



2016

Proceedings of the

York Rite Grand Bodies

Of Freemasonry

Of

OKLAHOMA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, at Norman, April 22, 2016
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, at Norman, April 22, 2016
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, at Norman, April 23, 2016

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons:

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

Royal Arch Masons:

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

Order of High Priesthood:

Date from the year of blessing of Abram by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Benefacionis (A.B.), "in the year of 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".

Knight Templar:

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

Scottish Rite:

Same as Ancient Craft, except that the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "in the year of the world".

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons: Add 4,000 years to the Common Era:
Thus, 2004 plus 4,000 = 6004.

Royal Arch Masons: Add 530 years to the Common Era:
Thus, 2004 plus 530 = 2534.

Order of High Priesthood: Add 1,913 Years to the Common Era:
Thus, 2004 plus 1,913 = 3917.

Royal and Select Masters: Add 1,000 years to the Common Era:
Thus, 2004 plus 1,000 = 3004.

Knights Templar: Subtract 1,118 years from the Common Era:
Thus, 2004 minus 1,118 = 886.

Scottish Rite: Add 3,760 years to the Common Era:
Thus, 2004 plus 3,760 = 5764.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PRIOR TO GRAND PROCEEDINGS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION

The Past Grand High Priest's Association held its annual breakfast meeting at 6:30 a.m., April 22, 2016, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, OK with ten members and two guests present.

Timothy Israel, 1st Vice President presided. The minutes of last year's meeting were printed in the Proceedings and approved as printed. The financial report was presented and approved following the Audit Committee report.

The Association approved the following budget: C. L. Stuckey, \$110 honorarium plus breakfast costs for members not staying at the hotel; RARA, \$1,000; Rainbow for Girls, \$2,000; and DeMolay, \$2,000.

The following officers were elected for the next two-year term: President, Timothy Israel, 1st Vice President, Ronald Carr; 2nd Vice President, Robert Rolseth; Secretary, Charles Stuckey.

Certificates and pins were presented to John A. King and Robert R. Rolseth for the contributions made to RARA in their names last year.

The Annual Meeting was closed.

Charles L. Stuckey, Secretary

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016

CASH:

RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City, January 1, 2016	
Account No. 55-1192	\$ 5,084.94

INVESTMENTS:

Wells Fargo, Ponca City, Account No. 4995-7445	
Cash	\$1,298.66

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>		<u>NAV</u>
ISHARES Trust S&P USPFD Stock Index	1,914		
61,923.67	74,358.90	5.76%	
Suburban			
Propane 279	12,790.64	6,782.49	14.60%
Vanguard Natural Resources	212		
6,134.75631.76		12.08%	
IVY			
ED 1,165.635	1,169.89	8,089.50	7.55%
Eaton			
Global 453	4,164.50	8,699.55	11.02%
First			
Specialty	1,235	5,993.81	6,878.95

12.56%			
Welltower, Inc.	84	<u>4,991.95</u>	<u>5,714.52</u>
<u>4.85%</u>			

Total Equities		\$106,169.21	\$112,454.33
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Total Assets			\$117,539.27
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Estimated Income for 2016 - \$8,062.00

**IN MEMORY OF
OUR BELOVED
COMPANIONS
AND SIR KNIGHTS**

**Who have touched His hand
and
Risen to the glory of God
during the past year.**

**DIVINE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
TO HONOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
YORK RITE MASONIC BODIES OF OKLAHOMA**

**127th Annual Convocation
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons**

**122nd Annual Assembly
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons**

**121st Annual Conclave
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar**

April 21, 2016
Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma

Services were conducted by
Companion Truman Burns, Excellent Grand Chaplain (Giving an opening poem)
Companion David E. Brooks., Elk City Commandery
Sir Knight John E. King, Eminent Grand Prelate
With

Opening Poem by Companion Truman Burns

Necrology Report by David E. Brooks

During this closing York Rite year “the allotted course on earth” ended for thirty-seven of our Companions and Sir Knights. Included are Companions and Sir Knights:
Benjamin F. Hinton (Altus & Elk City), John D. Ahrens (Altus & Elk City), Robert D. Smith (Altus), Robert J. Williams (Ardmore & Guthrie), John F. Williams (Ardmore), Rex L. Eutsler PGC (Bartlesville), Wayne E. Fry (Bartlesville), Allen G. Poppino (Capitol Hill), Paul D. Gilliam (Capitol Hill), Johnny L. Griffeth (Drumright), Bill Cantwell (Elk City), Don M. Wham (Elk City), Charles T. Anthony (Guthrie), Calvin E. Mettee, PGC (Guthrie), James P. Towle (Guthrie), Dean Bomholt (Guthrie), Lilburn M. Pearce PGC (Guthrie), Randall L. DeBusk (Lawton), Leonard O. Cowan (Lawton) Irvin Conner (McAlester), Robert L. Bartheld (McAlester), John H. Cook (Muskogee), James A. Lathim, Jr. (Muskogee), James R. Henson (Muskogee), Marion S. Jones (Norman), Elmo L. Black (OKC), Monty L. Keely (OKC), James R. Booth (Ponca City), Ernest E. Kelly, Jr. (Ponca City), John R. Welch (Ponca City), A.B. Harrison , PGHP, (Stillwater), Hollis U. Cox (Stillwater), Stephen J. Milinichik (Tulsa), John C. Mitchell, Jr. (Tulsa), James E. Smyrl PGHP, PGG, (Tulsa), Thomas M. Wiley (Tulsa), Charles R. Wellman (Woodward).

EULOGY

Eulogy to the above Companions and Sir Knights was given by Companion John E. King.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

by
Companion Clyde H. Schoofield, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Companion Larry D. White, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Sir Knight Paul T. Currell, Right Eminent Grand Commander

OFFERING

The box of fraternal assistance was passed. Proceeds split between the Royal Arch Research Assistance, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage fund.

JOINT BANQUET ACTIVITIES
22 April 2016

The following Companions, Sir Knights, and Ladies were honored during the banquet ceremonies and other events noted as follows:

Joseph Samuel Murrow award was presented to Blaine McKnight, Texoma Chapter No. 28, Colbert, OK, and also to Robert Caleb Finch, Veritas Chapter No. 103, Norman, OK.

General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal award was presented to James E. Halbrook, Olivet Chapter No. 25, Ponca City, OK.

The General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby award for exemplary service to Freemasonry was presented to David A. Ray, Norman Chapter No. 24, Norman, OK.

Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. was presented a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand High Priest.

General Grand Council Adult Leadership award was presented to Dudley R. Smith, Capitol Hill Council No. 59, Midwest City, OK.

General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year award was presented to John Church, Altus Council No. 33, Altus, OK.

General Grand Council "Lady of the Council" was presented to Sharon Davis, wife of Companion Robert G. Davis of Guthrie, OK.

Companion Larry D. White was presented a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand Illustrious Master.

Knights Templar Cross of Honor award was presented to Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, OKC.

Knight Commander of the Temple Award was presented to Sir Knight James R. Creason, Muskogee Commandery No. 2 of Muskogee, OK and Elk City Commandery No. 22 of Elk City, OK.

Grand Encampment membership award were presented to Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (Silver Cluster-35 New Members) and Daniel D. Hanttula (Jewel -10 New Members)

Sir Knight Paul T. Currell was presented a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand Commander.

Work and Tactics Committee announced and presented awards to the Commanderies winning Class A , Class A inspected as Class B, and Class B inspections. These were Trinity Commandery No. 20, Muskogee Commandery No.2, and Cimarron Valley Commandery No.42 respectively.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA



**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**

APRIL 23RD

A.D. 2016 A.I. 2546

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016 CAPITULAR YEAR**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) Oklahoma City		Most Excellent Grand High Priest
James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) Skiatook	Gage	Right Excellent Grand King
Kenton M. Israel (7) Yukon	Dana	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Elwood M. Isaacs (55) Norman	Linda	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Gary A. Davis (81) P.O. Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030-1223 (918) 352-4622 (O) grandsecrec@sbcglobal.net	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
John L. Logan (72) Edmond	Diane	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Bradley S. Rickelman (14) Stillwater	Jean	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
John R. Christopher (6) Guthrie	Patricia	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Michael J. Megeath (52) Tulsa		Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
John F. Carter (11) Madill	Pam	Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Jason E. Marshall (103)	Jessica	Excellent Grand Master of the 1st

Norman

Veil

John D. Church (60)
Altus

Patti

Excellent Grand Sentinel

Truman B. Burns (6)
Edmond

Sharon

Excellent Grand Chaplain



CLYDE H. SCHOOLFIELD, JR.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2015-16
M.:E.: CLYDE H. SCHOOLFIELD, JR.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. was born in Oklahoma City on September 26th, 1955. He attended public schools in the Oklahoma City area and went on to the University of Oklahoma, where he was awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. While at the University, he was elected President of the Class of 1977 and named Outstanding Senior in the College of Arts and Sciences. He was a member of the Beta Kappa Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, which he served as Tribune, Annotator, and Pro Consul.

He spent several years with his family's oil service company and also several years as the Business Administrator of the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City, a congregation with which his family has been associated since before statehood. He moved to New York to continue his graduate studies and was awarded the degree of Master of Science from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences of New York University. His studies then took him to Baltimore, where he was awarded the degrees of Master of Science in Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy from the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Schoolfield has held faculty appointments at Duke University, Harvard University, and the University of Florida, along with a research fellowship at the University of Wisconsin (Madison). His research specialty is probability theory and stochastic processes, with particular emphasis on the mixing times of Markov chains on discrete algebraic structures. He has been a member of a number of professional organizations: (i) American Mathematical Society, (ii) Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, (iii) Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and (iv) American Statistical Association.

Brother Schoolfield was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Broadway Circle Lodge No. 546 on July 13th, 1989. He served the Lodge as Secretary, Junior and Senior Warden, after which he moved out-of-state to continue his graduate studies and pursue an academic career. After many years on the East Coast, he returned to Oklahoma, where he is now a member of Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 and Guildhall Lodge No. 553, the latter of which he served as Worshipful Master in 2014. He serves the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master.

Companion Schoolfield was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch in Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91 on September 23rd, 1989. He served the Chapter as High Priest in 1991 and later as Secretary. He was anointed to the Order of High Priesthood on April 10th, 1991. He is now a member of Cyrus Chapter No. 7, which he served as High Priest in 2013 and has since served as Secretary.

He was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner and District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1992 and, twenty years later after his return from many years on the East Coast, he was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 2012. He continued to advance until 2015, when he was elected and installed as the 130th Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. He also serves the Grand Chapter as chairman of the Custodians of the Work. He is the recipient of the Ephraim Kirby Award from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

Companion Schoolfield was greeted as a Select Master in Circle Council No. 56 on September 23rd, 1989. He served the Council as Illustrious Master in 1991 and later as Recorder. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword and Trowel on April 10th, 1991. He is now a member of Alpha Council No. 18, which he served as Illustrious Master in 2013 and has since served as Recorder. He serves the Grand Council as chairman of the Custodians of the Work. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

Sir Knight Schoolfield was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Bethlehem Commandery No. 45 on September 30th, 1989. He served the Commandery as Commander in 1992. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association on July 23rd, 1994. He is now a member of Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, which he served as Commander in 2013 and has since served as Recorder. He is the recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. He is also the recipient of the Grand Encampment Membership Award, with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, recognizing him as the first line signer for a total of thirty-five petitions.

Brother Schoolfield was initiated into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Guthrie Valley on October 29th, 1989. He serves the Valley as director of the 30° Knight Kadosh conferral team and as a member of the Education Committee. He has been invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

He is also a member of a number of other Masonic organizations: (i) Oklahoma College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, (ii) Oklahoma Priory No. 9 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, (iii) St. Omer Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, (iv) Father Murrow Council No. Ten of the Allied Masonic Degrees, (v) Oklahoma College No. 75 of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, (vi) Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66 of Knight Masons, (vii) Royal Order of Scotland, (viii) Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A., (ix) Philalethes Society, and (x) Oklahoma Lodge of Research.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND DISTRICTS 2015 – 2016**

	DISTRICT 1	
Marshall M. Clayton (3)		Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3
	DISTRICT 2	
John R. Christopher (6)		Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
	DISTRICT 3	
John F. Carter (11)		Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Texoma Chapter No. 28
	DISTRICT 4	
Bradley S. Rickelman (14)		Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 25 Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81
	DISTRICT 5	
Jason E. Marshall (103)		Norman Chapter No. 24 Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 Veritas Chapter No. 103

DISTRICT 6

John D. Church (60)

Lawton Chapter No. 44
Altus Chapter No. 60

DISTRICT 7

John L. Logan (72)

Elk City Chapter No. 50
Woodward Chapter No. 72

DISTRICT 8

Michael J. Megeath (52)

Tulsa Chapter No. 52
Bartlesville Chapter No. 55

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2015-2016 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Elwood M. Isaacs (55) – Chmn., Robert G. Davis (14). Timothy P. Israel (50), John L. Logan (72)

WORK AND RETURNS

Gary A. Davis (81) – Chmn., Donald G. Jones (24), James E. Smyrl (52), John L. Logan (72)

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (101) – Chmn., John D. Church (60), Gary A. Odendahl (14)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) – Chmn., Timothy P. Israel (50), James E. Smyrl (52)

FINANCE

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) – Chmn., Kent M. Israel (7), John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

INVESTMENTS

2013-16 (Council) Michael J. Megeath (52)
2014-17 (Chapter) Charles L. Stuckey (25)
2015-18 (Commandery) John L. Logan (72)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

James E. Smyrl (52)

JURISPRUDENCE

Donald G. Jones (24) – Chmn., Robert G. Davis (14) – Sec, All Past Grand High Priests

MEMBERSHIP

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) – CENTRAL REGION, Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – N.CENT. REGION, Robert R. Rolseth (52) – N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION, Michael W. Sexton (1) – S.E. REGION, Bobby L. Laws (60) – WESTERN REGION

TRIENNIAL

Elwood M. Isaacs (55) – Chmn., Robert G. Davis (14), Timothy P. Israel (50)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7), James R. Taylor, Jr. (52), Kent M. Israel (7), John L. Logan (72))

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52), Daniel D. Hanttula (24), James E. Smyrl (52)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Timothy P. Israel (50), William J. Cloud (101), Kent M. Israel (7)

EDUCATION

Robert G. Davis (14) – Chmn., Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7), Timothy P. Israel (50), Jason E. Marshall (103), James R. Taylor, Jr. (52)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

John L. Logan (72) – STATE CHAIRMAN, John R. Christopher (6) – CENTRAL REGION, Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – N.CENT. REGION, Michael J. Megeath (52) – N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION, Marshall M. Clayton (3) – S.E. REGION, John D. Church (60)

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Donnie G. Higginbotham (1), Glenn H. Kinsley (72), Robert R. Rolseth (52), Charles L. Stuckey (25), James R. Taylor, Jr. (52)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2013-16 (Council) John D. Allford (1)
2014-17 (Commandery) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)
2015-18 (Chapter) David A. Ray (24)

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

L. Erik Stuckey (25) – Chmn., Timothy P. Israel (50), James R. Taylor, Jr. (52)

MURROW AWARD

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) – Chmn., Kent M. Israel (7), Robert G. Davis (14), John L. Logan (72), Gary A. Davis (81)

BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) – Chmn., James R. Taylor, Jr. (52), Kent M. Israel (7), Gary A. Davis (81)

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (81) – Chmn., Marvin E. Fletcher II (52), Timothy P. Israel (50)

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Marvin E. Fletcher II (52), Donnie G. Higginbotham (1), Kent M. Israel (7)

WEBMASTER

John R. Christopher (6)

NECROLOGY

Truman B. Burns (6)

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Trasen S. Akers (101), Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (101), L. Erik Stuckey (25)

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Bobby L. Carter (24), Donald G. Jones (24), Robert G. Davis (14)

2015 REGIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) – Chmn., Larry D. White (52), Paul T. Currell (50)

OTHER

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION

Glenn H. Kinsley (72) – Pres., Timothy P. Israel (50) – 1st V.P., Donnie G. Higginbotham (1) – 2nd V.P., Charles L. Stuckey (25) – Sec.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF OKLAHOMA**

**One Hundred Twenty Seventh Annual
Convocation**

**Held In The
Embassy Suites Hotel
Norman, Oklahoma**

April 23, 2016



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA**

**At The One Hundred Twenty Seventh Annual
Convocation Held at Norman, Oklahoma
April 23, 2016**

There being a constitutional number of Chapters represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred-Twenty Seventh Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was opened in due form at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma at 8:12 a.m., Friday, April 22, 2016, with Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., M.: E. : Grand High Priest, presiding. The following officers were in their respective stations and places:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.....	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Right Excellent Grand King.....	James R. Taylor, Jr.
Right Excellent Grand Scribe.....	Kent M. Israel
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer.....	Elwood M. Isaacs
Right Excellent Grand Secretary.....	Gary A. Davis
Right Excellent Grand Capt Of Host.....	John L. Logan
Excellent Grand Principle Sojourner.....	Bradley S. Rickelman
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain.....	John Christopher
Excellent Grand Master Of The 3rd Veil.....	Michael J. Megeath
Excellent Grand Master Of The 2 nd Veil.....	John F. Carter
Excellent Grand Master Of The 1 st Veil.....	Caleb Finch for Jason Marshall
Excellent Grand Sentinel.....	John D. Church
Excellent Grand Chaplain.....	Truman B. Burns

The Grand Chapter was opened in full form and the Companions present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Truman B. Burns, Grand Chaplain.. All the Officers were present except as noted above. The Grand High Priest appointed Companions David A. Ray, Robert R. Rolseth, and Timothy P. Israel as tellers.

Distinguished members were asked to retire and the following were introduced and received in proper form: Companions E. William Whittaker, Grand Representative for Oklahoma near New York, Dr. John H. Siscel, III, Grand King, Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Missouri, Dale F. Johnson, Grand Master of the First Veil, Louisiana, Joe R. Manning, Jr. Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Southern Jurisdiction, of the Scottish Rite for Oklahoma, Patrick C. Carr, Grand Captain of the Host, Arkansas, John E. Vines, Grand High Priest, Louisiana, David Melear, Grand High Priest, Texas, James H. Hodge, R.: E. : General Grand King, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International, C. David Williams, III, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Kansas, and Personal Representative for Louis Bartrand, M.: E. : General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

Charles L. Stuckey	1975-76	Elwood M. Isaacs	1996-97
David A. Ray	1997-98	Joseph M. Lusk	2004-05
Bobby L. Carter	2006-07	Timothy P. Israel	2008-09
Donnie G. Higginbotham	2009-10	John E. King	2011-12
Robert R. Rolseth	2012-13	Robert G. Davis	2014-15

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest welcomed all the above Past Grand High Priests and thanked them for their support.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

Marshall M. Clayton - District No. 1
John F. Carter - District No. 3
Absent. - District No. 5
John L. Logan - District No. 7

John R. Christopher - District No. 2
Bradley S. Rickelman - District No. 4
John D. Church - District No. 6
Michael Megeath – District No. 8

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest welcomed the District Deputies and thanked them for their service.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was announced that the registration credentials would be used to verify the attendance of the Grand Representatives and it was asked if any of those present had any communications with their respective Jurisdictions. No comments.

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

The Grand High Priest requested a roll call of the Constituent Chapters. He extended to them a cordial welcome. Out of 18 Chapters, 11 were represented by the High Priest, King, or Scribe. They are as follows:

Muskogee No. 3
Ardmore No. 11
Texoma No. 28
Cimarron Valley No. 81

Guthrie No. 6
Stillwater No. 14
Tulsa No. 52
Capitol Hill No. 101

Cyrus No. 7
Lawton No. 44
Altus No. 60

APPROVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proceedings.
Motion prevailed.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 127TH GRAND SESSION

To the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, “Reverently acknowledging the never failing mercy of the Great Creator who so tenderly cares for us and who has spared our lives to assemble in this the first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory, to transact business for the good of the order, and invoking the divine blessing upon our deliberations, I welcome you to the honors and labors of this meeting.”

Those were the words of our first Grand High Priest Joseph Samuel Murrow – Father Murrow – as he welcomed the assembled Companions to our first Annual Convocation on November 6th, 1890. In like manner, it is my honor and privilege to welcome each of you to the 127th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

To our Grand Master M.-W.- Bro. Ridge Smith, you and your officers honor us with your presence. During my term of office, I have thoroughly enjoyed my interaction with both you and your predecessor M.-W.- Bro. Gary Beisly. The support that the two of you have shown for Royal Arch Masonry, and the York Rite in general, is greatly appreciated.

To our General Grand King M.-E.- Comp. James Hodge, you are truly a friend to this Grand Chapter and to me personally. We very much appreciate your frequent visits to our jurisdiction. You indeed have our fervent and zealous support as you prepare to take up the duties of General Grand High Priest next year and assume the leadership of Royal Arch Masonry Internationally.

To our Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest M.-E.- Comp. David Williams, your dedication to Royal Arch Masonry is consistently demonstrated by your frequent appearances at its convocations and conferences, particularly in our region of the country. I can only hope than you are able to withstand just one more.

To our distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions, I welcome you and thank you very much for journeying to visit us. This year I was able to visit the Annual Convocations of the five other states in our region and was warmly welcomed in each case. I sincerely hope that each of you enjoys your visit with us as much I enjoyed my visit with you.

But most importantly, I want to welcome the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of our Constituent Chapters. You are indeed the foundation of Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma. We should never forget that it was the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of four small Royal Arch Chapters in Indian Territory who met 126 years ago to found this Grand Chapter.

As we now proceed to our labors, I return to the words of Father Murrow who referred to our first Annual Convocation thus: "It is an occasion that must call forth our profoundest thought and most careful counsels. We are laying the foundation upon which succeeding generations of Royal Craftsmen are to build, and this foundation must be laid so deep, and broad, and solid, that there shall be no insecurity to the building to be erected hereupon."

These words are still as timely today as they were in 1890. And with that: I have returned from the quarries, having labored there for a year, with work which I hereby present for your inspection.

NECROLOGY

Alas, it is with deep sadness that we remember those of our Companions who in the midst of life, duty, and usefulness, were overtaken by death since our last Annual Convocation. Let us remember their virtues and imitate their worthy examples. May we be reminded of the shortness of life and the uncertainty of its continuance. While their stations here on earth may now be vacant, we are certain that they each now fill their appropriate stations in heaven.

We also mourn the passing of two of our Past Grand High Priests: Aix B. Harrison (Stillwater Chapter #14) and James E. Smyrl (Tulsa Chapter #52). We were saddened by the loss of those who for many, many years bore the burden and heat of the day. It was indeed an honor to have labored alongside them in the vineyards. Upon learning of their passing, I dispatched letters to our constituent Chapters requesting that they each drape their Charters in honor of our departed Most Excellent Companions.

DISPENSATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS

On October 31st, 2015, in accordance with Article 2, Section 1(c)(1) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Tulsa Chapter No. 52 to allow it to hold its annual election of Officers on November 16th, 2015, instead of December 21st, 2015. No other dispensations were requested.

On October 31st, 2015, in accordance with Article 10, Section 17 of the General Laws

of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I approved the By-Laws of Altus Chapter No. 60, which had been unanimously approved at its previous stated convocation.

On April 14th, 2016, I approved the recommendation of Companion Stephen Brown as the representative for Oklahoma near New South Wales.

AWARDS

The Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter are pleased to be able to offer several awards to Companions who have distinguished themselves. The Grand Chapter presents the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award to Companions who have given of their time and talents, without the hope of fee or reward, over and beyond the call of duty. I am pleased to announce that two worthy Companions will receive the Murrow Award this year.

The General Grand Chapter presents two awards: the Bronze Medal and the Ephraim Kirby Award. The Bronze Medal is awarded to a Companion in recognition of his meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry; this year's recipient will be announced at the Grand Banquet.

The Ephraim Kirby Award recognizes special Companions who have attained past presiding rank in their Grand York Rite bodies and who have then gone on to continue their work and commitment to serve even beyond the term of their office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication; this year's recipient is only the seventh Oklahoman to receive this award and will be announced at the Grand Banquet.

I wish to congratulate each of this year's award recipients; they are indeed worthy of the high honors which they will be receiving.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I made a number of visits throughout my term of office. Below I have enumerated those visits related to my duties as Grand High Priest and Custodian of the Work.

Official Visits to Constituent Chapters

I made official visits to the following of our constituent Chapters on the dates noted. In each case, with one exception, the Chapters were formally opened in accordance with the adopted ritual and I was received and afforded the appropriate Grand Honors. In addition to the usual pleasantries, in each case, I presented an educational paper to the assembled Companions.

The one exception occurred during my scheduled visit to Woodward Chapter #72, though due to no fault of their officers and members. The Lodge building in which Woodward Chapter #72 meets had been burglarized prior to my visit. When I arrived, the police were still investigating the situation and we were denied access to the Lodge room. I was, however, able to visit with the Companions in the dining room.

May 11th, 2015	Ardmore Chapter #11
May 28th, 2015	Texoma Chapter #28
June 2nd, 2015	Elk City Chapter #50
June 10th, 2015	Stillwater Chapter #14
June 22nd, 2015	Indian Chapter #1
June 24th, 2015	Cyrus Chapter #7
July 8th, 2015	Muskogee Chapter #3
July 23rd, 2015	Woodward Chapter #72
July 28th, 2015	Lawton Chapter #44
August 3rd, 2015	Cimarron Valley Chapter #81
August 13th, 2015	Norman Chapter #24
August 20th, 2015	Altus Chapter #60
September 10th, 2015	Guthrie Chapter #6
September 12th, 2015	Veritas Chapter #103

September 21st, 2015 Tulsa Chapter #52
November 20th, 2015 Capitol Hill Chapter #101

Official Visits to Androgynous and Appendant Bodies

I made official visits to meetings of the following androgynous and appendant bodies on the dates noted. In each case, I was introduced and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter. I was unable to attend the Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Guthrie on October 19th, 2015 due to its conflict with my visit to the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Texas.

May 21st, 2015 Amaranth Grand Court (Oklahoma City)
May 24th, 2015 Rainbow Grand Assembly (Norman)
June 12th, 2015 Job's Daughters Rally Session (Oklahoma City)
July 11th, 2015 DeMolay State Conclave (Stillwater)
January 31st, 2016 York Rite DeMolay Winterfest (Midwest City)

Official Visits to Grand Convocations of Other Jurisdictions

I made official visits to the Annual Convocations of each of the Grand Chapters in our region on the dates noted. In each case, I was introduced and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

May 14th, 2015 Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Missouri (Jefferson City)
October 19th, 2015 Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Texas (Waco)
March 4th, 2016 Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Louisiana (Lafayette)
March 11th, 2016 Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Arkansas (Little Rock)
April 1st, 2016 Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Kansas (Topeka)

Statewide and Regional Degree Festivals

I attending all Chapter degree conferrals held in Oklahoma during my term of office, with one exception. I was unable to attend the West Regional Festival in Elk City on March 5th, 2016 due to its conflict with my visit to the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Louisiana. At the festivals that I was able to attend, I participated in several of the degree conferrals and, in each case, closed the host Chapter in ample form.

July 18th, 2015 South-Central Regional Festival (Ardmore)
July 25th, 2015 Northeast Regional Festival (Tulsa)
September 26th, 2015 Grand Master's York Rite Festival (Oklahoma City)
January 23rd, 2016 Northeast Regional Festival (Tulsa)
February 6th, 2016 Central Regional Festival (Oklahoma City)

Membership Recruitment

In an effort to promote forthcoming York Rite degree festivals, I made visits to the following Lodge communications or other events on the dates noted. In each case, I was able to speak to the assembled Brothers about the York Rite and their opportunities to join.

August 1st, 2015 Grand Lodge Leadership Conference
August 4th, 2015 Siloam Lodge #276
August 6th, 2015 Mustang Lodge #407
August 8th, 2015 Day Lodge #547
August 11th, 2015 Amity Lodge #473
August 12th, 2015 India Lodge #551
August 18th, 2015 Yukon Lodge #90
August 27th, 2015 Britton Lodge #434
September 7th, 2015 Oklahoma City Lodge #36
September 23rd, 2015 Open House at Cyrus Chapter #7
January 5th, 2016 Yukon Lodge #90
January 13th, 2016 India Lodge #551

January 19th, 2016	Siloam Lodge #276
January 26th, 2016	Amity Lodge #473
January 28th, 2016	Britton Lodge #434
January 29th, 2016	District #20 Meeting at Mustang Lodge #407

Chapter Schools of Instruction

As a Custodian of the Work, I conducted Schools of Instruction at the following of our constituent Chapters on the dates noted.

January 14th, 2016	Guthrie Chapter #6
February 8th, 2016	Ardmore Chapter #11
February 19th, 2016	Capitol Hill Chapter #101
February 22nd, 2016	Indian Chapter #1
February 24th, 2016	Texoma Chapter #28
March 23rd, 2016	Cyrus Chapter #7

Grand Chapter Administrative Meetings

I attended a number of administrative meetings on the dates noted.

May 16th, 2015	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Stillwater)
August 15th, 2015	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Oklahoma City)
October 29th, 2015	Mid-Year Planning Meeting (Edmond)
January 16th, 2016	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Oklahoma City)
February 15th, 2016	Finance Committee Meeting (Drumright)
March 19th, 2016	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Guthrie)

Scottish Rite Reunions

I attended and was introduced at the opening ceremonies of the following Scottish Rite Reunions.

May 2nd, 2015	Tulsa Scottish Rite
October 3rd, 2015	Guthrie Scottish Rite
October 17th, 2015	McAlester Scottish Rite
October 24th, 2015	Tulsa Scottish Rite
April 2nd, 2016	Guthrie Scottish Rite
April 9th, 2016	McAlester Scottish Rite
April 16th, 2016	Tulsa Scottish Rite

Other Official Visits

I made other official visits to the following on the dates noted and, in each case, I was introduced. At the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, I also brought greetings from the Grand Chapter. At the Order of High Priesthood and the Cyrus Chapter #7 events, I installed the officers. I chaired the organizing committee for the South-Central Regional Conference.

May 16th, 2015	K.Y.C.H. Conclave (Stillwater)
August 15th, 2015	Order of High Priesthood (Oklahoma City)
September 12th, 2015	Red Cross of Constantine Triad (Oklahoma City)
September 19th, 2015	South-Central Regional Conference (Oklahoma City)
October 31st, 2015	York Rite College at All Masonic Day (Guthrie)
November 13th, 2015	Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Oklahoma (Guthrie)
December 9th, 2015	Cyrus Chapter #7 Installation of Officers

THE STATE OF THE ROYAL CRAFT IN OKLAHOMA

In general, I would consider the state of Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma to be stable, but improving. That may not seem like much of a compliment, but compared to other jurisdictions, we are doing very well indeed. Our recent emphasis on (i) membership

recruitment and retention, (ii) ritual proficiency and degree conferrals, and (iii) education for both candidates and members has undoubtedly contributed to our success.

Below are my observations and recommendations in several areas of importance to our Grand Chapter.

Membership

In 2015 we continued our recent success in membership recruitment and retention. After hitting an historic low of 1397 members at the end of 2012, we ended the year 2015 with 1434 members. While a net increase of between 2% and 3% over the past three years may not seem like something to be praised, it is in fact the exception rather than the rule in Masonry these days.

Over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015, we exalted a total of 297 new Royal Arch Masons; that's an average of 99 exaltations per year. That compares to an average of 59 exaltations per year during the twelve year period ending December 31st, 2012. But over this same three year period ending December 31st, 2015, we lost a total of 296 members due to deaths, suspensions, and withdrawals; that's again an average of 99 lost members per year. If we continue our losses at the same rate, in order to maintain our membership at its current level (i.e., overcome the deaths, suspensions, and withdrawals), we will need to average an "exaltation rate" of almost 8% per year.

In order to maintain our membership at its current level and potentially grow a bit, I would propose that we challenge each of our eighteen Chapters to exalt each year a number of new Royal Arch Masons equal to or greater than 10% of their current membership. Our Chapters often seem to be perplexed and/or intimidated by the idea of recruiting new members. This would give each of them a concrete goal. For example, a Chapter with 50 members would be challenged to recruit five new members during the year. This would seem to be a reasonable and manageable goal for any Chapter.

Over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015, four of our constituent Chapters have averaged an exaltation rate of at least 10% per year: Cyrus #7 (20%), Veritas #103 (19%), Ardmore #11 (12%), and Texoma #28 (12%). Two other Chapters have almost achieved this target annual rate: Tulsa #52 (9%) and Cimarron Valley #81 (9%). So fully one-third of our constituent Chapters have achieved or come very close to achieving my proposed goal over the previous three year period.

Some might argue that my goal of an exaltation rate of 10% might be too low, since one-third of our Chapters have almost achieved this over a three year period. But I would suggest that 10% would be a good goal for our Chapters who have not been particularly successful recruiting members in recent years. Those of our Chapters who have achieved a certain amount of success would be encouraged to set higher goals for themselves.

For the past few years, we have had a formal structure to our membership recruitment in the form of a Membership Committee with a statewide chairman and six regional chairmen. The results have been a bit hit-or-miss. Cyrus Chapter #7 and Tulsa Chapter #52 have been quite active in membership recruitment, as evidenced by both Chapters exalting 59 new Royal Arch Masons over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015. But similar results have not been achieved by other Chapters.

A few of the regional membership chairmen have been active in recruiting new members, but most of their efforts have resulted in new members in their own Chapters and relatively few new members in other Chapters in their regions. It appears that we desperately need membership chairmen in each of our Chapters who will actively recruit new members from the Lodges near their Chapter.

I would propose that the High Priest of each of our constituent Chapters appoint for

his Chapter a membership chairman whose task it would be to promote the York Rite in the local Lodges in that Chapter's membership district. The regional membership chairman would provide assistance and direction to these local membership chairmen.

Over the past few years, the Membership Committee (with the invaluable assistance of the Education Committee) has labored diligently to produce a variety of promotional materials, including "Welcome to the York Rite of Freemasonry," "The York Rite and the Scottish Rite: Separate Origins – Shared Traditions," "Ten Reasons You Should Be a Royal Arch Mason," and a periodic newsletter "The Ancient Craft Mason."

These materials, along with invitation letters from the Grand Presiding Officers, have been both sent as mailings to new Master Masons and displayed at various Masonic events (e.g., Scottish Rite Reunions, Grand Lodge Leadership Conferences, etc.) where prospective members might be in attendance. These efforts have certainly contributed to our recent success.

But mailings and displays can only go so far. We need to do more if we are to grow our membership. As noted above, it is vitally important that members from each of our constituent Chapters make a sincere effort to attend Lodge meetings, District meetings, and other Masonic meetings in their immediate area to promote the York Rite. It is only through this type of personal contact with prospective members that we can expect to continue our success and not only maintain our current level of membership, but actually grow and prosper.

Grand Master's Festival

Despite its faults, the annual Grand Master's Festival is still a great benefit to the York Rite. I tend to think of it as a necessary evil. After all, we exalted 45 new Royal Arch Masons at this year's festival. For some candidates, it appears to be the only way that they can (or will) join the York Rite.

The experiment of having the Grand Master's Festival administered by the York Rite College was a nice idea, but in practice, it didn't work out. In my report to the York Rite College some time ago, I identified six areas necessary to successfully administer the Grand Master's Festival: (i) degree teams, (ii) paraphernalia and costumes, (iii) meals, (iv) promotion, (v) education, and (vi) registration.

This year a committee composed of the Grand Scribe, along with the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (from the Grand Council) and the Grand Generalissimo (from the Grand Commandery), was appointed to organize and conduct the Grand Master's Festival. The three Grand Officers listed above divided the first three duties among themselves, while the State Membership Chairman, the Education Committee Chairman, and the Grand Secretary-Recorder performed the last three duties.

This administrative structure has the added benefit that the three Grand Officers forming this administrative committee will only serve for one year. They don't have to worry about being stuck with the administration of the Grand Master's Festival for many, many years. It is my hope that we continue this administrative structure in future years. Special thanks should go to this year's committee Grand Scribe Kent Israel (Cyrus Chapter #7 & Elk City Chapter #55), Jim Cloud (Capitol Hill Chapter #101), and Tim Israel (Elk City Chapter #55) for their hard work in making this year's Grand Master's Festival a success.

Regional Degree Conferrals

Over the years, we have become terribly dependent on the one-day degree festivals for new members. The efforts over the past few years to encourage regional degree conferrals are an effort to break this dependency. The Northeast Region, centered around Tulsa Chapter #52, has been quite active for many years. The Central Region has now become quite active and self-sufficient. This year a concerted effort was made to encourage

regional degree conferrals in two more areas of the state: (i) the South-Central and Southeast regions and (ii) the West region.

These efforts resulted in five regional conferrals being held around the state during the past twelve months: one conferral each in Ardmore, Elk City, and Oklahoma City and two conferrals in Tulsa. Special recognition should be given to our Grand Master of the Second Veil John Carter (Ardmore Chapter #11) and our Grand Sentinel John Church (Altus Chapter #60) for their tireless labor in organizing the events in Ardmore and Elk City, respectively.

A total of 53 new Royal Arch Masons were exalted at these five regional conferrals. When compared to the 45 new Royal Arch Masons that were exalted at the Grand Master's Festival in Oklahoma City in September, we see that more than half of our exaltations in the past twelve months have occurred outside of the one-day festivals. This is the first time in recent memory that a majority of our new members have not come from the one-day festivals.

I would propose that we continue and expand these efforts. Specifically, that each of the four regions described above continue to confer all of the degrees at least once during each year and that conferrals in other potential regions be explored as needed. The availability of these regional degree conferrals might also alleviate the membership recruitment problems that we have experienced outside of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. An additional benefit of these regional conferrals has been the increased number of our constituent Chapters who are now able to confer one or more of the degrees.

Special thanks should be given to our Grand Captain of the Host John Logan (Woodward Chapter #72 & Guthrie Chapter #6) for his coordination of our statewide effort in these regional conferrals. It is my hope that we continue to make this statewide coordination a responsibility each year of the Grand Captain of the Host and that he be assisted in the various regions by the appropriate District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Ritual Proficiency

Over the past twelve months, the Custodians of the Work have been busy travelling the state holding Schools of Instruction in almost all of our constituent Chapters. This is a huge change from practices in previous years. At these Schools, instruction was concentrated on the ritual for the opening and closing of the Chapter and the reception of visitors. The officers and members of the Chapters involved have been very receptive to the instruction and are making good progress.

The Custodians of the Work hope to continue this practice, with the goal of holding a School of Instruction in each constituent Chapter at least once every two years. Since the Grand Council's Custodians of the Work are also holding Schools of Instruction, often on different dates than those of the Grand Chapter, this could result in some sort of School of Instruction being held in each local York Rite at least once per year.

I am pleased to report that the Custodians of the Work have published and distributed to our constituent Chapters the excerpts from the Ritual related to the opening and closing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the reception of visitors, as they were directed and authorized to do at our last Annual Convocation. This publication has been very well received.

Anyone who has attending an official visit recently knows that the constituent Chapters often have difficulty adhering to the prescribed ritual and the introductions often leave much to be desired. I would propose that the Grand Chapter and Grand Council jointly issue a publication which would delineate the procedure, language, and floor work involved in the reception of distinguished visitors. This will, of necessity, offer more detail than that which is already contained in the published rituals.

Education

Thus far my report has concentrated primarily on the areas of membership recruitment

and ritual proficiency. I now turn to a third, but equally important area: Education. While an emphasis on education may seem to be new to our Grand Chapter, our approach to education has been slowly evolving over the past few years.

For some time now, we have been including educational presentations at our degree festivals, both before and after each degree. In addition, we have been distributing flash drives with an abundance of educational material to our new members.

Recently we have modified our educational approach at these festivals. Our Education Committee has recently produced a series of short prologues to be shown before each of the degrees. These prologues were first shown at the Grand Master's Festival in September and have received excellent reviews. The Education Committee is now in the process of producing a series of short epilogues to be shown after each degree. In addition to bringing a uniform approach to our candidate education, these prologues and epilogues may also be used at regional conferrals.

We have also moved to our website the educational material that was previously distributed on flash drives to new members. In addition to making the material more readily available, this move has eliminated the marginal cost that we previously incurred in purchasing the flash drives.

But candidate education is not our only goal, we are also very much interested in member education. Last year, my predecessor Robert Davis introduced the "Capitular Masonry Education Course." This text covers the history and symbolism of the four Chapter degrees and was adapted from a similar text originally introduced by the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New York. This text provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study.

The Education Committee is now developing a number of short, stand-alone presentations and/or discussions that could easily be used by our constituent Chapters to provide a bit of education during their stated convocations. The committee is also in the process of developing a page for our website that will provide easy access to educational material from both Oklahoma and other jurisdictions. It is my hope that High Priests will see the benefit of having educational presentations at each of their stated convocations and make ample use of the materials provided.

In 1935, the Grand Chapter published the "History of Free Masonry in Oklahoma" by Charles E. Creager, P.G.H.P., John G. Hough, and James A. Latham. This book was a comprehensive history of all aspects of Freemasonry in Oklahoma and is generally considered to be the definitive account on the subject. In 1972, the Grand Chapter granted permission to the Oklahoma Lodge of Research to reprint the book. It has now been out-of-print for many years. In an effort to make this excellent book readily available to a new generation of Freemasons, the Education Committee has been feverishly working to republish our original 1935 edition. Production delays have slowed this process, but the committee hopes to have an affordable edition of this classic text ready for distribution in the coming months.

Special recognition should be given to my predecessor Robert Davis, P.G.H.P. (Stillwater Chapter #14) for his outstanding work in both producing much of our educational material and promoting its use. No member of our Grand Chapter is more highly qualified than he to chair our Education Committee.

Website

After languishing for some time, our website has now been thriving for the past year. There has been a bit of reorganization, but this has been done to further enhance the long-standing purpose for our website: Membership Recruitment. Prominently placed on the front page are links titled: (i) What is the York Rite?, (ii) Introduction to the York Rite, (iii) Degrees

and Orders, (iv) Festivals, (v) How to Join, and (vi) 10 Reasons You Should Be a Royal Arch Mason. All of these links lead potential candidates to further information about the York Rite. Additionally, all of our promotional materials (mentioned earlier in my report) point prospective candidates to our website and these links.

Now with the steady production by the Education Committee of more and more educational material for both members and candidates, it has become clear that the time is right for our website to acquire a second purpose: Education. The website is already being used to distribute the educational material that was previously distributed on flash drives to new members. The Education Committee is currently working on links and pages for our website that will provide easy access to educational material from both Oklahoma and other jurisdictions.

In addition to serving as a valuable resource for Membership Recruitment and Education, our website provides links to other resources: (i) rosters of Grand Officers, committees, and constituent Chapters, (ii) information about special events; e.g., Grand Sessions, Regional Conferences, etc., and (iii) a comprehensive calendar of York Rite events. But our website is only a useful resource if we do in fact use it. Too many times this year, members have asked me questions like: (i) On what night does a particular Chapter meet?, (ii) When will the Grand Master's Festival be held?, or (iii) Where can I get a petition. The answers to all of these questions (and many, many more) can be found on our website. Special recognition should be given to our Webmaster and Grand Royal Arch Captain John Christopher (Guthrie Chapter #6) for all of his hard work in returning our website to its former glory and beyond. By the way, in case you don't already know, the address of our website is www.okyorkrite.org.

York Rite Coordination

According to Article 3, Section 2(h) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Committee on York Rite Coordination, along with its counterparts in the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, to "research, plan, and recommend programs for the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma; to coordinate promotional material; plan area and statewide festivals; provide a continuing file of personnel and facilities available for degree work; and such other duties as may be delegated to this committee."

In recent years, this committee has not actively met, but rather has ceded its responsibilities to the Grand Officers, who hold regular quarterly meetings. While this arrangement may, or may not, be advisable, it is vitally important that the duties enumerated above not be neglected. Furthermore, we did have an incident this year that illustrates the need for close coordination within the York Rite.

Earlier this year, the Grand Officers of one of our branches of the York Rite scheduled a retreat on the same day that degrees were scheduled to be conferred at a regional festival. This regional festival had been scheduled for some time, was well known to anyone paying attention, and had been posted on our website for several months.

Yet when presented with the news of this conflicting regional festival, the Grand Officers chose to continue their planned retreat as scheduled. This resulted in the regional festival having to be postponed and all those involved having to adjust their schedules.

It's my belief that our candidates and our degree work should be our first priority. If a better effort were made toward coordination within the York Rite, then conflicts like the one described above could be avoided.

Electronic Membership Database

Our much anticipated and desperately needed electronic membership database is now fully operational. Many months of data collection and innumerable hours of data entry

have finally achieved their desired result. A training session was held for Chapter Secretaries in March and the maintenance of the database is now in their hands, along with oversight and assistance from the Grand Secretary.

This electronic database performs a number of functions: (i) it manages each individual member's personal data; e.g., birth date, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, occupation, family information, etc., (ii) it records each individual member's Chapter memberships, degree dates, and offices held, (iii) it maintains each constituent Chapter's roster of members, officers, and Past High Priests, (iv) it tracks changes in membership and generates annual returns for constituent Chapters and the Grand Chapter, and (v) it maintains the Grand Chapter's roster of Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and voting delegates.

A similar electronic membership database has been in use by the Grand Commandery for several years and one for the Grand Council has also just now become operational. These three databases are fully integrated and as such, if used wisely and properly, will be of a great benefit for our local York Rite Secretary-Recorders, in particular, and the Oklahoma York Rite, in general.

South-Central Regional Conference

The 58th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 18th – 19th, 2015 in Oklahoma City. There were 135 York Rite Masons from a six state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) and a number of national and international Grand Officers in attendance at the conference.

M..E.. Comp. Louis E. Bartrand, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, was in attendance along with M..P.. Comp. Lawrence O. Weaver, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, and Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, the M..E.. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

In my subsequent travels throughout the region, I have received numerous complements regarding the conference and our hosting of the event. While the men appear to have enjoyed the conference, the ladies also enjoyed their tour of the special exhibition "Fabergé: Jeweler to the Tsars" at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

The 59th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 16th – 17th, 2016 in Alexandria, Louisiana. While the conference is primarily designed for Grand Officers, any Royal Arch Mason is welcome to attend. There will be a number of interesting presentations and leadership training will be available through the "York Rite Emerging Leader Training Program."

CONCLUSION

I would strongly encourage the Grand Chapter to continue its three-fold emphasis on (i) membership recruitment and retention, (ii) ritual proficiency and degree conferrals, and (iii) education for both candidates and members. These three areas, each in its own way, are vitally important to our continued success.

It is also worth noting that, in recent years, successive Grand High Priests have fully embraced the programs of their predecessors while adding their own initiatives. This unparalleled level of continuity among the leaders of this Grand Chapter has undoubtedly contributed to our recent success. There is every evidence that this situation will continue into the near future.

Finally, I wish to thank the officers and committeemen of this Grand Chapter for their unceasing dedication and hard work. The success that we have experienced in recent years would not have been possible without them. I eagerly look forward to rejoining the ranks of the committeemen very, very soon.

And with that: I fervently and zealously pray that the work which I have presented for your inspection shall be pronounced to be good work, true work, square work and entitles me to the wages of a well spent year.

I conclude this address as I began, quoting our first Grand High Priest Joseph Samuel Murrow. These are his words as he concluded his address to our first Annual Convocation in 1890. I have modified them only slightly to fit our current proceedings. I hope that Father Murrow will not mind sharing his words with me, if only for a day.

“With heartfelt gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father, who holdeth us all in His hands and who doeth all things well for the preservation of health, for prospering us thus far and permitting us to assemble in this our [127th Annual Convocation], and to you, my beloved Companions, for your constant courtesy and kindness and for the distinguished honor in making me your [130th] Grand High Priest and praying God’s richest blessing upon you personally and all your families and interests in time and eternity, I close this address.”

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Holiness to the Lord!

Submitted with fervency and zeal,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Grand High Priest

RESOLUTION, No. 1 2016

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 5, Membership Incentives has been in effect since 2007 with only 4 or 5 individuals applying for such incentives and,

WHEREAS, it is obvious that these incentives are not conducive to our gaining new members, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate cost of these incentives can become a financial burden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 7, Section 5 of the General Laws, which now reads:

“All members in good standing are eligible to participate in the Membership Incentive program of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. The cost of these awards will be shared equally between the three Grand York Rite bodies, except for perpetual memberships. Awards will be granted when a petitioner has received all York Rite degrees and orders, and the first line signer has accumulated petitions as follows:

(1) 3 petitions – The first line signer will receive a billfold.

(2) 10 petitions –The first line signer will receive a watch, engraved with his name.

(3) 20 petitions – The first line signer will receive a personalized silver sword, or a gold plated sword if the recipient is a Past Commander, paid for by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma after the Petitioners have received all their York Rite Degrees. (Limit one sword per recipient for all three Bodies.)

(4) 30 petitions – The first line signer will receive a Perpetual Membership in his home Chapter, (after the petitioners have received all the York Rite degrees) paid by the Grand Chapter, RAM of Oklahoma. (a) If a top line signer has a perpetual membership be will have the option to add to his current perpetual membership account, or he may give the perpetual

membership to any member in good standing or purchase a perpetual membership in another Oklahoma Chapter in which is a member. The cost will not exceed the cost of a perpetual membership in his home Chapter.

(5) The Grand Secretary must receive a copy of each petition indicating the first line signer and certifying that the candidate has received all the York Rite degrees and orders. The Grand Secretary will determine the recipient of the various awards.

(6) The accumulation of petitions will begin at the close of the 2007 Grand Session.”

Be deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted:
Elwood M. Isaacs PGHP (52/55)
Gary A. Davis (52/81)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION No. 2
2016**

WHEREAS, Article 10, Section 19, Membership List, is no longer necessary because of the new database.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 10, Section 19, of the General Laws, which now reads:

“Section 19. Membership List. Beginning at the close of the year 1970 and at five-year intervals thereafter, the Secretary shall include with the annual returns on forms to be supplied by the Grand Secretary, an alphabetical list of members together with addresses of the same.”

Be deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted:
Elwood M. Isaacs PGHP (52/55)
Gary A. Davis (52/81)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION No. 3
2016**

WHEREAS, Article 11, Section 21 Perpetual Membership. g, is ambiguous concerning how funds are distributed, and

WHEREAS, we have, in the past, experienced volatile investment periods, reflecting unrealized losses in our endowments, and

WHEREAS, we should not spend endowment funds to pay earned dividend and interest and

WHEREAS, there have been various interpretations of the referenced section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 11, Section 21 Perpetual Membership, paragraph g of the General Laws which now reads:

“The perpetual membership fee shall be considered principal and shall never be spent. The total amount of interest and dividends derived there from shall be paid proportionally, annually to each constituent Chapter for each perpetual member at the time of per capita billing.

(1) When a perpetual member dies a new ratio will be arrived at by subtracting the General Grand Chapter per capita tax, the contribution made to Royal Arch Research Assistance, plus any other special assessments.”

Be amended to read:

“The perpetual membership fee shall be considered **endowed funds** and shall never be spent. **The amount of interest and dividends earned annually from the Perpetual Membership Investment Account shall be paid, proportionality to the Grand Chapter and Constituent Chapters for each perpetual member on the rolls as of December 31st of each year, providing the market value of the Perpetual Membership Investment Account is, and remains, greater than the endowed value each year.**”

(1) When a perpetual member dies a new ratio will be arrived at by subtracting the General Grand Chapter per capita tax, the contribution made to Royal Arch Research Assistance, plus any other special assessments.

Respectfully submitted:
Elwood M. Isaacs PGHP (52/55)
Gary A. Davis (52/81)

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

**RESOLUTION No. 3(a)
2016**

WHEREAS, If Resolution No. 3, Article 11, Section 21 Perpetual Membership. g, is is passed, and

WHEREAS, to prevent any conflicting interpretations in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 3. Grand Treasurer paragraph (b) of the General Laws, which now reads:

“**b. Accounts.** The Grand Treasurer shall keep all Investment Accounts, such as, the General Fund, the Perpetual Membership Fund, and such other Investment Accounts as may be required by the Grand Chapter. All the Investments funds of the Grand Chapter shall be deposited and kept by the Grand Treasurer in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and shall be paid or transferred to the Operating Account held by the Grand Secretary for distribution as authorized by the Grand Chapter. The Perpetual Membership rosters will be kept and maintained by the Grand Treasurer, and the Dividend and Interest will be distributed annually by the Grand Treasurer.”

Be amended to read:

“b. Accounts. The Grand Treasurer shall keep all Investment Accounts, such as the General Fund, the Perpetual Membership Fund, and such other Investment Accounts as may be required by the Grand Chapter. All the Investments funds of the Grand Chapter shall be deposited and kept by the Grand Treasurer in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and shall be paid or transferred to the Operating Account held by the Grand Secretary for distribution as authorized by the Grand Chapter. The Perpetual Membership rosters will be kept and maintained by the Grand Treasurer, and the Dividend and Interest will be distributed annually by the Grand Treasurer **as provided in Article 11, Section21 (g).**”

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs, PGHP (52/55)
Gary A. Davis (52/81)

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

RESOLUTION No. 4 2016

WHEREAS, membership retention and growth has remained one of the principal challenges of sustainability and financial stability in the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, the increase in new members over the past few years has demonstrated the value of a Committee on Membership; and

WHEREAS, the addition of one more geographical region would increase the efficiency of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, a modification of the method with which members of the Committee are appointed would bring it in uniformity with its actual practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 1 (k) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, which now reads:

“The Committee on Membership for the state of Oklahoma shall be comprised on seven members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of six identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman. The Committee members shall serve from one Stated Conclave to the close of the next. Two members of the Oklahoma Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to serve their specific regions until replaced and whose responsibility shall be to develop and oversee, in conjunction with the remaining members of the Statewide committee on Membership; an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members within their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction. No more than one of the Grand Chapter appointed committee members may be replaced in any given year except in the event of a vacancy requiring the appointment of a new member, such appointment to be made by the Grand High Priest.”

Be amended to read:

“The Committee on Membership for the state of Oklahoma shall be comprised of **eight**

members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of **seven** identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman.”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION No. 5
2016**

WHEREAS, membership retention and growth has remained one of the principal challenges of sustainability and financial stability in the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, the increase in new members over the past few years has demonstrated the value of a Committee on Membership; and

WHEREAS, a modification of the method with which members of the Committee are appointed would bring it in conformity with its actual practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 2 (j) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, which now reads:

“**j. The Committee members** shall serve from one stated conclave to the close of the next Two members of the Oklahoma Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to serve their specific regions until replaced and whose responsibility shall be to develop and oversee, in conjunction with the remaining members of the statewide Committee on Membership, an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members within their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction. No more than one Grand Chapter appointed committee members may be replaced in any given year except in the event of a vacancy requiring the appointment of a new member, such appointment to be Made by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.”

Be amended to read:

“**j. The Committee on Membership for the State of Oklahoma shall be responsible for the development and overseeing an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members within their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction.**”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION No. 6
2016**

WHEREAS, in the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, the Committee on York Rite Coordination has duties assigned to it which are vitally important to the welfare of the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Committee on York Rite Coordination has not regularly met but rather has ceded its responsibilities to the regular quarterly meetings of the Grand Officers of the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, a slight modification to the current structure of the Committee on York Rite Coordination would allow these Grand Officers to assume officially the duties of the Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 1, (i) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, which now reads:

“This committee shall consist of the Grand King and three members to be appointed. Each Grand High Priest shall make the appointment of one member for a three year term. If and when vacancies occur, the Grand High Priest will appoint a new member to serve for the unexpired term.”

Be amended to read:

“This committee shall consist of the **Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Grand Captain of the Host.**”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 7 2016

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 1, Financial Revenues, is not clear as to when members are to be officially entered as suspended, expelled, demitted, or deceased, and

Whereas, a member is to pay his dues by the 1st of January and after six months he may be summoned to appear at a Stated Convocation to show cause why he should not be suspended for payment of such dues, whether he appears or not, the Chapter may act at its discretion without further notice to the member, and

Whereas, we now have a database which should be updated to list every member in each Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and

Whereas, to be consistent with the same criteria used by the Grand Encampment which is to run the databases as of midnight on the 31st of December to establish the number of members, and

Whereas, in the past, several secretaries did not enter these members in the database until after 31 December, but made them effective as of 31 December.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Revenues, which now reads:

“Each Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter fees and dues as follows:

a. Each chartered Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter for each member on the rolls on the 31st day of December, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to become effective for 2016, plus any assessment now levied or hereafter levied by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.”

Be amended to read:

“Each Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter fees and dues as follows:

a. Each chartered Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter for each member **in the database on the 30th day** of December, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to become effective for 2016, plus any assessment now levied or hereafter levied by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.”

Respectfully submitted:
Gary A. Davis (52/81)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8
2016**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account is to generate income which is then distributed to the Grand Chapter and constituent Chapters instead of dues payments of perpetual members; and

WHEREAS, there would appear to be a need for clarification as to what funds held by the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account shall be distributed annually.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Article 11, Section 21 (g) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, which now reads:

“The perpetual membership fee shall be considered principal and shall never be spent. The total amount of interest and dividends derived there from shall be paid proportionally, annually to each constituent Chapter for each perpetual member at the time of per capita billing.”

Be amended to read:

“The total amount of interest and dividends derived from the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account shall annually be paid proportionally to the Grand Chapter and each constituent Chapter for each perpetual member. Any funds held by the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account which is not attributable to interest or

dividends may not be distributed.”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7)

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Grand Treasurer - Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2015						
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma						
General Fund, Account held at Wells Fargo						
Balance as of January 1, 2015						\$184,570.16
					\$2,443.53	
Stocks & ETF's:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
AT&T, (T) 200 sh,avg yield 5.57%	\$6,213.44	\$668.560	\$6,882.000			
Century Link, Inc, (CTL), 200 sh, yield 8.58%	7063.62	-2031.62	5,032.00			
Enterprise Products, (EDP), 100 sh, yield 6.02%	2666.44	-108.44	2,558.00			
First Trust Eur, (FEP), 102 sh, yield 2.20%	3167.57	-149.39	3,018.18			
First Trust M/C Grw, (FNY), 115 sh, yield .46%	3470.93	-154.33	3,316.60			
First Trust M/C Val, (FNK), 370 sh, yield 1.44%	10718.78	-932.28	9,786.50			
First Trust L/C Grw, (FTC), 160 sh, yield .52%	7757.74	-44.14	7,713.60			
I Shares S&P S/C 600 Grw, (UT), 11 sh, yield 1.13%	1462.65	-95.24	1,367.41			
I Shares S&P S/C 600 Value, (US), 12 sh, yield 1.58%	1400.06	-102.14	1,297.92			
I Shares JP Morgan Emerging Mkts, (EMD), 85 sh, yield 4.83%	9412.35	-421.05	8,991.30			
ONEOK Partners, (OKS), 240 sh, yield 10.48%	10118.62	-2887.42	7,231.20			
Power Shares, (PGX), 1,000 sh, yield 5.83%	13943.96	1006.04	14,950.00			
VanGuard Int'l Equity, (VWO), 120 sh, yield 3.25%	4449.30	-524.10	3,925.20			
VanGuard Natural Res, (VNR), 400 sh, yield 12.08%	9212.31	-8020.31	1,192.00			
Williams Partners (WPZ), 86 sh, yield 12.2%	<u>4972.05</u>	<u>-2576.95</u>	<u>2395.10</u>			
Avg yield 4.90%	3,900.66	\$96,029.82	-16372.81		79,657.01	
Corporate Bonds:	<u>Call Value</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
Bell Atlantic debts, 12,000 Sh, BBB+, yield 5.59%, (6.0%)	\$11,520.00	\$1,350.96	\$12,870.96			
Avg yield 6.02%	720.00	\$11,520.00	\$1,350.96		12,870.96	
Mutual Funds: (Open End)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
Franklin Inc, (FCISK), 5,740.788 sh, yield 5.09%	\$11,702.68	\$467.79	\$12,170.47			
Mutual Funds: (Closed End)						
Blackrock Debt Strategies Fd, (DSU), 974 Sh, yield, 7.12%	\$4,408.62	-\$1,126.24	\$3,282.38			
Blackrock Limited Income, (BLW), 300 sh, yield 7.16%	5,388.37	-1014.37	4,374.00			
First Tr Int'l Dur, (FPF), 520 sh, yield 9.16%	11,966.03	-905.63	11,060.40			
John Hancock (JHS), 1,000 sh, yield 6.53%	15247.75	-1817.75	13,430.00			
Royce Value Trust, (RVT), 290 sh, yield 10.53%	<u>4,052.01</u>	<u>-638.71</u>	<u>3,413.30</u>			
Avg yield 7.16%	3417.56	\$52,765.46	-\$5,034.91		47,730.55	
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	<u>Call Value</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
American Fin Grp, (AFGH),6%, 465 sh, yield 5.85%	\$11,898.91	37.64	11,936.55			
Wells Fargo & Co's (WFCP), 5.25%, 155 sh, yield 5.08%	3,981.73	22.07	4,003.80			
Wells Fargo (WFCQ), 600 sh, yield 5.59%	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>672.00</u>	<u>15,672.00</u>			
Avg yield 5.84%	1,778.21	\$30,880.64	\$731.71		31,612.35	
Total General Fund Account Value as of 12/31/2015						\$174,314.40
Net Gain/Loss in Account Balance for the year 2015						-\$10,255.76
Transferred to Gd Chapter Checking Account	\$0.00					-5.56%
Interest/Dividends earned in 2015	\$11,108.45					

Membership Development Fund (Joint York Rite Account) , Account held at Wells Fargo				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$45,738.74
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%				\$1,172.26
Stocks & ETF's:	Cost	Unrealized G/L		
AT&T (T), 100 sh, yield 5.57%	\$3,252.93	\$188.07	3,441.00	
Energy Trfs Partners, (ETP), 80 sh, yield 12.51%	2878.08	-179.68	2,698.40	
First Tr Europe, (FEP), 26 sh, yield 2.20%	839.40	-70.06	769.34	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw, (FNY), 26 sh, yield .46%	821.10	-71.26	749.84	
First Tr Mid Cap Val, (FNK), 96 sh, yield 1.44%	2815.27	-276.07	2,539.20	
First Tr Large Cap, (FTC), 39 sh, yield .52%	1925.42	-45.23	1,880.19	
I Shares S&P Small Cap Grw, (JIT), 3 sh, yield 1.13%	440.75	-67.82	372.93	
I Shares S&P Small Cap Val, (IJS), 3 sh, yield 1.58%	394.16	-69.68	324.48	
I Shares Emerging Mkts, (EMB), 22 sh, yield 4.83%	2470.78	-143.62	2,327.16	
Power Shares, ((PGX), 790 sh, yield 5.83%	11313.42	497.08	11,810.50	
VanGuard Int'l Equity Index Fd, (VWO), yield 3.25%	1111.22	-162.63	948.59	
VanGuard Nat Res, (VNR), 100 sh, yield 12.08%	2320.15	-2022.15	298.00	
Avg yield 5.24%	1,475.12	\$30,582.68	-\$2,423.05	28,159.63
Corporate Bonds:	Cost	Unrealized G/L		
Western Union Notes, 9,000 Sh, BBB, yield 6.24%	\$9,094.19	-\$157.46	\$8,936.73	8,936.73
Mutual Funds: (Closed End)	Call Value	Unrealized G/L		
BlackRock Strategies, (DSU), 633 Sh, yield 7.12%	\$2,909.27	-\$776.06	2,133.21	
BlackRock Resources, (BCX), 211 Sh, yield 11.05%	2797.67	-1297.46	1,500.21	
BlackRock Limited Duration, (BLW), 150 sh, yield 7.16%	2728.50	-541.50	2,187.00	
First Tr Inter PFD & Inc Fd, (FPF), 85 sh, yield 9.16%	1995.58	-187.63	1,807.95	
Hancock John Inc, (JHS), 100 sh, yield 6.53%	1594.60	-251.60	1,343.00	
Royce Value Tr, (RVT), 70 sh, yield 10.53%	1010.49	-186.59	823.90	
Avg yield 8.32%	814.61	\$13,036.11	-\$3,240.84	9,795.27
Preferred/Fixed Rate Securities:	Call Value	Unrealized G/L		
American Fin Grp, (AFGH), 116 sh, yield 5.84%	\$2,996.00	-\$18.28	\$2,977.72	
Quest Corp (CTY), 200 sh, yield 6.16%, (6.125%)	4181.94	\$786.06	4,968.00	
Avg yield 6.04%	480.20	\$7,177.94	\$767.78	7,945.72
Total Membership Development Fd Acct Value, as of 12/31/2015				\$56,009.61
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2015				\$10,270.87
Transferred to Grand York Rite Checking Accounts, 12/18/15	\$1,137.99			22.46%
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$3,412.60			
Perpetual Membership Fund, Account held at Wells Fargo				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$137,929.06
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%				\$3,683.27
Stocks & ETF's:	Cost	Unrealized G/L		
AT&T, (T), 200 sh, yield 5.57%	\$6,222.75	\$659.25	\$6,882.00	
Enterprise Prod Partners, (EPD), 100 sh, yield 6.02%	2703.00	-145.00	2,558.00	
First Tr Euro Alph Fd, (FEP), 47 sh, yield 2.20%	1468.24	-77.51	1,390.73	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw, (FNK), 48 sh, yield .46%	1463.12	-78.80	1,384.32	
First Tr Mid Cap Val, (FNK), 168 sh, yield 1.44%	4868.48	-424.88	4,443.60	
First Tr Large Cap Grw, (FTC), 71 Sh, yield 0.52%	3452.95	-30.04	3,422.91	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Grw, (JIT), 5 sh, yield 1.13%	693.10	-71.55	621.55	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Val, (IJS), 6 sh, yield 1.58%	725.96	-77.00	648.96	
I Shares JPMorgan Emerging Mkts, (EMB), 40 Sh, yield 4.83%	4447.20	-216.00	4,231.20	
PowerShares Preferred, (PGX) 650 Sh, yield 5.83%	9564.05	153.45	9,717.50	
VanGuard Int'l Equity Index Fd, (VWO), 52 sh, yield 3.25%	1947.00	-246.08	1,700.92	
VanGuard Nat Res, (VNR), 200 sh, yield 12.08%	4692.70	-4096.70	596.00	
Williams Partners, (WPZ), 186 sh, yield 12.20%	10900.33	-5720.23	5,180.10	
Avg yield 5.16%	2,206.58	\$53,148.88	-\$10,371.09	42,777.79
Corporate Bonds:	Call Value	Unrealized G/L		
GTE Calif Deb, \$20,000, BBB+, yield 7.03%, (6.75%)	\$19,675.00	-\$472.80	\$19,202.20	
AXA Financial, \$20,000, 4/1/28, A-, yield 5.61%, (7.0%)	20300.00	4647.60	24,947.60	
Avg yield 6.23%	2,750.00	\$39,975.00	\$4,174.80	44,149.80
Mutual Funds: (Closed End)				
Guggenheim American Bds, (GBAB), 585 Sh, Yield 7.77%	\$12,109.80	\$362.40	\$12,472.20	
First Trust PFD & Inc, (FPF), 128 sh, yield 9.16%	2992.26	-269.70	2,722.56	
Hancock, John Inc Tr, (JHS), 200 sh, yield 6.53%	3242.34	-556.34	2,686.00	
Royce Value Tr Inc, (RVT), 570 sh, yield 10.53%	8264.03	-1555.13	6,708.90	
Avg Yield 8.55%	2,101.73	\$26,608.43	-\$2,018.77	24,589.66
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	Call Value	Unrealized G/L		
American Fin Grp (AFGH), 210 sh, yield 5.84%, (6.0%)	\$5,396.27	-\$5.57	5,390.70	
Nextera Energy (NEE'J), 300 sh, yield 5.04%, (5.0%)	5693.91	\$1,737.09	\$7,431.00	
Avg yield 5.38%	690.00	\$11,090.18	\$1,731.52	12,821.70

Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2015					<u>\$128,022.22</u>
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2015					<u>-\$9,906.84</u>
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$8,163.65				-7.8%
The total endow ed funds in the Grand Chapter as of 1/1/15				\$127,159.77	
The total endow ed funds in the Grand Chapter as of 12/31/15				<u>\$132,299.77</u>	
Gain in the Perpetual Membership Account		\$5,140.00			
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$8,163.65				
Dividend/Interest earned in 2014	\$8,311.39				
Div/Int distributed to Local Bodies in 2015 on D/I earned in 2014				\$4,550.53	
Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2015 on D/I earned in 2014				<u>\$3,761.10</u>	
Dividend/Interest distributed in 2015 on interest earned in 2014				\$8,311.63	
Total Members as of 12/31/2015				811	
New members gained in 2015				19	
The Temple Association Fund is a Joint Account with the the Grand York Rite Bodies					
Temple Association Fund (Joint York Rite Account), Account held at Wells Fargo					
Balance as of March 1, 2015					\$14,100.31
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%				\$542.47	
Stocks & ETFs:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>			
Energy Transfer, (ETP), 80 sh, yield 7.13%	\$3,126.48	\$1,333.52	\$4,460.00		
Power Shares, (FGX), 300 sh, yield 5.88%	<u>4272.60</u>	200.40	<u>4,473.00</u>		
Avg yield 6.51% 581.50	\$7,399.08	\$1,533.92		\$8,933.00	
Mutual Fund's:					
Cohen & Steers REIT, (RNP), 102 sh, yield 7.60%	\$1,578.23	\$405.67	\$1,983.90		
Hancock, John Inc, (JHS), 100 sh, yield 6.14%	1594.60	-163.60	1,431.00		
Royce Value Trust, (RVT), 70 sh, yield 12.63%	<u>1010.49</u>	<u>-8.09</u>	<u>1,002.40</u>		
Avg yield 8.28% 365.66	\$4,183.32	\$233.98		\$4,417.30	
Total Temple Association Fund, GYR Jpjoint Account, as of March 31, 2015					<u>\$13,892.77</u>
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the period ending 3/31/2015					<u>-\$207.54</u>
Dividend/Interest earned as 3/31/2015	\$226.03				
This account was closed in April 2015. All Securities, \$13,279.03, were transferred to Membership Development (Joint Account) plus \$542.47 cash. An additional \$21.98 cash was transferred in May, which closed the account.					
<u>Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments:</u>	<u>1/1/2015</u>		<u>12/31/2015</u>		
Total General Fund Account Value	\$184,570.16		\$174,314.40	-\$10,255.76	-5.56%
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value	137,929.06		128,022.22	-\$9,906.84	-7.18%
Total M'ship D'ment Fd, Joint YR, Account Value	45,738.74		56,009.61	10,270.87	22.46%
Temple Association Fd, Joint YR, Account Value	14,295.52		Closed	June	
Grand Total of Chapter Investment:	\$382,533.48		\$358,346.23	-\$9,891.73	-2.59%
Respectfully submitted, Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, Grand Treasurer					
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma					

Respectfully submitted,
 Elwood (Ike) M. Isaacs
 Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Please see the attached statement of income and expenses for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. The Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 1 January 2015		1417
Gains:		
• Exaltations	86	
• Admissions	5	
• Reinstatements	6	
• Adjustments	0	
Total Gains		97
Losses:		
• Deaths	35	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	31	
• Demitted	11	
• Adjustments	3	
Total Losses		80
Membership: 31 December 2015		<u>1,434</u>
Net Membership Gain:		<u>+17</u>

We had a Gain of 17 members compared to a loss of 16 last year. We had deaths of 35 members compared to 54 last year. Exaltations and Reinstatements of 97 compared to 92 last year, Suspensions/withdrawals were 31 compared to 56 last year. All Chapters have submitted quarterly reports for Year 2015. We had 21 members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues. Six less than last year.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of 19, with an ending total of 521 living and 309 deceased. Approximately 36% of our active members are perpetual members.

We had a Secretary/Recorder training session on 19 March 2016. All but three secretary/recorders were in attendance. Reporting was discussed among other issues. A slide presentation on the new Grand Encampment database was presented by the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. All Chapter and Council memberships are now included in the database. Each Chapter, Council, and Commandery is

expected to have someone responsible to maintain their database.

Respectfully submitted,
 GARY A. DAVIS
 Grand Secretary

CHAPTER RETURNS FOR 2015

No.	Name	2014									Net Gain	2015				
		Members	Exalted	Adm.	Reinst.	Dem.	Died	Adj.	S/W	or (Loss)	Members	P/M	N/P	Dues	Fees	
1	Indian	109	8	0	1	0	2	-3	0	10	119	41	0	\$15.00	\$50.00	
3	Muskogee	127	14	0	0	0	3	1	0	10	137	58	0	\$25.00	\$50.00	
6	Guthrie	80	2	1	0	2	6	0	1	(6)	74	19	0	\$22.00	\$50.00	
7	Cyrus	116	12	2	0	1	2	0	1	10	126	22	4	\$20.00	\$55.00	
11	Ardmore	48	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	51	13	0	\$18.00	\$55.00	
14	Stillwater	43	5	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	46	14	1	\$20.00	\$65.00	
24	Norman	114	3	0	0	0	1	-1	0	3	117	34	0	\$16.00	\$55.00	
25	Olivet	49	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	(2)	47	27	0	\$13.00	\$30.00	
28	Texoma	25	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	28	0	0	\$20.00	\$50.00	
44	Lawton	81	4	1	3	1	2	1	2	2	83	23	0	\$25.00	\$50.00	
50	Elk City	59	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	(4)	55	27	3	\$17.00	\$60.00	
52	Tulsa	215	14	0	1	3	3	0	2	7	222	65	7	\$31.00	\$50.00	
55	Bartlesville	44	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	1	45	15	4	\$8.25	\$40.00	
60	Altus	72	2	0	0	1	3	0	6	(8)	64	28	0	\$20.00	\$75.00	
72	Woodward	55	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	(6)	49	22	0	\$10.00	\$40.00	
81	Cimarron Valley	31	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	32	10	1	\$20.00	\$50.00	
101	Capitol Hill	132	4	0	0	1	2	-1	10	(8)	124	88	1	\$19.00	\$50.00	
103	Veritas	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	(2)	15	0	0	\$50.00	\$200.00	
	Totals	<u>1417</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1434</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>21</u>			

						Net	P/M	
No.	Name	DeMolay	P/C	L/M	RARA	Amount	P/C	TOTAL
1	Indian	\$19.50	\$468.00	\$77.00	\$78.00	\$642.50	\$237.22	\$879.72
3	Muskogee	\$19.75	\$474.00	\$74.00	\$79.00	\$646.75	\$476.07	\$1,122.82
6	Guthrie	\$13.75	\$330.00	\$52.00	\$55.00	\$450.75	\$103.69	\$554.44
7	Cyrus	\$25.00	\$600.00	\$93.00	\$100.00	\$818.00	\$153.02	\$971.02
11	Ardmore	\$9.50	\$228.00	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$311.50	\$85.06	\$396.56
14	Stillwater	\$7.75	\$186.00	\$32.00	\$31.00	\$256.75	\$102.02	\$358.77
24	Norman	\$20.75	\$498.00	\$77.00	\$83.00	\$678.75	\$242.80	\$921.55
25	Olivet	\$5.00	\$120.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$165.00	\$145.79	\$310.79
28	Texoma	\$7.00	\$168.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$203.00	\$0.00	\$203.00
44	Lawton	\$15.00	\$360.00	\$56.00	\$60.00	\$491.00	\$140.23	\$631.23
50	Elk City	\$6.25	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$181.25	\$153.16	\$334.41
52	Tulsa	\$37.50	\$900.00	\$136.00	\$150.00	\$1,223.50	\$384.43	\$1,607.93
55	Bartlesville	\$6.50	\$156.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	\$188.50	\$128.47	\$316.97
60	Altus	\$9.00	\$216.00	\$37.00	\$36.00	\$298.00	\$212.07	\$510.07
72	Woodward	\$6.75	\$162.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$220.75	\$146.38	\$367.13
81	Cimarron Valley	\$5.25	\$126.00	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$172.25	\$69.77	\$242.02
101	Capitol Hill	\$8.75	\$210.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$286.75	\$558.89	\$845.64
103	Veritas	\$3.75	\$90.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$123.75	\$0.00	\$123.75
	Totals	<u>\$226.75</u>	<u>\$5,442.00</u>	<u>\$783.00</u>	<u>\$907.00</u>	<u>\$7,358.75</u>	<u>\$3,339.07</u>	<u>\$10,697.82</u>

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2015 vs ACTUALS

Estimated Income:	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	Variation
Per Capita	\$7,350.00	\$7,450.00	\$100.00
Perpetual Members	\$3,760.00	\$3,760.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$600.00	\$696.00	\$96.00
Dues Cards	\$530.00	\$0.00	(\$530.00)
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$500.00	\$860.00	\$360.00
Interest/Investments	\$12,139.00	\$12,139.00	\$0.00
Life Members Gen Grand	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>(\$190.00)</u>
Total	\$25,079.00	\$24,940.00	(\$139.00)
Estimated Expenditures:			
Salary-Grand Secretary	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$385.00	\$374.00	\$11.00
Grand High Priest Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
GHP Grand Session Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Expense	\$200.00	\$102.00	\$98.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Per Capita - General Grand Chapter	\$1,390.00	\$749.00	\$641.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,700.00	\$1,267.00	\$433.00
Telephone	\$550.00	\$375.00	\$175.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$268.00	(\$68.00)
Printing & Stationary	\$1,200.00	\$1,027.00	\$173.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$146.00	\$154.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00	\$131.00	\$1.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$100.00	\$41.00	\$59.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	\$250.00	\$270.00	(\$20.00)
Triennial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$118.00	\$82.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00	\$710.00	\$290.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Murrow Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RARA	\$1,380.00	\$1,007.00	\$373.00
DeMolay Donation	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Life Members Gen Grnd	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$129.00</u>	<u>\$71.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$15,737.00</u>	<u>\$11,864.00</u>	\$3,873.00
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$9,342.00</u>	<u>\$13,076.00</u>	

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 2015

Estimated Income:			
Membership Development Interest	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$0.00
Donations	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
Estimated Expense:			
Membership Development	<u>\$ 950.00</u>	<u>\$ 481.00</u>	<u>(\$469.00)</u>
Net Income/Loss	\$0.00	\$469.00	(\$469.00)

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2015

	OPERATING ACCOUNT	GENERAL FUND	PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND	MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND ⁽¹⁾	TEMPLE ASSOCIATION FUND ⁽²⁾	TOTAL
BALANCE ON 01/01/2015	\$ 1,815	\$ 184,570	\$ 137,929	\$ 45,739	\$ 14,295	\$ 384,348
REVENUE						
Operating Revenue	\$ 9,016					\$ 9,016
Interest & Dividends		\$ 11,108	\$ 8,164	\$ 3,413	\$ 564	\$ 23,249
New Perpetual Memberships ⁽³⁾			\$ 5,140			\$ 5,140
New Perpetual Life Memberships ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 25					\$ 25
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Operating Account	\$ 3,761		\$ (3,761)			\$ -
Transfer from Membership Fund ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 481			\$ (1,138)		\$ (657)
Transfer to Membership Fund				\$ 13,843	\$ (13,843)	\$ -
EXPENSES						
Operating Expenses	\$ 12,045					\$ 12,045
New Perpetual Life Memberships ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 300					\$ 300
Distribution to Constituent Chapters			\$ 4,551			\$ 4,551
CAPITAL GAINS OR (LOSSES)						
Realized & Unrealized ⁽⁷⁾		\$ (21,364)	\$ (14,899)	\$ (5,847)	\$ (1,016)	\$ (43,126)
BALANCE ON 12/31/2015	\$ 2,753	\$ 174,314	\$ 128,022	\$ 56,010	\$ -	\$ 361,099

NOTES

(1) The Membership Development Fund is jointly held by the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery.

(2) During the 2015 Grand Convocation, a resolution was passed to dissolve the York Rite Masonic Association, close the Grand Chapter, GYR Joint Account, Temple Association Investment Account and transfer the funds to the Grand Chapter, GYR, Joint Account Membership Development Fund. Temple Association Fund closed March 1, 2015 and account balance of \$13,843 was transferred to the Membership Development Fund.

(3) New perpetual memberships in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma which were purchased by individual members.

(4) Funds from individual members to be used to purchase new perpetual life memberships in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

(5) The net transfer of \$1,138 from the Membership Development Fund includes \$657, which was transferred to the Grand Council Operating Account, and to the Grand Commandery Operating Account.

(6) New perpetual life memberships in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, which were purchased with \$275 from the General Fund and \$25 from individual members.

(7) This includes the realized capital gains or (losses) for assets sold during 2015, the unrealized capital gains or (losses) for assets purchased during 2015, and the net asset value changes for assets held throughout 2015.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There are 3 Grand Officers present with no votes, 4 Past Grand High Priests present with no votes, 59 Past High Priests present with 59 votes, 3 High Priests present with 3 votes, 3 Kings present with 3 votes, 4 Scribes present with 4 votes and 25 proxies for a total of 94 votes. There were 14 out of 18 Chapters represented by Dias Officers.

Submitted by:

Robert D. Cundiff, Chairman, Gary Odendahl, and John Church

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Committee met in the Embassy Suites of Norman at 9 pm on Thursday, April 21, 2016 for the purpose of reviewing the annual report to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma presented by the M.:E.: Grand High Priest, Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. We commend our Grand High Priest for his diligent attention given our Chapters this year and the professional manner in which he represented Royal Arch Masonry in his meetings and travels across the state.

The dispensation given to Tulsa Chapter No 52 and the approval of By-laws of Altus Chapter No 60 are in conformity to accepted law and practice. Resolutions 3, 3a, and 8 were not discussed as these had been withdrawn. Resolution No. 5 is not clearly worded. It eliminates paragraph j and replaces it with a new paragraph j. With this distinction, it is in legal and proper form. All other resolutions are in proper form.

The Committee particularly commends the Grand High Priest for his efforts in advancing the success of the regional York Rite festivals held at Ardmore, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Elk City this year, and notes these festivals collectively exalted more Royal Arch Masons than the annual Grand Master's Festival, which has been on the York Rite calendar for decades.

The Committee also commends our Grand High Priest for his leadership in advancing ritual proficiency in local Chapters through schools of instruction and published ritual guides; and heartily endorses his observation that ritual proficiency is the first requisite of Chapter success. He is to be commended for his leadership in advancing the progress this Grand Chapter has made in the area of member and candidate education.

We are grateful to our Grand High Priest for his fervency and success in establishing the first digitized electronic database available and operational to all local York Rite Bodies in Oklahoma. It is noted with pride that this Grand Jurisdiction is the first to do so in the United States.

We applaud our Grand High Priest for a job well done, and encourage his successors to continue this Grand Chapter's emphasis on member recruitment, ritual proficiency in degree conferrals and education. Finally, the Committee discussed the current method in which this Grand Chapter's Annual Proceedings are bound. We believe it is important to researchers and historians that the dates and presiding officers again be listed on the spine of the Proceedings so the chronological order of our convocations can easily be traced. We recommend that the Proceedings of this Grand Body be printed in the traditional manner of our historical proceedings.

The Jurisprudence Committee also conferred on the request of the Past Grand High Priests Association to name R.:E.: Gary Davis as an honorary Past Grand High Priest; said

request was referred to the Committee for clarification. The General laws are silent on this matter. However, the request remains within the authority granted by the sovereignty of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Davis, Acting Chairman, Robert Rolseth, John King, Donnie Higginbotham, Tim Israel, Bobby Carter, Charles Stuckey, Newell Barker

NECROLOGY REPORT

Let us pause for a few moments during this grand convocation to remember and pay tribute to our Companions who have laid down their earthly working tools and passed through the sable curtain of death. Thirty five of our Companions have made that eternal step into the great unknown in the trust and faith of our Creator with a firm belief in the glorious Resurrection.

Words cannot adequately describe our feeling of loss and mourning for these departed Companions, but their memory will remain a part of our lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Truman B. Burns (6), Grand Chaplain

WORK AND RETURNS

The information for most of this report can be found in the Secretary's report including the Return statistics for each Chapter. The Annual Returns this year were a little different due to the additional life members of the General Grand Chapter. There were a few who had difficulty completing the annual returns and hopefully all will be able to remedy that in the coming year. It is critical to have this information timely to avoid conflicts with our yearly budget meetings and getting ready for this pre-print.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis (81), Chairman, Donald G. Jones (24), & John L. Logan (72)

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

This past year there were no consolidations. There was one Dispensation granted, which was handled in a routine manner.

On October 31, 2015, dispensation was granted to Tulsa Chapter No. 52 to hold their annual election on November 16, 2015, in lieu of December 21, 2015.

Fraternally submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs (55)-Chmn - Robert G. Davis (14), Timothy P. Israel (50), John L. Logan (72)

REPORT OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma met last January and elected officers for 2016. The elected officers are as follows: Elwood Isaacs, president, Jim Cloud, 1st vice-president, Neil Stitt, 2nd vice-president, Gary Davis, Treasurer. Robert G. Davis, Secretary, and John Logan, assistant secretary. These fine officers continue to serve the Foundation and the Masons of Oklahoma in an exemplary manner.

Masons across Oklahoma should be very proud of its charity foundation. The programs that are sponsored directly and indirectly benefit a wide variety of recognized needs across the state. Other jurisdictions contact our foundation for advice on how programs implemented are working for possible emulation in their jurisdictions. Oklahoma's charity foundation is a work in progress with new ideas, programs, etc. constantly sought after to continue improved services.

Education and charity are great ideals for all Masons to follow and support. More work and diligence needs to be done by lodges and chapters in helping members of our great fraternity and sisters of the Eastern Star. Last year, following violent storms, our fraternity through the Charity Foundation stepped up to the plate with immediate grants of \$1000 to those who experienced devastating losses. This is but one example of support but there needs to be more examples of lodges and chapters actively seeking help for those members who need it.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for allowing me to represent them on the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Directors. I continue to serve the foundation with membership on the executive and matching funds committees.

David Ray, Grand Chapter Representative

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met in Drumright, OK on February 15, 2016 and examined the financial statements provided by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

The statements provided by the Grand Treasurer for the Grand Chapter General Fund, the Grand Chapter Perpetual Membership Fund, and the York Rite Membership Development Fund were found to be in order and in agreement with the financial institution's statements holding the assets of these funds.

The Committee examined the check register provided by the Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter Operating Account and it was found to be in order and in agreement with the financial institution's statements holding the assets of this account. The statement of revenue and expenses as provided by the Grand Secretary was found to be in order.

The Committee has constructed a financial statement which consolidates and summarizes the financial reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. This statement accompanies this report.

Also accompanying this report is our proposed budget for the Grand Chapter for 2016. We recommend its approval by the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
James R. Taylor, Jr. (52)
Kenton M. Israel (7)
John L. Logan (72)

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2016

Estimated Income:	BUDGET 2016
Per Capita	\$7,359.00
Perpetual Members	\$3,339.00
Fees	\$800.00
Dues Cards	\$1,060.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$500.00
Interest/Investments	\$11,108.00
Life Members Gen Grand	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$24,366.00
Estimated Expenditures:	
Salary-Grand Secretary	\$4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$385.00
Grand High Priest Allowance	\$1,250.00
GHP Grand Session Expense	\$250.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Expense	\$200.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$200.00
Per Capita - General Grand Chapter	\$1,538.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,400.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$250.00
Printing & Stationary	\$1,200.00
Postage	\$250.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$131.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$100.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	\$300.00
Triennial	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Murrow Award	\$20.00
Chapter Award of Excellence	\$1,500.00
Regalia	\$1,500.00
RARA	\$1,415.00
DeMolay Donation	\$300.00
Life Members Gen Grnd	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$18,739.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$5,627.00</u>
 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 2015	
Estimated Income:	
Membership Development Interest	\$ 1,135.00
Donations	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL	\$1,135.00
Estimated Expense:	
DeMolay Sword	\$ 200.00
Membership Development	<u>\$ 935.00</u>
Total Estimated Expense:	\$1,135.00
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$0.00</u>
 Beginning Cash Balance	 \$1,815.00

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons 70th Triennial will be held at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon on August 25-29, 2017. Additional information, when it becomes available, can be found on the General Grand's website, www.yorkrite.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elwood M. Isaacs (55) - Chmn - Robert G. Davis (14) - Timothy P. Israel (50)

RARA COMMITTEE

Companions: The Board of Directors of ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE has introduced the Gift for a Gift program. Through the generous contribution of Companion Steven Monrotus, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri, a renowned organist in his own right, three excellent musical discs are now available for a special contribution of only \$150. Each of these discs has been provided with, and includes, appropriate music for many Masonic ceremonial occasions. There are patriotic tunes as well as music for the opening, and closing of a Masonic body. There are incidental tunes and processions to include hymns and other appropriate tunes.

The Masonic Fraternity has been blessed with many great composers and many great musical pieces which have added so much over the years to all of our ritualistic work. Few Lodges or other Masonic groups, however, retain individuals or working instruments able to reproduce these desired sounds to accompany our beloved degree work. Although there are numerous musical discs, or discs sets available with the appropriate music recorded on them, they are not arranged in a convenient manner nor are they timed to fit the lengths available to match our ritual. All recordings on these discs are of short duration (maximum 2:00 minutes) so as to be able to comfortably apply them to the ceremony being presented. An enclosed set of notes serves as a guide for use of these individual tracks.

We offer this to you and we ask you to consider making these CD's available as a gift to your Lodge, your Chapter, your Council, your Commandery, or other Masonic group by a contribution to Royal Arch Research Assistance for this great Masonic working tool. We all know how much music adds to our ceremonies and this is your opportunity to step forward and make a difference in the ritualistic ceremony with one or more of these special Masonic music gifts. Here is a way you can leave your legacy to so many with your generosity by participating in the new Gift for a Gift program for Royal Arch Research Assistance.

GIFT FOR GIFT send your check to:
Royal Arch Research Assistance
PO Box 128,
Greenfield, IN 46140-0128.

Your Oklahoma York Bodies, as of June 30, 2015, had contributed a grand total since the conception, of \$136,730.97 (\$116,994.77 in "regular" contributions and \$19,736.20 in memorial contributions).

Respectfully submitted,
L. Erik Stuckey, Chairman(25)

DeMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in Del City from 22-24 Jan 2016 and was well attended. Several new members were initiated and several Advisors trained at this workshop.

The Twentieth York Rite SWORD, honoring the "York Rite Outstanding DeMolay, for Ritual, Community Work, Leadership, and Scholastics, was presented to James D. Hill, Edmond Chapter, Edmond, OK, at the award ceremonies. This award, a regulation York Rite Sword, is engraved with the recipient's name on the blade and his initials on the handle. This is indeed a cherished and sought after award by all DeMolays.

We continue to hope that these young men will join Masonry and the York Rite to further their character building and their Masonic careers.

The Grand High Priest presented the Grand Chapter donation to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association at the Awards presentation. The awards ceremony was well attended by all three Grand York Rite bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis (81), Timothy P. Israel (50), Marvin Fletcher, II (52)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

While we mourn the recent passing of our longtime Fraternal Correspondent Most Excellent Companion James E. Smyrl, we will be eternally grateful for the fervency and zeal with which he endeavored to perform his annual commission. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Fraternally submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7)

YORK RITE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

According to Article 3, Section 2(h) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, it shall be the duty of this committee, along with its counterparts in the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, to "research, plan, and recommend programs for the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma; to coordinate promotional material; plan area and statewide festivals; provide a continuing file of personnel and facilities available for degree work; and such other duties as may be delegated to this committee."

In recent years, this committee has not actively met, but rather has ceded its responsibilities to the Grand Officers, who hold regular quarterly meetings. While this arrangement may, or may not, be advisable, it is vitally important that the duties enumerated above not be neglected.

Fraternally submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7), James R. Taylor, Jr. (52), Kenton M. Israel (7), John L. Logan (72)

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Investment Advisory Board has met at times and places convenient to board members and the Grand Treasurer and reviewed the investments of the three Grand York Rite Bodies held in custody with Wells Fargo. The Board found the investments contained therein to be in accordance with the investment policy to wit: maintain the corpus of the investments and generate suitable income and appreciation over the long term.

Respectfully submitted:
Charles L. Stuckey (43)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

We, your Custodians of the Work, are pleased to make the following report to the Grand Convocation.

Over the past twelve months, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians of the Work, were held in almost all of our constituent Chapters. At these Schools, we concentrated our instruction on the ritual for the opening and closing of a Chapter and the reception of visitors. The officers of the Chapters involved were quite receptive to the instruction and are making good progress.

Over the next twelve months, we plan to hold Schools in as many of our constituent Chapters as possible. It is our hope that, in the future, we will be able to hold a School of Instruction in each constituent Chapter at least once every two years.

We are pleased to report that we have published and distributed to our constituent Chapters the excerpts from the Ritual related to the opening and closing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the reception of visitors, as we were directed and authorized to do at our last Annual Convocation. This publication has been very well received.

Finally, we wish to note the passing of our longtime Companion and Custodian of the Work James E. Smyrl. His experience and expertise will be greatly missed.

Fraternally submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) & Timothy P. Israel (50)

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

It is indeed an honor to serve our Grand Chapter as Ambassadors to our Youth. Our youth orders are doing well and are enjoying a rise in their membership. However, be advised that no Assembly, Bethel or Chapter has ever closed due to lack of youth. Traditionally they have closed because of adult leaders unwilling to give of their time.

In the hustle and bustle of our society today, finding good volunteers is a necessity, and is difficult task.

We implore all companions who are not active in the lives of our youth to seriously consider becoming adult workers in this most important and necessary work.

Fraternally,
Marvin E. Fletcher, II (52), Donnie G. Higginbotham (1), Kenton M. Israel (7)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

I hope we can all agree the Grand York Rite Bodies in Oklahoma have made great strides over the past few years in making York Rite education a high priority to both our candidates and our members. Indeed, one of the paradigm shifts occurring in Freemasonry in our time is a move from the one dimensional lodge experience of the 20th century which was focused wholly on the ritual, to a multi-faceted program of improvement in ritual competency, Masonic education, and member communication; regularly offered through both print and electronic media. The Grand Chapter has taken the lead role in implementing education programs that benefit the York Rite family in Oklahoma.

In addition to education that is included in statewide and regional Chapter conferral programs, the Grand Chapter has added two quality brochures this year—one which outlines the 10 reasons Master Masons should be Royal Arch Masons; the second which makes an objective comparison of the origins, similarities and distinctive differences in the York and Scottish Rites. The Oklahoma York Rite website has also become one of the most informative York Rite websites in America.

We are particularly pleased the Grand Chapter authorized digital prologues to be prepared for the Chapter degrees this year. These have been well received wherever shown.

Still, our work is not done. The education committee is engaged in reviewing the material available from various York Rite websites in the United States and Canada, and believe we can continue to add to what we have accomplished by incorporating some of the best available resources together from our sister jurisdictions without a great deal of work. This may also provide opportunities to expand our menu of educational offerings at the chapter level; which has proven challenging, to say the least.

Other approaches/topics we wish to address are included with this report. These are not intended to be prioritized in any way, but they are outlined as information and future ideas to be considered for implementation by these Grand Bodies.

1. For Regional and Statewide York Rite Festivals, prepare a “York Rite in 3 minutes” digital summary to be given after each degree. These will augment the recently published prologues and will replace the need for a knowledgeable companion always to be available to present education during these festivals.
2. Create a set of multiple choice exams for the York Rite similar to the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman program that members can enroll in and take. It could be a precursor to the Companion Adept of the Temple series sponsored by the York Rite Sovereign College. These would be exams from Mackey’s “Guide to the Chapter” and his “Cryptic Masonry and the Manuel of the Council;” and Conner’s “Shibboleth: a Templar Monitor.”
3. Develop Chapter Talks which can be used by High Priests for Chapter education programs. It is recommended these be styled “Commentaries on Capitular Masonry” and packaged in a replicating format so that each individual essay (as well as the collective group of essays) is recognized as a single component of the overall Grand Chapter education program. With permission from the Grand Chapter, the committee will proceed with a range of topics, which may include:
 - The Royal Arch Tradition
 - The Quest for the Holy of Holies
 - The Mark and Its Significance
 - Circumambulations
 - The English Past Master Dispute

The Symbolic Meaning behind the Working Tools of Craft and Capitular Masonry

The Keystone

Symbolism of Numbers in Capitular Masonry (3,5,7,9)

The Hidden Meaning of the Temple of Solomon

The Meaning of Holiness

From the Tabernacle to the Temple: the Ultimate Esoteric Journey

Royal Arch Banners and their Associations

Symbolism of the Veils

The Tau and the Triple Tau

Legend of the Lost Word and its Meaning

The Royal Arch Banners and Ensigns of the Tribes

4. Establish a link on website for placement of education papers
5. Chapter Friends Nights—this comes under membership recruitment, but the Education Committee could create a “powerpoint package” for the membership team to use. This could be supplemented with promotional brochures, a petition, and the “Ten Good Reasons to Join the York Rite” card as handouts we give to prospects who attend the Friend’s night.
6. Adapt NY’s Chapter Walkabout program and make it available to High Priests to perform for their new members.
7. Encourage High Priests to undertake chapter participation in the Capitular Masonic Education Course adopted by the Grand Chapter in 2014. The Education Committee and/or Grand Chapter officers could facilitate these chapter education activities.
8. Develop and host a York Rite “short talk” competition, with regional winners entering a statewide competition. Overall state winner delivers his speech at annual Grand Chapter Session.
9. Chapter Leadership program. While appropriately a program facilitated by the Grand Chapter officers, the Education Committee could develop the template for it.
10. Speaker’s Bureau. It is recommended the Grand Chapter establish a speaker’s bureau as a Special Committee and invite knowledgeable and interested companions to serve this important role for Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma. Local chapters could call on the bureau to present education programs during stated meetings and Royal Arch Festive Boards.
11. Publish a “History of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma” by revising, updating, and rewriting that section of Creager’s History of Oklahoma Masonry that relates to the York Rite.

M.:E.: Grand High Priest, the Committee thanks you for the continued opportunity to make a difference in York Rite Masonry in Oklahoma. With the adoption of this report at this annual convocation of Royal Arch Companions, we will proceed to undertake the work herein outlined to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Davis (14), Chairman, Clyde H. Schoolfield Jr. (7), Timothy P. Israel (50), Jason E. Marshall (103), James R. Taylor Jr. (52)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

How do we enhance our member's experience during Chapter meetings? We can enhance the experience by implementing education, exemplification of Chapter degrees, and better communication during our Chapter meetings. These are the three areas this committee

feels are important to provide to our Chapter members.

Education

The Grand Chapter Education Committee is in the process of providing education materials that would be beneficial to the local Chapters. The materials will consist of short presentations on the symbolism and philosophy of Capitular Masonry and the history of Capitular Masonry among other topics. The presentations will be short enough to include as a part of your business meeting with discussion following.

The *Capitular Masonry Education Course* is already available to our membership. This course is designed to educate Royal Arch Masons in the history, origins, symbolism, allegories and meanings of the Capitular Degrees of Freemasonry. The program consists of a learned explanation of the essential elements contained in the Chapter Degrees, along with multiple choice exams and relevant discussion questions. This program is intended to be completed in groups, particularly at local Chapter meetings. Please contact M.: E.: Bob Davis, PGHP for further information about the course.

Exemplification of Chapter Degrees

The local Chapters could read a specific, interesting portion of the ritual of one of the four degrees, which would then be followed by a discussion. We believe reading a portion of the ritual, along with the other educational materials, will encourage the Companions to develop a greater understanding of the degrees.

Communication

Communication with our members within the local Chapter must be improved. If we do not communicate regularly with our members, how can we expect them to be active in our Chapters? We have a vast array of technology at our disposal. Emails, phone calls, and the internet provide us with unlimited avenues to communicate effectively with our members. Providing our members with a list of upcoming local Chapter events, via email or internet calendar (Gmail, etc.), will at least give them the opportunity to attend.

For the next Capitular year, the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence will be instituted for this Grand Chapter. This award will include the three areas deemed important by this committee, plus areas for Chapter Administration, Membership Recruitment, and Ritual Proficiency. It is our hope that all Chapters in Oklahoma participate in the Chapter Award of Excellence program.

The Committee would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. We move the following report be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
James R. Taylor, Jr. (52), Daniel D. Hanttula (24)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

This is a new committee this year. It was created by the elected presiding officer of each Grand Body. The members were designated by title, being the third officer of each body: the Grand Scribe, Kenton M. Israel, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, William J. Cloud, Jr., and the Grand Generalissimo, Timothy P. Israel.

This committee met and divided up the duties for this year with Tim Israel being the General Chairman, Jim Cloud being the Meal and Refreshment Chairman, and Kent Israel being the Props and Paraphernalia Chairman. That being said, all three were involved in every aspect of the Festival.

The day was a great success. Grand Master Gary Beasley was thrilled to be there and see so many candidates. We had 45 candidates. Maybe I should repeat that: Forty-five candidates. That was awesome. We had teams from across the state. The degrees and orders went well. We served very tasty burgers for lunch.

It was not without challenges though. The large class size caused the schedule to get behind. We had a shortage of behind the scenes help at times, including cleaning up at the end of the day. We really appreciate all the extra effort that was performed by the Oklahoma City York Rite bodies.

This committee has worked on some documentation to furnish to the next committeemen. It is my understanding that this committee structure will continue to manage the Festival. It does give that set of officers a great project to share and a super opportunity to work together.

The candidate's York Rite Body was each charged for the candidate's meal. A summary of the meal issues are listed below.

The Grand Master's Field Day Lunch was catered by Fred's Catering in Edmond, Oklahoma. The "Stage Crew" assisted with lunch room set-up and clean-up. A survey was taken during lunch and it is noted that all who were contacted voiced a favorable opinion of the quality of food and service. The advantage of having food cooked on site is that if the food does run out, more food can be prepared, which did happen at this lunch.

Candidate Lunch Tickets sold	45	\$450
Member Lunch Tickets sold	55	550
Total Lunch Tickets sold	100	\$1,000
Total Expenses		\$919.19
Income over Expenses		\$80.81

Respectfully submitted,
 Kenton M. Israel, Grand Scribe,
 William J. Cloud, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
 Timothy P. Israel, Grand Generalissimo (Chairman)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

During the 2015-2016 Capitular year significant effort at regional conferrals resulted in the creation of a Western conferral team composed of Chapters of Altus, Lawton, Elk City and Woodward, and a South-Central team composed of Ardmore and Texoma Chapters. Chapter degree festivals in these regions along with the Central and Northeast regional conferrals resulted in 53 exaltations which were 54% of the 98 exaltations for the 2015-2016 year. The Regional Conferral results are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Exaltations</u>
July 18	Ardmore	7
July 25	Tulsa	19
January 23	Tulsa	6
February 6	Oklahoma City	12
March 5	Elk City	<u>9</u>
Total		53

In addition to the significant number of new Companions exalted, these regional conferrals have created the motivation for local Chapters to create new degree teams. We wish to thank all of the Chapters who have participated in the regional conferrals for their hard

work and the good example they provide to our new Companions.

Respectfully,

John L. Logan (72, 6) Chairman, John R. Christopher (6) Central, Bradley S. Rickelman (14) North-Central, Michael J. Megeath (52) Northeast, John F. Carter (11) South-Central, Marshall M. Clayton (3) Southeast, John D. Church (60) Western

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

In 2015 we continued our recent success in membership recruitment and retention. After hitting an historic low of 1397 members at the end of 2012, we ended the year 2015 with 1434 members. While a net increase of between 2% and 3% over the past three years may not seem like something to be praised, it is in fact the exception rather than the rule in Masonry these days.

Over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015, we exalted a total of 297 new Royal Arch Masons; that's an average of 99 exaltations per year. That compares to an average of 59 exaltations per year during the previous twelve year period. These results speak for themselves.

Special recognition should be given to our six Chapters who had a net increase of at least 10% in their membership over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015: Cyrus #7 (+59%), Veritas #103 (+50%), Ardmore #11 (+28%), Texoma #28 (+27%), Cimarron Valley #81 (+19%) and Indian #1 (+13%). Their success and their methods are worthy of emulation.

Over the past few years, the Membership Committee has labored diligently to produce a variety of promotional materials, including "Welcome to the York Rite of Freemasonry," "The York Rite and the Scottish Rite: Separate Origins – Shared Traditions," "Ten Reasons You Should Be a Royal Arch Mason," and a periodic newsletter "The Ancient Craft Mason."

These materials, along with invitation letters from the Grand Presiding Officers, have been both sent as mailings to new Master Masons and displayed at various Masonic events (e.g., Scottish Rite Reunions, Grand Lodge Leadership Conferences, etc.) where prospective members might be in attendance. These efforts have certainly contributed to our recent success.

But mailings and displays can only go so far. It is vitally important that the members of each of our constituent Chapters make a sincere effort to attend Lodge meetings, District meetings, and other Masonic meetings in their immediate area to promote the York Rite. It is only through this type of personal contact with prospective members that we can expect to continue our success. Members of the Membership Committee and the Grand Officers will certainly be willing to assist with these visits.

In conclusion, while we have had great success in recent years, we must not rest on our laurels, but rather we must persistently pursue even greater success in our membership efforts if we are to not only maintain our current level of membership, but to actually grow and prosper.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7), Bradley S. Rickelman (14), Robert R. Rolseth (52), John F. Carter (11), Michael W. Sexton (1), Bobby L. Laws (60)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The 58th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 18th – 19th, 2015 in Oklahoma City at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There were 135 York Rite Masons from a six state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) and a number of national and international Grand Officers in attendance at the conference.

M..E.. Comp. Louis E. Bartrand, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, was in attendance along with M..P.. Comp. Lawrence O. Weaver, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, and Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, the M..E.. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

There were a number of interesting presentations and a Grand Banquet. Leadership training was available through the “York Rite Emerging Leader Training Program.” The ladies enjoyed a tour of the special exhibition “Fabergé: Jeweler to the Tsars” at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

The 59th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 16th – 17th, 2016 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The conference adopted a new “rotation” and, if the schedule holds, Oklahoma will next host the Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference in the fall of 2023.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7), Larry D. White (52), Paul T. Currell (50)

WEBMASTER

Over the past year, the format of the website has been enhanced with the intention of creating a satisfactory web experience for our members and potential members. Additional content has been added including pages for the Past Grand presiding officers, and content for all the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Bodies has been updated. A “Download” page has been added which includes some of the material mentioned in other parts of the website and added a fillable “pdf” form for Secretaries/Recorders.

Last fall, the website was moved to a different hosting facility run by a Mason in Illinois for approximately \$75 per year, saving on our annual hosting costs. This move also gave us the ability to utilize some additional web tools, including email using the domain “@okyorkrite.org”. Eventually all contact information available on the website will be moved to this email capability. This will help reduce the amount of spam to personal email accounts generated by web-bots searching for email addresses.

For the first time, the ability to register and pay for the Grand Sessions was added. A full assessment of this capability for future events will be conducted at the conclusion of the Grand Sessions.

Statistics for the website are being collected by Google Analytics. For the last year, the website has experienced an average of 825 sessions per month generated by an average of 525 separate viewers. Those sessions contributed to over 2,200 separate pages viewed.

Oklahoma York Rite Bodies (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OklahomaYorkRite/>) has been added to Facebook. This is a closed group and is open to all York Rite Masons. This is a good vehicle for anyone wishing to obtain information about what is currently happening in Oklahoma York Rite Masonry and/or to post interesting articles or questions for other

members.

Future planned enhancements include adding Education material; improving the top and side menus to reduce redundancy and to give a cleaner appearance; and reworking the home page. This is every member's page and your comments and/or suggestions are solicited and encouraged.

I recommend that this committee be expanded to at least one other (if not two) member(s). This will prevent any issues with the website from occurring in the website if no one is available to manage it. I also recommend that this committee be renamed to better reflect its functions to a name such as: "Communications" or "Internet" Committee. If any member would like to volunteer to be on this committee, please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
John R. Christopher, Webmaster

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The next Grand Convocation will be held on April 27-29, 2017 at location to be determined.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the committee on Appreciation make the following report. We wish to thank the Time and Place Committee for coordinating the Grand Sessions. We also want to thank the Embassy Suites Hotel of Norman, OK, their restaurant and staff for their help in making our Grand Sessions a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby L. Carter (24), Donald G. Jones (24), Robert G. Davis (14)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Companion James R. Taylor, Jr. was nominated for the office of Grand High Priest and was elected by acclamation. Companion Kenton M. Israel was nominated for the office of Grand King and was elected by acclamation. Companion John L. Logan was nominated for the office of Grand Scribe and was elected by acclamation. Companion Michael J. Megeath was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer and was elected by acclamation. Companion Gary A. Davis was nominated for the office of Grand Secretary and was elected by acclamation. The name of Companion Bradley S. Rickelman was nominated for the office of Captain of the Host and was elected by acclamation. A motion was made and seconded to elect Companion Elwood M. Isaacs as Grand Treasurer Emeritus and was passed unanimously. The following is the list of Officers for 2016-2017 and those appointed along with committees:

OFFICERS

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) Skiatook	Gage	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Kenton M. Israel (7) Yukon	Dana	Right Excellent Grand King
John L. Logan (72) Edmond	Diane	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Michael J. Megeath (52) Tulsa		Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. Isaacs (55), PGHP Norman	Linda	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Gary A. Davis (81), HPGHP P.O. Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030-1223 (918) 352-4622 (O) grandsecrec@sbcglobal.net	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Bradley S. Rickelman (14) Stillwater	Jean	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
John R. Christopher (6) Guthrie	Patricia	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
John F. Carter (11) Madill	Pam	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
John D. Church (60) Altus	Patti	Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Robert Caleb Finch (103) Edmond	Debra	Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Kim D. Crissler (3) Muskogee	Melanie	Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Marvin E. Fletcher II (52) Broken Arrow	Ronda	Excellent Grand Sentinel
George W. Ratliff (52) Owasso	Ruth	Excellent Grand Chaplain

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND DISTRICTS
FOR THE 2016 – 2017 CAPITULAR YEAR**

DISTRICT 1

Kim D. Crissler (3)

Indian Chapter No. 1
Muskogee Chapter No. 3

DISTRICT 2

John R. Christopher (6)

Guthrie Chapter No. 6
Cyrus Chapter No. 7

DISTRICT 3

John F. Carter (11)

Ardmore Chapter No. 11
Texoma Chapter No. 28

DISTRICT 4

Kevin P. Bardy (81)

Stillwater Chapter No. 14
Olivet Chapter No. 25
Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81

DISTRICT 5

Robert C. Finch (103)

Norman Chapter No. 24
Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101
Veritas Chapter No. 103

DISTRICT 6

John D. Church (60)

Lawton Chapter No. 44
Altus Chapter No. 60

DISTRICT 7

Troy L. Collier (72)

Elk City Chapter No. 50
Woodward Chapter No. 72

DISTRICT 8

Marvin E. Fletcher II (52)

Tulsa Chapter No. 52
Bartlesville Chapter No. 55

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Robert R. Rolseth (52) - Chmn., Robert G. Davis (14), Timothy P. Israel (50), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

WORK AND RETURNS

Gary A. Davis (81) - Chmn., Donald G. Jones (24), Larry D. White (52), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (101) - Chmn., John D. Church (60), Gary A. Odendahl (14)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) - Chmn., Timothy P. Israel (50), James R. Taylor, Jr. (52)

FINANCE

Kent M. Israel (7) - Chmn., John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14), Matthew T. Cargill (103)

INVESTMENTS

2014-17 (Chapter) Charles L. Stuckey (25)
2015-18 (Commandery) John L. Logan (72)
2016-19 (Council) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Marvin E. Fletcher II (52)

JURISPRUDENCE

Robert G. Davis (14) - Chmn., Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) – Sec., All Past Grand High Priests

MEMBERSHIP

Jonathan Annis (38) - CENTRAL REGION, Bradley S. Rickelman (14) - N.CENT. REGION,
Robert R. Rolseth (52) - N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) - S.CENT. REGION, Michael W.
Sexton (1) - S.E. REGION, Paul T. Currell (50) - WESTERN REGION

TRIENNIAL

Elwood M. Isaacs (55) - Chmn., Robert G. Davis (14), Timothy P. Israel (50)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) – Chmn., Kent M. Israel (7), John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) - Chmn., Kent M. Israel (7), John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Kent M. Israel (7) - Chmn., Donnie G. Higginbotham (1), William J. Cloud (101)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

John L. Logan (72), John D. Allford (1), Matthew D. McGee (25)

EDUCATION

Robert G. Davis (14) - Chmn., Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7), Timothy P. Israel (50), Jason E. Marshall (103)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Bradley S. Rickelman (14) - STATE CHAIRMAN, John R. Christopher (6) - CENTRAL REGION, Kevin P. Bardy (81) - N.CENT. REGION, Marvin E. Fletcher, II (52) - N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) - S.CENT. REGION, Kim D. Crissler (3) - S.E. REGION, John D. Church (60) - WESTERN REGION

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Donnie G. Higginbotham (1), Glenn H. Kinsley (72), Robert R. Rolseth (52), Charles L. Stuckey (25), Robert C. Finch (103)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2014-17 (Commandery) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)
2015-18 (Chapter) David A. Ray (24)
2016-19 (Council) John D. Allford (1)

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

L. Erik Stuckey (25) - Chmn., Timothy P. Israel (50), David D. Clayton (3)

MURROW AWARD

Kent M. Israel (7) - Chmn., John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14), Robert R. Rolseth (52), Gary A. Davis (81)

BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

James R. Taylor, Jr. (52) - Chmn., Kent M. Israel (7), John L. Logan (72), Gary A. Davis (81)

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (81) - Chmn., Marvin E. Fletcher II (52), Timothy P. Israel (50)

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Marvin E. Fletcher II (52) - Chmn., Donnie G. Higginbotham (1), Kent M. Israel (7)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

John R. Christopher (6) - Chmn., Robert W. McLeod (52)

NECROLOGY

George W. Ratliff (52)

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Marshall M. Clayton (3) - 3509 University Street, Muskogee, OK 74403 (918-616-8032)

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Robert R. Rolseth (52) - 2nd V.P. - 7818 N. 154th E. Ave., Owasso, OK 74055 (918-894-3309)
Charles L. Stuckey (25) - Sec. - 132 Road Runner Dr., Ponca City, OK 74604 (580-762-2804)

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Remarks and greetings were received from Companion E. William Whitaker, Grand Representative from New York who brought greetings from M.:W.: William J. Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of New York and M.:E.: Companion Raymond Roche, GHP of New York, E.: Companion Dale Johnson, Master of the 1st Veil, Louisiana, R.: E.: Companion Dr. John Siscel, III, Grand King, Missouri, Companion Joe R. Manning, Jr., S.G.I.G. of OK, Companion Patrick C. Carr, R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge ,

A.F.&A.M. Arkansas, M.:E.: Companion David Melear, GHP of Texas, M.:E.: Companion John E. Vines, II, GHP of Louisiana, M.:E.: Companion C. David Williams, III, PGHP of Kansas, Regional DGHP, South Central, and personal representative for Louis Bartrand, M.:E.: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International, M.:E.: Companion James H. Hodge, General Grand King,. Final remarks were given by Companion Dudley Ridge Smith, M.:W.: Grand Master, A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS – OKLAHOMA

*1890	Joseph Samuel Murrow – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
*1890-91	Edmond Henry Doyle – Indian #1, McAlester
*1891-92	Robert William Hill – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1892-93	DeForest DeFrancis Leach – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1893	Walter Noel Evans – Tahlequah #5, Tahlequah
*1893-94	Leo Edmond Bennett – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1894-95	Selwyn Douglas – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1895-96	Zachary Taylor Walrond – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1896-97	Napoleon Bonaparte Maxey – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1897-98	George Henry Bruce – Ardmore #11, Ardmore
*1898-99	Philip Colfax Rosenbaum – Guthrie #6, Guthrie
*1898-1900	George William Spencer – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1900-01	Jonas Altizer Lee – Rush Springs #16, Rush Springs
*1901-02	William Lemuel Eagleton – Tyrian #20,
*1902-03	Ira Brown Kirkland – Purcell #10, Purcell
*1903-04	Herbert Johnston Evans – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1904-05	John Coyle – Rush Springs #16, Rush Springs
*1905-06	Eugene Hamilton – Chickasha #17, Chickasha
*1906-07	William Henry Essex – Indian #1, McAlester
*1907-08	Robert Y. Morrison – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
*1908-09	Daniel Morris Hailey – Indian #1, McAlester
*1909-10	Isham Hamilton Goss Hulme – Weatherford #31, Weatherford
*1910-11	Beauregard Benjamin Pollock – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1911-12	Christopher Springer – Indian #1, McAlester
*1912-13	Milo Arthur Nelson – Lawton #44, Lawton
*1913-14	Henry Kimball Ricker – Keystone #9,
*1914-15	Charles Worman Tedrowe – Elk City #50, Elk City
*1915-16	Edgar A. Cook – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1916-17	James A. Scott – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1917-18	Bert Duncan Ashbrook – Blackwell #43, Blackwell
*1918-19	Jabez Holmes Mann – Indian #1, McAlester
*1919-20	J. Angus Gillis – Frederick #41, Frederick
*1920-21	Harold Bliss Downing – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
*1921-22	Eugene P. McMahon – Lawton #44, Lawton
*1922-23	Ernest L. Wilson – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
*1923-24	Edward Payson Gallup – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1924-25	Thomas Jefferson Wells – Enid #27, Enid
*1925-26	Charles E. Creager – Muskogee #3, Muskogee

- *1926-27 Emerson Burns – Poteau #77, Poteau
- *1927-28 Elisha W. Townsend – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
- *1928-29 Thomas Buford Frensley – Ardmore #11, Ardmore
- *1929-30 Frank Smith – Indian #1, McAlester
- *1930-31 John William Rackley – Alfalfa #66,
- *1931-32 Leslie Herbert Swan – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
- *1932-33 Charles Granville Watson – Keystone #9,
- *1933-34 Walter Moore Rainey – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
- *1934-35 Edson Angus McMillan – Ada #26, Ada
- *1935-36 Edward Milton Washington – Holdenville #71, Holdenville
- *1936-37 Benjamin Hersey Frohock – Blackwell #43, Blackwell
- *1937-38 Joseph Lee Rodgers – Hugo #84, Hugo
- *1938-39 Rupert Jennings Daugherty – Bartlesville #55, Bartlesville
- *1939-40 Newton Arrie Lale – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
- *1940-41 Charles Neal Cutter – Woodward #72, Woodward
- *1941-42 Clarence Brain – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
- *1942-43 Hayward Homa Skaggs, Sr. – Enid #27, Enid
- *1943-44 Ralph W. Driskill – Pauls Valley #82, Pauls Valley
- *1944-45 Jesse A. Todd – Oklahoma City #91. Bethany
- *1945-46 Daniel Washington Swaffar – Ada #26, Ada
- *1946-47 Richard Enos Newhouse – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
- *1947-48 Carl Frederick Hansen – Hugo #84, Hugo
- *1948-49 Orin C. Darling – Lawton #44, Lawton
- *1949-50 Fridtiof Maurice Lumbard – Muskogee #3
- *1950-51 Roy R. Russel – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
- *1951-52 William H. Powell – Ada #26, Ada
- *1952-53 James W. Greathouse – Enid #27, Enid
- *1953-54 W. King Larimore – Oklahoma City #91, Bethany
- *1954-55 Andy Elmer Anderson – Elk City #50, Elk City
- *1955-56 Glenn Baylor Young – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
- *1956-57 Robert H. Jelley – Lawton #44, Lawton
- *1957-58 James Riley Finney – Hugo #84, Hugo
- *1958-59 Shade Durrett Neely – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
- *1959-60 Lewis Hurst Wheeler – Olivet #25, Ponca City
- *1960-61 Walter Brittain – Ardmore #11, Ardmore
- *1961-62 Wilbert B. Boggs – Bartlesville #55, Bartlesville
- *1962-63 George W. Evans – Oklahoma City #91, Bethany
- *1963-64 Raymond Jack Freeman – Okmulgee #39, Okmulgee
- *1964-64 Robbins Frank Kendall – Duncan #21, Duncan
- *1964-65 Norman Eugene Earl Angel – Tulsa #52
- *1965-66 M. Ross Hardin – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
- *1966-67 Raymond Shultz – Hobart #37, Hobart
- *1967-68 George W. Wright – Optima #70, Optima
- *1968-69 Cleo A. Walton – Pauls Valley #82, Pauls Valley
- *1969-70 Norman P Bullock – Oklahoma City #91, Bethany
- *1970-71 Aix B. Harrison – Stillwater #14, Stillwater
- *1971-72 Ben F. Mandlebaum – Bartlesville #55, Bartlesville
- *1972-73 Robert L. Taylor – Tulsa #52, Tulsa

1973-74 Neal D. Leech – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 *1974-75 John C. Shanklin – Stillwater #14, Stillwater
 1975-76 Charles L. Stuckey – Olivet #25, Ponca City
 *1976-77 Carl R. Burrows – Keystone #102,
 *1977-78 Robert H. Bibb – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
 *1978-79 Seymour B. Ingerson – Okmulgee #39, Okmulgee
 *1979-80 C. W. Epperson – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 *1980-81 Robert E. Fielden – Norman #24, Norman
 *1981-82 Kenneth D. Buckley, Okmulgee #39, Okmulgee
 *1982-83 Allen E. Isselhart – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 *1983-84 Donald W. Rimmer – Norman #24, Norman
 *1984-85 Eugene Fields – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
 1985-86 John J. Petrik – Grant County #99,
 *1986-87 Vincent S. Juliano – Capitol Hill #101, Midwest City
 *1987-88 Robert B. Russell – Lawton #44, Lawton
 *1988-89 John A. Spencer – Norman #24, Norman
 *1989-90 Ellis Sappington – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
 1990-91 Glenn Tuttle – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
 1991-92 Kenneth L. Lowmiller – Lawton #44, Lawton
 *1992-93 C. Dean Ford – Norman #24, Norman
 *1993-94 Rex L. Bowen – Cimarron Valley #81, Drumright
 *1994-95 Paul G. Watkins – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
 *1995-96 Donald M. Keiser – Lawton #44, Lawton
 1996-97 Elwood M. Isaacs – Bartlesville #55, Bartlesville
 1997-98 David A. Ray – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 *1998-99 Donald W. Askins – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 *1999-00 Jesse H. Burns – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
 *2000 William J. “Bill” Cloud – Oklahoma City #91, Bethany
 *2000-01 Jimmie R. Dooley – Cimarron Valley #81, Drumright
 2001-02 William D. Bowie – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 2002-03 Charles F. Gillentine – Olivet #25, Ponca City
 2003-04 Newell K. Barker – Bartlesville #55, Bartlesville
 2004-05 Joseph M. Lusk – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
 *2005-06 James E. Smyrl – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
 2006-07 Bobby L. Carter – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
 2007-08 Glenn H. Kinsley – Woodward #72, Woodward
 2008-09 Timothy P. Israel – Elk City #50, Elk City
 2009-10 Donnie G. Higginbotham – McAlester # 1, McAlester
 2010-11 Ronald L. Carr – Olivet #25, Ponca City
 2011-12 John E. King – Altus #60, Altus
 2012-13 Robert R. Rolseth - Tulsa #52, Tulsa
 2013-14 Donald G. Jones - Norman #24, Norman
 2014-15 Robert G. Davis – Stillwater # 14, Stillwater
 2015-16 Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. - Cyrus # 7, Oklahoma City
 * Deceased

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD

BLAINE MCKNIGHT & ROBERT CALEB FINCH

This award honors the living who have rendered exceptional and unusual service while at the same time paying tribute to our first Grand High Priest, who is universally known as the "Father of Oklahoma Masonry".

Companion McKnight is a member of Durant Lodge No. 45 since 2012, He joined Texoma Chapter No. 28, Indian Chapter No. 1, Union Council No. 3, and McAlester Commandery No. 6 in 2013. Blaine is currently serving Texoma Chapter as their Secretary. He can be regarded as an example of a very energetic, highly driven, effective leader for the future of the York Rite as well as Symbolic Masonry.

While he must balance his personal and career obligations with the multitude needs of the craft, as we must all, he is a completely dependable Mason. There is no doubt that he will be a positive influence at the State level of York Rite Masonry.

Companion McKnight's meritorious record of service to Oklahoma Capitular Masonry and the Masonic Fraternity in general, make a compelling statement as to his worthiness to be recognized with this significant award.

Companion Robert Caleb Finch has been a member of Edmond Lodge No. 37 since 2008. He also joined Veritas Lodge No. 556 in 2009 and joined Veritas Chapter No. 103 in the same year. He served Veritas Chapter as High Priest in 2013 and has been active in the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in his Chapter as well as in regional and statewide festivals.

Companion Finch is currently serving as Senior Warden in his Lodge, a member of Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite, a member of Oklahoma College of S.R.I.C.F, and a member of the Edmond Chapter No. 247, Order of Eastern Star.

His meritorious record of service to Oklahoma Capitular Masonry and the Masonic Fraternity make a compelling statement as to his worthiness of the prestigious award.

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD RECEIPTS

- 1956 Herman A. Vaughan, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
- 1959 George M. Beal, Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, R.A.M., OKC
- 1964 David M. McCain, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
- 1965 Herschel W. Anderson, Hobart Chapter No. 37, R.A.M., Hobart
- 1966 Aix B. Harrison, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- Hugh T. Richardson, Clinton Chapter No. 69, R.A.M., Clinton
- 1969 J. W. Thomas, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- 1970 Claude Wentworth, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- Russell Weeks, Guymon Chapter No. 70, R.A.M., Guymon
- Henry L. Hardin, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
- 1971 Henry Jess Berline, Grant County Chapter No. 99, R.A.M., Medford
- Joseph Hill Cummings, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., OKC
- 1972 Charles H. Thompson, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- Vernon C. Tollison, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
- 1974 Don M. Coulter, Miami Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Miami
- John E. Harvey, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- 1975 L. D. Clark, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., Oklahoma City

- J. D. Edmonson, Grant County Chapter No. 99, R.A.M., Medford
 Irl Brewer Ream, Hobart Chapter No. 37, R.A.M., Hobart
 1977 George C. Ward, Miami Chapter No. 99, R.A.M., Miami
 Floyd Bernard Cottrell, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
 1978 Darrel Winston Hughes, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
 Ivan Hart Routon, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
 William Oscar Woodall, Miami Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Miami
 1979 Grant Leopold, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
 John L. Francis, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
 Don Roberts Chance, Miami Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Miami
 William Walter Merryman, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
 1980 Curtis A. Mackey, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
 Robert O. Tupper, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
 Albert L. Page, Keystone Chapter No. 102, R.A.M., Tipton
 1981 Carl Woodrow Brown, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
 James Carl Martin, Keystone Chapter No. 102, R.A.M., Tipton
 1982 Donald Mark Keiser, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
 1983 Bill Marvin Witt, Keystone Chapter No. 102, R.A.M., Tipton
 William B. McBride, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
 Clyde E. Farley, Miami Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Miami
 Donald Ray Reuber, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
 1984 Walter A. Crook, Ada Chapter No. 26, R.A.M., Ada
 Charles J. Engle, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
 Harold Rea, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
 John H. Whippey, Miami Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Miami
 1985 Cecil C. Adcox, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
 Carl L. Fox, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
 Maurice L. Lashbrook, Ada Chapter No. 26, R.A.M., Ada
 1986 Lester T. Craft, Ada Chapter No. 26, R.A.M., Ada
 Robert B. Christman, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
 T. Earl Curb, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
 Everette M. Baldwin, Miami Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Miami
 1987 Fred Samuel Ball, Jr., Norman Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., Norman
 Glenn Dewey Murrell, Keystone No. 102, R.A.M., Tipton
 John Stallings Woodward, Jr., Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
 1988 Raymond Hollis Dickens, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
 Russell Jennings Long, Chickasha Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Chickasha
 1989 Stephen William Spleth, Grant County Chapter No. 99, R.A.M., Medford
 Elwood Murl Isaacs, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
 1990 Howard Elton Ridgway, Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, R.A.M., Midwest City
 Andrew J. Vloedman, Woodward Chapter No. 72, R.A.M., Woodward
 1991 James Viele, Jr., Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
 Fred R. Whitehead, Keystone Chapter No. 102, R.A.M., Tipton
 1992 William Edward Wickliffe, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
 Amos Grant Robison, Norman Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., Norman
 1993 Joseph Edwin Post, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
 William L. Campbell, Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81, R.A.M., Drumright
 1994 John D. Miller, Jr., Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa

- 1995 Robert D. Mitchell, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
Ira F. Elledge, Chickasha Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Chickasha
William Hall, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
James D. Walker, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- 1996 Chester R. Cowen, Chickasha Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Chickasha
William A. Baines, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
Willard E. Phillips, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
Barry Spradling, Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, R.A.M., Midwest City
- 1997 Larry Don Horton, Chickasha Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Chickasha
Virgil Everett Morse, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 1998 Harold Marion Tolle, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
Rufus Charles Hughes, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
- 1999 Charles Newton Haley, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Broken Arrow
- 2000 Richard Dunaway, Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81, R.A.M., Drumright
- 2001 John Wade Vaughan, Jr., Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Broken Arrow
- 2002 William D. Frasier, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- 2003 Dale Matthew Braden, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Broken Arrow
- 2004 Alfred D. Fryman, Elk City Chapter No. 50, R.A.M., Elk City
Robert E. Goode, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- 2005 Andrew Buryl Palmer, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 2006 Robert Richard Rolseth, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 2007 Anthony Morris Leonhard, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., OKC
- 2008 Joe H. Britton, Elk City Chapter No. 50, R.A.M., Elk City
- 2009 James Roy Taylor, Jr., Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 2010 Harvey W. Kaylor, Altus Chapter No. 60, R.A.M., Altus
- 2011 Mike W. Sexton, Indian Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., McAlester
- 2012 Robert D. Cundiff, Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, R.A.M., Midwest City
- 2013 Truman B. Burns, Guthrie Chapter No. 6, Guthrie
- 2014 Tommy M. Johnston, Guthrie Chapter No. 6, Guthrie
- 2015 Blaine McKnight, Texoma Chapter No. 28, Colbert
- 2015 Robert Caleb Finch, Veritas Chapter No. 103, Norman

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

JAMES E. HALBROOK

This award is given to the Royal Arch Mason who is considered worthy based on exceptional and meritorious service to Capitular Masonry above and beyond the call of duty.

Companion Halbrook joined Ponca Lodge No. 83 in 1992. He became a member of Olivet Chapter No. 25, Bernard Council No. 43, and Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 in 1993.

As a member of the above, he served as Master of his Masonic Lodge in 2000 and 2016, as High Priest of Olivet Chapter in 1998. He has served a Illustrious Master of Bernard Council, and Commander of Ben Hur Commandery. Other memberships include: the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma, the Order of the Sword and Trowel, the Past Commander's Association, Oklahoma Priory No. 9, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66, Knight Masons, the Guthrie Scottish Rite, and the Franchon Chapter No. 53, Order of the Eastern Star.

Companion Halbrook's meritorious record of service to Oklahoma Capitular Masonry and

the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma in general, make him worthy of this prestigious award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

In 1951 the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons established the Distinguished Service Bronze Medal to be awarded each year to a Royal Arch Mason in each Grand Chapter affiliated with the General Grand Chapter. Each Grand Chapter nominates the Companion to receive the Award for his Distinguished Service; the award being made in the name of the General Grand Chapter; the only provision being that a Grand or Past Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter shall not be eligible for the same. The following have been the recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal in Oklahoma.

- * 1952 Joseph S. Lewis, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
- * 1953 Edward B. Hampton, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- * 1954 Ansel M. Crowder, Perry Chapter No. 15, R.A.M., Perry
- * 1955 W. S. Durst, Guymon Chapter No. 70, R.A.M., Guymon
- * 1956 Dryden George Shelton, Hobart Chapter No. 37, R.A.M., Hobart
- * 1957 Percy G. Howes, Murrow Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Atoka
- * 1958 Kenneth S. Adams, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- * 1959 George G. Duff, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
- * 1960 Raymond Shultz, Hobart Chapter No. 37, R.A.M., Hobart
- * 1961 Anson P. Shuman, Ardmore Chapter No. 11, R.A.M., Ardmore
- * 1962 Frank E. Eldred, Drumright Chapter No. 83, R.A.M., Drumright
- * 1963 Jess P. Whitaker, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
- * 1964 Delbert Pidgeon, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- * 1965 John Wesley Raley, Sr., Shawnee Chapter No. 32, Shawnee
- * 1966 Oliver S. Wilham, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- * 1967 Ben F. Mandlebaum, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- * 1968 John Willis Steward, Pauls Valley Chap No. 82, R.A.M., Pauls Valley
- * 1969 Doctor Lewellen Cooley, Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, R.A.M., OKC
- * 1971 James Jefferson Thorne, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- *1972 Chester L. Moffett, Shawnee Chapter No. 32, R.A.M., Shawnee
- * 1973 Russell L. Maxwell, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- * 1974 Everett H. Carbaugh, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
- * 1975 John R. F. Millican, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- * 1976 Nelson Alfred Shepherd, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
- * 1977 F. Carley Bryant, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- * 1978 James C. Taylor, Elk City Chapter No. 50, R.A.M. Elk City
- * 1979 Chester M. Cowen, Chickasha Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Chickasha
- * 1980 Fred J. Smith, Shawnee Chapter No. 32, R.A.M., Shawnee
- * 1981 Donald W. Rimmer, Norman Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., Norman
- * 1982 Darrel W. Hughes, Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M., Okmulgee
- 1984 Barry C. Spradling, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
- *1985 John L. Francis, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
- * 1986 Howard G. Parker, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- *1987 T. Earl Curb, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
- 1988 James O. Rust, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
- * 1989 Melvin M. Jennings, Jr., Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
- *1990 Arthur A. Farrington, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton

- * 1991 Charles Emmitt Williams, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- 1992 Elwood M. Isaacs, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
- * 1993 William L. Keeling, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
- * 1994 L. D. Clark, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., OKC
- 1995 Ronald Jack Chambers, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- * 1996 Rufus Charles Hughes, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Muskogee
- * 1997 Paul A. Fitch, Ardmore Chapter No. 11, R.A.M., Ardmore
- * 1998 Albert Wild, Shawnee Chapter No. 32, R.A.M., Shawnee
- 1999 Orlan R. Harrington, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., OKC
- 2000 Lanny Sander, Woodward Chapter No. 72, R.A.M., Woodward
- 2001 Robert T. Shipe, Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, R.A.M., Midwest City
- * 2002 Charles Moss, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 2003 Bobby J. Stalnaker, Lawton Chapter No. 44, R.A.M., Lawton
- 2004 Timothy Peter Israel, Elk City Chapter No. 50, RAM, Elk City
- 2005 Bobby L. Laws, Altus Chapter No. 60, R.A.M., Altus
- 2006 Harvey W. Kaylor, Altus Chapter No. 60, R.A.M., Altus
- * 2007 Joseph C. Tannehill, Indian Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., McAlester
- 2008 Edwin C. Womack, Elk City Chapter No. 50, R.A.M., Elk City
- 2009 Rocco Keith Eastridge, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 2010 Gary A. Odendahl, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
- 2011 Monte Gene Hendrix, Indian Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., McAlester
- 2012 Anthony Wayne Keck, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., Tulsa
- 2013 Tommy M. Johnston, Guthrie Chapter No. 6, Guthrie
- 2014 Mark A. Critchfield, Guthrie Chapter No. 6, Guthrie
- 2015 James E. Halbrook, Olivet Chapter No. 25, Ponca City

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

This is a relative new award that has been established by the General Grand Chapter to recognize Capitular Masons who have contributed exemplary service to Freemasonry. The following individuals are recipients of this award:

Elwood M. Isaacs	John L. Logan	David A. Ray
Gary A. Davis	Timothy P. Israel	
Robert G. Davis	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

Recipients shall be limited to one each Triennium for each Royal Arch Region, and four at-large medals. The Deputy General Grand High Priest reviews the recommendations and sends it to the General Grand High Priest for his approval.

RECIPIENTS FROM OKLAHOMA

*F. M. Lumbard	1975	* Bernard F. Mandlebaum	1993
*Kenneth D. Buckley	2008	Elwood M. Isaacs	2011
*Deceased			

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

Recipients shall be selected when the following qualifications are met: The recipient must be a Royal Arch Mason and must qualify for the following reasons: One Medal is to be presented for outstanding activity in PUBLIC SERVICE; One Medal for outstanding contributions in the field of ARTS AND SCIENCES; and One Medal for outstanding BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS. Recommendations are sent directly to the General Grand High Priest, who in turn, will consult with the Dias General Grand Officers regarding his final decision.

RECIPIENTS FROM OKLAHOMA

*Kenneth S. Adams 1960
*Deceased

Roy Clark 1993

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA — 2016

<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>GRAND SECRETARY</u>	<u>GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA</u>	<u>GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION</u>
Alabama	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	Bobby L. Carter	Joseph D. Owen
Alaska	David A. Hunt	Jon J. Giddings	George Watt
Alberta	Marvyn Rogers	Newel K. Barker	William C. Johnstone
Argentina	Miguel Bogado		George Saruba
Arizona	George E. Weil	Glen H. Kinsley	Oscar D. Sims
Arkansas	Robert L. Jackson	Johnny D. Allford	Jerry Whorton
Austria	Gunter C. Steurer		
Belgium	Klaus Greitmann		
Brazil	Paulo Roberto Curi		
California	Kenneth G. Hope	David J. Williams	Charles Swedblom
Colorado	Robert F. Gregory	John R. Christopher	George E. West
Connecticut	Charles B. Fowler	Donald R. Chance	Robert A. Colbourn
Delaware	Franklin R. Townsend	Gary A. Odendahl	Franklin R. Townsend
District of Columbia	Kenneth D. Fuller	David A. Ray	Maurice R. Minner, Jr.
England	James Daniel	Does not commission	Does not commission
Finland	Antti Piirto	Patrick D. Couch	Juha Viitala
Florida	Howard H. Gardner		C. Allen Pattison
France	Jean-Pierre Pilorge	Jon J. Giddings	R. Young
Georgia	Wade C. Smith	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Van Melder
Greece	George Biniaris	Garry D. Odom	Nicolaos Stravropoulos
Hawaii	Gerhart W. Walch		George N. Kahoepa, Sr.
Idaho	David A. Grindle		James T. Bunce
Illinois	Dale L. Corrice		Paul E. Ellis
India	S. Krishnan	H. Wade Turner	B. C. Ray
Indiana	Richard A. Lochner	Lewis A. Hullum	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
Iowa	Robert J. Seiler	Troy E. Shipman	William R. Kauten
Ireland	D. Barry Lyons	Robert G. Davis	Kenneth T. Brislane
Israel	Eitan Ayalon	L. Erik Stuckey	Robert Mannheimer
Italy	Carlo De Rysky		Glouanna Smojur
Kansas	Wayne H. Rolff	John J. Petrik	Ernest M. Griffiths
Kentucky	James H. King, Jr.	Kenneth Lowmiller	Jimmy Lones
Louisiana	Ed L. Horton	Edward W. Hart	Edwin L. Horton, Jr.
Maine	Harold E. Birt, Jr.		John Nomleggi
Manitoba, Canada	James J. Barratt	Donald G. Jones	Dave English
Maryland	Vernon H. Huebschman	Robert T. Shipe	Donald J. Hawkins
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Robert C. Corr	Michael E. Hampton	Wayne W. Anderson
Mexico US	Eduardo Velasco Briceno		
Michigan	Robert E. Cooper	Ronald J. Chambers	John Hoyt
Minnesota	Gary A. Odegard	O. Ray Harrington	Lewis D. Seely
Mississippi	Micky P. McMahan	Donnie Higgingbotham	Edward G. Holland
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample	Ronald L. Carr	Mrvn Painter
Montana	Roger E. Cathel	Kish L. Thomas	Vernon A. Nenetz
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson	John F. Carter	Steven C. Smith, I
Netherlands	Peter G. Kok	Robert E. Goode	A.E. Dodokvanhell
Nevada	Russell M. Wilde	Bradley S. Rickelman	G. Michael Urso
Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada	Gordon J. Abbott	Gary A. Davis	Lawrence Bentley
New Brunswick, Canada	Michael Crofts 217 Carrington Lane	Robert G. Davis 411 E Noble	Ambry G. Newman 365 Skyline Ave.
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Joe R. Manning, Jr.	Leonard S. Sousa
New Jersey	C. K. Leverett		Alvin L. Zach
New Mexico	Dennis R. Detrow	Glenn Tuttle	Jesse O. Martindale
New South Wales, Australia	Tony Wise	Michael A. Davis	Stephen Brown
New York	Michael T. Dunn	William D. Bowie, Jr.	E. William Whittaker
New Zealand	Robert S. Jaray	Marshall M. Clayton	H.L. Allen
North Carolina	Robert A. Schafer	Charles L. Stuckey	Timothy A. Dahlman
North Dakota	Merle L. Huhner	Robert O. Tupper	Clifford A. Cranna
Nova Scotia, Canada	Frederick W. Richard RR #1, Belmont	Michael G. Aston RR 2, Box 91	Timothy R. Outerbridge 125 Dillon Crescent
Ohio	Dale G. Ray, Jr.	Ralph K. Harris	Curtis M. Jackson

Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway	Timothy P. Israel	Thomas L. Crowder
Panama	Alberto Lalo	Robert T. Shipe	James E. Cook
Pennsylvania	George R. Haynes	Matthew D. McGee	George W. Young
Philippines	Danio C. Datu, Sr.		Franklin J. Demonteverde
Portugal	Luis Trindade Santos	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.	Jose Salgado Braz
Quebec, Canada	Charles A. Braun	Neal D. Leach	Charles D. McCormack
Queensland, Australia	John F. Frank		Donald H. Long
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	John A. Larson III	John E. King	James M. Fogarty
Romania	Traian Popescu		
Saskatchewan, Canada	Mike Petty		William F. Leipert
Scotland	Grahame J. Smith, Grand Scribe E.	Kenneth L. Lowmiller	George MacLeod
South Australia	Max Atkinson	David Hoard	John E. Acland
South Carolina	Johnnie T. Morris	Elwood M. Isaacs	Phillip G. Russell
South Dakota	George E. Bauder	Kenton M. Israel	Donald R. Salmon
Spain	Jordi Rodriques		
Tennessee	Rick Hoover	John D. Miller, Jr.	Johhny Lee Byrd
Texas	Orville L. O'Neill	John L. Logan	W. David Melear
Utah	Owen C. Orton	Daniel Christopher	John L. Elwell, Jr.
Venezuela	Alberto Olgado Martinez		Julio Serrano Keisten
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard		Wendell H. Chaffee
Victoria, Australia	W. L. Smith		Robert A. Ross
Virginia	Gordon H. Sprigg, Jr.	William A. Nation	Charles Edwin Cave
Washington	Robert R. Benish	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.	Ross Brabley Othus
West Australia	Basil J. Green	A. Dean Monroe	Norman Barry Carter
West Virginia	Larry T. Bates	Bartis M. Kent	Arthur J. Davison
Wisconsin	Brian J. Hudy	Robert R. Rolseth	Eugene R. Kuhnwald
Wyoming	Kenneth M. Badget	Donald E. Wolford	Stanley N. McIrvn

2016 DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OF OKLAHOMA

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME & LOCATION</u>	<u>HIGH PRIEST</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING DAY</u>	<u>CHARTER</u>
1	INDIAN 2d & Adams McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Jake D. Tannehill	Monte Gene Hendrix P.O. Box 3335 McAlester 74502-3335 (H)918-423-6249	4th Monday 7:00 pm	21 Feb 1878
3	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Kim Crissler	Harvey Johnson, Jr. PO Box 1037 Muskogee 74402 (H)918-683-5616	2 nd Wed 6:00 p.m.	6 Nov 1890
6	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut Guthrie 73044	Bryan C. Shackelford	Tommy M. Johnston 2808 Ashe Brooke Place Edmond 73034 (H)405-341-1081	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	6 Nov 1890
7	CYRUS 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City 73112	W. Stephen Shockey	Clyde Schoolfield, Jr PO Box 11423 Oklahoma City 73136 (C) 405-427-3388	2d & 4th Weds 7:00 pm	9 Sep 1890
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry Ardmore 73401 580-223-239	Tom L. Love	John Carter P.O. Box 14 Ardmore 73402-0014 (C)580-795-4684	2d Monday 7:30 pm	10 Aug 1893

14	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	Bradley Rickelman	Gary Odendahl 338744 E. 840 Rd. Camey 74832 (C) 405-650-0864	2d & 4th Wed 7:30 pm	10 Aug 1895
24	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73071 405-321-7310	Jonathan Annis	Louis Khoury (C)405-990-1676	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	26-Sep-1928
25	OLIVET 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601	Bob Jorgenson	James E. Halbrook 1602 E. Woodland Rd. Ponca City 74604 (H)580-762-8955	2nd Tuesday Chap & Coun 7:00pm 4 th Tuesday Commandery 7:00 pm	3 Sep 1928
28	TEXOMA 103 S. Burney St. Colbert, OK 74733	Sheramie Curtis	Blaine McKnight 610 Montgomery #242 Durant, OK 74701 580-380-9784	4 th Thurs 7:30 pm	23 Apr 2010
44	LAWTON 702 SW C St. Lawton 73505 580-353-4606	Bob Shady	Wilfred Perez 702 SW "C" Ave Lawton, OK 73505 (C)253-225-1501	4th Tuesday Chap & Coun 7:00 pm 1 st Tuesday Commandery 7:00 pm	18-Apr-1905
50	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 580-225-0484	Gerald Stegall	Timothy P. Israel 2018 W 7 th Pl Elk City 73644 (C) 580-928-5715	1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm	9-Apr-1906
52	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112	Paul G. Wickberg	Craig Bowman 16947 S 87 th E Pl Bixby 74008 (C)918-706-0686	3rd Monday Chap & Coun 7:00 p.m. 4 th Monday Commandery 7:00 pm\	27-Apr-1907
55	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006-8722 918-331-3831	R. L. Rees	Robert Goode 610 N.E. Washington Blvd Bartlesville 74006 (H)918-333-3703	2nd Monday	16-Apr-1907
60	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson Altus 73521 580-482-5301	Roy L. Smith	Bobby L. Laws 1202 N. Hudson Altus 73521 (C)580-471-3105	3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.	9 Apr-2005
72	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	Troy L. Collier	Ray L. Bell PO Box 434 Woodward 73802 806-292-3014	4th Thurs(Jan-Oct) 2 nd Thurs(Nov-Dec) 7:00 p.m.	16-Apr-1912

81	CIMARRON VALLEY 212 N. Ohio Drumright 74030 918-352-4622	James H. Rogers	Gary A. Davis P.O. Box 15 Drumright 74030-0015 (H)918-352-2382 (O)918-352-4622	1s & 3rd Weds 7:00 p. m.	17-Apr-1917
101	CAPITOL HILL 14 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110 405-732-2034	Carl Brown	Robert Cundiff 516 Leslie Dr. Del City 73145 (H)405-670-4258	3rd Friday 7:00 p.m.	3-Apr-1957
103	Veritas Norman Lodge No.38 Qtr 1700 N. Porter Norman, OK	James "Dennis" Smith	Jason E. Marshall 2917 Summit Terrace Dr. Norman, OK 73071 405-321-6538	Qrty 2nd Sat Last Month each 10:30 a.m.	23-Apr-2010

THE GRAND COUNCIL
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121st Annual Assembly



Held in
Norman, Oklahoma
April 24, 2015
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**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016**

Larry D. White (22)		M.:I.: Grand Master
Dan Hanttula (27)		R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master
William J. Cloud (59)		R.:I.: Grand P.C.W.
Elwood M. Isaacs (41)	Linda	R.:I.: Grand Treasurer
Gary A. Davis (44) PO Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030 918-352-4622 (O) & (FAX) E-mail: grandsecrec@sbcglobal.net	Nellie	R.:I.: Grand Recorder
John D. Allford (3)	Brenda	R.:I.: Grand Captain of the Guard
Michael O. Zura (21)	Erika	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Michael W. Sexton (3)		Illustrious Grand Marshall
Thomas W. Childs (22)		Illustrious Grand Steward
Kevin P. Bardy (44)	Kim	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Richard L. Hargrave, III (22)	Mary	Illustrious Grand Chaplain



LARRY D. WHITE
GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER 2015-16

LARRY D. WHITE
Illustrious Grand Master 2015-2016

Most Illustrious Larry Douglas White was born in Tulsa Oklahoma on September 4, 1949. He attended Tulsa Public schools graduating from Edison High School in 1967. He attended Oklahoma State University graduating with a Bachelor of Science and Engineering Technology degree. He then served six years with the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

After college Larry joined his father in the family transportation business. In 1976, Larry purchased a local competitor and merged that company with his father's forming a ground transportation business, Greater Tulsa Transit Center. In the mid-80s the business name was changed to White Line, the corporate name Larry's great-grandfather had used in 1905.

In 1998 Larry left the family business and went to work in the public sector for the Town of Skiatook. He managed the Skiatook airport and did infrastructure inspections until 2002 when he went to work for the City of Owasso. Larry is presently employed by the city of Owasso as the Support Services Director.

Larry was raised in Owasso Lodge #545 on January 27th, 2004 and received his Masters proficiency February 24th, 2004. Larry is also a charter member of Vitruvian Lodge No. 557. Companion White began his York Rite career September 25, 2004 at the Grandmaster Field Day in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Companion White has served the Tulsa York Rite Bodies as the Excellent High Priest, the Illustrious Master, and Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 20. He is also a member of the Holy Order of High Priest Hood, the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, and the Past Commanders Association.

Companion White began his Grand York Rite career in 2011 serving as the Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council, and in 2015 was elected the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. Illustrious White has been awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and was honored to be chosen a Companion of the Secret Vault by the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. Companion White is also a member of Joseph S. Lewis Council #66 Knight Masons, Oklahoma York Rite College #75, McMillan Council #15 Allied Masonic Degrees, the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana Civitatibus, Prince of Peace Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Companion White is also a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasons, Tulsa Valley, where he has been invested with the honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He is also a member of Akdar Shrine in Tulsa.

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR 2015-2016**

DISTRICT NO. 1

John D. Allford (3)

Muskogee Council No. 2
Union Council No. 3
Ardmore Council No. 11

DISTRICT NO. 2

James D. Nobles (18)

Alpha Council No. 18
Guthrie Council No. 48

DISTRICT NO. 3

Bradley J. Rickelman (50)

Bernard Council No. 43
Cimarron Valley No. 44
Stillwater Council No. 50

DISTRICT NO. 4

John T. Turner (27)

Norman Council No. 27
Capitol Hill Council No.59

DISTRICT NO. 5

Michael C. Zura (21)

Lawton Council No.21
Altus Council No. 33

DISTRICT NO. 6

Timothy P. Israel (25)

Elk City Council No. 25
Woodward Council No. 52

DISTRICT NO. 7

Tommy W. Childs, Jr. (22)

Tulsa Council No. 22
Bartlesville Council No. 41

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2015-2016 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Elwood M. Isaacs (41) – Chmn, Bobby L. Carter (27), Charles L. Stuckey (43), W. James Cloud (59), (ex-officio)

WORK AND RETURNS

Gary A. Davis 44 – Chmn, Daniel D. Hanttula (27), Kent M. Israel (18), James Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (59) – Chmn, John D. Church (33), Gary A. Odendahl (14)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18) – Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (25), James R. Taylor, Jr. (22)

FINANCE

Daniel D. Hanttula (27), John D. Allford (3), Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), W. James Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

INVESTMENTS

2013-16 (Council) - Michael J. Megeath (22)

2014-17 (Chapter), Charles L. Stuckey (43)

2015-18 (Commandery), John L. Logan (72)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Richard L. Hargrave III (22)

JURISPRUDENCE

John L. Logan (72), Marvin L. Chamberlin (3), All Past Grand Illustrious Masters

MEMBERSHIP

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18) – CENTRAL REGION

Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – N.CENT. REGION

Robert R. Rolseth (22) – N.E. REGION

John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION

Michael W. Sexton (3) – S.E. REGION

Bobby L. Laws (33) – WESTERN REGION

TRIENNIAL

John L. Logan (72), Donald G. Jones (27), Lewis A. Hullum (27)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Larry D. White (22), Daniel D. Hanttula (27), John D. Allford (3), W. James Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Daniel D. Hanttula (27), James E. Smyrl (22), James R. Taylor, Jr. (22)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

William J. Cloud (59), Kent M. Israel (18), Timothy P. Israel (25)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

John D. Allford (3) – STATE CHAIRMAN
James D. Nobles () – CENTRAL REGION
Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – N.CENT. REGION
Thomas W. Childs, Jr. (22) – N.E. REGION
John T. Turner () – S.CENT. REGION
Donnie G. Higginbotham (3) – S.E. REGION
Michael C. Zura (21) – WESTERN REGION

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), Glenn H. Kinsley (72), Robert R. Rolseth (22), Charles L. Stuckey (43), James E. Smyrl (22)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2013-16 (Council) John D. Allford (3)
2014-17 (Commandery) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)
2015-18 (Chapter) David A. Ray (27)

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

Larry D. White (22), Daniel D. Hanttula (27)

CRYPTIC MASON of the YEAR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Larry D. White (22), Daniel D. Hanttula (27), Gary A. Davis (44), W. James Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (44) – Chmn, Marvin E. Fletcher II (22), Timothy P. Israel (25)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Larry D. White (22), Daniel D. Hanttula (27), W. James Cloud (59), Gary A. Davis (44)

WEBMASTER

John R. Christopher (48) – 3675 N. Horseshoe Dr., Guthrie, OK 73044 (405-706-2796)

NECROLOGY

Richard L. Hargrave III (22) – 2348 S. Evanston Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114 (918-743-7815)

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Trasen S. Akers (101), Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (101), L. Erik Stuckey (43)

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. (22) – 128 W. 135th Place N., Skiatook, OK 74070 (918-630-9523)

2015 REGIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18) – Chmn, Larry D. White (2), Paul T. Currell (25)

EDUCATION

Robert G. Davis, Chmn, Timothy Israel, Jason Marshall, Clyde Schoolfield, Jr., James Taylor, Jr.

ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the officers and members of the Grand Council of Oklahoma and distinguished visitors and companions:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 122nd annual assembly of our Grand Council. I thank each of you for your attendance and support of your Grand Council.

To our distinguished guests and visitors, I would like to extend, to you and your ladies, our Oklahoma hospitality. I trust that you will enjoy your visit with us and will return many times in the future. If we can do anything to make your visit more enjoyable please let us know.

I sincerely appreciate the attendance of Companion Clyde Schoolfield, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and Sir Knight Paul Currell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. Throughout our terms in office, I have enjoyed our opportunities to work for York Rite Masonry. I also extend greetings to Most Excellent Companion James R. Taylor, Grand High Priest-elect of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and to Most Illustrious Companion Daniel Hanttula, Illustrious Grand Master-elect of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. To you both, and to our Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Timothy Israel my best wishes during your terms in office.

I want to say thank you to the Grand Officers for the support they have given me this year and a special thanks to our Grand Recorder Gary Davis and Grand Treasurer Ike Isaacs for their help. I thank all District Deputies and all Companions who served on our Committees.

To you Companions who elected me to the office of Illustrious Grand Master, I thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve this Grand Council.

During the year I was honored to visit all but one of our Councils. I regret that I was unable to schedule a visit to Bartlesville Council Number 41.

NECROLOGY

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On 30 April 2015 and on the recommendation of the Illustrious Grand Master of Oregon, I was pleased to commission R□□ Companion Paul R. Freeman as our representative near Oregon.

COUNCIL AWARDS

The Cryptic Mason of the Year, the Youth Leadership Award, and the Illustrious Grand Master's Award will be disclosed at the banquet tonight.

VISITATIONS

2015

May 2	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion
May 16	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting – Oklahoma City
May 18	Official visit Tulsa Council No. 22
May 24	Rainbow Grand Assembly
May 26	Official visit Lawton Council No. 21
June 9	Official visit Bernard Council No. 43
June 11	Official visit Norman Council No. 27
June 12	Job's Daughters Rally Session - Oklahoma City
July 9	Official visit Guthrie Council No. 48
July 11	DeMolay Conclave – Stillwater
July 16	Official visit Altus Council No. 33
July 17	Official visit Capitol Hill No. 59
August 8	Northeast Regional Council Degree Festival – Tulsa
August 10	Official visit Ardmore Council No. 11
August 12	Official visit Muskogee Council No.2
August 15	Order of the Sword & Trowel – Oklahoma City
	Installed the 2015-16 Thrice Illustrious Master Officers
August 26	Official visit Alpha Council No. 18
September 1	Official visit Elk City Council No. 25
September 9	Official visit Stillwater Council No. 50
September 18-19	Southwest Conference – OKC
September 26	Grand Master's York Rite Festival – Oklahoma City
October 3	Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion
October 5	Official visit Cimarron Valley Council No. 44
October 17	McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion
October 18-20	Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas – Brought greetings
October 22	Official visit Woodward Council No. 52
October 24	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion
October 26	Official visit Union Council No. 3
October 31	Oklahoma College, SRICF
	Oklahoma Philalethes Chapter
	Joseph S. Lewis Council #66, Knight Masons
	Oklahoma York Rite College #75
November 7	Prince of Peace Conclave-Red Cross of Constantine - Tulsa
November 13	Grand Lodge in Guthrie
2016	
January 16	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting - Oklahoma City
January 31	DeMolay Winterfest (workshop) – Oklahoma City
March 12	Northeast Regional Council Degree Festival - Tulsa
March 19	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting – Guthrie
April 1	Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion
April 9	McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion
April 16	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion

ACTIONS & DISPENSATION

October 6, 2015 – Established a Special Committee named “EDUCATION” and appointed the following Companions to serve: Robert G. Davis, Chairman, Timothy Israel, Jason Marshall, Clyde Schoolfield, Jr., and James Taylor, Jr. The purpose of this committee was to provide suitable prologue for the Council Degrees.

October 15, 2015 – I approved a By-Laws revision for Altus Council No. 33

October 31, 2015 – I issued a dispensation requested by Tulsa Council No. 22 to hold their election of officers on November 15, 2015 in lieu of December 21, 2015.

February 9, 2015 – I delegated RIDGM Daniel Hanttula authority to open and/or close Alpha Council No. 18 in Ample Form on February 20, 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I believe we are reaching the tipping point. Two years ago a clear language version of the opening and closing and the reception of Grand Officers and guests was approved and provided to each Council, with the exception of the secret work. The use of this guide, coupled with the schools of instruction provided by the Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work, has improved our Ritual proficiency. This renewed interest in the Ritual Work, and the increasing number of Regional Festivals, are providing our brethren with more opportunities to receive the York Rite Degrees. I recommend that the councils that do not have a degree team consider forming one and supporting the regional festivals. I also recommend the Grand Council encourage and support all councils who are willing to host a Regional Festival. Increasing the opportunities for our brethren to join us in celebrating the degrees of York Rite Masonry will help perpetuate our craft.

Serving as your Illustrious Grand Master has been a humbling experience, a true honor, and I thank each of you for helping make this possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry D. White
Grand Illustrious Master

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF OKLAHOMA

At Its

122nd Annual Assembly

Held In
Norman, Oklahoma
APRIL 22, 2016



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
April 22, 2016**

There being a constitutional number of Councils represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred Twenty-first Annual Assembly of The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was opened in the Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma at 1:0 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2016. Companion Larry D. White, M.: I.: Grand Master, presiding.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER..... LARRY D. WHITE
 RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER..... DANIEL HANTTULA
 R.I. GRAND P.C.W..... WILLIAM J. CLOUD
 R.I. GRAND TREASURER..... ELWOOD M. ISAACS
 R.I. GRAND RECORDER.....GARY A. DAVIS
 R.I. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD..... JOHN D. ALLFORD
 ILL GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL MICHAEL O. ZURA
 ILL GRAND MARSHALL..... MICHAEL W. SEXTON
 ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND STEWARD..... THOMAS W. CHILDS
 ILL GRAND SENTINEL..... KEVIN P. BARDY
 ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN..... RICHARD L. HARGRAVE, III

The flag of the United States of America was presented and the Companions present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Companion Richard L. Hargrave, III, Grand Chaplain. The following distinguished Guests were received: Randy L Harden, Illustrious Grand Chaplin, Grand Council of Texas, Andrew Stevenson, Jr., Illustrious Grand Sentinel, Grand Council of Louisiana, Terry L. Flippo, M.:I.: Grand Master, Grand Council of Texas, M.:I.: Grand Master, Grand Council of Louisiana, and Charles Stuttle, M.:I.: Past Grand Master, Grand Council of Arkansas, Regional Deputy Grand Master, South Central Region, General Grand Council, International and personal representative for Lawrence O. Weaver, Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International.

The Grand Master appointed Companions Paul T. Currell and Donnie G. Higginbotham as the Teller Committee.

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

Lewis A. Hullum	1994-95	Bobby L. Carter	2001-03
Elwood M. Isaacs	2003-04	Charles L. Stuckey	2005-06
Troy E. Shipman	2010-11	Andrew B. Palmer	2011-12
William H. Pearce	2012-13	John L. Logan	2013-14
Marvin L. Chamberlin	2014-15		

The Most Illustrious Grand Master welcomed all the above Past Illustrious Grand Masters and thanked them for their support.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

John D. Allford	District No. 1	James D. Nobles	District No. 2
Bradley J. Rickelman	District No. 3	John T. Turner	District No. 4
Michael C. Zura	District No. 5	Timothy P. Israel	District No. 6
Tommy W. Childs, Jr.	District No. 7		

The Most Excellent Grand Master welcomed the District Deputies and thanked them for their service.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was announced that the registration credentials would be used to verify the attendance of the Grand Representatives, and it was asked if any of those present had any communications with their respective Jurisdictions. None was noted.

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS REPRESENTED

The roll call of the Constituent Councils of Oklahoma was called, and the following were present:

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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COUNCIL AWARDS

The Cryptic Mason of the Year was awarded to John Church, Altus Council No. 33, the Youth Leadership Award was awarded to Dudley Ridge Smith, the Grand Illustrious Master's Award for the outstanding Council of Cryptic Masons in Oklahoma was presented to Capitol Hill Council No. 59. Sharon Davis, wife of Robert Davis, was presented the "Lady of the Council" pendant.

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June 11	Official visit Norman Council No. 27
June 12	Job's Daughters Rally Session - Oklahoma City
July 9	Official visit Guthrie Council No. 48
July 11	DeMolay Conclave – Stillwater
July 16	Official visit Altus Council No. 33
July 17	Official visit Capitol Hill No. 59
August 8	Northeast Regional Council Degree Festival – Tulsa
August 10	Official visit Ardmore Council No. 11
August 12	Official visit Muskogee Council No.2
August 15	Order of the Sword & Trowel– Oklahoma City Installed the 2015-16 Thrice Illustrious Master Grand Officers
August 26	Official visit Alpha Council No. 18
September 1	Official visit Elk City Council No. 25
September 9	Official visit Stillwater Council No. 50
September 18-19	South West Central Regional & South Central Department Conference – OK City
September 26	Grand Master's York Rite Festival – Oklahoma City

October 3	Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion
October 5	Official visit Cimarron Valley Council No. 44
October 17	McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion
October 18-20	Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas – Brought greetings
October 22	Official visit Woodward Council No. 52
October 24	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion
October 26	Official visit Union Council No. 3
October 31	Oklahoma Rosicrucian College Oklahoma Philalethes Chapter Joseph S. Lewis Council #66, Knight Masons Oklahoma York Rite College #75
November 7	Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Tulsa
November 13	Grand Lodge in Guthrie
2016	
January 16	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting - Oklahoma City
January 31	DeMolay Winterfest (workshop) – Oklahoma City
March 12	Northeast Regional Council Degree Festival - Tulsa
March 19	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting – Guthrie
April 1	Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion
April 9	McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion
April 16	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion

ACTIONS AND DISPENSATION

- October 6, 2015 - I established a Special Committee named "EDUCATION" and appointed the following Companions to serve: Robert G. Davis, Chairman, Timothy Israel, Jason Marshall, Clyde Schoolfield, Jr., and James Taylor, Jr. The purpose of this committee was to provide suitable prologue for the Council Degrees.
- October 15, 2015 – I approved a By-Laws revision for Altus Council No. 33
- October 31, 2015 – I issued a dispensation requested by Tulsa Council No. 22 to hold their election of officers on November 15, 2015 in lieu of December 21, 2015.
- February 9, 2015 – I delegated RIDGM Daniel Hanttula authority to open and/or close Alpha Council No. 18 in Ample Form on February 20, 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I believe we are reaching the tipping point. Two years ago a clear language version of the opening and closing with the reception of Grand Officers and guests, with the exception of the secret work, was approved and provided to each Council. The use of this guide, coupled with the schools of instruction provided by the Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work, has improved our Ritual proficiency. This renewed interest in the Ritual Work, and the increasing number of Regional Festivals, are providing our brethren with more opportunities to receive the York Rite Degrees. I recommend that the councils that do not have a degree team consider forming one and supporting the regional festivals. I also recommend the Grand Council encourage and support all councils which are willing to host a Regional Festival. Increasing the opportunities for our brethren to join us in celebrating the degrees of York Rite Masonry will help perpetuate our craft.

Serving as your Illustrious Grand Master has been a humbling experience, a true honor and I thank each of you for helping make this possible.

Larry D. White

Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Treasurer - Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2015				
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma				
General Fund, Account held at Wells Fargo				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$63,467.65
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%				\$2,893.76
Stock & ETF's:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
AT&T, (T), 200 Sh, yield 5.57%	6169.68	\$712.32	\$6,882.00	
First Tr Euro Alpha Fd, (FEP), 28 sh, yield 2.20%	899.20	-70.68	828.52	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw Fd, (FNT), 28 sh, yield .46%	879.04	-71.52	807.52	
First Tr Mid Cap Value Fd, (FNK), 100 sh, yield 1.44%	2920.00	-275.00	2,645.00	
First Tr Large Cap Grw Fd, (FTC), 42 sh, yield .52%	2067.08	-42.26	2,024.82	
I Shares S&P 600 Grw, (IJT), 3 sh, yield 1.13%	440.21	-67.28	372.93	
I Shares S&P Small Cap Val, (IJS), 3 sh, yield 1.58%	393.56	-69.08	324.48	
I Shares JP Morgan Emerging Mkts, (BMD), 24 sh, yield 4.8%	2693.36	-154.64	2,538.72	
Power Shares, (PGX), 152 sh, yield 5.83%	2204.09	68.31	2,272.40	
VanGuard Nat Res, (VWO), 31 sh, yield 3.25%	1187.30	-173.29	1,014.01	
VanGuard Nat Res, (VNR), 200 sh, yield 12.08%	4699.82	-4103.82	596.00	
Williams Partners, (WPZ), 86 sh, yield 12.2%	<u>5121.56</u>	<u>-2726.46</u>	<u>2,395.10</u>	
Avg yield 4.92%	117.17	\$29,674.90	-6,973.40	22,701.50
Corporate Bonds:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
Bell Atlantic debts, BBB+, 8,000 sh, yield 5.59%, (6.0%)	<u>\$7,980.06</u>	<u>\$600.58</u>	<u>8,580.64</u>	
Avg yield 5.59%	480.00	\$7,980.06	\$600.58	8,580.64
Mutual Funds: (Open End)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
Franklin Income, (FCISX), 1,596.490 sh, yield 5.09%	\$3,058.55	326.00	3,384.55	
Mutual Funds: (Closed End)				
BlackRock Resources, (BCX), 219 Sh, yield 11.05%	2898.75	-1341.66	1,557.09	
First Tr Inter Dur PFD Fd, (FDF), 65 sh, yield 9.16%	1533.40	-150.85	1,382.55	
Hancock John Trust, (JHS), 200 sh, yield 6.53%	3216.73	-530.73	2,686.00	
Royce Value Trust, (RVT), 200 Sh, yield 10.53%	3241.06	-887.06	2,354.00	
Tortoise Energy, (TYG), 74 sh, yield 9.41%	<u>2841.11</u>	<u>-782.43</u>	<u>2,058.68</u>	
Avg yield 8.1%	1088.58	\$16,789.60	-3366.73	13,422.87
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
American Fin Gp RFD Notes, (AFGH), 125 sh, yield 5.84%	\$3,225.46	-\$16.71	\$3,208.75	
Prudential Fin, (PRH), 200 sh, yield 5.51%, (5.70%)	<u>4351.98</u>	<u>\$816.02</u>	<u>5,168.00</u>	
Avg yield 5.64%	472.50	\$7,577.44	\$799.31	8,376.75
Total General Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2015				\$55,975.52
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2015				-\$7,492.13
				-11.80%
Transferred to Grand Council Checking Account in 2015	\$0.00			
Dividends/Interest earned in 2015	\$6,529.31			

Perpetual Membership Fund, Account held at Wells Fargo				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$108,837.30
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%			\$3,834.88	
Stocks & ETF's:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
A T&T, (T), 201 sh, yield 5.57%	\$6,241.55	\$674.86	\$6,916.41	
ConocoPhillips, (COP), 102 sh, yield 6.33%	4376.39	385.99	4,762.38	
Enterprise Products Partners, (EPD), 100 sh, yield 6.02%	2699.54	-141.54	2,558.00	
First Tr Euro Alpha Fd, (FEP), 28 sh, yield 2.20%	899.48	-70.96	828.52	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw, Fd, (FNY), 29 sh, yield .46%	908.51	-72.15	836.36	
First Tr Mid Cap Val Fd, (FNK), 100 sh, yield 1.44%	2924.20	-279.20	2,645.00	
First Tr Large Cap Grw Fd, (FTC), 42 sh, yield .52%	2066.66	-41.84	2,024.82	
I Shares S&P Small Cap Grw, (UT), 3 sh, yield 1.13%	440.00	-67.07	372.93	
I Shares S&P Small Val Grw, (US), 3 sh, yield 1.58%	393.29	-68.81	324.48	
I Shares JP Morgan, Emerging Mkts, (EMB), 24 sh, yield 4.83%	2694.08	-155.36	2,538.72	
Phillips 66 Co, (PSX), 51 Sh, yield 2.73%	1315.65	2856.15	4,171.80	
PowerShares, 581 Sh, yield 5.83%	7962.43	723.52	8,685.95	
VanGuard Nat Res, Emerging Mkts, (VWO), 31 sh, yield 3.25%	1186.99	-172.98	1,014.01	
VanGuard Nat Res, (VNR), 300 sh, yield 12.08%	6881.20	-5987.20	894.00	
Williams Partners, (WPZ), 121 sh, yield 12.20%	<u>6322.36</u>	<u>-2952.51</u>	<u>3,369.85</u>	
Avg yield 6.29%	2218.90	\$47,312.33	-\$5,369.10	41,943.23
Corporate Bonds:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
GTE Calif Debs, BBB+, 7,000 sh, yield 7.03%, (6.75%)	\$6,886.25	-\$165.48	\$6,720.77	
Western Union, 7,000 sh, BBB, yield 6.24% (6.20%)	<u>7075.84</u>	<u>-125.05</u>	<u>6,950.79</u>	
Avg yield 6.63%	906.50	\$13,962.09	-\$290.53	13,671.56
Mutual Funds: (Closed End Funds)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
First Tr PFD Inc, (FPF), 171 sh, yield 9.16	\$3,981.33	-\$344.16	3,637.17	
John Hancock, (JHS), 200 sh, yield 6.53%	3239.95	-553.95	2,686.00	
Royce Value Trust, (RV T), 920 sh, yield 10.53%	<u>13370.99</u>	<u>-2542.59</u>	<u>10,828.40</u>	
Avg yield 9.62%	1649.65	\$20,592.27	-\$3,440.70	17,151.57
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
American Fin Grp, (AFGH), 125 sh, yield 5.84%, (6.0%)	\$3,225.46	-16.71	3,208.75	
Prudential Fin, (PRH), 385 sh, yield 5.51%, (5.7%)	\$8,728.80	\$1,219.60	9,948.40	
Wells Fargo, (WFCQ), 400 sh, yield 5.59%, (5.85%)	<u>10000.00</u>	<u>448.00</u>	<u>10,448.00</u>	
Avg yield 6.60%	1320.92	\$21,954.26	\$1,650.89	23,605.15
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2015				\$100,206.39
Net Gain/Loss Account Value for the year 2015				-\$8,630.91
				-7.93%
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$6,529.31			
The total endowed funds in the Grand Council as of 1/1/15			\$107,273.34	
The total endowed funds in the Grand Council as of 12/31/15			\$111,923.34	
Gain in the Perpetual Membership Account			\$4,650.00	
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$6,529.31			
Div/Int distributed to Local Bodies in 2015 on D/I earned in 2014			\$2,756.07	
Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2015 on D/I earned in 2014			\$3,306.67	
Dividend/Interest distributed in 2015 on interest earned in 2014		\$6,062.74		
Total Members as of 12/31/2015	820			
New members gained in 2015	19			
Grand Total of Grand Council Investments:	1/1/2015	12/31/2015	Gain	% Increase
Total General Fund Account Value	\$63,467.65	\$55,975.52	-\$7,492.13	-11.80%
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value	\$108,837.30	100,206.39	-8,630.91	-7.93%
Grand Council Total Investments	\$172,304.95	\$156,181.91	-\$16,123.04	-9.4%
Respectfully submitted, Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, Grand Treasurer				
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma				

As of 12/31/2015		Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma											
	New	780			Total	Total	Total	* To Grand	To Grand	Total to	* To Local	To Local	Total to
Name	Members	Total	Dead	Living	Investment	Dues	Distributed	* Deceased	Living	Grand	* Council	Living	Local
	In 2015	Members							Council	Council	Council	Council	Local
Altus No. 33	41	31	5	26	6,765.00	451.00	410.77	* 184.89	27.32	212.22	* 40.99	157.57	198.55
Alpha (OKC), No. 18	4	41	15	26	6,655.00	443.00	351.27	* 38.93	126.10	165.03	* 72.80	113.44	186.24
Ardmore, No. 11	20	7	13	3,410.00	220.70	207.06	* 17.76	71.66	89.42	* 33.24	84.39	117.64	
Bartlesville, No. 41	41	26	15	4,765.25	317.50	289.35	* 69.30	62.53	131.83	* 98.77	58.75	157.52	
Bernard (Ponca City), No. 43	35	7	28	3,812.00	251.60	231.46	* 18.67	138.31	156.98	* 20.49	53.99	74.48	
Capitol Hill (OKC), No. 59	139	53	86	17,741.50	1136.40	1077.26	* 168.40	394.06	562.47	* 216.96	297.84	514.80	
Cimarron Valley, No. 44	16	6	10	2,386.20	159.08	144.89	* 15.48	57.15	72.64	* 23.88	48.57	72.25	
Elk City, No. 25	1	43	17	26	5,205.00	347.00	301.47	* 42.35	117.81	160.16	* 56.01	85.30	141.31
Guthrie, No. 48	3	28	6	22	4,236.00	282.00	216.22	* 15.48	96.70	112.19	* 27.32	76.71	104.04
Lawton, No. 21	1	50	26	24	5,850.00	382.00	332.44	* 67.46	74.77	142.23	* 113.78	76.43	190.21
Muskogee, No. 2	78	20	58	11,385.00	639.00	691.30	* 59.81	433.59	493.40	* 51.31	146.59	197.89	
Norman, No. 27	1	71	34	37	8,719.41	575.15	516.69	* 88.30	171.82	260.13	* 111.87	144.70	256.57
Stillwater, No. 50	1	28	14	14	3,600.00	238.00	204.93	* 39.42	57.59	97.01	* 58.66	49.27	107.92
Tulsa, No. 22	4	100	34	66	18,091.73	1,098.50	1014.74	* 91.93	409.69	501.62	* 139.29	373.82	513.11
Union (McAlester), No. 3	2	55	13	42	5883.75	392.25	334.49	* 34.16	207.62	241.77	* 33.11	59.61	92.72
Woodward, No. 52	2	44	20	24	3,417.50	227.00	189.29	* 47.36	95.06	142.42	* 21.86	25.02	46.88
16	19	820	303	517	111,923.34	7,160.48	6,513.64	* 999.71	2,541.79	3,541.50	* 1120.13	1852.00	2972.13
			37.0%	63.0%			5.82%	*	3,541.50	3.18%	*	2.66%	2,972.13
				820				*			*		6,513.64
As of 31 December 2015													
Percentage used in making calculations: 6.07%													
Interest/Dividends Earned in 2015						\$6,513.64	Paid in April 2015		Paid to Grand Council		\$3,541.50		\$2,972.13
Interest/Dividends Earned in 2015						\$6,514.62	D/I Earned in 2015		Paid to Councils		\$2,972.13		\$6,513.64
Interest/Dividends Earned in 2015						\$0.98	To remain in Investment Fund						

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Please see the attached statement of income and expenses for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. The Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 1 January 2015		1369
Gains:		
• Greeted	76	
• Admissions	5	
• Reinstatements	6	
• Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
Total Gains		87
Losses:		
• Deaths	35	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	29	
• Demitted	11	
• Adjustments	<u>1</u>	
Total Losses		<u>76</u>
Membership: 31 December 2015		<u>1,380</u>
Net Membership Gain:		<u>11</u>

We had a decrease of **1** members compared to a gain of **25** last year. Greetings of **76** compared to **80** last year, Suspensions/withdrawals were **29** compared to **56** last year. All Councils have submitted quarterly reports for Year 2015.

We had **21** members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of **19**, with an ending total of **517** living and **303** deceased perpetual members. Almost **38%** of our members are perpetual members.

We had a Secretary/Recorder training session on 19 March 2016. All but three secretary/recorders were in attendance. Reporting was discussed among other issues. A slide presentation on the new Grand Encampment database was presented by the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Clyde Schoolfield, Jr. All Chapter and Council memberships are now included in the database. Each Chapter, Council, and Commandery is expected to have someone responsible to maintain their database.

GARY A. DAVIS
Grand Recorder

RETURNS FOR CONSTITUENT COUNCILS 2015														
No.	Name	2014									Net Gain	2015		
		Members	Greeted	Adm.	Reinst.	Dem.	Died	Adj	S/W	or (Loss)	Members	Dues	Fees	
2	Muskogee	127	13	0	0	0	3	1	0	9	136	\$25.00	\$50.00	
3	Union	116	10	0	1	0	2	2	0	7	123	\$10.00	\$50.00	
11	Ardmore	48	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	50	\$17.00	\$45.00	
18	Alpha	117	12	2	0	1	2	0	1	10	127	\$15.00	\$45.00	
21	Lawton	81	4	1	3	1	2	1	2	2	83	\$25.00	\$50.00	
22	Tulsa	207	9	0	1	3	3	-1	2	3	210	\$24.00	\$40.00	
25	Elk City	59	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	(4)	55	\$17.00	\$60.00	
27	Norman	112	3	0	0	0	1	-4	0	6	118	\$14.00	\$45.00	
33	Altus	71	2	0	0	1	3	0	6	(8)	63	\$15.00	\$40.00	
41	Bartlesville	43	1	0	0	0	1	-2	0	2	45	\$8.25	\$50.00	
43	Bernard	50	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	(2)	48	\$10.00	\$25.00	
44	Cimarron Valley	31	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	32	\$15.00	\$40.00	
48	Guthrie	80	2	1	0	2	6	0	1	(6)	74	\$15.00	\$30.00	
50	Stillwater	43	5	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	46	\$15.00	\$35.00	
52	Woodward	54	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	(6)	48	\$10.00	\$30.00	
59	Capitol Hill	130	4	0	0	1	2	-1	10	(8)	122	\$19.00	\$40.00	
	Totals	<u>1369</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1380</u>			

RETURNS FOR CONSTITUENT COUNCILS 2015

No.	Name	P/M	N/P	DeMOLAY	P/C	Net	PEM	Amount	P/C	TOTAL
						L/M	CMMRF			
2	Muskogee	58	0	\$19.50	\$468.00	\$73.00	\$78.00	\$638.50	\$493.40	\$1,131.90
3	Union	40	0	\$20.75	\$498.00	\$85.00	\$83.00	\$686.75	\$241.77	\$928.52
11	Ardmore	13	0	\$9.25	\$222.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$305.25	\$89.42	\$394.67
18	Alpha	22	4	\$25.25	\$606.00	\$94.00	\$101.00	\$826.25	\$165.03	\$991.28
21	Lawton	24	0	\$14.75	\$354.00	\$56.00	\$59.00	\$483.75	\$142.23	\$625.98
22	Tulsa	63	7	\$35.00	\$840.00	\$127.00	\$140.00	\$1,142.00	\$501.62	\$1,643.62
25	Elk City	25	3	\$6.75	\$162.00	\$0.00	\$27.00	\$195.75	\$160.16	\$355.91
27	Norman	36	0	\$20.50	\$492.00	\$78.00	\$82.00	\$672.50	\$260.13	\$932.63
33	Altus	26	0	\$9.25	\$222.00	\$38.00	\$37.00	\$306.25	\$212.22	\$518.47
41	Bartlesville	15	4	\$6.50	\$156.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	\$188.50	\$131.83	\$320.33
43	Bernard	28	0	\$5.00	\$120.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$165.00	\$156.98	\$321.98
44	Cimarron Valley	10	1	\$5.25	\$126.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$171.25	\$72.64	\$243.89
48	Guthrie	19	0	\$13.75	\$330.00	\$52.00	\$55.00	\$450.75	\$112.19	\$562.94
50	Stillwater	13	1	\$8.00	\$192.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$262.00	\$97.01	\$359.01
52	Woodward	22	0	\$6.50	\$156.00	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$214.50	\$142.42	\$356.92
59	Capitol Hill	86	1	\$8.75	\$210.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$286.75	\$562.47	\$849.22
	Totals	<u>500</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>\$214.75</u>	<u>\$5,154.00</u>	<u>\$768.00</u>	<u>\$859.00</u>	<u>\$6,995.75</u>	<u>\$3,541.52</u>	<u>\$10,537.27</u>

GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET 2015 VERSES 2015 ACTUAL

Income:	Budget 15	Actual 15	Variation
Per Capita	\$7,004.00	\$7,104.00	(\$100.00)
Perpetual Members	\$3,306.00	\$3,306.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$400.00	\$385.00	\$15.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$300.00	\$259.00	\$41.00
Interest/Investments	\$4,693.00	\$4,693.00	\$0.00
Life Membership Gen Grnd Council	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$12.00	\$88.00
Total	\$15,803.00	\$15,809.00	(\$6.00)
Expenditures:			
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$380.00	\$374.00	\$6.00
Grand Illustrious Master's Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
GIM Grand Session Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grand Recorder's Expense	\$200.00	\$102.00	\$98.00
CMMRF	\$1,400.00	\$965.00	\$435.00
Per Capita - General Grand Council	\$1,340.00	\$1,360.00	(\$20.00)
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,350.00	\$966.00	\$384.00
Telephone/Computer	\$600.00	\$364.00	\$236.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$268.00	(\$68.00)
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00	\$488.00	\$212.00
Postage	\$400.00	\$140.00	\$260.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00	\$132.00	\$0.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office & Equipment Repair Account	\$100.00	\$41.00	\$59.00
Past Grand Illustrious Master Jewel	\$300.00	\$270.00	\$30.00
Triennial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$118.00	\$82.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00	\$711.00	\$289.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Life Membership Gen Grnd Council	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$129.00	(\$29.00)
Total Estimated Expenses	\$14,952.00	\$13,128.00	\$1,824.00
Net Income/Loss	\$851.00	\$2,681.00	

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Estimated Income :	Budget 15	Actual 15	Variation
Membership Development Interest	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
Estimated Expenses:			
Membership Development	\$950.00	\$328.00	\$622.00
Total Expense	\$950.00	\$328.00	
Net Income/Loss	\$0.00	\$622.00	
Beginning cash balance	\$1,780.00		
Income	\$13,445.00		
Expenses	\$13,458.00		
Difference	-\$13.00		
Undeposited Funds	\$33.00		
Cash on hand	\$1,800.00		

RESOLUTION, No. 1

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 5, Membership Incentives has been in effect since 2007 with only 4 or 5 individuals applying for such incentives and,

WHEREAS, it is obvious that these incentives are not conducive to our gaining new members, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate cost of these incentives can become a financial burden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 7, Section 5 of the General Laws which now reads: "All members in good standing are eligible to participate in the Membership Incentive program of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. The cost of these awards will be shared equally between the three Grand York Rite bodies, except for perpetual memberships. Awards will be granted when a petitioner has received all York Rite degrees and orders, and the first line signer has accumulated petitions as follows:

(1) 3 petitions – The first line signer will receive a billfold.

(2) 10 petitions –The first line signer will receive a watch, engraved with his name.

(3) 20 petitions – The first line signer will receive a personalized silver sword, or a gold plated sword if the recipient is a Past Commander, paid for by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma, after the petitioners have received all their York Rite Degrees. (Limit one sword per recipient for all three Bodies.)

(4) 30 petitions – The first line signer will receive a Perpetual Membership in his home Council, (after the petitioners have received all the York Rite degrees) paid by the Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma. (a) If a top line signer has a perpetual membership he will have the option to add to his current perpetual membership account, or he may give the perpetual membership to any member in good standing or purchase a perpetual membership in another Oklahoma Council in which is a member. The cost will not exceed the cost of a perpetual membership in his home Council.

(5) The Grand Recorder must receive a copy of each petition indicating the first line signer and certifying that the candidate has received all the York Rite degrees and orders. The Grand Recorder will determine the recipient of the various awards.

(6) The accumulation of petitions will begin at the close of the 2007 Grand Session."

Be deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted:
Elwood M. Isaacs (22/41) & Gary A. Davis (22/44)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 2

WHEREAS, Article 10, Section 19, Membership List, is no longer necessary because of the new database.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 10, Section 19 Membership List of the General Laws, which now reads:

“Section 19. Membership List. Beginning at the close of the year 1970 and at five-year intervals thereafter, the Recorder shall include with the annual returns on forms to be supplied by the Grand Recorder, an alphabetical list of members together with addresses of the same.”

Be deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted:
Elwood M. Isaacs (22/41) & Gary A. Davis (22/44)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 3

WHEREAS, Article 11, Section 21g, is ambiguous concerning how funds are distributed, and

WHEREAS, we have, in the past, experienced volatile investment periods, reflecting unrealized losses in our endowments, and

WHEREAS, we should not spend endowment funds to pay earned dividend and interest and

WHEREAS, there have been various interpretations of the referenced section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 11, Section 21 Perpetual Membership, paragraph g of the General Laws which now reads:

“The perpetual membership fee shall be considered principal and shall never be spent. The total amount of interest and dividends derived there from shall be paid proportionally, annually to each constituent Council for each perpetual member at the time of per capita billing.

(1) When a perpetual member dies a new ratio will be arrived at by subtracting the General Grand Council per capita tax, the contribution made to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, Inc., plus any other special assessments.”

Be amended to read:

“The perpetual membership fee shall be considered **endowed funds** and shall never be spent. **The amount of interest and dividends earned annually from the Perpetual Membership Investment Account shall be paid, proportionality to the Grand Council and to Constituent Councils for each perpetual member on the rolls as of December 31st of each year, providing the market value of the Perpetual Membership Investment Account is, and remains, greater that the endowed value each year.**”

(1) When a perpetual member dies a new ratio will be arrived at by subtracting the General Grand

Council per capita tax, the contribution made to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, Inc., plus any other special assessments.

Respectfully submitted:
Elwood M. Isaacs (22/41) & Gary A. Davis (22/44)

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION No. 3 (a)

WHEREAS, If Resolution No. 3, Article 11, Section 21 Perpetual Membership. g, is passed, and

WHEREAS, to prevent any conflicting interpretations in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 3. Grand Treasurer paragraph (b) of the General Laws, which now reads:

“b. Accounts. The Grand Treasurer shall keep all Investment Accounts, such as the General Fund, the Perpetual Membership Fund, and such other Investment Accounts as may be required by the Grand Council. All the Investments funds of the Grand Council shall be deposited and kept by the Grand Treasurer in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and shall be paid or transferred to the Operating Account held by the Grand Recorder for distribution as authorized by the Grand Council. The Perpetual Membership rosters will be kept and maintained by the Grand Treasurer, and the Dividend and Interest will be distributed annually by the Grand Treasurer.”

Be amended to read:

“b. Accounts. The Grand Treasurer shall keep all Investment Accounts, such as, the General Fund, the Perpetual Membership Fund, and such other Investment Accounts as may be required by the Grand Council. All the Investments funds of the Grand Council shall be deposited and kept by the Grand Treasurer in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and shall be paid or transferred to the Operating Account held by the Grand Recorder for distribution as authorized by the Grand Council. The Perpetual Membership rosters will be kept and maintained by the Grand Treasurer, and the Dividend and Interest will be distributed annually by the Grand Treasurer **as provided in Article 11, Section21 (g).**”

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs (22/41) & Gary A. Davis (22/44)

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, membership retention and growth has remained one of the principal challenges of sustainability and financial stability in the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, the increase in new members over the past few years has demonstrated the value of a Committee on Membership; and

WHEREAS, the addition of one more geographical region would increase the efficiency of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, a modification in the method with which members of the Committee are appointed would

bring it in-line with its actual practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 1 (k) of the General Laws of this Grand Council, which now reads:

“The Committee on Membership for the State of Oklahoma shall be comprised of seven members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of six identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman.”

Be amended to read:

“The Committee on Membership for the State of Oklahoma shall be comprised of **eight** members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of **seven** identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman.”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, membership retention and growth has remained one of the principal challenges of sustainability and financial stability in the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, the increase in new members over the past few years has demonstrated the value of a Committee on Membership; and

WHEREAS, a modification of the method with which members of the Committee are appointed would bring it in conformity with its actual practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 2(j) of the General Laws of this Grand Council, which now reads:

“The Committee on Membership for the State of Oklahoma shall be comprised on seven members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of six identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman. The Committee members shall serve from one Stated Assembly to the close of the next. Two members of the Oklahoma Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to serve their specific regions until replaced and whose responsibility shall be to develop and oversee, in conjunction with the remaining members of the statewide Committee on Membership, an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members within their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction. No more than one Grand Council appointed committee members may be replaced in any given year except in the event of a vacancy requiring the appointment of a new member, such appointment to be made by the Grand Illustrious Master.”

Be amended to read:

“The Committee on Membership for the State of Oklahoma shall **be responsible for developing and overseeing an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members within their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction**

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 6

WHEREAS, in the General Laws of this Grand Council, the Committee on York Rite Coordination has duties assigned to it which are vitally important to the welfare of the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Committee on York Rite Coordination has not regularly met but rather has ceded its responsibilities to the regular quarterly meetings of the Grand Officers of the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, a slight modification to the current structure of the Committee on York Rite Coordination would allow these Grand Officers to officially assume the duties of the Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3, Section 1, (j) of the General Laws of this Grand Council, which now reads:

“This committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master and three members to be appointed. Each Grand Illustrious Master shall make the appointment of one member for a three year term. If and when vacancies occur, the Grand Illustrious Master will appoint a new member to serve for the unexpired term.

Be amended to read:

“This committee shall consist of the **Grand Illustrious Master**, Deputy Grand Master, **Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and Grand Captain of the Guard.**”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 7

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 1, Financial Revenues, is not clear as to when members are to be officially entered as suspended, expelled, demitted, or deceased, and

Whereas, a member is to pay his dues by the 1st of January and after six months he may be summoned to appear at a Stated Assembly to show cause why he should not be suspended for payment of such dues, whether he appears or not, the Council may act at its discretion without further notice to the member, and

Whereas, we now have a database which should be updated to list every member of each Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and

Whereas, to be consistent with the same criteria used by the Grand Encampment, which is to run the databases as of midnight on the 31st of December to establish the number of members, and

Whereas, in the past, several secretaries did not enter these members in the database until after 31 December, but made them effective as of 31 December.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Revenues, which now reads:

“Each Council shall pay to the Grand Council fees and dues as follows:

a. Each chartered Council shall pay to the Grand Council for each member on the rolls on the 31st day of December, Ten Dollars (\$10.00), for each name borne on its rolls as a member on the 31st day of December, plus any assessment now levied, or hereafter levied by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.”

Be amended to read:

“Each Council shall pay to the Grand Council fees and dues as follows:

a. Each chartered Council shall pay Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to the Grand Council for each member **in the database on the 30th day** of December, plus any assessment now levied or hereafter levied by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.”

Respectfully submitted:

Gary A. Davis (22/44)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account is to generate income which is then distributed to the Grand Council and constituent Councils instead of dues payments of perpetual members; and

WHEREAS, there would appear to be a need for clarification as to what funds held by the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account shall be distributed annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 11, Section 21 (g) of the General Laws of this Grand Council, which now reads:

“The perpetual membership fee shall be considered principal and shall never be spent. The total amount of interest and dividends derived there from shall be paid proportionally, annually to each constituent Council for each perpetual member at the time of per capita billing.”

Be amended to read:

“The total amount of interest and dividends derived from the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account shall annually be paid proportionally to the Grand Council and each constituent Council for each perpetual member. Any funds held by the Perpetual Membership Fund investment account which is not attributable to interest or dividends may not be distributed.”

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18)

WITHDRAWN

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Jurisprudence Committee met in executive session in the Embassy Suites Hotel on Thursday evening, April 21, 2016.

Companion John L. Logan called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. and called the roll of Past Illustrious Masters. (Not available for this report.)

The Most Illustrious Grand Master's address was reviewed and discussed. The dispensations were found to be within the his power. Minor technical revisions have been made to various portions of the address and will be corrected by the Grand Recorder.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed the resolutions and all were found to be legal and in proper form with the following exceptions:

Resolution No. 7 - last sentence, "Each chartered Council shall pay \$10.00 (ten dollars) to the Grand Council doe each member in the database on the 30th day of December, plus any assessment now levied, or hereafter levied by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. For its use, except hereinafter provided"

The committee commends the Illustrious Grand Master for his hard work and recognizes the sacrifices made during his term of office.

Fraternally submitted:

John L. Logan (52), Chairman, Marvin L. Chamberlin (3), Secretary

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There were 11 Grand Officers present with no votes, 7 Past Illustrious Grand Masters present with no votes 60 Past Illustrious Masters present with 60 votes, 7 Illustrious Masters present with 7 votes, 8 Deputy Masters present with 8 votes, 8 Principal Conductor of the Council present with 8 votes and 15 proxies for a total of 98 votes. There were 13 out of 16 Councils represented by Dais Officers.

Submitted by:

Robert D. Cundiff (59), Chairman, Gary A. Odendahl (8), & John Church (33)

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for Charters and the Dispensations noted in the Grand Illustrious Masters' address are within his power and authority as Grand Illustrious Master.

There was one dispensation to Tulsa Council No. 22 for election date change.

Fraternally submitted,

Elwood M. Isaacs-(55)-Chairman, Charles L. Stuckey (43), Bobby L. Carter (27), W. James Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

As previously reported in proceedings, this Committee no longer functions as long as we have the current quarterly meetings. The purpose of the quarterly meetings is to discuss various scheduled events to make sure there are no major conflicts with our appendant bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry White, Chairman (22) Chairman, Daniel D. Hanttula (27), W. James Cloud (59), John D. Allford (30)

WORK AND RETURNS COMMITTEE

The information for most of this report can be found in the Recorder's report including the Return statistics for each Council. The Annual Returns this year were a little different due to the additional life members of the General Grand Council. There were a few who had difficulty completing the annual returns and hopefully all will be able to remedy that in the coming year. It is critical to have this information timely to avoid conflicts with our yearly budget meetings and getting ready for this pre-print.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis (44), Chairman, Daniel D. Hanttula (27), Kent M. Israel (18), & W. James Cloud (59)

TRIENNIAL

The 46th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council will be held at the Red Lion on the River, Portland, Oregon, from 25 August to 30 August 2017. Additional information will appear on the Web Site, www.yorkrite.org, as it becomes available.

John L. Logan (72), Chairman, Donald G. Jones (27), and Lewis A. Hullum (27)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reviewed the records of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, finding them to be on accordance with the General Laws and Constitution of the Grand Council. Additionally, the Committee carefully considered the estimated revenue and expenditures for the 2016 year. The proposed Grand Council Budget for 2016 is offered for your approval.

Respectfully Submitted:
Daniel Hanttula, Chairman, John Allford, Donnie G. Higginbotham, W. James Cloud

GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET 2016

Income:	EST Budget 16
Per Capita	\$6,995.00
Perpetual Members	\$0.00
Fees	\$500.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$300.00
Interest/Investments	\$6,529.00
Life Membership Gen Grnd Council	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Total	<u>\$14,524.00</u>

Expenditures:	
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$374.00
Grand Illustrious Master's Allowance	\$1,250.00
GIM Grand Session Expense	\$250.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	\$200.00
Grand Recorder's Expense	\$200.00
CMMRF	\$859.00
Per Capita - General Grand Council	\$1,536.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,300.00
Telephone/Computer	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00
Postage	\$250.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00
Office & Equipment Repair Account	\$100.00
Past Grand Illustrious Master Jewel	\$300.00
Triennial	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Life Membership Gen Grnd Council	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$14,451.00</u>

Net Income/Loss	<u>\$73.00</u>
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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Estimated Income:	
Membership Development Interest	\$1,135.00
Donations	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$1,135.00</u>

Estimated Expenses:	
DeMolay Sword	\$200.00
Membership Development	\$935.00
Total	<u>\$1,135.00</u>

Net Income/Loss	\$0.00
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Beginning cash balance	\$1,800.00
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FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Fraternal Correspondence Report for the following Grand Jurisdictions is given as follows:

California (2015) - From the Grand Master's message - Over the past several years under the guidance and dedication of Right Illustrious Ken Nagel as our Grand Director of Ritual we have made great strides in improving the clarity and presentation of our ritual. This is helping us to attract and retain members. We are sorry to see him retire from those duties. This year Most Illustrious Dave Chesebro has accepted the job and is already making plans to keep the momentum going. Along those lines we have redrawn our Department and Cryptic Arch boundaries. We have appointed more Assistant Directors of Ritual and Inspectors. Having a smaller area and fewer Councils, will allow our ritual staff to dedicate more time to their Councils.

Connecticut (2015) - From the Grand Master's report - Planning continues for a grand celebration of our 200th Anniversary in 2019, as well as the 200th anniversaries of six Constituent Councils in 2018 and that committee reports will be given at the next several Annual Assemblies. On the progress of this planning, the Grand Council officers will continue to make multiple visitations to the Councils assigned to them and not the one visit for inspection.

District of Columbia (2014) - From the Grand Master's message - The finances of the respective Councils and the Grand Council are subjects of great concern. The individual Councils are barely keeping their heads above the water and the Grand Council is slowly becoming insolvent. Right Illustrious Companion George S. Nicol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, does an excellent job with what he has to work with, but it is falling short and is not his fault. It is the opinion of this Grand Master that a comprehensive study needs to be made of the financial health of each council and the Grand Council, by Companions who do not have a "vested" interest in the spending or collecting of the financial obligations, and make a report, however bad it may be, if the incoming Grand Master so desires.

Eastern Canada (2014) - From the Grand Master's report – Membership has incrementally increased over the prior year. Activities in the various degrees are progressing as are those related to the fact that councils often perform their meetings as Royal Masters Councils. Another issue that reduced the effectiveness of this Grand Council was the result of having their website "hacked." The loss in availability and resultant cost financially was noted. Addressing the security of their system would be of note. Lastly, it was noted that there was a celebration of the 275th anniversary of the first Masonic meeting in Canada at Annapolis Royal.

Illinois (2015) - From the Grand Master's Message - As evaluations of the past year are completed and preparations for the upcoming months are underway, let us ponder the meaning and connotation of light in Masonry and in our world. All of our degrees impart knowledge in a sequential and meaningful manner, enriching our lives and guiding our paths, not only in our Masonic endeavors, but as upstanding community leaders and citizens, loving family members, and exemplars of our faith. Attendance at meetings of all of the Masonic bodies freshens, strengthens, and extends the light that we so firmly believe, acknowledge, and use to guide our behavior and decisions. It is important that we show the world by our never-ending examples – by our display of kindness, truth, and charity. By attending meetings, we fulfill the tenets of Masonry and actively participate in helping the needy, widows, and orphans, and continue to receive even more light.

New York (2014) - From the Grand Trustee's report – Increasing cost has required the Grand Trustees to recommend that the per capita be changed from \$5.50 to \$20.50 in 2016 for each Companion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard L. Hargrave, III (22) Charmain

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

We, your Custodians of the Work, are pleased to make the following report to the Grand Assembly.

Over the past twelve months, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians of the Work, were held in almost all of our constituent Councils. At these Schools, we concentrated our instruction on the ritual for the opening and closing of a Council and the reception of visitors. The officers of the Councils involved were quite receptive to the instruction and are making good progress.

Over the next twelve months, we plan to hold Schools in as many of our constituent Councils as possible. It is our hope that, in the future, we will be able to hold a School of Instruction in each constituent Council at least once every two years.

We are pleased to report that the excerpts from the Ritual related to the opening and closing of a Council of Cryptic Masons and the reception of visitors, which we were directed and authorized to publish at our 2014 Annual Assembly is still in wide use and has been very well received.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18), Timothy P. Israel (25), James R. Taylor, Jr. (22)

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in Del City from 22-24 Jan 2016 and was well attended. Several new members were initiated and several Advisors trained at this workshop.

The Twentieth York Rite SWORD, honoring the "York Rite Outstanding DeMolay, for Ritual, Community Work, Leadership, and Scholastics, was presented to James D. Hill, Edmond Chapter, Edmond, OK, at the award ceremonies. This award, a regulation York Rite Sword, is engraved with the recipient's name on the blade and his initials on the handle. This is indeed a cherished and sought after award by all DeMolays.

We continue to hope that these young men will join Masonry and the York Rite to further their character building and their Masonic careers.

The Grand High Priest presented the Grand Chapter donation to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association at the Awards presentation. The awards ceremony was well attended by all three Grand York Rite bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Davis (44), Timothy P. Israel (25), Marvin Fletcher, II (22)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION REPORT

The Masonic Charity Foundation continues to be a visible charitable activity of the Oklahoma Masonic Family and continues to provide financial assistance for charitable and educational activities throughout the state. The Foundation is a not for profit corporation dedicated to providing funds for educational and charitable activities in harmony with Masonry in Oklahoma. A board of directors directs the activities of the Foundation along with a full time staff.

The Foundation works with other organizations to achieve worthwhile goals such as partnering with the Area Agencies on Aging, by providing funds to be dispersed to those in need. The Matching Funds and the Promises Matter Programs are still very active and more Lodges are encouraged to participate and use these funds for their local communities. Many other programs are still in place and active, such as the Student of Today, Teacher of the Year, Partners to Prevent Blindness, Essay Contest, assisting our Masonic youth organizations and others, all of which are important to our Masonic activities.

Your continued support to the Masonic Charity Foundation is very important if we are to continue our charitable and educational support and the relief of those in need in our communities.

Fraternally submitted,
John D. Allford

John D. Allford was elected for a three year term.

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CMMRF)

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, (CMMRF), was incorporated through the efforts of then General Grand Master Ben Mandelbaum, and Executive Secretary Marion K. Crum, PMIGM. The CMMRF funds research at Indiana Center for Vascular Biology, which is located at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Current Executive Director is PMIGM of Indiana Gary G. Wyne, who assumed the leadership in October 2012.

The ICVBM is committed to being a leader in basic as well as applied research in understanding vascular wellness and disease, and the development of leading-edge medical therapies to improve the care of patients with vascular problems. Because blood vessels are very important in maintaining the health of and repairing almost all tissues, nearly all diseases turn out to have a vascular component involved in their origin or tissue repair. Studies testing the use of adult stem cells from body fat, or adipose tissue, in restoring circulation in the body's lower limbs are currently being conducted, along with studies related to heart disease, diabetes, blindness, COPD, wound healing, erectile dysfunction, arthritis, and stroke.

Nationally, donations made to CMMRF in 2015 totaled \$184,250.76 of which \$1,365.00 were provided by Oklahoma Cryptic Masons. Donations made by Oklahoma ranked 31st in comparison to other jurisdictions. Florida was the largest donor giving \$21,605.42.

Each Oklahoma Council is urged to hold at least one fundraising event each year for the benefit of this worthy philanthropy.

Fraternally submitted,
Larry D. White (22) & Daniel D. Hanttula (27)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The 58th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 18th – 19th, 2015 in Oklahoma City at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There were 135 York Rite Masons from a six state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) and a number of national and international Grand Officers in attendance at the conference.

M.: P.: Comp. Lawrence O. Weaver, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, was in attendance along with M.:.E.: Comp. Louis E. Bartrand, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, the M.:.E.: Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

There were a number of interesting presentations and a Grand Banquet. Leadership training was available through the "York Rite Emerging Leader Training Program." The ladies enjoyed a tour of the special exhibition "Fabergé: Jeweler to the Tsars" at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

The 59th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 16th – 17th, 2016 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The conference adopted a new "rotation" and, if the schedule holds, Oklahoma will next host the Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference in the fall of 2023.

Fraternally submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18), Larry D. White (22), Paul T. Currell (25)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

This is a new committee this year. It was created by the elected presiding officer of each Grand Body. The members were designated by title, being the third officer of each body: the Grand Scribe, Kenton M. Israel, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, William J. Cloud, Jr., and the Grand Generalissimo, Timothy P. Israel.

This committee met and divided up the duties for this year with Tim Israel being the General Chairman, Jim Cloud being the Meal and Refreshment Chairman, and Kent Israel being the Props and Paraphernalia Chairman. That being said, all three were involved in every aspect of the Festival.

The day was a great success. Grand Master Gary Beasley was thrilled to be there and see so many candidates. We had 45 candidates. Maybe I should repeat that: Forty-five candidates. That was awesome. We had teams from across the state. The degrees and orders went well. We served very tasty burgers for lunch.

It was not without challenges though. The large class size caused the schedule to get behind. We had a shortage of behind the scenes help at times, including cleaning up at the end of the day. We really appreciate all the extra effort that was performed by the Oklahoma City York Rite bodies.

This committee has worked on some documentation to furnish to the next committeemen. It is my understanding that this committee structure will continue to manage the Festival. It does give that set of officers a great project to share and a super opportunity to work together.

The receiving York Rite bodies were each charged for the candidate's meal. A summary of the meal issues are listed below.

The Grand Master's Field Day Lunch was catered by Fred's Catering in Edmond, Oklahoma.

The "Stage Crew" assisted with lunch room set-up and clean-up. A survey was taken during lunch and it is noted that all who were contacted voiced a favorable opinion of the quality of food and the service. The advantage of having food cooked on site is that if the food does run out, more food can be prepared, which did happen at this lunch.

Candidate Lunch Tickets sold	45	\$450.00
Member Lunch Tickets sold	55	550.00
Total Lunch Tickets sold	100	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses		\$ 919.19
Income over Expenses		\$ 80.81

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Cloud (59), Kenton M. Israel (18), & Timothy P. Israel (25)

WEBMASTER

Over the past year, the format of the website has been enhanced with the intention of creating a satisfactory web experience for our members and potential members. Additional content has been added including pages for the Past Grand presiding officers, and content for all the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Bodies has been updated. A "Download" page has been added which includes some of the material mentioned in other parts of the website and added a fillable "pdf" form for Secretaries/Recorders.

Last fall, the website was moved to a different hosting facility run by a Mason in Illinois for approximately \$75 per year, saving on our annual hosting costs. This move also gave us the ability to utilize some additional web tools, including email using the domain "@okyorkrite.org". Eventually all contact information available on the website will be moved to this email capability. This will help reduce the amount of spam to personal email accounts generated by web-bots searching for email addresses.

For the first time, the ability to register and pay for the Grand Sessions was added. A full assessment of this capability for future events will be conducted at the conclusion of the Grand Sessions.

Statistics for the website are being collected by Google Analytics. For the last year, the website

has experienced an average of 825 sessions per month generated by an average of 525 separate viewers. Those sessions contributed to over 2,200 separate pages viewed.

Oklahoma York Rite Bodies (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OklahomaYorkRite/>) has been added to Facebook. This is a closed group and is open to all York Rite Masons. This is a good vehicle for anyone wishing to obtain information about what is currently happening in Oklahoma York Rite Masonry and/or to post interesting articles or questions for other members.

Future planned enhancements include adding Education material; improving the top and side menus to reduce redundancy and to give a cleaner appearance; and reworking the home page. This is every member's page and your comments and/or suggestions are solicited and encouraged.

I recommend that this committee be expanded to at least one other (if not two) member(s). This will prevent any issues with the website from occurring in the website if no one is available to manage it. I also recommend that this committee be renamed to better reflect its functions to a name such as: "Communications" or "Internet" Committee. If any member would like to volunteer to be on this committee, please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
John R. Christopher, Webmaster

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are deeply grateful to the Grand Master and Grand Council for authorizing an Education Committee for the Grand Council this year. The results of the efforts made by the Grand Chapter Education Committee over the past few years provides ample evidence of the wide range of programs, projects, and resources that an education emphasis can generate for our Grand Council. The benefits of education can be clearly seen in a better informed York Rite Masons.

The Committee's emphasis this year has been the creation of digital prologues for the Council Degrees. This project will be previewed for the first time at the Grand Master's Festival in August, 2016. We have also taken the liberty to create a prologue for the Commandery Orders to complete this program for our regional and statewide festivals.

It is further recommended that 3 minute summaries be written for the Council Degrees and these be digitized for electronic presentation at regional and statewide Council festivals. It is recommended that Council "short talks" be prepared for use by Illustrious Masters at Council meetings to facilitate the purpose and benefits of including education as regular components of stated meetings. These could be styled "Interpretations on Cryptic Masonry."

M.:I.: Grand Master, we thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert G. Davis (6), Chairman, Clyde H. Schoolfield (18), Jason E. Marshall (27), James R. Taylor (22), Timothy P. Israel (25)

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

In 2015 we continued our recent success in membership recruitment and retention. After hitting an historic low of 1365 members at the end of 2012, we ended the year 2015 with 1380 members. While a net increase of about 1% over the past three years may not seem like something to be praised, it is in fact the exception rather than the rule in Masonry these days.

Over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015, we greeted a total of 274 new Select Masters; that's an average of over 91 greetings per year. That rate is substantially higher than in previous years.

Special recognition should be given to our four Councils who had a net increase of at least 10% in their membership over the three year period ending December 31st, 2015: Alpha #18 (+59%), Ardmore

#11 (+25%), Union #3 (+15%), and Cimarron Valley #44 (+14%). Their success and their methods are worthy of emulation.

Over the past few years, the Membership Committee has labored diligently to produce a variety of promotional materials, including "Welcome to the York Rite of Freemasonry," "The York Rite and the Scottish Rite: Separate Origins – Shared Traditions," and a periodic newsletter "The Ancient Craft Mason."

These materials, along with invitation letters from the Grand Presiding Officers, have been both sent as mailings to new Master Masons and displayed at various Masonic events (e.g., Scottish Rite Reunions, Grand Lodge Leadership Conferences, etc.) where prospective members might be in attendance. These efforts have certainly contributed to our recent success.

But mailings and displays can only go so far. It is vitally important that the members of each of our constituent Councils make a sincere effort to attend Lodge meetings, District meetings, and other Masonic meetings in their immediate area to promote the York Rite. It is only through this type of personal contact with prospective members that we can expect to continue our success. Members of the Membership Committee and the Grand Officers will certainly be willing to assist with these visits.

In conclusion, while we have had great success in recent years, we must not rest on our laurels, but rather we must persistently pursue even greater success in our membership efforts if we are to not only maintain our current level of membership, but to actually grow and prosper.

Faternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18), Bradley S. Rickelman (50), Robert R. Rolseth (22), John F. Carter (11), Michael W. Sexton (3), Bobby L. Laws (33)

NECROLOGY REPORT

During this annual grand assembly, we have gathered to pay tribute to the following 34 Companions who have laid down their working tools and have entered into the Celestial Council above:

John D. Ahrens; Charles T. Anthony; Robert L. Bartheld; Elmo L. Black; Dean Bomholt; James R. Booth; Bill Cantwell; Irvin Conner; John H. Cook; Leonard O. Cowan; Hollis U. Cox; Randall L. DeBusk; Wayne E. Fry; Paul D. Gilliam; Johnny L. Griffeth; James R. Henson; Benjamin F. Hinton; Marion S. Jones; Monty L. Keely; Ernest E. Kelly, Jr.; James A. Lathim, Jr.; Calvin E. Mettee; Stephen J. Milinichik; John C. Mitchell, Jr.; Lilburn M. Pierce; Allen G. Poppino; Robert D. Smith; James P. Towle; John R. Welch; Charles R. Wellman; Don M. Wham; Thomas M. Wiley; Robert J. Williams; and, John F. Williams

Our departed companions, having been summoned by the Supreme Grand Artificer of the Universe into his glorious presence, are now forevermore at perpetual rest and peace. They now behold that divine foundation stone, upon which rests Eternal Truth.

Their separation from us, marked by pain and sorrow, is analogous to a link, which is broken alike in the home circle, as in our own fraternal chain, and though we weld anew the shattered ends that remain, though we tie them securely the one to the other, there be visible signs of a separation, tangible scars that can never be effaced, save as Time, the Great Healer, may bring a measure of forgetfulness which, while not eradicating entirely, will serve to dim the mark, to make lighter the burden of a sorrow that is deep, sincere, and abiding.

In their memory, the following poetic tribute is offered in the spirit of brotherly love and affection:

At Journey's End

The temple has fallen to dust and decay;
The spirit departed, and flown away.
As the waves are silent along the shore,
Your voice is still forevermore.

The wondrous beauty of the sky and tree

In the morning glow, no more will you see.
No more to hear the bird on the wing,
Or with rapture listen to all nature sing.

To smell the rose that perfumes the air
Will never more be yours to share.
The sun has set low in the west,
And now you sleep in eternal rest.

The heart is still within the breast,
No more to love the ones held best.
No, never again will you feel the grip
Of a Master Mason in good fellowship.

This mortal coil you have set aside
For the Celestial Lodge where you now abide.
Your destiny now has been fulfilled,
And you are Home as God has willed.

But still you live in the heart and mind
Of the brethren here that you left behind.
So, rest you well, your labor is o'er,
And we'll meet again on that distant shore.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard L. Hargrave, III (22) Chairman

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The next Grand Convocation will be held on April 27-29, 2017 at location to be determined.

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We are very pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend Companions Erik Stuckey, Trasen Akers, David Ray, the Grand Secretary, and all who helped for their hard work and planning to make this a successful meeting.

The hotel staff has been very cooperative and helpful to meet our needs and to them we extend our thanks and appreciation.

To those hosting the hospitality room and providing the refreshments, we certainly thank you.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master whose responsibility is to plan our Grand Sessions, in cooperation with the other presiding Grand Officers, we commend you on a job well done. We thank you for this Grand Session.

I move the following report be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
James R. Taylor, Jr. (22) Chairman

REMARKS BY VISITING DIGNITARIES

The following dignitaries brought greetings and or remarks from their Grand Jurisdictions and General Grand Councils:

Companion E. William Whitaker, Past Grand Illustrious Master of New York and Grand Representative of Oklahoma near New York brought greetings on their behalf.

Companion David Grindle, Most Illustrious Grand Recorder, General Grand Council, Int. and the Personal Representative of Companion Lawrence O. Weaver, Most Puissant General Grand Illustrious Master of the General Grand Council International. Companion Grindle discussed various fund raisers for the General Grand Council to help avoid future per capita increases.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Companion Daniel D. Hanttula was nominated for the office of Illustrious Grand Master and was elected by acclamation. Companion William J. Cloud was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master and was elected by acclamation. Companion John Allford was nominated for the office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and was elected by acclamation. Companion Michael J. Megeath was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer and was elected by acclamation. Companion Gary A. Davis was nominated for the office of Grand Recorder and was elected by acclamation. Companion Michael Zura was nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Guard was elected. A motion was made and seconded to award Companion Elwood M. Isaacs with the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Motion prevailed. The following is the list of Officers for 2016-2017 and those appointed along with committees:

CLOSING REMARKS

Companion White announced that the installation of Officers of all three York Rite Bodies would be held on Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Companion White thanked all his Officers for their hard work during the year and thanked all those in attendance for taking time to attend our Grand Session. There being no further business, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for the State of Oklahoma was closed in ample form.

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

Dan Hanttula (27)		M.:I.: Grand Master
William J. Cloud (59)		R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master
John D. Allford (3)	Brenda	R.:I.: Grand P.C.W.
Michael J. Megeath (22)		R.:I.: Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. Isaacs (41)	Linda	R.:I.: Grand Treasurer (E)
Gary A. Davis (44)	Nellie	R.:I.: Grand Recorder

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Michael O. Zura	Erika	R.:I.: Grand Captain of the Guard
Michael W. Sexton (3)		Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Kevin P. Bardy (44)	Kim	Illustrious Grand Marshall
John T. Turner (50)		Illustrious Grand Steward
William H. Aulich (21)		Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Richard L. Hargrave, III (22)	Mary	Illustrious Grand Chaplain

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR 2016-2017**

	DISTRICT NO. 1	
John D. Allford (3)		Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3 Ardmore Council No. 11
	DISTRICT NO. 2	
James D. Nobles (18)		Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48
	DISTRICT NO. 3	
Bradley J. Rickelman (50)		Bernard Council No. 43 Cimarron Valley No. 44 Stillwater Council No. 50
	DISTRICT NO. 4	
John T. Turner (27)		Norman Council No. 27 Capitol Hill Council No.59
	DISTRICT NO. 5	
Michael C. Zura (21)		Lawton Council No.21 Altus Council No. 33
	DISTRICT NO. 6	
Timothy P. Israel (25)		Elk City Council No. 25 Woodward Council No. 52

DISTRICT NO. 7

Tommy W. Childs, Jr. (22)

Tulsa Council No. 22
Bartlesville Council No. 41

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2016-2017 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

Marvin L. Chamberlin (3)
Larry D. White (22)
All Past Grand Illustrious Masters

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Elwood M. Isaacs (41) – Chmn. , Bobby L. Carter (27), Charles L. Stuckey (43, John D. Allford (3) – (ex-officio)

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (59) – Chmn., John D. Church (33), Gary A. Odendahl (50)

WORK AND RETURNS

Gary A. Davis 44 – Chmn., Daniel D. Hanttula (27), Kent M. Israel (18), John D. Allford (3) (ex-officio)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18) – Chmn., John L. Logan (52), W. James Cloud (59)

FINANCE

W. James Cloud (59), Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), Michael C. Zura (21), John D. Allford (3) (ex-officio)

INVESTMENTS

2014-17 (Chapter) Charles L. Stuckey (43)
2015-18 (Commandery) John L. Logan (72)
2016-19 (Council) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Richard L. Hargrave III (22)

EDUCATION

Robert G. Davis (48), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18), Timothy P. Israel (25), Jason E. Marshall (25)

MEMBERSHIP

Jonathan Annis (27) – CENTRAL REGION
Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – N.CENT. REGION
Robert R. Rolseth (22) – N.E. REGION
John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION
Michael W. Sexton (3) – S.E. REGION
Paul T. Currell (25) – WEST. REGION

TRIENNIAL

Lewis A. Hullum (27), John L. Logan (72), Donald G. Jones (27)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Daniel D. Hanttula (27), John D. Allford (3), Michael C. Zura (21), W. James Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Kent M. Israel (18) – Chmn., Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), William J. Cloud (59) (ex-officio)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

John L. Logan (72), Matthew McGee (25), John D. Allford (3) (ex-officio)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – STATE CHAIRMAN
John R. Christopher (48) – CENTRAL REGION
Kevin P. Bardy (44) – N.CENT. REGION
Marvin E. Fletcher (22) – N.E. REGION
John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION
Kim D. Krissler (2) – S.E. REGION
John D. Church (33) – WESTERN REGION

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), Glenn H. Kinsley (72), Robert R. Rolseth (22), Charles L. Stuckey (43)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2014-17 (Commandery) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)
2015-18 (Chapter) David A. Ray (27)
2016-19 (Council) John D. Allford (3)

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

Daniel D. Hanttula (27), W. James Cloud (59)

CRYPTIC MASON of the YEAR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Daniel D. Hanttula (27), W. James Cloud (59), Gary A. Davis (44), John D. Allford (3) (ex-officio)

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (44) – Chmn., Marvin E. Fletcher II (22), Timothy P. Israel (25)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Daniel D. Hanttula (27), W. James Cloud (59), Gary A. Davis (44), John D. Allford (3) (ex-officio)

REGIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18) – Chmn. , Larry D. White (2), Paul T. Currell (25)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

John R. Christopher (48), Robert W. McLeod (22)

NECROLOGY

Richard L. Hargrave III (22)

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Jay A. Wall (48) Chmn., L. Erik Stuckey (43), Tim Carpenter (27), W. James Cloud (59) (Ex-officio)

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. (22)

ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

DUDLEY RIDGE SMITH

This award is given to a Companion for their Adult Leadership for contributions and work in the Masonic Youth Bodies, Order of Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and Order of DeMolay.

Companion Smith was born and raised in Yukon, Oklahoma and attended elementary and secondary school in Yukon. Graduated in 1963. Currently living on the farm where he was born.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1966. Served two combat tours in Vietnam, one as a paratrooper and one as a helicopter pilot. Wounded in action while flying a rescue mission near the Cambodian border. Awarded the Air Medal with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart and other service medals. Served one tour in Germany. Retired from the Army in 1980 as a Captain.

Ridge taught at Yukon High School from 1980 to 1995 and Yokosuka High School, Yokosuka Japan 1995-1997. Adjunct Professor, Oklahoma State University, 1989-1999.

Following this, he was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Forensic Chemist, Toxicology Laboratory, 1998-2001; and Instructional Systems Designer, Aerospace Medical Education Division, 2001-2008. Retired from the FAA in 2008.

Other education includes a Bachelors degree in Chemistry from Cameron University, 1977. Masters Degree in School Administration, Summa Cum Laude, from Central State University, 1985. Masters Degree in Instructional Technology from University of Oklahoma, 1995.

He has been married to Carol for 47 years. Two children: Daughter: Dr. Valerie Hatley of Yukon. Son: Brian Smith of Austin, TX. Son-in-Law: Edward G. Hatley III of Yukon. Grand Daughter Kira. Grandsons: Joseph Hatley, Thomas Hatley and Noah Hatley.

Ridge was raised in Yukon Lodge #90 in 1986. Worshipful Master of Yukon Lodge #90, 1992. Served in every chair except Chaplain and Tiler. Presently serving as Treasurer. Member of El Reno #50, Altus #62, Watonga #176, Siloam #276, Mustang #407, and India #551

He is a member of Guthrie Scottish Rite. Invested Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, 2005; Coroneted Inspector General Honorary, 2015; Director of the 23rd Degree Team for Guthrie Scottish Rite. Member of Capitol Hill Chapter, Council and Commandery, York Rite; Member of India Shrine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S; Past President and current member of India Shrine Masonic Degree Team. Member of National Sojourners, Tinker Chapter #43. Member of Heroes of '76, Nathaniel Green Camp, Member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Member of Oklahoma Lodge of Research. Member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Member Oklahoma College, M.S.R.I.C.F.; Member of The Order of the Sacred White Buffalo.

He is a member of Yukon Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #245. Served as Worthy Patron eight times. Served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, 2008-2009. General Grand Chapter Committee Member 2012-2015.

For the Youth Orders, he was State Rainbow Dad, 2002-2003. State DeMolay Dad 2016-2017. Rainbow Dad of Yukon Rainbow Assembly #111, 1988 to 2008 (not continuous.) Currently on Advisory Board of Yukon Rainbow Assembly #111; Chapter Dad of Yukon DeMolay Chapter 1989 to 1995. Currently Treasurer of Advisory Board of Excalibur Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Awarded Rainbow Grand Cross of Color and DeMolay Zerubbabel Key, DeMolay Advisor's Honor Key (2), and Honorary Legion of Honor. DeMolay Cross of Honor. Elected an Honorary Member of DeMolay International Supreme Council 2016.

His service to Grand Lodge includes Junior Grand Steward (2004), Senior Grand Steward (2005), Junior Grand Deacon (2006) and Senior Grand Deacon (2007). Have served on various Grand Lodge committees over the years. Appointed District Instructor, District Number 20 for 2010. He was elected Junior Grand Warden (2012), Senior Grand Warden (2013), Deputy Grand Master (2014), and Grand Master (2015)

PAST ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1991 Gary A. Davis, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *1992 James L. Fisher, Cimarron Valley Council No. 44, Drumright
- 1993
- 1994 Everet Keith Liles, Guthrie Council No. 2, Guthrie
- 1995 Curtis Gimlin, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *1996 Willis L. Emerson, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *1997 Gary D. Rodriguez, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
- 1998 Robert T. Shipe, Capitol Hill Council No. 59, Midwest City
- 1999 Nellie N. Davis, Drumright
- 2000 Lanny R. Sander, Woodward Council No. 52, Woodward
- *2001 Gary D. Rodriguez, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
- 2002 Timothy P. Israel, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- 2003 David E. Brooks, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- 2004 Patrick D. Couch, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- 2005 Jimmey G. McKinney, Guthrie Council No. 22, Guthrie
- 2006 Ronald Keith Duffield, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- 2007 Donnie G. Higginbotham, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
- 2008 Paul T. Currell, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- 2009 Stephen Oneal Singleton, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater
- 2010 Michael Branson, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater
- 2011 Troy E. Shipman, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
- 2012 Paul D. Gilliam, Capitol Hill Council No. 59, Midwest City
- 2013 Ronald J. Minshall, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
- 2014 Marvin E. Fletcher II, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa

2015 Dudley Ridge Smith, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City

*Deceased

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

JOHN D. CHURCH

Companion Church's Masonic career begins with being made a Master Mason in Altus Lodge #62 in June 1991. Served as Worshipful Master – 2014 Altus Lodge #62, Served Grand Lodge as Grand Sword Bearer – 2014, as Junior Grand steward - 2015, and as Senior Grand Steward – 2016

He has been a member of Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite since Oct 1992 and served in the Guthrie Council of Kadosh for past 4 years.

Companion Church joined the York Rite, Altus Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in /2010 and the Altus Council of Cryptic Masons in 2011 along with the Elk City Commandery of Knights Templar.

He served as High Priest of Altus Chapter #60 in 2015 and currently serving as Deputy Master in Altus Council #33.

His service to the Grand Bodies of the York Rite include Grand Tyler of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in 2015 and also as Grand Master of the third veil

Other Masonic affiliations include India Shrine, National Sojourners Tinker Chapter #43, James C. Taylor AMD Council, Prince of Peace conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Oklahoma York Rite College #75, Society of Rosecrucian, and Joseph S. Lewis Council #66 of Knight Masons.

Companion Church served his country and retired after 22 years of Service with the United States Air Force with the rank of E-8 (SMSgt). He was awarded numerous medals and ribbons for outstanding service including the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 4 devices, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

John is a dedicated member of the York Rite, and in addition to the above, has served relentlessly on the Credentials Committee for the Grand Sessions for several years. His devotion, integrity, and willingness to serve, warrants his selection as Cryptic Mason of the Year.

PAST CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

- *1975 F. Carley Bryant, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *1976 Allen J. Larson, Ardmore Council No. 1, Ardmore
- *1977 D. L. "Pat" Patton, Clinton Council No. 49, Clinton
- *1978 George W. Evans, Circle Council No. 56, Oklahoma City
- *1979 William Hensley, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
- *1980 John Willis Steward, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
- *1981 Charles S. Forbes, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
- *1982 Raymond E. Bivert, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater
- 1983 Orlan R. "Ray" Harrington, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
- *1984 Robert B. Russell, Lawton Council No. 21, Lawton
- *1985 John C. Shanklin, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater
- *1986 Frederick Samuel Sloan, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- *1987 James A. Hogue, Sr., Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- 1988 Donald H. Haralson, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
- *1989 Russell J. Long, Chickasha Council No. 4, Chickasha
- *1990 Andrew J. Vloedman, Woodward Council No. 452, Woodward
- *1991 Hilden J. Smith, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
- *1992 Vincent S. Julliano, Capitol Hill Council No. 59, Midwest City
- 1993 Michael G. Aston, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *1994 Amos G. Robison, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
- *1995 Dewey A. Coldiron, Guymon Council No. 51, Guymon
- 1996 Herbert Louis Niles, Woodward Council No. 52, Woodward

- *1997 T. Smith, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
- 2000 Robert E. Goode, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
- 2001 Robert T. Shipe, Capitol Hill Council No.59, Midwest City
- *2002 Charles F. Moss, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *2003 Charles N. Haley, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *2004 Hollis O. Edgar, Cimarron Valley Council No. 44, Drumright
- 2005 David A. Ray, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
- 2006 Bobby L. Laws, Altus Council No. 33, Altus
- 2007 Edwin C. Womack, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- *2008 James C. Taylor, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- 2009 Timothy P. Israel, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
- 2010 Glenn H. Kinsley, Woodward Council No. 52, Woodward
- 2011 Albert A. Alexander, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
- 2012 James N. Rossi, Capitol Hill No. 59, Midwest City
- 2013 Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
- 2014 Marshall Clayton, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee
- 2015 John D. Church, Altus Council No. 33, Altus
- * Deceased

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL COLUMBIAN AWARD

A medal awarded to an outstanding Cryptic Mason for service to Masonry. There is One medal for each of the ten Regions, and not more than three medals at-large per Triennium. Nominations are made to the Regional Deputies on the FORM and selection by the elective officers. These nominations must be sent to the General Grand Recorder by Dec 31st of 2013.

PAST COLUMBIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

2014 Robert G. Davis, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater

PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

- *1895-86 Robert W. Hill, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, I.T.
- *1896-97 Edmond H. Doyle, Union Council No. 3, McAlester, I.T.
- *1897-98 Zachary T. Walrond, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee, I.T.
- *1898-99 Julius Haas, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, I.T.
- *1899-1900 John Coyle, Chickasha Council No. 4, Chickasha, I.T.
- *1900-01 Eugene Hamilton, Chickasha Council No. 4, Chickasha, I.T.
- *1901-02 Daniel M. Hailey, Union Council No. 3, McAlester, I.T.
- *1902-03 Herbert J. Evans, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee, I.T.
- *1903-04 Joseph S. Murrow, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, I.T.
- *1904-05 William L. Eagleton, Norman Council No. 27, Norman, I.T.
- *1905-06 William H. Essex, Union Council No. 3, McAlester, I.T.
- *1906-07 Charles C. Kneisly, Guthrie Council No. 7, Guthrie, I.T.
- *1907-08 Robert Y. Morrison, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, I.T.
- *1908-09 Robert H. Henry, Ardmore Council No. 11, Ardmore, OK
- *1909-10 James A. Scott, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee
- *1910-11 Thomas J. Sexton, Durant Council No. 12, Durant
- *1911-12 Jabez H. Mann, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
- *1912-13 Isham H. G. Hulme, Weatherford Council No. 15, Weatherford
- *1913-14 John A. Gillis, Frederick Council No. 14, Frederick
- *1914-15 Christopher Springer, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
- *1915-16 Richard M. Thorp, Eldorado Council No. 19, Eldorado
- *1916-17 Frederick H. Smith, Okmulgee Council No. 17, Okmulgee

*1917-18 William J. Schaefer, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1918-19 Charles W. Tedrowe, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
 *1919-20 Sydnor H. Lester, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1920-21 Charles E. Creager, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee
 *1921-22 Robert Hodgson, Altus Council No. 33, Altus
 *1922-23 Edward P. Gallup, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1923-24 Edson A. MacMillan, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1924-25 Bert D. Ashbrook, Reno Council No. 13, El Reno
 *1925-26 John A. Walker, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1926-27 William Noble, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1927-28 Rupert J. Daugherty, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 *1928-29 Daniel W. Swaffar, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1929-30 Thomas B. Frensley, Ardmore Council No. 11, Ardmore
 *1930-31 Clarence Brain, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1931-32 Layton S. Chilcutt, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1932-33 Fred R. Kirby, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 *1933-34 George E. Dole, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1934-35 Leslie H. Swan, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1935-36 Ed M. Washington, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1936-37 Thomas J. Wells, Enid Council No. 34, Enid
 *1937-38 Wilbur P. Lee, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1938-39 Robert H. Phinney, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee
 *1939-40 Richard E. Newhouse, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1940-41 Walter M. Rainey, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Hugo
 *1941-42 Charles G. Wattson, Reno Council No. 13, El Reno
 *1942-43 Haywood H. Skaggs, Enid Council No. 34, Enid
 *1943-44 William C. Allison, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1944-45 Oliver B. Miller, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1945-46 Seth L. Mapes, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1946-47 Glenn B. Young, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1947-48 Wayne Wheelock, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1948-49 William E. Crowe, Enid Council No. 34, Enid
 *1949-50 William H. Powell, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1950-51 Ben F. Frohock, Goodsend Council No. 46, Blackwell
 *1951-52 A. E. Anderson, Elk City Council No. 25, Elk City
 *1952-53 Fridtjof M. Lumbard, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee
 *1953-54 Robert H. Jelley, Lawton Council No. 21, Lawton
 *1954-55 Carl F. Hansen, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Hugo
 *1955-56 George G. Duff, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 *1956-57 Austin R. Stough, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1957-58 Ferrel B. Morrow, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1958-59 W. King Larimore, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1959-60 Chester M. Cowen, Chickasha Council No. 4, Chickasha
 *1960-61 George W. Wright, Guymon Council No. 51, Guymon
 *1961-62 John H. White, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1962-63 Ben F. Mandlebaum, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 *1963-64 Thomas L. Townley, Sr., Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1964-65 Luther M. Deatherage, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1965-66 O. Kenneth Taylor, Okmulgee Council No. 17, Okmulgee
 *1966-67 John C. Barnard, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
 *1967-68 Percy G. Howes, Murrow Council No. 55, Atoka
 *1968-69 Kenneth M. Blakley, Woodward Council No. 52, Woodward
 *1969-70 Robert H. Bibb, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa

*1970-71 Lorenzo S. Eales, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1971-72 Seymour B. Ingerson, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 *1972-73 Robert E. Fielden, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1973-74 D. L. Cooley, capitol Hill Council No. 59, Oklahoma City
 *1974-75 Loren L. Jones, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
 *1975-76 John T. West, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1976-77 Herbert O. Nelson, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1977-78 Eugene Fields, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1978-79 Charles H. Warner, Sr., Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1979-80 Allen J. Larson, Ardmore Council No. 11, Ardmore
 1980-81 Neal D. Leech, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1981-82 Walter L. Harmon, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater
 *1982-83 L. D. Clark, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1983-84 Carl Burrows, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1984-85 Paul A. Fitch, Ardmore Council No. 11, Ardmore
 *1985-86 George A. Hill, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 1986-87 William A. Nation, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1987-88 Donald M. Keiser, Lawton Council No.21, Lawton
 *1988-89 C. W. Epperson, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1989-90 William R. Hudson, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 1990-91 J. O. Rust, Jr., Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 1991-92 John J. Petrik, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 *1992-93 James A. Hogue, Sr., Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 1993-94 Donald H. Haralson, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 1994-95 Lewis A. Hullum, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 1995-96 Joseph M. Lusk, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1996-97 Bill B. Perkins, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 1997-98 Earl L. Berryman, Jr., Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1998-99 Rex L. Bowen, Cimarron Valley Council No. 44, Drumright
 1999-00 Glenn Tuttle, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 2000-01 Monte G. Hendrix, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *2001-02 Gary D. Rodriguez, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 2002-03 Bobby L. Carter, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 2003-04 Elwood M. Isaacs, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 2004-05 Donald G. Jones, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 2005-06 Charles L. Stuckey, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 2006-07 William D. Bowie, Jr., Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 2007-08 Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr., Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 2008-09 E. David Snyder, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 *2009-10 Jim W. Mahan, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 2010-11 Troy E. Shipman, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 2011-12 Andrew B. Palmer, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 2012-13 William H. Pearce, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 2013-14 John L. Logan, Woodward Council No. 72, Woodward
 2014-15 Marvin L. Chamberlin, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 2015-16 Larry D. White, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *Deceased

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA 2016

<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>GRAND RECORDER</u>	<u>GRAND REP</u>	<u>GRAND REP</u>
		<u>IN OKLAHOMA</u>	<u>OTHER JURISDICTION</u>
Alabama	Hirsm O. Williams	I. Dwayne Dixon	Dean L. Lijja
Alaska	Dale S. Cain	Kish L. Thomas	George Watt
Argentina	Miquel Bogado		
Arizona	George E. Weil	William A. Nation	Efrain Sanchez
Arkansas	Robert L. Jackson	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.	Bobby G. Gower
Australia-South	L. R. Baker		
Australia-West	Basil J. Green	Robert E. Goode	Richard Louis Elkington
Australia NSW	Ezra Ron Duckworth		Richard Ludwik Gan
Austrlia - Victoria	W. L. Smith		
Brazil	Paulo R. Curi		
California	Kenneth G. Hope	Patrick D. Couch	Phillip D. Gibson
Canada, Alberta	Marvyn R. Rogers	O. Ray Harrington	Lawrence George Moss
Canada Western	Edward Wilson	Gary A. Davis	Kenneth J. McKenzie
Canada, Manitoba	Richard A. Porter		
Colorado	Robert W. Gregory	David A. Ray	Howard R. Caldwell
Connecticut	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Richard C. Dunaway	Michael E. Seamon
Croatia	Stanislav Vukovojac		
Delaware	Mark E. Irwin		Jay C. Bergstrom
District of Columbia	Carroll Collins	Bradley S. Rickelman	Roger E. Cundiff
Florida	L. Edward Villiaume III	Lewis Hullum	George W. McCool
France	Yves Cesso	Harvey Kaylor	
Georgia	Wade C. Smith	Newell K. Barker	Dannie L. Reed
Greece	Constantinos N. Korontis		George Ivos'
Hawaii	Richard W. Chadwick		
Idaho	Norman C. Lane	E. David Snyder	Lee W. Hamilton
Illinois	Mark Welch		Bradley L. Baker
Indiana	Charles D. Wood, Jr.		John V. Stevens
Iowa	Rusty L. Hill	Glenn H. Kinsley	Charles D. Yates
Israel	Sasson Naim	Dewayne R. Hendricks	
Italy	Gaetano Rosato	Donald G. Jones	
Kansas	Allan D. Jackson	Albert A. Alexander	Ernest M Griffiths
Kentucky	James H. King, Jr.		James V. Jones
Louisiana	Edward Horton	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.	Edwin L. Horton, Jr.
Maine	Thomas A. Emery	Ron Carr	Kenneth C. Carlin
Maryland	Richard D. Naegele		Donald J. Hawkins
Massachusetts	S. Wesley Lindsey	Don Turley	Frank G. Holt III
Michigan	Anthony M. Chamberlin	Barry Spradling	Bernard C. Kirchoff

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<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>GRAND RECORDER</u>	<u>GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA</u>	<u>GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION</u>
Minnesota	Hugh C. Swift, Jr.		Harlan Heidecker
Mississippi	Floyd T. Jones	William D. Bowie, Jr.	George E. Frazier
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample	Don H. Whitman	Ralph P. Bunnell
Montana	Roger E. Cathel		Jack O. Morris
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson	Troy E. Shipman	Rick E. Harris
Nevada	James E. Denny	Herbert L. Niles	Jerry Blevans
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Matthew D. McGee	Gerald F. Buehrer
New Jersey	C. K. Leverett		Richard G. Robins, Sr.
New Mexico	Dennis R. Detrow	Elwood M. Isaacs	Dickerson R. Watkins
New York	Charles M. Roberts	Bobby L. Carter	E. William Whittaker
New Zealand	A.N. French, J.P.	Raymond E. Stoll	
North Carolina	D. Allen Surratt	Paul T. Currell	Kolen Flack
North Dakota	Chris A. Christianson	Joseph M. Lusk	James K. Well
Ohio	Bobby G. Campbell		Paul Schulteiss
Ontario	Charles Meldrum		
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway	John J. Petrik	Norman Hoard
Panama	Alexander Lopez	Robert D. Cundiff	
Pennsylvania	Freeman Z. Frey, III	Robert T. Shipe	P. Franklin Hartzel
Philippines	Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr.	Tim Israel	Antonio F. Josin, Jr.
Portugal	Joao Carvalha		
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	John A. Larson III	John E. King	Robert A. Palazzo
Romania	Dragos Boranda	Eric D. Blackwood	
Saskatchewan	Richard J. Gutfriend		
Scotland	Grahame J. Smith	Robert G. Davis	William S. Dick
South Carolina	Gary B. Jolley	Rodney Clark	Gary B. Hinson
South Dakota	George E. Bauder		
Tennessee	Rick Hoover		Bobby Gene Pollard
Texas	Orville L. O'Neill	Charles L. Stuckey	Orville L. O'Neill
Utah	Charles E. Warren, Sr.	L. Erik Stuckey	John L. Elwell, Jr.
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard	Monte G. Hendrix	Edward J. Jehle
Virginia	Gordon H. Sprigg, Jr.		
Washington	Bryan D. Bechler	Glenn Tuttle	Alexander J. Jordan
West Virginia	Larry T. Bates		
Wisconsin	Charles Olson		Douglas B. Hoffman
Wyoming	Kenneth M. Badget	John L. Logan	Martin I. Eggert

2015 COUNCIL DIRECTORY OF OKLAHOMA CRYPTIC MASONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME-LOCATION</u>	<u>ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER</u>	<u>RECORDER</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Kim Crissler	Harvey Johnson PO Box 1037 Muskogee 74402 (H)918-683-5616	3 rd Thurs 6:00 pm	24 Aug 1894
3	UNION 2d & Adams Scottish Rite Temple McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Jake D. Tannehill	Monte G. Hendrix P.O. Box 3335 McAlester 74502-3335 (H)918-423-6249	4th Mon 7:00 pm	28 May 1878
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St. Ardmore 73401 580-223-2396	Tom L. Love	John Carter PO Box 14 Ardmore 73402-0014 (H) 580-795-4684	2nd Mon 7:30 pm	18 Apr 1906 I.T.
18	ALPHA 2935 W. Britton Rd Oklahoma City 73120 405-755-0036	Brian A. Buswell	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. 3509 Evans Dr Oklahoma City, OK 73121 405-427-3388	2d & 4th Wed	11 Aug 1892
21	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501	Brian M.. Ragain	Wilfred Perez 702 "C" Ave SW Lawton 73501 (H)253-225-1501	4th Tues 7:00 pm	19-Apr-11
22	TULSA 5925 E. 9 th Tulsa 74112 918-258-5768	Paul G. Wickberg	Craig Bowman 16947 S 87 th E Pl Bixby 74008 (C)918-706-0686	3rd Mon 7:00 pm	20-Apr-11
25	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 580-225-0484	Russell Freas	Timothy P. Israel P.O. Box 1596 Elk City 73648 (H)580-225-5080	1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm	1-Apr-13
27	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73069 405-321-7310	Jonathan Annis	Louis Khoury 1100 Summerhill Dr Moore, OK 73072 (H) 405-237-9418	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	14-Apr-14
33	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson St Altus 73521 580-482-5301	Guy A. Brigman	Bobby L. Laws 1202 N. Hudson St. Altus 73521 (H)580-471-3105	3rd Thurs 7:00 pm	31-Mar-2006

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41	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006-8722 918-331-3831	Jack Fleharty	Robert E. Goode 1025 Swan Dr. Apt 243 Bartlesville 74006 (H) 918-333-3703	2 nd Monday	23-Apr-08
43	BERNARD 1200 . Grand Ponca City 74601 580-765-4128	Tyler Evans	James E. Halbrook 1602 E. Woodland Rd. Ponca City 74604 (H) 580-762-8917	2nd Tues 7:00 pm	15-Apr-24
44	CIMARRON VALLEY 220 N. Ohio Drumright 74030 918-352-4622	James H. Rogers	Gary A. Davis P.O. Box 15 Drumright 74030-0015 (H) 918-352-2382 (O)918-352-4622	1st & 3rd Mon 7:00 pm	15-Apr-25
48	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie 73044	Matthew T. Cargill	Tommy M. Johnston 2808 Ashebrooke Pl. Edmond 73034 (H) 405-341-1081 (O)405-348-7500	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	6-Oct-45
50	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	John Turner	Gary Odendahl 338744 E. 840 Rd Carney 74832 405-650-0864	2d & 4th Wed 7:30 pm	14-Apr-49
52	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	Troy L. Collier	Ray L. Bell PO Box 1661 Woodward, OK 73802 (H) 580-273-4442	4th Thurs (Jan-Oct) 2 nd Thurs (Nov-Dec) 7:00 pm	2- Apr-51
59	CAPITOL HILL 814 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110 405-732-2034	Donald Spencer	Robert Cundiff 516 Leslie Dr. Del City 73145 (H) 405-670-4258	3rd Friday 7:00 pm	3-Apr-57

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF
OKLAHOMA



Norman, Oklahoma

APRIL 25, 2013 - A.D.2015, A.O. 897

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016**

Paul T. Currell (22)	Shonda	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Timothy P. Israel (22)	Jan	Very Eminent Dep Grand Commander
Donnie G. Higginbotham (6)		Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Matt McGee (14)		Eminent Grand Captain General
John E. King (22)	Vicki	Eminent Grand Prelate
Elwood M. Isaacs (26)	Linda	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Gary A. Davis (20) PO Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030 918-352-2382 (H) 918-352-4622(O) E-mail: grandsecrec@sbcglobal.net	Nellie	Right Eminent Grand Recorder
Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (53)		Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Curtis K. Schuermann (6)	Dawn	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Gary A. Odendahl (8)	Judith	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Robert R. Rolseth	Marilyn	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Vacant		Eminent Grand Warder
Vacant		Eminent Grand Sentinel



PAUL T. CURRELL

GRAND COMMANDER 2015-2016

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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2015-2016

Sir Knight Currell was born April 8, 1957 in Elk City, OK. He attended and graduated from Elk City High School in 1975 and Oklahoma State University in 1981 with a BS degree in Construction Management. In 1978, Paul married Shonda E. Yates and they are the parents of three daughters Tiphani, Leslie and Katherine (Katie). Paul and Shonda own and operate Currell's Doit center in Elk City, Currell's Doit Best in Erick, OK and Watonga Lumber & Hardware in Watonga, OK. He and his family have been active with the Red Carpet Community Theatre and Presbyterian Church in Elk City for the past 35 years. Paul has served as President and a board member for Sagebrush Developmental Workshop in Sayre, Ok for the past 25 years and he has served the City of Elk City as Chairman and a board member of the Planning and Zoning Committee for more than 15 years.

Paul was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason 9 May 1995 in Elk City Lodge No. 182, AF&AM in Elk City, Oklahoma. He served as Worshipful Master for Elk City Lodge No. 182 in 1999, 2000 & 2014 and as Secretary from 2001 – 2007. In 2004 he affiliated with Erick Lodge No. 237 and has been serving as Secretary from 2011 to the present.

Sir Knight Currell has served the Oklahoma Grand Lodge as Special Representative to the Grand Master – 2000-01 (MW Shipe) and as District Deputy Grand Master, District 18 – 2012-13 (MW Rikkleman) and 2013-14 (MW Chambers).

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on 16 September 1995, served as Excellent High Priest in 2007 for Elk City Chapter No. 50 and is a member of the Order of the High Priesthood. He is also a Charter member of Altus Chapter No. 60 in Altus, OK.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Elk City Council No. 25, Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic Masons) on 16 September 1995, served as Illustrious Master in 2007 and is a member of the Sword and Trowel of Oklahoma. He is also a Charter member of Altus Council No. 33 in Altus, OK.

He received the orders of Christian Knighthood in Elk City Commandery No. 22 on 16 September 1995, served as Eminent Commander in 2004-2006 & 2010-2012 and is a member of the Past Commanders Association.

Sir Knight Currell was elected as the Grand Commander of, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, on 25 April 2015.

Other Masonic Bodies

Elk City Assembly No. 19	Int'l Order of the Rainbow for Girls – Chairman, Advisory Board
Elk City Chapter No. 89	Order of Eastern Star
Guthrie Scottish Rite – (AASR) – 32 nd	
Erick Lodge No. 237 – Dual Member	(W.M. 2005 – 2010) (Sec. 2011 – Present)
Oklahoma Lodge of Research	
Altus Chapter No. 60 – Dual Member	
Altus Council No. 33 – Dual Member	
India Shrine – (AAONMS)	
Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 York Rite College of North America	
Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66	Knight Masons, USA
Paul T. Million Council No. 455	Allied Masonic Degrees
James C. Taylor Council No. 520	Allied Masonic Degrees
Oklahoma Priory No. 9	Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH)
OK College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis – (MSRICF)	
Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle No. IV	Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP)
Prince of Peace Conclave Red Cross of Constantine	
Holy Order of High Priesthood	
Order of the Sword and Trowel	
Oklahoma Past Commander's Association	

The Royal Order of Scotland

Honors

Knight Templar Cross of Honor – 2007	Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of OK
Adult Leadership Award – 2008	Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma
Knight Commander of the Temple – 2016	Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of OK

AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015-2016

Area 1	Trinity Commandery No. 20, K.T. 5925 E. 9th St. Tulsa, OK 74112	VACANT
	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. 121 S. 6th St., Muskogee, OK 74402	
Area 2	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T. 1700 N. Porter, Norman, OK 73071	Donnie G. Higginbotham
	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T. 1032 Cherry St. N.W., Ardmore, OK 73401	
Area 3	Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T. 1200 W. Grand Ave., Ponca City, OK 74601	Matthew McGee
	Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T. 610 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006	
Area 4	Guthrie Commandery No.1, K.T. 102 S. Broad, Guthrie, OK 73044	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.
	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T. 2935 W. Britton Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73120	
Area 5	St. John's Commandery No. 8, K.T. 322 W. Miller St., Stillwater, OK	Curtis K. Schuermann
	Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42, K.T. 110 N. Ohio, Drumright, OK 74030	
Area 6	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T. 814 N. Key Blvd., Midwest City, OK 73110	Gary A. Odendahl
	McAlester Commandery No. 9, K.T. 1st & Adams, McAlester, OK	
Area 7	Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T. 702 SW "C" Ave., Lawton, OK 73505	Robert R. Rolseth Timothy P. Israel
	Elk City Commandery No. 22, K.T. 102 ½ N. Jefferson Ave., Elk City, OK 73644	
	St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T. 819 ½ Main St., Woodward, OK 73801	

GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA 2015-2016
STANDING COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS: Section 2. (a)

Robert D. Cundiff (53)- Chmn, John D. Church (22), Kyle T. Israel (22), Gary A. Odendahl (8) Honorary

FINANCE: Section 2. (b)

William J. Cloud (53)- Chmn, James E. Smyrl (20), Timothy P. Israel (22)

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE: Section 2. (c)

L. Erik Stuckey (14)-Chmn, Edward J. Becerra (18)-Recorder
All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS: Section 2. (d)

John L. Logan (29)-Chmn, Glenn H. Kinsley (29), James R. Creason (22)

TRIENNIAL MATTERS: (appointed after Triennial Conclave) Section 2. (e) (3 year term)

Paul T. Currell (22)-Chmn, L. Erik Stuckey (14), Gary A. Davis (20) (42)

GENERAL MATTERS: Section 2. (f)

Timothy P. Israel (22)-Chmn, John L. Logan (29), Jay A. Wall (1)

NECROLOGY: Section 2. (g)

David E. Brooks (22)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION: Section 2. (h)

2014 - 2017 – Elwood M. Isaacs (26)

YORK RITE COORDINATION: Section 2. (i)

2015 – James E. Smyrl (20)

2016 – Paul T. Currell (22)

2017 – Curtis K. Schuermann (20)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION: Section 2. (j)

Robert R. Rolseth (20)

All Grand Commandery Officers

MEMBERSHIP: Section 2. (k)

CENTRAL – Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (3)

N CENTRAL – Bradley S. Rickelman (8)

N EASTERN – Robert R. Rolseth (20)

S CENTRAL – John Carter (9)

S EASTERN – Mike Sexton (6)

WESTERN –Bobby L. Laws (22)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**per
ARTICLE V**

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Section 2. (a) (appointed)
/ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Section 2. (d) (elected)

2015 – David A. Ray (38)
2016 – Robert R. Rolseth (20)
2017 – Andrew B. Palmer (20)
2018 – Timothy P. Israel (22)-Chmn
2019 – Paul T. Currell (22)
Sec. / Treas. – Gary A. Davis (20) (42)

PRINTING: Section 2. (b)

Edward J. Becerra (18)-Chmn, Paul T. Currell (22), Gary A. Davis (20) (42)

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Section 2. (c)

L. Erik Stuckey (14)-Chmn, Curtis K. Schuermann (20), Kenton M. Israel (22)

EDUCATION LOAN FOUNDATION AUDIT:

Elwood M. Isaacs (26)-Chmn, John L. Logan (29), David A. Ray (38)

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

Commandery DeMolay Committee: (DeMolay Page 22)

Gary A. Davis (20) (42)-Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (22), Trasen Akers (53)

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD: (Investment Policies – 2007 Page 25) (elected 3 years)

2013-15 (Council) Michael J. Megeath (22)
2014-16 (Chapter) Charles L. Stuckey (25)
2015-17 (Commandery) John L. Logan (29)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(Not in Constitution Laws and Regulations)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE:

James E. Smyrl (20)-Chmn

WEBMASTER:

John R. Christopher (1)

TEMPLE REVIEW (Fraternal Correspondence):

Robert G. Davis (1)

TIME AND PLACE:

Jay A. Wall (1), Trasen Akers (53), L. Erik Stuckey (14)

APPRECIATION:

Mark A. Critchfield (1)

KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND: (formed 25 April 2015)

John L. Logan (29)-Chmn, John E. King (22), John D. Allford (6)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT: (formed 25 April 2015)

(Chapter) Grand King James R. Taylor, Jr. (20)
(Council) Deputy Grand Master Daniel D. Hanttula (38)
(Commandery) Deputy Grand Commander James E. Smyrl (20)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL: (FIELD DAY) (formed 25 April 2015)

(Chapter) Grand Scribe Kenton M. Israel (22)
(Council) Grand Principal Conductor of the Work W. James Cloud (53)
(Commandery) Grand Generalissimo Timothy P. Israel (22)

SOUTHWEST / SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE: (Rotation every 6 Years)

(Arkansas – Kansas – Louisiana – Missouri – Oklahoma – Texas)
(Chapter) Grand High Priest Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (3)
(Council) Grand Illustrious Master Larry D. White
(Commandery) Grand Commander Paul T. Currell (22)

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
At The One Hundred Twenty-Second Annual
Convocation Held at Norman, Oklahoma
April 23, 2016**

There being a constitutional number of Commanderies represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred-Twenty-Second Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened in the Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma, Saturday, 8:15 a.m. with Paul T. Currell, Grand Commander, presiding. Pledge allegiance was led by the Grand Commander. Opening prayer was given by Sir Knight John King, Eminent Grand Prelate. The following officers were in their respective stations and places:

- RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER..... PAUL T. CURRELL
- VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER..... TIMOTHY P ISRAEL
- EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO..... DONNIE G. HIGGINBOTHAM
- EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.....MATTHEW McGEE
- EMINENT GRAND SENIOR WARDEN..... STEVEN P. GUERRERO, JR.
- EMINENT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN..... CURTIS K. SCHUERMANN
- EMINENT GRAND PRELATE.....JOHN E. KING
- EMINENT GRAND TREASURER..... ELWOOD M. ISAACS
- EMINENT GRAND RECORDER GARY A. DAVIS
- EMINENT GRAND STANDARD BEARER..... GARY A. ODENDAHL
- EMINENT GRAND SWORD BEARER..... ROBERT R. ROLSETH
- EMINENT GRAND WARDER.....David D. Clayton for VACANT
- EMINENT GRAND SENTINEL.....Daniel D. Hanttula for VACANT

RECEIVED AND INTRODUCED VISITING DIGNITARIES

Sir Knights John L. Logan, Glenn H. Kinsley, Ed Womack, Kent Israel, Mark A. Critchfield, and Dwayne Dixon formed the lines for the reception of following visiting dignitaries:

Sir Knight Patrick Carr, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Arkansas and Sir Knight Frank N. duTrel, R.: E.: Past Grand Commander of Louisiana, South Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA Personal Representative for Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Mark A. Critchfield, Ed Womack, and Glenn Kinsley as Tellers.

A tribute was given for Sir Knight James M. Wilson, RE Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA, who passed away on April 9, 2016.

The Grand Commander called on Sir Knight Larry D. White, Junior Past Illustrious Grand Master to present the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to John Church.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

DONALD L. TURLEY	1994-95	JOHN L. LOGAN	2007-08
JAMES R. CREASON	1995-96	LEWIS A. HULLUM	2009-10
WILLIAM A. NATION	1996-97	I. DWAYNE DIXON	2010-11
CHARLES L. STUCKEY	2000-01	MARK A. CRITCHFIELD	2012-13
GARY A. DAVIS	2004-05	L. ERIK STUCKEY	2013-14
ROBERT G. DAVIS	2005-06	ELWOOD M. ISAACS (HONORARY)	

The Right Eminent Grand Commander welcomed all the above Past Grand Commanders and thanked them for their support.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was announced that the registration credentials would be used to verify the attendance of the Grand Representatives, and it was asked if any of those present had any communications with their respective Jurisdictions. None were noted.

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPRESENTED

The Grand Commander requested a roll call of the Constituent Commanderies. He extended to them a cordial welcome. Out of 15 Commanderies, 14 were represented by either the Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain General. They are as follows:

Guthrie No 1	Muskogee No. 2
Oklahoma No. 3	McAlester No. 6
St. John's No. 8	Ben Hur No. 14
Lawton No. 18	Trinity No. 20
Elk City No. 22	Norman No. 38
Cimarron Valley No. 42	Capitol Hill No. 53

APPROVE PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proceedings of the one hundred Twentieth annual convocation.

Motion prevailed.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, GRAND OFFICERS AND SIR KNIGHTS OF THE GRAND
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA

It is indeed an honor and pleasure for me to welcome all members, officers and distinguished guests to the 121st annual conclave of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. Thank you for taking time to attend this session. To the members of our sister Grand Jurisdictions I hope that your stay with us has been a pleasurable experience.

This year has been a tremendous experience for me and I would like to thank all of the Sir Knights of Oklahoma for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand Commander. I would like to extend to my Companions Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Larry D. White, Most Illustrious Grand Master, special thanks for all of your support during the past year. M.: W.: Brother Gary Beasley Most Worshipful Grand Master 2015, I always enjoyed being able to see you at various functions across the state, thank you for your dedication and friendship. M.: W.: Brother Dudley Ridge Smith Most Worshipful Grand Master 2016, it was an honor to have a Knights Templar escort included in the 100th anniversary of the Capitol cornerstone laying. Those Sir Knights that came at a moment's notice to participate in this event were: SK James N. Rossi, SK Kevin P. Bardy, SK John T. Turner and SK Donnie G. Higginbotham, II, along with Grand Officers SK Donnie G. Higginbotham, EGSW and SK Gary A. Odendahl, EGW. It is my hope that we may be able to provide Knight Templar escorts at more cornerstone ceremonies in the future.

Oklahoma York Rite was honored to host the Southwest Conference and South Central Department Conference this year in Oklahoma City. SK James Rossi, thank you for volunteering to provide transportation for out of town guests, all went well; also thank you for all of the encouragement you gave me during the year. I would like to thank SK Gary A. Davis, Grand Recorder and SK Elwood M. (Ike) Isaacs, Grand Treasurer for taking care of the many inner workings of our organization. This is truly a thankless job.

I would have not been able to be almost anywhere if it were not for my traveling companions, SK John E. King, EGP and SK Timothy P. Israel, EGG. Usually at least one of these SK could travel with me and sometimes both, thank you for committing long hours of your time traveling with me across the state. I may have to reciprocate in the coming year.

Thank you to all of the Past Grand Commanders who supported me in my effort and gave me council at timely moments especially SK John L. Logan REPGC, who, when I asked "I am thinking about doing this, what do you think?" would reply, "You're the Grand Commander do what you want." Other Past Grand Commanders also gave timely advice on other matters as well.

I really can't thank just one or two Grand officers for their support this year as it truly was a team effort. SK Timothy P. Israel always there for council, SK Donnie G. Higginbotham took my dream of a Jr Officer's meeting to new heights, SK Matt McGee is truly committed, if you only knew what he has to do to be at an event, SK John E. King as Grand Prelate you learned to always be prepared to give a prayer, SK Curtis K. Schuermann is always energetic and a breath of fresh air, SK Gary A. Odendahl was always there and probably made more inspections than I did, well 'MAYBE', SK Robert R. Rolseth works diligently on all of his assignments, SK Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. the officers of this Grand Commandery are looking forward to you getting settled into your new job and joining in, SK Gary A. Davis kept me almost on time with paperwork and SK Elwood M. Isaacs is a great steward of our

finances.

Necrology

Sir Knights, we cannot be too often reminded that we are born to die. This year several Sir Knights have taken up residence in that House not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens, including four Past Grand Commanders and one of our Grand Officers.

Sir Knight James Earnest Smyrl	VE Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Lilburn M. Pearce	Grand Commander 1983-1984
Sir Knight Joe Francis Warriner	Grand Commander 1986-1987
Sir Knight Calvin Edward Mettee	Grand Commander 1992-1993
Sir Knight Rex Late Eutsler	Grand Commander 1993-1994

To the relatives and friends of our departed Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights, let us say that we deeply and sincerely sympathize with you in this hour of sorrow.

Commanderies Constituted

No new Commanderies were constituted this year.

Consolidations

No Commanderies consolidated this year.

Dispensations - 2015

31 October Special Dispensation to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to change the date of their election of officers from December 28, 2015 to November 23, 2015

Grand Representatives - Commissioned

18 November 2015	SK William F. Martin	Grand Commandery of South Carolina
18 November 2015	SK Wendell E. Walch	Grand Commandery of Illinois
19 February 2016	SK Arlie Thomason	Grand Commandery of Oregon
19 February 2016	SK Rhoumel A. Yadao	Grand Commandery of Philippines
14 April 2016	SK Forrest C. Peck, Jr.	Grand Commandery of Iowa

General Orders – 2015-2016

General Order No. 1	1 May 2015 -This General Order consists of the rosters of: The Grand Officers; Officers in Charge – Area Assignments and Committee appointments for Standing and Special committees for the Templar Year 2015-2016.
General Order No. 2	20 May 2015- This General Order provided for the Annual Inspections of the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction during July, August and September 2015.
General Order No. 3	1 November 2015- This General Order consists of the provisions necessary to comply with the Grand Encampment reporting requirements.

- General Order No. 4 1 December 2015- This General Order consists of the Christmas message from the Grand Commander and the Grand Prelate.
- General Order No. 5 22 February 2016 -This General Order consists of the suspension of Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers from office in The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
- General Order No. 6 22 February 2016 -This General Order consists of the updated rosters of: The Grand Officers and Officers in Charge – Area Assignments for the remainder of the Templar Year 2015-2016.
- General Order No. 7 21 March 2016- This General Order consists of the Easter message from the Grand Commander and the Grand Prelate.
- General Order No. 8 31 March 2016- This General Order consists of the disposition of the appeal, by Sir Knight Trasen Akers to Duane L. Vaught, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, of my decision to suspend him from the office of Grand Captain General in The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

Directives

- Directive No. 1 15 May 2015-This directive encourages the Sir Knights to attend Masonic funerals of a fallen Sir Knight and church services as a Commandery during Christmas and Easter in Class A uniform.

Decisions

- 21 January 2016 I made the decision to suspend Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers from office in the Grand Commandery. This decision is addressed in General Order No. 5 and upheld by Grand Master, Duane L. Vaught as detailed in General Order No. 8.

Knight Templar Eye Foundation

It was an honor to be able to present a grant in the amount of \$65,000 to Hongwei Ma, PhD., Assistant Professor of Research Department of Cell Biology at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

His research is Leber's Congenital Amaurosis (LCA). LCA is a devastating pediatric blinding disease, accounting for blindness in over 20% of children attending schools for the blind.

This grant was presented on Saturday morning on the 23rd of April 2016 during the 121st annual conclave of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

Visitations – 2015

- 25 April Norman, OK, Grand Sessions – Accepted nomination for Grand Commander
- 2 May Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion – Attended Opening Ceremonies
- 12 May Allen Lodge No. 81, Allen, OK – Attended District No. 38 meeting
- 16 May St. John's Commandery No. 8, Stillwater, OK – Attended KYCH meeting
- 16 May St. John's Commandery No. 8, Stillwater, OK – Attended York Rite quarterly mtg.
- 21 May India Shrine, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Amaranth Grand Sessions
- 24 May Norman Commandery No. 38, Norman, OK – Grand Commandery quarterly meeting
- 24 May Norman, OK – Attended Rainbow Girls Banquet and Grand Sessions
- 6 June McAlester Commandery No. 6, McAlester, OK – Attended Paul T. Million Council No. 455 Allied

Masonic Degrees

12 June	Oklahoma City – Attended Job's Daughter's Banquet and Rally Session
20 June	Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City, OK – Attended James C. Taylor Council No. 520 Allied Masonic Degrees
11 July	Stillwater, OK – Attended Oklahoma DeMolay Conclave
23 July	Woodward Chapter No. 72, Woodward, OK – Attended Grand High Priest official visit
25 July	Enid, OK – Attended Sir Knight Calvin Edward Mettee, PGC funeral
8-12 August	Buffalo, NY – Attended 66 th Triennial Conclave of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, All four current Oklahoma Dias Officers were in attendance.
15 August	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Past Commander's Association, Order of the Sword & Trowel and Order of High Priesthood
15 August	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended York Rite quarterly meeting
18 September	Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Southwest Regional York Rite conference, General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council
19 September	Oklahoma City, OK – Attended South Central Department conference, Grand Encampment
26 September	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Grand Master's Field Day – Grand Commandery Officers conferred the Order of the Temple.
3 October	Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion, Guthrie, OK – Attended Opening Ceremonies
17 October	McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion, McAlester, OK – Attended Opening Ceremonies
23 October	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion, Tulsa, OK – Attended Opening Ceremonies
31 October	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, Guthrie, OK – All Masonic Day – Attended: Father Murrow Council No. 10 Allied Masonic Degrees, Rosicrucian Society, Oklahoma Chapter Philalathes Society, Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66 Knight Masons and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75
13 November	Guthrie, OK – Attended Grand Master's banquet during Grand Lodge Sessions
14 November	Guthrie, OK – Attended 107 th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma
16 November	Oklahoma City, OK Capitol Building, 100 th Anniversary Reenactment of the Cornerstone laying by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma
3 December	St. John's Commandery No. 8, Stillwater, OK – Attended the installation of officers at Stillwater Assembly No. 124 Social Order of the Beauceant (SOOB)

Visitations – 2016

16 January	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Work and Tactics
16 January	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended York Rite qtrly meeting
22 January	Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Sir Knight Joe Francis Warriner, PGC memorial
23 January	McAlester Commandery No.6, McAlester, OK – Attended Paul T. Million Council No. 455 Allied Masonic Degrees
31 January	Midwest City, OK – Attended York Rite DeMolay Winterfest, sword presentation
10 February	Tulsa Scottish Rite, Tulsa, OK – Attended Sir Knight James Earnest Smyrl Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, memorial service
15 February	Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42, Drumright, OK – Attended committee day
20 February	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK – Attended Central Oklahoma Council and Commandery festival
27 February	Sulphur, OK – Attended Grand Commandery of Oklahoma 2 day Officers Retreat
5 March	Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City, OK – Attended Western Oklahoma Chapter festival
5 March	Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City, OK – Attended James C. Taylor Council No. 520 Allied Masonic Degrees
12 March	Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa, OK – Attended Northeast Oklahoma Council and

	Commandery festival
19 March	Grand Lodge building, Guthrie, OK – Attended York Rite quarterly meeting and secretary/recorder training
1 April	Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion, Guthrie, OK – Attended Opening Ceremonies
7 April	Bartlesville, OK – Attended Sir Knight Rex Late Eutsler, PGC funeral
9 April	McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion, McAlester, OK – Attended Opening Ceremonies
16 April	Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion, Tulsa, OK – Attended Opening Ceremonies
21-23 April	Norman, OK – Attended Oklahoma York Rite Grand Sessions

Annual Inspections Attended
Opened, Received GC and conferred Order of the Temple

4 August	Lawton Commandery No. 18	Lawton, OK
17 August	Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42	Drumright, OK
9 September	Muskogee Commandery No. 2	Muskogee, OK
29 September	Elk City Commandery No. 22	Elk City, OK

Opened, Received GC and Received Instruction

8 July	St. John's Commandery No. 8	Stillwater, OK
13 July	Ardmore Commandery No. 9	Ardmore, OK
22 July	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3	Oklahoma City, OK
27 July	McAlester Commandery No.6	McAlester, OK
30 July	Guthrie Commandery No. 1	Guthrie, OK
21 August	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53	Midwest City, OK
24 August	Trinity Commandery No. 20	Tulsa, OK
17 September	Norman Commandery No. 38	Norman, OK
22 September	Ben Hur Commandery No. 14	Ponca City, OK
27 August	St. Aumer Commandery No. 29	Woodward, OK

Grand officers used this opportunity to practice the Order of the Temple for the Grand Masters field day

Inspected books only

7 April 2016	Calvary Commandery No. 26	Bartlesville, OK
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I want to thank every Commandery for your acceptance of the new inspection season and your efforts in the instruction if you were not conferring the Order of the Temple. These instruction sessions were well accepted. Also, there was exceptional participation among the Grand Officers at inspections this year averaging 7 Grand Officers and 3 PGC at each inspection. Thank you for your efforts. I would like to thank our inspecting officers for all you do to provide thorough inspections of our Commanderies. Our inspectors this year included SK John L. Logan, SK I. Dwayne Dixon, SK James R. (Bob) Creason, SK Glenn H. Kinsley, and SK Richard C. Dunaway.

Recommendations

Sir Knights, several things can and should be done to perpetuate and grow York Rite Masonry. We all need to work closer with our local Blue Lodges as well as all of the York Rite bodies. Our membership comes from the lodges, therefore your presence as well as your participation, will help our membership grow as well. Our Commanderies need more instruction. What we did this past inspection season was, if the Commanderies could not do the Order of the Temple, then instruction was given on different aspects of the ritual during the evening. This was well received by most of the Commanderies and should be continued.

Regional drill teams should be organized to be able to assist the Grand Lodge in cornerstone ceremonies and also be prepared to be present at a Masonic funeral of a Sir Knight.

Communication is the key to getting participation, if the Grand Commander communicates with his officers and other Sir Knights across the state he will get plenty of participation. As officers this year we have become more of a unit. The officer's retreat was well received and should be continued. If we make strides in these areas we will continue to grow and prosper.

Conclusion

As we move forward after the loss of Sir Knight James E. Smyrl , VEDGC we will all miss his Masonic wisdom, gentle leadership style and his dedication to all of Masonry, especially York Rite. However, we can and should go forward with unified actions to make next year an outstanding year in the Grand Commandery and all of York Rite.

During this year we have taken a giant step towards being a true team of officers. You have shown your support by attending inspections, visitations and field days. We have had more Grand Officers at all inspections and other Masonic Bodies Grand Sessions this year than in recent history. This goes a long way to show that York Rite masonry, more especially Templary is still alive in Oklahoma.

To the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, thank you. When I called, you were there. It has been a humbling experience to have had the support of so many fine men across Oklahoma and an experience¹ that I will never forget. Thank you for being a part of my life and allowing me to be a part of yours. But most of all, I sincerely "Thank You" for serving as my Grand Officers and traveling the extra mile with me.

To my lady, Shonda E. Currell, of almost 38 years, I appreciate all that you have done for me, for without you I would not be here. You are the love of my life.

Fraternal Regards,
Paul T. Currell
Grand Commander 2015-2016

**NAMES OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS
JURISDICTION OF OKLAHOMA**

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF INDIAN TERRITORY						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1895	*Robert W. Hill	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1896	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1897	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1898	*Patrick J. Byrne	***Robert F. Scoffern	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1899	***Robert F. Scoffern	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1900	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*John Coyle	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1901	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*H. L. Jarboe, Jr.	*Joseph S. Murrow
1902	*Daniel M. Hailey	*D. M. Williams	*Herbert J. Evans	***A. V. Francis	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1903	*Herbert J. Evans	*William F. Bow man	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1904	*William F. Bow man	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Frank Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1905	*John Coyle	*Frank Smith	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1906	*Frank Smith	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	***R. Stephens	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1907	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	***R. Stephens	*Christ. Springer	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1908	*John W. Speak	*Christ. Springer	*Ira McNair	*Roy D. Fuller	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1909	*Christ. Springer	*Roy D. Fuller	*Ira McNair	*Robert W. Henry	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Edmond H. Doyle
1910	*Roy D. Fuller	*Ira McNair	*Robert W. Henry	*William H. Essex	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Edmond H. Doyle
1911	*Ira McNair	*Robert W. Henry	*William H. Essex	*James A. Scott	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Eugene Hamilton

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OKLAHOMA TERRITORY						
	Grand	Deputy Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand
	Commander	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Treasurer	Recorder
1896	*C.M. Barnes	*DeDorest D. Leach	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W. S. Spencer	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1897	*DeDorest D. Leach	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W. S. Spencer	*B. E. Binns	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1898	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W. S. Spencer	*B. E. Binns	*Julius C. Cross	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1899	*W. S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham	*Julius C. Cross	*Henry E. Hand	*Luke Ellison	*DeDorest D. Leach
1900	*H. S. Cunningham	*Julius C. Cross	*Henry E. Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*Luke Ellison	*DeDorest D. Leach
1901	*Julius C. Cross	*Henry E. Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*Luke Ellison	*DeDorest D. Leach
1902	*Henry E. Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*W. J. Pettee	*W. S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
1903	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*W. J. Pettee	*John C. Hughes	*W. S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
1904	*C. A. Morris	*W. J. Pettee	*John C. Hughes	*C. P. Wickmiller	*W. S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
1905	*W. J. Pettee	*John C. Hughes	*C. P. Wickmiller	*Henry K. Ricker	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1906	*C. P. Wickmiller	*Henry K. Ricker	*W. L. Eagleton	*John C. Fleming	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1907	*Henry K. Ricker	*W. L. Eagleton	*John C. Fleming	*E. P. Gallup	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1908	*W. L. Eagleton	*John C. Fleming	*E. P. Gallup	*John R. Hamill	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1909	*John C. Fleming	*E. P. Gallup	*John R. Hamill	**Guy W. Bohannon	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1910	*Edward P. Gallup	*John R. Hamill	**Guy W. Bohannon	*J. Angus Gillis	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1911	*John R. Hamill	**Guy W. Bohannon	*J. Angus Gillis	*James Q. Loutham	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA						
	Grand	Deputy Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand
	Commander	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Treasurer	Recorder
1911	*Robert H. Henry	**Guy W. Bohannon	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1912	**Guy W. Bohannon	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1913	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1914	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*F. H. Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1915	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*F. H. Smith	*E. P. McMahon	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1916	*James Q. Louthan	*E. P. McMahon	*Fred H. Clark	*C. S. Highsmith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1917	*Eugene P. McMahon	*Fred H. Clark	*C. S. Highsmith	*Milton C. Hale	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1918	*C. S. Highsmith	*Fred H. Clark	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1919	*Fred H. Clark	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1920	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1921	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1922	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1923	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1924	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1925	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1926	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1927	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1928	*James C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1929	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1930	*Ralph V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*W. M. Rainey	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1931	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*W. M. Rainey	*R. H. Phinney	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1932	*E. Burns	*W. M. Rainey	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1933	*Walter M. Rainey	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer

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1934	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. A. Latham
1935	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. New house	*Ralph V. Dow ning	*J. A. Latham
1936	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. New house	*John I. Taylor	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1937	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. New house	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1938	*R. E. New house	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1939	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1940	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1941	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1942	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1943	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1944	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1945	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1946	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*J. A. Sinex	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1947	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*J. A. Sinex	*L. A. Maphet	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1948	*P. O. Creason	*L. A. Maphet	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1949	*L. A. Maphet	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*J. R. Holmes	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1950	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1951	*G. B. Young	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crow der	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1952	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crow der	*R. L. Moore	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1953	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crow der	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1954	*A. M. Crow der	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1955	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1956	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1957	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1958	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*C. F. Hansen	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1959	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1960	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*E. T. Ross	*R. W. Rogers	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1961	*Ernest T. Ross	*Irvin Cecil	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1962	*Irvin Cecil	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1963	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1964	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*F. J. Smith	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1965	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*F. J. Smith	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1966	*F. J. Smith	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1967	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1968	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*A. S. Johnson	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1969	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*A. S. Johnson	*Jack Freeman	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1970	*A. S. Johnson	*L. E. Tryon	*Jack Freeman	C. W. Reese	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1971	*Jack Freeman	C. W. Reese	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1972	C. W. Reese	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1973	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1974	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1975	*Walter L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1976	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1977	*Norman P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1978	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	Donald J. Cink	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1979	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1980	*Robert L. Taylor	Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Liburn M. Pierce	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1981	Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Liburn Pierce	Cecil E. Johnson	*James C. Abernathy	Robert E. Fielden
1982	*John C. Shanklin	*Liburn M. Pierce	*Ellis Sappington	Cecil E. Johnson	*James C. Abernathy	Robert E. Fielden
1983	*Liburn Pearce	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe F. Warriner	*James C. Abernathy	Robert E. Fielden
1984	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe F. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1985	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe F. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	Charles H. Warner	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1986	*Joe F. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	**Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink

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1987	*Leon A. Anderson	**Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1988	**Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	Bartis M. Kent	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1989	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1990	*Eugene Smith	Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	Rex L. Eutsler	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1991	Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	Rex L. Eutsler	Don L. Turley	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1992	*Calvin E. Mettee	Rex L. Eutsler	Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1993	Rex L. Eutsler	Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*James C. Abernathy	Donald J. Cink
1994	Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	Edw ard W. Hart	Kish L. Thomas	Donald J. Cink
1995	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	Edw ard W. Hart	O. Ray Harrington	Kish L. Thomas	Donald J. Cink
1996	William A. Nation	Edw ard W. Hart	O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Kish L. Thomas	Donald J. Cink
1997	Edw ard W. Hart	O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	Kish L. Thomas	Donald H. Haralson
1998	O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	*Paul A. Fitch	Kish L. Thomas	David A. Ray
1999	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	Bartis M. Kent	*John Schraw ger, Jr	Kish L. Thomas	Ralph K. Harris
2000	Charles L. Stuckey	*John Schraw ger, Jr	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Kish L. Thomas	Ralph K. Harris
2001	*John Schraw ger, Jr	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Kish L. Thomas	Ralph K. Harris
2002	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	Kish L. Thomas	John D. Miller, Jr.
2003	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	Kish L. Thomas	John D. Miller, Jr.
2004	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Elw ood M. Isaacs	John D. Miller, Jr.
2005	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2006	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Lew is A. Hullum	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2007	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Lew is A. Hullum	I. Dw ayne Dixon	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2008	Michael E. Hampton	Lew is A. Hullum	I. Dw ayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaw ay	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2009	Lew is A. Hullum	I. Dw ayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaw ay	Mark A. Critchfield	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2010	I. Dw ayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaw ay	Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2011	Richard C. Dunaw ay	Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Edw ard C. Becerra	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2012	Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Edw ard C. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2013	L. Erik Stuckey	Edw ard C. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2014	Edw ard C. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Timothy P. Israel	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2015	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matt McGee	Elw ood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
	* Deceased	** Dimited	*** Lost Membership			

Grand Treasurer - Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2015				
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma				
<u>General Fund, Acct held at Wells Fargo</u>				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$65,364.90
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%			\$3,159.13	
Stocks & ETFs:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
AT&T, (T), 200 sh, yield 5.57%	\$6,164.62	\$717.38	\$6,882.00	
First Tr Euro, Alpha Fd, (FEP), 34 sh, yield 2.20%	1078.6	-72.54	1,006.06	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw , (FNY), 33 sh, yield .46%	1024.94	-73.22	951.72	
First Tr Mid Cap Val, (FNK), 123 sh, yield 1.44%	3579.8	-326.45	3,253.35	
First Tr Lr Cap Grw , (FTC), 52 sh, yield .52%	2544.48	-37.56	2,506.92	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Grw , (IJT), 4 Sh, yield 1.13%	566.16	-68.92	497.24	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Val, (IJS), 5 Sh, yield 1.58%	614.3	-73.50	540.80	
I Shares JP Morgan Emerging Mkts, (EMB), 29 Sh, yield 4.83%	3242.43	-174.81	3,067.62	
PowerShares, (PGX), 625 Sh, Avg. yield 5.83%	8751.07	592.68	9,343.75	
VanGuard Intl Equity Index Fds, (VWO), 38 sh, yield 3.25%	1441.4	-198.42	1,242.98	
VanGuard Nat Res, (VNR), 200 sh, yield 12.08%	<u>4705.10</u>	<u>-4109.1</u>	<u>596.00</u>	
Avg yield 4.32%	129150	\$33,712.90	-\$3,824.46	29,888.44
Mutual Funds: (Open)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
Franklin Income, 1,596.49 sh, yield 5.09%	\$3,058.55	\$326.00	3,384.55	
Mutual Funds: (Closed End)				
First Tr Income,, (FPF), 390 Sh, yield 9.16%	8971.01	-675.71	8,295.30	
Gabelli Div/Income, (GDV), 250 Sh, yield 7.15%	4119.63	495.37	4,615.00	
Gabelli Global Sm&Mid Cap Val, (GGZ), 25 Sh, yield 5.54%	297.50	-37.50	260.00	
John Hancock Inc, (JHS), 200 sh, yield 6.53%	3218.88	-532.88	2,686.00	
Royce Value Trust, (RVT), 220 sh, yield 10.53	3087.89	-498.49	2,589.40	
Trotoise Energy Cap, (TTY), 86 Sh, yield 9.41%	<u>3282.41</u>	<u>-889.89</u>	<u>2,392.52</u>	
Avg yield 7.99%	1936.44	\$26,035.87	-\$1,813.10	24,222.77
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	<u>Call Value</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
American Fin Gp, (AFGH), 153 sh, yield 5.84%, (6.0%)	3939.32	-\$11.81	3,927.51	
Avg yield 6.17%	458.70	\$3,939.32	-\$11.81	<u>3,927.51</u>
Total General Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2015				\$61,197.85
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2015				-\$4,167.05
Transferred to Grand Commandery Checking Account,	\$0.00			-6.38%
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$3,928.02			

Holyland Pilgrimage Fund, Account held at Wells Fargo				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$3,330.92
Cash, Avg yield, 0.0%				\$302.13
Stocks & ETFs:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
First Tr Euro Alpha Fd, (FEP), 9 Sh, yield 2.20%	\$327.44	-\$61.13	266.31	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw , (FNY), 10 Sh, yield .46%	353.90	-65.50	288.40	
First Tr Md Cap Val, (FNK), 38 Sh, yield 1.44%	1151.00	-145.90	1,005.10	
First Tr Lr Cap Grw , (FTC), 16 sh, yield .52%	825.68	-54.32	771.36	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Grw , (UT), 1 sh, yield 1.13%	157.08	-32.77	124.31	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap Val, (US), 1 sh, yield 1.58%	138.53	-30.37	108.16	
VanGuard Int'l Equity Fds, (VWO), 11sh, yield 3.25%	460.75	-100.94	359.81	
Avg yield 1.39%	40.59	\$3,414.38	-490.93	2,923.45
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
American Fnd Gp, (AFGH), 38 sh, yield 5.84%, (6.0%)	\$1,002.35	-\$26.89	975.46	
Avg yield 5.84%	57.00	\$1,002.35	-\$26.89	975.46
Total Holyland Pilgrimage Fund Account Value as of 12/31/15				\$4,201.04
Net Gain/ Loss in Account Value for the year 2015				\$870.12
				26.12%
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015	\$215.37			
Total Withdraw als, 12/18/15 for Holyland Travel	\$3,629.58			
Total Deposits 5/20 & 9/14/15	\$5,262.10			

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma				
Holyland Pilgrimage Endowment Fund				
Endowed Fund Account held at Wells Fargo				
Balance as of January 1, 2015				\$0.00
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%				\$2,008.81
Stocks & ETFs:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
First Tr Euro, Alpha Fd, (FEP), 10 sh, yield 2.20%	\$361.00	-\$65.10	\$295.90	
First Tr Mid Cap Grw , (FNY), 16 sh, yield .46%	353.86	-65.46	288.40	
First Tr Mid Cap Val, (FNK), 38 sh, yield 1.44%	1149.56	-144.46	1,005.10	
First Tr Lr Cap Grw , (FTC), 16 sh, yield .52%	825.52	-54.16	771.36	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Grw I, (UT), 1 sh, yield 1.13%	157.15	-32.84	124.31	
I Shares S&P Sm Cap 600 Val, (US), 1 sh, yield 1.58%	138.57	-30.41	108.16	
I Shares JP Morgan Emerging Mkts, (EMB), 9 sh, yield 4.83%	1049.03	-97.01	952.02	
VanGuard Int'l Equity Index Fd, (VWO), 11 sh, yield 3.25%	460.81	-101.00	359.81	
Avg yield 2.24%	87.31	\$4,495.50	-\$590.44	3,905.06
Mutual Funds: (Open)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
First Tr Income Fd, (FPF), 85 sh, yield 9.16%	\$2,001.66	-\$193.71	\$1,807.95	
RoyceValue Trust, (RVT), 132 sh, yield 10.53%	1996.15	-442.51	1,553.64	
Avg yield 9.80%	329.43	\$3,997.81	-\$636.22	3,361.59
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:	<u>Call Value</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>		
American Fin Gp, (AFGH), 50 sh, yield 5.84%, (6.0%)	\$1,316.50	-\$33.00	1,283.50	
Avg yield 5.84%	75.00	\$1,316.50	-\$33.00	1283.50
Total Endowment Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2015				\$10,558.96
Dividend and Interest earned in 2015	\$302.68			

Perpetual Membership Fund, Account held at Wells fargo							
Balance as of January 1, 2015							\$233,140.99
Cash, Avg Yield 0.0%							\$5,226.05
Stocks & ETFs:		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
AT&T, (T), 201 sh, yield 5.57%		\$6,200.86	\$715.55	\$6,916.41			
Century Link Inc, (CTL), 204 sh, yield 8.58%		7193.39	-2060.75	5,132.64			
Enbridge Energy, (EEP), 452 sh, yield 10.10%		10567.36	-139.72	10,427.64			
Enterprise Prods Partners, (EPD), 100 sh, yield 6.02%		2698.54	-140.54	2,558.00			
First Tr Euro Alpha Fd, (FEP), 121 sh, yield 2.20%		3680.51	-100.12	3,580.39			
First Tr Mid Cap Grw , (FNY), 125 sh, yield .46%		3702.00	-97.00	3,605.00			
First Tr Mid Cap Val, (FNK), 430 sh, yield 1.44%		12354.50	-981.00	11,373.50			
First Tr Lr Cap Grw , (FTC), 180 sh, yield .52%		8648.00	29.80	8,677.80			
General Electric, (GE), 360 sh, yield 2.95%		9972.24	1241.76	11,214.00			
ISharies S&P Sm Cap Grw , (JT), 14 sh, yield 1.13%		1827.40	-87.06	1,740.34			
ISharies S&P Sm Cap 600 Val, (JS), 16 sh, yield 1.58%		1830.00	-99.44	1,730.56			
ISharies JP Morgan Emerg Mkts, (EMB), 100 sh, yield 4.83%		11024.00	-446.00	10,578.00			
ONEOK Partners (OKS), 240 sh, yield 10.48%		10167.17	-2935.97	7,231.20			
Pow er Shares (PGX), 777 sh, yield 5.83%		11374.20	241.95	11,616.15			
VanGuard Int'l Equity Index Fds, (VWO), 134 sh, yield 3.25%		4916.81	-533.67	4,383.14			
VanGuard Nat Res, (VNR), 200 sh, yield 12.08%		4696.26	-4100.26	596.00			
Williams Partners (WPZ), 99 sh, yield 12.20%		<u>5880.07</u>	<u>-3122.92</u>	<u>2,757.15</u>			
Avg yield 5.01%	5218.52	\$116,733.31	-\$12,615.39			104,117.92	
Corporate Bonds:		<u>Call Value</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
GTE Atlantic-Penna, 8,000 sh, BBB+, yield 7.03%, (6.75%)		\$7,870.00	-\$189.12	7,680.88			
Bell Atlantic, 20,000 sh, BBB+, yield 5.59%, (6.0%)		19200.00	2251.60	21,451.60			
Western Union, 8,000 sh, BBB, yield 6.24%, (6.2%)		8083.40	-139.64	7,943.76			
Alcoa Inc, 8,000 sh, BBB-, yield 7.42%. (5.95%)		<u>7910.60</u>	<u>-1500.52</u>	<u>6,410.08</u>			
Avg yield 6.24%	2712.00	\$43,064.00	\$422.32			43,486.32	
Mutual Funds: (Open)		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
AMCAP Fd, (AMPCX), 213.351 sh, yield N/A		\$5,557.89	-\$567.62	4,990.27			
First Tr Income Fd, (FPF), 173 sh, yield 9.16%		4025.37	-345.66	3,679.71			
John Hancock Income, (JHS), 725 sh, yield 6.53%		11288.55	-1551.80	9,736.75			
Royce Value Trust, (RVT), 350 sh, yield 10.53%		<u>4889.39</u>	<u>-769.89</u>	<u>4,119.50</u>			
Avg yield 6.25%	1407.17	\$25,761.20	-\$3,234.97			22,526.23	
Preferreds/Fixed Rate Securities:		<u>Call Value</u>	<u>Unrealized G/L</u>				
AllState Corp (ALL'c), 155 sh, yield 6.10%, (6.75%)		\$3,930.60	\$355.15	4,285.75			
American Fin Co, (AFGH), 765 sh, yield 5.84%, (6.0%)		19570.61	66.94	19,637.55			
Wells Fargo (WFCQ), 800 sh, yield 5.59%, (5.85%)		<u>20000.00</u>	<u>896.00</u>	<u>20,896.00</u>			
Avg yield 5.75%	2578.74	\$43,501.21	\$1,318.09			44,819.30	
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2015							\$220,175.82
NetGain/ Loss in Account Value for the year 2015							-\$12,965.17
							-5.56%
Dividend/Interest earned in 2015		\$12,633.90					
The total endow ed funds in the Grand Commandery as of 1/1/15							\$213,664.88
The total endow ed funds in the Grand Commandery as of 12/31/15							\$222,709.88
Total Increase in Endow ed Fimds in 2015						\$9,045.00	
Dividend/Interest earned in 2014		\$12,776.30					
Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderies in 2015 on D/I earned in 2014						\$6,003.64	
Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 20154 on D/I earned in 2014						\$6,763.53	
Div/Int distributed in 2015 on interest earned in 2014						\$12,767.17	
Total Members as of 12/31/2015		791					
New members gained in 2015		19					

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs, Grand Treasurer

Total Perpetual Members Grand Commandery, KT of Oklahoma													
As of 12/31/2015	New	7			Total	Total	Total	To Grand	To Grand	Total to	To Local	To Local	Total to
Name	Members in 2015	Members	Dead	Living	Investment	Dues	Distributed*	Commandery Deceased	Commandery Living	Grand Commandery*	Commandery Deceased	Commandery Living	Local Commanderies
Ardmore, No. 9	21	8	13	5,945.50	366.00	173.13	12.34	79.71	92.05	36.58	44.50	141.32	81.08
Ben Hur (Ponca City), No. 14	34	7	27	11,059.00	681.67	322.04	17.25	163.46	180.72	25.12	116.21	141.32	188.04
Calvary (Bville), No. 26	37	23	14	11,496.00	666.40	334.76	42.15	104.57	146.72	117.72	70.32	181.04	188.04
Capitol Hill (OKC), No. 53	143	57	86	43,177.50	2,724.50	1,257.33	140.31	448.45	588.76	349.08	319.49	668.57	668.57
Cimarron Valley No. 42	16	6	10	4,031.10	268.74	117.39	10.92	64.32	75.24	17.04	25.11	42.15	42.15
Elk City, No. 22	2	55	20	14,785.00	957.00	401.27	40.86	193.39	234.26	80.13	86.89	167.02	167.02
Guthrie, No. 1	3	26	5	7,710.00	514.00	185.20	12.23	95.20	107.43	20.09	57.88	77.77	77.77
Lawton, No. 18	1	50	28	10,650.00	690.00	299.21	49.74	217.36	247.06	128.91	49.45	178.35	178.35
McAlester, No. 6	2	55	14	12,360.00	824.20	335.46	29.70	148.30	201.97	35.93	52.47	88.40	88.40
Muskogee, No. 2	80	22	58	27,930.00	1,559.00	813.32	46.85	506.33	553.18	89.87	170.27	260.15	260.15
Norman, No. 38	1	66	32	16,286.78	1,080.74	458.98	53.67	148.30	201.97	133.74	123.28	257.01	257.01
Oklahoma No. 3.	3	42	15	12,805.00	853.00	333.57	25.63	147.59	173.22	67.27	93.08	160.35	160.35
St. Aunur (Woodward), No. 29	2	43	20	7,160.00	454.00	186.66	37.33	108.10	145.43	31.54	9.69	41.23	41.23
St. Johns (Stillwater), No. 8	1	27	13	6,250.00	411.00	170.91	27.37	64.14	91.51	52.85	26.54	79.39	79.39
Trinity (Tulsa), No. 20	4	96	33	31,055.00	2,044.10	832.69	57.63	274.61	332.24	170.16	330.28	500.44	500.44
15	19	791	303	488	222,709.88	14,094.35	6,221.92	603.99	2,686.65	3,290.64	1,356.02	1,575.27	2,931.28
As of December 31, 2015				791			2.79%	3,290.64	1.48%			2,931.28	1.32%
Percentage used in making calculations:													
					2.91%	\$6,409.95						\$3,290.64	
					\$6,221.92		Paid in January 2015					\$2,931.28	
					\$12,633.90		Paid in April 2015					\$6,221.92	
Interest and Dividends Earned in 2015						\$12,633.87							

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Please see the attached financial statement reflecting the Budget data for 2015 and the Actual data for 2015 for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year.

Membership: 1 January 2015		1,349
Gains:		
• Knightings	74	
• Admissions	3	
• Reinstatements	6	
• Adjustments	<u>1</u>	
Total Gains		84
Losses:		
• Deaths	34	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	25	
• Demitted	11	
• Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
Total Losses		<u>- 70</u>
Membership: 31 December 2015		<u>1,363</u>
Net Membership Gain:		<u>14</u>

We had a increase of **14** members compared to a decrease of **33** last year. Knightings of **74** compared to **78** last year, Suspensions/withdrawals/demits were **36** compared to **63** last year. Deaths were **34** compared to **54** last year. All Commanderies have submitted monthly and quarterly reports for Year 2015. There were a few having trouble with reporting and we will do all we can to see that they will be able to complete reporting timely next year.

We had **26** members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues. Two less than last year.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of **19**, with an ending total of **488** living and **303** deceased perpetual members. Almost **36%** of our active members are perpetual members.

There was a training session on 19 March 2016 for Secretaries/Recorders involving various reporting and particularly the Grand Encampment database. We now have access to all the Chapter and Council members as well as the Knight Templars. All but three Commanderies were present or represented at this training. This database should be very helpful in managing and keeping up with reports and membership. I thank all those for attending.

Respectfully submitted,
 GARY A. DAVIS
 Grand Recorder

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY ANNUAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015													
No.	Name	2014									Net Gain	2015	
		Members	Knights	Adm.	Reinst.	Dem.	Died	Adj.	S/W	or (Loss)	Members	Dues	Fees
1	Guthrie	80	2	1	0	2	6	0	1	(6)	74	\$37.00	\$75.00
2	Muskogee	127	13	0	0	0	3	1	0	9	136	\$25.00	\$75.00
3	Oklahoma	118	11	1	0	1	2	0	1	8	126	\$35.00	\$75.00
6	McAlester	116	10	0	1	0	2	2	0	7	123	\$30.00	\$50.00
8	St. John's	48	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	50	\$36.00	\$75.00
9	Ardmore	46	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	49	\$29.00	\$75.00
14	Ben Hur	49	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	(2)	47	\$47.00	\$95.00
18	Lawton	81	4	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	82	\$25.00	\$75.00
20	Trinity	205	8	0	1	3	3	0	2	1	206	\$46.00	\$100.00
22	Elk City	109	2	0	1	1	4	0	3	(5)	104	\$36.00	\$100.00
26	Calvary	45	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	1	46	19.75	\$60.00
29	St. Aumer	53	1	0	0	2	1	0	3	(5)	48	\$25.00	\$80.00
38	Norman	108	4	0	0	0	1	-5	0	8	116	\$35.00	\$65.00
42	Cimarron Valley	33	3	0	0	0	1		0	2	35	\$35.00	\$60.00
53	Capitol Hill	131	3	0	0	1	2	0	10	(10)	121	\$37.00	\$85.00
	Totals	<u>1349</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1363</u>		

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY ANNUAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015											
No.	Name	P/M	N/P	DeMolay	P/C	KTEF	Holy		Net	PEM	TOTAL
							Land	KT			
							Pilgrimage	Magazine	Amount	P/C	
1	Guthrie	18	0	\$14.00	\$560.00	\$43.00	\$148.00	\$504.00	\$1,269.00	\$107.43	\$1,376.43
2	Muskogee	58	0	\$19.50	\$780.00	\$69.00	\$272.00	\$702.00	\$1,842.50	\$553.18	\$2,395.68
3	Oklahoma	24	4	\$24.50	\$980.00	\$78.00	\$252.00	\$918.00	\$2,252.50	\$173.22	\$2,425.72
6	McAlester	39	0	\$21.00	\$840.00	\$39.00	\$246.00	\$756.00	\$1,902.00	\$247.06	\$2,149.06
8	St. John's	13	1	\$9.00	\$360.00	\$31.00	\$100.00	\$333.00	\$833.00	\$91.51	\$924.51
9	Ardmore	13	0	\$9.00	\$360.00	\$28.00	\$98.00	\$324.00	\$819.00	\$92.05	\$911.05
14	Ben Hur	27	0	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$43.00	\$94.00	\$180.00	\$522.00	\$180.72	\$702.72
18	Lawton	23	1	\$14.50	\$580.00	\$48.00	\$164.00	\$531.00	\$1,337.50	\$120.86	\$1,458.36
20	Trinity	60	7	\$34.75	\$1,390.00	\$95.00	\$412.00	\$1,314.00	\$3,245.75	\$332.24	\$3,577.99
22	Elk City	33	3	\$17.00	\$680.00	\$56.00	\$208.00	\$639.00	\$1,600.00	\$234.26	\$1,834.26
26	Calvary	14	4	\$7.00	\$280.00	\$21.00	\$92.00	\$288.00	\$688.00	\$146.72	\$834.72
29	St. Aumer	21	0	\$6.75	\$270.00	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$243.00	\$627.75	\$145.43	\$773.18
38	Norman	33	3	\$20.00	\$800.00	\$59.00	\$232.00	\$747.00	\$1,858.00	\$201.97	\$2,059.97
42	Cimarron Valley	10	1	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$22.00	\$70.00	\$225.00	\$563.00	\$75.24	\$638.24
53	Capitol Hill	86	2	\$8.25	\$330.00	\$27.00	\$242.00	\$315.00	\$922.25	\$588.76	\$1,511.01
	Totals	<u>472</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>\$216.25</u>	<u>\$8,650.00</u>	<u>\$671.00</u>	<u>\$2,726.00</u>	<u>\$8,019.00</u>	<u>\$20,282.25</u>	<u>\$3,290.65</u>	<u>\$23,572.90</u>

Budget 2015 vs Actual

Estimated Income	Budget 2015	Actual 15	Variation
Annual Report	\$17,313.00	\$17,313.00	\$0.00
Perpetual Membership	\$6,764.00	\$6,764.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$600.00	\$1,104.00	\$504.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$500.00	\$1,208.00	\$708.00
Interest/Investments	\$4,412.00	\$4,412.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Festival Meals	\$0.00	\$460.00	\$460.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$18.00	(\$282.00)
Total	<u>\$29,989.00</u>	<u>\$31,379.00</u>	<u>\$1,390.00</u>
Estimated Expenditures			
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$509.00	\$502.00	\$7.00
Grand Commander's Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
GC Grand Session Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	\$200.00	\$102.00	\$98.00
KTEF Contribution	\$900.00	\$867.00	\$33.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita & Magazine	\$12,145.00	\$12,141.00	\$4.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,400.00	\$1,392.00	\$8.00
Telephone	\$600.00	\$455.00	\$145.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$225.00	(\$25.00)
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00	\$458.00	\$242.00
Postage	\$250.00	\$174.00	\$76.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00	\$132.00	\$0.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$100.00	\$22.00	\$78.00
Past Commander's Jewel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$100.00	\$182.00	(\$82.00) KC Temple & 50 Yr Pins
Triennial	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$118.00	\$82.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00	\$711.00	\$289.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Festifal Meals	\$0.00	\$450.00	(\$450.00)
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$790.00	(\$490.00) Rituals, Prelate Uniform
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$27,196.00</u>	<u>\$25,481.00</u>	<u>\$1,715.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	\$2,793.00	\$5,898.00	

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Membership Development Income:	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Variance
Membership Development Interest	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
Misc Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00

Membership Promotion Expense:

DeMolay Sword	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Promotion Expense	\$950.00	\$328.00	\$622.00
Net Income/Loss	\$0.00	\$622.00	(\$622.00)

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE**Holyland Pilgrimage Donations:**

Holyland Pilgrimage Interest	\$273.00	\$273.00	\$0.00
Withdrawals	\$4,000.00	\$4,895.00	\$895.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Donations(Commanderies)	\$2,698.00	\$2,698.00	\$0.00
Other Donations	\$500.00	\$231.00	(\$269.00)
Total Income	\$7,471.00	\$8,097.00	\$626.00

Holyland Pilgrimage Expenses:

Deposits Transferred to Wells Fargo	3,198.00	\$5,196.00	(\$1,998.00) (Includes last years donations)
Holyland Pilgrimage Minister Expense	\$3,400.00	\$3,190.00	\$210.00
Airfare to New York	\$500.00	\$440.00	\$60.00
Donor Medals	\$0.00	\$1,265.00	(\$1,265.00)
Total Expense	\$7,098.00	\$10,091.00	(\$2,993.00)
Net Income/Loss	\$373.00	(\$1,994.00)	

Beginning Cash Balance			\$4,987.00
Income	\$35,119.00		
Expenses	\$35,899.00		
Difference		-\$780.00	
Undeposited funds		\$265.00	
Cash on hand			\$4,472.00

STANDING RESOLUTION No. 1

WHEREAS, Standing Resolution, Membership Incentives has been in effect since 2007 with only 4 or 5 individuals applying for such incentives and,

WHEREAS, it is obvious that these incentives are not conducive to our gaining new members, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate cost of these incentives can become a financial burden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Standing Resolution, Membership Incentives of the General Laws, which now reads:

“All members in good standing are eligible to participate in the Membership Incentive program of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. The cost of these awards will be shared equally between the three Grand York Rite bodies, except for perpetual memberships. Awards will be granted when a petitioner has received all York Rite degrees and orders, and the first line signer has accumulated petitions as follows:

- (1) 3 petitions – The first line signer will receive a billfold.
- (2) 10 petitions –The first line signer will receive a watch, engraved with his name.
- (3) 20 petitions – The first line signer will receive a personalized silver sword, or a gold plated sword if the recipient is a Past Commander, paid for by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma, after the petitioners have received all their York Rite degrees. (Limit one sword per recipient for all three Bodies.)

(4) 30 petitions – The first line signer will receive a Perpetual Membership in his home Commandery, (after the petitioners have received all the York Rite degrees) paid by the Grand Commandery, KT of Oklahoma.

(a) If a top line signer has a perpetual membership he will have the option to add to his current perpetual membership account, or he may give the perpetual membership to any member in good standing, or purchase a perpetual membership in another Oklahoma Commandery in which he is a member. The cost will not exceed the cost of a perpetual membership in his home Commandery.

(5) The Grand Recorder must receive a copy of each petition indicating the first line signer and certifying that the candidate has received all the York Rite degrees and orders. The Grand Recorder will determine the recipient of the various awards.

(6) The accumulation of petitions will begin at the close of the 2007 Grand Session”

Be deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis (20/42)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

STANDING RESOLUTION No. 2

WHEREAS, attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma by the dais officers of the Constituent Commanderies has declined in recent years, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to promote increased attendance by dais officers of the Constituent Commanderies at future annual communications of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, attendance by the dais officers of the Constituent Commanderies should be recognized by all of the Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we add the following "Standing Resolution" to the General Laws, of The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma, which would read as follows,

Dais Officer Attendance Citation Cord

Dais Officer's of the Constituent Commanderies who attend the annual communication of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma may wear a shoulder cord, similar in style to the French Fourragère, in kelly green on their left shoulder. The cord is to be affixed either by a pin attachment or a small Knight Templar button sewn ½” from the collar. The cord may be worn by the Sir Knight for the period commencing after the roll call of the Constituent Commanderies from one Templar year to the next.

- A. Any Sir Knight, who attains the rank of Past Commander and attended the annual communication of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma each year they served as a dais officer, may wear a shoulder cord in green and gold on their left shoulder for life.**
- B. Authorization for wear of the shoulder cord will be based solely on the honor of the Knight wearing it.**

Respectfully submitted,
T.S. Akers (3)
Steve Guerrero (53)

WITHDRAWN.

STANDING RESOLUTION No. 3

WHEREAS, clarification is necessary to prevent spending endowed funds for interest and dividend distribution to the Grand Commandery and the constituent Commanderies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we add the following the following paragraph to the "Standing Resolution" of the General Laws, PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP, paragraph (g) of The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma:

"The perpetual membership fee shall be considered endowed funds and shall never be spent. Therefore, interest and dividend funds can only be distributed provided the market value of the Perpetual Membership Investment Account is greater than the endowed value each year."

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs (20/26)
Gary A. Davis (20/42)

WITHDRAWN.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the rank of Past Grand Commander is a distinction that should be easily identified, and

WHEREAS, there is historical precedence in this Grand Jurisdiction that Past Grand Commanders have worn gold laurel leaf bands on their chapeaux,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 9, Chapeau, For Past Grand Commanders, of the Laws and Regulations, which reads:

"Same as prescribed for Grand Officers, except that the Templar cross on the rosette shall have purple velvet center and purple stone set."

BE AMENDED TO READ:

"Same as prescribed for Grand Officers, except that the Templar cross on the rosette shall have purple velvet center and purple stone set. **The chapeau may have vines and berries in gold on a black or purple velvet background worn diagonally across the peaks, both front and back.**"

Respectfully submitted:
T.S. Akers (3)
I. Dwayne Dixon (53)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Sir Knights of Oklahoma need the ability to equip themselves with the necessary uniform items, and

WHEREAS, the cost of a Knight Templar chapeau is often prohibitive for some Knights to be able to participate in the ceremonies of our Order, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America has authorized the wear of white military style caps with the Full Dress Uniform,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we add the following sub-paragraph to Article XX, Section 6, (a) of the Laws and Regulations:

“A white military style cap may be worn with the Full Dress Uniform instead of a chapeau. The cap should adhere to the regulations of this Jurisdiction as set forth in Article XX, Section 18. Sir Knights working as a uniformed unit of Knights Templar should not mix white caps and chapeau. Ranking officers may choose to wear chapeau if Sir Knights under their command are wearing caps. The uniform of the day will always be set by the ranking officer.”

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers (3)
Steve Guerrero (53)

WITHDRAWN.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, we do not have donations nor funds established for scholarships other than those in the Knight Templar Education Fund, and

WHEREAS, the current scholarships are reviewed and selections made by the Committee on Education Foundation, and

WHEREAS, we have not given any other type of scholarships for several years,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Article V, Special Committees of the Laws and Regulations, Section 1 which now reads:

“(d) On Scholarships Awards “

and Section 2 (d) The Scholarship Committee which now reads:

“(d) The Scholarship Committee is to administer Scholarship awards. This Committee, consisting of three (3) members serving staggered elective three year terms, shall send applications for scholarships to the DeMolay, Job's Daughters and the Rainbow for Girls; receive all completed applications, and select the recipients. The Grand Commander shall approve the final selections and send them to the Grand Recorder, who will notify each recipient of the award and the time and place of presentation. Funding for such scholarships shall be from voluntary fund raising and contributions, such monies to be turned over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall hold such monies in an escrow account until such time as he is authorized to release them by order of the Grand Commander, with the consent of the other dais officers.”

Be deleted in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted:
Gary A. Davis, PGC (20/42)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, A ten year line prevents many qualified men from being available for the Grand Commandery line; and

WHEREAS, As an appointed officer there is the opportunity to see if they are willing to commit the time that is necessary as an elected officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS, Section 1, of the Constitution, which now reads:

“The officers of this Grand Commandery shall be:

A Grand Commander
A Deputy Grand Commander
A Grand Generalissimo
A Grand Captain General
A Grand Senior Warden
A Grand Junior Warden
A Grand Prelate
A Grand Treasurer
A Grand Recorder
A Grand Standard Bearer
A Grand Sword Bearer
A Grand Warder, and
A Grand Sentinel

all of whom, except the Prelate, shall be elected at the annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, except as provided by Section 2.”

Be amended to read:

ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Grand Commandery shall be:

A Grand Commander
A Deputy Grand Commander
A Grand Generalissimo
A Grand Captain General
A Grand Senior Warden
A Grand Junior Warden
A Grand Treasurer
A Grand Recorder
A Grand Prelate
A Grand Standard Bearer
A Grand Sword Bearer
A Grand Warder, and
A Grand Sentinel

all of whom except for the **Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Sentinel** shall be elected at the annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, except as provided in Section 2.

The Grand Commander, after his election, and before his installation, shall appoint the following:

**A Grand Prelate
A Grand Standard Bearer
A Grand Sword Bearer
A Grand Warder, and
A Grand Sentinel**

These changes shall take effect as the Grand Sentinel elected and installed in 2017

passes each of the offices that have been changed from elected to appointed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donnie G Higginbotham (6)
Curtis K, Schuermann (20)
Gary A. Davis (20/42)

RESOLUTION WAS READ AND WILL LAY OVER UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, membership retention and growth has remained one of the principal challenges of sustainability and financial stability in the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, the increase in new members over the past few years has demonstrated the value of a Committee on Membership; and

WHEREAS, the addition of one more geographical region would increase the efficiency of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, a modification of the method with which members of the Committee are appointed, would bring it in conformity with its actual practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 4, Section 2 (k) of the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, which now reads:

“The Committee on Membership for the state of Oklahoma shall be comprised of seven members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of six identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman. The Committee members shall serve from one Stated Conclave to the close of the next. Three members of the Oklahoma Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander to serve their specific regions until replaced and whose responsibility shall be to develop and oversee, in conjunction with the remaining members of the statewide Committee on Membership, an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members within their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction. No more than one of the Grand Commandery appointed committee members may be replaced in any given year except in the event of a vacancy requiring the appointment of a new member, such appointment to be made by the Grand Commander.

The Committee should present a request to the Finance Committee for funds to implement the programs, if necessary, in order to obtain any required material essential to the established program.”

Be amended to read:

“The Committee on Membership for the state of Oklahoma shall be comprised of **eight** members, and shall consist of one chairman for each of seven identified geographic regions of the state and a state chairman. **It shall be the responsibility of the Committee in developing and overseeing an ongoing program for the recruitment and retention of members from their respective regions and the entire jurisdiction.**”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (3)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, in the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, the Committee on York Rite Coordination has duties assigned to it which are vitally important to the welfare of the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Committee on York Rite Coordination has not regularly met but rather has ceded its responsibilities to the regular quarterly meetings of the Grand Officers of the York Rite; and

WHEREAS, a slight modification to the current structure of the Committee on York Rite Coordination would allow these Grand Officers to officially assume the duties of the Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 4, Section 2, (i) of the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, which now reads:

“The Committee on York Rite Coordination shall research, plan and recommend to the Grand Commander programs for the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma; to coordinate promotional material; to plan area and state-wide festivals; provide a continuing file of personnel for the conferral of the Orders, and such other duties as may be delegated by the Grand Commander. The committee shall hold a minimum of three meetings annually; the first meeting to be held will include the selection of a Chairman, Vice-chairman and a Secretary. A written report of each meeting shall be furnished to the Grand Commander for study. The committee shall consist of three members appointed as follows:

The term of one member for one year, one member for two years, and one member for three years; thereafter, the Grand Commander shall appoint a member for three years; vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member. The Deputy Grand Commander shall be an ex-officio member of this committee. The committee shall serve concurrently with similar committees from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.”

Be amended to read:

“The Committee on York Rite Coordination shall research, plan and recommend to the Grand Commander programs for the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma; to coordinate promotional material; to plan area and state-wide festivals; provide a continuing file of personnel for the conferral of the Orders, and such other duties as may be delegated by the Grand Commander. The committee shall hold a minimum of three meetings annually; the first meeting to be held will include the selection of a Chairman, Vice-chairman and a Secretary. A written report of each meeting shall be furnished to the Grand Commander for study.

“It is recommended that the Grand Commander appoint the committee consisting of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General. The committee shall serve concurrently with similar committees from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.”

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (3)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 7 2016

WHEREAS, the Grand Encampment is now providing dues cards to our membership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Article XIX, Constituent Commanderies, Dues and Assessments, Section 19, (d) which now reads:

“(d) Dues cards shall be uniform in size and format, similar to the dues cards presently issued by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma. Each card shall bear the printed signature of the Grand Recorder, a facsimile of the seal of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma and the year of issue. Constituent Commanderies may fill in their Commandery name, number and location or they may have it printed on the card. A combined 3-way York Rite Dues Card may be used when adopted by the Constituent Commandery. Dues cards shall be ordered through the Grand Recorder.”

Be amended to read:

“Dues Cards for Constituent Commanderies shall be issued by the Grand Encampment.”

Respectfully submitted:
Gary A. Davis (20/42)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION No. 8
2016**

WHEREAS, Article XVI, Revenues, Section 4 (a), is not clear as to when members are to be officially entered as suspended, expelled, demitted, or deceased, and

Whereas, a member is to pay his dues by the 1st of January and after that, he is in arrears, and

Whereas, we now have a database which should be updated to list every member in each Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and

Whereas, the Grand Encampment runs the databases as of midnight on the 31st of December to establish the number of members, and

Whereas, in the past, several secretaries did not enter these members in the database until after 31 December, but made them effective as of 31 December.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ARTICLE XVI, REVENUES, Section 4 (a), which now reads:

“(a) Each Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery, at the time of filing its Annual Returns, a per capita tax of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each Knight Templar on its rolls December 31st, plus any assessment for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Magazine and the per capita tax of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knights who are or become Life Sponsors, Associate Patrons or Patrons of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation shall be exempt from the assessment for such fund as provided by the regulations governing that Foundation. “

Be amended to read:

“(a) Each Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery, at the time of filing its Annual Returns, a per capita tax of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each Knight Templar **in the database on the 30th** December, plus any assessment for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Magazine and the per capita tax of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knights who are or become Life Sponsors, Associate Patrons or Patrons of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation shall be exempt from the assessment for such fund as provided by the regulations governing that Foundation. “

Respectfully submitted:
Gary A. Davis (20/42)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

**RESOLUTION No. 9
2016**

WHEREAS, Article XIX, Constituent Commanderies, Non-Payment of Dues, Section 22, is not clear as to when members are to be officially entered as suspended, expelled, demitted, or deceased, and

Whereas, a member is to pay his dues by the 1st of January and after twelve months he may be summoned to appear at a Stated Conclave to show cause why he should not be suspended for payment of such dues, whether he appears or not, the Commandery may act at its discretion without further notice to the member, and

Whereas, the Grand Encampment which is to run the databases as of midnight on the 31st of December to establish the number of members, and

Whereas, the Grand Encampment will charge the Grand Commandery \$500.00 for any errors in their annual reporting, and

Whereas, in the past, several secretaries did not enter these members in the database until after 31 December, but made them effective as of 31 December.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ARTICLE XIX, CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES, NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, Section 22, which now reads:

“(b) If a member shall have been in arrears of dues for a period of twelve months, he may be summoned to appear at a Stated Conclave of the Commandery to show cause why he has not paid said dues, at which time whether he appears or not, the Commandery may act at its discretion by remitting said dues, giving further time, or suspending the member without further notice.”

Be amended to read:

“(b) If a member shall have been in arrears of dues for a period of **six** months, he may be summoned to appear at a Stated Conclave of the Commandery to show cause why he has not paid said dues, at which time whether he appears or not, the Commandery may act at its discretion by remitting said dues, giving further time, or suspending the member without further notice.”

Respectfully submitted:
Gary A. Davis (20/42)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There are 8 Grand Officers present with no votes, 7 Past Grand Commanders present with no votes, 57 Past Commanders present with 57 votes, 12 Commanders present with 12 votes, 6 Generalissimos present with 6 votes, 6 Captain Generals present with 6 votes, and 4 proxies with 4 votes, making a total of 85 votes. There were 12 out of 15 Commanderies represented by Dais Officers.

Submitted by:

Robert Cundiff (53), Chmn, Kyle Israel (22), and John Church (22)

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

No written report received. A verbal report was given and the resolutions were found to be in legal and proper form. Several Past Grand Commanders were present. The dispensations and actions by the Grand Commander were all within his authority. Grand Commander Currell is to be congratulated on his year as Grand Commander and his commitment to York Rite Masonry.

Gary Davis, Grand Recorder

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Finance submits the following report:

On February 15, 2016, the Committee examined and audited the records and ledger of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and we found them in agreement with Bank Statements and Bank Verifications of the invested funds and they are in accordance with the printed reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer as of January 31, 2016.

The Committee also hereby submits for your information and approval, the proposed budget for 2016:

We, your Committee on Finance, commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their diligence in keeping the Commandery's funds safe and invested at the highest possible interest rate. We also recommend that the Commandery continue to call on Sir Knights Isaacs and Davis for their experience and expertise in continuing these most important efforts.

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Paul T. Currell, for the chance and privilege to serve this Grand Commandery. It has indeed, been a great pleasure.

Respectfully submitted:

William J. Cloud (53) and Timothy P. Israel (22)

COMMANDERY BUDGET 2016

	Estimated Budget 2016
Estimated Income	
Annual Report	\$20,282.00
Perpetual Membership	\$3,390.00
Fees	\$1,000.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$850.00
Interest/Investments	\$3,928.00
Awards	\$100.00
Festival Meals	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Total	<u><u>\$30,350.00</u></u>
Estimated Expenditures	
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$502.00
Grand Commander's Allowance	\$1,250.00
GC Grand Session Expense	\$250.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$200.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	\$200.00
KTEF Contribution	\$865.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita & Magazine	\$12,267.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,400.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$225.00
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00
Postage	\$250.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$100.00
Past Commander's Jewel	\$350.00
Officer Regalia	\$1,200.00
Awards	\$100.00
Triennial	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Festival Meals	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u><u>\$28,941.00</u></u>
Net Income/Loss	\$1,409.00

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Membership Development Income:

Membership Development Interest
Misc Donations

Budget 2016

\$1,135.00
\$0.00

Total Income

\$1,135.00

Membership Promotion Expense:

DeMolay Sword
Membership Promotion Expense

\$200.00

\$935.00

Total

\$1,135.00

Net Income/Loss

\$0.00

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

Holyland Pilgrimage Income

Holyland Pilgrimage Interest
Withdrawals
Holyland Pilgrimage Donations(Commanderies)
Other Donations

\$215.00

\$3,475.00

\$2,726.00

\$100.00

Total Income

\$6,516.00

Holyland Pilgrimage Expenses:

Deposits Transferred to Wells Fargo
Holyland Pilgrimage Minister Expense
Airfare to New York
Donor Medals

\$2,826.00

\$3,190.00

\$500.00

\$0.00

Total Expense

\$6,516.00

Net Income/Loss

\$0.00

Beginning Cash Balance		\$4,987.00
Income	\$35,119.00	
Expenses	\$35,899.00	
Difference		\$780.00
Undeposited funds		\$265.00
Cash on hand		\$4,472.00

GENERAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

As is the normal situation in reports of this type, there is good news and bad news. Let's look at Good News first.

Of the 15 Commanderies that started the year, all 15 had at least one new Knight. Unlike last year when Oklahoma # 3 Knighted 35 new Knights, there was no one Commandery that made the big difference. We had 3 Commanderies that Knighted more than 10 Knights: Muskogee #2 with 13; McAlester #6 & Oklahoma #3 with 11 each. That is awesome. Five other Commanderies Knighted 8 or more new Knights. This year Oklahoma our total Knightings were 74 compared to 110 last year. An additional 10 Knights were added to our number: 3 Admission; 6 Reinstatements; & 1 by Adjustment. We lost 34 to death and 25 by Suspension / Withdrawal. Eleven Knights demitted. Although we lost 70 Knights, our net Gain was 14 new members. It is definitely important to try to reinstate our members and not just let them disappear. Six of our Commanderies had reinstatements. Our net gain of 14 Knights translates to a net growth of just under 1.04 %. Last year we had a net growth of just over 1.5 %.

Also on the positive side, we were again able to make a payment of Perpetual Membership income to our Commanderies. That payment was not large. There is a resolution being presented only dealing with our investment revenue is allocated.

We had 100 % Commandery participation in the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. We are still seeking commitments to the Knights of the Holy Land program.

The Grand Encampment shows that we have 1361 Knights, 430 of who have some type of Sponsorship to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. That is just under one- third of us. We can each remedy that by purchasing a Life Sponsorship for only \$30.00. That Sponsorship will reduce your per capita cost by \$1.00 per year.

Now to the bad news. We can learn from our weaknesses. Quarterly reports are still not being timely filed. Annual reports are late. We just had training on the membership database. The training was focused on Chapter and Council, which have been added to database. It was insightful. We have seven Commanderies who have not designated their officers in the database. We would like to see that remedied. If the Records would also designate all of their Past Commanders, we would have a new tool to help us update the work of the Credentials committee.

Dispensations. The only dispensation issued by the Grand Commander was to allow Trinity to hold their elections early to accommodate a timely installation of their officers.

Losses. We all abhor the loss of our members. There were 11 demits. We lost 34 Knights to death. We also lost 25 knights to suspension or withdrawal. That is a significant reduction in suspensions. Last year was 57. It still seems that we should be able to reduce some of the loss to suspensions and withdrawals. We would urge that the Officers in Charge meet with their Commanderies early in the year and encourage every Commandery to set up an active committee to contact the members who are behind in their dues. On the topic of membership, it is important that Commanderies keep their database records current. The Grand Encampment is closing our year on December 21 by reviewing our database records and charging per capita accordingly. We no long have until mid January to suspend members, list deaths, etc.

Deaths. We had a difficult year. We lost two Past Grand Commanders. They were: Lilburn Pearce, 1984, on 10-21-15 and Cal Mettee, 1983, on 07-19-15. In addition Joe Warriner, 1987 died on 01-02-16. Although not a Past Grand Commander, we also lost Sir Knight James Smyrl, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander on 02-01-16.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Israel, Chairman, John L. Logan (29), Jay A. Wall (1)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Education Scholarship committee met on February 15, 2016 to select the recipients for the Knights Templar Scholarships. Present were Robert R. Rolseth, Paul T. Currell, and Gary A. Davis. Four scholarships were offered.

The criteria for scholarships were based on need, academic record, extracurricular activities, and worthy goals. There were several applications this year. We had 9 Male and 11 Females apply.

The four recipients for scholarships in 2014 are John Rosman, Gage Brunner, Lindsey Dennison, and Morgan Hanna. They will each receive \$1,200.00 scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Davis for Andrew B. Palmer, Chairman. David A. Ray, E. David Snyder, Paul T. Currell, Robert R. Rolseth, and Secretary-Treasurer Gary A. Davis

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AUDIT COMMITTEE

The committee on the Knight Templar Educational Foundation met and reviewed the 2015 checking and investment accounts held by the Grand Recorder. All the accounts are in proper order and administered correctly.

Checking Account:

Opening balance, January 1, 2015 \$968.67

Income:

Received from Investment Account , 7/22/2015 \$5,000.00

Expenses:

Scholarships	\$4800.00
Bond expense	143.00
Banquet meals	0.00
Grand Commandery Committee	257.64
Bank Charge (wire fee)	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,200.64</u>

Checking Account and Bank Statement, December 31, 2015 \$768.03

Investment Account, held at Edward Jones:

Opening Balance, January 1, 2015	\$130,072.30
Dividend/Interest received in 2015	5,067.58
Withdrawal to checking account,	<5,000.00>
Fee for withdrawal	0.00
Unrealized Loss	<u><5,442.64></u>

Closing balance in Investment Account, December 31, 2015 \$124,697.24

We commend the Grand Recorder for doing an excellent job of administrating the Knight Templar Educational Foundation accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood M. Isaacs (26 & 20) Chairman, John L. Logan (29), David A. Ray (38)

NECROLOGY REPORT

Sir Knights we are once more reminded of the mortality of the body with the passing of 38 Sir Knights this past year, including four Past Grand Commanders and one of our Grand Officers.

Sir Knight James Earnest Smyrl	VE Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Lilburn M. Pearce	Grand Commander 1983-1984
Sir Knight Joe Francis Warriner	Grand Commander 1986-1987
Sir Knight Calvin Edward Mettee	Grand Commander 1992-1993
Sir Knight Rex Late Eutsler	Grand Commander 1993-1994

To the immediate relatives and friends who are most heart-stricken by the loss we have sustained, we have but little of this world's consolation to offer. We can only deeply, sincerely, and most affectionately sympathize with you in your afflictive bereavement. But we can say "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, looks down with infinite compassion on the bereaved ones" and the Grand Architect of the Universe will fold his arms of love and protection around them who put their trust in Him.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Brooks (22)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF OKLAHOMA

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma is an Oklahoma not for profit corporation formed on July 9, 1930, to encourage charity, benevolence, education, and philanthropy. It was created so that the institutional giving of Oklahoma Freemasonry could be better focused and coordinated. The activities of the Foundation do not replace those of the individual Masons; they merely serve to supplement them.

MANAGEMENT

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twenty-two members. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma elects fifteen of the Directors, three each year, for a five-year term. There are also three Directors representing the Scottish Rite, one from each Valley, three Directors representing the York Rite, one from each Grand Body, and one Director from the from the Order of the Eastern Star. Board members receive no monetary compensation of any kind. The Foundation has a full-time staff working in the Edmond office, under the direction of John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve for 2016:

President	Elwood M. Isaacs
1st VP	William J. Cloud
2nd VP	Neil A. Stitt
Treasurer	Gary A. Davis
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

FINANCIAL

The Foundation 12/31/15 preliminary consolidated financial report reflects total assets of \$88,029,228. The 2016 consolidated budget projects revenues of \$4,024,225 and expenses of \$4,387,903.

LODGE MATCHING FUNDS

This program was established in 1983 and designed to encourage and support local Lodges in the area of charity by matching local Lodge monetary contributions in the areas of scholarships, local

disasters, local charitable causes and local community services. To qualify, the Lodge must be actively engaged in raising the money to be matched. In 2002, the amount was raised to \$10,000 per year, with the requirement that no more than \$7,500 could be used for community needs. The remaining \$2,500 could only be used for a needy Brother or his family. In 2007, the community matching funds portion was raised to \$10,000, with the \$2,500 remaining for Promises Matter matching.

In 2015, 216 Lodges used the program in the amount of \$1,628,788.55 thereby investing more than \$3,257,577 in Oklahoma charitable and educational projects.

PROMISES MATTER

The Foundation stands ready to assist those Lodges and OES Chapters in caring for their needy members through matching funds or direct grants. Each Lodge or Chapter is in the best position to know which of its members need assistance. Lodges may use their entire \$12,500 allotment of matching funds for Promises Matter activities. In 2015, 20 different Lodges and 6 OES Chapters participated with grants totaling \$105,255.61. The average grant was \$3,395.

In response to the tragedy of the 2015 tornados, floods, and wildfires, the Foundation issued 15 emergency grants of \$1,000.00, all to the members of the Masonic family.

2015 – 2016 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Youth Scholarship Program is funded through the Education Endowment Fund. By the spending policy, the Education Endowment 2016 spending target is 5% of assets or \$151,156. The budget requests funds for 80 scholarships of \$2,000.00 each. Significant to the program in 2015 was an infusion of \$639,878 in additional endowed funds from the Masonic Charity Foundation and the William and Marilyn Cammack Trust which gifted \$1,548,585 to the fund.

Scholarships were given for the 2015-16 school year as follows:

Rainbow received 43 scholarships at \$2,000 each for a total of \$86,000

Job's Daughters received nine scholarships at \$2,000 each for a total of \$18,000

DeMolay received 16 scholarships at \$2,000 each for a total of \$32,000

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Foundation works with other organizations to achieve worthwhile goals and make Masonic charity more visible across the State of Oklahoma.

Partners in Prevention is a partnership with Prevent Blindness Oklahoma. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. The Foundation funded the project of \$170,000 in 2015 and has budgeted \$180,000 for 2016.

Oklahoma Educational Television Authority-Better known as OETA received in 2015 a combined total of \$55,476 from 164 lodges. Our contribution allows us to sponsor four of the most popular programs on public television, the OETA Movie Club, the World of National Geographic, This Old House and Antiques Road Show.

Senior Essay Contest – During the 2015-2016 school years 109 schools participated in the contest by submitting 1,324 essays which were sponsored by 88 Lodges. Local school winners were recognized with certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both boys and girls divisions. Statewide winners were selected from these, and 10 in both boys and girls divisions were recognized with cash prizes totaling \$13,700 in 1st through 10th places.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education-Our support for public education was demonstrated in five statewide programs.

The Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year program honors teachers who make outstanding contributions to the public education of our youth. The State Teacher of the Year is awarded a check for \$5,000, the State Teacher of the Year's school district receives \$5,000, each of the eleven finalists receives a check for \$500 and each of the Rising Star award recipients receives \$500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a framed certificate of appreciation.

The Student of Today Award is a program that encourages outstanding performance in

students of all grade levels by recognizing exemplary students. Each recipient is presented a certificate, usually by a local Mason, at their school's awards assembly or some Lodges host banquets for the winners. In 2015, the Foundation prepared 2,627 certificates for presentation by 179 participating Lodges.

The Teacher of Today Award program is used by Freemasonry in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that makes a daily difference in the lives of our children. Each teacher receives a certificate presented by the local Lodge. It is a small token to express our appreciation to these men and women who carry the burden of the future on their shoulders. In 2015, the Foundation prepared 843 certificates for presentation by 167 participating Lodges.

The State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence honors the Fifty top high school seniors in the visual and performing arts in our state. Also, the top school administrators and school board members are honored during a prestigious formal reception at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. The students are presented medals by the Grand Master and State Superintendent of Education.

Higher Education Endowments of \$50,000 at Northeastern A. & M. State College and \$50,000 at Oklahoma City Community College were established in 2015.

The Payne Education Center is a non-profit organization established in 1984. Since 1996, the Foundation has supported the Payne Education Center's Reading Readiness program designed to train kindergarten and transitional 1st-grade teachers by providing \$75 reading readiness kits. For 2016, the Foundation budgeted \$42,500 for this program.

Senior Assistance Program-Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a division of the Department of Human Services, \$768,572 was given in December 2015 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2016. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at www.okdhs.org.

MASONRY IN ACTION AWARD

The Masonry in Action Award was first presented in 2013 to recognize lodges that make an impact on their communities by utilizing Foundation programs. The winning lodges are given the opportunity to designate charitable gifts totaling \$5,000.00 to local organizations.

In 2015, the following were recognized:

Stroud Lodge No. 142 – Small Lodge Category

Altus Lodge No. 62* – Large Lodge Category (*first multi-year winner)

FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

A report of the Foundation activities including its audited financial statements is made annually to the MW Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and is printed in its annual proceedings. Additional information can also be found at the Foundation's website www.mcfok.org.

It has been a great honor to serve as the Foundation representative for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and I thank the members for the opportunity to serve as their representative in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs, (20 & 26)

PRINTING COMMITTEE

The 2015 proceedings was printed by Cowan Printing at a cost of \$952.63 for 50 copies. (\$19.02 per copy)

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Becerra (18), Chairman, Paul T. Currell (22), Gary A. Davis (20 & 42)

YORK RITE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The York Rite Coordination Committee was formed to coordinate the activities of all the Grand York Rite Bodies with all of the other Appendant Bodies of Masonry in Oklahoma. At the present time the officers of all the Grand York Rite Bodies are meeting jointly every quarter. These meetings are well attended and are attempting to perform the tasks of the committee.

This past year the meetings occurred on May 16, 2015 at St. John's Commandery No. 8 in Stillwater, Oklahoma, August 15, 2015 and January 16, 2016 at Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and March 19, 2016 at The Grand Lodge Building in Guthrie, Oklahoma. They were attended by the heads of all of the Grand York Rite Bodies and other officers that were able to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Currell (22), Curtis Schuermann (20), James E. Smyrl (20) (deceased)

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in Del City from 22-24 Jan 2016 and was well attended. Several new members were initiated and several Advisors trained at this workshop.

The Twentieth York Rite SWORD, honoring the "York Rite Outstanding DeMolay, for Ritual, Community Work, Leadership, and Scholastics, was presented to James D. Hill, Edmond Chapter, Edmond, OK, at the award ceremonies. This award, a regulation York Rite Sword, is engraved with the recipient's name on the blade and his initials on the handle. This is indeed a cherished and sought after award by all DeMolays.

We continue to hope that these young men will join Masonry and the York Rite to further their character building and their Masonic careers.

The Grand High Priest presented the Grand Chapter donation to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association at the Awards presentation. The awards ceremony was well attended by all three Grand York Rite bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Davis (20 & 42), Timothy P. Israel (22), Trasen Akers (53)

REPORT OF WORK AND TACTICS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE IV, Section 2, (d) The Committee on Work and Tactics shall consider and report all matters and things relating to Asylum Ceremonies and Field Drills, and Competitions therein; also on all matters relating to the interpretation of the Rituals, Manuals, and Drill Regulations; the formation of Drill Corps, and Rules and Regulations Governing them; Inspectors of Constituent Commanderies; and the regulation uniform of this Grand Commandery. It shall prescribe, with the approval of the Grand Commander or of this Grand Commandery, Rules and Regulations governing the Inspection of Constituent Commanderies, competitions in Asylum Ceremonies and Field Drills, and it shall award all prizes for proficiency. Such Rules and Regulations shall, when approved by the Grand Commander or this Grand Commandery, have the effect of Rules and Regulations of this Grand Commandery and be in force after such approval.

To that end, the Annual School of Instruction was held Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Masonic Temple, 2935 W. Britton Rd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Committee offers its thanks and appreciation to Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 for hosting this school and for their assistance and great hospitality in making the school successful.

INSPECTIONS

The Annual Inspections were conducted in accordance with General Order No. 2 and under the supervision of the Work and Tactics Committee with the following results:

CLASS "A"

Trinity No. 20 60.29

CLASS "A" INSPECTED AS CLASS "B"

Muskogee No. 2	96.48	Oklahoma No. 3	xx.xx
McAlester No. 6	xx.xx	Lawton No. 18	93.86
Elk City No. 22	92.23	Norman No. 38	xx.xx
Capitol Hill No. 53	xx.xx		

CLASS "B"

Guthrie No. 1	xx.xx	St. Johns No. 8	xx.xx
Ardmore No. 9	xx.xx	Ben Hur No. 14	xx.xx
Calvary No. 26	xx.xx	St. Aumer No. 29	xx.xx
Cimarron Valley No. 42	94.82		

Four Commanderies stood inspection, opening, receiving the Grand Commander, and exemplifying the Order of the Temple. McAlester No. 6 opened and received the Grand Commander, but asked for assistance in completing the Order of the Temple. Nine Commanderies opened and received the Grand Commander, but did not perform the Order of the Temple. One Commandery, Calvary No. 26, met with the Inspector, but did no work.

A date bar for their plaque will be awarded to Trinity Commandery No. 20 for first place in Class A. The W. A. Perry trophy will be awarded to Muskogee Commandery No. 2 for having the highest score in Class A inspected as Class B and the James A. Latham Class B trophy was awarded to Cimarron Valley No. 42 for having the highest score in Class B.

The Annual Returns dated December 31, 2015 reflected membership changes, which resulted in a change in an inspection classification for Guthrie No. 1 from Class A as B to Class B.

CLASS	COMMANDERY	MEMBERS 12/31/2015	2015-16 CLASS	2016-17 CLASS
A	Trinity #20	206	A	A
A as B	Muskogee #2	136	A	A
	Oklahoma #3	126	A	A
	McAlester #6	123	A	A
	Capitol Hill #53	121	A	A
	Norman #38	116	A	A
	Elk City #22	104	A	A
	Lawton #18	82	A	A
B	Guthrie #1	74	A	B

	St. John's #8	50	B	B
	Ardmore #9	49	B	B
	St. Aumer #29	48	B	B
	Ben Hur #14	47	B	B
	Calvary #26	46	B	B
	Cimarron Valley #42	35	B	B

The Committee was assisted in these inspections by Sir Knights Dwayne Dixon, PGC and Richard Dunaway, PGC. We thank these Sir Knights for their assistance and appreciate the work they do for the Grand Commandery.

Respectively submitted,

John L. Logan, (29, 1) PGC, Chairman
 Glenn H. Kinsley, (29) PGC
 James R. Creason, (22) PGC

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each appointed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander respectively, serving in staggered terms. The purpose of the committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings are typically to review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other such matters as deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
 John L. Logan (29, 1) Chairman, Michael J. Megeath, (20), Charles L. Stuckey (14)

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION REPORT

With the KTEF campaign that ended May 15, 2015 Oklahoma donated a total of \$7,297.50. The two plaques presented at Grand Sessions, the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard award for the largest total contribution, and the Ned D. Prator award for the largest per-capita contributions this year are going to two separate Commandery's this year.

The winner of the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard plaque goes to:

Trinity Commandery No. 20 (Tulsa), with total donations of \$1,175.00

The winner of the Ned D. Prator plaque goes to:

Guthrie Commandery No. 1, with largest per-capita donations of \$60.88

This current campaign does not end until May 15, 2016 so keep those donations coming in

	Cumulative Total	Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2015	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Quantity of Donations	Average Donation
Oklahoma	\$7,297.50		1,356	\$5.38		199	\$36.67
Grand Commandery	\$688.50			\$4.87		1	\$688.50
Ardmore No. 9	\$140.00	13	46	\$3.04	11	5	\$28.00
Ben Hur No. 14 (Ponca City)	\$60.00	14	49	\$1.22	15	3	\$20.00
Calvary No. 26 (Bartlesville)	\$330.00	7	46	\$7.17	2	10	\$33.00
Capitol Hill No. 53	\$874.00	3	131	\$6.67	3	23	\$38.00
Cimarron Valley No. 42 (Drumright)	\$45.00	15	33	\$1.36	14	3	\$15.00
Elk City No. 22	\$370.00	6	108	\$3.43	10	9	\$41.11
Guthrie No. 1	\$1,035.00	2	81	\$12.78	1	17	\$60.88
Lawton No. 18	\$285.00	9	83	\$3.43	9	13	\$21.92
McAlester No. 6	\$425.00	5	115	\$3.70	8	15	\$28.33
Muskogee No. 2	\$325.00	8	125	\$2.60	12	8	\$40.63
Norman No. 38	\$260.00	11	113	\$2.30	13	14	\$18.57
Oklahoma No. 3	\$760.00	4	121	\$6.28	4	26	\$29.23
St Aumer No. 29 (Woodward)	\$245.00	12	51	\$4.80	7	10	\$24.50
St Johns No. 8 (Stillwater)	\$280.00	10	48	\$5.83	5	8	\$35.00
Trinity No. 20 (Tulsa)	\$1,175.00	1	205	\$5.73	6	34	\$34.56

Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsors 2016

The goal of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is to have every member of every Commandery to be a Life Sponsor of the foundation. This report is to show the progress the state is making towards achieving that goal. We have two Commanderys that over 50% of their members are life sponsors and two more over 40%. We are making progress but we have a long way to go in achieving this goal. I suggest that local Commanderys include life membership dues as part of the fees they charge for the Commandery Orders. As part of your annual dues \$1 goes to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, but for a one-time cost of \$30 you can be a Life Sponsor and have your dues reduced by that \$1. The Commandery has two charities that they sponsor but for a \$30 dollar investment you will have purchased a lifetime investment into the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Please consider purchasing a Life Sponsorship today.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bob Rolseth
 KTEF State Chairman

	Active Members	Life Sponsor ONLY		Patron ONLY		Associate Patron ONLY		GCC ONLY		GMC ONLY		Unique Exemptions LS+P+AP	
Oklahoma Commandery	1,361	405	29.8%	31	2.3%	52	3.8%	7	0.5%	21	1.5%	430	31.6%
1 - Guthrie	75	17	22.7%	2	2.7%	4	5.3%	0	0.0%	2	2.7%	17	22.7%
2 - Muskogee	135	23	17.0%	3	2.2%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	2	1.5%	24	17.8%
3 - Oklahoma	126	28	22.2%	2	1.6%	1	0.8%	1	0.8%	1	0.8%	29	23.0%
6 - McAlester	121	72	59.5%	1	0.8%	5	4.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	74	61.2%
8 - St Johns	51	9	17.6%	1	2.0%	3	5.9%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	11	21.6%
9 - Ardmore	48	15	31.3%	1	2.1%	1	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	31.3%
14 - Ben Hur	48	20	41.7%	1	2.1%	2	4.2%	0	0.0%	3	6.3%	22	45.8%
18 - Lawton	85	17	20.0%	0	0.0%	3	3.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	22.4%
20 - Trinity	204	82	40.2%	5	2.5%	12	5.9%	2	1.0%	4	2.0%	86	42.2%
22 - Elk City	104	13	12.5%	1	1.0%	2	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	14.4%
26 - Calvary	46	12	26.1%	1	2.2%	3	6.5%	1	2.2%	1	2.2%	13	28.3%
29 - St Aumer	48	27	56.3%	2	4.2%	5	10.4%	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	29	60.4%
38 - Norman	116	35	30.2%	8	6.9%	3	2.6%	1	0.9%	1	0.9%	38	32.8%
42 - Cimarron Valley	35	4	11.4%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%	5	14.3%
53 - Capitol Hill	119	31	26.1%	2	1.7%	6	5.0%	1	0.8%	4	3.4%	33	27.7%

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

No report.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to have selected Joe Edward Thompson, Pastor of the Elk City Church of God as the pastor to tour the Holy Land in February 2016.

The mission of this program is to send an ordained Christian Minister on a tour of the Holy Land. This program needs the support of all Commanderies and Sir Knights, in nominating candidates and in financial support. This trip costs approximately \$4,000.00, which includes the round-trip airfare to New York and then to Tel Aviv, three meals per day, a tour guide, entrance fees to all sights, tipping, airport departure tax, printed tour guide, briefing and debriefing sessions.

Your contributions to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund are needed so we can continue this program. The committee would like to thank all the Sir Knights and Commanderies who have donated this past year. The continued success of this very important program depends on all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Erik Stuckey (14), Chairman

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY LAND COMMITTEE

At the 2015 session of this Grand Commandery, a permanent Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment was authorized to be established as a separate, segregated account within the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. The purpose was to create an investment pool of funds whose earnings would be used solely for the benefit of the Oklahoma Holy Land Pilgrimage program. The fund was established, and contributions received.

On behalf of the committee, I thank those Sir Knights whose contribution to this worthy project demonstrated their leadership and dedication to the ideals of Templary:

John L. Logan	Paul T. Currell	Larry D. White	W. James Cloud
Matthew D. McGee	Trasen S. Akers	Gary A. Davis	Elwood M. Isaacs
Matthew T. Cargill	Gary A. Odendahl	Robert G. Davis	Edward J. Becerra
Curtis Schuermann	Joshua A. Logan	Glenn H. Kinsley	Timothy P. Israel

The Grand Commander personally presented the Knight of the Holy Land jewel to every Sir Knight, who fulfilled his \$1,000.00 pledge. We urge every Sir Knight to enroll in the *Knight of the Holy Land* program and help us reach our \$100,000.00 goal.

John L. Logan, (29, 1) PGC, John E. King (22), John D. Allford (6)

REGIONAL DEGREE TEAM

No report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCES

The 58th Annual South-Central Department Conference is scheduled to be held September 18th – 19th, 2015 in Oklahoma City at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. York Rite Masons from a six state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) will be participating in the conference. In addition, a number of national and international Grand Officers will be in attendance.

There will be interesting presentations from representatives of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Leadership training will also be available through the "York Rite Emerging Leader Training Program."

The complete schedule and registration materials will be posted to the Oklahoma York Rite website when they become available. The Oklahoma York Rite last hosted this annual conference in 2009 and it will be several years before we will be hosting it again. All Oklahoma York Rite Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fraternally submitted,

Paul T. Currell (22), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (3), Larry D. White (20)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

This is a new committee this year. It was created by the elected presiding officer of each Grand Body. The members were designated by title, being the third officer of each body: the Grand Scribe, Kenton M. Israel, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, William J. Cloud, Jr., and the Grand Generalissimo, Timothy P. Israel.

This committee met and divided up the duties for this year with Tim Israel being the General Chairman, Jim Cloud being the Meal and Refreshment Chairman, and Kent Israel being the Props and Paraphernalia Chairman. That being said, all three were involved in every aspect of the Festival.

The day was a great success. Grand Master Gary Beasley was thrilled to be there and see so many candidates. We had 45 candidates. Maybe I should repeat that: Forty-five candidates. That was awesome. We had teams from across the state. The degrees and orders went well. We served very tasty burgers for lunch.

It was not without challenges though. The large class size caused the schedule to get behind. We had a shortage of behind the scenes help at times, including cleaning up at the end of the day. We really appreciate all the extra effort that was performed by the Oklahoma City York Rite bodies.

This committee has worked on some documentation to furnish to the next committeemen. It is my understanding that this committee structure will continue to manage the Festival. It does give that set of officers a great project to share and a super opportunity to work together.

The candidate's York Rite Body was each charged for the candidate's meal. A summary of the meal issues are listed below.

The Grand Master's Field Day Lunch was catered by Fred's Catering in Edmond, Oklahoma. The "Stage Crew" assisted with lunch room set-up and clean-up. A survey was taken during lunch and it is noted that all who were contacted voiced a favorable opinion of the quality of food and service. The advantage of having food cooked on site is that if the food does run out, more food can be prepared, which did happen at this lunch.

Candidate Lunch Tickets sold	45	\$450.00
Member Lunch Tickets sold	55	\$550.00
Total Lunch Tickets sold	100	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses		\$919.19
Income over Expenses		\$80.81

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel, Grand Scribe, William J. Cloud, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Timothy P. Israel, Grand Generalissimo (Chairman)

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The LXVI (66th) Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was held August 8 -12, 2015 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, New York. Drill competitions and a "Pass and Review" were held on August 8, followed by the Divine
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service, and the Grand Master's reception on the 9th. The business meeting was held on the 10th and 11th followed by the installation of officers on the 12th of August 2015.

The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma was honored to have all four current Dias officers attending the sessions as Delegates, listed as follows:

SK Paul T. Currell	Grand Commander
SK James E. Smyrl	Deputy Grand Commander
SK Timothy P. Israel	Grand Generalissimo
SK Trasen S. Akers	Grand Captain General

Drill Competition

There were 25 drill teams participating in Drill team competition. All four classes were represented; 2 Class A; 1 Class B; 5 Class C and 17 Class D Drill units. Melrose Commandery No. 109 from Texas won Class A, Park Place Commandery No. 106 from Texas won Class B, Wisconsin Commandery No. 24 won Class C and Alexander Garrett Commandery No. 103 from Texas won the Class D Competition.

Elected Grand Encampment Officers

SK Duane L. Vaught, Bloomington, IN -	Most Eminent Grand Master
SK Jeffery N. Nelson, Bismarck, ND -	R.E. Deputy Grand Master
SK Michael Burke Johnson, Crowheart, WY -	R. E. Grand Generalissimo
SK David J. Kussman, Anaheim, CA -	R.E. Grand Captain General
SK James McCrorry Willson, Floydada, TX -	R.E. Grand Treasurer
SK Lawrence E. Tucker, Bellaire, TX -	R.E. Grand Recorder
Rev. SK William D. Hartman, Philadelphia, PA -	R.E. Grand Prelate

Appointed Grand Encampment Officers (for Oklahoma)

SK Frank N. du Treil, Jr., PGC-LA -	South Central Department Commander
SK Mark A. Critchfield, PGC-OK -	Grand Commandery Coordinator 2015-2018
SK Gary A. Davis, PGC -OK-	College of Honors 2015-2018

The LXVII (67th) Triennial will be held in August 2018, Indianapolis, IN.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Currell (22) GC, L. Erik Stuckey (14) PGC, Gary A. Davis (42) PGC

TEMPLE REVIEW

No report.

WEBMASTER

Over the past year, the format of the website has been enhanced with the intention of creating a satisfactory web experience for our members and potential members. Additional content has been added including pages for the Past Grand presiding officers, and content for all the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Bodies has been updated. A "Download" page has been added which includes some of the material mentioned in other parts of the website and added a fillable "pdf" form for Secretaries/Recorders.

Last fall, the website was moved to a different hosting facility run by a Mason in Illinois for approximately \$75 per year, saving on our annual hosting costs. This move also gave us the ability to utilize some additional web tools, including email using the domain "@okyorkrite.org". Eventually all contact information available on the website will be moved to this email capability. This will help reduce the amount of spam to personal email accounts generated by web-bots searching for email addresses.

For the first time, the ability to register and pay for the Grand Sessions was added. A full

assessment of this capability for future events will be conducted at the conclusion of the Grand Sessions.

Statistics for the website are being collected by Google Analytics. For the last year, the website has experienced an average of 825 sessions per month generated by an average of 525 separate viewers. Those sessions contributed to over 2,200 separate pages viewed.

Oklahoma York Rite Bodies (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OklahomaYorkRite/>) has been added to Facebook. This is a closed group and is open to all York Rite Masons. This is a good vehicle for anyone wishing to obtain information about what is currently happening in Oklahoma York Rite Masonry and/or to post interesting articles or questions for other members.

Future planned enhancements include adding Education material; improving the top and side menus to reduce redundancy and to give a cleaner appearance; and reworking the home page. This is every member's page and your comments and/or suggestions are solicited and encouraged.

I recommend that this committee be expanded to at least one other (if not two) member(s). This will prevent any issues with the website from occurring in the website if no one is available to manage it. I also recommend that this committee be renamed to better reflect its functions to a name such as: "Communications" or "Internet" Committee. If any member would like to volunteer to be on this committee, please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
John R. Christopher, Webmaster

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We are once again delighted for the arrangements made for our annual sessions. For those that worked hard, planned and helped make this meeting a success, we applaud you.

We are grateful for Sir Knight Erik Stuckey for hosting the hospitality room. The refreshments were much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The exceptional hotel staff has been very helpful in meeting our various needs and are delighted with their friendliness and service.

To Sir Knight Paul T. Currell and other presiding officers, we thank you for your hard work and dedication for a job well done.

I move that this report be accepted, printed in the proceedings and that those who were involved be informed and thanked for the services that they provided to make this a wonderful session.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Critchfield (1), Chairman

TIME AND PLACE

The next Grand Session was to be at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple but has since been changed to the Marriott Conference Center in Norman, 2801 East State HWY 9.

L. Erik Stuckey (14), Chairman, Trasen S. Akers (53), Jay A. Wall (1)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Timothy P. Israel was nominated for the office of Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation. Trasen S. Akers and Donnie G. Higginbotham were nominated for Deputy Grand Commander, and Donnie G. Higginbotham was elected. Matt McGee was nominated for Grand Generalissimo and was elected by acclamation. Steven Guerrero, Jr. was nominated for Grand Captain General and was elected by acclamation. Michael Megeath was nominated for Grand Treasurer and was elected by acclamation. Gary A. Davis was nominated for Grand Recorder and was elected by acclamation. Curtis K. Schuermann was nominated for Senior Grand Warden and was elected by acclamation. Gary A. Odendahl was nominated for Junior Grand Warden and was elected by acclamation. Robert R. Rolseth was nominated for Grand Standard Bearer, and was elected by acclamation. John E. King and David D. Clayton were nominated for Grand Sword Bearer and David D. Clayton was elected. John E. King, Glen Cheney, Kim Crissler, and James R. Taylor, Jr. were nominated for Grand Warder, and James R. Taylor, Jr. was elected. John E. King and Kim Crissler were nominated for Grand Sentinel, and John E. King was elected.

The following is the list of elected and appointed Officers for 2016-2017 and committees:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

Timothy P. Israel (22)	Jan	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Donnie G. Higginbotham (6)		Very Eminent Dep Grand Commander
Matt McGee (14)		Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (53)		Eminent Grand Captain General
Brian M. Ragain (18)	Nancy	Eminent Grand Prelate
Michael J. Megeath		Eminent Grand Treasurer
Gary A. Davis (20) PO Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030 918-352-2382 (H) 918-352-4622(O) grandsecrec@sbcglobal.net	Nellie	Right Eminent Grand Recorder
Curtis K. Schuermann (6)	Dawn	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Gary A. Odendahl (8)	Judith	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Robert R. Rolseth	Marilyn	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
David D. Clayton (2) 183	Debbie	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

James R. Taylor, Jr. Gage Eminent Grand Warder

John E. King (22) Vicki Eminent Grand Sentinel

AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2016 - 2017

Area 1 Trinity Commandery No. 20, K.T. Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.
5925 E. 9th St. Tulsa, OK 74112

Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T.
121 S. 6th St., Muskogee, OK 74402

Area 2 Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T. Curtis K. Schuermann
1700 N. Porter, Norman, OK 73071

Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T.
1032 Cherry St. N.W., Ardmore, OK 73401

Area 3 Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T. Gary A. Odendahl
1200 W. Grand Ave., Ponca City, OK 74601

Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
610 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006

Area 4 Guthrie Commandery No.1, K.T. Robert R. Rolseth
102 S. Broad, Guthrie, OK 73044

Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
2935 W. Britton Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Area 5 St. John's Commandery No. 8, K.T. **David D. Clayton**
322 W. Miller St., Stillwater, OK

Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42, K.T.
110 N. Ohio, Drumright, OK 74030

Area 6 Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T. James R. Taylor, Jr.
814 N. Key Blvd., Midwest City, OK 73110

McAlester Commandery No. 9, K.T.
1st & Adams, McAlester, OK

Area 7 Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T. John E. King
702 SW "C" Ave., Lawton, OK 73505 Matthew McGee

Elk City Commandery No. 22, K.T.
102 ½ N. Jefferson Ave., Elk City, OK 73644

St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
819 ½ Main St., Woodward, OK 73801

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
OKLAHOMA 2016-2017
STANDING COMMITTEES**

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (53) Chmn, John D. Church (22), Kyle T. Israel (22), Gary A. Odendahl (8)
Honorary Mbr.

FINANCE

William J. Cloud (53) Chmn, Matthew D. McGee (14), Donnie G. Higginbotham (6)

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

Edward J. Becerra (18) Chairman, Paul T. Currell (22), Recorder, All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS

John L. Logan (29) Chmn, Glenn H. Kinsley (29), James R. Creason (22)

DRILL & TACTICS INNOVATION

Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), Curtis K. Schuermann (20), Paul T. Currell (22)

TRIENNIAL MATTERS

Paul T. Currell (22) Chmn, L. Erik Stuckey (14), Gary A. Davis (20) (42),

GENERAL MATTERS

Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), Chmn, John L. Logan (29), Jay A. Wall (1)

NECROLOGY

Brian M. Ragain (18)

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2014 - 2017 – Elwood M. Isaacs (26)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Timothy P. Israel (22), Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), Matthew D. McGee (14), Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (53)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Robert R. Rolseth (20)
All Grand Commandery Officers

MEMBERSHIP

CENTRAL – Jonathan Annis (38)
N CENTRAL – Bradley S. Rickelman (8)
N EASTERN – Robert R. Rolseth (20)
CENTRAL – John Carter (9)
S EASTERN – Michael W. Sexton (6)
WESTERN – Paul T. Currell (22)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

2016 – Robert R. Rolseth (20)
2017 – Andrew B. Palmer (20)
2018 – Timothy P. Israel (22)
2019 – Paul T. Currell (22) Chairman
2020 – Eldon L. Burns, Jr. (30) (53)
Sec. / Treas. – Gary A. Davis (20) (42) PO Box 1223, Drumright, OK 74030

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PRINTING

Paul T. Currell (22), Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (22), Gary A. Davis (20)(42)

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Curtis K. Schuermann (20), Chmn, Mark A. Critchfield (1), Paul T. Currell (22)

EDUCATION LOAN FOUNDATION AUDIT

Elwood M. Isaacs (26) Chmn, John L. Logan (29), David A. Ray (38)

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (20) (42) Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (22), Gary A. Odendahl (8)

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

2014-16 (Chapter) Charles L. Stuckey (25)
2015-17 (Commandery) John L. Logan (29)
2016-17 (Council) Elwood M. Isaacs (26)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(Not in Constitution Laws and Regulations)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

John E. King (22, Brian M. Ragain (18))

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

John R. Christopher (1), Robert W. McLeod (20)

TEMPLE REVIEW

Robert G. Davis (1)

TIME AND PLACE

Jay A. Wall (1), L. Erik Stuckey (14), Tim Carpenter (38), Donnie G. Higginbotham (6) , ex-officio

APPRECIATION

Mark A. Critchfield (1), Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), ex-officio

KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND

John L. Logan (29) Chmn, Matthew D. McGee (14), William J. Cloud (53)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

(Chapter) Kenton M. Israel (22)
(Council) William J. Cloud (53)
(Commandery) Donnie G. Higginbotham (6)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL (FIELD DAY)

(Chapter) John L. Logan (29)
(Council) John D. Allford (6)
(Commandery) Matthew D. McGee (14)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Chairman – Bradley S. Rickelman (8)
CENTRAL – John R. Christopher (1)
N. CENTRAL – Kevin P. Bardy (42)
N.E. – Marvin E. Fletcher (20)
S. CENTRAL – John F. Carter (9)
S.E. – Kim D. Crissler (2)
WESTERN _ John D. Church (22)

SOUTHWEST / SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

(Chapter) James R. Taylor (20)
(Council) Daniel D. Hanttula
(38)
(Commandery) David D. Clayton (2)

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Gary A. Odendahl (8), David D. Clayton (2), Glen A. Cheney (18)

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Robert R. Rolseth (20), Matthew D. McGee (14), John EW. King (22), Brian M. Ragain (18)

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Matthew D. McGee (14), Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (53), Curtis K. Schuermann (20)

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

CLYDE H. SCHOOLFIELD, JR.

Sir Knight Schoolfield was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Broadway Circle Lodge No. 546 on July 13th, 1989. He served the Lodge as Secretary, Junior and Senior Warden, after which he moved out-of-state to continue his graduate studies and pursue an academic career. After many years on the East Coast, he returned to Oklahoma, where he is now a member of Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 and Guildhall Lodge No. 553, the latter of which he served as Worshipful Master in 2014. He serves the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master.

Sir Knight Schoolfield was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch in Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91 on September 23rd, 1989. He served the Chapter as High Priest in 1991 and later as Secretary. He

was anointed to the Order of High Priesthood on April 10th, 1991. He is now a member of Cyrus Chapter No. 7, which he served as High Priest in 2013 and has since served as Secretary.

He was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner and District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1992 and, twenty years later after his return from many years on the East Coast, he was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 2012. He continued to advance until 2015, when he was elected and installed as the 130th Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. He also serves the Grand Chapter as chairman of the Custodians of the Work. He is the recipient of the Ephraim Kirby Award from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

Sir Knight Schoolfield was greeted as a Select Master in Circle Council No. 56 on September 23rd, 1989. He served the Council as Illustrious Master in 1991 and later as Recorder. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword and Trowel on April 10th, 1991. He is now a member of Alpha Council No. 18, which he served as Illustrious Master in 2013 and has since served as Recorder. He serves the Grand Council as chairman of the Custodians of the Work. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

Sir Knight Schoolfield was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Bethlehem Commandery No. 45 on September 30th, 1989. He served the Commandery as Commander in 1992. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association on July 23rd, 1994. He is now a member of Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, which he served as Commander in 2013 and has since served as Recorder. He was initiated into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Guthrie Valley on October 29th, 1989. He serves the Valley as director of the 30° Knight Kadosh conferral team and as a member of the Education Committee. He has been invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

He is also a member of a number of other Masonic organizations: (i) Oklahoma College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, (ii) Oklahoma Priory No. 9 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, (iii) St. Omer Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, (iv) Father Murrow Council No. Ten of the Allied Masonic Degrees, (v) Oklahoma College No. 75 of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, (vi) Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66 of Knight Masons, (vii) Royal Order of Scotland, (viii) Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A., (ix) Philaethes Society, and (x) Oklahoma Lodge of Research.

In addition to the above, Sir Knight Schoolfield has demonstrated tireless effort on behalf of Oklahoma Templary, serving as regional membership chairman for central Oklahoma from 2013-2015. His efforts earned him the Grand Encampment membership jewel with Silver Cluster, recognizing him as the first line signer for a total of thirty-five petitions.

He has provided great assistance to the Work and Tactics committee by developing an electronic spreadsheet which has improved the accuracy of the inspection score calculations and reduced the time required by the inspector to complete his report. In 2015 Sir Knight Schoolfield organized the South Central Department Conference which was hosted in Oklahoma City. Sir Knight Schoolfield has been the state liaison with the Knight Templar Eye Foundation as they create the first database for the Grand Chapter R.A.M. and Grand Council C.M. an effort which has required countless hours and devoted attention.

Sir Knight Schoolfield's exceptional example and meritorious service record of service to Oklahoma Templary and the Masonic fraternity in general make a compelling statement as to his worthiness to be recognized with this significant award.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award was created at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in 1946 at Philadelphia. We quote, in part, from the General Order No. 5 of the Grand Encampment: "The Knight Templar Cross of Honor shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or member." In Oklahoma, the Grand Commander can select only one nomination from the Sir Knights of his Grand Commandery during any one Templar year. The following are the recipients since the

inception of the award:

- *1965 – Alfred S. Bryan, DeMolay Commandery No. 7, Chickasha
- 1966 - None
- *1967 – Olin V. Homes, Muskogee Commandery No. 2, Muskogee
- *1968 – William A. Perry, Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee
- *1969 – Ivan Saye, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa
- *1970 – Leroy Hudson, Miami Commandery No. 49, Miami
- *1971 – G. T. Hayes, Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City
- *1972 – Myrl S. Kirk, Enid Commandery No. 13, Enid
- *1973 – Chester L. Moffett, Shawnee Commandery No. 36, Shawnee
- *1974 – Everett Carbaugh, Bethlehem Commandery No. 45, Oklahoma City
- *1975 – Edwin A. Lane, Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, Ponca City
- *1976 – Dennis H. Clay, Cushing Commandery No. 42, Cushing
- *1977 – Ralph L. Barnhart, Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee
- *1978 – Robert H. Bibb, Muskogee Commandery No. 2, Muskogee
- *1979 – Russell L. Maxwell, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa
- *1980 – Allan J. Larson, Ardmore Commandery No. 9, Ardmore
- *1981 – Joseph S. Lewis, Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, Ponca City
- *1982 – Henry J. Berline, Emmanuel Commandery No. 23, Blackwell
- *1983 – A. B. Harrison, St. John's Commandery No. 8, Stillwater
- *1984 – Guy Bowman, Enid Commandery No. 13, Enid
- *1985 – William McBride, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa
- *1986 – L. D. Clark, Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City
- *1987 – Chester M. Cowen, DeMolay Commandery No. 7, Chickasha
- *1988 – Melvin M. Jennings, Lawton Commandery No. 18, Lawton
- *1989 – Charles J. Engle, Bartlesville Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville
- *1990 – Kurt Schutz, Lawton Commandery No. 18, Lawton
- 1991 – Robert E. Goode, Bartlesville Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville
- *1992 – Andrew J. Vloedman, St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, Woodward
- *1993 – William L. Keeling, Muskogee Commandery No. 2, Muskogee
- *1994 – Donald W. Rimmer, Norman Commandery No. 38, Norman
- *1995 – Carl Randall Burrows, Lawton Commandery No. 18, Lawton
- *1996 – Frederick Samuel Sloan, Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City
- *1997 – James Harvey Lasley, Ardmore Commandery No. 9, Ardmore
- *1998 – Forrest T. Smith, Guthrie Commandery No. 1, Guthrie
- 1999 – Earl J. Berryman, Jr., Oklahoma No. 3, Oklahoma City
- *2000 – James E. Smyrl, Trinity No. 20, Tulsa
- *2001 – Gene D. Harper, Ardmore No. 9, Ardmore
- 2002 – Robert T. Shipe, Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, Midwest City
- 2003 -
- 2004 – William W. Williams, Guthrie Commandery No. 1, Guthrie
- *2005 – Hollis O. Edgar, Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42, Drumright
- 2006 – Edwin C. Womack, Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City
- 2007 – Paul T. Currell, Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City
- 2008 – Timothy P. Israel, Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City
- 2009 – Trasen S. Akers, Norman Commandery No. 38, Norman
- 2010 – Alfred Douglas Fryman, Jr., Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City

2011 – James Nicholas Rossi, Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, Midwest City
2012 - Jay A. Wall, Guthrie Commandery No. 1, Guthrie
2013 - Bradley S. Rickelman, Stillwater Commandery No. 8, Stillwater
2014 – Larry D. White, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa
2015 – Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Oklahoma COmmandery No. 3, OKC

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

JAMES R. CREASON

Sir Knight James R. Creason was born in Oklahoma City to Paul and Pauline Creason . He was brought up and attended school in Elk City. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in science.

He married Linda Kay Johnson on June 19, 1966, in Seminole, Oklahoma. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

Bob and Linda are active members of the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford.

He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 16, 1961, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 21, 1961, and raised a Master Mason on September 12, 1961, in Elk City Lodge No. 182. He received the Chapter and Council Degrees along with the Knight Templar Orders in October of 1965 during the John I. Taylor field day at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. He was High Priest of Elk City Chapter No. 50 and Illustrious Master of Council No. 25 in 1983 and 1991. He served Elk City Commandery as Commander in 1981 and 1982. He is a member of The Past Commander's Association , The Order of Sword and Trowel, The Order of High Priest Hood, and The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He served as Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma 1995-1996.

Sir Knight Creason has served on the Work and Tactics Committee for several years and remains active as an Inspector for the Grand Commandery.

PAUL T. CURRELL

Sir Knight Currell was born April 8, 1957 in Elk City, OK. He attended and graduated from Elk City High School in 1975 and Oklahoma State University in 1981 with a BS degree in Construction Management. In 1978, Paul married Shonda E. Yates and they are the parents of three daughters Tiphani, Leslie and Katherine (Katie). Paul and Shonda own and operate Currell's Doit center in Elk City, Currell's Doit Best in Erick, OK and Watonga Lumber & Hardware in Watonga, OK.

Paul was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason 9 May 1995 in Elk City Lodge No. 182, AF&AM in Elk City, Oklahoma. He served as Worshipful Master for Elk City Lodge No. 182 in 1999, 2000 & 2014 and as Secretary from 2001 – 2007. In 2004 he affiliated with Erick Lodge No. 237 and has been serving as Secretary from 2011 to the present.

Brother Currell has served the Oklahoma Grand Lodge as Special Representative to the Grand Master – 2000-01 (MW Shipe) and as District Deputy Grand Master, District 18 – 2012-13 (MW Rikkleman) and 2013-14 (MW Chambers).

Sir Knight Currell was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on 16 September 1995, served as Excellent High Priest in 2007 for Elk City Chapter No. 50 and is a member of the Order of the High Priesthood. He is also a Charter member of Altus Chapter No. 60 in Altus, OK.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Elk City Council No. 25, Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic Masons) on 16 September 1995, served as Illustrious Master in 2007 and is a member of the Sword and Trowel of Oklahoma. He is also a Charter member of

Altus Council No. 33 in Altus, OK.

Sir Knight Currell received the orders of Christian Knighthood in Elk City Commandery No. 22 on 16 September 1995, served as Eminent Commander in 2004-2006 & 2010-2012 and is a member of the Past Commanders Association.

Sir Knight Currell was elected as the Grand Commander of, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, on 25 April 2015.

This award is given to Sir Knights for outstanding service and dedication to Freemasonry. The following living active members have received this award:

Bartis Kent	Ed Hart	Charles Stuckey	Glenn Kinsley
Gary Davis	Robert Davis	O. Ray Harrington	John Logan
William Nation	Mike Hampton	I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard Dunaway
Mark Critchfield	Joe R. Manning, Jr.	Robert Shipe	Lanny Sander
Bobby Laws	Garry Odom	Don H. Haralson	James Tresner
Neal Leech	Elwood Isaacs	David Ray	Donald Jones
Timothy Israel	Ronald Chambers	Jame R. Creason	Paul T. Currell

LADIES OF THE TEMPLE

This award is comparable to the “Knight Commander of the Temple” award given to Sir Knights for outstanding service and dedication to Freemasonry. Current living recipients are as follows:

Nellie Davis – 2000	Linda Isaacs - 2010
Glenda R. Stuckey –2003	Arlene Harrington – 2002
Earlene J. Taylor –2003	Judy Dixon - 2012

REMARKS BY GRAND COMMANDER ELECT

Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel greeted the Commandery and announced that S.K. Brian M. Ragain would be the Grand Prelate. Other appointments would be forthcoming.

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Sir Knight Paul T. Currell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, announced that the installation of officers for all bodies will begin at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon. Sir Knight Currell thanked all the Officers for being here along with all the other Sir Knights. Greetings were brought by Sir Knight Patrick Carr, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Arkansas. Greetings and remarks relative to the Grand Encampment were given by Sir Knight Frank N. du Treil, R.:E.: Department Commander of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment USA, and personal representative of S.K. Duane L. Vaught, M.:E.: Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA. There being no further business, the Grand Commandery was adjourned by Sir Knight Edward J. Becerra.

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
April 24th, 2015**

The Forty-Third Annual Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Oklahoma on April 24th, 2015. The Conclave was opened at 4:30 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

Knight Commander	Robert R. Rolseth
Knight First Lieutenant	Daniel D. Hantulla
Knight Second Lieutenant	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Knight Warder	Bradley S. Rickelman
Knight Sentinel	Truman B. Burns
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel

There were 31 members present, per the Knight Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander Robert Rolseth led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Tim Israel giving the invocation.

The following Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma were introduced: Charles L. Stuckey, Gary A. Davis, Robert T. Shipe, Bradley S. Rickelman, and Ron J. Chambers. Also introduced was L. Edward J. Becerra, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The passing of the following members was noted: Arthur A. Farrington, Jr., Larry D. Horton, P.K.C., Cecil E. Johnston, and Eugene Smith, P.K.C.

The minutes of the April 25th, 2014 Annual Conclave and August 16th, 2014 Special Conclave were approved. The Annual Membership and Financial Report was also approved.

The report of the Audit Committee was presented and accepted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Knight Recorder's necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

The following Past Commanders were elected to membership in this Association:

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>COMMANDERY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NOMINATOR</u>
Matthew T. Cargill	Guthrie #1	2014	John L. Logan
David D. Clayton	Muskogee #2	2014	Marshall M. Clayton
Kenton M. Israel	Oklahoma #3	2014	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
John T. Turner	St. John's #8	2014	Bradley S. Rickelman
Jeffrey P. McClelland	Ben Hur #14	2014	James E. Halbrook
William H. Aulich, Jr.	Lawton #18	2011	Edward J. Becerra
James R. Taylor, Jr.	Trinity #20	2014	Robert R. Rolseth
Troy L Collier	St. Aumer #29	2014	John L. Logan
Bryan L. Hensley	Norman #38	2013	Daniel D. Hanttula

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers and the following members were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Knight Commander	Daniel D. Hanttula
Knight First Lieutenant	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight Second Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Truman B. Burns
Knight Sentinel	Clyde H. Schoolfield

The Knight Commander Elect appointed Timothy P. Israel to be Knight Prelate.

The new officers were installed by Charles L. Stuckey.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 15th, 2015 at Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Kt. Prelate Tim Israel gave the benediction.

The Conclave was closed at 5:00 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Knight Commander	Knight Recorder

OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL CONCLAVE
August 15th, 2015

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 16th, 2014. The Conclave was opened at 1:35 p.m. with the following officers present:

Knight Commander	Daniel D. Hanttula
Knight First Lieutenant	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight Second Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Truman B. Burns
Knight Sentinel	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel

There were 24 members and 11 candidates present, per the Kt. Sentinel's Register. Kt. Commander Daniel Hanttula led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Tim Israel giving the invocation.

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following eleven candidates had accepted the invitation to become members of the Association and were in waiting for the Ceremony of Reception:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>COMMANDERY</u>
David D. Clayton	Muskogee #2
Kim D. Crissler	Muskogee #2
Kenton M. Israel	Oklahoma #3
John T. Turner	St. John's #8
Jeffrey P. McClelland	Ben Hur #14
Tyler E. Evans	Ben Hur #14

William H. Aulich, Jr.	Lawton #18
Michael C. Zura	Lawton #18
James R. Taylor, Jr.	Trinity #20
Stephen M. Smith	Trinity #20
Bryan L. Hensley	Norman #38

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following two candidates, who were elected at the last Annual Conclave, were unable to attend:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>COMMANDERY</u>
Matthew T. Cargill	Guthrie #1
Troy L. Collier	St. Aumer #29 (Woodward)

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:

Knight Commander	Daniel D. Hanttula
Knight First Lieutenant	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight Second Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Truman Burns
Knight Sentinel	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel
Lecture No. 1	Gary Odendahl
Lecture No. 2	Paul Currell
Lecture No. 3	Troy E. Shipman, P.K.C.
Lecture No. 4	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. P.K.C.
Lecture No. 5	I. Dwayne Dixon
Lecture No. 6	Elwood M. Isaacs
Lecture No. 7	Andrew B. Palmer
Lecture No. 8	Marvin L. Chamberlin
Lecture No. 9	John L. Logan
Lecture No. 10	Matt McGee
Lecture No. 11	James E. Smyrl, P.K.C.
Lecture No. 12	Donnie G. Higginbotham P.K.C.

Each of the new members was presented the official jewel of the Association, along with a certificate and lifetime membership card, by the Kt. Commander and Lieutenants.

The new members were given the opportunity to speak and all expressed their appreciation of the Ceremony of Reception and that they were proud to be members of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association.

Sir Knight Paul T. Currell, R..E.. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was introduced and he, in turn, introduced his officers and the Past Grand Commanders who were present.

The benediction was given by Kt. Prelate Tim Israel.

The Special Conclave was closed by Kt. Commander Daniel D. Hanttula at 3:00 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT
April 1st, 2015 – March 31st, 2016**

The Kt. Recorder-Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year April 1st, 2014 through March 31st, 2016 is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Total inducted members as of April 1st, 2015	446
Members received on August 15th, 2015	11
Reported deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, and revocations through March 31st, 2015	<u>319</u>
Total members believed to be living as of March 31st, 2016	138

FINANCIAL

04/01/2015 – Opening Balance		\$2,566.73
Checking Account #2343701		
Receipts:		
08/16/2014 – Membership Fees	550.00	
Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	<u>4.50</u>	
Total Receipts	554.50	
Disbursements:		
08/16/2014 – Check #1041 – Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	25.00	
03/31/2015 – Ending Balance		
Checking Account #2343701		\$3,096.25
03/31/2015 – Ending Balance		
Certificate of Deposit #150006		<u>\$3,000.00</u>
03/31/2015 – Total Financial Assets		\$6,096.25

Robert R. Rolseth
Knight Recorder-Treasurer

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
PAST KNIGHT COMMANDERS**

1973	Ned E. Prater *	1994	Larry D. Horton *
1974	G. Stewart Rinehart *	1995	William R. Hudson *
1975	Myrl S. Kirk *	1996	James O. Rust, Jr.
1976	Carl R. Burrows *	1997	Paul G. Watkins *
1977	Herbert O. Nelson *	1998	David A. Ray
1978	L.D. Clark *	1999	William D. Bowie, Jr.
1979	J.W. Thomas *	2000	Elwood M. Isaacs
1980	Doctor L. Cooley *	2000	Donald H. Haralson (hon.)
1981	George T. Hayes *	2001	Forrest T. Smith *
1982	Eugene Smith *	2002	Jack L. Sterett *

1983	Aix B. Harrison *	2003	Bobby L. Carter
1984	Neal D. Leech	2004	Jimmie R. Dooley *
1985	Lester T. Mimms *	2005	Hollis O. Edgar *
1986	William A. Nation	2006	John D. Miller, Jr.
1987	Charles E. Williams *	2007	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.
1988	John J. Petrik	2008	Ronald L. Carr
1989	Robert N. Skillings (hon.) *	2009	James E. Smyrl *
1989	O. Ray Harrington	2010	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.
1990	Donald M. Kiser *	2011	E. David Snyder
1991	Chester R. Cowen *	2012	Troy E. Shipman
1992	Rex L. Bowen *	2013	Donnie G. Higginbotham
1993	Paul A. Fitch *	2014	Robert R. Rolseth
2015	Daniel D. Hanttula		
	* deceased		

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA — 2016

<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>GRAND RECORDER</u>	<u>GRAND REPRESENTATIVE IN OKLAHOMA</u>	<u>GRAND REPS OTHER JURISDICTIONS</u>
Alabama	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.		Erskine K. Smith
Alaska	David A. Hunt	James N. Rossi	
Arizona	George E. Weil		Efrain Sanchez
Arkansas	Robert L. Jackson	Bobby J. Stalnaker	J.R. Mote
California	Kenneth G. Hope		Honesto R. Castaneda
Colorado	Matthew A. Raia	Michael E. Hampton	Wilson C. Moulton
Connecticut	Vincent A. Cowie	Edward W. Hart	Ronald L. Miller
Delaware	Mark E. Irwin	Glenn H. Kinsley	Henry Cotton
District of Columbia	Kenneth D. Fuller		Paul D. Gleason
Florida	Howard H. Gardner	Lewis Hullum	Daune B. Young
Georgia	Wade C. Smith	John L. Logan	Lee D. Holcomb
Hawaii	Gerhart W. Walch		
Idaho	David A. Grindle	Don L. Turley	Theodore Fujiki
Illinois	H. Wayne Hoffman		Wendell E. Walch
Indiana	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Trasen S. Akers	Ivin L. Bitting
Iowa	Rusty L. Hill	E. David Snyder	Forrest C. Peck, Jr.
Italy	Ferdinando Palmenta	I. Dwayne Dixon	
Kansas	Wayne Rolif	Rodney Clark	E. Mack Griffiths
Kentucky	Jim H. King, Jr.	William A. Nation	Jimmy Moore
Louisiana	Robert E. Durham, Jr.	John J. Petrik	Harold Young
Maine	Thomas A. Emery		Douglas B. Taylor
Maryland	Thomas G. Heimiller	Robert T. Shipe	Milton R. Wheatly, Sr.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Ronald C. Corr		Richard Albert Picard
Mexico	Gonzalo F. Burgos	L. Erik Stuckey	
Michigan	Loren A. Winn	John D. Miller, Jr.	John E. Rollins
Minnesota	Harland Thomesen	Donnie Higgingsbotham	Alden Johnson
Mississippi	Floyd T. Jones	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.	Jack Hourgquettes, Jr.
Missouri	Russell S. Hanson	Paul T. Currell	Lionel J. Goede
Montana	Roger E. Cathel	James R. Creason	Perry E. Langston
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson	Bobby L. Carter	Frank W. Gordon
Nevada	Ted P. Bendure	Joseph M. Rough	Harry Woodliff
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Bartis M. Kent	Norris L. Provencher
New Jersey	Dennis L. Stewart	Charles L. Stuckey	Ference S. Schubert
New Mexico	Dennis R. Detrow	Glenn Tuttle	Richard Corn, Jr.
New York	Steven Wing	Neal D. Leech	E. William Whittaker
North Carolina	Robert A. Schafer	Elwood M. Isaacs	William Brunk
North Dakota	Merle L. Huhner	Garry Odum	James K. Well
Ohio	Alfred Johnson	William D. Bowie, Jr.	Bruce D. Basil
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway	David A. Ray	Arlie Thomason
Pennsylvania	Douglas M Rowe	Robert G. Davis	Donald S. Gray
Philippines	Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr.		Rhoumel A. Yadao
Portugal	Luis de Castro	Timothy P. Israel	
South Carolina	Johnnie T. Morris	Gary A. Davis	Sam L. Grant, Jr.
South Dakota	John Laughlin	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.	Norman Herren
Tennessee	Rick Hoover	Robert C. Shady	Terry L. Plemons
Texas	Jerry N. Kirby	Edward J. Becerra	H. Bart Henderson
Utah	Charles E. Warren	William R. Phillips	John L. Elwell, Jr.
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard	O. Ray Harrington	James O. Fendley
Virginia	Lawrence B. Smith	William D. Williams	Jesse Albert Hughes
Washington	Steven L. Guffy	Mark Critchfield	Ivan "Merle" Iverson
West Virginia	James K. Coleman	Kenneth Lowmiller	
Wisconsin	Brian Hudy	Barry Spradling	Ralph L. Behlke
Wyoming	James L. Sturdevant	Robert D. King	Gary Skillern

2015-16 DIRECTORY OF COMMANDERIES OF OKLAHOMA

NO.	NAME-LOCATION	COMMANDER	RECORDER	STATED CONCLAVE	CHARTER DATE
1	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie 73044	John R. Christopher	Tommy M. Johnston P.O. Box 303 Guthrie 73044-0303 (H) 405-722-7790	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	11-Aug-1892
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Kim Crissler	Harvey Johnson, Jr. PO. Box 1037 Muskogee 74402-1037 (H) 918-521-2594	2d Wed 6:30 p.m.	12-Aug-1892
3	OKLAHOMA CITY 2935 W. Britton Rd. OKC 73120 405-755-0036	Brian A. Buswell	Clyde Schoolfield, Jr. 3509 Evans Dr. Oklahoma City 73121 405-427-3388	2nd & 4th Wednesday	11-Aug-1892 7:00 p.m.
6	McALESTER Scottish Rite Temple 918-423-6360	Michael W. Sexton	Monte G. Hendrix P.O. Box 3335 McAlester 74502-3335 (H) 918-423-6249	4th Monday 7:00 pm	1-Feb-1897
8	ST JOHN'S 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74059 405-372-7520	Brandon Fry	Gary Odendahl 338744 E. 840 Rd. Carney 74832 (H) 405-865-3036	2nd & 4th Wed 7:00 p.m.	1-Feb-1897
9	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St Ardmore 73401 580-223-2396	Tom L. Love	John Carter PO Box 14 Ardmore 73402-0014 (H) 580-795-4684	2d Monday 7:30 p.m.	2- Nov- 1897
14	BEN HUR 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601 580-765-4128	Tyler Evans	James E. Halbbrook 1602 E. Woodland Rd. Ponca City 74604 (H) 580-762-8955	4th Tues 7:00 pm	13-Sep-1928
18	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501 580-353-4603	Truman L. Ragain	Wilfred Perez 702 SW "C" Ave. Lawton 7505 (H) 253-225-1501	1st Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	1906
20	TRINITY 5925 E. 9 th St. Tulsa 74112 918-258-5768	Marvin E. Fletcher, Jr.	Craig Bowman 16947 S 87 th E Pl. Bixby 74008 (H) 918-706-0686	4th Monday 7:00 p.m.	17-Apr-1906

- 22 ELK CITY John E. King Timothy Israel 1st & 3rd Tuesday 20-May-1912
102½ N. Jefferson P.O. Box 1596 7:30 pm
Elk City 73644 Elk City 73648
580-225-0484 580-928-5715
- 26 CALVARY Jim Ellis Robert E. Goode 2d Monday 23-Apr-1908
610 NE Washington Blvd. 1025 Swan Dr. Apt 243 7:30 P.M.
Bartlesville 74006 Bartlesville 74006
918-331-3831 (H) 918-333-3703
- 29 ST. AUMER Troy L. Collier Ray L. Bell 4th Thur(Jan-Oct) 8-Mar-1910
819½ Main St. PO Box 1661 2nd Thur(Nov-Dec)
Woodward 73801 Woodward 73802 7:30 P.M.
580-256-5240 (C) 580-256-2710
- 38 NORMAN Jonathan Annis Louis Khoury 3rd Thurs 14-Apr-1914
1700 N. Porter 1100 Summerhill Dr 7:30 P.M.
Norman 73069 Normaan 73160
405-321-7310 (H) 405-237-9418
- 42 CIMARRON VALLEY Kevin P. Bardy Michael A. Davis 1st & 3rd 17-Apr-1919
210 N. Ohio P.O. Box 15 Monday 7:00 P.M.
Drumright 74030 Drumright 74030-0015
918-352-4622 (H)918-352-4624
- 53 CAPITOL HILL Frank Belluardo, Jr. Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. 3d Friday 8-May-1989
814 N. Key Blvd. 516 Leslie Dr.. 7:00 p.m.
Midwest City 73110 Del City 73115
405-732-2034 (H) 405-670-4258

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