16) 2009 Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
*1985 William L. Boynton (7) 2010 Cornelius H. Howard (30)
*1986 Ruben Martinez (75) 2011 Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
*1987 Phillip H. Jackson (62) *2012 Edward V. Massaro (74)
*1988 Willie P. Hammond (8) 2013 Andrew D. Rodgers (10)
**1989 Ronald B. Kilgore (77) 2014 Michael H. Sampsell (47)
*1990 James W. Cowart (2) 2015 Kevin L. Miller (16)
1991 James B. Phillips (61) 2016 Richard J. Hallwood (60)
*1992 Joseph P. Suttles (33) 2017 Michael H. Wilson (41)
***1993 Donald R. McKinney (60) 2018 Doyle R. Hatfield (H04)
*1994 John B. Modling (13) 2019 Tyler W. Pledger (24)
*1995 Russell L. Baker, Sr (58) 2020 Jack J. Bell
1996 William S. Cleland (76) 2021 James W. Bard
1997 Peter E. Dean (42) 2022 Michael J. Etheridge
1998 Bill G. Messer (5) 2023 Michael Hamlin
*1999 Grady T. Bozeman (55)
* Indicates Death ** Indicates Suspension *** Indicates Demit

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH AWARD

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

2002 Burton E. Jones (24)	2013 Nathan L. Mason (23)
2003 Larry M. Griggers (26)	2014 E. C. Kelley (55)
*2004 Julius K. Moody (2)	*2015 Joseph W. Watson (6)
**2005 Thomas W. Tinley, III (A01)	2016 James W. Stovall
2006 Frank L. Stevens (16)	2017 Andrew D. Bass (14)
2007 William F. Hardison (2)	2018 Torrey O. Knight (H04)
2008 James W. Bard (74)	2019 Angi Harris
2009 Mrs. Tina Brady	2020 Gena Kelley
2010 Charles E. Reed (7)	2021 Michael W. Canada
2011 Dana E. Schwarz (74)	2022 Victor J. Somers
2012 James W. Stovall	2023 Mark Griffis

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

2006 Marguerite Zeigler-Buchan	2017 Tammie Polston	2018 Nora Wells
2007 Becky Couch	2017 Lynne Hatfield	2018 Helen Leinbaugh
2008 Judy Griffin	2017 Deborah Jones	2019 Sherri Kirk
2010 Josie Bentley	2017 Beth Hyde	2019 Judy Nichols
2010 Pat Smith	2017 Marla Horton	2019 Kay Higgins
2013 Karen Johnson	2017 Pat Schwarz	2019 Eva Garmon
2015 Cheryl Shepherd	2017 Pat Glass	2020 Becky Ann Wolbert
2015 Susan Pope	2017 Lisa Batt	2020 Paula Berry
2015 Sheila Hensley	2017 Debbie Lemmons	2020 Barbara Tate
2015 Jane Wilson	2017 Cheryl Turner	2021 Ruth Nash
2015 Ruth Wellman	2017 Roda Wofford	2021 Shirley Tyner
2015 Ericka Matheny	2017 Brenda Gill	2021 Emmie Sampsell
2016 Barbara Edmondson	2017 Nancy Simmons	2022 Elizabeth Finch
2016 Margie Lane	2017 Fae Suttles	2022 Linda Harris
2016 Hilda Parks	2017 Margaret Lovas	2022 Brenda Cordle
2016 Diane Nealey	2017 Sharon Jennings	2023 Margo Giddens
2016 Barbara Land	2018 Benigna Haggas	2023 Jennifer Bryant
	2018 Gay Bradley	
	2018 Jeanette Hendry	

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

DATE	NAME	DECEASED	DATE	NAME	DECEASED
1826-29	Burkett D. Thompson (A01)	5-21-1829	1941	John Orson Smith (38)	11-23-1968
1829-30	Isaac T. Cushing (G04)	1846?	1942	John B. Russell (59)	01-20-1955
1830-41			1943	Lloyd C. Pritchard (3)	10-09-1982
1841-44	Daniel Hook (A01)	7-27-1870	1944	Ray O. Schill (23)	06-12-1975
1845-46	William T. Gould (A01)	7-18-1882	1945	John P. Weisiger (13)	01-08-1971
1847-47	Albon Chase (5)	7-9-1867	1946	Manning M Quattlebaum (2)	12-29-1959
1850-52	Benjamin B. Russell (A01)	2-16-1889	1947	David L. Paulk (59)	04-22-1979
1853-55	Philip T. Schley (4)	8-31-1862	1948	Joseph A. Moor (G04)	09-04-1972
1856-62	Philip T. Schley (2)	8-31-1862	1949	Charles E. Powers (H04)	08-07-1977
1862-68	Stephen D. Heard (A01)	11-18-1875	1950	James R. Belflower (58)	10-07-1981
1869	Joseph E. Wells (6)	12-11-1887	1951	J. Tillman Morgan (48)	09-20-1969
1870-76	Robert M. Smith (5)	2-01-1879	1952	William J. Penn, Jr. (7)	07-30-1959
1877	William A. Graham (22)	2-24-1904	1952	Clifton E. Franklin (14)	03-16-1967
1878-81	Charles R. Armstrong (6)	11-01-1893	1952	James P. Flynn (33)	09-29-1957
1882-88	Christopher F. Lewis (A01)	5-21-1902	1953	Harold L. Walters (74)	12-01-1960
1889-97	Henry C. Burr (8)	3-15-1901	1954	W. Reddick (14)	03-03-1970
1898-99	Orlando McLendon (18)	9-26-1899	1955	Corliss H. Edwards, Sr. (6)	10-22-1992
1899-01	William A. Davis (6)	1-19-1907	1956	William J. Mobley (2)	07-21-1981
1902	Julius L. Brown (13)	9-04-1910	1957	Charles C. Moon, Sr. (32)	07-31-1966
1903	Robert L. Colding (1)	10-21-1927	1958	Fermor R. Hargrove, Sr. (G04)	03-20-1969
1904	Joseph C. Greenfield (13)	12-20-1920	1959	Walker Rush Camp (9)	01-15-1974
1905	Linton W. Burkett (6)	1-10-1925	1960	Lonzo Pope (7)	06-23-1991
1906	Thomas F. Moody (20)	1-14-1927	1961	John T. Sessions (13)	01-19-1971
1907	William H. Nurnberger (A01)	9-26-1923	1962	Ottis Brewer Turner (8)	02-10-1999
1908	John C. Postell (2)	06-19-1919	1963	Herman E. Freeman (2)	08-01-1984
1909	John R. Wilkinson (13)	04-07-1915	1964	Grady Eugene Wilkins (26)	09-12-1979
1910	John C. Harmon (30)	04-11-1921	1965	T. Evans Gates (6)	12-30-1987
1911	J. Ben Roberts (13)	08-30-1917	1966	Jay D. Barton (A01)	03-09-1981
1912	Alvin E. Sansburn (15)	10-29-1924	1967	James E. Moseley (8)	02-10-2017
1913	Joe P. Bowdoin (27)	08-07-1942	1968	Harry P. Boyd (43)	04-06-1990
1914	B. Palmer Axson (2)	05-23-1943	1967	Austin P. Phillips (38)	03-18-1981
1915-16	William A. Sims (13)	11-24-1952	1969	Harry E. Copelan (69)	01-15-1999
1917	Max Meyerhardt (15)	03-02-1923	1970	John W. Sisk (13)	08-01-1996
1918	Charles L. Bass (19)	02-29-1937	1971	Harold C. Duncan (30)	02-12-1996
1919	Augustus G. Miller (20)	07-13-1931	1972	Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr (G04)	04-06-2012
1920	Henry S. Colding (2)	10-26-1925	1973	David S. Lemons (10)	05-23-2003
1921	W. Paul Martin (27)	05-16-1962	1974	Hayden M. Carmichael (46)	01-09-1993
1922	Early H. Johnson (H04)	09-06-1947	1975	Oswald H. King, Jr. (39)	06-21-2013
1923	Pleasant T. McCutchen (18)	03-27-1947	1976	Rupert Queen (19)	11-03-2005
1924	James W. Taylor [Hon] (18)	12-15-1925	1977	Lee D. Holcomb (37)	04-21-2009
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)	
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

1994	Willie P. Hammond (8)	09-01-2011	2006	Daniel C. Ricketts (74)
1995	Buford M. Brand (19)	03-10-2002	2007	Rodney A. Couch (42)
1996	Roy R. Jackson (58)	11-06-2007	2008	Wayne H. Garrett (64)
1997	J. Richard Jones (53)		2009	James C. Bentley, Jr. (20) 02-20-2021
1998	Wm. M. Hutcheson (Hon.) (13)	03-26-2010	2011	Harry B. Allen (3)
1998	J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (36)		2012	Mark S. Johnson (66)
1999	Ted H. Hendon (37)	04-20-2007	2013	F. Andrew Lane, Jr. (29)
2000	Thomas L. Blanton (49)		2014	Charles E. Taylor (16)
2001	Joseph P. Suttles (Hon.) (33)	09-11-2019	2015	Floyd E. Edmondson (19)
2001	Ruben Martinez (75)	03-28-2021	2016	Benjamin W. Polston, II (41)
2002	Earl D. Harris (Hon.) (41)	07-23-2002	2017	John I. Haggas (4)
2002	John P. Bohanan (3)	09-11-2019	2018	Larry C. Bennett (55)
2003	Grady T. Bozeman (Hon.) (55)	05-10-2007	2019	Ryan C. Nealey (13)
2003	Alvin R. Davis, Jr. (Affil.) (64)		2020	Ronald B. Wolbert (2)
2003	Jack Lee Hepner (G02)	12-04-2010	2021	Bobby B. Simmons (6) (Hon)
2004	Eli A. Stafford (Hon.) (G02)	12-22-2007	2021	James W. Bard (74)
2004	Benjamin L. Johnson (33)	01-10-2022	2022	Robert R. Cordle (60)
2005	W. Larry Hicks (13)	04-26-2016		
2006	Wilford Henry Hall [Hon] (36)	07-20-2014		

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

A01. Adoniram: No Representation

G02. Georgia: Clyde E. Griffin;

Roger W. Coursey; Ronald B. Wolbert;
Robert Brooks; Donald C. Combs; James Gorthy;
Bruce McNall

03. Canton: Steven G. Harris;

James R. Harris; David M. Wellman

G04. Georgia: No Representation

H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III;

Ditmar W. Chavez; Robert Pless

06. Washington: Michael L. Hamlin;

John A. Minnich; Bobby B. Simmons;

Matthew Astin; Jerry Purvis

07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation

08. Griffin: Jeffery Hightower; Joe E. Turner

10. Lakewood: Larry Croy

13. Jason Burr: Alessandro V. Silva;

Ryan C. Nealey

15. Rome: John Tripp

16. Ballard: Richard J. Corwin, Jr.;

William F. Shepard; James E. Stevens;

Thomas J. Chapman; Christopher Gabor

18. Graydon W. Kitchens: No Representation

19. Summit: Floyd E. Edmondson;

Edgar M. Land; Brandon P. Simmons;

Richard Tanner

20. Hunter: No Representation

24. Walker: Thomas J. Rogers; Douglas D.

Skramstad; Tyler W. Pledger; James Nichols

25. Elbert: Joshua M. Blakely; Charles Humphrey;

Walter D. McCannon, Jr.

28. A. W. Goodwin: Charlie Spray

29. Western: Eric S. Tress

30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford;

James R. Bennett; Tommy T. Marshall;

C. Hendry Howard, Jr.; Joey D. Crews;

Robert Gill; John Shaw

33. Euclid: No Representation

35. H. C. Rigdon: Roy H. Miller, Jr.;

Sherman D. Rankin

36. Walton C. Griffin: Michael W. Schaefer

37. Douglasville: Greely Graves, Jr.;

Eric Robinson

38. George H. Fields: No Representation

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

41. Covington: Raymond G. Laird;

Benjamin W. Polston, II; Michael H. Wilson;

Jeffrey Anderson

44. Gwinnett: Joe R. Bush; James Foster;

Wiley Gammon, Jr.; Eric R. Howell; Jerry D. Moss

46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson

47. Austell: No Representation

53. Sardis: Thomas B. McCrary; Billy G. Messer

54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell

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

56. Piedmont: No Representation

58. Tifton: Jeremy W. Hobbs;

John H. Johnson; John Flener; Howard Maddox

60. G. Everett Cox: Robert R. Cordle;

G. Keith Bryant; Richard Hallwood

61. Calhoun: Timothy Cooper; James B. Phillips

62. Hiram: No Representation

64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott; Steve Thompson

65. N.T. Pirkle: Wiley Q. Forrester, III;

Judd J. Wolfe; Bill Garrison

66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson;

Richard A. Cramblett; George W. Schreiner, IV

70. Jesup: No Representation

73. Fort Benning: Roger W. Buterbaugh

74. Marietta: John E. Finch, Jr.; Peter D. Bard;

Jan M. Giddens; Daniel C. Ricketts;

James W. Bard; Matthew Medley; Barry Pinson;

Shane Russell; Michael Sampsel

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;

Kerry Rittenhouse

83. Covenant: Gordon B. Ruthruff

84. Silver Shoals: Ronnie Holcomb

94. Bainbridge: No Representation

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

- A01. Adoniram:** No Representation
G02. Georgia: Roger W. Coursey
03. Canton: Steven G. Harris
G04. Georgia: No Representation
H04. Hope: Joseph F. Oelgoetz
06. Washington: Allen Hart
07. Hugh L. Smith: No Representation
08. Griffin: Joe E. Turner
10. Lakewood: Monte McDonald
13. Jason Burr: Ryan C. Nealey
15. Rome: John Tripp
16. Ballard: William F. Shepard
18. Graydon W. Kitchens: No Representation
19. Summit: Brandon P. Simmons
20. Hunter: No Representation
24. Walker: William B. Rigsby
25. Elbert: Joshua M. Blakely
28. A. W. Goodwin: Terry Dees
29. Western: Eric S. Tress
30. Waycross: Matthew Sanford
33. Euclid: No Representation
35. H. C. Rigdon: Roy H. Miller, Jr.
36. Walton C. Griffin: Michael W. Schaefer
37. Douglasville: Eric Robinson
38. George H. Fields: No Representation
40. E. L. McConnell: Michael R. Sosebee
41. Covington: William Dobbs, II
44. Gwinnett: Eric R. Howell
46. Statesboro: Joey E. Jackson
47. Austell: No Representation
53. Sardis: Paul Kimpel
54. Alpharetta: Jack J. Bell
55. Pickens: Keith Hales
56. Piedmont: No Representation
58. Tifton: Tony D. Morris
60. G. Everett Cox: John Miller
61. Calhoun: Timothy Cooper
62. Hiram: No Representation
64. Zabud: Michael L. Wolcott
65. N.T. Pirkle: Judd J. Wolfe
66. Fayetteville: Mark S. Johnson
70. Jesup: James D. Arnold
73. Fort Benning: Harry Ross; Russell Ward
74. Marietta: Sudhanshu H. Shukla
75. Tara: No Representation
77. Winder: Michael J. Etheridge
78. Warrenton: No Representation
79. Brasstown: William T. White
83. Covenant: Gordon B. Ruthruff
84. Silver Shoals: Ronnie Holcomb
94. Bainbridge: No Representation

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**MASONIC CALENDAR
ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS**

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "In the year of light."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.Inv.), "In the year of the discovery."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Benefacionis (A.B.), "The year of the blessing."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.), "In the year of deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Commence the era with the organization of the Order. Anno Ordinis, (A.O.), "In the year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES IN 2023

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2023 + 4000 = 6023$

Royal Arch Masons

Add 530 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2023 + 530 = 2553$

Order of High Priesthood

Add 1913 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2023 + 1913 = 3936$

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 years to the Common Era. Thus: $2023 + 1000 = 3023$

Knights Templar

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: $2023 - 1118 = 905$

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

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Member Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants

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Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons 811 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201
We have compiled the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons (a not-for-profit organization), as of December 31, 2021, and the related consolidated statement of activities for the twelve months then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any

assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles requires that marketable securities be reported at fair market value. Management is reporting the Organization's marketable securities at historical cost as determined by the original purchase price of the security. The effect of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles has not been determined. Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the consolidated statement of cash flows required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures and consolidated statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

****NOTE:** An identical letter was submitted to this office for the Building Maintenance Fund, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, KTEF, Inc., and The Mollie S. Moseley Trust, Inc. The KTEF, Division Financials are submitted to Grand Encampment each year and they account to the IRS for those funds.

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

December 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$ 165,804.39
Investments, at cost	<u>554,433.21</u>
Total current assets	720,237.60

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building improvements	232,811.92
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,909.39)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>209,902.53</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 930,140.13</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payroll taxes payable	\$ 1,281.93
Total current liabilities	1,281.93

NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions	923,440.91
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>5,417.29</u>
Total net assets	<u>928,858.20</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 930,140.13</u>
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GENERAL FUND

12 Months ended
December 31, 2022

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 11,205.00
Per capita income	263,107.61
Rituals and miscellaneous income	13,752.93
Other income	15,239.33
Building income	0.00

Interest income	49.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(4,914.08)
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>3,541.18</u>
Net support and revenue	301,980.97
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	301,980.97
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	700.00
Conference expense	7,505.98
Dues – General Grand Chapter	35,588.00
Dues cards	1,548.69
Grand Secretary expense	8,053.44
North Carolina Summer Assembly	300.00
Rituals and other printed material	25,088.42
Travel	<u>4,605.02</u>
Total program expenses	83,389.55
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	72,958.54
Bank service charges	12.00
Building expense	11,890.00
Charitable contributions	35,000.00
Investment fees	3,438.77
Depreciation expense	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Insurance – Liability	12,835.44
Legal and professional expense	2,790.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	32,500.00
Office supplies and expense	15,741.00
Postage	2,119.33
Repairs and maintenance	2,995.00
Stationary and supplies expense	0.00
Taxes-payroll	5,632.96
Telephone	2,262.93
Utilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	200,175.97
Total expenses	<u>283,565.52</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	
	18,415.45
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>499,518.57</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 517,934.02</u>
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	

12 Months ended
December 31, 2022

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 1,466.00
Per capita income	0.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	0.00
Other income	82,150.00
Building income	57,619.00

Interest income	0.00
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	828.38
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>283.05</u>
Net support and revenue	142,346.43
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	142,346.43

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Awards	0.00
Conference expense	0.00
Dues – General Grand Chapter	0.00
Dues cards	0.00
Grand Secretary expense	0.00
North Carolina Summer Assembly	0.00
Rituals and other printed material	0.00
Travel	<u>0.00</u>
Total program expenses	0.00

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES

Salaries	0.00
Bank service charges	0.00
Building expense	15,000.00
Charitable contributions	0.00
Investment fees	608.67
Depreciation expense	5,666.34
Insurance	3,910.35
Insurance – Liability	0.00
Legal and professional expense	0.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	0.00
Office supplies and expense	579.00
Postage	0.00
Repairs and maintenance	13,783.15
Stationery and supplies expense	1,355.00
Taxes-payroll	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Utilities	<u>14,405.65</u>

Total management and general expenses	55,308.16
Total expenses	<u>55,308.16</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	87,038.27
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>323,885.91</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 410,924.18</u>

CONSOLIDATED

12 Months ended

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Dividend income	\$ 12,671.00
Per capita income	263,107.61
Rituals and miscellaneous income	13,752.93
Other income	97,389.33
Building income	57,619.00
Interest income	49.00

Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(4,085.70)
Long-term capital gain distributions	<u>3,824.23</u>
Net support and revenue	444,327.40
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from donor restrictions	444,327.40
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	700.00
Conference expense	7,505.98
Dues – General Grand Chapter	35,588.00
Dues cards	1,548.69
Grand Secretary expense	8,053.44
North Carolina Summer Assembly	300.00
Rituals and other printed material	25,088.42
Travel	<u>4,605.02</u>
Total program expenses	83,389.55
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	72,958.54
Bank service charges	12.00
Building expense	26,890.00
Charitable contributions	35,000.00
Investment fees	4,047.44
Depreciation expense	5,666.34
Insurance	3,910.35
Insurance – Liability	12,835.44
Legal and professional expense	2,790.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	32,500.00
Office supplies and expense	16,320.00
Postage	2,119.33
Repairs and maintenance	16,778.15
Stationery and supplies expense	1,355.00
Taxes-payroll	5,632.96
Telephone	2,262.93
Utilities	<u>14,405.65</u>
Total management and general expenses	255,484.13
Total expenses	<u>338,873.68</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	
	105,453.72
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>823,404.48</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 928,858.20</u>

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

December 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 2,304.33
Wells Fargo-investments, at cost	<u>49,112.25</u>
Total current assets	<u>51,416.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 51,416.58</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>51,416.58</u>
Total net assets	<u>51,416.58</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 51,416.58</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2022

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 1,464.62
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(1,986.29)
Per capita income	63,347.49
Rituals and miscellaneous income	1,438.72
Interest income	<u>10.37</u>
Net support and revenue	64,274.91
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	1,339.98
Dues-General Grand Council	4,287.50
Grand Chapter expense	51,233.00
Other charitable donations	100.00
Rituals and other printed material	427.39
Travel	<u>2,704.30</u>
Total program expenses	60,092.17
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
Building expense	8,776.00
Charitable contributions	100.00
Investment fee	309.59
Legal and professional expense	2,790.00
Office supplies and expense	<u>1,245.59</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>13,221.48</u>
Total expenses	<u>73,313.65</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(9,038.74)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>60,455.32</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 51,416.58</u>

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

December 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 21,278.50
Investments, at cost	<u>449,365.16</u>
Total current assets	470,643.66
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Leasehold improvements	28,019.95
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,362.87)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>21,657.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 492,300.74</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>492,300.74</u>
Total net assets	<u>492,300.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 492,300.74</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2022

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 9,184.68
Long-term capital gain distributions	5,520.55
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	2,967.42
Per capita income	61,727.00
Rituals and miscellaneous income	<u>2,919.00</u>
Net support and revenue	82,318.65
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Awards	1,278.09
Conference expense	1,200.00
Grand Encampment per capita expense	17,556.00
Other charitable donations	350.00
Rituals and other printed material	702.14
Travel	<u>1,985.92</u>
Total program expenses	23,072.15
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Building expense	7,644.00
Depreciation expense	700.50
Investment fee	3,661.72
Legal and professional expense	2,790.00
Management fee-payroll and taxes	<u>36,939.00</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>51,855.22</u>
Total expenses	<u>74,927.37</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT	
DONOR RESTRICTIONS	7,391.28
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>484,909.46</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 492,300.74</u>

MOLLIE S. MOSELEY EYE FOUNDATION TRUST OF GA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	\$ <u>629,390.83</u>
Total current assets	<u>629,390.83</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 629,390.83</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ <u>629,390.83</u>
Total net assets	<u>629,390.83</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 629,390.83</u>
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12 Months ended
December 31, 2022

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 16,572.96
Long-term capital gain distributions	9,741.48
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	1,135.82
Contributions	23,994.00
Other income	<u>14,352.06</u>
Net support and revenue	65,796.32
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
K. T. Eye Foundation	<u>45,482.00</u>
Total program expenses	45,482.00
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fee	<u>6,614.38</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>6,614.38</u>
Total expenses	<u>52,096.38</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
	13,699.94
NET ASSETS, beginning	615,690.89
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 629,390.83</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2022

<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS	
SunTrust Bank-operating	\$ 1,914.56
SunTrust Bank-investments, at cost	<u>3,362,827.19</u>
Total current assets	3,364,741.75
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>\$ 3,433,252.92</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payable to GA Division	<u>\$ 139.05</u>
Total current liabilities	139.05
NET ASSETS	
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>3,433,113.87</u>
Total net assets	3,433,113.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,433,252.92</u>

12 Months ended
December 31, 2022

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dividend income	\$ 108,060.61
Interest income	4,825.00
Long-term capital gain distributions	398.12
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	<u>107,858.10</u>
Net support and revenue	221,141.83
Restrictions satisfied by payments	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	<u>7,800.00</u>
Total unrestricted support, revenue and net assets released from restrictions	228,941.83
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Holy Land Pilgrimage expense	15,949.80
Ministerial grants	13,000.00
Research grants and donations	155,750.00
Scholarship Awards	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total program expenses	204,699.80
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	
Investment fees	32,277.42
Legal and professional expense	5,580.00
Office supplies and expense	<u>192.21</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>38,049.63</u>
Total expenses	<u>242,749.43</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
	(13,807.60)
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
Holyland Pilgrimage	7,800.00
Net assets released from donor Restrictions	(7,800.00)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
	0.00
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	
	(13,807.60)
NET ASSETS, beginning	<u>3,446,921.47</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>\$ 3,433,113.87</u>