



2017

Proceedings of the

York Rite Grand Bodies

Of Freemasonry

Of

OKLAHOMA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, at Norman, April 28, 2017

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, at Norman, April 28, 2017

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, at Norman, April 29, 2017

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 SESSION**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION
2017**

The Past Grand High Priest's Association held its annual meeting at 2:15 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Marriott Conference Center in Norman, OK with 13 members present.

Timothy Israel, President, called the meeting to order. M.:E.: Donnie Higginbotham gave the prayer, which was followed by the pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of last year's meeting were printed in the Proceedings and approved as printed. The financial report was presented and approved.

The Association approved the following budget: C. L. Stuckey, \$110 honorarium; RARA, \$1,000; Rainbow for Girls, \$2,000; and DeMolay, \$2,000.

RARA pins were presented to Donald G. Jones and Robert G. Davis 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, 2017**

CASH:

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

INVESTMENTS:

Wells Fargo, Ponca City, Account No. 4995-7445 NAV
Cash \$ 1,095.29 Yield

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>NAV</u>	
ISHARES Trust S&P USFPD Stock Index	1,914	61,923.67	71,219.94	5.85%
Suburban Propane	279	12,790.64	8,386.74	11.80%
Vanguard Natural Resources	212	6,134.75	142.84	NA
IVY FDS Inc. High Income ED	1,165.635	10,169.89	8,730.60	6.80%
Eaton Vance Tax Managed Global	453	8,391.60	7,883.16	12.16%
First Trust Specialty	1,235	12,352.42	8,719.10	9.91%
Welltower, Inc.	84	<u>4,991.95</u>	<u>5,622.12</u>	<u>5.13%</u>

Total Equities \$116,754.92 \$110,695.00

Total Assets \$115,779.94

Estimated Income for 2017 - \$7,865.00

Investments:

January 1, 2016	\$112,454.33
Change in Value	7,435.08
Cash Withdrawn	8,089.12
12 month yield	13.8%

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Cash on deposit, RCB Pioneer, Ponca City, OK – January 1, 2016	\$ 5,084.94
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DEPOSITS:

Checking Account Interest	\$ 6.07
1 st Clearing	<u>8,089.12</u>
	\$8,095.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

Charles L. Stuckey	122.95
Rainbow	2,000.00
RARA	1,000.00
DeMolay	2,000.00

Total Disbursements	5,122.95
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Cash on Deposit, RCB Pioneer Ponca City, OK – December 31, 2016	\$ 8,057.18
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CORRECTIONS TO 2016 PROCEEDING

Page 77, Cryptic Masons Cover - change 121st Annual Assembly to 122nd Annual Assembly and change date from April 24, 2015, A.Dep. 2015 to April 23, 2016, A. Dep. 3016.

Page 58 & 114, Time and Place Committee, delete "The next Grand Convocation will be held on April 27-29, 2017 location to be determined." Replace with: "Grand Sessions will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma on April 27-29, 2017."

Page 181, Time and Place Committee, delete "The next Grand Session was to be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple but has since been changed to the Marriott Conference Center in Norman, 2801 East State Hwy 9." Replace with: "Grand Sessions will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma on April 27-29, 2017."

Page 129, Grand Commander cover - change dates from April 25, 2013 - A.D. 2015, A.O. 897 to April 24, 2016 - A.D. 2016, A.O. 898

Page 190, Closing Remarks and Greetings, last sentence, change "Edward J. Becerra" to "Paul T. Currell".

**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**

**128th Annual Convocation
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons**

**123rd Annual Assembly
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons**

**122nd Annual Conclave
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar**

**April 28, 2017
Marriott Conference Center, Norman, Oklahoma**

**Services were conducted by
Companion George W. Ratliff, Excellent Grand Chaplain**

NECROLOGY

During this closing York Rite year “the allotted course on earth” ended for forty-six of our Companions and Sir Knights. Included are Companions and Sir Knights:
Williard E. Brown (Altus & Elk City), Wendall F. Harris (Altus & Elk City), Milton H. Lewis (Altus), Wayland L. Ballard (Ardmore), Chestney D. Faulkenberry (Ardmore), Herman F. Godwin (Ardmore), Lester L. Stewart (Ardmore), Rex L. Eutsler, PGC (Bartlesville), Lee W. Atkins (Bartlesville), Howard G. Cutforth (Bartlesville), Karl G. Helen (Bartlesville), John C. Hope, Jr. (Capitol Hill), Donald G. McCrory (Capitol Hill), Merle B. Pullver (Capitol Hill), Richard W. Stephens (Capitol Hill), Bob A. Smith (Capitol Hill & Oklahoma City) Joe F. Warriner, PGC (Capitol Hill & Muskogee), John C. Bailes (Drumright), Josh Buchanan (Elk City), Charles W. Falkenstein (Guthrie), Thomas W. Bartheld (McAlester), William O. Coleman (McAlester), Paul Center (McAlester), Charles T. Reamy (McAlester), Donald E. Chancey (Muskogee), Sam H. Scully (Muskogee), Ralph P. Sprouse (Muskogee), Robert F. Wilson (Muskogee), Harvey D. Bates (Norman), Billy J. Home (Norman), Toby G. Traweek (Norman), James L. Filson (Oklahoma City), Clarence D. Northcutt (Ponca City), Lanio Roberts (Ponca City), A.B. Harrison , PGHP, (Stillwater), James R. Bellatti (Stillwater), William D. Frazier (Stillwater), Lewis J. Bambert, Jr. (Tulsa), Floyd A. Bowman (Tulsa), James E. Smyrl PGHP, PGG, (Tulsa & Altus), John W. Peterson (Tulsa), Richard R. Mattinly (Tulsa), Jasper W. Robertson (Tulsa), Paul R. Smith, Jr. (Tulsa), Richard K. Logan (Woodward), Hal F. Thomas (Woodward).

EULOGY

Eulogy to the above Companions and Sir Knights given by Companion George Ratliff.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

by
Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Companion Daniel D. Hanttula, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, 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

28 April 2017

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

GRAND CHAPTER

Joseph Samuel Murrow award was presented to Tommy Childs, Jr., Tulsa Chapter No. 52, and to Donald E. Wolford, Altus Chapter No. 60.

General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal award was presented to Marshall M. Clayton, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, Muskogee, OK.

The General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby award for exemplary service to Freemasonry was presented to Donald G. Jones, Norman Chapter No. 24, Norman, OK.

Gage Taylor and Dana Israel were presented the General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Medal.

Companion James R. Taylor, Jr. was presented a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand High Priest.

GRAND COUNCIL

General Grand Council Adult Leadership award was presented to Bryan Shackelford, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie OK.

General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year award was presented to Kevin P. Bardy, Cimarron Valley Council No. 44, Drumright, OK.

General Grand Council Lady of the Council award was presented to Angela Shipman, wife of Companion Troy Shipman of Coalgate, OK.

Companion Gary A. Davis was presented the General Grand Council Mordhurst medal for his service as Grand Recorder for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma for more than Ten (10) years of service.

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

GRAND COMMANDERY

Knights Templar Cross of Honor award was presented to William J. Cloud, Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, Midwest City, OK.

Knight Commander of the Temple Award was presented to Sir Knight L. Erik Stuckey, Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 of Ponca City, OK and Trinity Commandery No. 20 of Tulsa, OK.

Grand Encampment Companion of the Temple award was presented to Jan Israel, wife of Timothy P. Israel, for her service to Oklahoma Templary.

Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel 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 EIGHTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**

APRIL 28TH

A.D. 2017 A.I. 2547

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017 CAPITULAR YEAR**

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) Norman	Linda	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Gary A. Davis (81) 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		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
Kevin P. Bardy (81) Drumright	Kim	Excellent Grand Sentinel
George W. Ratliff (52) Owasso	Ruth	Excellent Grand Chaplain



JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2016-17

**M.:E.: JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Most Excellent Companion James Roy Taylor, Jr. was born in Tulsa, OK on December 12, 1970, to Brother and Companion James Roy Taylor and Diana Hunt. He attended Skiatook Public Schools and graduated in 1989. He attended Bethel College in Newton, KS on a football scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accounting in 1993. He was a four-year letter winner and three year starter for the Bethel College Threshers football team. He served as Captain of the football team his Sr. year and was All-Conference and All-Region during his Jr. and Sr. years. He earned his Master of Accountancy degree from Gardner-Webb University in 2009. He is a member of the Kappa Chi Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. In 2009, James married Gage L. Schulz, and they are the parents of two boys; Tyler and Hunter, both attend Skiatook Public Schools where Tyler is a Senior and Hunter is a Sophomore. James has worked in the Oil and Gas Industry for the past 23 years. Currently, he is Assistant Controller for The Nichols Companies in Tulsa. He has been a member of the Petroleum Accountants Society of Oklahoma (PASO) for the past 15 years.

Companion Taylor was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Skiatook Lodge No. 416 on January 27, 2007. He transferred his Lodge membership to Owasso Lodge No. 545 in August 2008 and served as Worshipful Master in 2011. Currently, he has served Owasso Lodge No. 545 as Treasurer since 2012. He is a member of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research and served as Worshipful Master in 2013.

Companion Taylor was initiated into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Tulsa, Orient of Oklahoma on April 20, 2008. He served the Valley as Wise Master in the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2016.

Companion Taylor was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch in Tulsa Chapter No. 52 on February 2, 2008. He served the Chapter as High Priest in 2013. He was anointed to the Order of High Priesthood in August 2013 and is serving in the progressive officer line. He received the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award of Merit in 2009.

He was appointed Grand Chaplain for the 2012-13 term and was elected Grand Captain of the Host for the 2013-14 term. Companion Taylor has continued to advance through the officer line until he was elevated to the august position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the 2016-17 term, in April of 2016 at Norman, Oklahoma. Also, he is serving the Grand Chapter as Custodian of the Work.

Companion Taylor was greeted as a Select Master in Tulsa Council No. 22 on February 2, 2008. He served the Council as Illustrious Master in 2012. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword and Trowel in August 2012 and is currently serving as Thrice Illustrious Master.

Sir Knight Taylor was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Trinity Commandery No. 20 on March 24, 2008. He served the Commandery as Commander in 2014. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association in August 2015. He was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma for the 2016-17 term.

Our distinguished Companion and Sir Knight was accepted as a member of Oklahoma Priory No 9, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in May 2015 and the Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 in November 2008, served as Governor in 2015-16 and currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

He is a member of several invitational Masonic Orders: Oklahoma College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, McMillan Council No. 15 Allied Masonic Degrees serving in the progressive officer line and as Secretary/Treasurer, Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66 Knight Masons serving in the progressive officer line, Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, The Royal Order of Scotland, and Plinth Court No. 91 the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas as a Founding Member, Past Master, currently serving as Court Secretary.

He also belongs to several Masonic Research Bodies including The Grand College of Rites, Scottish Rite Research Society, and Philalethes Society serving as President of the Oklahoma Chapter in 2013-14.

He has received the following honors and awards:

- Grand Cross of Color, International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- Esquire, Royal Order Red Branch of Eri
- Service Award York Rite Sovereign College of North America
- Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with One Quadrant

**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

Stephen M. Smith (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

George W. Ratliff (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, Stephen M. Smith (52) - N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) - S.CENT. REGION, Kim D. Crissler (3) - S.E. REGION, John D. Church (60) - WESTERN REGION

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

Kent M. Israel (7) - Chmn. & Donnie G. Higginbotham (1),

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

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

NECROLOGY

George W. Ratliff (52)

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Jay A. Wall (1) – Chairman
L. Erik Stuckey (25)
Tim Carpenter (24)
Kent M. Israel (7) - Ex-Officio

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Bobby L. Carter (24) - Chairman
Donald G. Jones (24)
Marshall M. Clayton (3)

OTHER

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION

Timothy P. Israel (50) - President
Ronald L. Carr (25) - 1st V.P.
Robert R. Rolseth (52) - 2nd V.P.

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

**One Hundred Twenty Eighth Annual
Convocation**

Held In The

Marriott Hotel NCED

Norman, Oklahoma

April 28, 2017



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
At The One Hundred Twenty Eighth Annual
Convocation Held at Norman, Oklahoma
April 28, 2017**

There being a constitutional number of Chapters represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred-Twenty Eighth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was opened in due form at the Marriott Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 28, 2017, with Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., M.:E.: Grand High Priest, presiding. The following officers were in their respective stations and places:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.....	James R. Taylor, Jr.
Right Excellent Grand King.....	Kent M. Israel
Right Excellent Grand Scribe.....	John L. Logan
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer.....	Michael J. Megeath
Right Excellent Grand Secretary.....	Gary A. Davis
Right Excellent Grand Capt Of Host.....	Bradley S. Rickelman
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner.....	John Christopher
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain.....	John F. Carter
Excellent Grand Master Of The 3rd Veil.....	John D. Church
Excellent Grand Master Of The 2 nd Veil.....	Larry D. White for Caleb Finch
Excellent Grand Master Of The 1 st Veil.....	Kim D. Crissler
Excellent Grand Sentinel.....	Kevin P. Bardy
Excellent Grand Chaplain.....	George W. Ratliff

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the Companions present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Companion George W. Ratliff, Grand Chaplain. All the Officers were present except as noted above. The Grand High Priest appointed Companions Robert R. Rolseth, Donnie G. Higginbotham, and Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. as tellers.

Distinguished members were asked to retire and the following were introduced and received in proper form: Companions Robert R. Rolseth, Past Grand High Priest of Oklahoma and General Grand Ambassador for Oklahoma, Orville O'Neill, Grand Secretary/Recorder and Past Grand High Priest for Texas, Wayne Price, General Grand Ambassador, to Kansas and Past Grand High Priest of Kansas, David M. Baskin, Right Excellent Grand Scribe of Texas, Michael A. Watts, Right Excellent Grand King of Louisiana, Michael Lockhart, Grand High Priest Arkansas, C. David Williams, III, Past Grand High Priest Kansas, and Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, South Central Regional for the General Grand Chapter R.A.M., Steven Tiner, Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter R.A.M. and Personal Representative for Louis Bartrand, M.:E.: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

Charles L. Stuckey	1975-76	Newell K. Barker	2003-04
Kenneth L. Lowmiller	1991-92	Bobby L. Carter	2006-07
Elwood M. Isaacs	1996-97	Timothy P. Israel	2008-09

Donnie G. Higginbotham	2009-10	Robert R. Rolseth	2012-13
Ronald L. Carr	2010-11	Donald G. Jones	2013-14
John E. King	2011-12	Robert G. Davis	2014-15
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2015-16		

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

Kim D. Crissler - District No. 1	John R. Christopher - District No. 2
John F. Carter - District No. 3	Kevin P. Bardy - District No. 4
Absent. - District No. 5	John D. Church - District No. 6
Absent - District No. 7	Steven M. Smith – 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 a cordial welcome to them. Out of 18 Chapters, 14 were represented by the High Priest, King, or Scribe. They are as follows:

Indian No. 1	Muskogee No. 3	Guthrie No. 6
Cyrus No. 7	Ardmore No. 11	Stillwater No. 14
Norman No. 24	Olivet No. 25	Texoma No. 28
Elk City No. 50	Tulsa No. 52	Altus No. 60
Capitol Hill No. 101	Veritas No. 103	

APPROVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 128TH GRAND SESSION

To the Grand Officers, Past and Present, Distinguished Guests, and Members of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma:

I am happy to welcome you to our 128th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for 2017. I thank each of you for your attendance and support of your Grand Chapter.

It is indeed an honor to welcome our Grand Master, M.: W.: Bro. Richard Allison and I offer a special welcome to your officers that have joined us today. We thank you for taking time out of your day to attend our Grand Convocation.

To our General Grand Scribe, M.: E.: Companion Steven Tiner, welcome to our Grand Convocation. We hope your visit is enjoyable and as you prepare to assume the duties of General Grand King later this year, please know that you have our support.

To our Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, M.: E.: Companion David Williams, welcome and as your duties as Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest come to an end, I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

To our Companions from other jurisdictions, we extend to you a most cordial welcome. We are honored by your presence and assure you that your appearance is deeply appreciated.

To Companion Daniel D. Hanttula, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma I welcome you to our Grand Convocation. It is fitting that we end our Grand York Rite year as we started it – together. I have truly enjoyed our time together at various Masonic functions throughout our terms of office. I will miss our many emails, phone calls, and text messages as we discussed ideas and issues that not only affected our Bodies but the York Rite as a whole. I believe that we operated this year as a cohesive unit for the betterment of York Rite Masonry in Oklahoma. It has been my honor to serve with you during this year and be able to call not only Brother, but also a word I use sparingly, a Friend.

I would like to extend to the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, who are here representing the constituent Chapters of Oklahoma a most hearty welcome and thank you for attending our Grand Convocation. You are the cornerstone of this Grand Chapter, and your presence is greatly appreciated.

It seems like only yesterday; I was installed Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. It has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve you as your Grand High Priest. Even though this year seems as if it has flown by, I am of the opinion, we have stayed the course, remained focused, and accomplished the tasks put before us and have contributed to the betterment of this Grand Chapter.

As we begin our labors, I am reminded of comments made by Clarence Brain after being elected Grand High Priest at the Fifty-Second Annual Convocation, *“If adversity or misfortune should befall us, let us never be discouraged but rest secure in the knowledge that we are, in fact, triumphant. Let us subscribe to the idea that there is a mutual dependence between ourselves and all of our branches and agree, wholeheartedly, with a Grand Master of England who said a century ago: “The great power of Masonry is example, and the chain extends from the highest to the lowest, and if one link shall break, the whole is endangered. Equity is our Principle, Honor our guide, and my recommendation always is Order, Regularity, and Observance of Masonic duties.”* Excerpt from The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Proceedings of the Fifty-Second Annual Convocation, pgs. 38-39.

As I lay forth my labors to be judged, I pray that the power of Masonry is evident and that Order, Regularity, and Observance of Masonic duty has prevailed.

Americanism Day

On September 25, 2016, it was my privilege to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Masons of Oklahoma, along with the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander and many other leaders of the AF&AM Masonic Family as we attended the Prince Hall Americanism Day in Oklahoma City, a great day for Freemasonry in Oklahoma, as our two Grand Lodges came together and celebrated the spirit of Fraternalism and Brotherhood.

Grand Chapter Officers

I have particularly enjoyed while serving in this Grand line, the relationships with the officers, cultivated as we traveled to our Chapter visitations and many other Masonic meetings across this Great State of Ours. I am thankful for those who traveled with me this past Capitular year as I made my official Grand Chapter visits. I appreciated the support given me as we introduced the Grand Chapter program for this year. Hopefully, some of the ideas brought forth this year will enhance the Royal Arch experience for Companions in the years to come. I truly thank you for your willingness to serve and your dedication to this Grand Chapter.

Necrology

As in every year, the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe summoned our Companions to the Celestial Lodge. A tribute was dedicated to them for their outstanding work in Freemasonry. Their mentorship shall always have a profound effect on all whose lives they touched. They shall be missed.

Dispensations and Other Actions

August 29, 2016 I accepted the resignation of Excellent Companion Marvin E. Fletcher II as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and District Deputy Grand High Priest District No. 8. In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (a) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I appointed Excellent Companion Kevin P. Bardy as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and Excellent Companion Stephen M. Smith as District Deputy Grand High Priest District No. 8.

October 24, 2016 In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (c) (1) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 to allow its annual election of Officers on November 14, 2016, instead of December 12, 2016.

October 31, 2016 In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (c) (1) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation Tulsa Chapter No. 52 to allow its annual election of Officers on November 21, 2016, instead of December 19, 2016.

January 18, 2017 In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (c) (1) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Cyrus Chapter No. 7 to allow Cyrus Chapter to temporarily move their Charter from Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36, 2935 W Britton Road, Oklahoma City, to Siloam Lodge No. 276, 4201 N.W. 39th Expressway, Oklahoma City, to confer York Rite degrees for the Chapter and Council Festival on 4 February 2017.

April 11, 2017 In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (c) (1) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 to confirm my verbal approval for Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 to hold their election and installation of Officers on March 13, 2017 in lieu of their December 16, 2016 stated meeting

Change of Venue – Grand Sessions

During the 127th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, the Companions voted to hold the 128th Annual Convocation at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma. As I, along with Companion Daniel Hanttula, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and Sir Knight Tim Israel, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, began the detailed process of planning this Grand Sessions, we encountered certain issues we felt needed to be addressed. Those issues included transportation between Hotel and Temple, and banquet set up & break down. The need to travel between facilities could have left Companions with inadequate transportation options and an inability to keep an eye on family members at the hotel should the occasion arise. The cost of the meals was well considered, but the intrinsic cost of setting up and breaking down for those meals was under calculated. After discussion among ourselves, a member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Advisory Conference, and the Grand Officers for Chapter, Council, and Commandery, it was my opinion, along with those of M.: I.: Hanttula and R.: E.: Israel that the aforementioned issues would place an undue burden, both in cost and in inconvenience, upon the Companions.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 1 Section 1 (b) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, I in conjunction with M.: I.: Hanttula and R.: E.: Israel felt good cause was established to change the venue for these Grand Sessions. M.: I.: Hanttula volunteered to contact venues in the Oklahoma City metro area and coordinate the bid process; contacting six venues and receiving bids from four. After reviewing the details of the bids, we determined the NCED Conference Center and Hotel was the best available venue to host our Grand York Rite sessions. I would like to thank M.: I.: Hanttula for his efforts in this process.

Also, in cooperation with Time & Place and the Grand Officers of the York Rite, M.: I.: Hanttula developed a spreadsheet to collect bid details and propose locations for forthcoming Grand Sessions in a clear, concise, quantifiable and comparable method. I hope that this (or a similar system) will be used in the future.

Chapter Consolidation

January 16, 2017 I attended a stated convocation of Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81, at which the Companions of Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81 in attendance voted unanimously to consolidate with Stillwater Chapter No. 14 in Stillwater, OK. On January 25, 2017, the Companions of Stillwater Chapter

No. 14 voted unanimously to accept the Companions of Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81. On February 16, 2017, the consolidation of Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81 to Stillwater Chapter No. 14 was completed. All required constitutional criteria had been followed. The Chapter charter and seal were turned over to the Grand Secretary.

Grand Representatives

It was my pleasure to recommend the following Excellent Companions as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma and to present their commissions when received from the Grand Chapters they represent.

Connecticut – John D. Church
Hawaii – William J. Cloud
Illinois – Kim D. Crissler
Louisiana – Kevin P. Bardy
Belgium – Glen A Scheid
India – Robert C Finch
Italy – Matthew T. Cargill
Saskatchewan, Canada – Curtis K. Schuermann

On the recommendation of the Grand High Priest of other Jurisdictions, I was pleased to commission the following Grand Representatives to represent Oklahoma near their Grand Chapter.

Kansas – Ernest M. Griffiths
Louisiana – Edwin L. Horton, Jr.
Texas – W. David Melear

Awards

The Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter present several awards to Companions, who have distinguished themselves in service to the Craft. The Grand Chapter awards the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award of Merit, which recognizes a Companion(s), who have given their time, talents, and /or substance, without hope of fee or reward over and beyond the call of duty.

The General Grand Chapter presents two awards: the Bronze Medal and the Ephraim Kirby Award. The Bronze Medal is awarded to a Companion of this Grand jurisdiction for his distinguished service to Royal Arch Masonry. The Ephraim Kirby Award serves as an opportunity to recognize 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 service even beyond the term of their office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication.

The recipients of these awards will be announced during the Grand Banquet. I wish to offer my congratulations to the honorees. Each is well deserving of the honor, and recognition received.

Also, I want to congratulate those Chapters, who will receive the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence. This is the inaugural year for this award, and we are excited to be able to present this award to four Chapters. The award will be presented later during this Grand Convocation.

Visitations and Travel

April 22-23, 2016 I attended the Grand York Rite Annual Sessions, and was installed as Grand High Priest.

April 28 Traveled to Woodward Chapter No. 72 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented was the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.

May 3 Traveled to Elk City Chapter No. 50 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.

May 9 Traveled to Ardmore Chapter No. 11 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.

- May 11 Traveled to Cyrus Chapter No. 7 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- May 14 Attended the meetings of Oklahoma Priory No. 9 K.Y.C.H. and Prince of Peace, Red Cross of Constantine in Muskogee and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- May 20 Traveled to Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- May 21 Traveled to Guthrie to attend All Masonic Day and was introduced as Grand High Priest during the Father Murrow Council No. 10 AMD and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 meetings.
- May 23 Traveled to Indian Chapter No. 1 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- May 29 Traveled to Norman to attend the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly in Norman, where I was introduced as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, brought greetings on

- behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and presented a check on behalf of the Past Grand High Priest's Association.
- June 8 Traveled to Muskogee Chapter No. 3 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- June 10 Attended the Job's Daughters State Rally in Midwest City, where I was introduced as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, and brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.
- June 11 Traveled to Veritas Chapter No. 103 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- June 18 Attended the Oklahoma State AMD Ingathering in Edmond and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- June 20 Traveled to Tulsa Chapter No. 52, my home Chapter, for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. During the visit, I was presented my Past Grand High Priest Apron. I will always be grateful to the

Companions in Tulsa for this beautiful Apron and will wear it proudly. Thank you. I closed the Chapter in ample form.

June 25

Attended the South Central Oklahoma Regional Chapter/Council Festival in Ardmore and was received and introduced. I welcomed the six new Royal Arch Masons and encouraged them to become involved in their Chapters and presented the educational resources available from the Grand Chapter. During the Festival, I presented the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award of Merit to Companion Blaine McKnight of Texoma Chapter No. 28. Companion McKnight was unable to attend our Grand Sessions in April. I opened and closed Ardmore Chapter No.11 in ample form.

July 9

Attended the Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting held in Stillwater. Topics discussed included, the Grand Master's Festival, Regional Degree Festivals, South Central Regional Conference, and membership. During the Grand Chapter breakout session, the Grand High Priest itinerary was distributed.

July 9

Attended the DeMolay State Conclave in Stillwater, where I was introduced as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and presented a check on behalf of the Past Grand High Priest's Association.

August 6

Traveled to Oklahoma City to attend the Grand Master's York Rite Festival and was received and introduced. I welcomed the 46 new Royal Arch Masons and encouraged them to become involved in their Chapters and presented the educational resources available from the Grand Chapter. I opened and closed Cyrus Chapter No. 7 in ample form.

August 11

Traveled to Norman Chapter No. 24 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence

- requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- August 20 Attended the meetings of Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, and Past Commanders Association in Oklahoma City. I was introduced and received at the Order of High Priesthood meeting and installed the 2016 – 17 Order of High Priesthood Officers.
- August 25 Traveled to Texoma Chapter No. 28 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- September 8 Traveled to Guthrie Chapter No. 6 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- September 10 Attended the Oklahoma Divisional Assembly, Red Cross of Constantine meeting in Oklahoma City and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- September 14 Traveled to Stillwater Chapter No. 14 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- September 24 Attended the Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting held in

- Guthrie. Topics discussed included, membership, Regional Degree Festivals, website, and membership database. During the Grand Chapter breakout session a report of the South Central Regional conference was given.
- September 25 Attended the Prince Hall Americanism Day in Oklahoma City and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- September 27 Traveled to Lawton Chapter No. 44 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- October 1 Traveled to Tulsa to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as Grand High Priest.
- October 3 Traveled to Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- October 8 Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas in McAlester and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- October 10 Companion Daniel D. Hanttula, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, Right Excellent Companions Kenton M. Israel, Grand King, and John L. Logan, Grand

Scribe, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and myself met with the Companions of Bartlesville York Rite to discuss their future. During our informal meeting, we listened to their plan to improve the York Rite in Bartlesville. We offered many suggestions, such as hosting a Festive Board, Chapter/Council School of Instruction, membership mailings to the newly raised Master Masons near Bartlesville and participating in the Regional York Rite Festivals offered in their area. Before leaving the meeting, we provided them the dates of the Northeast Regional Festivals in February and March and scheduled a date in February for a Chapter School of Instruction in Bartlesville. I am pleased to announce that Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 exalted seven Royal Arch Masons during the Northeast Regional Festival held in Tulsa on February 11, 2017. Also, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 hosted a Chapter School of Instruction on March 13, 2017.

- October 11 Traveled to Olivet Chapter No. 25 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form.
- October 12 Attended the meeting of McMillan Council No. 15 AMD in Owasso and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- October 15 Traveled to Edmond to attend All Masonic Day and was introduced as Grand High Priest during the Father Murrow Council No. 10 AMD and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 meetings.
- October 17 Traveled to Waco, Texas to attend the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Texas, I was received, introduced and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. During my visit to the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Texas, I was honored to present Most Excellent Companion W. David Melear, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of

- Texas a patent commissioning him as the Grand Representative to Oklahoma near the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Texas.
- October 22 Traveled to McAlester to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as Grand High Priest.
- October 25 Attended the Grand Chapter Planning meeting in Edmond. Topics discussed during the planning session were membership, ritual, education, officer training, and constituting new Chapters.
- October 29 Traveled to Guthrie to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as Grand High Priest.
- November 5 Attended the meeting of Prince of Peace, Red Cross of Constantine in Muskogee and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- November 12 Traveled to Guthrie to attend the M.: W.: Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma Annual Communication. I was received, introduced, and offered a seat in the Grand East.
- December 10 Traveled to Norman and attended Veritas Chapter No. 103 stated convocation and festive board, where I was received, introduced, and installed their 2017 Officers.
- December 11 Attended the Tulsa York Rite Bodies 2017 Officer Installation in Tulsa, where I was introduced and installed Tulsa Chapter No. 52 Officers.
- December 15 Traveled to Altus Chapter No. 60 for my official visit. The Chapter was opened in ritualistic form, and I was officially received. We discussed the various educational resources of the Grand Chapter, such as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Lessons on Capitular Masonry, and the Royal Arch Festive Board ritual and how these resources could be used to enhance their members Chapter experience. Also, presented were the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence requirements. I closed the Chapter in ample form and installed their 2017 Officers.
- January 7, 2017 Attended the Muskogee York Rite Bodies 2017 Officer Installation in Muskogee, where I was introduced and installed Muskogee Chapter No. 3 Officers.

- January 21 Attended the Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting held in Norman. Topics discussed included, membership, Regional Degree Festivals, Grand Master's Festival, and Grand Sessions. During the Chapter break out session the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence was finalized (i.e., award and recipients).
- January 23 As a Custodian of the Work, I traveled to McAlester and conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for Indian Chapter No. 1.
- January 29 Traveled to Midwest City to attend the York Rite DeMolay Winterfest, where I was introduced as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and presented a check on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.
- February 4 Traveled to Oklahoma City to attend the Central Oklahoma Regional Chapter/Council Festival and was received and introduced. I welcomed the four new Royal Arch Masons and encouraged them to become involved in their Chapters and presented the educational resources available from the Grand Chapter. I opened and closed Cyrus Chapter No. 7 in ample form.
- February 8 As a Custodian of the Work, I traveled to Muskogee and conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for Muskogee Chapter No. 3.
- February 11 Attended the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Chapter/Council Festival in Tulsa and was received and introduced. I welcomed the 22 new Royal Arch Masons and encouraged them to become involved in their Chapters and presented the educational resources available from the Grand Chapter. I opened and closed Tulsa Chapter No. 52 in ample form.
- February 22 As a Custodian of the Work, I traveled to Stillwater and conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for Stillwater Chapter No. 14.
- March 4 Attended the meeting of Paul T. Million Council No. 455 AMD in McAlester and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- March 8 Attended the meeting of McMillan Council No. 15 AMD in Owasso and was introduced as Grand High Priest.
- March 13 As a Custodian of the Work, I traveled to Bartlesville and conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for Bartlesville

- Chapter No. 55.
- March 14 As a Custodian of the Work, I traveled to Ponca City and conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for Olivet Chapter No. 25.
- March 18 Traveled to Ardmore to attend the South Central Oklahoma Regional Chapter/ Council Festival and was received and introduced. I welcomed the five new Royal Arch Masons and encouraged them to become involved in their Chapters and presented the educational resources available from the Grand Chapter. I opened and closed Ardmore Chapter No. 11 in ample form.
- March 20 As a Custodian of the Work, I traveled to Tulsa and conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for Tulsa Chapter No. 52.
- March 31 Traveled to Guthrie to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as Grand High Priest.
- April 1 Attended the Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting held in Guthrie. Topics discussed included, the 2017 Grand Sessions and reviewed bids for the 2018 Grand Sessions.
- April 8 Traveled to Tulsa to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as Grand High Priest.
- April 22 Traveled to McAlester to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as Grand High Priest.
- April 28 Presided over the 128th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma held in Norman.

I was unable to attend the Amaranth Grand Court in Oklahoma City on May 12, 2016. Right Excellent Companion Kent Israel, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, brought greetings from the Grand Chapter. I was unable to attend the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Guthrie on October 16, 2016. Sir Knight Tim Israel, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, brought greetings from the Grand Chapter.

State of the Craft

The State of Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma is improving. It was announced at the South Central Regional Conference this past September,

that our jurisdiction was the only jurisdiction, in the South Central Region, to have positive growth for the three (3) preceding years. My Companions that is a start, it is only through hard work, determination, and dedication that we have been able to accomplish the gains we have. However, I caution us not to become satisfied with past results, but we must keep our focus and goals firmly set in the future. The Grand Chapter over the past few years has focused on three areas, a) membership recruitment and retention, b) ritual proficiency and degree conferrals, and c) education for both candidates and members which are contributing factors to our success.

As I finish my duties as Grand High Priest and make way for my successors, I do so with much conviction in the leadership abilities of the incoming Grand Chapter team. I know that they will continue to build upon what has worked for this Grand Chapter, and complement those programs with their own fresh ideas of how to make this Grand Chapter more successful. To that end, below are my recommendations for this Grand Chapter.

Membership

During 2016, this Grand Chapter exalted 85 new Royal Arch Masons and ended the year with 1,425 members, which represents a net loss of nine members as compared to a gain of 17 members last year. Over the past four years we have exalted a total of 382 new Royal Arch Masons, which averages to 96 exaltations per year. I mention the last four years because at the end of 2012 this Grand Chapter was at its historic low of 1,397 members. The 1,425 members represent a net increase of 2% in our membership from our historic low at the end of 2012. While these numbers may not look encouraging, I can assure you we are ahead of the curve when compared to other Grand Jurisdictions.

For us to remain at our current level of membership or perhaps grow a bit, I recommend that our Chapters exalt at the very least new Royal Arch Masons equal to or greater than 10% of their current membership. For instance, a Chapter with a membership of 50 members would need to exalt five new Royal Arch Masons over the course of the year. Some, in this Grand Jurisdiction, would say an exaltation rate of 10% is too much to ask of our constituent Chapters. I don't believe this to be true. Let us review the 2016 membership statistics. This year we had two Chapters, Ardmore No. 11 and Olivet No. 25, exalt more than 10% of their current membership. We had four Chapters within one exaltation, two Chapters within two exaltations, and three Chapters within three exaltations of the 10% goal. Over half of our Chapters, 11 out of 18, either exceeded or were within three exaltations of meeting the goal of 10%. So the goal, in my opinion, is reasonable and attainable for each

of our Chapters with a little effort on their part.

As evidenced by the success of the Regional and Grand Master's Festivals, the recruitment efforts of the Membership Committee and that of the Local Chapters are showing encouraging results. It is my recommendation the High Priest of each constituent Chapter appoint for his Chapter a member, who is tasked with working with the Membership Committee in promoting the York Rite in their area. I would be remiss if I did not say the following, every Companion within the sound of my voice is a member of the membership committee and tasked with the responsibility of promoting the York Rite in his area.

Ritual Proficiency

During this Capitular year, the Custodians of the Work continued conducting Schools of Instruction for those Chapters that wanted one. The Schools of Instruction have been well received by the officers and members of the Chapters. All the constituent Chapters are improving in the ritualistic Opening and Closing of the Chapter. This, I am certain, is due to the distribution of the clear language version of the opening, closing and reception of Grand Officers and visitors guide, which was approved by this Grand Chapter a couple of years ago. The use of this guide, in addition to the Schools of Instruction, has improved our Ritual proficiency. Some of our Chapters, instead of focusing on opening and closing during the School of Instruction requested to be instructed in one of the Chapter degrees.

Now that the Chapters have the clear language guide, which has helped improve the ritual proficiencies of the Chapter in opening, closing and reception. It has been my observation that instead of memorizing the ritual parts, the Chapter officers are reading their parts. The expectation of our Chapter officers should be the memorization of their ritualistic part. We expect our Lodge officers to memorize their ritual part, why should we expect any less of our Chapter officers?

It is my recommendation, that over the course of the next few years, the expectation of our Chapter Officers should be the memorization of their ritualistic parts and the guide becomes exactly that "a guide".

Regional Festivals

We had four Regional Festivals across this State of Ours this Capitular year: one each in Oklahoma City and Tulsa and two in Ardmore. The West Regional Festival scheduled to be held in Elk City was canceled due to inclement weather.

At the four Regional Festivals held during this year, we exalted 37 new Royal Arch Masons. When compared to the 46 Royal Arch Masons we exalted at the Grand Mater's Festival held in August, roughly 45% of our

exaltations resulted from the Regional Festivals. Companions, the Regional Festivals have proved over the course of the past few years, when organized correctly, to be a stabilizing force to this Grand Chapter.

I propose that we continue to encourage the Central, Northeast, South Central, and West regions to continue holding festivals at least once per year. It is my hope that these Regions continue to develop degree teams within their area, so as not to rely on any one specific Chapter to do all the work. Consequently, an added benefit of the Regional Festivals is that now more of our Chapters are able to confer the degrees. Also, we need to support the dialogue that has started in the North Central region about hosting a festival and offer any help if requested. As more regions host festivals, exposure will increase in those areas where little is known about York Rite Masonry.

It is my recommendation we keep the statewide coordination a responsibility of the Grand Captain of the Host, with assistance in the various regions by the District Deputy Grand High Priests. I trust given the proper time and understanding of all involved this statewide coordination process will prove beneficial.

I would like to thank those Companions responsible for planning the Regional Festivals; without your determination, dedication, organizational, and time management skills these festivals would not have been successful. You are what makes Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma a success. I am encouraged by the success of the Regional Festivals and look forward to the day when all Regions in the State are capable of hosting their own.

Grand Master's Festival

At the Grand Master's Festival in August, we exalted 46 new Royal Arch Masons. As evidenced by the number exalted, the Grand Master's Festival is still the most important event for the York Rite. It is an opportunity for those candidates, who either because of family, work, or some other commitment, are not able to participate in the Regional Festivals.

I would like to thank our Grand Scribe John Logan (Woodward Chapter No. 72 & Guthrie Chapter No. 6) for his coordination of the Festival. His efforts helped make the day successful. Also, I would like to thank our Grand King Kent Israel (Cyrus Chapter No.7) and the Companions of Cyrus Chapter No. 7 for the set-up and breakdown of the Chapter degrees.

It is my recommendation that we keep the current administrative structure for the festival. I do not doubt that communication needs to improve, in regards to the Grand Master's Festival committee, so that every member knows if they are on the committee and the responsibilities expected of them. Currently, the committee is 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). My advice to the Companions and Sir Knights about to be elected to one of the aforementioned positions is to think about your assignment. Also, they need to make sure the committee can work together as a unit, instead of one or two committeemen shouldering the entire load.

Education

During this Capitular year, the Grand Chapter Education Committee published and distributed the “Lessons on Capitular Masonry”. Each Chapter should have its copy of the book. It is composed of 35 lessons covering the background and history of Royal Arch Masonry, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees. The material for the lessons is drawn from three available sources:

- The Capitular Masonry Education Course
- The Ritual of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma
- The King James Version of the Bible.

I have hoped that the High Priests would see the benefit of an educational presentation during their stated convocations, making use of the resources provided by this Grand Chapter. The addition of educational presentations has seen positive results for the Chapters using them. We believe an educational program might be an avenue to attract those inactive members, and maybe act as a membership retention tool by providing substance to the stated convocations.

The Chapter degree prologues that are shown during our Festivals have proved beneficial to our candidate education. I cannot tell you how many times our candidates have told me the prologues improved their understanding of the degrees. I look forward to the day the epilogs are completed and ready for distribution.

Companions, your Grand Chapter has provided you with the necessary resources to provide a meaningful educational program for your Chapter. I would encourage the High Priests of our constituent Chapters to use these resources and implement a program of study. You will never know if the educational program will be successful if you don't try.

Electronic Membership Database

As we complete the first year of our electronic membership database being available to the Secretaries of this Grand Chapter, I can confidently say we are better off today than we were a few years ago. The reports the database can generate are of great benefit to your Secretary, Chapter, and Grand Chapter. This year we used a report generated by the database to verify the voting delegates of this Grand Chapter. As we move forward, the

database will be used in more ways to make the registration and credentials process more streamlined and efficient. However, the reports generated by the database are only as accurate as the information entered. This is where we need your help.

We still have a few Chapters, for whatever reason, which are not updating their own data. It is imperative that each Chapter be responsible for the accuracy of its information. If your Secretary refuses to use the database, does not have access to a computer, or a some other excuses, assign a capable member of your Chapter the task of inputting the information into the database.

A lot of hard work and effort was put into getting this database operational so that this Grand Chapter could have accurate information on its constituent Chapters and members. If your Chapter is not updating its information, I would encourage you to assign that task to a capable Companion. The Grand Secretary can help your Chapter gain access to the membership database.

By-laws

It is my recommendation the constituent Chapters review and update their by-laws concerning dues and degree fees.

According to Article 11 Section 14 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, “the minimum dues for each constituent Chapter shall be the per capita tax of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International plus any and all assessments of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, plus an additional amount to cover the cost of operating the constituent Chapter.” The per capita of this Grand Chapter for 2017 is \$13.25 and for 2018 will be \$14.25. According to our General Laws your Chapter dues should at least be a minimum of the amounts above plus an amount to cover the operational costs of your Chapter.

According to Article 11 Section 9 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, “No constituent Chapter shall accept a petition for the degrees for a less sum than (\$40.00) forty dollars, which may be paid in installments, (\$20.00) twenty dollars with the petition and (\$20.00) twenty dollars before the Mark Master Degree is conferred; provided that this shall not be construed to prevent a constituent Chapter from charging a sum greater than (\$40.00) forty dollars for the four degrees.” At a minimum, the constituent Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction should be charging (\$40.00) forty dollars for the Chapter degrees.

The costs of operating a Chapter have increased and will continue to increase as economic pressures continue to drive up the cost of goods and

services to unsustainable levels. Our Chapters must be proactive and not reactive to these pressures to remain solvent. Therefore, I ask all constituent Chapters to review their bylaws, make any necessary changes to their bylaws and submit the updated bylaws to the Grand High Priest for approval.

Appreciation

I wish to thank all my Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, and all Committee Members for taking the time to travel and work with me to help promote Capitular Masonry throughout this year. I want to recognize Companions Kevin Bardy, George Ratliff, and James Taylor, Sr., for traveling with me this year, thanks for the conversations and company during our travels. I especially want to thank my Dad, James Taylor, Sr., any time spent with you is memorable, and I will cherish our time spent together this past year.

I wish to thank the Past Grand High Priests, who were always available to answer any questions and offer advice but never dictated how things should be done.

I wish to thank M.: E.: Companion Gary Davis, HPGHP and Grand Secretary, for his constant attention to the business of this Grand Chapter, his counsel, and friendship.

I wish to thank the Companions of Tulsa Chapter No. 52 for their support during my service to this Grand Chapter.

To my sons, Tyler and Hunter and most importantly my lovely wife Gage, heartfelt thanks for allowing me to be away from home so much these past four years. Without your patience, unselfish understanding, and love this job would have been very difficult. I especially want to thank my wife Gage, it is hard to be the wife of an active Mason, and she chooses to share me with the fraternity. She is the love and light of my life, and I thank God for her every day.

Finally, Thank you Companions for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter for the past four years. I have learned a great deal while in the Grand Chapter line, and I assure you that I will always do my utmost to serve this Grand Chapter, when called upon in any way.

As mentioned early, I hope my example was good, and when my work is inspected, I pray it has provided strength to this Grand Chapter.

God bless all of you and may God continue to bless this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,
James R. Taylor, Jr.
Grand High Priest 2016-17

RESOLUTION No. 1 2017

WHEREAS, Due to the availability of a database for our Chapter Members, the requirements stated for Quarterly and Annual Reports have changed,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Article 10, Section 18, of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter, which now reads:

" Immediately following the last day in each quarter and not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th the High Priest and Secretary shall prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary on forms furnished by the Grand Secretary, the quarterly reports. On the 15th day of January following the last quarter of the year, the quarterly report shall also be accompanied by the annual returns for the year beginning January 1st and closing December 31st, which reports will be signed by the High Priest and Secretary and be attested with the seal of the Chapter and be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Chapter for degrees conferred, and for the member per capita and assessments.

This report shall include an alphabetical list of candidates advanced, inducted, received and exalted, of companions affiliated and restored, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths, together with the dates of each and any other information as may be desired by the Grand Chapter. Said report shall be signed by both the High Priest and the Secretary and attested by the seal of the Chapter."

Be amended to strike the following paragraph:

~~**This report shall include an alphabetical list of candidates advanced, inducted, received and exalted, of companions affiliated and restored, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths, together with the dates of each and any other information as may be desired by the Grand Chapter. Said report shall be signed by both the High Priest and the Secretary and attested by the seal of the Chapter.**~~

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis. (52)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The following tabulation reflects the status of investments in each of our Grand Chapter accounts and the status of our perpetual membership. If any member desires additional information, I will be happy to provide it.

Respectfully submitted:
 Michael J. Megeath (52)
 Grand Treasurer

GRAND CHAPTER as of 31 DECEMBER 2016							
TOTAL VALUE							
12/30/2016	12/30/2015	YoY - \$	YoY - %				
\$386,533	\$358,997	\$27,536	7.67%				
Account	Last Month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Performan	Inception Date
<u>CH JT MDEV*7033</u>	1.45%	8.54%	8.54%	4.41%		2.54%	10/22/2012
As of 12/31/2016							
<u>CHP GENFD*5913</u>	1.42%	9.29%	9.29%	3.57%		2.38%	10/22/2012
As of 12/31/2016							
<u>CHP PERPM *3632</u>	1.01%	9.49%	9.49%	4.77%		3.92%	10/22/2012
As of 12/31/2016							
Account Summary Definitions for Account Summary			Yr / Yr Change %	7.67%			
Account	Securities Market Value	Cash & Cash Alt.	Account Value				
<u>CH JT MDEV*7033</u>	\$58,231.79	\$1,220.74	\$59,452.53				
*7033							
<u>CHP GENFD*5913</u>	\$186,696.34	\$4,149.03	\$190,845.37				
*5913							
<u>CHP PERPM *3632</u>	\$131,447.32	\$4,787.81	\$136,235.13				
*3632							
All Brokerage Accounts	\$376,375.45	\$10,157.58	\$386,533.03				
		12/31/2015	\$358,997				
		Yr / Yr Change \$	\$27,536.10				
		Yr / Yr Change %	7.67%				

Total Perpetual Members Grand Chapter, RAM of Oklahoma												
	New Members in 2016	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Div/Interest Distributed	Total * Deceased	To Grand Chapter * Living	To Grand Chapter * Deceased	Total to Grand Chapter * Living	Total to Grand Chapter * Deceased
2017:19	1	34	6	28	7,590.00	506.00	463.64	34.34	199.62	34.34	178.16	229.68
No. 11		20	9	11	3,724.00	240.60	236.85	29.80	63.63	29.80	79.09	143.41
No. 55		41	27	14	4,869.00	324.60	309.67	84.91	57.38	84.91	63.58	167.38
Ill (OKC), No. 101	2	145	60	85	25,606.75	1,620.45	1,599.97	231.66	379.30	231.66	556.42	989.01
Valley, No. 81		15	7	8	2,312.70	154.18	248.21	22.23	95.50	22.23	102.15	130.49
C), No. 7	2	43	14	29	7,030.00	468.00	412.76	43.20	164.23	43.20	151.54	205.33
o. 50		43	17	26	5,835.41	382.00	371.13	53.71	124.31	53.71	123.73	193.11
o. 6		28	6	22	4,311.00	287.00	274.18	19.08	119.72	19.08	107.71	135.38
Alvester), No. 1		59	18	41	7,261.50	483.90	461.83	56.41	222.00	56.41	126.26	183.42
o. 44		49	26	23	7,380.00	482.00	445.52	81.09	192.71	81.09	118.01	289.73
No. 3		79	23	56	12,330.00	702.00	784.19	89.68	436.19	89.68	187.72	258.32
No. 24		69	34	35	10,250.91	681.15	651.96	105.74	171.86	105.74	201.46	374.35
nce City), No. 25	3	38	9	29	4,899.00	324.40	277.23	29.57	131.96	29.57	84.22	115.70
No. 14		28	15	13	4,410.00	294.00	280.48	52.47	64.40	52.47	72.98	163.61
52	4	107	35	72	24,118.00	1,600.00	1,418.47	113.88	344.55	113.88	709.62	960.04
, No. 72		44	21	23	4,016.50	260.50	255.45	64.36	113.56	64.36	36.53	77.52
16	12	842	327	515	135,944.77	8,810.78	8,491.54	1,112.14	2,880.92	1,112.14	2,899.19	4,616.49
December 2016				842			6.25%		3,993.06		4,616.49	8,491.54
used in making calculations: 6.36%												
Earned in 2015		\$8,500.86			Div/Int earned in 2016	\$8,500.86		\$8,500.86	Pd to Grand Chapter	\$3,875.05	\$3,875.05	
					Distributed in 2017	8,491.54		8,491.54	Pd to Chapters	4,616.49	4,616.49	
					Retained in Fund	\$9.32		\$9.32	Retained in Fund	\$8,491.54	\$8,491.54	

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

This report includes our Membership Statistics, Chapter Returns, Budget Verses Actual Income and Expenses - 2016, 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 2016		1434
Gains:		
Exaltations	85	
Admissions	6	
Reinstatements	5	
Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
Total Gains		96
Losses:		
Deaths	47	
Suspensions/Withdrawals	48	
Dimitted	10	
Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
Total Losses		<u>105</u>
Membership: 31 December 2016		<u>1,425</u>
Net Membership Loss:		<u>-9</u>

We had a loss of **9** members compared to a gain of **17** last year. We had deaths of **48** members compared to **35** last year. Exaltations and Reinstatements of **91** compared to **97** last year, Suspensions/withdrawals were **58** compared to **31** last year. All Chapters have submitted quarterly reports for the year 2016. We had **23** members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues. Two more than last year.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of **12**, with an ending total of **515** living and **327** deceased. Approximately **36%** of our active members are perpetual members.

All Chapters be aware that perpetual fees are 15 times your yearly dues. If your Chapter's yearly dues are not equal to or more than the per-capita, then you will not recover your dues for that member. Example: at present, if your Per-capita is \$14.25 per member and your dues are \$28.50 you will get 50% of the dividends and interest. Smaller dues will be proportionately less and larger dues will be proportionately more. All computations are based on the time the perpetual was purchased. See Article 11, Section 21 of the Constitution and General Laws. **As a reminder, per-capita will be \$14.25 for 2018 based on the increase in General Grand Chapter.**

Respectfully submitted,
GARY A. DAVIS, Grand Secretary

CHAPTER RETURNS FOR 2016

		2015									Net Gain	2016				
No.	Name	Members	Exalted	Adm.	Reinst.	Dem.	Died	Adj.	S/W	or (Loss)	Members	P/M	N/P	Dues	Fees	
1	Indian	119	8	0	1	0	3	0	3	3	122	41	0	\$15.00	\$50.00	
3	Muskogee	137	13	0	0	0	5	0	13	(5)	132	56	0	\$25.00	\$50.00	
6	Guthrie	74	6	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	80	22	0	\$22.00	\$50.00	
7	Cyrus	126	8	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	129	27	4	\$20.00	\$55.00	
11	Ardmore	51	6	1	0	0	4	0	6	(3)	48	11	0	\$24.00	\$55.00	
14	Stillwater	46	4	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	46	13	2	\$20.00	\$65.00	
24	Norman	117	5	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	118	35	0	\$16.00	\$50.00	
25	Olivet	47	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	53	26	1	\$14.00	\$30.00	
28	Texoma	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	0	0			
44	Lawton	83	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	87	23	1	\$25.00	\$50.00	
50	Elk City	55	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	58	26	3	\$18.00	\$60.00	
52	Tulsa	222	11	1	0	1	7	0	18	(14)	208	68	10	\$32.00	\$50.00	
55	Bartlesville	45	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	(4)	41	14	0	\$8.25	\$50.00	
60	Altus	64	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	(1)	63	28	0	\$20.00	\$75.00	
72	Woodward	49	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	(2)	47	23	0	\$25.50	\$45.00	
81	Cimarron Valley	32	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	(3)	29	8	1	\$20.00	\$50.00	
101	Capitol Hill	124	2	0	0	1	5	0	2	(6)	118	82	1	\$19.00	\$50.00	
103	Veritas	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	0	\$50.00	\$200.00	
Totals		1434	85	6	5	10	47	0	48	(9)	1425	503	23			

No.	Name	DeMolay	P/C	L/M	RARA	Amount	P/C	TOTAL
1	Indian	\$20.25	\$810.00	\$110.00	\$81.00	\$1,021.25	\$278.41	\$1,299.66
3	Muskogee	\$19.00	\$760.00	\$130.00	\$76.00	\$985.00	\$525.87	\$1,510.87
6	Guthrie	\$14.50	\$580.00	\$108.00	\$58.00	\$760.50	\$138.80	\$899.30
7	Cyrus	\$24.50	\$980.00	\$184.00	\$98.00	\$1,286.50	\$207.43	\$1,493.93
11	Ardmore	\$9.25	\$370.00	\$64.00	\$37.00	\$480.25	\$93.43	\$573.68
14	Stillwater	\$7.75	\$310.00	\$58.00	\$31.00	\$406.75	\$116.87	\$523.62
24	Norman	\$20.75	\$830.00	\$156.00	\$83.00	\$1,089.75	\$277.61	\$1,367.36
25	Olivet	\$6.50	\$260.00	\$44.00	\$26.00	\$336.50	\$161.53	\$498.03
28	Texoma	\$7.25	\$290.00	\$58.00	\$29.00	\$384.25	\$0.00	\$384.25
44	Lawton	\$15.75	\$630.00	\$120.00	\$63.00	\$828.75	\$155.79	\$984.54
50	Elk City	\$7.25	\$290.00	\$10.00	\$29.00	\$336.25	\$178.02	\$514.27
52	Tulsa	\$32.50	\$1,300.00	\$244.00	\$130.00	\$1,706.50	\$458.43	\$2,164.93
55	Bartlesville	\$6.75	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$27.00	\$303.75	\$142.29	\$446.04
60	Altus	\$8.75	\$350.00	\$64.00	\$35.00	\$457.75	\$233.97	\$691.72
72	Woodward	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$44.00	\$24.00	\$314.00	\$177.92	\$491.92
81	Cimarron Valley	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$36.00	\$20.00	\$261.00	\$117.72	\$378.72
101	Capitol Hill	\$8.75	\$350.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$443.75	\$610.96	\$1,054.71
103	Veritas	\$4.25	\$170.00	\$34.00	\$17.00	\$225.25	\$0.00	\$225.25
Totals		\$224.75	\$8,990.00	\$1,514.00	\$899.00	\$11,627.75	\$3,875.05	\$15,502.80

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2016 VERSES ACTUAL

Estimated Income:	BUDGET 2016	ACTUAL 2016	Variation
Per Capita	\$7,359.00	\$7,487.00	\$128.00
Perpetual Members	\$3,339.00	\$3,727.00	\$388.00
Fees	\$800.00	\$1,232.00	\$432.00
Dues Cards	\$1,060.00	\$1,070.00	\$10.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$500.00	\$402.00	(\$98.00)
Interest/Investments	\$11,108.00	\$11,108.00	\$0.00
Life Members Gen Grnd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$510.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
Total	<u>\$24,366.00</u>	<u>\$25,536.00</u>	<u>\$1,170.00</u>
Estimated Expenditures:			
Salary-Grand Secretary	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$385.00	\$378.00	\$7.00
Grand High Priest Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$1,085.00	\$165.00
GHP Grand Session Expense	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Expense	\$200.00	\$103.00	\$97.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Per Capita - General Grand Chapter	\$1,538.00	\$1,538.00	\$0.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,400.00	\$1,334.00	\$66.00
Telephone	\$500.00	\$381.00	\$119.00
Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$164.00	\$86.00
Printing & Stationary	\$1,200.00	\$622.00	\$578.00
Postage	\$250.00	\$231.00	\$19.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$131.00	\$132.00	(\$1.00)
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$100.00	\$22.00	\$78.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	\$300.00	\$270.00	\$30.00
Triennial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00	\$396.00	\$604.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Murrow Award	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$3.00
Chapter Award of Excellence	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Regalia	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
RARA	\$1,415.00	\$1,505.00	(\$90.00)
DeMolay Donation	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Dues Cards	\$0.00	\$488.00	(\$488.00)
Meals	\$0.00	\$466.00	(\$466.00)
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$26.00	\$174.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$18,739.00</u>	<u>\$14,358.00</u>	<u>\$4,381.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$5,627.00</u>	<u>\$11,178.00</u>	

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma met on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in the Room of the NCED Marriott Conference Center in Norman, OK. The meeting was called to order by Robert G. Davis, Chairman.

The Past Grand High Priests of Oklahoma commend Most Excellent Grand High Priest Taylor for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry this past year. He has been diligent and sincere in promoting all of the programs which have been adopted by this Grand Jurisdiction. We particularly commend him on his efforts to encourage all local chapters to utilize the educational resources available through the Grand Chapter in promoting active learning and discussions about the Capitular Degrees. We also express our appreciation for his diligence in representing the York Rite before the other Bodies and Youth Groups that comprise the family of Freemasonry in Oklahoma.

The Committee found all dispensations issued by Most Excellent Companion Taylor to be in order; as well as all appointments, visitations, and actions regarding consolidations.

The Committee noted that the report of the Time and Place Committee in the printed Proceedings is not correct. The printed proceedings state; "The next Grand Communication will be held on April 27-29, 2017 at a location to be determined." This is not what was approved at the last Grand Convocation. It should be corrected to read; "The next Grand Communication will be held on April 27-29, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie." That was what the voting delegates approved. This error should be noted when approving the Proceedings of the previous Annual Communication.

In the matter regarding the change in venue of the 2017 Grand Session, the committee feels some comment is in order. We agree that Article I, Section 1(b) of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter provides the authority for a Grand High Priest to change an action previously voted on by the delegates when good cause has been determined which negates compliance with the will of the majority. Most Excellent Companion Taylor was asked to substantiate his reasons before the jurisprudence committee before taking individual action to change the venue. Three Past Grand High Priests attended this meeting with our Grand High Priest. His reasons for establishing good cause have been duly recorded in his allocution and made a part of the record of this Grand Session. The only question of jurisprudence is a determination of what constitutes good cause. There is no definition of what establishes good cause in the General Laws. We must then conclude that, in the absence of a precedent, good cause in this matter can only be defined as a sufficient reason to make a ruling independent of, and following a determination of venue made by this Grand Body.

The consensus of the jurisprudence committee is that the issues articulated by our Grand High Priest; namely, possible transportation burdens between the airport, the venue, and the hotel; no professional staff at the venue site to accommodate set ups, breakdowns, and changes in furnishings for the session, along with access to the building by catering services and meeting the accommodation needs and time requirements of these services in the absence of a committee to facilitate these needs; are all legitimate concerns. Also, the lack of air conditioning could represent an issue in the event of an unseasonably warm spring. There are concerns with maintaining access security since the venue is a private building. There are handicap accessibility concerns. The question before us is a judgment as to whether these concerns are sufficient reason for a Presiding Officer to override a vote of this Grand Body.

The answer lies somewhere between the reasons presented and what actions or steps were taken to mitigate these concerns. Could a staff have been hired to handle security

and banquet room set up and changes, along with sound and lighting for the sessions? Could a transportation committee have been established and vehicles secured for transportation of guests to and from the airport and the venue? If these efforts were made, and then found to be wanting, or unaffordable, then it would seem good cause was established. The Committee received no information regarding what steps were taken to confirm a good cause argument.

However, the Committee also agrees that good cause is an arbitrary construct in the General Laws since no definition or guidelines are given to aid our Grand High Priests in making such determinations on behalf of the Bodies. Therefore, we must agree that Most Excellent Companion Taylor used due and proper judgment in his action to change the venue for this Grand Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert G. Davis, PGHP, Chairman, Clyde Schoolfield, PGHP, Secretary, Don Jones, PGHP, Robert R. Rolseth, PGHP, John E. King, PGHP, Ronald L. Carr, PGHP, Donnie Higginbotham, PGHP, Timothy P. Israel, PGHP, Glenn H. Kinsley, PGHP, Bobby L. Carter, PGHP, Joseph M. Lusk, PGHP, Newell K. Barker, PGHP, E. M. Isaacs, PGHP, Charles Stuckey, PGHP

NECROLOGY REPORT

During the last year death has claimed 45 of our companions including one Past Grand High Priest. As I read the list of names, I reflected on the fact that a few of the names were well known, some familiar, but most were strangers. Passing this life is like that.

I find comfort in recognizing that these companions have gone accompanied by the grace of the Supreme Architect of the Universe and greeted as they were known within that grace. The list will be read at the memorial service. But, those who we remember are always with us in our hearts. We have toiled and celebrated. We have broken bread and maybe had a few tense words. But we were bonded within the fellowship and certain knowledge of the company of good men and true. And now they are part of that Celestial Fellowship and truly intimate with that house not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Ratliff (52), Grand Chaplain, Chairman

WORK AND RETURNS

You will find most of the information concerning items relative to this report in the Grand Secretary's report, including the Return Statistics for each Chapter. There are continual problems with completion of the annual return forms, and this office has decided to prepare page 4 of the returns and send them to each constituent Chapter for their inclusion with the other appropriate pages of the return. The figures on page four will be based on the database information as of December 31st of the reporting year. If there are any questions or concerns about those figures, they should be brought to the immediate attention of the Grand Secretary. As a continual reminder, these reports are due into the Grand Secretary by 15 January of the reporting year, along with the appropriate funds. This allows at least ten (10) calendar days for each Constituent Chapter to complete pages 1-3, obtain signatures, and send in the completed forms. These are essential in for the necessary reporting requirements of the Grand Secretary. A list of new officers and 4th quarter reports are also due by the 15th

of January.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Davis (52), Chmn, Donald G. Jones (24), Larry D. White (42), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for Charters, and the Dispensations noted in the Grand High Priest's address are within his power and authority as Grand High Priest. It is noted that we had one consolidation this year with Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81 (Drumright) consolidating with Stillwater Chapter No. 14 effective 2/16/17.

We commend Most Excellent James R. Taylor Jr. for the hard work and dedication he has put forth to make this year a success. It has been an honor to serve this Grand Chapter in this capacity and look forward to serving wherever needed in the future.

Fraternally Submitted,

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met in Drumright, OK on February 20, 2017, 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 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 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 following proposed budget for the Grand Chapter for 2017 is recommended for approval by the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

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

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2017

Estimated Income:	BUDGET 2017
Per Capita	\$10,114.00
Perpetual Members	\$3,875.00
Fees	\$720.00
Dues Cards	\$535.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$400.00
Interest/Investments	\$10,490.00
Life Members Gen Grnd	\$1,514.00
Meals (Grand Master's Festival)	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$28,348.00
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	\$1,595.00
RARA	\$1,500.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,400.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$300.00
Printing & Stationary	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$300.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00
Office Equipment Account	\$200.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$100.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	\$280.00
Triennial	\$342.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Murrow Award	\$20.00
Clarence Brain Award	\$200.00
DeMolay Donation	\$300.00
Dues Cards	\$535.00
Meals (Grand Master's Festival)	\$500.00
Rituals	\$2,000.00
Regalia	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$21,839.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$6,509.00</u>

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 2016

Estimated Income:	
Membership Development Interest	\$ 1,200.00
Donations	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00
Estimated Expense:	
DeMolay Sword	\$ 200.00
Membership Development	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00
Net Income/Loss	\$0

REPORT OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma met last January and elected officers for 2017. 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.

The Masonic Fraternity needs to identify Masons that need assistance through the various programs that the Charity Foundation sponsors. Brothers and Lodges sometimes are reluctant to report needs of brothers and members of the Eastern Star to the Lodge and Chapter respectively and the appropriate action taken. These organizations need to take a more active role in identifying needy Masons, wives, widows, Members of the Eastern Star, etc. Our great Fraternity was founded on helping those members of the Masonic Family

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.

Respectfully submitted:
David Ray, Grand Chapter Representative

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The 70th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, will be held in Portland, Oregon, starting Wednesday, August 23rd, through Wednesday, August 30th, 2017. The host hotel will be the Red Lion on the River, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97271 (503 978 4513). There will be interesting tours available for those interested in participating; Portland Microbrewery, Northern Oregon Coast, and Columbia River Gorge.

The motel reservations must be made by July 31, 2017, to receive the discounted rate of \$122, plus tax. The registration form and general information can be found on the General Grand Chapter web site.

Fraternally submitted,
E. M. "Ike" Isaacs (55/52) Chairman, Timothy Israel (50) and Robert G. Davis (14).

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 the 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 or your Commandery or another 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, 2016, had contributed a total since the conception, of \$125,273.77 (\$109,757.50 in "regular" contributions and \$15,516.27 in memorial contributions). The Grand High Priest Association was again the largest donor with a contribution of \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Erik Stuckey, (14) Chairman

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Grand Treasurer did not seek advice from the Investment Advisory Committee this year. (Companion Charles L. Stuckey was elected to another three year term-2017-2019)

Fraternally,
Charles L. Stuckey (14)

DeMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in Del City from 27-29 Jan 2017 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 Bradley Liles, Myrtle Chapter, Oklahoma City, OK, at the award ceremonies. This is a regulation York Rite Sword, as used in our ceremonies. It is engraved with the recipient's name on the blade, and his initials on the handle, and 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.

Stillwater Chapter was named DeMolay Chapter of the Year for Oklahoma DeMolay.

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.

I extend my appreciation to the heads of all three bodies for their support and efforts to attain attendance from their Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Davis (81), Timothy P. Israel (50), Kenton M. Israel (7)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

I assumed the responsibilities of this committee during the year. I received no official correspondence from other state Royal Arch chapters. But, as I visited the web pages of our closest neighboring states, I was struck by both the differences and similarities of our neighbors. They all show enthusiasm for and confidence in Capitular Masonry and a respectful understanding of the place of our Rite within the context of Masonry. I think a greater effort can be made to intentionally correspond during the coming years. Perhaps Oklahoma can be the leader in this effort.

Fraternally and Respectively Submitted:

George Ratliff (52), Chairman

YORK RITE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on York Rite Coordination meets during the regularly scheduled Grand York Rite Officers quarterly meetings. The quarterly meetings are used to coordinate the activities of the Grand York Rite. Some of the items discussed during the meetings include regional and statewide festivals, membership and retention programs, use of the Grand York Rite website, benefits of the electronic membership database, and any other issue which may need to be discussed. The ability to meet jointly in an organized manner has led to stronger and more effective actions and thereby increases the York Rite's influence in Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 very good progress.

In a few of the Chapters, the Companions requested that we also provide instruction in the ritual of one or more of the Chapter degrees. This renewed interest in degree conferrals appears to be a pleasant outgrowth of the recent emphasis on regional degree festivals.

Over the next twelve months, we again plan to hold Schools in as many of our constituent Chapters as possible. We 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.

Finally, we are pleased to report that the excerpts from the Ritual related to the opening and closing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the reception of visitors, which we published and distributed to our constituent Chapters last year, is in wide use and has been very well received.

Fraternally submitted,

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

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

It has been an honor to serve on the Youth Ambassador Committee for the Grand Chapter this year. The youth orders are very important, and we believe we should ALL be ambassadors for our youth orders. We have attended many of the State-wide events held by the youth orders this year. If there is not a youth order meeting in your Lodge building or nearby, we, as York Rite Masons and as members of this Grand Chapter, should seek to remedy this situation. The youth are important, and we should make them a priority in our localities.

Having said that, I already know that we could and should have more DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies, and Job's Daughters Bethels sponsored by our York Rite Bodies and our Lodges where we meet. The Grand York Rite Bodies have made a concerted push to encourage more York Rite members to attend the ODA Winterfest, a York Rite DeMolay Leadership Event in January each year, and we have seen an improvement in attendance. I believe this is a great start. Your York Rite Bodies, combined, present a regulation ceremonial sword to an outstanding DeMolay each year at the workshop. It is a highly sought after award given to a DeMolay for outstanding service to DeMolay and his' community. The selection is made by the Committees of each Grand Body. We have seen a larger number of young men joining Masonry, both while still active DeMolays as soon as they become 18 years old. However, it seems that a much smaller number of those young Masons are joining the York Rite. As York Rite Masons, we need to step up and share with them the benefits of our Degrees and Orders. We need to be involved with these young men, but not forgetting the young women, while they are still active in the youth orders.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Significant progress was made during the 2016-17 Capitular year in regarding the Committee's ongoing efforts to make available and distribute York Rite capitular education resources to both our Royal Arch Chapters and their members. The *Capitular Masonry Education Course* was published by the Grand Chapter during the 2014-2015 Capitular year. To foster more opportunities for educational presentations during Chapter meetings, in 2016, the Committee on Education developed thirty-five lessons which were drawn from the *Capitular Masonry Education Course*, the Ritual of the Grand Chapter, and the Bible.

These *Lessons on Capitular Masonry* have been published in a spiral-bound format and a copy has been distributed to each of our Chapters and each of the current Grand Chapter officers. The *Lessons* are specifically designed to enable presentation, participation, discussion, and learning as a group in all stated communications at the Chapter level.

The Committee is quite pleased with how well the Grand Chapter's republication of the *History of Free Masonry in Oklahoma* by Charles E. Creager, John G. Hough, and James A. Lathim, has been received by the Oklahoma Masonic fraternity. This comprehensive survey of the early history of Freemasonry in Indian Territory and Oklahoma has long been hailed as the definitive source on the subject. It was first published by the Grand Chapter in 1935 and was subsequently republished by the Oklahoma Lodge of Research in 1972. After having been out-of-print for many years, it was again published by the Grand Chapter in 2015. During the most recent Capitular year, it was offered for sale at the Grand Master's Festival in August 2016 and, as a result of its popularity, the Oklahoma Lodge of Research placed a large order for the book with the intention of offering it for sale through their book table at Scottish Rite Reunions. Since our last Grand Convocation, a total of eighty copies of the book have been sold resulting in net profit to the Grand Chapter of \$1,002.03. All companions are encouraged to make this book a part of their Masonic library; as well as purchasing a copy for the library of their local lodge.

The digital prologues of the Capitular Degrees, created and produced in 2015, have also proven a worthy education addition to our regional and statewide York Rite conferral programs. This digital tool was copyrighted by M.:E.: Companion Robert Davis in 2016 to prevent its unauthorized distribution on social media or as a video in venues such as YouTube. A flash drive will be made available to every Royal Arch Chapter in an encrypted format so that it can be used in local degree conferrals and member education.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert G. Davis (6), Chairman, Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., (7) Timothy P. Israel, (50) Jason E. Marshall (103)

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 has provided educational materials that would be beneficial to the local Chapters. The materials consist of short presentations on the symbolism and philosophy of Capitular Masonry and the history of Capitular Masonry among other topics. The presentations are short enough to include as a part of your business meeting with discussion following.

The *Capitular Masonry Education Course* is also 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, but may be completed by smaller groups or individuals. Please contact M.: E.: Bob Davis, PGHP or Kent Israel 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 as a part of a regular meeting. 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. This should also assist Chapters in picking out degrees they would be interested in performing at their Regional Field Days.

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 text messages, emails, Facebook, or an internet calendar (Gmail, etc.), will at least give them the opportunity to attend. We anticipate the messages will include more than just the date and time of the meeting but would include topics to be discussed or who is presenting the education that evening.

For the next Capitular year, there will be an increased awareness of our philanthropy RARA; especially the Autism Speaks portion. We will join the local Autism Oklahoma group for their "Pieces Walk" on May 7th in downtown Oklahoma City. I hope this will bring a little better understanding of where our philanthropy money is going and will bring a little recognition to Royal Arch Masonry within Autism Speaks.

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,
Kenton M. Israel (50), William J. Cloud (101), Donnie G. Higginbotham (1)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Grand Master's Festival Committee is composed of the third ranking officer from each Grand Body, the Grand Scribe, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and the Grand Generalissimo.

The Grand Master's Festival occurred on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at Oklahoma City Lodge 36. M.W. Dudley Ridge Smith graciously spent the day with our forty-six new Royal Arch Masons. We again sincerely thank the Grand Master for generously sharing his time on this important day and his continuing support of York Rite Masonry.

We also again thank the degree teams who shared their time and talents, and without whom, the festival could not have occurred.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, Grand Scribe, Chairman, John D. Allford, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Matthew D. McGee, Grand Generalissimo

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

The regional degree festivals have continued in 2016 to great acclaim. Other than weather playing havoc with some of the dates, the festivals have gone off very well. If you need help, the sooner you let us know, the easier it is to arrange. Of course, plans change, and if at the last minute someone is unable to attend, we can fill in or read as needed. But if you are having trouble locating a person to fill a part, let us know.

As you arrange your regional festival, be considerate of the Chapters who participate. While Chapter such and such 'always' does X degree, maybe they would like a break? It may be we have no alternatives, but it is good to consider who else could learn a degree or part.

Respectfully submitted:

Brad Rickelman (14)

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Companions & Sir Knights, as you can see from the Grand Recorder's reports that our membership decreased. We had a nine (9) member loss over last year which is not good even though some jurisdictions would be happy with it. We are convinced that there is no magic pill to fix the problem other than hard work by ALL THE MEMBERS in the following areas:

1. Continue to expand regional degree conferrals.
2. Motivation by talking about the possible purpose of the organization. ie.... Why? Why are we doing this?
3. Starting at the base - Raise Master Masons & guide them into York Rite.
4. Meeting of the committee at quarterly meetings. - If unable to attend, send a text message or e-mail about what is being done in your area so chairman can report.
5. Membership booth at Grand Lodge. (Also at leadership conference) (Are they looking for a speaker?)
6. Utilization of website. (Very much improved !! Thank You John)
7. Membership retention. (whether for lack of funds, misunderstanding of degrees, or some other reason)

If all Companions and Sir Knights, present at this Grand Session, can go back to your local bodies and convey these ideas, we are sure you will have some success.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt McGee Chairman, Jonathan Annis, Brad Rickleman, Robert Rolseth, John Carter, Michael Sexton, and Paul Currell

CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

This is the inaugural year for the Clarence Brain Chapter Award of Excellence. Clarence Brain served this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1941. He was a noted and respected Masonic Scholar. His imprint on Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma is still evident today, as he was instrumental in writing the ritual that we use in this Grand Chapter. To qualify for the award, a Chapter must have completed four of the six categories, submitted with the appropriate documentation, listed on the application form. The categories are Administration, Chapter Participation, Ritualistic Proficiency, Education, Membership Recruitment, and Degree Conferrals (or Exemplifications).

The Clarence Brain Chapters of Excellence for this Capitular year are **Muskogee Chapter No. 3, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, Ardmore Chapter No. 11 and Tulsa Chapter No. 52.** The committee would like to congratulate the Chapters for their excellent work in the quarries and hope more Chapters will participate in the program in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The Webmaster Committee was renamed to Digital Technologies, and an additional member was added. The look and feel of the website were enhanced and modernized; moving to a web development platform that improves security and simplifies the management and the publishing of new content. Some of the significant changes included completely changing the color and layout scheme and making the site compatible with mobile devices. The site can now be managed using the same tool by an administrator from different locations. Site administration is also much simpler.

Security of our personal information is important. Anything published on a public website is subject to being compromised by automatic search engines or “bots” that look for personal information. Although we have been publishing information in the past that included personal phone numbers and addresses, the decision was made to place the Grand Session Proceedings that contained that information in a password protected part of the website. Proceedings published beginning with the 2016 Proceedings do not contain any personal information. That password is available to any York Rite Member that requests it.

A future enhancement will be to move the website to an even more secure environment. However, this will involve additional costs, and a decision will not be made until all options are examined.

Respectfully submitted,

John R Christopher, Chairman, Robert McLeod, Member

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The next Grand Convocation will be held on April 26-28, 2018 at the Reed Conference Center, 5720 Will Rogers Rd, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Headquarters Hotel will be the Sheraton Midwest City at the Reed Conference Center.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Appreciation wish to thank Most Excellent Taylor for the opportunity to serve on this committee. We also wish to thank the Marriott Conference Center in Norman for making our Grand Sessions a successful one by tending to all our needs and wishes. We wish also to thank the people who prepared the food for the banquets which was excellent.

We wish Most Excellent Taylor a most successful Grand Sessions.

Fraternally submitted:

Bobby Carter, (24), Donald Jones (24), Marshall Clayton (3)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL CONFERENCES

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.

Added for information.

MOTION

Companion George Ratliff, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, made a motion for Companion William Gerald Henry to become a voting member of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. He served as High Priest of Madisonville Chapter No. 123 in Madisonville, Kentucky in 2009, 2010, and 2012. He is a Past Master of Poole Lodge No. 604 in Poole, Kentucky. He is currently a member of Owasso Lodge No. 545 in Owasso, OK and a member of the Tulsa York Rite Bodies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Companion Kenton M. Israel was nominated for the office of Grand High Priest and was elected by acclamation. Companion John L. Logan was nominated for the office of Grand King and was elected by acclamation. Companion Bradley S. Rickelman 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 John R. Christopher was nominated for the office of Captain of the Host and was elected by acclamation. The following is the list of Officers for 2017-2018 and those appointed along with committees:

OFFICERS

Kenton M. Israel (7) Yukon	Dana	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
John L. Logan (72) Edmond	Diane	Right Excellent Grand King
Bradley S. Rickelman (14) Stillwater	Jean	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
John R. Christopher (6) Guthrie	Patricia	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
John F. Carter (11) Madill	Pam	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Don Wolford (60) Altus	Sharon	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Brian Buswell (7) Altus		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
Kevin P. Bardy (14) Drumright	Kim	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Timothy P. Israel (50) Elk City	Jan	Excellent Grand Chaplain

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND DISTRICTS
FOR THE 2017 – 2018 CAPITULAR YEAR**

DISTRICT 1

Kim D. Crissler (3)	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3
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DISTRICT 2

Brian Buswell (7)	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
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DISTRICT 3

John F. Carter (11)	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Texoma Chapter No. 28
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DISTRICT 4

Kevin P. Bardy (14)	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 25
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DISTRICT 5

Robert C. Finch (103)	Norman Chapter No. 24 Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 Veritas Chapter No. 103
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DISTRICT 6

Don Wolford (60)	Lawton Chapter No. 44 Altus Chapter No. 60
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DISTRICT 7

Troy L. Collier (72)	Elk City Chapter No. 50 Woodward Chapter No. 72
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DISTRICT 8

Steve Smith (52)	Tulsa Chapter No. 52 Bartlesville Chapter No. 55
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**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2017-2018 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Robert G. Davis (14) - Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (50), John R. Christopher (60), Brian Buswell (7)

WORK AND RETURNS

Gary A. Davis (81) - Chmn, Don Wolford (60), Steve Smith (52), Kim Crissler (3)

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (101) - Chmn, Blaine McKnight (28), Gary A. Odendahl (14)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

FINANCE

John L. Logan (72) - Chmn, Bradley S. Rickelman (14), John F. Carter (11), John R. Christopher (6)

INVESTMENTS

2017-20 (Chapter) Charles L. Stuckey (25)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Jason E. Marshall (103)

JURISPRUDENCE

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (7) - Chmn, James R. Taylor (52) – Sec., All Past Grand High Priests

MEMBERSHIP

Robert R. Rolseth (520 - Chmn, Bryan Shackelford (6) - CENTRAL REGION, Bradley S. Rickelman (14) - N.CENT. REGION, Kevin P. Bardy (14) - N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) - S.CENT. REGION, Blaine McKnight (28) - S.E. REGION, Timothy P. Israel (50) - N. WESTERN REGION, Don Wolford (60) - S. WESTERN REGION

TRIENNIAL

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

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Kenton M. Israel (7) - Chmn, John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14), John R. Christopher (6)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Kenton M. Israel (7) - Chmn, John L. Logan (72), Bradley S. Rickelman (14), John R. Christopher (6)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

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

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Bradley S. Rickelman (14) - Chmn, Kevin P. Bardy (14), Curtis K. Schuermann (52)

EDUCATION

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

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

John R. Christopher (6) - STATE CHAIRMAN, - Brian Buswell (7) - CENTRAL REGION, Kevin P. Bardy (14) - N.CENT. REGION, George Ratliff (52) - N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) - S.CENT. REGION, Kim D. Crissler (3) - S.E. REGION, Don Wolford (60) - WESTERN REGION

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2015-18 (Chapter) David A. Ray (24)

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

George Ratliff (52) - Chmn, L. Erik Stuckey (25), Timothy P. Israel (50), William R. Newell (7)

MURROW AWARD

John L. Logan (72) - Chmn, Bradley S. Rickelman (14), John F. Carter (11), John R. Christopher (60), Gary A. Davis (52)

BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (52) - Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (50), Kyle T. Israel (50)

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Stuart Lough (52) - Chmn, Shannon H. Nault (7), Bryan Shackelford (6)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

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

NECROLOGY

Timothy P. Israel (50)

REGINAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

John L. Logan (72) - Chmn, John D. Allford (10), Matthew D. McGee (25)

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Jay A. Wall (1) – Chmn, Matthew D. McGee (25), Curtis K. Schuermann (52), John L. Logan (72) Ex-Officio

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor (52) - Chmn, Donald G. Jones (24), Newell K. Barker (55)

OTHER

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION

Timothy P. Israel (50) - Pres., Ronald L. Carr (25) - 1st V.P., Robert R. Rolseth (52) - 2nd V.P., Charles L. Stuckey (25) - Sec.

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Remarks and greetings were received from Companions Tim Riley, Jr., M.:E.: Grand High Priest of Louisiana, , Companion Michael Lockheart, M.:E.: Grand High Priest of Arkansas, Companion Jackie Matthews, M.:E.: Grand High Priest of Texas, Companion Joe R. Manning, Jr., S.G.I.G. of OK, Companion C. David Williams, III, PGHP of Kansas, Regional DGHP, and Steven Tiner, M.:E.: PGHP of Arkansas, R.:E.: General Grand Scribe, and personal representative for Louis Bartrand, M.:E.: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.

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 – Tyrion #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 Fridtjof 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

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD

TOMMY CHILDS AND DONALD E. WOLFORD

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 Childs is a Past Master of his Blue Lodge, Past High Priest of Tulsa Chapter No. 52, Past Illustrious Master of Tulsa Council No. 22, currently serving as Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 20 of Tulsa, OK.

Tommy is the first to show up to unlock the building, always available to assist in setting up for degree work and stay late to put it all up. He also can be depended on to go after food when the person responsible forgets or does not get it.

Companion Childs has shown he is dependable and an asset to the Tulsa York Rite Bodies.

Companion Wolford was exalted in 2010. He served Altus Chapter No. 60 as High Priest in 2014 and is currently serving the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma as Master of the 1st Veil. His constant attention to the affairs of the Chapter; his mentoring he provides to new members and officers; and his selfless service has made an incalculable contribution to Altus Chapter. Companion Wolford also served as the District Deputy Grand High Priest for 2014-15 and in 2016, made significant contributions to the success of a Chapter festival at Elk City which was the first such event held in Western Oklahoma in many years.

Don's highlights of service to other Masonic organizations include being a member of Altus and Yedell Lodges, serving as Master of the Lodges in 2013 and 2015 respectively. He served as President of the Southwest Scottish Rite Society in 2013 and is currently serving as Treasurer. He is a perpetual member of the Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite and is currently serving as Second Deacon in the Council of Kadosh. Don served as Illustrious Master of Altus Council No. 33 in 2015. He is a member of the James C. Taylor Council No. 520, Allied Masonic Degrees.

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 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
Robert Caleb Finch, Veritas Chapter No. 103, Norman
- 2016 Tommy Childs, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, Tulsa
Donald E. Wolford, Altus Chapter No. 60, Altus

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

MARSHALL M. CLAYTON

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 Clayton was greeted in 1993 and has served Muskogee York Rite as High Priest, Illustrious Master and Commander five times, most recently in 2012. Muskogee hosted the Grand Masters Field Day in 2012 when a number of York Rite Masons were

created. Muskogee has performed other courtesy Degree work in recent years. Companion Clayton was persuaded in 2009 by Companion James C. Taylor to do everything that he could to save the York Rite Bodies in Muskogee. Unfortunately, this was not accomplished until after Companion Taylor's death. He would be delighted!

Companion Clayton has an outstanding Masonic Service Record. The highlights of his service to other Masonic Organizations include; Worshipful Master of Muskogee Lodge No .28 (1992); member of Oklahoma Lodge of Research; For the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, he served as Chairman of Finance and Appropriations Committee (1995); President Certificate Lecturer"s Association (1995); Grand Sword Bearer (1996); District Deputy Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma AF&AM (3 times); 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary; Citation Award (1995); Assistant Director 29th Degree Team for the Valley of Tulsa; currently Secretary of Muskogee County Scottish Rite Society; District Deputy Grand High Priest (2015); member of Holy Order of High Priesthood, Order of Sword and Trowel and Past Commanders Association; Priory No.9 KYCH; Sovereign Prince of Peace Conclave Red Cross of Constantine (2016); Worthy Patron of Muskogee Hope Chapter No. 401 and Muskogee Chapter No. 14 Order of the Eastern Star (8 times) including this year; member of White Shrine of Jerusalem, Royal Order of Scotland, and Bedouin Shrine Temple.

Companion Clayton has performed over 500 Grave Side Services and a number of Easter Star Love Tributes. After retirement from the Petroleum Industry, he worked 12 years for an agency providing services for those with significant mental and physical challenges.

Companion Clayton has been instrumental in getting Muskogee York Rite back on track with inspections, receptions, attendance at Annual Sessions, Degree work and more regularity of monthly meetings since that time. They are now recruiting new members and leadership for the future is now in place.

Companion Clayton is most worthy to be designated Grand Chapter Bronze Medal recipient of the year for being instrumental in saving Royal Arch Masonry in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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 is 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
- 2016 Marshall M. Clayton, Muskogee Chapter No. 3, Muskogee

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

This prestigious award serves as an opportunity to recognize special Companions who have attained past presiding rank in their Grand York Rite bodies (Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery) and who have then gone on to continue their work and commitment to service even beyond the term of their office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication. The following individuals are recipients of this award:

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| 2013 - Elwood M. Isaacs | 2014 - John L. Logan | 2016 - David A. Ray |
| 2014 - Gary A. Davis | 2015 - Timothy P. Israel | 2017 - Donald G. Jones |
| 2014 - Robert G. Davis | 2015 - 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

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| *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

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| *Kenneth S. Adams | 1960 | Roy Clark | 1993 |
| *Deceased | | | |

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA — 2017

<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	Glen A. Sheid	
California	Kenneth G. Hope	David J. Williams	Charles Swedblom
Colorado	Robert F. Gregory	John R. Christopher	George E. West
Connecticut	Charles B. Fowler	John D. Church	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	William J. Cloud	George N. Kahoopa, Sr.
Idaho	David A. Grindle		James T. Bunce
Illinois	Dale L. Corrice	Kim D. Crissler	Paul E. Ellis
India	S. Krishnan	Robert C. Finch	B.C. Ray
Indiana	Richard A. Lochner	Lewis A. Hullum	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
Iowa	Robert J. Seiler		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	Matthew T. Cargill	Glouanna Smojur
Kansas	Wayne H. Rolf	John J. Petrik	Ernest M. Griffiths
Kentucky	James H. King, Jr.	Kenneth Lowmiller	Jimmy Lones
Louisiana	Ed L. Horton	Kevin P. Bardy	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	Robert C. Corr	Michael E. Hampton	Wayne W. Anderson
Rhode Island	John A. Larson III	John E. King	
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	Mvin 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	Gordon J. Abbott	Gary A. Davis	Lawrence Bentley
Labrador, Canada			
New Brunswick,	Michael Crofts	Robert G. Davis	Ambry G. Newman
Canada			
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Joe R. Manning, Jr.	Leonard S. Sousa
New Jersey	C. K. Leverett		Alvin L. Zach

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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	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. Mclvin

2017 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	Christopher A. Botts	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	Mark K. McFadden	Marshall M. Clayton PO Box 1037 Muskogee 74402 (H)918-616-8032	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	2 nd Thurs 7:30 pm	6 Nov 1890
7	CYRUS 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City 73112	Brian A. Buswell	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	Ronald Jones	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	John Turner	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	Matthew A. Turner	Louis Khoury (C)405-990-1676	2 nd Thurs 7:30 pm	26-Sep-1928
25	OLIVET 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601	Justin McGee	James E. Halbrook 1602 E. Woodland Rd. Ponca City 74604 (H)580-762-8955	2 nd Tuesday Chap & Coun 7:00pm 4 th Tuesday Commandery 7:00 pm	3 Sep 1928
28	TEXOMA 103 S. Burney St. Colbert, OK 74733	John E. King, Jr.	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	Dennis Plunkett	Robert Shady 702 SW "C" Ave Lawton, OK 73505 (C)580-355-2545	4 th 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	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel 2018 W 7 th Pl Elk City 73644 (C) 580-928-5715	1 st & 3 rd 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	Harold E. Watt, Jr.	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	B. F. Rowland, Jr.	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	Robert A. Freerksen	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	Donald P. Spencer	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	Adam R. Taylor	Jason E. Marshall 2917 Summit Terrace Dr. Norman, OK 73071 405-321-6538	Qrtly 2nd Sat Last Month each 10:30 a.m.	23-Apr-2010

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OKLAHOMA

123rd Annual Assembly



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**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	Brenda	R.:I.: Grand P.C.W.
Michael (Mickey) J. Megeath (22)		R.:I.: Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. Isaacs (41)	Linda	R.:I.: Grand Treasurer Emeritas
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
Michael O. Zura (21)	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. Auliich (21)		Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Richard L. Hargrave, III (22)	Mary	Illustrious Grand Chaplain



DANIEL D. HANTTULA

GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER 2016-17

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Most Illustrious Daniel D. Hanttula was born in Mountain View, California on August 10, 1970. He grew up in the California Bay Area and attended school at the University of the Pacific (Stockton, California) where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. Daniel founded a nationally recognized company, worked for Microsoft, Netscape/ and HP. He was a regular guest on a ZDTV television show in Silicon Valley. Author of several books and hundreds of articles. He was a contributing editor at two magazines for more than a decade. Daniel moved to Oklahoma in 2002. He resides in Norman and currently works in Oklahoma City as an IT professional.

Daniel was initiated, passed, and raised in Norman Lodge No. 38 a decade ago. He is a Past Master of his mother lodge and Veritas No. 556 in Norman, Oklahoma.

Daniel is a Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master and Past Eminent Commander of Norman York Rite and served as the charter Secretary/Treasurer of Veritas Chapter No. 103 for the first five years. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Paul T. Million AMD, a charter member of Aequitas AMD, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and a Knight Companion of Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

Daniel is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason of Guthrie Valley, serves on several degree teams at every reunion. He has been an appointed officer for the Guthrie Consistory for several years, and is a Past Sovereign Master of the Guthrie Knights of Saint Andrew.

Daniel is a prophet of Saba Grotto and a member of India Shine serving on the ritualistic unit.

Statewide, Daniel has served the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as a District Deputy Grandmaster. He currently acts as the Excellent Chief of the Knight Masons, was a Past President of the Oklahoma Chapter of The Philaethes, a Past Knight Commander of the Past Commander's Association, and the Primus Master of Plinth Court No. 91, Masonic Order of Athelstan. Daniel is a Knight York Grand Cross of Honour, and a Frater of the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederalis..

**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

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)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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

NECROLOGY

Richard L. Hargrave III (22)

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

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COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF OKLAHOMA

At Its

123rd Annual Assembly

Held In
Norman, Oklahoma
APRIL 28, 2017



ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

"To be in the service of others, with men that I respect, like you all, well I shouldn't have to ask for more than that." - The Magnificent Seven (2016)

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, Distinguished Visitors, and Brethren All:

I extend each of you the hearty grip of fraternal affection as we gather for the 123rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. We spend a precious few hours together each year, to perform the business of Cryptic Masonry behind what has been 365 days of effort on the part of your Grand Officers, committees and enthusiastic individuals. It is my sincere hope that each of you leave with the good of Cryptic Freemasonry filling your heart.

To that end, the Grand Council was focused toward several goals this year, which we promptly set out to accomplish. First; to present every Council and Companion with education on the importance of Cryptic Masonry. The General Grand Council graciously printed our esoteric education on the mysteries of the number twenty-seven, and a hardcopy was hand-delivered to each Illustrious Master during our official visits. Each visit included original education on the Council degrees, which has been noted in my official visits. Our Facebook page garnered more "likes" for Cryptic Education than any other posts this year and received positive comments for the efforts made in this regard, including recognition from M.:.I.: Companion Marvin Chamberlin.

Continuing in this fashion, it is with great pleasure that the Grand Council constituted The Mysterious Council UD on March 11, 2017. This Council was purpose-built to compliment the other formal-style Masonic bodies that meet at Norman on a quarterly basis, and -at the time of this writing, just days later- has already gained national interest; with other grand jurisdictions interested in forming an English-constitution regalia Council, and with applications for affiliation coming in across state lines. Furthermore, their "ark," a 333-year time capsule to be sealed at their stated meeting in December, is with us this weekend, and I hope everyone present considers making a deposit for future generations to discover. -This, should be the operative work of every Cryptic Mason.

VISITATIONS AND TRAVEL

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| May 7, 2016 | My first official duty was to attend the Elk City regional field day and be afforded the opportunity to welcome seven new candidates into the Cryptic Rite. |
| May 12, 2016 | Officially received by my home Council, Norman No. 27, including M.:.I.: Companion Pete Nation, who has been one of my dearest friends and closest companions, since I was an EA. I thank all the Companions of Norman for my beautiful PMIGM apron and their support during this year. To these men, I dedicate the special presentation on the Hidden Mysteries of the Number Twenty-Seven which was printed in the Cryptic Freemason Newsletter [Volume 3, Issue 8]. |

- May 24, 2016 Visited the most impressive York Rite facility in Oklahoma and was officially received by the Companions of Lawton Council No. 21.
- May 14, 2016 Introduced to the Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and was honored to participate in the admission ceremonies of the Order.
- May 29, 2016 Invited and introduced to the Oklahoma Grand Assembly, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls where I was absolutely astounded by their amazing energy and program.
- Jun. 10, 2016 Escorted in and presented to the Job's Daughters Rally, where I tearfully watched a very young man receive a grant from the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund to fund the restoration of his auditory system.
- Jun. 13, 2016 Received by Ardmore Council No. 11 with an excellent turnout of officers and members, in their signature white shirts and black neckties.
- Jul. 9, 2016 Presided over the York Rite quarterly officers meeting and sincerely thank Ill. Companion Joe R. Manning Jr. for his excellent presentation and materials on Masonic protocol.
- Jul. 9, 2016 Attended DeMolay conclave and was introduced with my Chapter and Commandery counterparts by the sharpest dressed masonic order.
- Jul. 13, 2016 Alpha Council No. 18 where we discussed the Alpha and Omega concepts in Cryptic Masonry.
- Jul. 14, 2016 After a congenial greeting from Most Illustrious John Logan and the Companions of Guthrie Council No. 48, we explored the mysteries of the deposit of the General Grand Council, dubbed "The Memorial Chest," which was sealed on December 31, 1894.
- Jul. 18, 2016 Warmly greeted by several of the men I have been honored to serve under and with at Tulsa Council No. 22; Most Illustrious Larry White, Bill Pearce, and Andy Palmer as well as M.:.E.: Companion Jim Taylor. I wish to recognize the incredible momentum of this York Rite body which is an excellent example of what men can accomplish with great leadership and firm direction.
- Aug. 6, 2016 Welcomed a huge class at the Grandmaster's Field day who were treated to excellent degree work and wonderful fraternalism by all present.
- Aug. 20, 2016 One of my favorite experiences in all of Cryptic Masonry is watching Ill. Comp. Donnie G. Higginbotham's portrayal of King David during the York Rite Chair Degrees and I was honored to welcome the leaders of Cryptic Masonry that have been nominated for the honor of the Thrice Illustrious Master degree.
- Sept. 14, 2016 Muskogee No. 2 we discussed the importance of the "deposit" that all Masons are given; for all Royal and Select Masters, it is the ritual and the underlying meaning of the work, for Muskogee masons, they have also been left with the commission of the most beautiful lodge building in our state. This York Rite body has excellent leadership and an amazing energy; I am confident they will be very successful in the

next several years.

- Sept. 16, 2016 Attended the SW Conference and spent quality time with our Deputy General Grand Master, Sid Leluan III and General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Monty J. Glover.
- Sept. 24, 2016 Attended the York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting in Guthrie, Oklahoma.
- Sept. 25, 2016 Privileged to represent the Cryptic Craft in attending Prince Hall Americanism Day. I count the experience amongst the top Masonic happenings of my lifetime. Sometimes called a Christian "revival" or "renewal," this event openly celebrates Christianity, and is such an amazing model for what a positive and spiritually powerful organization Freemasonry is. The sublime experience from this day was to be embraced by the PHA men with whom I have already shared Freemasonry thanks to the compact that our Grand Lodges enjoy and the new friends I now have in our gentle craft.



- Oct. 1, 2016 Introduced to the class and members of Tulsa Scottish Rite.
- Oct. 10, 2016 Unofficial visit to Bartlesville Council with the MEGHP and the REGC to discuss a plan for bolstering new membership.
- Oct. 12, 2016 Thoroughly enjoyed the Council's exemplification of the 1890 Royal Master degree, and we discussed the leadership lessons contained in all of the degrees leading up to and including the Royal Master. III. Bro. John Turner provided excellent education.
- Oct. 13, 2016 Returned to Norman York Rite on an unofficial visit to present the General Grand Master's Award for the Council's contributions to the

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF).

- Oct. 15, 2016 The office of MIGM was recognized at Masonic day amidst an excellent display of initiatory degrees for the various bodies that meet on this august day. I have always felt that the single best promotion for the York Rite is bringing a newly raised Master Mason to the Philaethes lunch at Masonic day, to experience the education, energy and value of the York Rite.
- Oct 17, 2016 Attended Texas Grand Sessions and was charismatically received by the Companions therein. Brought formal greetings to the gathering and congratulated V.: I.: Terry L. Flippo on an excellent program and his love of Cryptic Masonry.
- Oct 20, 2016 Explored the leadership lessons buried within the degrees of York Rite Masonry with the Companions of Altus No. 33.
- Oct 22, 2016 Introduced to the candidates and members of McAlester Scottish Rite.
- Oct 24, 2016 Explored the amazing accomplishment of Mount Moriah with the companions of Union Council No. 3 and discussed the opportunity that these men have to be the leaders of Cryptic Masonry once more. I hope to see this group of energetic young men and seasoned leaders rise again very soon.
- Oct 29, 2016 Warmly received by my own valley, at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Fall reunion.
- Nov 7, 2016 Visited Cimmaron Valley and without a quorum present, we informally discussed the numerous Cryptic Masonry pilgrimages held across the United States each year.
- Jan 10, 2017 Honored to be introduced to the members of Bernard Council by one of Oklahoma's Masonic pillars; Most Illustrious Companion Charles Stuckey who assumed the East for the Council due to an unexpected absence of the IM. We discussed the importance of the Sword and Trowel of the Council and to Freemasonry.
- Jan 26, 2017 MIPGM Jerry Stotler of Kansas joined us on our official visit to Woodward where we explored the deepest lessons of the Select Master degree.
- Jan 29, 2017 Brought greetings and a donation on behalf of the Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma to the DeMolay Winterfest. I also wish to recognize our Grand Secretary, Gary A. Davis, who has presented the York Rite Sword at 21 consecutive DeMolay workshops!
- Feb 4, 2017 Greeted the new Companions at the OKC regional field day.
- Feb 11, 2017 Greeted 21 new Cryptic Masons at the Northeast regional field day in Tulsa, including several new members for Bartlesville.
- Mar 11, 2017 Used Mackey's original ritual to set The Mysterious Nine Council to work under dispensation, with the largest turnout of Cryptic Masons to date. The perfect finale for the year of Council visitations.
- Mar 31, 2017 Introduced to the class of the Three Centuries Reunion at the Guthrie Scottish Rite.
- Apr 8, 2017 Introduced to the class and members of Tulsa Scottish Rite.
- Apr 22, 2017 Introduced to the class and members of McAlester Scottish Rite

and was privileged to speak the unveiling of the new exhibit on Cryptic Masonry in McAlester.

NECROLOGY

While Freemasonry steels one to an individual's own death, we cannot help but mourn the men who pass before us, leaving us all with an unhappy dissolution of our union, by the loss of their friendship and wisdom. Forty-seven (47) Companions have left our jurisdiction and joined the Masonic rolls of our heavenly host. We grieve for their families and as a part of our Masonic family, they will be greatly missed.

DISPENSATIONS AND REQUESTS

The following dispensations were issued according to the powers granted in the respective sections of our Grand Laws:

Article 10, Section 2

October 24, 2016 Bartlesville Council to hold elections 11-14-16 in lieu of 12-12-16.
October 31, 2016 Tulsa Council to hold election of officers on 11-21-16 in lieu of 12-19-16.
March 2016 Bartlesville Council to hold elections out of time on 3-13-16.

Article II, Section 1(e)

January 18, 2017 Alpha Council to move charter to Siloam for regional field day on 2-4

Article II, Section 1(c)(1)

March 11, 2017 Dispensation to form The Mysterious Nine Council

Article II, Section 1(m)

March 18, 2017 Issued dispensation for Right Illustrious Jim Cloud, Grand Deputy Master to use ample form at the Ardmore Field Day.

ACTIONS

Change of Venue – Grand Sessions

During the 122nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, the Companions voted to hold the 123rd Annual Assembly at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma. As I, along with Most Excellent Companion Jim Taylor, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and Sir Knight Tim Israel, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, began the detailed process of planning this Grand Sessions, we encountered certain issues which we felt needed to be addressed. Those issues included transportation between hotel and Temple, and banquet set-up & break down. The need to travel between facilities could have left Companions and Knights with inadequate transportation options and an inability to keep an eye on family members at the hotel should the occasion arise.

The costs of the meals were well considered, but the intrinsic cost of set-up and break down of those meals were under calculated. After discussion among ourselves, with a member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Advisory Conference, and the Grand Officers for Chapter, Council, and Commandery, it was my opinion, along with with M.: E.: Taylor and R.: E.: Israel that the aforementioned issues would place an undue burden, both in costs and in inconvenience, upon the Companions and Sir Knights.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 1 Section 1 (b) of the General Laws of this Grand Council, I in conjunction with M.: E.: Taylor and R.: E.: Israel felt good cause was established to change the venue for this Grand Sessions. I contacted venues in the Oklahoma City metro area and coordinated the bid process; contacting 6 venues and receiving bids from 4. After

reviewing the details of the bids, we determined the NCED Conference Center and Hotel was the best available venue to host our Grand York Rite sessions.

In addition, in cooperation with Time & Place and the Grand Officers of the York Rite, I developed a spreadsheet to collect bid details and propose locations for forthcoming Grand Sessions in a clear, concise, quantifiable and comparable method. It is my hope that this (or a similar system) will be used in the future.

AWARDS OF CRYPTIC MASONRY

Tonight's banquet will recognize the recipients of the Adult Leadership Award, Cryptic Mason of the Year, and the Grand Illustrious Master's Award. I congratulate all of the deserving recipients of these honors of Cryptic Masonry.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH



Our philanthropy continues to be one of the best in all of Freemasonry. My single takeaway from the CMMRF is that their work in adipose stem cell research has increased the window for irreversible damage for stroke victims from just a few hours to 36 hours! Last year they began conducting similar research to save kidneys from injury and failure. They hold a symposium open to all interested in their research and have a beautiful Cryptic Masons display at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Support for this life-saving organization must always be a priority.

In that vein, I have included (at left) a social media post I made this year on my person Facebook account. This post, which took me less than 5 minutes to compose, earned \$50 for the CMMRF. If each companion in our

jurisdiction did this just once, we would yield \$68,750. That is **eighty times** more than we contributed to the CMMRF this year from our per capita donations. Freemasons must learn how to make social media work to our advantage... Considerable money is at stake.

STATE OF THE CRAFT – THE LOST WOR[K]

In 1817, Jeremy L. Cross charged \$20 (approximately \$368 today) to charter a Council of Select Masters; an organization based around a single degree. Today, we have a four-degree system yet our laws only require a payment of \$25 to the Grand Council. This meager sum is compensation for “the charter, a copy of the Constitution and General Laws, and nine rituals [which] shall be delivered to the Illustrious Master without expense, other than the fee for the charter.” That fee does not even cover the cost of the rituals and postage to mail them.

Companions, it is time we take a long, hard look at York Rite Freemasonry. Our repeated use of the phrase “replace yourself” has diverted our focus to membership gains, at the cost of all else, including the actual work of Freemasonry. Worse, it is an insult to our current members; making them nothing more than the middlemen in a pyramid scheme, who are made to feel that they should drop their working tools and instead pick up applications for the York Rite. Most importantly, should we be successful in these efforts, and men came

running to our doorsteps, they would find nothing within to retain their interest, once they get beyond the salesmanship. We have lost our work, and have gone from greeting the "Select" to grabbing anyone we can "collect."

We must build a program; drawing people to our meetings with substance and innovation. The time & money spent brochures and mailings should be redirected to producing original Masonic thought and experiences; becoming leaders in Masonry for others to follow. We must, in short, quit pushing people to join the York Rite, and begin pulling them. I would even challenge individual Councils by taking the stance that it is not the grand body's jurisdiction to induce someone to membership, but the local body's responsibility to entice them to see the value in participation. However, this must be a pervasive stance -- from the youngest Cryptic Mason to the oldest General Grandmaster.

I know whereof I speak; when I joined Norman York Rite ten years ago, we did not have enough people to legally open a Council, let alone a Commandery. Today, the organization is flourishing, with men from lodges in and around the area actively participating and leaders providing thoughtful education and a quality experience. The Mysterious Nine Council was founded to provide a unique Cryptic practice and already has men flocking to it in great numbers.

Imagine how inspiring it would be, if instead of "percentage in membership" gains, we measured our success by "return visits to the local Council" or "attendance at Cryptic Mason special events." How would our mission change? Proceedings after proceedings of this august body bemoan our membership numbers. How can we expect anything to change, when we are focused on the wrong metrics? This is why we cannot command the \$368 charter Cross earned.

The two Councils with the most suspensions in 2016 were Tulsa (14 suspensions) and Muskogee (12 suspensions). Both substantially exceed the statewide average of 2.67 Masons suspended per Council. But the truly shocking fact is that 57.1% and 41.6% (respectively) of the suspensions were effectively "new Cryptic Masons," (three years or less since being greeted) that did not continue to pay dues. - Approximately half of their members fell off during what should be the "honeymoon period." And these two Councils also had the highest numbers of new members admitted. This clearly shows us that a membership drive alone is not good for York Rite Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite reports similar research with the biggest membership drop occurring at the 3-year mark. If we lose approximately half of new men we admit, we are just creating a revolving door experience where they join an appendant body and quickly leave.

"How many centuries must go by before the message gets through that what causes attrition is disinterest in what is offered?" – Bro. John S. Nagy

RECOMMENDATIONS

As I leave the Cryptic Grand East to relinquish the sword and trowel to my successors, I only offer a few a few humble recommendations for their kind consideration that I simply could not complete in a single year. (However, please do not consider this politicking for an additional year!)

Try as I might, my biggest regret is that I was unable to bring a team from another grand jurisdiction to Oklahoma to perform the Super Excellent Master degree. It was an expected challenge, due to the unusually large cast required for the conferral, but would be unique opportunity for our branch of Oklahoma Freemasonry to flourish, if this could be accomplished on a regular basis. There are many examples of the Cryptic Craft coming together for the good of Masonry (The Colorado River Fall Festival, The Great Plains

Rendezvous, The Pike's Peak Pilgrimage, etc.) and we must find a way to make ourselves annually relevant and nationally recognized or we will remain the best-kept secret in Freemasonry.

I have been actively trying to obtain a final softcopy of the updated ritual from our General Grand Council. The 26th edition has interesting and valuable changes, and finally includes guidance on the assembly of our altar while at labor. It is recommended that we respectively update our ritual and, in so doing, bring our work in line with the qualifications required to earn the General Grand Council Ritual Award. On the topic of awards, the calculations for the Grandmaster's Award for Councils is desperately in need of revision. I leave this task for men of math who will surely find a more appropriate system of weight for the priorities of Cryptic masonry as they exist today.

Finally, until the very last day of our existence; encourage the creation and participation in time capsules; Masonic and profane. This, not to be confused with cornerstones, is the exclusive rite of the Royal and Select Master; "truthfully proclaimed that to preserve and transmit our principles to those who succeed us, in the hour of low twelve, is a sacred, bounden duty we owe to Cryptic Masonry." The charter dates of our respective Councils are provided elsewhere in the proceedings, but I felt it might be helpful to provide a list of the anniversary dates, around which a time capsule project might be instigated. (Potential upcoming significant dates identified in **bold**.)

No.	Name	MM	DD	YYYY	Yrs
2	Muskogee	Aug	24	1894	123
3	Union	May	28	1878	139
11	Ardmore	April	18	1906	111
18	Alpha	Aug	11	1892	125
21	Lawton	April	19	1911	106
22	Tulsa	April	20	1911	106
25	Elk City	April	1	1913	104
27	Norman	April	14	1914	103
33	Altus	March	31	2006	11
41	Bartlesville	April	23	1908	109
43	Bernard	April	15	1924	93
48	Guthrie	Oct	6	1945	72
50	Stillwater	April	14	1949	68
52	Woodward	April	2	1951	66
59	Capitol Hill	April	3	1957	60

CLOSING

I will remain forever thankful to the Companions of Oklahoma for the opportunity to serve, as my quote said at the beginning, "with men that I respect." Leadership in York Rite Freemasonry has many opportunities and roadblocks. While some prefer to be the latter, it is my hope that I never personally assume the role of "grumpy past master," and that I always welcome and support the men who invite innovation into Freemasonry for the good of the

Cryptic Rite. I have learned a lot about myself this year, and even more about our fraternity. I eagerly anticipate returning to the local bodies where much work remains to be done.

Although I singled him out earlier in official visits, I wish to again recognize Gary A. Davis, who has been a tireless resource in my times of need this year. I also wish to acknowledge John Christopher for his diligent work in protecting the personal information of all Oklahoma York Rite officers and committee members and his constant service toward our organization.

Finally, my words cannot express the love I have for my two children, Saylor and Elizabeth, who cheerfully supported and accompanied me to many of the Masonic responsibilities I fulfilled this year, with no further questioning than "where are we going today, Daddy?" I see in them the understanding of the importance of supporting the dreams and priorities of those you love, and that one's pursuit of happiness should be reinforced by your family, not disparaged. They truly understand the Masonic principles of "being happy, and communicating happiness." I hope Freemasonry has made me a better father in their eyes and that they look upon this accomplishment as one which makes them as proud of their father as I have been to serve this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel D. Hanttula

Most Illustrious Grand Master, 3016-3017 Anno Depositionis

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
April 28, 2017**

There being a constitutional number of Councils represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred Twenty-third Annual Assembly of The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was opened in the Marriott Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma at 1:05 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2017. Companion Daniel D. Hanttula, M.: I.: Grand Master, presiding.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER..... DANIEL HANTTULA
 RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER..... WILLIAM J. CLOUD
 R.I. GRAND P.C.W..... JOHN D. ALLFORD
 R.I. GRAND TREASURER..... MICHAEL J. MEGEATH
 R.I. GRAND RECORDER.....GARY A. DAVIS
 R.I. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.....Curtis Schuremann for MICHAEL O. ZURA
 ILL GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL ...John D. Church for MICHAEL W. SEXTON
 ILL GRAND MARSHALL..... KEVIN P. BARDY
 ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND STEWARD..... JOHN T. TURNER
 ILL GRAND SENTINEL.....Brian Ragain for WILLIAM H. AULICH
 ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN.....Matthew Cargill for RICHARD L. HARGRAVE, III

The Invocation was given by Companion Matthew Cargill, Acting Grand Chaplain. The following distinguished Guests were received: Companions Joe P. Rouse M.D., C.M.M.R.F. Trustee, and Past M.: I.: Grand Master, Grand Council of Arkansas, William K. Powell, Sr. M.: I.: Grand Master, Grand Council of Louisiana, Andrew Stevenson, Sr., R.: I.: Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Council of Louisiana, Rodney D. Middleton, M.: I.: Grand Master, Grand Council of Kansas , Troy Shipman, Ambassador to Oklahoma for General Grand Council, Charles Stuttle, M.: I.: Past Grand Master, Grand Council of Arkansas, Regional Deputy Grand Master, South Central Region, General Grand Council, International, and Lawrence O. Weaver, M.: P.: Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International.

The Grand Master appointed Companions Larry D. White, Donnie G. Higginbotham, and Robert R. Rolseth as the Teller Committee.

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

Bobby L. Carter	2001-03	Elwood M. Isaacs	2003-04
Donald G. Jones	2004-05	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	Larry D. White	2015-16

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
Absent	District No. 5	Timothy P. Israel	District No. 6
Tommy W. Childs, Jr.	District No. 7		

The M.: I.: 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:

Muskogee Council No. 2	Union Council No. 3
Ardmore Council No. 18	Alpha Council No. 18
Tulsa Council No. 22	Norman Council No. 27
Altus Council No. 33	Bernard Council No. 43
Guthrie Council No. 48	Stillwater Council No. 50
Capitol Hill Council No. 59	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

A motion was made and seconded to approve the printed proceedings of the 122nd annual assembly with the correction to the Time and Place Committee Report. (See Grand Chapter for corrections) Motion prevailed.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The following tabulation reflects the status of investments in each of our Grand Council accounts and our perpetual membership status. If any member desires additional information, I will be happy to provide it.

Respectfully submitted:
 Michael J. Megeath (22)
 Grand Treasurer

GRAND COUNCIL as of 31 DECEMBER 2016							
TOTAL VALUE							
12/30/2016	12/30/2015	YoY - \$	YoY - %				
\$165,678	\$156,335	\$9,343	5.98%				
Account	Last Month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Performance	Inception Date
<u>COU GEN FD*5530</u> As of 12/31/2016	1.43%	8.45%	8.45%	0.76%		0.76%	10/22/2012
<u>COU PERPM*0920</u> As of 12/31/2016	1.01%	7.06%	7.06%	1.47%		2.06%	10/22/2012
Account Summary Definitions for Account Summary			Yr / Yr Change %	5.98%			
Account	Securities Market Value	Cash & Cash Alt.	Account Value				
<u>COU GEN FD*5530</u> *5530	\$59,899.29	\$1,002.12	\$60,901.41				
<u>COU PERPM*0920</u> *0920	\$101,204.70	\$3,572.27	\$104,776.97				
All Brokerage Accounts	\$161,103.99	\$4,574.39	\$165,678.38				
		12/31/2015	\$156,335				
		Yr / Yr Change \$	\$9,343.05				
		Yr / Yr Change %	5.98%				

As of 12/31/2016		Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma											Total to Local Council	
3/13/2017 18:11		New Members in 2016	780 Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Interest Distributed	To Grand Council	To Grand Council Deceased	Total to Grand Council	To Local Council	To Local Council Deceased	Total to Local Council
Name									Living	Deceased	Living	Deceased	Living	Deceased
Altus No. 33	1	32	5	27	7,065.00	471.00	319.98	144.03	21.29	165.31	21.29	165.31	31.93	154.67
Alpha (OKC), No. 18	2	44	15	29	7,397.50	492.50	324.71	30.32	126.08	156.40	126.08	156.40	56.71	168.31
Ardmore, No. 11		20	9	11	3,410.00	220.70	161.29	20.08	47.17	67.25	47.17	67.25	42.83	94.05
Bartlesville, No. 41		41	27	14	4,765.25	317.50	225.40	55.76	45.98	101.73	45.98	101.73	80.13	123.66
Bernard (Ponca City), No. 43	3	38	8	30	4,367.00	288.60	180.31	17.03	104.30	121.33	104.30	121.33	17.74	58.98
Capitol Hill (OKC), No. 59	2	140	57	83	17,981.50	1,152.40	829.24	144.35	284.51	428.85	284.51	428.85	184.53	400.39
Cimarron Valley, No. 44		15	7	8	2,251.20	150.08	176.01	13.84	66.80	80.63	66.80	80.63	20.93	95.38
Elk City, No. 25		43	17	26	5,205.00	347.00	246.20	32.99	97.63	130.62	97.63	130.62	43.63	115.58
Guthrie, No. 48		28	6	22	4,236.00	282.00	200.36	12.06	92.89	104.95	92.89	104.95	21.29	95.41
Lawton, No. 21		50	26	24	5,850.00	382.00	258.97	52.55	58.24	110.79	58.24	110.79	88.64	148.17
Muskogee, No. 2		78	22	56	11,385.00	639.00	538.51	57.06	325.08	382.14	325.08	382.14	46.53	156.37
Norman, No. 27		71	34	37	8,719.41	575.15	412.43	68.79	139.70	208.49	139.70	208.49	87.14	116.80
Stillwater, No. 50		29	16	13	3,735.00	247.00	288.77	34.59	94.90	129.49	94.90	129.49	51.97	159.28
Tulsa, No. 22	5	105	35	70	20,131.73	1,234.50	839.42	74.10	333.26	407.36	333.26	407.36	111.34	432.06
Union (McAlester), No. 3		55	15	40	5,883.75	392.25	278.30	30.86	167.26	198.13	167.26	198.13	29.94	80.17
Woodward, No. 52		44	21	23	3,417.50	227.00	161.65	39.38	82.31	121.69	82.31	121.69	19.87	39.96
16		833	320	513	115,800.84	7,418.68	5,441.55	827.77	2,087.40	2,915.17	2,087.40	2,915.17	935.15	2,526.38
			38.4%	61.6%			4.70%			2.52%				2.18%
				833						2,915.17				2,526.38
As of 31 December 2016			4.73%											
Percentage used in making calculations:														
Interest/Dividends Earned in 2016					Div/Int earned on 2016			\$5,451.27			Pd to Gd Council			\$2,915.17
					Distributed in 2017			5,441.55			Pd to Councils			\$2,526.38
					Retained in Fund			\$9.72						\$5,441.55

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

The following reflects the membership statistics, returns, 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 2016		1380
Gains:		
• Greeted	87	
• Admissions	4	
• Reinstatements	5	
• Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
Total Gains		96
Losses:		
• Deaths	47	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	38	
• Demitted	11	
• Adjustments	<u>5</u>	
Total Losses		<u>101</u>
Membership: 31 December 2016		<u>1,375</u>
Net Membership Loss:		<u>5</u>

We had a loss of **5** members compared to a gain of **11** last year. Greetings of **87** compared to **76** last year, Suspensions/withdrawals were **38** compared to **29** last year. All Councils have submitted quarterly reports for Year 2016.

We had **23** members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues.

There were **13** new perpetual memberships, with an ending total of **513** living and **320** deceased members. **37%** of our members are perpetual members.

All Councils should be aware that perpetual fees are 15 times your yearly dues. If your Council dues are not equal to or more than the per-capita, then you will not recover your dues for that member. Example: at the present time, if your Per-capita is \$13.75 per member and your dues are \$27.50 you will get 50% of the dividends and interest. If your dues are less, they will be proportionately less and if they are more, they will be proportionately more. All computations are based on the time the perpetual was purchased. See Article 11, Section 21 of the Constitution and General Laws.

GARY A. DAVIS
Grand Recorder

RETURNS FOR CONSTITUENT COUNCILS 2016

No.	Name	2015									Net Gain	2016		
		Members	Greeted	Adm.	Reinst	Dem.	Died	Adj	S/W	or (Loss)	Members	Dues	Fees	
2	Muskogee	136	14	0	0	0	5	0	13	(4)	132	\$25.00	\$50.00	
3	Union	123	9	0	1	1	3	0	3	3	126	\$15.00	\$50.00	
11	Ardmore	50	7	1	0	0	4	5	0	(1)	49	\$22.00	\$45.00	
18	Alpha	127	7	1	0	2	2	0	2	2	129	\$20.00	\$45.00	
21	Lawton	83	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	87	\$25.00	\$50.00	
22	Tulsa	210	11	1	0	1	7	0	14	(10)	200	\$28.00	\$40.00	
25	Elk City	55	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	58	\$18.00	\$60.00	
27	Norman	118	6	0	1	0	3	0	2	2	120	\$14.00	\$40.00	
33	Altus	63	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	63	\$15.00	\$40.00	
41	Bartlesville	45	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	(4)	41	\$8.25	\$40.00	
43	Bernard	48	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	54	\$14.00	\$30.00	
44	Cimarron Valley	32	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	(3)	29	\$20.50	\$40.00	
48	Guthrie	74	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	6	80	\$21.00	\$50.00	
50	Stillwater	46	4	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	46	\$20.00	\$35.00	
52	Woodward	48	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	(2)	46	\$20.50	\$45.00	
59	Capitol Hill	122	2	0	0	1	6	0	2	(7)	115	\$19.00	\$40.00	
	Totals	1380	87	4	5	11	47	5	38	-5	1375			

No.	Name	P/M	N/P	DeMOLAY	P/C	LM	CMMRF	Net	PEM	TOTAL
								Amount	P/C	
2	Muskogee	56	0	\$19.00	\$760.00	\$170.00	\$76.00	\$1,025.00	\$382.14	\$1,407.14
3	Union	40	0	\$21.50	\$860.00	\$155.00	\$86.00	\$1,122.50	\$198.13	\$1,320.63
11	Ardmore	11	0	\$9.50	\$380.00	\$92.50	\$38.00	\$520.00	\$67.25	\$587.25
18	Alpha	27	4	\$24.50	\$980.00	\$235.00	\$98.00	\$1,337.50	\$156.40	\$1,493.90
21	Lawton	24	1	\$15.50	\$620.00	\$155.00	\$62.00	\$852.50	\$110.79	\$963.29
22	Tulsa	65	10	\$31.25	\$1,250.00	\$310.00	\$125.00	\$1,716.25	\$407.36	\$2,123.61
25	Elk City	26	3	\$7.25	\$290.00	\$17.50	\$29.00	\$343.75	\$130.62	\$474.37
27	Norman	37	0	\$20.75	\$830.00	\$197.50	\$83.00	\$1,131.25	\$208.49	\$1,339.74
33	Altus	26	0	\$9.25	\$370.00	\$95.00	\$37.00	\$511.25	\$165.39	\$676.64
41	Bartlesville	14	0	\$6.75	\$270.00	\$10.00	\$27.00	\$313.75	\$101.73	\$415.48
43	Bernard	27	1	\$6.50	\$260.00	\$70.00	\$26.00	\$362.50	\$121.33	\$483.83
44	Cimarron Valley	8	1	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$47.50	\$20.00	\$272.50	\$80.63	\$353.13
48	Guthrie	22	0	\$14.50	\$580.00	\$137.50	\$58.00	\$790.00	\$104.95	\$894.95
50	Stillwater	13	2	\$7.75	\$310.00	\$80.00	\$31.00	\$428.75	\$129.49	\$558.24
52	Woodward	23	0	\$5.75	\$230.00	\$57.50	\$23.00	\$316.25	\$121.69	\$437.94
59	Capitol Hill	79	1	\$8.75	\$350.00	\$75.00	\$35.00	\$468.75	\$428.85	\$897.60
	Totals	498	23	\$213.50	\$8,540.00	\$1,905.00	\$854.00	\$11,512.50	\$2,915.24	\$14,427.74

BUDGET VERSES ACTUAL 2016

Income:	Budget 16	Actual 16	Variation
Per Capita	\$6,995.00	\$7,104.00	(\$109.00)
Perpetual Members	\$0.00	\$3,546.00	(\$3,546.00)
Fees	\$500.00	\$788.00	(\$288.00)
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$300.00	\$357.00	(\$57.00)
Interest/Investments	\$6,529.00	\$6,529.00	\$0.00
Life Membership Gen Grnd Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$145.00	\$55.00
Total	<u>\$14,524.00</u>	<u>\$18,469.00</u>	<u>(\$3,945.00)</u>

Expenditures:			
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$374.00	\$377.00	(\$3.00)
Grand Illustrious Master's Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
GIM Grand Session Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Grand Recorder's Expense	\$200.00	\$103.00	\$97.00
CMMRF	\$859.00	\$1,451.00	(\$592.00)
Per Capita - General Grand Council	\$1,536.00	\$1,566.00	(\$30.00)
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,300.00	\$1,333.00	(\$33.00)
Telephone/Computer	\$500.00	\$390.00	\$110.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$164.00	\$36.00
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00	\$657.00	\$43.00
Postage	\$250.00	\$215.00	\$35.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$132.00	\$131.00	\$1.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office & Equipment Repair Account	\$100.00	\$22.00	\$78.00
Past Grand Illustrious Master Jewel	\$300.00	\$270.00	\$30.00
Triennial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$149.00	\$51.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00	\$407.00	\$593.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$135.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$14,451.00</u>	<u>\$12,050.00</u>	<u>\$2,401.00</u>

Net Income/Loss	<u>\$73.00</u>	<u>\$6,419.00</u>	
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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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

Estimated Expenses:			
DeMolay Sword	\$200.00	\$363.00	(\$163.00)
Membership Development	\$935.00	\$333.00	\$602.00
Total Expense	<u>\$1,135.00</u>	<u>\$696.00</u>	<u>\$439.00</u>

Net Income/Loss	\$0.00	\$439.00	
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Beginning cash balance	\$1,800.00		
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Income	\$11,940.00		
Expenses	\$12,050.00		
Difference		-\$110.00	
Undeposited Funds		\$0.00	
Cash on hand		\$1,690.00	

RESOLUTION, No. 1

WHEREAS, the second paragraph ,Article 10, Section 18, Quarterly and Annual Returns, is no longer necessary because of the new database.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 10, Section 18, Quarterly and Annual Returns, which now reads:

"Immediately following the last day in each quarter and not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th in each quarter the Illustrious Master and Recorder shall prepare and forward to the Grand Recorder on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder, the quarterly reports. On the 15th day of January following the last quarter of the year, the quarterly report shall also be accompanied by the annual returns for the year beginning January 1st and closing December 31st, which reports will be signed by the Illustrious Master and Recorder and be attested with the seal of the Council and be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Council for degrees conferred and for the member per capita and assessments.

This report shall include an alphabetical list of candidates advanced, inducted, received and exalted; of companions affiliated and restored; suspensions, expulsions and deaths; together with the dates of each and any other information as may be desired by the Grand Council.

Said report shall be signed by both the Illustrious Master and the Recorder and attested by the seal of the Council."

Be amended to read to strike the following paragraph:

~~**This report shall include an alphabetical list of candidates advanced, inducted, received and exalted; of companions affiliated and restored; suspensions, expulsions and deaths; together with the dates of each and any other information as may be desired by the Grand Council. Said report shall be signed by both the Illustrious Master and the Recorder and attested by the seal of the Council.**~~

Respectfully submitted:

Gary A. Davis (22/50)

RESOLUTION PASSED

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons' Jurisprudence Committee met in executive session in the NCED Marriott Convention Center Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma on Thursday afternoon, April 27, 2017.

Chairman Marvin Chamberlin called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. The Past Grand Illustrious Masters present were requested to sign in. A list of those in attendance is recorded below.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master's address was reviewed and discussed. The address was found to be in proper order.

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

Dispensations by our Illustrious Grand Master were reviewed and found to be within his powers, with the exception of the dispensation dated March 11, 2017. The item is under

the jurisdiction of the Charters and Dispensation Committee.

The Jurisprudence Committee considered the resolution and found it to be in proper order.

Fraternally submitted:

Marvin L. Chamberlin (30, Chairman, Larry D. White (22), Secretary, Bobby L. Carter (27), Elwood M. Isaacs (41), Charles L. Stuckey (43), Troy Shipman (3), and William Pearce (22)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There were 8 Grand Officers present with no votes, 10 Past Illustrious Grand Masters present with no votes 55 Past Illustrious Masters present with 55 votes, 6 Illustrious Masters present with 6 votes, 8 Deputy Masters present with 8 votes, 5 Principal Conductor of the Council present with 5 votes and 12 proxies for a total of 86 votes. There were 11 out of 15 Councils represented by Dais Officers.

Submitted by:

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

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

A Letter of Dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Council of Cryptic Masons in Norman, Oklahoma. The name of this new Council will be "The Mysterious Nine Council No. 333". The informational meeting was held on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

There was one consolidation this past year with Cimarron Valley Council No. 81 consolidating with Stillwater Council No. 14 effective 16 February 2017.

The other dispensations are considered within the power and authority of the Illustrious Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

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

WORK AND RETURNS COMMITTEE

You will find most of the information concerning items relative to this report in the Grand Recorder's report, including the Return Statistics for each Council. There are continual problems with completion of the annual return forms and this office has decided to prepare page 4 of the returns and send them to each constituent Council for their inclusion with the other appropriate pages of the return. The figures on page four will be based on the database information as of December 31st of the reporting year. If there are any questions or concerns about those figures, they should be brought to the immediate attention of the Grand Recorder. As a continual reminder, these reports are due into the Grand Recorder by 15 January of the reporting year, along with the appropriate funds. This allows at least 10 calendar days for each Constituent Council to complete pages 1-3, obtain signatures, and send in the completed forms. These are essential in for the necessary reporting requirements of the Grand

Recorder. A list of new officers and 4th quarter reports are also due by the 15th of January.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis, Grand Recorder

TRIENNIAL

The 46th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, will be held in Portland, Oregon, starting Wednesday, August 23rd, through Tuesday, August 29th, 2017. The host hotel will be the 'Red Lion on the River', 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97271 (503 978 4513). There will be interesting tours available for those interested in participating; Portland Microbrewery, Northern Oregon Coast and Columbia River Gorge.

The motel reservations must be made by July 31, 2017 to receive the discounted rate of \$122, plus tax. The registration form and general information can be found on the General Grand Council web site.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis for Lewis Hullum (27), Chairman, John L. Logan (72) & Donald G. Jones(27)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On February 20, 2017, 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, 2017.

The Committee also hereby submits for your information and approval, the proposed budget for the period January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017:

We, your Committee on Finance, commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their diligence in keeping the Council's funds safe and invested at the highest possible interest rate.

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to thank our Grand Illustrious Master Daniel Hanttula, for the chance and privilege to serve this Grand Council.

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

GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET 2017

Income:	Budget 17
Per Capita	\$9,608.00
Perpetual Members	\$2,915.00
Fees	\$900.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$300.00
Interest/Investments	\$3,725.00
Life Membership Gen Grnd Council	\$1,905.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Total	<u><u>\$19,553.00</u></u>

Expenditures	
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$378.00
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	\$1,450.00
Per Capita - General Grand Council	\$1,905.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,340.00
Telephone/Computer	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$500.00
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00
Postage	\$250.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$131.00
Office Equipment Account	\$100.00
Office & Equipment Repair Account	\$100.00
Past Grand Illustrious Master Jewel	\$300.00
Triennial	\$330.00
Regalia (Aprons)	\$2,000.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u><u>\$18,084.00</u></u>

Net Income/Loss	<u><u>\$1,469.00</u></u>
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Beginning cash balance	\$ 1,690.22
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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Estimated Income:	
Membership Development Interest	\$1,200.00
Donations	\$0.00
Total Income	<u><u>\$1,200.00</u></u>

Estimated Expenses:	
DeMolay Sword	\$200.00
Membership Development	\$1,000.00
Total Expense	<u><u>\$1,200.00</u></u>

Net Income/Loss	\$0.00
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FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Texas (2016)

From the Grand Master's message - Companions my primary theme this year was "To Plan", but that encompasses many things. We as Cryptic Masons must endeavor to Plan our Cryptic Years, improve our Proficiencies, Preserve our records, implement Masonic Protocol, show our Masonic Pride and improve our Public Relations. With the assistance of the Grand West we have re-introduced the Planning Guide for the subordinate Councils in an effort to aid them in implementing their programs for the Cryptic Year. The six "P's", as I call them, all hinge on planning and each of those "P's" culminate in Public Relations. Companions, we must Plan for the future, Preserve our history, increase our Proficiency, improve our Protocol and most of all show our Masonic Pride. These are the things that will improve our Public Relations. This year we have continued the Traveling Award and Life Preserver Programs. These programs allow each Council the opportunity of achieving an award for their Council. The Super Excellent Master's Degree was conferred at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple on June 11, 2016. The degree was conferred on 117 Cryptic Masons. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Companions who worked so hard to make the event a success. Over the last few years we have lost several Councils through consolidation and/or demise. Unfortunately there are others to follow. While there are a number of reasons, I feel the biggest is inactivity. We must inspire our members. We must give them a cause to work for and the pride to work on that cause. We must do everything in our power to stop the attrition and stabilize our fraternity. We must inspire, plan and lead. The future of our fraternity is and will continue to be bright if we work together.

North Carolina (2016)

From the Grand Master's message - The theme used for the 2015/2016 year for the NC Grand York Rite was "York Rite: Share the Light." As this theme was discussed at the meetings across the state, I could not help but think time and time again about the York Rite leaders that had served and are serving today. The Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, current Grand line officers, district officers and committee members are shining examples of brethren "sharing the York Rite Light" by their words and actions. The many good things that happen in the York Rite do not happen by chance. Companions being willing to take the time, make the trip and make the effort to "share the Light" with others to make the good things happen.

The York Rite as a whole in North Carolina is still dealing with the decline in membership on the local and state level. The decline in membership has created a ripple effect that in turn influences many of the elements of a functional York Rite Chapter, Council and Commandery. There is a mix of York Rite Bodies in the state that have adjusted to the decline and those that have not. Because of the membership decline, many Bodies have seen the proficiency of the degree teams degrade; the available members able and willing to confer the degrees and orders decrease and the ability to conduct a festival disappear. Much discussion has occurred in the Masonic fraternity concerning how to cope with the decline and what the newer members are looking for when they join. The York Rite must provide value for the investment a new member makes and is willing to make in time and money. When you look at the active Bodies that are adjusting to the new membership levels you see many new faces in leadership roles and hear of some of the traditions that faded in the recent past being restored again. You feel the enthusiasm to learn the ritual while at the same time

understanding the deeper meaning. The active members are willing to take ownership and try different ways of doing activities that they have observed other places or have read about. They want to hear about how things were done in the past, and are willing to combine the old and new to achieve results they seek.

The Bodies that are still seeking to deal with the issues that the decline in membership causes must be helped in order to remain active. Some have lost so many key members and leaders that those left are seeking guidance on matters that seem basic to many. Companions from neighboring Bodies have volunteered to assist in providing the support these struggling Bodies need. The Strategic Plan is one tool that is available to Bodies to use to pinpoint an area to focus on to provide the value the membership seeks. One success will lead to another. I have observed members of stronger York Rite Bodies helping those struggling to confer degrees. York Rite Bodies across North Carolina are joining together to hold festivals and confer rituals. This is a positive sign, that the desire to do good work is still alive and its importance recognized by York Rite members. The combined efforts of multiple Bodies to host events and festivals best utilize the talents, leadership qualities and resources for the York Rite. The deep rich heritage of York Rite masonry in North Carolina is something to be proud of and is the foundation for many of the successes this year. The emerging leaders in the York Rite have many talents and ideas that will enrich the fraternity in the coming years.

I recommend the following: 1. Conduct study of current District structure and boundaries to determine if consolidation would result in a better grouping of York Rite Bodies; 2. Encourage Regional festivals and meetings to improve quality of rituals and related instruction; 3. Continue to use the Strategic Plan to develop short term as well as long term goals that are reviewed annually; and, 4. Continue to update documents, forms and systems to make use of available technology.
Connecticut (2016)

From the Grand Master's message - My companions, my year had some ups and downs. I heard at the Grand Lodge session there is an alarming number of NPD's in the Blue Lodges. This is important to us because this is the pool our new companions are found in. If Blue Lodge numbers go down it has a corresponding effect on our Councils. My theme was "Rebuild". I am pleased some Councils have started to "Renew" with many new companions being greeted this year! It is encouraging to see this; it can be done! It takes work. Make presentations about York Rite at Blue Lodge Council meetings, help your Commandery do flag presentations at Blue Lodge events, continue to have a presence at your Blue Lodges, attend Table Lodges and other events, be visible to our brothers and promote the Rite. I promised to show up at Councils that invited me, and I did that. Some of our Councils still struggle to get 9 to open. We need to help and support these Councils. My own Council Wolcott #1 has done this and helped other Councils. We are all brothers and we should always remember this! This year I attended with my Lady Linda all but Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. Grand Councils out of State. We had a great time doing this and enjoyed the new friends we have made in the sister jurisdictions. The Tri State Festival was supposed to happen this year in Poughkeepsie NY -- that did not happen. So the Super Excellent Master degree was performed in East Hartford on April 9th. It seems every year either Mass or NY has a problem! We only had a few companions witness the Degree as candidates, too much work goes into this! We can do better.

Recommendations: 1. That the Grand Council continue to stress membership; 2. That the Councils be encouraged to help each other and promote the Rite; 3. That the Grand Council do everything it can to encourage the weak Councils to grow.; and, 4. That the Grand

Council either do away with the idea of a Tri State Festival or work with other States that will be reliable and show up to do the work.

Alabama (2016)

From the Grand Master's message - I am very thankful for the support given to our York Rite training classes that were conducted this past year. The first year of any project takes some time to get the bugs worked out and overall I am pleased with how the training sessions turned out. My special thanks to Companions Sid Cooley, Wes Lane and Tony Hartley being our main presenters. For those that could not attend one of the classes, the sessions were conducted in Birmingham, Montgomery, Anniston, Decatur and Mobile. The hope was for these sites to be located where the bodies in the same geographic area of the state could come together for these sessions and discussions from the various bodies could lend itself to the training agenda. The agenda concentrated on leadership training with topics of Focusing on York Rite, Membership (retention and recruitment), Basic Leadership, our ritual awards and the Emerging Leaders Program. In every class we had good attendance from the hosting York Rite Body and the Companions believed the material taught was enlightening and the time well spent. Everyone left learning something new or felt renewed by remembering things they had been taught long ago, but had for some reason had stopped practicing in their daily lives. It is my hope these classes will continue and become a normal program of the Grand York Rite of Alabama. We ask our fellow Masons to join the York Rite to continue their journey in search for Light. I believe it is our duty to not only assist them in their search for Light as portrayed in the rituals but to assist in their search for knowledge. The Masons of today are looking for the educational part of Masonry and if we do not aid them in their search for Light, then they will look elsewhere. We need to be offering a complete program of activities for our York Rite Companions and the educational program should be considered just as important as our charities and our ritualism.

Missouri (2016)

From the Grand Master's message - I recommend to the next Grand Master and the next Grand Lecturer that a great effort be made to reinstitute the ritual proficiency or certification program that was authorized by Standing Resolution. To be clear, the program never went away, it is simply that several of us let it slip into disuse, due to the distractions of other issues and breakdowns in the lines of communication. The Advancing Line and the Grand Recorder are united in recognizing the need to give new life to our profound and instructive ritual lessons. We need to use the newly-created Council of Research established under Standing Resolution No. 10 as Grand Master's Council No. 0, to actually take the lead on the subject of the origins of the Royal and Select Master degrees, and teach the legends of olden times to new Masons in the blue lodges. Ultimately, as all of you have either said or already know, it all begins with the "blue" lodge -- the symbolic lodge as many prefer. Given a new generation that will be the heirs of whatever we leave to them as Freemasonry institutions, it is time to recognize that we may have to save our traditions, our legends and our moral teachings by changing the ways in which we bring that new generation to more than an electronic, superficial, and imperfect knowledge of our Craft, its meanings, its teachings and the beauty of the obscurity of its legends.

Let us be very clear on what I am saying: Ritual excellence alone will not save Freemasonry or the York Rite or any other Rite but without ritual, we are simply a very nice service club or social club, one that does not serve an eternal purpose or have a connection to that eternal road to immortality. We may do good works but all of those are nothing if not done with reverence for our Creator and love for all of humanity. I am not a great ritualist in any way, but I am also not an administrator, a money wizard, or a salesman. I am just another

Freemason who happened to be appointed and elected to hold office.

But I have faith, faith in the rightness of our cause and a hope that we can preserve that cause in all of its past and present glory, all to the Glory of the Great Architect. I see in the lessons of our Masonic rituals that essence which is relevant and important to the very survival of future generations.

Eastern Canada (2016)

From the Grand Master's message - Companions, I would ask you to continue to think of Cryptic Rite Masonry and consider its future. Some councils are getting smaller mainly due to aging membership, lack of work in some areas, and as those leaders pull back we need others to come forward to fill the void, this can only be done through an increase in membership, and a serious mentoring policy in each Council, to maintain, practice retention, and to keep the interest of all members. The First step to this approach is every year try to replace yourself, which proves to build membership, Second, create at least one of the four meeting to a social event and involve your ladies and invite potential members from Royal Arch Chapters, Start by having a pot luck supper, open meeting for just members, quickly, pay bills and read important correspondence, then close, join Ladies & guest in social area. Give a brief description of Council for Education purposes, then enjoy card games, darts, pool etc. for the rest of the evening, remember to carry a supply of applications, something, for your consideration.

Companions, we need to start thinking of Cryptic Rite Masonry as an important part of our Masonic travel, we need to start thinking of the Council as a continuation of the Royal Arch story. we should, introduce potential members to the Council first, rather than going to Preceptory than back to Council, right now we've been leaving Cryptic rite last and thereby giving the impression, Council and Royal Ark Mariners are not as important, but I assure you, it is part of the story which has to be told to completely understand the journey, which you have already taken thus far.

Tools for increasing membership are laid out for you in the prepared lectures (Circle of Perfection) available to you and your education committees and the Royal Arch Chapter closest to you is the vehicle to present these items to. I'm sure we all know a Royal Arch member, who is thirsting for more light in masonry, let's go get them.

Finally, I leave you with this thought: Cryptic rite masonry is the Masonry of Preservation, it teaches the immortal truths of life, which will never be destroyed. Through destruction, these great truths are deposited in a safe & secure place, where they will be presented for the future of the craft. Cryptic rite masonry is the Alpha, and the Omega of ancient craft masonry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard L. Hargrave, III
Charmain, Fraternal Correspondence

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.

In a few of the Councils, the Companions requested that we also provide instruction in the ritual of one or more of the Council degrees. This renewed interest in degree conferrals appears to be a pleasant outgrowth of the recent emphasis on regional degree festivals.

Over the next twelve months, we again 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.

Finally, 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 published and distributed to our constituent Councils three years ago, is still in wide use and has been very well received.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18), Wm. James Cloud (59), John L. Logan (48, 52)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

The Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery each presided over a quarterly officer's meeting and held efficient, effective meetings to coordinate the regular business of the York Rite. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Joe R. Manning Jr. for his presentation on Masonic Protocol at the July 2016 meeting which I was honored to plan and officiate. I also wish to recognize the Grand Council officers who attended these meetings as an expected part of their officer duties for the year.

Respectfully submitted:

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

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in Del City from 27-29 Jan 2017 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 Bradley Liles, Myrtle Chapter, Oklahoma City, 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.

Stillwater Chapter was named DeMolay Chapter of the Year for Oklahoma DeMolay.

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

I extend my appreciation to the heads of all three bodies for their support and efforts to attain attendance from their Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary A. Davis (22), 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 Vizavance (formerly 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

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CMMRF)

The Cryptic Mason's Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) incorporated on March 6, 1986, through the efforts of then General Grand Master Ben Mandlebaum (OK) and then Executive Secretary Marion Crum, PMIGM. The CMMRF funds research at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis through the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM) and the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Administration Medical Center. The CMMRF Executive Director since 2012 is Gary G. Wyne PMIGM of Indiana.

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 2016 totaled \$168,471.60 of which \$1,686.00 were provided by Oklahoma Cryptic Masons. Donations made by Oklahoma Companions ranked 19th in comparison to other jurisdictions. Florida was the largest donor jurisdiction giving \$30,226.07.

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

Fraternally submitted,
Daniel D. Hanttula (27) & William J. Cloud (59)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Grand Master's Festival Committee is composed of the third ranking officer from each Grand Body, the Grand Scribe, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and the Grand Generalissimo.

The Grand Master's Festival occurred on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at Oklahoma City Lodge 36. M.W. Dudley Ridge Smith graciously spent the day with our new Cryptic Masons. We again sincerely thank the Grand Master for generously sharing his time on this important day and his continuing support of York Rite Masonry.

We also again thank the degree teams who shared their time and talents, and without whom, the festival could not have occurred.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Logan, Grand Scribe, John D. Allford, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
Matthew D. McGee, Grand Generalissimo

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The Webmaster Committee was renamed to Digital Technologies, and an additional member was added. The look and feel of the website was enhanced and modernized; moving to a web development platform that improves security and simplifies the management and the publishing of new content. Some of the significant changes included completely changing the color and layout scheme, and making the site compatible with mobile devices. The site can now be managed using the same tool by an administrator from different locations. Site administration is also much simpler.

Security of our personal information is important. Anything published on a public website is subject to being compromised by automatic search engines or "bots" that look for personal information. Although we have been publishing information in the past that included personal phone numbers and addresses, the decision was made to place the Grand Session Proceedings that contained that information in a password protected part of the website. Proceedings published beginning with the 2016 Proceedings do not contain any personal information. That password is available to any York Rite Member that requests it.

A future enhancement will be to move the website to an even more secure environment. However, this will involve additional costs and a decision will not be made until all options are examined.

Respectfully submitted,
John R Christopher, Chairman, Robert McLeod, Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Education is very pleased to announce it has made significant progress during this Cryptic year in its efforts to assist the Grand Council and its local Bodies with worthy educational resources aimed at enhancing member knowledge of the Cryptic Rite.

With authorization by the Grand Illustrious Master, the republication of a timeless

Oklahoma resource for Cryptic Masonry, *A History of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry in Oklahoma* by Charles E. Creager, has come to fruition. This thorough survey of the early history of Cryptic Masonry in Indian Territory and Oklahoma was first published by the Grand Council in 1925. While a few copies of this original printing are still available, it has long been out of print, and is long past due to be republished. The Committee on Education has produced a new edition of this classic text and hopes to have it available for distribution by the time of our Grand Assembly in April 2017

In response to the success of the *Capitular Masonry Education Course*, recently published by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Committee has also created during this Cryptic year, a *Cryptic Masonry Education Course* which will be made available to local Councils and companions as an individual and group study program focused on the history, symbolism, and teachings of the Royal and Select Master Degrees. Chapters are highly encouraged to make this course available and utilize it for education programs conducted during their stated communications.

The digital prologues of the Cryptic Degrees, created and produced in 2016, have been edited during the Cryptic year to include visual images to accompany the liturgy presented in the prologues. These have also proven a worthy education addition to our regional and statewide York Rite conferral programs. This digital tool was copyrighted by M.:E.: Companion Robert Davis in 2016 to prevent its unauthorized distribution on social media or as a video in venues such as YouTube. A flash drive will be made available to every Cryptic Council in an encrypted format so that it can be used in local degree conferrals and member education.

Fraternally Submitted,
Robert G. Davis, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Companions & Sir Knights, as you can see from the Grand Recorder's reports that our membership decreased. We had a 5 member loss over last year which is not good even though some jurisdictions would be happy with it.. We are convinced that there is no magic pill to fix the problem other than hard work by ALL THE MEMBERS in the following areas:

1. Continue to expand regional degree conferrals.
2. Motivation by talking about possible purpose of organization. ie.... Why? Why are we doing this?
3. Starting at base - Raise Master Masons & guide them into York Rite.
4. Meeting of committee at quarterly meetings. - If unable to attend, send text message or e-mail about what is being done in your area so chairman can report.
5. Membership booth at Grand Lodge. (Also at leadership conference) (Are they looking for speaker?)
6. Utilization of website. (Very much improved !! Thank You John)
7. Membership retention. (whether for lack of funds, misunderstanding of degrees, or some other reason)

If all of Companions and Sir Knights, present at this Grand Session, can go back to your local bodies and convey these ideas, we are sure you will have some success.

Respectfully Submitted
Matt McGee Chairman, Jonathan Annis, Brad Rickleman, Robert Rolseth, John Carter,

Michael Sexton, and Paul Currell.

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

We quote from the 2015-2016 Membership Enhancement Committee Report, "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." This Committee agrees with this statement and we believe the same should be applied to our Council meetings.

Education should be a primary focus as we continue our journey through the next Cryptic year. Educating all of us on the history, origins, symbolism, allegories and meaning of the Cryptic Degrees will lead us to knowledge about where we come from, who we are and where we are going. An education book similar to the "Capitular Masonry Education Course" for the Cryptic Degrees is being prepared. We hope that this continuing education will enhance our Cryptic experience.

The electronic presentations that we present to our new Candidates at each of our Festivals are doing the magic that we hope for. This information is extremely important and enhances our Degrees. These presentations should be continued. We all can learn from them. We should thank Companion Robert G. Davis, our Education Committee and all who helped in bringing this Degree experience to light.

Exemplifying our Degrees for new Candidates is the most important thing that we do. This Committee believes that continuing the Regional Degree Festivals is extremely important to all of us. We have noticed that by holding these Festivals, new Degree Teams have and are being formed all around our State. The work is improving. New candidates are joining our ranks that might not have taken that step with having only one opportunity each year. These Festivals give these new Companions additional opportunities to witness our degrees and enjoy the fellowship that brings us together.

We are lacking in our Duties concerning the Super Excellent Master Degree. It has been several years since that Degree has been conferred in Oklahoma. We must get this Degree conferred regularly, not only because it is required, but we are cheating our Oklahoma Companions. This will be a challenge but we must prevail and form a new Super Excellent Degree Team and let our Companions witness this important work.

Communication can always be improved. The York Rite web site gives us an opportunity to never miss an event. Information is provided to all companions and we should check it out regularly. We urge all Councils to report important dates to the webmaster and get their event on the calendar as soon as possible. Hopefully, this will protect us from having more than one event on the same day.

This idea is not new but is starting to catch on. Keeping our local Companions informed by having each Council compile an email list of their members is an excellent way to keep our members informed. It is an easy way to notify them with important notices. We urge each Council that does not have a list such as this, to get busy and put one together. You want to increase the attendance of your meetings? This will help. It has in those Councils that use it.

In conclusion, more ideas are coming forth constantly. We must consider these ideas and press forward with those that can enhance our education, our degrees and our communication. As we have noted before, we are a different York Rite today than we were 20 years ago...for the better. Therefore, we must continue these advancements and work...work...work to leave the York Rite in Oklahoma in a better place than we found it. We

thank Most Illustrious Daniel D Hanttula for the opportunity to serve this Grand Council in this capacity. Under his leadership, we have been able to explore new ideas to better ourselves and our Companions. Please except our motion to accept and approve this report and that it be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Session.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,
William J "Jim"Cloud (59), Kenton M. Israel (18), Donnie G. Higginbotham (3)

NECROLOGY REPORT

During this annual grand assembly, we have gathered to pay tribute to the following 45 Companions who have laid down their working tools and have entered into the Celestial Council above:

Wendell F. Harris; Milton H. Lewis; Williard E. Brown, Jr.; Lester L. Stewart; Herman F. Godwin; Wayland L. Ballard; Chestney D. Faulkenberry; Rex L. Eutsler; Lee W. Atkins; Howard G. Cutforth; Karl G. Helen; Merle B. Pulver; John C. Hope, Jr.; Donald G. McCrory; Richard W. Stephens; Joe F. Warriner; Bob A. Smith; John C. Bailes; Josh Buchanan; Charles W. Falkenstein; William O. Coleman; Thomas M. Bartheld; Paul Center; Ralph P. Sprouse; Donald E. Chancey; Sam H. Scully; Robert F. Wilson; Billy J. Home; Harvey D. Bates; Toby G. Traweek; James L. Filson; Clarence D. Northcutt; Lanio Roberts; Aix B. Harrison; James R. Bellatti; William D. Frazier; Floyd A. Bowman; Richard R. Mattingly; Jasper W. Robertson; John W. Peterson; Lewis J. Bamberl, Jr.; Paul R. Smith, Jr.; James E. Smyrl; Ronald K. Logan; and, Hal F. Thomas;

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 26-28, 2018 at the Reed Conference Center, 5720 Will Rogers Rd, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Headquarters Hotel will be the Sheraton Midwest City at the Reed Conference Center.

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We are very pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend the Time and Place Committee, 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 it 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

Motion prevailed.

MOTION

Companion George Ratliff, Tulsa Council No. 22, made a motion for Companion William Gerald Henry to become a voting member of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. He served as an Illustrious Master in Kentucky. He is a Past Master of Poole Lodge No. 604 in Poole, Kentucky. He is currently a member of Owasso Lodge No. 545 in Owasso, OK and a member of the Tulsa York Rite Bodies.

Motion prevailed.

REMARKS BY VISITING DIGNITARIES

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

Companions William K. Powell, Sr., M.:I.: Grand Master, Louisiana, Rodney Middleton, M.:I.: Grand Master, Kansas, Companion Dr. Joe P. Rouse, representing Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and Companion Lawrence O. Weaver, Most Puissant General Grand Illustrious Master of the General Grand Council International.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Companion William J. Cloud was nominated for the office of Illustrious Grand Master and was elected by acclamation. Companion John Allford was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master and was elected by acclamation. Companions Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. and Kevin P. Bardy were nominated for the office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Kevin P. Bardy 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 John D. Church was nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Guard was elected. The following is the list of Officers for 2017-2018 and those appointed along with committees:

CLOSING REMARKS

Companion Hanttula announced that the installation of Officers of all three York Rite Bodies would be held immediately following closing of the Grand Council assembly. Companion Hanttula 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 2017-2018

William J. Cloud (59)		M.:I.: Grand Master
John D. Allford (3)	Brenda	R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master
Kevin P. Bardy (50)	Kim	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 (22) PO Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030 918-352-4622 (O) & (FAX) E-mail: grandsecrec@sbcglobal.net	Nellie	R.:I.: Grand Recorder

John D. Church (33)		R.:I.: Grand Captain of the Guard
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Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18)		Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
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James D. Noble (18)	Debbie	Illustrious Grand Marshall
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Matthew Cargill (48)	Ashley	Illustrious Grand Steward
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Tommy W. Childs, Jr. (22)		Illustrious Grand Sentinel
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B. F. Rowland, Jr. (33)	Marcia	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
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**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR 2017-2018**

DISTRICT NO. 1

Mark McFadden (2)	Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3 Ardmore Council No. 11
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DISTRICT NO. 2

Trasen Akers (18)	Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48
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DISTRICT NO. 3

Kevin P. Bardy (50)	Bernard Council No. 43 Stillwater Council No. 50
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DISTRICT NO. 4

Matthew A. Turner (27)	Norman Council No. 27 Capitol Hill Council No.59 Mysterious Nine Council U.D.
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DISTRICT NO. 5

Brian Ragain (210)	Lawton Council No.21 Altus Council No. 33
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DISTRICT NO. 6

Troy Collier (52)

Elk City Council No. 25
Woodward Council No. 52

DISTRICT NO. 7

Robert R. Rolseth. (22)

Tulsa Council No. 22
Bartlesville Council No. 41

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2017-2018 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

Larry D. White (22), Chairman, Daniel D. Hanttula (27), Secretary, All Past Grand Illustrious Masters

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Charles L. Stuckey (43) – Chmn, Bobby L. Carter (27), John L. Logan (52), Kevin P. Bardy (50) - (ex-officio)

CREDENTIALS

Robert D. Cundiff (59) – Chmn, John D. Church (33), Gary A. Odendahl (50), Kyle T. Israel (25), Blaine McKnight (3)

WORK AND RETURNS

Gary A. Davis (22) – Chmn, William J. Cloud (59), John D. Allford (3), John D. Church (33), (ex-officio)

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18) – Chmn, John L. Logan (52), James R. Taylor, Jr. (22)

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), Timothy P. Israel (25), Robert R. Rolseth (22), Charles L. Stuckey (43), John T. Turner (27)

FINANCE

John D. Allford (3), Donnie G. Higginbotham (3), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (18), Kevin P. Bardy (50)

INVESTMENTS

2016-19 (Council) Elwood M. Isaacs (55)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Bedford F. Rowland, Jr. (33)

EDUCATION

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

MEMBERSHIP

Robert R. Rolseth (22) - Chmn, Bryan Shackelford (27), Bradley S. Rickelman (14) – N.CENT. REGION, Jim Parham (22) - N. EAST REGION, John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION, Blaine McKnight (3) – S.E. REGION, Timothy P. Israel (25) – N. WEST. REGION, Donald E. Wolford (33) - S. WEST REGION

TRIENNIAL

Larry D. White (22) – Chmn, John L. Logan (72), Daniel D. Hanttula (27)

YORK RITE COORDINATION

John D. Allford (3), Kevin P. Bardy (50), John D. Church (33)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

John D. Allford (3) – Chmn, John L. Logan (72), Matthew McGee (25)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Kevin P. Bardy (50) – Chmn, Bradley S. Rickelman (14), Curtis K. Schuermann (22)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

John D. Church (33) – State Chairman, Trasen S. Akers (18) – CENTRAL REGION, Matthew A. Turner (27) - CENTRAL REGION, Kevin P. Bardy (50) – N.CENT. REGION, Thomas W. Childs, Jr. (22) – N.E. REGION, John F. Carter (11) – S.CENT. REGION, Mark McFadden (2) – S.E. REGION, Brian M. Ragain (21) – WESTERN REGION

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2016-19 (Council) John D. Allford (3)

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

John L. Logan (72) – Chmn, John D. Allford (3), Kevin P. Bardy (50)

CRYPTIC MASON of the YEAR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

William J. Cloud (59), John D. Allford (3), Kevin P. Bardy (50), Gary A. Davis (22)

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (22) – Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (25), Bradley S. Rickelman (14)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

William J. Cloud (59), John D. Allford (3), Kevin P. Bardy (50), Gary A. Davis (22)

REGIONAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

John D. Allford (3) – Chmn, John L. Logan (72), Matthew McGee (25)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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

NECROLOGY

Bedford F. Rowland, Jr. (33) - 1104 Canterbury Rd, Altus, OK 73521 (580-471-8202)

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Jay A. Wall (48) Chmn, Matthew McGee (25), Curtis K. Schuermann (22), John D. Allford (3)

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. (22)

ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

BRYAN C. SHACKELFORD

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 Shackelford joined Guthrie Lodge No. 35 on January 4, 2011, Guthrie Chapter No. 6 on June 7, 2012, Guthrie Council No. 48 on June 16, 2012, and Guthrie Commandery No. 1 on June 16, 2012.

He is an active member of his Lodge and is serving his second term as Master of the Lodge.

Companion Shackelford received his Scottish Rite degrees and is an active member in all phases of the Guthrie Valley.

He has served as High Priest of Guthrie Chapter No. 6 in 2016 and is currently serving as Illustrious Master of Guthrie Council No. 48 in 2017. Also, he is serving as Generalissimo in Guthrie Commandery No. 1.

Companion Shackelford's youth service is primarily with the Guthrie Rainbow Assembly and has received the Grand Cross of Color for his service. He is also actively involved with his local FFA Chapter and is Chief of the Meridian Volunteer Fire Department.

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
- 2016 Bryan C. Schakelford, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie

*Deceased

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

KEVIN P. BARDY

Companion Bardy, since joining in 2012. is a Past Master of Drumright Lodge No. 468. Past High Priest of Cimarron Valley Chapter No. 81, Past Illustrious Master of Cimarron Valley Council No. 44. and Past Commander of Cimarron Commandery No. 42 of Drumright, OK.

In 2015 he affiliated with Stillwater York Rite and has participated in their activities since then as well as with Drumright.

Companion Bardy is always willing to help in any way he can. This includes fund raisers, clean-up, and ritual work.

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 Ronald P. Meir, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- * 1998 Forrest 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
- 2016 Kevin P. Bardy, Stillwater Council No. 50

* 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. Mandelbaum, 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 2017			
JURISDICTION	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA	GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION
Alabama	Hirsm O. Williams	I. Dwayne Dixon	Dean L. Lilja
Alaska	David A. Hunt	Kish L. Thomas	George Watt
Arizona	George E. Weil	William A. Nation	Efrain Sanchez
Arkansas	Robert L. Jackson	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.	Bobby G. Gower
Australia-South	I.R. (Bob) Baker	Kenneth R. House	
Australia-Victoria	J.P. Battye	Robert E. Goode	Richard Louis Elkington
California	Kenneth G. Hope	Patrick D. Couch	Phillip D. Gibson
Canada, Eastern	John R. Dollimount	O. Ray Harrington	Lawrence George Moss
Canada, Western	Edward Wilson	Gary A. Davis	Kenneth J. McKenzie
Colorado	Robert F. Gregory	David A. Ray	Howard R. Caldwell
Connecticut	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Richard C. Dunaway	Michael E. Seamon
Delaware	Mark E. Irwin	Daniel D. Hanttula	Jay C. Bergstrom
District of Columbia	Howard F. Coleman	Bradley S. Rickelman	Roger E. Cundiff
England and Wales	John Brackley	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Richard Ludwik Gan
Florida	Howard H. Gardner	Lewis Hullum	George W. McCool
France	Yves Cesso	Harvey Kaylor	
Georgia	Wade C. Smith	Newell K. Barker	Dannie L. Reed
Greece	Constantinos N. Korontzis	Glenn A. Chaney	George Ivos'
Hawaii	Richard W. Chadwick	William J. Cloud	
Idaho	David A. Grindle	Matthew T. Turner	Lee W. Hamilton
Illinois	Dick J. Carroll	Robert R. Rolseth	Bradley L. Baker
Indiana	Charles D. Wood, Jr.	Robert Caleb Finch	John V. Stevens
Iowa	Rusty L. Hill	Glenn H. Kinsley	Charles D. Yates
Israel	Sasson Naim	Dewayne R. Hendricks	
Italy	Francesco Mancuso	Donald G. Jones	
Kansas	Allan D. Jackson	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Ernest M Griffiths

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<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>GRAND RECORDER</u>	<u>GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA</u>	<u>GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION</u>
Kentucky	James H. King, Jr.	John F. Carter	James V. Jones
Louisiana	Ed L. Horton	Kevin P. Bardy	Edwin L. Horton, Jr.
Maine	Thomas A. Emery	Ron Carr	Kenneth C. Carlin
Maryland	Richard D. Naegele	Matthew T. Cargill	Donald J. Hawkins
Massachusetts	S. Wesley Lindsey	Don Turley	Frank G. Holt III
Michigan	Anthony M. Chamberlin	John T. Turner	
Minnesota	Hugh C. Swift, Jr.	Michael S. Wright	Harlan Heidecker
Mississippi	Mickey P. McMahan	William D. Bowie, Jr.	George E. Frazier
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample	Don H. Whitman	Ralph P. Bunnell
Montana	Roger E. Cathel	Blaine McKnight	Jack O. Morris
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson		Rick E. Harris
Nevada	Russell M. Wilde	Herbert L. Niles	Jerry Blevans
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Matthew D. McGee	Gerald F. Buehrer
New Jersey	John J. Corrigan	Marshall M. Clayton	Richard G. Robins, Sr.
New Mexico	Dennis R. Detrow	Elwood M. Isaacs	Dickerson R. Watkins
New York	Francis E. Powley, Jr.	Bobby L. Carter	E. William Whittaker
New Zealand	A.N. French, J.P.		
North Carolina	Robert A. Schafer	Paul T. Currell	Kolen Flack
North Dakota	Merle L. Huhner	Joseph M. Lusk	James K. Well
Ohio	Bobby G. Campbell	Kenton M. Israel	Dennis L. Wilhelm, Sr.
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	Alcides Alberto Neves de Matos		
Rhode Island and	John A. Larson III	John E. King	Robert A. Palazzo
Providence Plantations	97 Howard Ln	1128 N. Lee St.	52 Sherwood Ave.
Romania	Dragos Boranda	Eric D. Blackwood	
Scotland	Grahame J. Smith	Robert G. Davis	William S. Dick
South Carolina	Johnnie T. Morris	Rodney Clark	Gary B. Hinson
South Dakota	George E. Bauder	James D. Nobles	
Tennessee	David T. Hart	John D. Church	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
Washington	Bryan D. Bechler	Jason E. Marshall	Ivan "Merle" Iverson
Wisconsin	Charles Olson	Michael W. Sexton	Douglas B. Hoffman
Wyoming	Kenneth M. Badget	John L. Logan	Martin I. Eggert

2016 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
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Norman, Oklahoma

APRIL 29, 2017 - A.D.2017, A.O. 899

**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 *
Curtis K. Schuermann (6)	Dawn	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
Gary A. Odendahl (8)	Judith	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Robert R. Rolseth	Marilyn	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
David D. Clayton (2)	Debbie	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
James R. Taylor, Jr.	Gage	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
John E. King (22)	Vicki	Eminent Grand Warder
Glen A. Chaney (18)	Patti	Eminent Grand Sentinel

*Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. (53) Eminent Grand Captain General
Resigned and Glen A. Chaney appointed as Sentinel (Other Officers moved up)



TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL
GRAND COMMANDER 2016-2017

TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL
R.:E.: GRAND COMMANDER

2016-17

Timothy Israel was born on January 8, 1954, to Esther & Marcellus Israel in Guymon, OK. He was raised in the Oklahoma panhandle town of Keyes where his father was a farmer and his mother sold Tupperware. He attended the Keyes Public School and graduated from Keyes High School in 1972. His parents were not involved in the Masonic Family, and there was no Masonic Lodge in his small town. However, he was not without Masonic influence. Tim's Mother's Tupperware distributors, Patricia (Pat) and Christian (Chris) Brown were very involved. Although they lived six hours away, Tim still had the opportunity to participate in their Installations and other events. Chris was Commander at Oklahoma Commandery № 3 in 1963; Tim was later Knighted with that very same sword he had carried in to be presented to Chris. In addition, Tim helped in Pat's Amaranth Installation as well as an Installation for Oklahoma Rainbow Grand Assembly at Gallagher Arena in Stillwater as a seven-year old boy carrying a Bible. Because of those connections and others, he wanted to be a DeMolay. He wasn't able to join DeMolay because the nearest chapter was 50 miles away. Tim did not want his boys to miss that DeMolay opportunity as he had.

Tim attended Southwestern State College (now Southwestern Oklahoma State University) in Weatherford for two years and then transferred to the University of Oklahoma in Norman to continue his studies and prepare to enter law school. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Economics from the OU College of Business (now Price College) in 1976.

Shortly after graduation, in August of 1976, Tim married the love of his life, Jan Elizabeth Clark, of Boise City, Oklahoma. Two weeks after their marriage, Tim began Law School at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Following graduation in 1979, Tim and Jan moved to Elk City, Oklahoma to begin the practice of law. He was involved in the private practice of law in Elk City from 1979 to 1987.

Tim then joined the staff of the District Attorney's Office and served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Second Judicial District until the end of 1990, serving in Beckham and Greer Counties. He again returned to private practice in Beckham County where he practices today.

In 2010, Tim became the Executive Director of Sagebrush, Inc., a not for profit company which provides housing and employment for developmentally disabled adults.

In addition, Tim continues to serve the Canute United Methodist Church as Lay Pastor, a position he accepted in 1996. Tim and Jan were very active in the Elk City United Methodist Church, with Tim serving as a Lay Speaker, Bible study teacher, and an officer of the Church. Tim and Jan have served in various capacities in the "Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis", weekend renewal movements for adults and youth, respectively. Christian service has always been an important aspect of Tim's life.

The Israel's have three sons, Kenton Michael Israel, Timothy Kirk Israel, and Kyle Thomas Israel. Kent and Kyle are both Knights Templar, belonging to Elk City Commandery № 50. Kent is also a member and Past Commander of Oklahoma Commandery № 3, as well as

currently serving the Oklahoma Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as Grand High Priest, a position which Tim held in 2008-09.

Kent is an oil broker for Phillips 66 in Oklahoma City. He is married to Dana Ebert Israel, who was the Grand Worthy Advisor for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma. They have two sons, Blake (4) and Beckham (2).

Kirk is an Assistant Vice President for Arvest Asset Management and serves in Shawnee as a Client Advisor. He is married to Taylor Coolley Israel, and they have two children as well, Juliet (3) and T.C. (Timothy Charles) (1).

Kyle is an accountant for The Williams Company and is in the process of moving from Yukon to Owasso. He is married to Tara Warren Israel. They are the proud parents of the youngest Israel grandson, Lucas John Israel (6 months).

Jan was a "Rainbow Girl" and decided to join Eastern Star. She encouraged Tim to consider becoming a Mason. Tim was very active in Jaycees and postponed the decision to become a Mason until 1984.

Tim Israel was initiated an Entered Apprentice on September 24, 1984, thirty-five days after his first son was born, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on October 23, 1984, and raised a Master Mason on November 27, 1984. He was appointed to serve his Lodge as Junior Steward in 1985 and immediately joined the Cowboy Degree Team, traveling around western Oklahoma conferring Master Mason degrees.

In addition, Tim served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1990; He has since served several times as Chaplain and as Treasurer. Tim is also active in Erick Masonic Lodge № 237, where he currently serves as Worshipful Master. He was the District President from 2010 to 2013, as well as District Secretary for Masonic District 18.

Tim has served the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma as the District Deputy Grand Master for District 18 for two different two-year terms.

1985 was a busy year. Although he was busy with the work of his Lodge, Tim also joined the York Rite and was exalted in Elk City Chapter № 50, Royal Arch Masons, greeted in Elk City Council № 25, and knighted in Elk City Commandery № 22. In addition, he is a charter member of Altus Chapter № 60 and Altus Council № 33.

Tim is also a member of the Guthrie Valley of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, where he served for several years on the 25th Degree team. He is currently serving as Commander of Kadosh for the Guthrie Council of Kadosh. In 2011 he was Invested with the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and serves on the KCCH Induction Team as Grand Chancellor.

Tim started the elected Grand Commandery line as Warder in 2010, serving as Grand Commander in 2016-17. He was first elected as Commander in 1991, serving Elk City Commandery № 22 as Eminent Commander five times. The last time was when Elk City Commandery celebrated 100 years of Templary in 2007. He is a member of the Past Commanders Association, serving as for five years as Prelate. In 2008 he was honored to receive the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and then to receive the Knight Commander of the

Temple in 2011. In 2016 Tim became a full member of the Knights of the Holy Land (an organization supporting the Holy Land Pilgrimage)

In 2005, Tim was honored to receive the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service and in 2015 with the Ephraim Kirby Medal. Tim works in all the Chapter Degrees. Tim was first elected as High Priest of his Chapter in 1989 and has served seven terms.

He has served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma as District Deputy Grand High Priest and, after going through the elected line, Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2008-09.

Tim is the President of the Past Grand High Priests' Association. In addition, he has served as Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood and as Chaplain on the OHP degree team since 2009.

He served the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as Ambassador to Oklahoma for the 2011-2014 triennium.

The first Masonic degree Tim learned to confer was the Select Master degree and has been active in his home Council serving as Illustrious Master. He was recognized by the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma with the General Grand Council Adult Leadership Award in 2002, as well as being selected as Cryptic Mason of the Year for 2009.

Tim has also worked through the line of the Thrice Illustrious Master or Order of Sword and Trowel, serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2013 -14, as well as a degree team member since 2010.

For the last four years, Tim has served as Secretary / Recorder of his York Rite.

He has attended Triennials for General Grand Chapter and Council in 2008 & 2014, as well as the Triennials for Grand Encampment in 1994 when Oklahoma fielded a Drill Team and in 2015 as Grand Generalissimo.

In addition, Tim has been very involved with various York Rite Appendant Bodies. He is a member of Oklahoma Priory № 9, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, having received the KYCH designation as well as the KYGCH (2 Quadrants), He has also served as Prior of OK Priory № 9.

He is also a member of Joseph S. Lewis Council № 66, Knight Masons (having served as Excellent Chief in 2013-14); Oklahoma York Rite College № 75 (currently serving as Primate); Oklahoma College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (serving as 4th Ancient); Paul T. Million Jr. Council № 455, Allied Masonic Degrees (Sovereign Master 2013); James C. Taylor Council № 520, AMD (serving as Founding Secretary); Plinth Court, Masonic Order of Athelstan (Installed Sovereign Master and Primus Treasurer). He is also a member of Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders (Prelate), as well as Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle IV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (Fifth Pillar).

In addition, Tim is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the Philalethes Society, the Masonic Society and the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America. He has recently become a founding member of a new Shrine unit in Western Oklahoma as a part of India Shrine – A.A.O.N.M.S.

Tim is a past Patron of Elk City Chapter № 89, Order of the Eastern Star and was a moving force in reactivating the Chapter so they could be Chartered again. Jan now serves as Worthy Matron and Tim as Secretary, after serving again as Worthy Patron.

Youth orders have been one of Tim's passions. He and his law partner, David Brooks, established W.O.W. Chapter, Order of DeMolay, which meets at Elk City Lodge. He was awarded the Zerubbabel Key for his part in founding the Chapter. He served as Chapter Dad from 2000 to 2016, when he found a replacement and became Chairman of the Advisory Council. He was recognized with the Guild of the Leather Apron, as the outstanding Chapter Advisor in 2007. He received the Honorary Legion of Honor and is a past President of the Oklahoma Advisors' Association. Tim serves as a ritual judge for Oklahoma DeMolay and at Frank Marshall Ritual Tournament in Arlington, Texas. Tim currently serves as the Arapaho District Governor and thereby as an Assistant Executive Officer for Oklahoma DeMolay.

Tim and his wife Jan also re-established Elk City Rainbow Assembly № 19 after it had been dormant for around 30 years. Jan is the Mother Advisor, and Tim serves as a member of the Advisory Council and has been honored by being becoming a Master of the Grand Cross of Color.

Prior to his Masonic involvement, Tim was very active in his community. After moving to Elk City, Tim wanted to become involved in the activities in his town, not just be a businessman taking from the community.

He immediately joined the Chamber of Commerce and then the Elk City Jaycees. He enjoyed the friends and opportunities that the Jaycees offered. Tim went through most of the offices in Jaycees and became Elk City Jaycee President in 1983. He also served the Oklahoma Jaycees as State Legal Counsel. His leadership was recognized by the Oklahoma Jaycees in 1984 when he became a Governor, by the United States Jaycees in 1985 when he became an Ambassador, and by the Junior Chamber of Commerce International when he was named as a Senator in 1991.

In addition to local civic activities, Tim was also very active in the several Bar Associations of which he is a member, serving on various Oklahoma Bar Committees and in the Young Lawyers Division as a Director. He served as President of the Beckham County Bar in 1982, and thereafter for a number of terms as Treasurer.

Tim has been so blessed by serving as Grand Commander this year.

AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2016 - 2017

Area 1	Trinity Commandery No. 20, K.T. 5925 E. 9th St. Tulsa, OK 74112	Curtis K. Schuermann
	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. 121 S. 6th St., Muskogee, OK 74402	Robert R. Rolseth
Area 2	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T. 1700 N. Porter, Norman, OK 73071	Curtis K. Schuermann Glen A. Chaney
	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	Gary A. Odendahl
	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	Robert R. Rolseth
	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	David D. Clayton
	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	James R. Taylor, Jr.
	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	John E. King 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 Member)

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)

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

Chairman - Matthew D. McGee (14)
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

2017 – Andrew B. Palmer (20)

2018 – Timothy P. Israel (22)

2019 – Paul T. Currell (22) Chairman

2020 – Robert R. Rolseth (20)

2021 - Eldon L. Burns (3 & 53)

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DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (20) (42) Chmn, Timothy P. Israel (22), Gary A. Odendahl (8)

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2015-17 (Commandery) John L. Logan (29)

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

(Commandery) Donnie G. Higginbotham (6)

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL (FIELD DAY)

(Commandery) Matthew D. McGee (14)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Chairman – Curtis K. Schuermann (20)

CENTRAL – Robert R. Rolseth (20)

N.. CENTRAL – David D. Clayton (2)

N.E. – Gary A. Odendahl (8)

S. CENTRAL – Curtis K. Schuermann (20)

S.E. – James R. Taylor, Jr. (20)

WESTERN - John E. King (22)

SOUTHWEST/SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

(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), Curtis K. Schuermann (20), Gary A. Odendahl (8)

DRILL AND TACTICS INNOVATION (Sub-committee of Work and Tactics)

Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), Curtis K. Schuermann (20), 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 29, 2017

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 Marriott Conference Center Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. with Timothy P. Israel, Grand Commander, presiding. Pledge allegiance was led by the Grand Commander. Opening prayer was given by Sir Knight Brian M. Ragain, Eminent Grand Prelate. The following officers were in their respective stations and places:

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER.....TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL
VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.....DONNIE G. HIGGINBOTHAM

EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO..... MATTHEW D. McGEE
 EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL..... CURTIS K. SCHUERMANN
 EMINENT GRAND PRELATE.....BRIAN M. RAGIAN
 EMINENT GRAND TREASURER..... MICHAEL M. MEGEATH
 EMINENT GRAND RECORDER GARY A. DAVIS
 EMINENT GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....GARY A. ODENDAHL
 EMINENT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN..... ROBERT R. ROLSETH
 EMINENT GRAND STANDARD BEARER..... DAVID D. CLAYTON
 EMINENT GRAND SWORD BEARER..... JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.
 EMINENT GRAND WARDER.....JOHN E. KING
 EMINENT GRAND SENTINEL.....GLEN A. CHANEY

RECEIVED AND INTRODUCED VISITING DIGNITARIES

Sir Knight Dennis L. Hammack, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, Sir Knight John T. Stanton, V.: E.: Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Kansas, Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter, R.: E.: Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, Sir Knight Frank N. duTreil, R.: E.: Past Grand Commander of Louisiana, South Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson, R.: E.: Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA and 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 Robert G. Davis, Mark A. Critchfield, and I. Dwayne Dixon as Tellers.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

DONALD L. TURLEY	1994-95	JOHN L. LOGAN	2007-08
JAMES R. CREASON	1995-96	I. DWAYNE DIXON	2010-11
O. RAY HARRINGTON	1998-99	MARK A. CRITCHFIELD	2012-13
CHARLES L. STUCKEY	2000-01	L. ERIK STUCKEY	2013-14
GARY A. DAVIS	2004-05	PAUL T. CURRELL	2015-16
ROBERT G. DAVIS	2005-06		

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 a cordial welcome to them. Out of fourteen (14) Commanderies, ten (10) were represented by either the Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain General. They are as follows:

Guthrie No 1
Oklahoma No. 3
Ardmore No.9
Lawton No. 18
Elk City No. 22

Muskogee No. 2
St. John's No. 8
Ben Hur No. 14
Trinity No. 20
Norman No. 38

APPROVE PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-First annual convocation.

Motion prevailed.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma, distinguished Visitors, and Sir Knights:

Welcome to the 122nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

I would be remiss if I did not offer my formal greetings to M.E. Companion James Roy Taylor, Jr. Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and to M. I. Companion Daniel D. Hanttula, Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. Companions, it has been a distinct pleasure serving with you and together guiding the common organization which we have shared. I believe that we have each guided our individual bodies keeping their uniqueness in the forefront as we have sought to direct the commonality of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. It has been a great joy to work closely with each of you. I will miss our regular texts and emails.

It is my distinct privilege to have our R.E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, S.K. Michael Burke Johnson with us for our Grand Conclave. He hails from Crowheart, WY and has recently completed his term as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming A.F. & A.M. He led the Grand Commandery of Wyoming as Grand Commander in 2008.

Also Representing the Grand Encampment we have S.K. Frank du Treil, R.E. Department Commander, South Central Department. In 2012, Frank served as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the State of Louisiana and as Right Eminent Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Louisiana in 2013.

To our M.: W.: Grand Master, Rick Allison, Past Commander of Enid Commandery No. 13, I extend a very special welcome and a sincere thank you for all you do to make a difference and doing what is right and good for the Masonic Family in Oklahoma. I especially appreciated all your effort as Grand Marshall when I last served as a DDGM. It is my sincere prayer that you will reach your goals as our Grand Master. It has been my honor to serve during your term.

I want to thank all of you. It has been a great year. And it would not have happened without each of you reading this Address.

This year has been a long time coming. I did not grow up in a Masonic home. None of my family were Masons. There was not a Masonic Lodge in my hometown. I wasn't a DeMolay.

But, there were Masons in my life. I didn't see their impact in the beginning. But as the pieces of my Masonic journey began to come together, I realized that there were many events and people which had played an important role and moved me forward on this journey.

I want to talk about a few of them.

First, although not the first Masonic Influence in my life, I want to mention my friend Jim Smyrl. Had he not laid down his working tools, this year would have been his year as Grand Commander. Jim had been a long time friend and fellow pilgrim on this journey. I had the privilege of serving under him during his time as Grand High Priest. He taught me to keep looking for the good in every situation. That advice has served me well in my Masonic Journey. I miss you, my friend. Godspeed.

Christian F. Brown. "Chris" and his wife, "Aunt Pat" were the Tupperware distributors in Oklahoma City with whom my Mother, a Tupperware Manager worked. 6 hours away. That was a long way in 1960. Some of you think it still is. There are a number of my Commanderies which are located 4 hours plus from my home. I attended many types of "Masonic" events with them. I helped in a couple of their open installations. Their daughter Beverly introduced me to DeMolay boys from Guymon (only an hour away from home). I still never joined DeMolay. But I wanted to be like those boys. I had the opportunity to participate in Oklahoma Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Wow, I really enjoyed the girls and their big skirts and bright colors. They marched around Gallagher Hall in Stillwater, and this little country boy had never seen anything like that.

My friend Chris passed away and one day a year or so later I received a package from his lawyer. It contained his Past Commander sword. I remember carrying that sword in his installation. Chris was a member of Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 and was Commander in 1963 just three years before O. Ray Harrington; I would never have dreamed of receiving that sword. The note with it said that Chris wanted me to have it and it would have no meaning to anyone else. It meant a lot to me, but I never thought I would have a use for it. A number of years later, when I became a Knight Templar, one of my friends made sure he picked up that sword and that I was knighted with it.

Elk City Commandery has had seven Past Grand Commanders. I never knew C.W. Tedrowe (1924) nor John I. Taylor (1939), but I knew the rest. They were fine men and leaders in Elk City.

From my early Masonic days, (I joined Elk City Lodge #182 in 1984) I fell in love with Commandery. I was enamored with everything about Freemasonry. But, there was something special about the Chivalric Orders; and about the message of Jesus.

We, Elk City, had many guests at every inspection. I loved meeting these York Rite Leaders. It was fascinating to listen to them. And when you are the young guy (and interested) they all want to talk to you, and they remember you. I wanted to be a "York Rite Leader." And I wanted to be Grand Commander. I wanted to pay back to this wonderful craft the lessons and guidance I had received. To do that, I got elected as Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. That is where I felt called to serve. And I loved it. It was some time after that when I decided to seek to move into Templar leadership.

My mentor, James C. Taylor encouraged me for years to get in a Grand Line. My boys were young, and they needed me to be a leader in their lives. And that came first.

My law partner, David Books and I started a DeMolay chapter in 2000. I did have

three sons, and I did not want them to miss the opportunity to join DeMolay that I missed. I just sat down in March with one of my older DeMolay boys who is now ready to join the Lodge. This is a group with which we should definitely be cultivating a relationship.

I never stopped being active in my York Rite Bodies. We did lots of degree work, and I went through all the chairs in my Lodge and each local York Rite body.

I must offer a sincere thank you to my local York Rite Bodies. The York Rite has truly been my home away from home in my Masonic journey. The Companions and Knights have been my best friends, mentors, encouragers, guides, and brothers. I cannot truly express my thanks and love to each of them, including those who have passed from this world.

I hope you now know a little more about me. With that, I will jump into talking about this Templar year.

GRAND OFFICERS

I have been blessed with a great group of Grand Officers. It has been very special to have four Grand Officers who served with me when I was Grand High Priest. These men are all great leaders, and I have no concerns about the direction the Grand Commandery will be going under their very able leadership. The others are also quite able to lead and to guide us to a fruitful future.

Several years ago, we set out to create a junior officers leadership team to encourage the junior officers not only to begin to plan their years, but to actually step up and start programs, with the permission of the Grand Commander. A one-year term is too short to really create and implement programming ideas. That has grown to a full blow officers retreat designed to be lead by the Senior Warden. Last year we met at Sulphur and this year at Western Hills. The gathering, with the ladies of the Grand Commandery, is a time of getting acquainted and building relationships. It is also a time of discussing programming for upcoming years and how to begin to plan to be Grand Commander.

This year, I directed my Grand Officers to use the Summer Uniform during our Inspection Season. They were quite comfortable in the warmer weather and generated a great deal of interest among our members. I expect we will see more Commanderies adopt them for the summer season. I hoped to offer a couple of Resolutions regarding the Uniforms and the wearing thereof. I did not get that done.

I was especially pleased to have a number of Grand Officers present at each Inspection who presented information about our Programs, such as KTEF, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Degree Festivals, etc. to the membership.

We assigned Commanderies to the Officer in Charge (OIC) based upon the office they held and not upon the region where they lived. The goal was to get each OIC acquainted with ALL the Commandery members in Oklahoma. By following this schedule, each OIC will have served every Commandery by the time they become Grand Generalissimo. It is my belief that this will allow them to better choose Committee Members and to encourage members of different Commanderies to look at leadership in their own local York Rite Bodies as well as considering how they would like to serve our Grand Bodies.

NECROLOGY

Having been a member of the York Rite for 30 + years, I have met many wonderful Masonic leaders. In the last ten to twelve years as I have served as a Grand Officer, I have met so many more outstanding Masons. As I look over our losses each year, I think of so many special men who are no longer serving our Fraternity. It was my great privilege to know so many of them. I write this the evening of my uncle's Masonic funeral. The timing has caused my thoughts to focus on those who are living, and encouraging us all to learn the

lessons taught us by those who have gone before us to that place not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. I thank all of you who attended our Divine Service on Thursday night. It causes me to focus not on my loss, but upon the love of our Heavenly Father who watches over His saints.

MEMBERSHIP

Oklahoma has been on a growth trend for the last few years. That is not the norm in York Rite Masonry today. For 2016, we were not at net growth.

Our Festivals have been our saving grace. While that is great, I am hoping the Regional Festivals will cause more Commanderies to begin working on conferring the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. In full form, these Orders are magnificent. I believe that it is critical for us to make sure our Chapters and Councils are able to confer more degrees locally and regionally.

In 2017, the Grand Commandery has grown by 7 to date. In all of 2016 we Knighted 82 and along with reinstatements had a growth of 89. However, we lost 13 through demits and 41 to suspensions. We also lost 47 to that Asylum where we will all ultimately reside. That left us a net loss of 12 Knights. While that is less than 1 %, it is still too many. If you took those figures to April 1, 2017, that net loss would be 5.

There have been 20 new Knights put into our database so far this year. I really thought we had knighted more. But there is still much of the year left. I believe our Commanderies through the Festivals, and local conferrals can get us to positive growth in 2017. It is also important for our Commanderies to start now working to avoid having as many suspensions as deaths. While the Perpetual Path program of the Grand Lodge is a plus, we still have to go out and invite those new Masons to join our ranks.

Although we have been using the Grand Encampment database for some time, it has remained a work in progress. With the addition of the Chapter and Council records to the database, it has become even more important to use it more effectively. I have made that a priority for this year and we now have all of our Commandery officers so listed in the database as well as the Past Commanders. With this accomplished, we have used it to assist with the credentialing of our voting delegates. I am proud of the efforts by the recorders and those who have assisted them, especially S.K. Clyde Schoolfield.

DISPENSATIONS

On October 31, 2016, in accordance with Article XI, Dispensations, and under the authority of Article XIX, Section 3 ELECTIONS of the LAWS AND REGULATIONS of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to allow its annual election of Officers on November 28, 2016, instead of December 26, 2016.

On February 13, 2017, in accordance with Article XI, Dispensations and under the authority of Article XIX, Section 3 ELECTIONS of the LAWS AND REGULATIONS of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to allow an election of the Generalissimo out of time due to a resignation for health reasons of the elected, but not installed Generalissimo.

On April 11, 2017, in accordance with Article XI, Dispensations and under the authority of Article XIX, Section 3 ELECTIONS of the LAWS AND REGULATIONS of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Calvary Commandery No. 26 to allow an election and installation of Officers out of time. On October 16, 2016, I met with the current Calvary leadership. (*see note under INSPECTIONS on 10-16-*

16) Those leaders informed us that they would have several new Companions and Knights at the Northeast Regional Festival. That in fact happened and they Knighted six new Knights. On March 13, 2017, they informed me by telephone that they had not held an election on December 16, 2016, and requested permission to elect and install officers. I indicated my verbal consent, advising that they needed to request the appropriate dispensation, which I would grant.

GENERAL ORDERS and ACTIONS

General Order 1

The first General Order announced the Grand Officers, the Area Assignments of the Officers in Charge, and the Appointment of Committee Members.

General Order 2

This General Order announced the Inspection Dates for each Commandery, along with the designated inspector and set forth basic rules for the inspections.

General Order 3

Appointments and Changes of Grand Officers and Grand Representatives

On August 6, 2016, I received an email from S.K. Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. resigning his position as Eminent Grand Captain General. I took some time to before accepting the resignation. On August 18, I sent S.K. Guerrero a letter accepting his resignation and wishing him well.

On August 28, 2016, under General Order No. 3, I formally accepted the resignation and advanced the Grand Commandery Line, moving the following officers

Curtis K. Schuermann	to	Grand Captain General
Gary A. Odendahl	to	Grand Senior Warden
Robert R. Rolseth	to	Grand Junior Warden
David Dennis Clayton	to	Grand Standard Bearer
James Roy Taylor, Jr.	to	Grand Sword Bearer
John Edwin King	to	Grand Warder

and appointing S.K. Glen Chaney as Grand Sentinel.

This decision caused some changes in Committee Membership, based on those Committees which were filled ex-officio (by virtue of the office).

This Order consists of the Acceptance of Resignation, and updated Rosters of Grand Officers and the Officers in Charge – Area Assignments,

The authority for said decision is set forth in the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT (hereafter CONSTITUTION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT) at Section 48(b) and relevant Grand Master's Decisions.

General Order 4

On November 24, 2016, under General Order No. 4, the Grand Prelate and I tendered our Annual Christmas Message to the Knights of Oklahoma. In addition, a separate Christmas Message was included in the December issue of Knights Templar Magazine as a part of the Oklahoma Supplement.

General Order 5

On January 18, 2017, under General Order NO. 5, notification was made to the Knights of Oklahoma of the death of Sir Knight Eugene Dull, Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. S.K. Dull laid down his sword and

entered the Supreme Asylum above on January 11, 2017.

General Order 6

On February 21, 2017, under General Order No. 6, I authorized the move of the Grand Conclave from Guthrie Scottish Rite Center to the Marriot NCED Conference Center in Norman, OK.

The authority for said decision is set forth in Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma under ARTICLE I, of the Laws and Regulations, styled ANNUAL CONCLAVE, which provides, in part:

The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be convened. . . . for the transaction of its regular business, at a place to be selected at the previous Annual Conclave. In case of an emergency or for good cause, the Grand Commander may, by General Order, change either the place or the time of the meeting. . . .

The reasoning for said move is set forth in this report under the heading "**Moving of Grand Conclave.**"

General Order 7

On March 3, 2017, under General Order No. 7, I excused Sir Knights and Officers, except Grand Officers, from the requirement of appearing in Full Dress Uniform at the Opening of the Annual Conclave.

The authority for said decision is set forth in Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma under ARTICLE XIII, of the Laws and Regulations, styled APPEARANCE IN UNIFORM which provides, in part:

Section 1. Every officer and every Sir Knight must appear in Full Dress Uniform at the opening of the Annual Conclave and of each Constituent Conclave, unless he is excused there from by the Grand Commander or by the Commandery.

However, in that same General Order encourage All other Sir Knights and Officers attend the Opening of the Annual Conclave and the sessions thereof in Full Dress Uniform or in Cap and Mantle.

I did not want those in attendance who were not so dressed to be in violation of our Code. I felt a General Order which encouraged appropriate dress was a more effective tool to seek to get our members focused on what they should wear.

MOVING OF GRAND CONCLAVE

During the 121st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, the Knights voted to hold the 122nd Annual Conclave at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma. As Most Excellent James R. Taylor, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and Most Illustrious Daniel Hanttula, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and I, as Grand Commander, began the detailed process of planning this Grand Sessions, we encountered certain issues which we felt needed to be addressed. Those issues included transportation between hotel and Temple, and banquet set-up & break down. The need to travel between facilities could have left Companions and Knights with inadequate transportation options and an inability to keep an eye on family members at the hotel should the occasion arise. The costs of the meals were well considered, but the intrinsic cost of set-up and break down of those meals were under calculated. After discussion among ourselves, with a member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Advisory Conference, and the Grand Officers for Chapter, Council, and

Commandery, it was my opinion, along with those of M.: E.: Taylor and M.: I.: Hanttula that the aforementioned issues would place an undue burden, both in costs and in inconvenience, upon the Companions and Sir Knights.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 1 Annual Conclave of the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, I in conjunction with M.: E.: Taylor and M.: I.: Hanttula felt good cause was established to change the venue for these Grand Sessions. M.: I.: Hanttula volunteered to contact venues in the Oklahoma City metro area and coordinate the bid process; contacting six venues and receiving bids from 4. After reviewing the details of the bids, we determined the NCED Conference Center and Hotel was the best available venue to host our Grand York Rite sessions. I would like to thank M.: I.: Hanttula for his efforts in this process.

In addition, in cooperation with Time & Place and the Grand Officers of the York Rite, M.: I.: Hanttula developed a spreadsheet to collect bid details and propose locations for forthcoming Grand Sessions in a clear, concise, quantifiable and comparable method. It is my hope that this (or a similar system) will be used in the future.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On May 20, 2016, I appointed H. Bart Henderson, PGC as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Near the Grand Commandery of Texas.

On June 28, 2016, I appointed Floyd T. Jones as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Near the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

On August 18, 2016, I appointed Efrain Sanchez as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Near the Grand Commandery of Arizona.

SCHOLARSHIPS

On Presidents' Day, the Scholarship Committee met at Drumright. I left myself on that Committee because I have a particular interest in educating youth. We approved four Scholarship recipients; two boys and two girls. The recipients are Whitney Carter of Elk City, Lindsey Dennison of Sapulpa, Hadley LaMascus of Edmond, and Landry Tucker of Oklahoma City. We sifted through a number of outstanding applications to make these choices.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEES

In addition to the Committees which are specifically authorized, in one form or another, I reappointed several ad hoc committees and created some "new" ones. Part of those are older committees which I chose to bring back to service.

These include MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT, GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL, AND REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS. These committees have been in place as ad hoc committees for a couple of years now. They serve very good purposes and should be continued with the same ground rules that have been being used. The Chairman of the Regional Degree Festival is the Grand Captain General. He has the opportunity to learn about degree festivals and about the teams and individuals who can perform the Orders. The next one is the GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL. This committee consists of the Grand Scribe, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and the Grand Generalissimo. These men were the Chairmen of the Regional Degree Festivals for their body during the prior year. Their

experience will make them more effective.

The Membership Enhancement Committee consists of the second in command in their respective grand body. They definitely have a vested interest in building membership. The two new committees are PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES and RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES. I believe that these are areas of Templary that have been allowed to lag. I believe that both areas are very important to our cause.

I also created as Drill and Tactics Innovation subcommittee to Work and Tactics. My goal was to encourage drill displays in the hope of generating ultimate interest for Drills and competitions. Although I had read our complete Constitution and General Laws numerous times, I missed the duties of the *PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION*. *They were established "as the sponsoring organization for a Display Drill Team to perform in parades, field days, etc., subject to the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma, but not in Competitive Drills."* The subcommittee should not be continued as there is another organization already charged with those duties.

I believe that the committees that have been appointed more than twice should be codified in some form in our LAWS AND REGULATIONS or STANDING RESOLUTIONS,

On the topic of committees, I have created a document setting forth the authority for each committee and including the language of their duties, where specified. I then set forth a simple explanation of those specified duties or the duties they have been performing. Following that, I created a section listing what I hoped they would accomplish. This was one of the most important things I wanted in place during my year. Unfortunately, it is still a work in progress. I will still send it out the current committees and furnish it to the next Grand Commander and hope he will use the concept during his year. My goal for the year was Templar Improvement. I think we have worked in that area, but I have not gotten all of my dreams in place.

EMERGING LEADERS

I had the opportunity to nominate some of those up and coming leaders to attend the *Emerging Leaders Training* offered by Grand Encampment with the assistance of the General Grand Chapter & Council.

The following were suggested to me and nominated by me; Blaine McKnight, Donnie Gene Higginbotham II, Shannon Howard Nault, Michael S Wright, Michael Wayne Sexton, and Brian Matthew Ragain. I also renewed the nomination of Kenton Michael Israel, Gary A. Odendahl, both of whom completed their three year program this year.

AWARDS

I had the privilege of selecting the recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Since 1958, Grand Encampment has offered this award. The Grand Commandery nominates an appropriate member. The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.

This year award will be presented to a worthy recipient at the Grand Banquet.

PERMISSION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

On July 22, we sought written permission from Grand Master Duane Vaught to allow us to present a resolution to the Knights to grant the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus to Elwood M. Isaacs.

Permission was received from Grand Master Vaught and I have proposed such a Resolution for approval. It is Resolution No. 12, and I urge its adoption. S.K. Isaacs has long served this Grand Commandery in an exemplary manner.

EXPECTATIONS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE

In July, I sent the Grand Officers a paper styled Expectations of Officers in Charge offering thoughts about how the Grand Commandery Officers can best serve the constituent Commanderies. It seemed to me that many of our Grand Commandery officers, although serving in a long elected line, could have been better prepared for leading this august Order. I have no belief that I have all the answers, or maybe even most, but I do believe that to make an improvement, we must have a starting point, and it was with that goal in mind, I drafted these expectations on how we can best serve our constituent Commanderies.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Jurisprudence Committee Report at the last Grand Conclave encouraged the incoming Grand Commander to establish a Social Media Policy.

I met with M.E.G.H.P. Taylor and M.I.G.M. Hanttula, and we discussed the establishment of a policy. We circulated numerous drafts and had a significant number of discussions about what should or should not be included. As we were moving close to consensus, we began to share our thoughts with other Grand Officers and/or Past Grand Officers.

Our conclusion was that the most effective policy would be one issued by the Grand Lodge. We then circulated our proposal, and after the very divided feedback, we determined to implement a policy affecting only our Grand Officers.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

I had the privilege to assist in the selection of the Pastor whom we have sent to the Holy Land. The Committee receives the recommendations. This year there were three. From those, I chose Travis Hopper, nominated by Capitol Hill Commandery. Pastor Hopper serves a Methodist Church in Blanchard. I can hardly wait to hear from him at the Grand Banquet. After making my choice, I gave the committee a right to object. None did,

HENRY ARMS GOLDEN BOY RAFFLE

This topic still relates to the Holy Land Pilgrimage, whereby we received a very gracious offer from the Henry Arms Company when they agreed to DONATE to the Grand Commandery a Golden Boy Freemasonry Tribute Edition .22 caliber rifle. This rifle sells for over \$1,000. The stipulation was that it was to be used for a fundraiser to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The details were left up to us. We have chosen to sell raffle tickets as our fundraiser. I mailed a book of 6 tickets to every Knight in Oklahoma and several out of state members.

So far we have raised in excess of \$10,000 in raffle ticket sales. We had approximately \$1,000 in total expenses. As I write this, we have had not yet had the Commanderies or Grand Officers return the tickets they were furnished to sell/distribute. I am hopeful for a jump in that total. These funds will be divided by putting 30% into the operating

fund and 70% into the permanent endowment.

Also, I am very pleased to report that we have had three members become Knights of the Holy Land by virtue of their \$1,000 donations which came in from this mail-out campaign.

VISITATIONS and TRAVEL

- 04-24/25-16 Jan and I left immediately after my Installation as Grand Commander to travel to Abilene, TX to attend the Texas Grand Conclave. We had a great time. All of the Grand Encampment, advancing officers, were there. It was an opportunity to renew some existing friendships and to meet some new, upcoming Texas leaders. I was introduced and conducted to the East to be received by S.K. Jerry Lynn Pingle, Right Eminent Grand Commander. It was educational and entertaining. We stayed to see S.K. John Charles Elkington and his officers be installed. Each of the officers was escorted to their stations by their lady. In John's case, that was his mother.
- 05-07-16 Elk City hosted the Western OK Council/Commandery Festival in Elk City. We had great teams and quality degrees and Orders. I was introduced and had an opportunity to speak to the seven new Knights. It was especially pleasing in that 5 of those are new members of my home Commandery
- 05-12-16 I attended the Oklahoma Amaranth Grand Court "Circle of Friends" session at the Wyndham Garden in Oklahoma City. I was seated in the East with the dignitaries. It was a pleasure to bring Greetings, Almost all of their Knights were our Sir Knights as well.
- 05-14-16 I was able to attend the meeting of Oklahoma Priory #9, KYCH hosted in Muskogee. Prior Joe R. Manning introduced me. It was a great meeting. Our KYCH members are truly the leaders of our York Rite bodies.
- 05-14-16 Although I am a member of the Prince of Peace Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine met in Muskogee. I was honored to be introduced by the Sovereign, Marshall Clayton.
- 05-29-16 I attended all of the Oklahoma Rainbow Grand Assembly in Norman. My lady Jan and I started a local assembly ten years ago. I was privileged to bring Greeting of behalf of our Grand Commandery. S.K. James Taylor, as MEGHP, delivered a donation on behalf of the Past Grand High Priests' Association, which serves as the charitable arm of our York Rite Bodies.
- 06-09-16 As I was unable to attend the Oklahoma Jobs Daughters Rally in Oklahoma City, I ask S.K. Higginbotham to bring Greetings on our behalf. He was received and excellent courtesies were extended to him.
- 06-18-16 I attended a Statewide AMD (Allied Masonic Degrees) Gathering held in Edmond. It was an exciting day with every AMD body in Oklahoma presenting a different degree. It was hosted by Father Murrow Council whose Sovereign introduced the heads of all three Grand YR Bodies.
- 07-09-16 The HRAKTP held a meeting at Stillwater during the DeMolay Conclave. I was introduced as the Grand Commander by the Eminent Preceptor John Logan.
- 07-09-16 A Quarterly YR Officers Meeting was held in Stillwater which was conducted by the 3 heads of the bodies. Topics of the day included: Membership, led by Matt McGee; the Grand Master's Festival, lead by John Logan; Emerging Leaders

Program (seeking nominations); and the premier portion was a talk about PROTOCOL by Joe Manning. These were followed by a brief general discussion about a variety of topics.

- 07-09-16 I attended the annual DeMolay Conclave held in Stillwater. Jan and I were their guests at a very nice buffet reception honoring Dignitaries. Afterward we attended the Sweetheart Pageant. During a break, the heads of the York Rite were invited to the stage where we were introduced and allowed to make comments. In addition, S.K. Taylor, on behalf of the Past Grand High Priests' Association presented the DeMolay boys a check for their leadership event.
- 07-11-16 The Annual Inspection for Calvary #26 was scheduled as a review of the records only. A decision was made by S.K. Logan, REPGC, the Inspector and myself to reschedule for a date when we could sit down and visit with a number of their members about how the Grand York Rite Bodies could assist them to get back on their feet. We asked them to be working on a plan, and we would be there later in the year.
- 07-13-16 The Initial Inspection of the year was held at St. Johns Commandery #8 stationed in Stillwater. They always host a meal which is served by the local Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. I always enjoy the social time of the meal and the presence of the S.O.O.B ladies. This year was no different. My wife is a member of that Assembly, even though it is almost three hours from home. Jan invited the ladies of the Grand Commandery Officers as well as the local ladies. That was designed to help our ladies get better acquainted.
- 07-14-16 I attended the Inspection held at Norman Commandery #38, stationed in Norman, OK.
- 07-19-16 It was so strange not to be running around trying to make sure everything was ready for the Inspection at Elk City Commandery No.22. Ultimately, I had to go to work as it appears that being a Recorder of a Constituent Commandery supersedes any honor of being Grand Commander. However, I was able not to be needed to fill in a position in the opening or Order of the Temple, nor even the remaining attributes or flag presentation. I was joined by Nine Grand Officers. I really appreciate them making an effort to come to Elk City to show their support. In 32 years, this was the first time I did not have a part in the Inspection. I just got to bring Greetings. It was great. This was another location where Jan invited the GCO Ladies to join her. Some did.
- 07-28-16 St. Aumer #29, stationed at Woodward held their Inspection, and I was Received.
- 08-02-16 Lawton #18, stationed in Lawton held their Inspection. and I was Received.
- 08-06-16 Attended the Grand Master's YR Festival held at Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36, the home of the Oklahoma City York Rite. It was a great day; there were 45 new Knights. I was introduced and encouraged the Knights.
- 08-10-16 At the Inspection for Muskogee #2, stationed at Muskogee, we had a great meal. Jan had again invited the GCO Ladies, and they were a nice presence at our meal. I was Received.
- 08-11-16 Guthrie #1, stationed at Guthrie held their Inspection, and I was Received.

- 08-13/14-16 Oklahoma Rainbow held an Exemplification of their work which was hosted by the Elk City Rainbow Assembly. I was introduced as Grand Commander at their Reception.
- 08-15-16 Although I did not know it at the time, Cimarron Valley #42, stationed at Drumright held its final Inspection. It was a good evening. I was Received. Although I am saddened by the consolidation, I agree that it was time.
- 08-19-16 Capitol Hill #53, stationed in Midwest City served a great meal and opened and Received me. There was no Order of the Temple.
- 08-20-16 I attended the Order of High Priesthood, the Order of Sword and Trowel and the Oklahoma Past Commanders' Association Conferrals held at Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36. I was introduced as Grand Commander at the Past Commanders' conferral and expressed my appreciation to the new inductees and the other Past Commanders present.
- 08-22-16 McAlester #6, stationed at McAlester, served a nice meal and Received me. They did not confer the Order of the Temple.
- 08-27-16 I was greeted in Tulsa by an aide de camp of the Eminent Commander who escorted me to his Commander. Trinity #20, stationed at Tulsa used the Class A Opening. They did a great job. After lunch, they conferred the Order of the Temple. I was Received. This was another of the Inspections where my Lady Jan accompanied me and invited the Commandery Ladies to join her for the day. They had a fun day.
- 09-10-16 I attended the Oklahoma Red Cross of Constantine Triad, held in Oklahoma City. I was introduced as Grand Commander by the Intendant General for Oklahoma, B.F. Rowland, Jr.
- 09-12-16 Ardmore Commandery #9 held its Inspection. I was Received, and the Order of the Temple was conferred. My traveling companion for that night was my wife, but she did not invite any ladies to join her.
- 09-14-16 Oklahoma Commandery #3, stationed in Oklahoma City held their annual Inspection. I was Received. This was the only Commandery that I had agreed to assist if needed. I was honored to present a portion of the Remaining Attributes as well as the American Flag.
- 09-16-16 I had a rare privilege this weekend. I took not only my wife with me but also my son, Kent and his family to the Southwest York Rite Conference in Alexandria, LA. It seems that we have now changed the name to the South Central York Rite Conference, to reduce confusion as now General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council have picked up the regional designations used by Grand Encampment. Kent, as Grand King made the presentation about Oklahoma Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Oklahoma was well represented at all three Sessions. At the Banquet, Oklahoma had two members who were recognized for completing the three year cycle of the York Rite Emerging Leaders Program.
- 09-17-16 Day Two is the South Central Department (of Grand Encampment) Conference. The four dais officers and the Grand Recorder are required to attend the Department Conferences. There were eight Grand Commander Officers (two were attending the Emerging Leader training) and two Past Grand Commanders

present from Oklahoma. I believe we had the most Officers present at the Conference. Although all the Grand Encampment elected officers were present at the Department Conference, there were a couple of them who were ill and unable to participate. The conference is designed to offer both training and fellowship. As Grand Commander, I made a report about what was going on in Oklahoma. We, Oklahoma, were the only Jurisdiction in our Department and one of very few in the nation that has been having net positive growth in Membership. There was a formal discussion about Knight Templar support of DeMolay. I was pleased to share the things Oklahoma is doing. It appeared that we are the most aggressive state supporting DeMolay in our Department. S.K. Duane Vaught, the M.E. Grand Master met with the Grand Commanders in his apartment to discuss the Conference and anything else on our mind. That was an interesting visit.

- 09-21/23-16 Almost immediately after the Department Conference, Jan and I headed to Topeka, Kansas for the Ninety-Sixth Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Jan is a member of Stillwater Assembly, who was serving as Co-Hosts, along with the three Kansas Assemblies for this Supreme Assembly. SOOB is an auxiliary order to the Knights Templar, requiring a familial Templar connection for membership. I had a great time visiting with other Knights from around the country. I was formally introduced at the General Banquet. Sir Knight Duane Vaught, Grand Master of Grand Encampment was a special guest and a speaker at the Banquet.
- 09-24-16 On my way home from Topeka, we stopped in Guthrie for a Quarterly Officers Meeting. Various topics were discussed. They included membership, the Regional Degree Festivals and responsibility for leadership there. We also discussed the website and the membership database. During the Grand Commandery breakout session a report of the South Central Department Conference and the Supreme S.O.O.B. Assembly was given.
- 09-25-16 The Most Worshipful Grand Master Deary Vaughn (P.H.A.) invited the heads of the Oklahoma A.F. & A.M. Masonic Family to participate in the annual P.H.A. Americanism Day Church Service in Oklahoma City. There was a very specific list of who that included sent to us by Grand Master Ridge Smith. I was honored to attend their service where I was introduced as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar. I had an opportunity to meet briefly with the Grand Commander of Knights Templar (P.H.A.) as well as numerous other dignitaries. There were about 200 plus in attendance. This was the first time a group has been invited. We joined their leaders and ladies for a luncheon afterward. It was a great time of socializing and of brotherhood.
- 09-27-16 The final Inspection of my year as Grand Commander was at Ben Hur Commandery #14, stationed in Ponca City. They opened, Received me, and conferred the Order of the Temple.
- 10-01-16 I was invited to attend the Tulsa Scottish Rite Fall Reunion. I was escorted to premier seating, near the stage, for the opening and introduced as Grand Commander. I was especially impressed that as the dignitaries were introduced, our names were displayed on their screen, along with our affiliation with the Scottish Rite, if any.

- 10-08-16 I traveled to McAlester, OK for the Installation and Meeting of the Plinth Court, Order of Athelstan. I was recognized and introduced as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar.
- 10-10-16 James Taylor, Grand High Priest, RAM; Daniel Hanttula, Grand Illustrious Master, CM; Kenton Israel, Grand King. RAM; SK John L Logan, REPGC, Inspector, SK Donnie Higginbotham, VEDC, and myself attended what was rescheduled as Calvary Commandery's Inspection / Book Check in Bartlesville. There we met with several leaders of the local York Rite Bodies and discussed a plan of action. They had several potential members, some of whom were still taking their Blue Lodge Degrees. They believe that they would have seven new members at the Northeast Regional Degree Festival in Tulsa to be held on 02-11-17. We then scheduled a Chapter School of Instruction for them to follow the Degree Festival.
- I would be remiss if I failed to list a follow-up. By the spring of 2017, they had seven candidates go through the Chapter / Council / Commandery Festivals. Those new members have agreed to take offices in each of the three bodies, with other qualified members holding the presiding officer positions. S.K. Jim Taylor, E. Grand Sword Bearer, Chapter Custodian of the Work has already conducted a Chapter School of Instruction for them.
- 10-15-16 I attended numerous Masonic meetings on All Masonic Day held in Guthrie. I was Introduced as Grand Commander at the York Rite College Meeting by Governor Mark Critchfield,
- 10-15-16 I joined M.E. Jim Taylor and M.I. Daniel Hanttula in Norman, OK to check out an alternate site for Grand Sessions.
- 10-16-16 I attended the OK Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star Grand Sessions in Guthrie. I was honored to be introduced as Grand Commander of Knights Templar and to bring Greetings on behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies. I also received a donation from OES for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.
- 10-22-16 As Grand Commander, I was invited to the opening session of the McAlester Scottish Rite. Along with the other heads of the Grand York Rite Bodies, I was seated in premier seating and introduced as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
- 10-28/30-16 I attended the entire Fall Reunion of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies. At the Opening Ceremony, I was seated in a position of honor and introduced as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar.
- 11-04/05-16 I attended the Prince of Peace Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine held in Muskogee. I was introduced as Grand Commander by the outgoing Sovereign, Marshall Clayton.
- 11-11-16 The M□W□ Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was opened, and various presentations were made. I was honored to be selected to bring Greetings on behalf of the OK York Rite Bodies.
- 11-11-16 The Grand Commandery provided an Honor Guard for the introductions of the Grand Officers at the Grand Banquet. My wife and I also attended the Banquet as a Guest of M□W□ Ridge Smith, Grand Master.

- 11-12-16 The Grand Commandery also provided an Escort and Honor Guard for the Installation of the new Grand Officers at the request of M□W□ Rick Allison, incoming Grand Master.
- 11-13-16 I attended the Grand Master's Apron Presentation and Banquet in Enid, OK as a special guest.
- 11-19-16 My wife Jan and I traveled to McAlester to attend the Festive Board / Installation of Officers at Paul T Million Allied Masonic Degrees. I was introduced as Grand Commander by Kenton Israel, the outgoing Sovereign Master
- 11-22-16 I had been in contact with the Lawton YR Bodies as we had issues we needed to resolve with the new Recorder. After our discussions, it was determined that only the Grand Recorder would attend.
- 12-01-16 The Stillwater Assembly of the SOOB was holding its Installation of Officers. I was invited and attended their Installation, where I brought greetings, and along with a small Templar contingent made a formal presentation of the Flag of our Country.
- 12-02-16 The W.O.W. Chapter of the Order of DeMolay hosted their annual Founders Banquet; this year styled the Frank S. Land Banquet (DeMolay). I was invited to bring greetings and to talk about Oklahoma Templary to those present. It seems important to me that we continue to build our fraternal relationship with DeMolay.
- 12-06-16 Elk City York Rite held their Installation of Officers. I was asked to install the officers of all 3 York Rite Bodies. It was the only body that I installed as Grand Commander.
- 12-10-16 My lady Jan and I traveled to Guthrie to participate in the Tri-Youth Christmas Dance (Youth Orders) to support those Youth Orders.
- 01-05-17 Attended the Guthrie Scottish Rite meeting of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory. I was elected and installed as the Commander of Kadosh (Master of the Council of Kadosh). I mention this only because 3 of the 4 Masters of the Guthrie Bodies are very active York Rite leaders.
- 01-09-17 I traveled to Ardmore Chapter for their School of Instruction. I was serving as a Chapter Custodian of the Work. During the course of the presentations, there was an extended discussion about Fall Inspections
- 01-21-17 The Work & Tactics Meeting was held in Norman. I had the opportunity to teach a bit, to promote the Gun Raffle and make other comments as Grand Commander to the Knights present.
- 01-21-17 We held our 3rd Quarterly Officers Meeting in Norman. I presided over that meeting. Topics discussed included membership, the Regional Degree Festivals, the Grand Masters Festival, and our Grand Sessions.
- 01-27 / 29-17 Oklahoma DeMolay hosts a winter event now titled "Winterfest", a York Rite Leadership Event in Midwest City. On Saturday, I made arrangements for the Grand Officers of all 3 York Rite Bodies to attend to see the DeMolay confer their degrees. I was especially desirous of having the Grand Commandery Officers experience the DeMolay Degree which portrays the trials and execution of

Jacques DeMolay, who was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar of old. Our attendance was lacking, but I hope we will continue to encourage this relationship and to have the York Rite members experience this powerful degree.

On Sunday at the Awards Ceremony, all three heads of the Grand Bodies were present along with other Grand Officers. S.K. Gary Davis along with the heads of the bodies presented the York Rite DeMolay of the Year award, which is an Oklahoma regulation, Templar Sword. It is one of the most sought-after awards in Oklahoma DeMolay.

Each of the Heads brought Greetings and presented a check from our per capita to the State Master Councilor. This money is used primarily for helping with Winterfest and for Leadership Training.

- 02-18-17 I was asked to assist at the Central OK Commandery Festival held in Norman. Kent Israel and I conferred a short form Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. I also had the opportunity to speak to the Candidates and to encourage them to be involved in their home Commandery.
- 02-20-17 Several Commandery Committees met at Drumright on Presidents' Day. Those included the Budget Committee & Scholarship Committees. In a previous section, I mentioned that we chose 4 Scholarship recipients. I also sat in on the Budget Committee Meeting.
- 02-24 / 26-17 This year, Curtis Schuermann, who was elected as Grand Senior Warden took on the responsibility of hosting the Grand Commandery Junior Officer's Retreat. He scheduled it at Western Hills, near Wagoner, which had recently been remodeled. Well before the time of the Retreat, he was advanced to Grand Captain General. However, he remained the Chairman of this event and scheduled the meetings and training agenda. I was one of the several speakers at the Retreat, which included social time on Friday night as well as a day of Training / Discussion about how to improve Oklahoma Templary and to take advantage of the length of service each Knight performs before becoming a dais officer. This was our second formal retreat and was well received by all the Knights present. I believe the ladies had a good time as well. I think that the opportunity for the Grand Officers and their families to get together for a social time is very conducive to positive leadership.
- 03-04-17 I attended Paul T. Million Council No. 455 AMD meeting in McAlester and was introduced as Grand Commander, along with the Grand High Priest and the Grand Illustrious Master.
- 03-11-17 I was scheduled to attend the Northeast Regional Knight Templar Festival. I came down with the flu and was quarantined in my house and unable to attend. I was really looking forward to it. A number of candidates were Knighted.
- 03-27-17 The Cordell Masonic Lodge No. 129 has started a speaker's night at their Lodge. The first Speaker was Deputy Grand Master Grigsby. The second was Jim Tresner. As Grand Commander, I was the third guest speaker. It was well attended, and I challenged the members to complete their Master Mason degree by joining the York Rite.

- 03-31-17 I attended the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion held in Guthrie and was received and introduced as Grand Commander. It was quite different as I am also serving as Commander of the Guthrie Council of Kadosh and was seated with the other Masters of the 4 Guthrie Bodies and not with the Grand High Priest and the Grand Illustrious Master and other dignitaries.
- 04-01-17 I hosted the final Quarterly Officers Meeting at Guthrie, OK. It was held during the Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion to bring a report on the upcoming Grand Sessions and to hear a presentation about the time and place of the 2018 Session.
- 04-08-17 I traveled to attend the Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion. I was treated as a dignitary and very much appreciated the hospitality as well as the fraternal greeting offered to me and the other Heads of the York Rite in Oklahoma.
- 04-15-17 On April 16, 2017, Easter Sunday, the Canute United Methodist Church hosted the Oklahoma Knight Templar Easter Observance. I serve as Pastor of that church. Several Grand Officers traveled to Canute to join in this event. The Knights participated in the Worship Service, including a time of Holy Communion and then traveled to the Canute Cemetery to view "the Grotto" which is a man made cave resembling the tomb where Christ was laid. Also at that location is a bronze crucifixion representation of Christ and the two thieves on the Cross.
- 04-22-17 McAlester Scottish Rite has invited me to attend their Spring Reunion. I plan on being there representing the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. They are always gracious hosts and have provided pleasing hospitality.
- 04-27 / 29-17 I am truly looking forward to our Grand Sessions, especially the Grand Conclave. I am always impressed by the Divine Service on Thursday night. Of course, the other Grand Sessions are also highlights. The Grand Banquet should be great. It is my distinct honor to preside over our Grand Conclave. I thank each of you for allowing me that privilege. And, after our Conclave, I have the unique privilege to install my eldest son, Kenton as the next Grand High Priest.

INSPECTIONS

Rather than be repetitive regarding each of the Inspections, I will discuss those common issues between them. You will note they are still listed in my travels above. However, I tried to only comment about special events or circumstances surrounding each. All Inspections are also listed here.

I enjoyed the courtesies and meals at every Inspection. The time of fellowship was outstanding in every instance. I really enjoyed meeting / visiting with all the Knights.

Obviously, the work that goes into every Inspection comes from the constituent Commandery. I appreciate every Commandery that was able to confer the Order of the Temple as well as open and receive my Grand Officers and me. There were four Commanderies that did not confer or exemplify the Order of the Temple. They each had reasons for that, and I understand. It is my hope that every Commandery will be able to perform the Order of the Temple next year. I very much appreciate the hospitality that each Commandery offered me.

I have really enjoyed the Summer / Fall Inspections cycle. It seems that it offers the officers much more time to prepare for Inspection. I know how hard that has been for Elk City

at times to install officers at the end of December and then to have them ready for a March Inspection. It always meant having practice after every meeting and every Sunday beginning in January. The later inspections mean that you can have those practices spaced out over half of a year and not two months. It is a bit of a burden for those Grand Officers who try to attend a number of Inspections because they are mostly held when school is not in session. The other side of that coin was that I missed every school event of my boys from March through April.

My vision of Grand Commander's Remarks at an Inspection was him standing in the East saying that it had been a great year and please come to Grand Conclave in a few days. The last two inspection cycles have allowed the Grand Commander and the Grand Officers to promote the various programs of our Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment. It was awesome to have Grand Officers at the Inspections to promote KTEF, and the need for Life Sponsors, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, including the Knights of the Holy Land, upcoming York Rite events, membership, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Religious Activities, and for me to promote the need for Ritual Judges for DeMolay Ritual Competition, especially for Conclave in July.

For those of you who don't remember, I am still concerned about the need for Ritual Judges. I was sitting in Stillwater in the DeMolay Advisors Association Meeting. The Director of Ritual and Judging spoke to our Association. When Dad Cook stood to speak, I knew what his topic would be, but I did not know how it would impact me and my presentations at all the Inspections. I closed every Inspection with a request for Sir Knights to volunteer to sign up for Judge Training, a one-day event and then to come to Conclave and serve as a Judge. I hoped to get at least a dozen judges from our 15 Commanderies. I believe that it is an opportunity for each Commandery to support DeMolay, even if there is not a DeMolay Chapter housed where they are stationed. And it is a very important need for these young men. If you are even remotely interested, please let me know. This is going to remain a need that we could help meet.

It was also wonderful to have Summer Uniforms to wear during the Inspection season. I was thrilled to have Grand Commandery Officers attend Inspections with me. My Officers in Charge had been in touch with their assigned Commanderies in advance, hopefully helping them prepare for Inspection, as well as keeping them informed about what was being promoted by the Grand Commandery.

SCHEDULE OF INSPECTIONS IN 2016

07-11-16	Calvary Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville, OK. <i>- Rescheduled to 10-10-16</i>
07-13-16	St. Johns Commandery No.8, Stillwater, OK.
07-14-16	Norman Commandery No. 38, Norman, OK.
07-19-16	Elk City Commandery No. 22, Elk City, OK.
07-28-16	St. Aumer Commandery No.29, Woodward, OK.
08-02-16	Lawton Commandery No. 18, Lawton, OK.
08-10-16	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, Muskogee, OK.
08-11-16	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, Guthrie, OK,
08-15-16	Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42, Drumright, OK.
08-19-16	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, Midwest City, OK.(No Order of Temple)
08-22-16	McAlester Commandery No. 6, McAlester, OK. (No Order of Temple)
08-27-16	Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa, OK.
09-12-16	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, Ardmore, OK. (No Order of Temple)

09-14-16 Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK.
09-27-16 Ben Hur Commandery No. 26, Ponca City, OK.
10-10-16 Calvary Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville, OK. (No Order of Temple)

STATE OF THE CRAFT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Oklahoma is in a unique situation among York Rite bodies. We are concerned about our small size, but we have been experiencing growth, especially in the Grand Chapter. In the last four years, we have had a net loss in the Commandery of only 24 members. That would average about six members per year. Working harder on retention would help us continue to experience growth. We need to work on training to encourage our bodies to begin early in the year to work with those members whose dues are delinquent to avoid as many suspensions as possible. We can work to be better recruiters and to help our members find a way to get their dues paid. But, there is nothing we can do about our losses to death.

It has been exciting to see the number of regional degree festivals that have been held in the last few years. The Regional Festival Concept has been around for a long time. But we had the Grand Master's Festival in Oklahoma City and a regional festival in Tulsa and Elk City. Now we have more regional degree work happening around the state. We need to continue to encourage and expand those festivals. They have the potential to give our bodies the opportunity to confer degrees they have been formerly unable to confer by borrowing an experienced cast members or coaches. Sharing members with degrees and Orders allow fellowship between neighboring York Rite bodies. The Regional Festivals help build quality teams for our Grand Master's Festival.

The Grand Lodge has been using a new membership recruitment program called the Perpetual Path. I am sure you all are familiar with it. We need to continue to plug into the larger number of Master Masons in Oklahoma and assist them to "complete their Master Mason degree" by becoming York Rite Masons. We need to continue to use our Membership committees to assure that we are actively recruiting Royal Arch Masons from whom we ultimately draw our members. We need to pursue further the use of face to face contacts, such as speaking at Masonic District Meetings and other Masonic gatherings, as well as our own Friend's Nights and educational programs.

The membership database is being used. We will be seeing it used in the near future for some of our annual reporting information as well as credentialing for Grand Conclave. It provides a significant number of reports that will help our local and grand bodies see a more complete picture of where we are and where we need to go. It is very important for every Recorder or their representative to keep their portion of the database up to date. As we add or lose members through the year, we know exactly what our numbers are and what we may need to do to grow each year.

An area that needs work in the Commandery is Education. We are definitely behind the other two bodies. The Grand Chapter has made significant progress in that area during the terms of Robert Davis and Clyde Schoolfield. All our bodies have been discussing the need, but these two Grand High Priests accomplished much in the Chapter. They are now working to create similar education for the Council. We need to support that and begin similar educational programs for the Commandery.

One of my focuses this year has been DeMolay. I believe that getting better acquainted with these young men will help us not only to assist them in joining our Fraternity but in understanding a younger generation that we need to be bringing into this great fraternity. DeMolay strives to perform excellent ritual work for their degrees and ceremonies.

They have a serious need for qualified ritual judges to help them improve their work. The amazing thing is that by helping them, we also help our York Rite Bodies.

It seems that many Templars are unfamiliar with the Order of DeMolay and their namesake, Jacques DeMolay. He was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar of old. It seems odd to me that there is more taught about him in the Scottish Rite than in Knights Templar. We currently raise funds to help sponsor DeMolay, but we rarely actually work with them.

I believe we have made great strides in the last couple of years with regard to funding our Holy Land Pilgrimage Program. We have sent Pastors regularly since Grand Encampment has decided it is safe to do so. As a Pastor, I know that "walking where Jesus walked" makes a significant difference in a pastor's understanding of the Holy Scriptures. The Knights of the Holy Land endowment has 22 members who have paid their \$1,000 commitment in full. The raffle of the Henry Arms Golden Boy Freemason Tribute edition .22 rifle has raised over \$10,000 which will be divided between the operating fund, from which we write the check to pay for our share of travel expenses and the KHL Endowment which give us permanent funds to assist in this program.

As far as charities, we also have the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Oklahoma is in the favorable position of having several organizations which do Eye research. We have had more money being returned to Oklahoma in the form of research grants than we are collecting. It is my hope that at some time in the near future we will have 100% of our members as Life Sponsors. After making the \$30 individual donation, the Knight is exempt from that portion of per capita.

There has been a movement for several years to get the non-dais Grand Officers to meet and discuss how to improve Templary in Oklahoma. I have long believed that most of the Knights who are elected in this grand line have various ideas about how to improve Templary, but feel they have to be at or near the top of the leadership line to get those ideas implemented. To me, this is a great loss. By proposing one's ideas to the Grand Commander and by volunteering to chair the projects proposed, many of these ideas can get started much earlier. I believe that almost every Grand Commander would listen to the proposals and encourage their creation, especially when there is one who is willing to take charge of that program and help it come to fruition. In that manner, each Officer could begin to get their ideas in operation before they are in the "big chair." If one does not care who gets the credit for their idea, one can accomplish much. Our focus should always be on improving Templary. One of the places that these ideas are being developed is at the Grand Officers' Retreat. It is my desire to see that Retreat and other meetings continue to take place. I do believe that the Grand Commander is our leader and all those programs should be explained to him and not be implemented without his permission and blessing.

I am excited about both the Religious Activities and Civic and Patriotic Activities Committees. I would love to see Oklahoma have a Christmas and Easter Observance. We participated in a ceremony to retire U.S. Flags. I believe there are many patriotic events where we could / should be involved.

We have long had a Long Range Planning Committee. I would like to see it become more focused on taking the ideas of the dais officers and creating a plan to implement those ideas, even when it means proposing changes to our current law to improve Templary.

APPRECIATION

To each and every Grand Officer: I thank you. You have made this last year very special and very memorable for me. We could not have done half the things that we did

without each and every one of you. You have met “my expectations.” I will explain. I sent every Grand Officer a list of expectations of what they should be doing as an Officer in Charge. I have heard many wonderful reports of your efforts from your Commanders and Recorders, as well as many members. They appreciated your presence at their meeting and their practices. They had someone “official” who could answer their questions. Thank you.

To Jim and Daniel: This year has been awesome. You each had great years. And I am a better man for having the opportunity to serve with each of you. I do believe that although we each had a Grand Body to run, we were able to keep steering the Grand York Rite Bodies moving together in a very positive way. Thank you. I probably will get sentimental in a month or so, and you will each start getting regular emails again.

To Jan and my family: I started this Grand Commandery line in 2010. We have scheduled many, many family events around my calendar. I think my boys were somewhat used to that, but my daughter-in-laws weren't. I want to thank you all for understanding of how I have chosen to invest my time. Jan, I am so glad we figured out how to combine seven calendars on our Google calendar page so you would know where I was going to be. I could not have done many of the Masonic activities I have enjoyed so much in the last thirty plus years if you were not an understanding wife. You are my joy and the reason I want to get up every morning. We have had a wonder 40 plus years together. And we raised three wonderful sons. I miss you when you are gone for days being a Grandmother. I now know more how you feel when I am gone.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank S.K. Gary Davis my Grand Recorder. I am sure he was not always thrilled to hear from Jim, Daniel or myself. But Gary has been a rock and a wealth of information and guidance. Thank you so much.

CONCLUSION

As many of you know, I pastor a small United Methodist Church. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a leader of a Christian Order of Knighthood. Every day has been a reminder to me of the impact my Lord and Savior has had in my life. You all cannot imagine the number of sermons that I have preached that relate to the Lessons of Knighthood and other Masonic teachings. My congregation has no idea how much they have been exposed to our teachings. They do notice, however, when I have been at several Templar events between Sundays, and I pray the Lord's Prayer with debts and not trespasses. I believe the chivalric lessons, in addition to the Christian lessons, give us a unique position in this wonderful Masonic Family and that there are many Masons, as well as “not yet” Masons who would love to be a part of our organizations and our fellowship. You can share that opportunity almost every day

We, as York Rite Masons, have much to share. We need to continue to work on quality degree work. It is wonderful to see our various regions really stepping up to confer the degrees. We have to do the work to reap the benefits. I know how much I enjoy my Masonic activities and friends. We need to be sharing that opportunity with our Brother Masons and give them quality degrees and meetings. We all want something fun and educational or entertaining to look forward to. So let's get busy.

My focus this year was to seek to improve Templary. I didn't care if that seemed to take us backward in some areas to be reminded of who we are and why we do or should do, the things that make a positive difference in Templary. Sometimes we have to look backward and see where we have been to get the best ideas about where we need to go. Other times, we have to look well beyond our status quo to see where we need to be moving forward. We rarely improve my standing still.

It has been a busy year. There is much I wanted to do that I did not get done. I will seek to continue to sell some of those ideas to the Knights who will be leading you forward. I have enjoyed it very much.

Come May, you will still be seeing me. I look forward to the next year. I will still be out there in the trenches. Hope to see you there as well.

Fraternally
 Tim Israel
 Grand Commander

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

	Grand	Deputy Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand
	Commander	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Treasurer	Recorder
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. Errick	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1958	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Errick	*C. F. Hansen	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1959	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Errick	*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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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	Edward W. Hart	Kish L. Thomas	Donald J. Cink
1995	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	Edward W. Hart	O. Ray Harrington	Kish L. Thomas	Donald J. Cink
1996	William A. Nation	Edward W. Hart	O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Kish L. Thomas	Donald J. Cink
1997	Edward 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 Schrawger, Jr	Kish L. Thomas	Ralph K. Harris
2000	Charles L. Stuckey	*John Schrawger, Jr	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Kish L. Thomas	Ralph K. Harris
2001	*John Schrawger, 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	Edward M. Isaacs	John D. Miller, Jr.
2005	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2006	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Lewis A. Hullum	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2007	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Lewis A. Hullum	I. Dwayne Dixon	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2008	Michael E. Hampton	Lewis A. Hullum	I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2009	Lewis A. Hullum	I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	Mark A. Critchfield	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2010	I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2011	Richard C. Dunaway	Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Edward C. Becerra	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2012	Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Edward C. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2013	L. Erik Stuckey	Edward C. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2014	Edward C. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Timothy P. Israel	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2015	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matt McGee	Edward M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2016	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matt McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	Michael J. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
	* Deceased	** Dimited	*** Lost Membership			

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The following tabulation reflects the status of investments in each of our Grand Commandery accounts and the status of our perpetual membership. If any member desires additional information, I will be happy to provide it.

Respectfully submitted:
 Michael J. Megeath (20)
 Grand Treasurer

GRAND COMMANDERY as of 31 DECEMBER 2016							
TOTAL VALUE							
12/30/2016	12/30/2015	YoY - \$	YoY - %				
\$318,842	\$296,644	\$22,197	7.48%				
Account	Last Month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Performance	Inception Date
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<u>COM HLPFND*6597</u> As of 12/31/2016	1.40%	4.32%	4.32%	4.84%		2.26%	10/22/2012
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Account Summary Definitions for Account Summary				Yr / Yr Change %	7.48%		
Account	Securities Market Value	Cash & Cash Alt.	Account Value				
<u>CMND GENFD*5549</u>	\$64,617.33	\$1,270.69	\$65,888.02				
<u>COM HLPFND*6597</u>	\$3,589.51	\$397.50	\$3,987.01				
<u>HLF ENDOW*8665</u>	\$7,585.64	\$10,023.37	\$17,609.01				
<u>COM PERPM *2186</u>	\$223,508.51	\$7,849.13	\$231,357.64				
TOTALS	\$299,300.99	\$19,540.69	\$318,841.68				

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REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

The following reflects the membership statistics, returns, and budget verses actual income and expenses for 2016 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 2016		1,363
Gains:		
• Knightings	82	
• Admissions	2	
• Reinstatements	5	
• Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
Total Gains		89
Losses:		
• Deaths	47	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	28	
• Demitted	13	
• Adjustments	<u>13</u>	
Total Losses		<u>-101</u>
Membership: 31 December 2016		<u>1,351</u>
Net Membership Loss:		<u>12</u>

We had a loss of **12** members compared to a gain of **14** last year. Knightings of **82** compared to **74** last year, Suspensions/withdrawals/demits were **28** compared to **36** last year. Deaths were **47** compared to **34** last year. All Commanderies have submitted monthly and quarterly reports for year 2016. 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 **23** members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues. Three less than last year.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of **10**, with an ending total of **481** living and **320** deceased perpetual members. Almost **36%** of our active members are perpetual members.

Our raffle sales are going well and will help to secure our financial ability to continue sending a minister to the Holy Land. We strongly urge each of our Knights to purchase a membership in the "Knights of the Holy Land". It only costs \$1,000.00 and can be paid over a period of ten years at \$100.00 each.

It has been a busy year for our Grand Commandery and I wish to acknowledge and thank our Grand Commander for all his efforts, and hard work to accomplish the tasks associated with his office.

Respectfully submitted,
GARY A. DAVIS
Grand Recorder

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY RETURNS - 2016

No.	Name	2015									Net Gain or (Loss)	2016		
		Members	Knighted	Adm.	Reinst.	Dem.	Died	Adj.	S/W	Members		Dues	Fees	
1	Guthrie	74	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	6	80	\$37.00	\$75.00	
2	Muskogee	136	13	0	0	0	5	13	0	(5)	131	\$25.00	\$75.00	
3	Oklahoma	126	7	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	127	\$35.00	\$75.00	
6	McAlester	123	7	0	1	1	3	0	3	1	124	\$30.00	\$75.00	
8	St. John's	50	4	0	0	2	3	0	0	(1)	49	\$36.00	\$75.00	
9	Ardmore	49	7	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	49	\$34.00	\$75.00	
14	Ben Hur	47	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	53	\$46.00	\$115.00	
18	Lawton	82	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	86	\$25.00	\$75.00	
20	Trinity	206	11	1	0	1	7	0	13	(9)	197	\$46.00	\$100.00	
22	Elk City	104	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	107	\$36.00	\$100.00	
26	Calvary	46	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	(4)	42	\$19.75	\$60.00	
29	St. Aumer	48	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	(2)	46	\$35.00	\$85.00	
38	Norman	116	4	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	116	\$34.00	\$75.00	
42	Cimarron Valley	35	0	0	1	6	1		0	(6)	29	\$35.00	\$60.00	
53	Capitol Hill	121	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	(6)	115	\$37.00	\$85.00	
	Totals	1363	82	2	5	13	47	13	28	-12	1351			

No.	Name	P/M	N/P	DeMolay	P/C	KTEF	Land	KT	Net	PEM	TOTAL
							Pilgrimage	Magazine	Amount	P/C	
1	Guthrie	21	0	\$14.75	\$885.00	\$47.00	\$160.00	\$531.00	\$1,637.75	\$232.02	\$1,869.77
2	Muskogee	56	0	\$18.75	\$1,125.00	\$66.00	\$262.00	\$675.00	\$2,146.75	\$1,008.15	\$3,154.90
3	Oklahoma	27	4	\$24.00	\$1,440.00	\$82.00	\$254.00	\$900.00	\$2,700.00	\$386.83	\$3,086.83
6	McAlester	39	0	\$21.25	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$248.00	\$765.00	\$2,309.25	\$485.61	\$2,794.86
8	St. John's	13	2	\$8.50	\$510.00	\$32.00	\$98.00	\$324.00	\$972.50	\$188.69	\$1,161.19
9	Ardmore	11	0	\$9.50	\$570.00	\$30.00	\$98.00	\$342.00	\$1,049.50	\$159.38	\$1,208.88
14	Ben Hur	26	1	\$6.50	\$390.00	\$49.00	\$106.00	\$243.00	\$794.50	\$332.45	\$1,126.95
18	Lawton	22	1	\$15.75	\$945.00	\$52.00	\$172.00	\$576.00	\$1,760.75	\$224.11	\$1,984.86
20	Trinity	62	10	\$31.25	\$1,875.00	\$92.00	\$394.00	\$1,215.00	\$3,607.25	\$662.64	\$4,269.89
22	Elk City	35	3	\$17.25	\$1,035.00	\$61.00	\$214.00	\$648.00	\$1,975.25	\$467.21	\$2,442.46
26	Calvary	13	0	\$7.25	\$435.00	\$22.00	\$84.00	\$261.00	\$809.25	\$268.60	\$1,077.85
29	St. Aumer	22	0	\$6.00	\$360.00	\$12.00	\$92.00	\$216.00	\$686.00	\$283.41	\$969.41
38	Norman	34	0	\$20.50	\$1,230.00	\$65.00	\$232.00	\$738.00	\$2,285.50	\$387.49	\$2,672.99
42	Cimarron Valley	8	1	\$5.00	\$300.00	\$19.00	\$58.00	\$189.00	\$571.00	\$175.08	\$746.08
53	Capitol Hill	80	1	\$8.50	\$510.00	\$26.00	\$230.00	\$315.00	\$1,089.50	\$1,058.32	\$2,147.82
	Totals	489	23	\$214.75	\$12,885.00	\$655.00	\$2,702.00	\$7,938.00	\$24,394.75	\$6,319.99	\$30,714.74

COMMANDERY BUDGET VERSES ACTUAL - 2016

Estimated Income	Budget 2016	Actual 20016	Variation
Annual Report	\$20,282.00	\$17,629.00	(\$2,653.00)
Perpetual Membership	\$3,390.00	\$6,681.00	\$3,291.00
Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,549.00	\$549.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$850.00	\$462.00	(\$388.00)
Interest/Investments	\$3,928.00	\$3,928.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Festival Meals	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$114.00	(\$186.00)
Total	<u>\$30,350.00</u>	<u>\$30,563.00</u>	<u>\$213.00</u>
Estimated Expenditures			
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$502.00	\$501.00	\$1.00
Grand Commander's Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
GC Grand Session Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	\$200.00	\$103.00	\$97.00
KTEF Contribution	\$865.00	\$900.00	(\$35.00)
Grand Encampment Per Capita & Magazine	\$12,267.00	\$12,267.00	\$0.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,400.00	\$1,433.00	(\$33.00)
Telephone	\$500.00	\$381.00	\$119.00
Office Supplies	\$225.00	\$191.00	\$34.00
Printing & Stationary	\$700.00	\$623.00	\$77.00
Postage	\$250.00	\$240.00	\$10.00
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	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Officer Regalia	\$1,200.00	\$1,164.00	\$36.00
Awards	\$100.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00) KC Temple
Triennial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00	\$397.00	\$603.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Festival Meals	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$351.00	(\$51.00)
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$28,941.00</u>	<u>\$26,605.00</u>	<u>\$2,336.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	\$1,409.00	\$3,958.00	

RESOLUTION No. 1

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 by Section 2.

The Grand Commander, after his election, and before he is installed, 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 PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Knights Templar uniform as established in 1862 was a style rooted in the traditions of the US Army, and

WHEREAS, the US Army has a long tradition of branch colors to promote esprit de corps, and

WHEREAS, such esprit de corps would greatly benefit Templary in Oklahoma,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article XX, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT, FULL DRESS UNIFORM, Section 6, which now reads:

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta Jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

The same as that hereinafter provided for Sir Knights, except they will wear shoulder straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; chapeau; buff gloves.

Be amended to add:

"(a) Optional Socks: Past Grand Commanders may wear purple socks, Past Commanders may wear red socks, and Sir Knights with the rank of Commander and below may wear green socks."

Respectfully submitted:
T.S. Akers (3) & Steve Guerrero (53)

RESOLUTION NOT IN LEGAL FORM

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the purpose of the fatigue uniform is to provide a working uniform for Sir Knights,
and

WHEREAS, the current uniform regulations are confusing and considered to be in conflict,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That ARTICLE XX, Section 2, which now reads:

"The fatigue uniform of a Knight Templar in this Grand Jurisdiction shall consist of a black regulation coat, black trousers, black shoes, Malta jewel, insignia, white shirt, soft collar, black four-in-hand necktie, black cap, and buff gloves, as hereinafter specified."

Be amended to read:

" The fatigue uniform of a Knight Templar in this Grand Jurisdiction shall consist of a black regulation coat, black trousers, black shoes, Malta jewel, insignia, white shirt, soft collar, black four-in-hand necktie, **and black cap.**" ~~, and buff gloves, as hereinafter specified.~~

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers (3) & Steve Guerrero (53)

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, current uniform regulations are particularly vague concerning what type of shirt is allowed, and

WHEREAS, a variety of shirt collars are appearing in service,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article XX, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT, FULL DRESS UNIFORM, Section 6, which now reads:

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta Jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

The same as that hereinafter provided for Sir Knights, except they will wear shoulder straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; chapeau; buff gloves.

Be amended to add:

“(a) Button-down or polo style shirt collars are prohibited.”

Respectfully submitted:
T.S. Akers (3) & Steve Guerrero (53)

RESOLUTION FAILED

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, achieving the rank of Past Commander is an honor that should be easily discernable, and

WHEREAS, regulations in this jurisdiction originally called for sword belts with gold lacing or braid for Past Commanders,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article XX, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT, FULL DRESS UNIFORM, Section 10, which now reads:

The belt shall be of black grain leather or leatherette, one and three-quarter inches wide. The belt shall be equipped with three slings of plain black leather or leatherette on which to hang the sword. These slings shall be seven-eighths inch wide, two short, and one long. The slings are to be suspended by clasps or other suitable means of attachment to the inside of the belt. Each sling is to have lengthening buckles and heavy metal swivels at the lower ends.

Be amended to add:

“(a) Past Commanders may wear a sword belt of black bridle leather with gold lacing or braid.”

Respectfully submitted:
T.S. Akers (3) & Steve Guerrero (53)

RESOLUTION FAILED

RESOLUTION NO. 6

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,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article XX, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT, FULL DRESS UNIFORM, Section 6, which now reads:

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta Jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

The same as that hereinafter provided for Sir Knights, except they will wear shoulder straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; chapeau; buff gloves.

Be amended to add:

“(a) A white military style cap may be worn with the Full Dress Uniform in lieu of a chapeau. The cap should adhere to the regulations of this Jurisdiction as set forth by Article XX, Section 18. Sir Knights working as a uniformed unit of Knights Templar should not mix white caps and chapeaux. Ranking officers may choose to wear chapeaux 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)

RESOLUTION FAILED

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, current uniform regulations are particularly vague concerning what type of shoes are allowed, and

WHEREAS, a variety of shoes are appearing in service,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article XX, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT, FULL DRESS UNIFORM, Section 6, which now reads:

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta Jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

The same as that hereinafter provided for Sir Knights, except they will wear shoulder

straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; chapeau; buff gloves.

Be amended to add: **“(a) Shoes shall be plain toed without caps, decorative stitching, or broguing. Boots of a style similar to George or Jodhpur boots may be worn. Patent leather or high gloss styles are prohibited.”**

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers (3) & Steve Guerrero (53)

RESOLUTION FAILED

RESOLUTION NO. 8

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.

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 kelley 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 time 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)

RESOLUTION FAILED

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Rituals, Section 1(a), (b), and (c) covers the issuance , costs, and replacement of rituals, and

WHEREAS, the cost of rituals to the Grand Commandery has changed significantly since these laws were published,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Article XVIII, Rituals, Section 1(a), (b), and (c), which now reads:

"(a) Each Constituent Commandery shall pay the Grand Recorder the sum of four dollars (\$4.00) for the replacement of any mutilated ritual in the future, upon the return of such ritual.
(b) Each Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Recorder the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each ritual assigned to it which is lost or not accounted for at the annual inspection; said sum would be refunded on the presentation of said ritual on or before the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.
(c) Additional rituals, besides the eleven now assigned, may be issued to Constituent Commandery upon the payment to the Grand Commandery of the sum of six dollars (\$6.00) each. It shall be the responsibility of the Constituent Commandery to maintain their record of such rituals, on such forms that may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery."

Be Amended to Read:

(a) Each Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Recorder the current price for each ritual assigned to it which is lost or not accounted for at the annual inspection; said sum would be refunded on the presentation of said ritual on or before the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.
(b) Additional rituals, besides the eleven now assigned, may be issued to Constituent Commandery upon the payment to the Grand Commandery of the current price of each ritual. It shall be the responsibility of the Constituent Commandery to maintain their record of such rituals, on such forms that may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted:
Gary A. Davis (8 & 20)

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, our general laws charge The Committee on Work and Tactics with overseeing all matters and things relating to Asylum Ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, this includes the rules and regulations governing the Inspection of Constituent Commanderies, and

WHEREAS, a lack of a consistent time frame for the annual Inspections has caused a strain on the Constituent Commanderies, and

WHEREAS, annual Inspections conducted during the summer months have created hardships for those Sir Knights engaged in agricultural pursuits or travel with their families.

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:

Inspections of Constituent Commanderies

As provided in Article IV, Sec. 2(d), The Committee on Work and Tactics shall prescribe, with the approval of the Grand Commander or of this Grand Commandery, Rules and Regulations governing the Inspection of Constituent Commanderies. Such inspections may not be scheduled more than ninety (90) days preceding the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,
T.S. Akers (3) & Steve Guerrero (53)

RESOLUTION FAILED

RESOLUTION No. 11

WHEREAS, the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, **Chapter XV, Section 237 (b) - OFFICERS - RESIGNATION – FILLING VACANCIES - RETENTION OF RANK** provides that “provides that Grand Commanderies may confer the honorary titles of Honorary Past Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Grand Recorder Emeritus, and Grand Prelate Emeritus upon written approval of the Grand Master;” and

WHEREAS, Sir Knight Elwood M. Isaacs has served this Grand Commandery for a number of years as our Grand Treasurer, serving in an outstanding and exemplary service, above and beyond the duties of his office; and

WHEREAS, this body desires to honor and recognize his service in a manner suitable to his service; and

WHEREAS, Sir Knight Duane Vaught, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has given his written approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

Sir Knight Elwood Murl (Ike) Isaacs be conferred with the Honorary Title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Respectfully submitted:
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Timothy P. Israel (22) Past Commander

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 12

WHEREAS, the current Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma provides that the only proxies to be recognized are those held by the Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General of a constituent Commandery, and

WHEREAS, the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, **Chapter XXI, Section 256 - UNIFORMS OF GRAND AND CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES** provides that "Templar uniforms may be worn for all Templar occasions, provided that when appearing in public, the entire Commandery **MUST** be dressed in like manner – either in Regulation Uniform, Cap and Mantle, Summer Uniform or Ceremonial Uniform", and

WHEREAS, the LAWS AND REGULATIONS of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma, at ARTICLE XIX, Section 28, APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC provides, "(a) No Commandery shall appear in public except in full dress uniform.", and

WHEREAS, the LAWS AND REGULATIONS of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma, at ARTICLE XXI, Section 19, SUMMER UNIFORM provides, in part, "A Commandery will either make use of this Summer Uniform, the Cap and Mantle, or the Regulation Uniform when appearing in public, but may not appear attired as a group using a combination (no mixing of uniforms)." now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that ARTICLE XIX, Section 28, APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC which reads in part:

"(a) No Commandery shall appear in public except in full dress uniform."

Be amended to read:

"(a) No Commandery shall appear in public in uniform except **when the entire Commandery is dressed in like manner – either in Regulation Uniform, Cap and Mantle, or Summer Uniform.**"

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy P. Israel (22) Past Commander

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 13 (Constitution)

WHEREAS, the current Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma provides that the only proxies to be recognized are those held by the Commander, Generalissimo or Captain

General of a constituent Commandery, and

WHEREAS, the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, **Section 38** provides that "Each member of the Grand Commandery present in person or by proxy, if proxies are lawful, shall be entitled to **one vote**, except that the presiding officer shall vote only in case of a tie, when he shall decide the issue", and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid CONSTITUTION at Section 40, provides, "Each Grand Commandery shall determine whether or not proxy representation shall be permitted, and if it shall be allowed, the Grand Commandery shall prescribe the rules governing the same.", and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Oklahoma Grand Commandery is in violation of the Constitution, et al, of the Grand Encampment and should be amended to provide in a suitable manner for the presence and voting of a member of the Grand Commandery by virtue of a proxy, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article III, Membership, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma which reads:

"Section 3. There shall be no proxies recognized except those held by the Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General."

Be amended to read:

"Section 3. There shall be no proxies recognized except those **granted** by the Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General **and held by a member of the same Commandery who is not otherwise entitled to vote at a regular or special Conclave of this Grand Commandery.**"

Respectfully submitted:
Timothy P. Israel (22) Past Commander

READ AND LAID OVER UNTIL NEXT ASSEMBLY

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There are 13 Grand Officers present with no votes, 11 Past Grand Commanders present with no votes, 52 Past Commanders present with 52 votes, 9 Commanders present with 9 votes, 6 Generalissimos present with 6 votes, 3 Captain Generals present with 3 votes, and 0 proxies with 0 votes, making a total of 70 votes. There were 10 out of 14 Commanderies represented by Dais Officers.

Submitted by:
Robert Cundiff (53), Chmn, Kyle Israel (22), and John Church (22), Gary A. Odendahl (8)

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Templar Jurisprudence Committee met in the Marriott Conference Center at the NCED in Norman, OK on Thursday afternoon, April 27, 2017. Sir Knight L. Eric Stuckey, acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm with nine (9) members present.

The R.: E.: Grand Commander's address was reviewed and discussed. All of his decisions, dispensations, General Orders and actions were found to be proper and within his authority.

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

Resolution #2 was found to be contrary to Grand Encampment Law.

The committee extends its congratulations and appreciation to Grand Commander Israel and commends him on his hard work and commitment to York Rite Masonry.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Eric Stuckey, acting Chairman, Paul T. Currell, Sec., John L. Logan, Charles L. Stuckey, Elwood M. Isaacs, Gary A. Davis, Robert G. Davis, Mark A. Critchfield, I. Dwayne Dixon

GENERAL MATTERS

The General Matters Committee has had no activity concerning neither Charters nor Dispensations to create new a Commandery. However, Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42 consolidated with St. John's Commandery No. 8 on 16 February 2017.

We have reviewed the General Orders and dispensations issued by the Grand Commander and find them to be within his powers and prerogatives to do so.

We would like to commend the Grand Commander for a job well done.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery in this capacity. It has been a pleasure and honor.

Respectfully submitted:

Donnie G Higginbotham (6) John L. Logan (29), Jay A. Wall (1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On February 20, 2017, 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, 2017.

The Committee also hereby submits for your information and approval, the proposed budget for the period January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017:

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, your Committee on Finance, wish to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, for the chance and privilege to serve this Grand Commandery. It has indeed, been a great pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

William J. "Jim" Cloud, PC, Chairman, Donnie G. Higginbotham, DGC, Member
 Mathew D. McGee, GG, Member

COMMANDERY BUDGET 2017

Estimated Income	Budget 2017
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
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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
Awards	\$100.00
Triennial	\$0.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$1,000.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Festival Meals	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u><u>\$27,241.00</u></u>
Net Income/Loss	\$3,109.00

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Membership Development Income:	Budget 2017
Membership Development Interest	\$1,200.00
Misc Donations	\$0.00
Total Income	<u>\$1,200.00</u>

Membership Promotion Expense:	
DeMolay Sword	\$200.00
Membership Promotion Expense	\$1,000.00
Total Expense	<u>\$1,200.00</u>

Net Income/Loss \$0.00

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

Holyland Pilgrimage Donations:	
Holyland Pilgrimage Interest	\$215.00
Withdrawal General Fund	\$3,475.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Donations(Commanderies)	\$2,726.00
Other Donations	\$100.00
Total Income	<u>\$6,516.00</u>

Holyland Pilgrimage Expenses:	
Deposits Transferred to Investment Account	\$2,826.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Minister Expense	\$3,190.00
Airfare to New York	\$500.00
Total Expense	<u>\$6,516.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	\$0.00

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Education Scholarship committee met on February 16, 2017 to select the recipients of the Knights Templar Scholarships. Present were Andrew B. Palmer, Timothy P. Israel, 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 6 Male, and 13 Females apply.

The four recipients of scholarships in 2017 are Landry J. Tucker, OKC, Hadley G. LaMascus, Edmond, Lindsey Dennison, Sapulpa, and Whitney D. Carter, Elk City. They will each receive \$1,200.00 scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Davis for Paul T. Currell, Chairman. Timothy P. Israel, Andrew B. Palmer, Robert R. Rolseth, Eldon L. Burns, Jr., and Secretary-Treasurer Gary A. Davis

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Committee on the Knight Templar Educational Foundation met on February 20, 2017, at the Drumright Lodge. We reviewed 2016 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, 2016	\$768.03
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Income:

Received from Investment Account , 7/29/2016	\$6,000.00
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Expenses:

Scholarships	\$ 4,800.00	
Bond expense	286.00	
Banquet meals	253.37	
Total Expenses		<u>5,339.37</u>

Checking Account and Bank Statement, December 31, 2016	\$1,428.66
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Investment Account, held at Edward Jones:

Opening Balance, January 1, 2016	\$124,697.24
Dividend/Interest received in 2016	4,282.34
Withdrawal to checking account, May 5, 2012	-6,000.00
Fees	-9.00
Unrealized gain	<u>3,364.49</u>

Closing balance as of December 31, 2016	\$126,335.07
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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)

PRINTING COMMITTEE

The 2016 proceedings were printed by Cowan Printing at the cost of \$997.12 for 50 copies. (\$19.94 per copy) of which approximately \$332.50 was Grand Commander cost. We went back to the perfect bound cover in lieu of the spiral. Copies of pre-prints were done by B & C Stationary Co. in Cushing, OK. Commandery cost approximately \$145.00 for 100 copies.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul T. Currell (22), Chairman, Timothy P. Israel (22), Gary A. Davis (20 & 8)

NECROLOGY

Sir Knights we are once more reminded of the mortality of the body with the passing of 47 Sir Knights this past year, including four Past Grand Commanders and one of our Grand Officers.

We also acknowledge the passing of Sir Knight Ned Eugene Dull, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA from 1985-1988.

As taken from the context of our past Chairman, Sir Knight David Brooks, "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:
Brian Ragain (18)

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 2017:

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 12/31/16 preliminary consolidated financial report reflects total assets of \$92,391,019. The 2017 consolidated budget projects expenditures of \$4,850,388.

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. In 2016, 215 Lodges used the program for \$1,688,098.

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 2016, 17 different Lodges and 3 OES Chapters participated with grants totaling \$44,031.51. The average grant was \$2,202.

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 for \$180,000 in 2016 and had budgeted \$180,000 for 2017.

Oklahoma Educational Television Authority-Better known as OETA received in 2017 a combined total of \$42,096 from 141 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 2016-2017 school years, 1,452 essays were submitted which were sponsored by 89 Lodges. Local school winners were recognized with certificates for a 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 high school of the 1st place winners each received a check for \$5,000.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education-Our support for public education was demonstrated in five statewide programs.

1. **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.
2. **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 2016, the Foundation prepared 2,478 certificates for presentation by 175 participating Lodges.
3. **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 2016, the Foundation prepared 819 certificates for presentation by 168 participating Lodges.

4. **The State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence** honor 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.
5. **Higher Education Endowments** of \$50,000 at Connors State College and \$50,000 at Carl Albert State College were established in 2017.

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 2017, 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, \$712,839 was given in December 2016 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2017. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at www.okdhs.org.

Masonry in Action Award

This program began in 2013 with the purpose of recognizing lodges which do an outstanding job in utilizing the Foundation programs. The Foundation allows each winning lodge the opportunity to specify a worthy nonprofit in their community to receive a \$5,000.00 grant. In 2016 Marlow 103 was the small lodge category winner, and Guthrie 35 won the large lodge class. Congratulations to both lodges!

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, (26)

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in Del City from 27-29 Jan 2017 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 Bradley Liles, Myrtle Chapter, Oklahoma City, 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.

Stillwater Chapter was named DeMolay Chapter of the Year for Oklahoma DeMolay. 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.

I extend my appreciation to the heads of all three bodies for their support and efforts to attain attendance from their Officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis, Chairman, Timothy P. Israel, Gary A. Odendahl

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COORDINATION

The York Rite Coordination Committee is made up of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General. Our purpose is to work alongside the Committees from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council for the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma.

We have held Quarterly Meetings to discuss how to work together to advance the York Rite. We have worked on the promotion of Regional degree festivals, coordinate promotional material, and planning for the Grand Master's Festival. The Festivals use an advancing leadership plan where the newest Grand Officer serves as Statewide Chairman for the regional festivals, and the Grand Captain General serves as one of three General Chairmen of the Grand Master's Festival. This allows for consistency in these programs from year to year. The Commandery committee also met during our Junior Grand Officers' Retreat.

This year the Chairmen of these committees, being the heads of the Grand Bodies included each other on every email communication that went out to all the Grand Officers. This allowed us all to know what the other two heads were thinking and working on. We worked on getting the membership database up to speed with all the current constituent body officers listed and all the other voting delegates included. This will allow us to use this database for Registration and Credentials at Grand Sessions.

We met to discussion the revitalization of a specific York Rite body and successfully negotiated with them to accomplish goals established by all. We met to discuss whether to move the Grand Sessions and how best to accomplish the move after the decision was made. In addition, we spent much time discussing what sort of Social Media Policy we should create. Then we decided that the best recourse for us was to implement a policy that only applied to our Grand Officers. By working together, we have solved many problems in the earliest stages.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy P. Israel (22) Chairman, Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), Matthew D McGee (14), Curtis Schuermann (20)

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

The Grand Commandery was represented at a Flag retirement ceremony on October 12, 2016, at Canadian Valley Electric Co. There were five monthly meetings preceding the event and it's held along with the American Legion, the Seminole Honor Guard, and Canadian Electric Corporation. It's an annual event. There were two \$500.00 essay awards given to school students. I am in charge of the event, and other Grand Officers attended. The

event takes place on the second Tuesday of October every year. The food is free and open to the public. This event was announced at all Commandery inspections.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary A. Odendahl (8), David D. Clayton (2), Glen A. Chaney (18)

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 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.

INSPECTIONS

The Annual Inspections were conducted by General Order No. 2 and under the supervision of the Work and Tactics Committee with the following results:

CLASS "A."			
Trinity No. 20	87.66		
CLASS "A." INSPECTED AS CLASS "B."			
Muskogee No. 2	91.41	Oklahoma No. 3	91.94
McAlester No. 6	53.56	Lawton No. 18	81.11
Elk City No. 22	94.01	Norman No. 38	83.86
Capitol Hill No. 53	65.90		
CLASS "B."			
Guthrie No. 1	92.33	St. Johns No. 8	85.88
Ardmore No. 9	56.63	Ben Hur No. 14	90.12
Calvary No. 26	No score	St. Aumer No. 29	90.16
Cimarron Valley No. 42	94.96		

One Commandery, Calvary No. 26, met with the Inspector but did no work. McAlester No. 6, Ardmore No. 9 and Capitol Hill No. 53 opened and received the Grand Commander, but did not exemplify the Order of the Temple.

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 was awarded to Elk City Commandery No. 22 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 Committee was assisted in these inspections by Sir Knight Dwayne Dixon, PGC. We thank him for his assistance.

CLASSIFICATIONS

The Annual Returns dated December 31, 2016, reflected membership changes, which resulted in a change in an inspection classification for Guthrie No. 1 to Class A as B from Class B.

CLASS	COMMANDERY	MEMBERS 12/31/2016	2016-17 CLASS	2017-18 CLASS
A	Trinity #20	197	A	A
A as B	Muskogee #2	131	A	A
	Oklahoma #3	127	A	A
	McAlester #6	124	A	A
	Norman #38	116	A	A
	Capitol Hill #53	115	A	A
	Elk City #22	107	A	A
	Lawton #18	86	A	A
	Guthrie #1	80	B	A
B	Ben Hur #14	53	B	B
	St. John's #8	49	B	B
	Ardmore #9	49	B	B
	St. Aumer #29	48	B	B
	Calvary #26	42	B	B
	Cimarron Valley #42	29	B	B

WORK & TACTICS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The Annual School of Instruction was held Saturday, January 21, 2017, at Norman Masonic Lodge, 1700 N. Porter, Norman, Oklahoma. The Committee offers its thanks to the Grand Commandery officers for their assistance and appreciation to Norman Commandery No. 38 for hosting this school, their support and great hospitality in making the school successful.

UNIFORMS

The 2016 inspections welcomed the introduction of the summer uniform. Grand Commander Israel supported the use of the summer uniforms which were embraced by many Commanderies.

Guthrie No. 1 chose to wear sword hangers suspended from the trouser belt rather than

the sword belt. The appearance of the uniform with the sword hanger was more pleasing than with the sword belt, as well as more comfortable for the wearer.

JEWELS

The proper wearing of the military service bar and Masonic service bar was a frequent topic of interest. There is no direction from the Grand Encampment on the topic, nor in our Laws and Regulations. The committee suggests for consideration the wearing of the Masonic service bar with the white square to the inside; and if wearing both bars, the military service bar is worn to the inside.

THE ORDERS

The regional degree festivals have been productive in the creation of new Sir Knights. They have also made the inability of most of our Commanderies to confer the Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta most apparent. Each of our Orders is an obligatory step toward knighthood, and our inability to confer the work at the local level is a detriment to the creation of new Sir Knights. The committee suggests that competition on the Red Cross and Malta Orders be created to encourage the members to become proficient in the conferral of the work.

CONCLUSION

The committee extends its thanks to to the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve our Grand Commandery.

Respectively submitted,

John L. Logan, (29, 1) PGC, Chairman, Glenn H. Kinsley, (29) PGC, James R. Creason, (22) PGC

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee was very happy this year to be required to work. We received three submissions this year and all were found to be in the proper form of valid candidates. The committee met via phone and email several times to discuss our submission. The final decision being made by the Right Eminent Grand Commander was Pastor Travis Hopper. We thank the Sir Knights for their submissions and expect to see more in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted:

Curtis K. Schuermann (20) - Chairman, Mark A. Critchfield (1), Paul T. Currell (22)

REPORT OF THE 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 the following twenty-two 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	
Mark A. Critchfield	Daniel D. Hanttula	Elmo L. Lawson		
Donnie G. Higginbotham		Newell Barker	Brian M. Ragain	

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.

Respectfully submitted:

John L. Logan, (29, 1) PGC, Matthew D. McGee (22), William J. Cloud (53)

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Religious Activities has been researching Christian Holidays besides the three we are required to commemorate, those being Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Day. We have found thirty-eight minor Christian Holidays which we would like to bring to light to the local Commanderies.

We have also been tasked by Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Donnie Higginbotham to put together a program or feast recognizing St. Bernard of Clairvaux and the contributions he made to the Knight Templar. This will take place on or around the 20 of August 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Rolseth, Chairman, Matthew McGee, John E. King, Brian Ragain

SOUTHWEST/SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The four (4) dais officers and the Grand Recorder are required to attend the Department Conference. The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma was represented by eight (8) Grand Commandery Officers (two were attending the Emerging Leader training) and two Past Grand Commanders.

The Grand Commander made a report of our strategies and goals in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is the only Jurisdiction in our Department and one of very few in the nation to have positive growth in membership. There was a formal discussion about Knight Templar support of DeMolay. The Grand Commander shared the things we do for DeMolay in Oklahoma.

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma will be hosting this conference in 2023.

Fraternally submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr (20)

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVAL

The Regional Festival Committee is happy to report that the efforts of the individual Commaderies throughout the State have once again proven fruitful. The work put into

developing the Regional approach has passed the test of time and become a staple for candidates throughout the state. The Regional Festival Committee, as always, stands ready to assist in any way possible and with few exceptions has found this program to become a well-oiled process.

Respectfully Submitted
Curtis K. Schuermann (20)

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION LIFE SPONSORS 2017

The goal of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is to have every Sir Knight of every Commandery to be a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Last year at our Grand Sessions we witnessed the awarding of a \$55,000 research grant to a doctor here in Oklahoma, and this is not the first time this has happened. We get to see that the donations we make to our Charity come back to us. We are not a donor state but a recipient state. The donations of other Sir Knights from other jurisdictions have come to Oklahoma.

We have made a little progress in attaining the goal of 100% participation but still have a way to go but the results are moving in the right direction. Last year I reported that we were at 29.8% and this year we are at 32.6% participation. As part of our dues structure \$1 from our annual dues goes to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, but by purchasing a Life Sponsorship for \$30 you have purchased a lifetime investment into the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and that \$1 is deducted from your annual dues. I strongly encourage each Commandery to consider having the degree fees charged the candidate to include a purchase of a Life Sponsor in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert R. Rolseth
KTEF State Chairman

	Active Members	Life Sponsor ONLY	Patron ONLY	Associate Patron ONLY	GCC ONLY	GMC ONLY	Unique Exemptions LS+P+AP
York Rite	1,359	443 32.6%	30 2.2%	53 3.9%	9 0.7%	22 1.6%	46 34.1%
Knights Templar	1,359	443 32.6%	30 2.2%	53 3.9%	9 0.7%	22 1.6%	46 34.1%
Oklahoma	1,359	443 32.6%	30 2.2%	53 3.9%	9 0.7%	22 1.6%	46 34.1%
1 - Guthrie	80	16 20.0%	2 2.5%	4 5.0%	0 0.0%	2 2.5%	16 20.0%
2 - Muskogee	132	20 15.2%	3 2.3%	2 1.5%	1 0.8%	2 1.5%	21 15.9%
3 - Oklahoma	128	29 22.7%	1 0.8%	1 0.8%	1 0.8%	1 0.8%	29 22.7%
6 - McAlester	121	117 96.7%	1 0.8%	6 5.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.8%	11 98.3%
8 - St Johns	78	12 15.4%	2 2.6%	3 3.8%	1 1.3%	1 1.3%	15 19.2%
9 - Ardmore	50	14 28.0%	1 2.0%	1 2.0%	1 2.0%	0 0.0%	14 28.0%
14 - Ben Hur	53	18 34.0%	1 1.9%	2 3.8%	0 0.0%	3 5.7%	20 37.7%
18 - Lawton	87	19 21.8%	0 0.0%	3 3.4%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	21 24.1%
20 - Trinity	200	80 40.0%	5 2.5%	11 5.5%	3 1.5%	5 2.5%	82 41.0%
22 - Elk City	107	14 13.1%	1 0.9%	2 1.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	16 15.0%
26 - Calvary	48	12 25.0%	1 2.1%	3 6.3%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%	13 27.1%
29 - St Aumer	43	23 53.0%	2 4.7%	5 11.6%	0 0.0%	1 2.3%	25 58.1%

			5%	%	%	%	%	%	%				
38 - Norman	116	35	30.2%	8	6.9%	4	3.4%	1	0.9%	1	0.9%	38	32.8%
53 - Capitol Hill	116	34	29.3%	2	1.7%	6	5.2%	1	0.9%	4	3.4%	35	30.2%

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION REPORT

With the 48th annual KTEF campaign that ended May 15, 2016, Oklahoma donated a total of \$7,118.80. 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 \$1,305.00

The winner of the Ned D. Prator plaque goes to Calvary Commandery No. 26 (Bartlesville), with largest per-capita donations of \$20.98.

The 49th annual campaign does not end until May 15, 2017, so keep those donations coming in.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth
 State Chairman, Knight Templar Eye Foundation

	Cumulative Total	Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2016	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Quantity of Donations	Average Donation
Oklahoma	\$7,118.80		1,364	\$5.22		188	\$37.87
Grand Commandery	\$686.30			\$4.72		1	\$686.30
Ardmore No. 9	\$435.00	5	49	\$8.88	2	10	\$43.50
Ben Hur No. 14	\$15.00	14	49	\$0.31	14	1	\$15.00
Calvary No. 26	\$965.00	2	46	\$20.98	1	13	\$74.23
Capitol Hill No. 53	\$320.00	9	116	\$2.76	12	11	\$29.09
Elk City No. 22	\$385.00	7	108	\$3.56	10	12	\$32.08
Guthrie No. 1	\$320.00	11	75	\$4.27	7	8	\$40.00

Lawton No. 18	\$375.00	8	85	\$4.41	6	17	\$22.06
McAlester No. 6	\$495.00	4	122	\$4.06	8	17	\$29.12
Muskogee No. 2	\$315.00	12	137	\$2.30	13	15	\$21.00
Norman No. 38	\$415.00	6	113	\$3.67	9	16	\$25.94
Oklahoma No. 3	\$610.00	3	125	\$4.88	5	20	\$30.50
St Aumer No. 29	\$147.50	13	47	\$3.14	11	7	\$21.07
St Johns No. 8	\$320.00	10	51	\$6.27	4	7	\$45.71
Trinity No. 20	\$1,305.00	1	206	\$6.33	3	32	\$40.78
{Cimarron Valley No. 42}	\$10.00	15	35	\$0.29	15	1	\$10.00

LONG RANG PLANNING COMMITTEE

The long-range planning committee met at the senior wardens retreat and have determined that two ideas will help grow our esteemed organization.

1) Greater visibility of the Commandery at the local level. We can achieve this by recognizing organizations and individuals that share Templar values. This could perhaps be done at inspection time when more Sir Knights are in attendance.

2) Improvement on committee performance and organization. Plans and vision have already been laid down. It should be up to the committees to IMPLEMENT these plans. We understand that this takes time, commitment and communication along with a strong desire. Let us not try to re- invent the wheel, but IMPLEMENT the designs already on the trestle board.

Respectfully submitted,
 Matt McGee, Chairman (14), Curtis Schuermann (20), Gary Odendahl (8)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

One of the duties of the membership committee is to look into creating a program for rewarding those that secure petitions. We had a program that was discontinued last year due to cost. I hope to have a resolution at the next Grand Sessions to reinstate a modified version of the program.

Local Commanderies need to be made aware that they need to monitor the database for years of service awards. The recorder should then notify the Grand Secretary and Grand Commander when they have a 25 or 50 or more year member so those in Sir Knights can be recognized and given the proper award for their years of service.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery in this capacity. It has been a pleasure and honor.

Respectfully submitted:
 Donnie G. Higginbotham (6), Kenton M. Israel (22), William J. Cloud (53)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Companions & Sir Knights, as you can see from the Grand Recorder's reports that our membership decreased. We had a 12 member loss over last year which is not good even though some jurisdictions would be happy with it. We are convinced that there is no magic pill to fix the problem other than hard work by ALL THE MEMBERS in the following areas:

1. Continue to expand regional degree conferrals.
2. Motivation by talking about the possible purpose of the organization. Ie.... Why? Why are we doing this?
3. Starting at the base - Raise Master Masons & guide them into York Rite.
4. Meeting of the committee at quarterly meetings. - If unable to attend, send a text message or e-mail about what is being done in your area so chairman can report.
5. Membership booth at Grand Lodge. (Also at leadership conference) (Are they looking for a speaker?)
6. Utilization of website. (Very much improved !! Thank You, John)
7. Membership retention. (whether for lack of funds, misunderstanding of degrees, or some other reason)

If all of the Companions and Sir Knights, present at this Grand Session, can go back to your local bodies and convey these ideas, we are sure you will have some success.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt McGee Chairman, Jonathan Annis, Brad Rickleman, Robert Rolseth, John Carter, Michael Sexton, and Paul Currell.

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Grand Master's Festival Committee is composed of the third-ranking officer from each Grand Body, the Grand Scribe, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and the Grand Generalissimo.

The Grand Master's Festival occurred on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at Oklahoma City Lodge 36. M.W. Dudley Ridge Smith graciously spent the day with our new Knight Templars. We again sincerely thank the Grand Master for generously sharing his time on this important day and his continuing support of York Rite Masonry.

We also again thank the degree teams who shared their time and talents, and without whom, the festival could not have occurred.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, Grand Scribe, Matthew D. McGee, Grand Generalissimo, John D. Allford, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The LXVII (67th) Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be held from Saturday, August 18 to Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at Indianapolis, Indiana. The headquarters hotel will be the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown Hotel, 350 West Maryland St., Indianapolis, IN 46225. Triennial registration for the

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Conclave should be accomplished in advance and sent to:

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker
Right Eminent Grand Recorder
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Respectfully Submitted,
Paul T. Currell, Chairman, L. Erik Stuckey, Gary A. Davis

TEMPLE REVIEW

No report.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

Verbal report by Sir Knight John E. King encouraging Sir Knights to submit articles for inclusion in the Knight Templar magazine.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The Webmaster Committee was renamed to Digital Technologies, and an additional member was added. The look and feel of the website was enhanced and modernized; moving to a web development platform that improves security and simplifies the management and the publishing of new content. Some of the significant changes included completely changing the color and layout scheme and making the site compatible with mobile devices. The site can now be managed using the same tool by an administrator from different locations. Site administration is also much simpler.

Security of our personal information is important. Anything published on a public website is subject to being compromised by automatic search engines or “bots” that look for personal information. Although we have been publishing information in the past that included personal phone numbers and addresses, the decision was made to place the Grand Session Proceedings that contained that information in a password protected part of the website. Proceedings published beginning with the 2016 Proceedings do not contain any personal information. That password is available to any York Rite Member that requests it.

A future enhancement will be to move the website to an even more secure environment. However, this will involve additional costs, and a decision will not be made until all options are examined.

Respectfully submitted,

John R Christopher, Chairman
Robert McLeod, Member

PRINTING COMMITTEE

The 2016 proceedings were printed by Cowan Printing at a cost of \$997.12 for 50

copies. (\$19.94 per copy) of which approximately \$332.50 was Grand Commandery cost. We went back to the perfect bound cover in lieu of the spiral. Copies of pre-prints were done by B & C Stationary Co. in Cushing, OK. The Grand Commandery cost was approximately \$145.00 for 100 copies.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul T. Currell (22), Chairman, Timothy P. Israel (22), Gary A. Davis (20 &8)

SOUTHWEST/SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The four (4) dais officers and the Grand Recorder are required to attend the Department Conference. The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma was represented by eight (8) Grand Commandery Officers (two were attending the Emerging Leader training) and two Past Grand Commanders.

The Grand Commander made a report of our strategies and goals in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is the only Jurisdiction in our Department and one of very few in the nation to have positive growth in membership. There was formal discussion about Knight Templar support of DeMolay. The Grand Commander shared the things we do for DeMolay in Oklahoma.

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma will be hosting this conference in 2023.

Fraternally submitted,
James R. Taylor, Jr (20)

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

The Committee on Appreciation would like to express its gratitude to all those responsible for the planning, arranging, and executing of another successful Grand Session. From hotel registration, meals, meetings, and the hospitality room; all worked seamlessly.

The committee would also like to thank all Sir Knights and their families who gave their valuable time in participating in these important decision-making sessions that are vital to our continued growth and existence. We furthermore acknowledge and appreciate the numerous out-of-State dignitaries that have traveled great distances to share the experiences of Oklahoma's Grand Sessions.

Special thanks go out to Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, REGC and his Grand Officers for their dedication and tireless efforts to motivate our members, and continuously move our institution to greater heights. We have all benefited from and applaud your leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Critchfield, Chairman

TIME AND PLACE

I would first like to apologize for being a little behind in getting the 2017 Grand Sessions organized. It was originally thought that the sessions would be held in Guthrie, but that was later changed to Norman. However, once we got over that little bump planning for the session moved forward quickly.

The 2017 Grand Sessions were held at the NCED Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Norman. There were over 100 knights pre-registered, including a number of out-of-

state dignitaries. The registration fee for Oklahoma members was increased from \$15 to \$17 this year to cover the additional costs related to using the PayPal online registration and payment system.

At the quarterly Grand Chapter meeting held on April 1, 2017, the discussion was held on recommendations for next year's grand sessions. After extensive discussion and friendly debate, it was recommended that the Grand Chapter approve the Reed Center in Midwest City, Oklahoma as the site for next year's Grand Sessions. Barring any problems arising that would prevent scheduling, a motion for approval of such is hereby recommended.

As of the date of this report, the following Grand Session financial report is presented;

Paid Registrations:	88
KYCH banquet meal registrations:	74
Ladies Luncheon registrations:	24
Grant banquet meal registrations:	125
Payments received:	\$9,325
Disbursements:	Unknown at this time

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve, and I wish the new officers and next Time and Place Chairman best wishes for the ensuing year!

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Wall, Chairman

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Charles L. Stuckey was presented his 50 year certificate and pin.

A motion was made by Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr. that Sir Knight William Gerald Henry become a voting member of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. He served as Eminent Commander of Moore Commandery No. 6 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky in 2010 through 2014. He is a member of Owasso Masonic Lodge No. 545 and the Tulsa York Rite Bodies.

MOTION PREVAILED

Sir Knight Gary A. Davis made a motion to turn over all the funds in the Knight Templar Education Foundation fund to the Grand Encampment. The Grand Encampment will invest these funds into a combined account which should result in a greater return. They will distribute the proportional interest to our Commandery for our scholarships. They will also be responsible for reporting to the Internal Revenue Service.

MOTION PREVAILED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Donnie G. Higginbotham was nominated for the office of Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation. Matt McGee was nominated for Deputy Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation. Curtis K. Schuermann was nominated for Grand Genralissimo and was elected by acclamation. Gary A. Odendahl 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. Robert R. Rolseth was nominated for Senior Grand Warden and was elected by acclamation. David D. Clayton was nominated for Junior Grand Warden and was elected by acclamation. James R. Taylor, Jr. was nominated for Grand Standard Bearer and was elected by acclamation. John E. King was nominated for Grand Sword Bearer elected by acclamation. Glen A. Chaney was nominated for Grand Warder and was elected by acclamation. John T. Turner nominated for Grand Sentinel and was elected by acclamation.

The following is the list of elected and appointed Officers for 2017-2018 and committees:

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018**

Donnie G. Higginbotham (6)		Right Eminent Grand Commander
Matt McGee (14)		Very Eminent Dep Grand Commander
Curtis K. Schuermann (6)	Dawn	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Gary A. Odendahl (8)	Judith	Eminent Grand Captain General
Richard L. Hargrave, III (22)	Mary	Eminent Grand Prelate
Michael J. Megeath		Eminent Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. Isaacs (22 & 26)	Linda	Eminent Grand Treasurer (Emeritus)
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
Robert R. Rolseth	Marilyn	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
David D. Clayton (2)	Debbie	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
James R. Taylor, Jr.	Gage	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
John E. King (22)	Vicki	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Glen A. Chaney (18)	Patti	Eminent Grand Warder
John T. Turner		Eminent Grand Sentinel

AREA ASSIGNMENTS for 2017-2018

AREA 1 Gary A. Odendahl (405) 650-0864
Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.

702 SW "C" Ave., Lawton, OK 73505
Trinity Commandery No. 20, K.T.
5925 E. 9th St. Tulsa, OK 74112

AREA 2 Robert R. Rolseth (918) 894-3309
Elk City Commandery No. 22, K.T.
102 ½ N. Jefferson Ave., Elk City, OK 73644
Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T.
1700 N. Porter, Norman, OK 73071

AREA 3 David D. Clayton (501) 428-6684
Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T.
121 S. 6th St., Muskogee, OK 74402
Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T.
1200 W. Grand Ave., Ponca City, OK 74601

AREA 4 James R. Taylor, Jr. (918) 630-9523
Guthrie Commandery No.1, K.T.
102 S. Broad, Guthrie, OK 73044
St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
819 ½ Main St., Woodward, OK 73801

AREA 5 John E. King (580) 471-0636
Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
2935 W. Britton Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73120
St. John's Commandery No. 8, K.T.
322 W. Miller St., Stillwater, OK

AREA 6 Glen A. Chaney (580-583-3430)
McAlester Commandery No. 9, K.T.
1st & Adams, McAlester, OK
Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T.
814 N. Key Blvd., Midwest City, OK 73110

AREA 7 Curtis K. Schuermann (479) 238-4640
John T. Turner (405) 227-2688
Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T.
1032 Cherry St. N.W., Ardmore, OK 73401
Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
610 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

WILLIAM J. (Jim) CLOUD

Sir Knight William J. "Jim" Cloud began his Masonic career by joining Blanchard Masonic Lodge No. 395 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in November 1981. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1985 and is currently serving as Treasurer.

Jim joined Oklahoma Chapter No. 91, Circle Council No. 56, and Bethlehem Commandery No. 45 in 1988. He served as Illustrious Master of his Council in 1991 and Commander of his Commandery in 1991. He served as High Priest of his Chapter in 1992. After These Bodies consolidated with Capitol Hill York Rite Bodies, he has served as High Priest of Capitol Hill Chapter No.101 in 2013, Illustrious Master of Capitol Hill Council No. 59 in 2013 and Commander of Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53 in 2014.

Sir Knight Cloud is a 33rd Degree Mason in the Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite and continues to be an active member, along with the Blanchard Chapter No. 237, Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron in 1985 and 1995. Other Masonic Bodies include the White Shrine of Jerusalem, India Shrine Temple, Oklahoma Secretary Association, National Sojourners, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Oklahoma Lodge of Research, Scottish Rite Research Society, York Rite College, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederalis, Order of High Priesthood, Order of Sword and Trowel, Knight York Cross of Honour (KYCH), Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, and Guildhall Masonic Lodge No. 553,

Sir Knight Cloud is currently serving as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for Oklahoma and will be elected Illustrious Master in 2017.

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
- 2016 - William J. Cloud, Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, Midwest City

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

L. ERIK STUCKEY

Sir Knight Stuckey was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason June 2, 1995 in Ponca Lodge No. 83, AF&AM in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He served as Ponca Lodge's Worshipful Master in 2003. He is also a charter member of Guildhall Lodge No. 553, Stillwater, OK and served as its secretary from 2005-2008. He is also a member of Sand Springs Lodge No. 475. Sir Knight Stuckey has served the Oklahoma Grand Lodge as Assistant Sword Bearer in 2002, Grand Tyler in 2006, Senior Grand Deacon in 2008, Grand Marshal in 2009, Senior Grand Steward in 2010, Junior Grand Steward in 2011 and Senior

Grand Deacon in 2012.

Companion and Sir Knight Stuckey was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on September 26, 1996 and served as Excellent High Priest in 2002 for Olivet Chapter No. 25. He is a member of the Order of the High Priesthood. He is also a dual member of Tulsa Chapter No. 52 in Tulsa, OK. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Bernard Council No. 43, Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic Masons) on September 26, 1996, and served as Illustrious Master in 2002. He is a member of the Sword and Trowel of Oklahoma. He is also a dual member of Tulsa Council No. 22 in Tulsa, OK. Sir Knight Stuckey received the orders of Christian Knighthood in Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 on September 26, 1996, and served as Eminent Commander in 2001. He is a member of the Past Commanders Association and a life sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He is also a dual member of Trinity Commandery No. 20 in Tulsa, OK. Sir Knight Stuckey was elected the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Oklahoma on April 27, 2013. Our distinguished companion and Sir Knight was accepted as a member of Oklahoma Priory No. 9, Knights of the York Cross of Honor in May 20, 2004 and served as its Prior in 2011-2012. He accepted an invitation to become a member of the Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in May 21, 2005. He also accepted an invitation to join the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle IV in 2008.

Sir Knight Stuckey was also elected to receive the Allied Masonic Degrees in the McMillion Council No. 15, on November 4, 2005. He also proudly received the Scottish Rite Degrees on June 22, 1996 in the Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma. In 2002, he dualed with the Valley of Tulsa, Orient of Oklahoma.

Community activities include being selected and appointed a trustee of the Sand Springs Home Interests and has served as the Trustee in Charge of the Charities Department; managing the children's home, 110 duplex units for single mothers, a community activity center, and the summer camp on Grand Lake.

He also serves as a board member of the American Heritage Bank Advisory Board since 2004; as a member of the Board of Directors of Sand Spring Community Services since 2004 and as its President in 2013-2014; the advisory board of the Sand Springs Schools Summer Spirit Enrichment Program, 2004-2008; member of the Sand Springs Rotary Club since 2002; Trustee of the Sand Springs Cultural & Historical Museum Trust Authority 2005-2010 and as Chairman 2007-2010; advisory board of the Leadership Sand Springs Steering Committee 2003-2005; as a member of the Board of Directors of the Sand Springs Area Chamber of Commerce from 2003-2008, serving as its Director of Community Development in 2005 and Secretary/Treasurer in 2007, also served as chair of the Oklahoma Community Institute 2003-2006 and received the "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" Environmental Excellence Award in 2005 and the "Up with Trees" Community Award in 2006 for the Redbud Renaissance Project.

Sir Knight Stuckey also currently serves Tulsa County on the Tulsa County Criminal Justice Sales Tax Oversight Committee. He enjoys his memberships in the Association of Christian Childcare Administrators, the Southwestern Association of Executives of Homes for Children and OK Care - Oklahoma Children's Agencies where he serves as Treasurer. Sir Knight Stuckey is most fulfilled by serving and belonging to Osage Hills Christian Church in Tulsa, OK. He was ordained a Deacon in 2005 and as an Elder in 2009. He serves as the Secretary of the General Board since 2005 and serving as an adult Sunday School Teacher since 2006. He is a true believer in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior.

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
L. Erik Stuckey			

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
Jan Israel - 2016	

REMARKS BY GRAND COMMANDER ELECT

Sir Knight Donnie G. Higginbotham greeted the Commandery and announced that S.K. Richard L. Hargrave, III would be the Grand Prelate. Other appointments would be forthcoming.

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, Right Eminent Grand Commander, announced that the installation of officers for all bodies would begin at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon. Sir Knight Israel thanked all the Officers for being here along with all the other Sir Knights. Greetings were brought by Sir Knight Michael Johnson, R.:E.: Grand Captain General 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 Timothy P. Israel.

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
April 22nd, 2016**

The Forty-Fourth Annual Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Oklahoma on April 22nd, 2016. The Conclave was opened at 4:30 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

Knight Commander	Daniel D. Hanttula
Knight First Lieutenant	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight Second Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman

Knight Recorder-Treasurer
Knight Warder
Knight Sentinel
Knight Prelate

Robert R. Rolseth, PKC
Truman B. Burns
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Timothy P. Israel

There were 36 members present, per the Knight Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander Daniel D. Hanttula 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: Gary A. Davis, Bradley S. Rickelman, and Joe R. Manning, Jr. Also introduced was Paul T. Currell, the R E Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The passing of the following members was noted: Lilburn M. Pierce, Joe F. Warriner, Dean Bombolt, Calvin E. Mettee, John F. Williams, James R. Booth, James E. Smyrl PKC, A. B. Harrison PKC, and Rex L. Eustler.

The minutes of the April 24th, 2015 Annual Conclave and August 15th, 2015 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:

NOMINEE	COMMANDERY	YEAR	NOMINATOR
James D. Nobles	Oklahoma No. 3	2015	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Curtis K. Schuermann	Trinity No. 20	2015	James R. Taylor, Jr.
Gerald E. Hammond	Cimarron Valley No. 42	2013	Gary A. Davis

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers and the following members were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Knight Commander	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight First Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman
Knight Second Lieutenant	Truman B. Burns
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Knight Sentinel	Marshall Clayton

The Knight Commander Elect appointed Timothy P. Israel to be Knight Prelate.

The new officers were installed.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 20th, 2016 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.

Stephen P. Guerrero
Knight Commander

Robert R. Rolseth
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL CONCLAVE
August 20th, 2016**

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 20th, 2016. The Conclave was opened at 1:35 p.m. with the following officers present:

Knight Commander	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
Knight First Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman
Knight Second Lieutenant	Truman Burns
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Knight Sentinel	Marshall Clayton
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel

There were 24 members and 11 candidates present, per the Kt. Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander Stephen P. Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Tim Israel giving the invocation.

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following three candidates had accepted the invitation to become members of the Association and were in waiting for the Ceremony of Reception:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
Matthew T. Cargill	Guthrie No. 1
James D. Nobles	Oklahoma No. 3
Curtis K. Schuermann	Trinity No. 20

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following candidate, who was elected at the 2015 Annual Conclave, was unable to attend:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
Troy L. Collier	St. Aumer #29 (Woodward)

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:

Knight Commander	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.		
Knight First Lieutenant	Bradley S. Rickelman		
Knight Second Lieutenant	Truman Burns		
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.		
Knight Warder	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.		
Knight Sentinel	Marshall Clayton		
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel		
Lecture No. 1	Gary Odendahl	Lecture No. 2	Andy Palmer
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 P.K.C.
Lecture No. 7	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Lecture No. 8	Gary Davis
Lecture No. 9	Daniel Hanttula P.K.C.	Lecture No. 10	Matt McGee
Lecture No. 11	Steve Smith	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 Timothy P. Israel, 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 Stephen P. Guerrero at 3:00 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT
April 1st, 2016 – March 31st, 2017**

The Kt. Recorder-Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year April 1st, 2016 through March 31st, 2017 is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Total inducted members as of April 1st, 2016:		457
Members received on August 20th, 2016:	3	
Reported deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, and revocations through March 31st, 2017:	<u>321</u>	
Total members believed to be living as of March 18st, 2017:		139

FINANCIAL

04/01/2016 – Opening Balance		
Checking Account #2343701		\$3,096.25
Receipts:		
08/30/2016 – Membership Fees	150.00	
Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	<u>4.50</u>	
Total Receipts	154.50	
Disbursements:		
06/24/2016 – Check #1042 – Painting Solutions/membership cards	147.66	
08/20/2016 – Check #1043 – Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	197.66	
03/31/2017 – Ending Balance		
Checking Account #2343701		\$3,053.09
03/31/2017 – Ending Balance		
Certificate of Deposit #150006		<u>\$3,000.00</u>
03/31/2015 – Total Financial Assets		\$6,053.09

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	2016	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
	* deceased		

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA — 2017

<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		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	John E. King	David E. Potter PO Box 241
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 Hourguettes, 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	Harry W. Gordon
Nevada	Ted P. Bendure	Joseph M. Rough	Frank 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		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 Odom	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

2016 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. Halbrook 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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