

SPECIAL EVENTS PRIOR TO GRAND PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

**Holiday Inn Airport, Oklahoma City
March 28, 2009**

The Past Grand High Priest's Association held its annual breakfast meeting at 6:30 a.m., March 28, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Airport in Oklahoma City, with nine members and guests present. Members present were Charles Stuckey, E.M. Isaacs, David Ray, Ellis Sappington, Newell Barker, Tim Israel, Kenneth Buckley and James Smyrl. Edmund D. Harrison, New York, was introduced and welcomed.

In the absence of the three line officers, the meeting was called to order by Charles Stuckey, Secretary. The invocation was given by Tim Israel. Following the Flag Salute and introductions, the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given by Charles Stuckey, Secretary, and approved.

It was moved and seconded that we donate \$1,000 to RARA; \$1,500 to DeMolay (\$750 for National Leadership Conference and \$750 for the York Rite Leadership Conference); \$1,500 to Rainbow for Leadership Training; that the cost of the breakfast be paid; and that the secretary be paid \$110 for incidentals. Motion prevailed.

An RARA pin was presented to David Ray. Jimmie Dooley was not present to receive his.

The past presidents present, E. M. Isaacs, David Ray, Ellis Sappington and Kenneth Buckley were appointed to the Nominating Committee for next year's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Charles L. Stuckey
Secretary

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND EQUITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009

CASH:

RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City	
Account No. 55-1192	\$ 5,456.47

INVESTMENTS:

RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City		
Account No. 65267 @ 3.75%, 10-23-09	5,000.00	
Account No. 66241 @ 4.00%, 10-24-10	<u>5,000.00</u>	\$10,000.00

Wachovia, Ponca City, Account No. 4995-7445	<u>Maturity Value</u>
Cash	\$ 2,794.50
Chesapeake & Potomac Tele Co. @ 7.150%, 5-1-23	10,000.00
Household Finance Corp. @ 6.000%, 5-15-23	5,000.00
Household Finance Corp. @ 6.000%, 10-15-23	5,000.00
Citigroup Global Mkts. @ 5.50%, 3-15-30	5,000.00
Ford Motor Co. Note @ 7.45%, 7-16-31	5,000.00
Goldman Sachs Group @ 6.125%, 2-15-33	5,000.00
Federal Home Loan Mortgage @ 5.00%, 1-15-20	5,000.00
Federal Natl. Mtg. Assoc. @ 6.00%, 11-25-31	1,000.00

Federal Natl. Mtg. Assoc. @ 6.00%, 7-11-25	9,000.00
Total Bonds and Cash	\$52,794.50

	<u>NAV</u>
First Trust Specialty F.&F. Opportunities Fund	1,179.00
ING Perpetual Hybrid Capital @7.375%	2,534.20
ISHARES Trust S&P USFPD Stock Index	<u>20,826.73</u>
Total Equities	<u>\$24,539.93</u>
Total Assets	\$92,790.90

**CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<u>Cash on deposit, RCB Pioneer,</u>	
Ponca City, OK – January 1, 2008	\$ 5,564.74

DEPOSITS:

Checking Account Interest	\$ 23.52	
RCB Pioneer CD Interest	1,022.32	
A. G. Edwards Bond Interest & Dividends	<u>4,295.61</u>	
Total Deposits		\$5,341.45

DISBURSEMENTS:

Charles L. Stuckey	110.00	
Annual Breakfast	113.73	
Rainbow	1,500.00	
RARA	1,000.00	
DeMolay	1,500.00	
Wachovia	<u>226.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 4,449.73

Cash on Deposit, RCB Pioneer	
Ponca City, OK – December 31, 2008	\$ 5,456.47

Note: \$20,000.00 in CDs cashed at RCB-Pioneer were deposited in this account and then transferred to the Wachovia Account. This was a pass through and not an income or expense.

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

120TH Annual Convocation
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

115th Annual Assembly
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

114th Annual Conclave
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

March 26, 2009
Holiday Inn Airport
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Order of Service

Officiating: Charles L. Stuckey, R.E. Grand Prelate

Invocation: Charles L. Stuckey, R.E. Grand Prelate

Hymn: Near to the Heart of God

Devotional - Isaiah 42:1, 16 by Companion James C. Taylor, Excellent Grand Chaplain
Honoring the Deceased of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

Devotional - Deuteronomy 31:24-26 by
Companion Don Whitman, Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Honoring the Deceased of the Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

Devotional – John 11:25-36, Luke 24:50-51 by Sir Knight Charles L. Stuckey, Eminent
Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma
Honoring the Deceased of the Knights Templar of Oklahoma

Included are Companions and Sir Knights:

Jesse H. Burns, Past Grand High Priest
John A. Schrawger, Jr., Past Grand Commander
William “Sandy” Pierce, Past Grand Commander
James R. Onkst, Past Grand Master A.F. & A.M. of Oklahoma

Plus 50 other Companions and Sir Knights

They served the York Rite faithfully and well. The entire Oklahoma York Rite Family join
us in saying....

“YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED”.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

Companion Timothy P. Israel, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Companion E. David Snyder, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Sir Knight Michael E. Hampton, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Hymn – “Onward Christian Soldiers”

Offering – Proceeds split between the Royal Arch Research Assistance, Cryptic Masons
Medical Research, and Knight Templar Eye Foundation

BENEDICTION: Don Whitman

JOINT BANQUET ACTIVITIES
28 MARCH 2009

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



James Rossi being presented plaque for outstanding service to York Rite Masonry



Edwin Womack being presented General Chapter Bronze Medal



James Taylor being presented General Grand Cryptic Mason of the Year Award



Nellie Davis being presented Companion of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment



William "Pete" Nation being presented Companion of the Temple Award from Grand Encampment



Daniel Pryor being presented Companion of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment



Matt McGee presented Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar



Dale Floyd, Commander Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 accepting Work & Tactics Award for Class "A" Commandery Inspection



Edwin Womack, Commander Elk City Commandery No. 22 accepting Work & Tactics Award for Class "B" Commandery Inspection



Paul Currell presented "Youth Leadership" Award from General Grand Council Cryptic Masons

Not pictured is Companion Joe Harold Britton who received the "Joseph Samuel Murrow" award.

Additionally, a presentation was made by Reverend Mosely, Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bartlesville, concerning his recent trip to Israel. He was most appreciative of having been selected for the trip and presented an emotional slide show of his experiences.

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



**ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

MARCH 28TH

A.D. 2009

A.I. 2539

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009 CAPITULAR YEAR**

Tim Israel (50)	Jan	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Donnie Higginbotham (01)		Right Excellent Grand King
Dean Monroe (14)	Sierra	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Elwood M. Isaacs (55)	Linda	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Gary A. Davis (81)	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Ron Carr (25)	Alma	R.: E.: Grand Captain of the Host
John E. King (44)	Vicki	E.: Grand Principal Sojourner
Hollis O. Edgar (81)		E.: Grand Royal Arch Captain
Robert R. Rolseth (52)	Marilyn	E.: Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil
Raymond Stoll (7)	Sherry	E.: Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil

Paul Currell (50)

Shonda

E.: Grand Master of the 1st Veil



Gene Harper (11)

Mary

E.: Grand Sentinel



James C. Taylor (50)

Earlene

E.: Grand Chaplain



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

**One Hundred Twentieth Annual
Convocation**

**Held In The
Holiday Inn Airport Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 28, 2009**





TIMIOOTHY P. ISRAEL
2008-09

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Most Excellent 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 Schools and graduated from Keyes High School in 1972. He attended Southwestern State College (now Southwestern Oklahoma State University) in Weatherford for two years. Tim transferred to the University of Oklahoma in Norman to continue his studies and prepare to enter law school. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Economics from the OU College of Business in 1976. Shortly after graduation, in August of 1976, Tim married Jan Elizabeth Clark, of Boise City, Oklahoma.

Two weeks after their marriage, Tim began Law School at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. After graduation in 1979, Tim and Jan moved to Elk City, Oklahoma to begin the practice of law. He practiced law in Elk City from 1979 to 1987. Tim 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.

Tim also serves the Canute United Methodist Church as a Lay Pastor, a position he has held since 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 Royal Arch Masons, belonging to Elk City Chapter # 50. Kent is an accountant for Conoco Phillips in Bartlesville. 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. Kirk is a Senior at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, also in Bartlesville, and is engaged to Taylor Coolley of Dewey, Oklahoma. Kyle is a freshman at Oklahoma Wesleyan University as well.

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 1995 and joined the Cowboy Degree Team, sponsored by Elk City Lodge # 182. They traveled around western Oklahoma conferring Master Mason degrees. Also in 1985 he received his first "C" Certificate Card. Tim served his Lodge as Senior Steward, Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master in 1990, and several times as Chaplain.

Also in 1985, Tim 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. 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 was recently appointed Lt. of the Guard in the Council of Kadosh.

Tim has served the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma as the District Deputy Grand Master for District 18 and has served on several committees.

In 2005, Tim was honored to receive the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service. Tim works in all the Chapter Degrees. He has served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma on multiple committees and as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 2004-05, and was elected as R.E. Grand Captain of the Host

in 2005, R.E. Grand Scribe in 2006, R.E. Grand King in 2007, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2008.

Tim currently serves as the Excellent Master of Ceremonies in the Order of High Priesthood.

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

Tim is a past Commander of Elk City Commandery #22, having served as Eminent Commander five times. Elk City Commandery celebrated 100 years of Templary two years ago, when Tim was Eminent Commander. He is a member of the Past Commanders Association and in 2008 was honored to receive the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

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, Joseph S. Lewis Council # 66, Knight Masons, Oklahoma York Rite College # 75, Oklahoma College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, and Paul T. Million Jr. Council #455 Allied Masonic Degrees. He is also a member of Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders.

Tim is a past Patron of Elk City Chapter # 89, Order of the Eastern Star and was recently very involved in reactivating the Chapter so they could be Chartered again. He and Jan now serve as Worthy Associate Matron and Worthy Associate Patron.

Youth orders have been one of Tim's recent passions. He and his law partner, David Brooks, established W.O.W. Chapter, Order of DeMolay, which meets at Elk City Lodge. He has served as Chapter Dad since 2000. He was recognized with the Guild of the Leather Apron, as the outstanding Chapter Dad in 2007. He 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 has also been honored by receiving the Honorary Legion of Honor.

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 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.

Tim was also an active member of the Elks Lodge (B.P.O.E.), Rotary International, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Western Oklahoma Historical Society.

In addition to community activities, Tim is 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 became President of the Beckham County Bar in 1982.

Tim has had a wonderful experience serving as Grand High Priest this year.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND DISTRICTS
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
FOR THE YEAR 2008 – 2009**

DISTRICT 1

Paul Currell



Guymon Chapter No.70
Elk City Chapter No.50
Woodward Chapter No.72

DISTRICT 2

John E. King



Lawton Chapter No.44
Altus Chapter No. 60

DISTRICT 3

Raymond Stoll



Cyrus Chapter No. 7
Norman Chapter No.24

DISTRICT 4

Dean Monroe



Shawnee Chapter No. 32
Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101

DISTRICT 5

Hollis O. Edgar



Guthrie Chapter No. 6
Stillwater Chapter No. 14
Cimarron Valley Chapter No.81

DISTRICT 6

Robert R. Rolseth



Muskogee Chapter No. 3
Okmulgee Chapter No. 39
Tulsa chapter No. 52

DISTRICT 7

Ron Carr



Olivet Chapter No. 25
Bartlesville Chapter No. 55

DISTRICT 8

Gene Harper



Ardmore Chapter No.11
Indian Chapter No.1

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2008-2009**

STANDING COMMITTEES

ESTABLISHED BY CONSTITUTION, LAW, OR RESOLUTION

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

John D. Miller, Jr. (52) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
William D. Bowie, Jr. (32) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED] Ex-Officio
Ron Carr (25) Ex-Officio - [REDACTED]

CREDENTIALS

David A. Ray (32) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Joshua R. Taylor (6) - [REDACTED]
Dale Floyd (25) - [REDACTED]
Hollis O. Edgar (81) - [REDACTED]

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK

Kenneth D. Buckley (39) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Paul G. Watkins (52) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (50) - [REDACTED]
Asst. Dan C. Pryor (7) - [REDACTED]

FINANCE

Kenneth D. Buckley (39) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
James E. Smyrl (52) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Donnie Higginbotham (01) - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED] Ex-Officio

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

2006-08 John L. Logan (29) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2007-09 Charles L. Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2008-10 John D. Miller, Jr. (52) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

James E. Smyrl (52) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JURISPRUDENCE

Bobby L. Carter (32) - [REDACTED]
ALL PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

TRIENNIAL

Elwood M. Isaacs (55) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Kenneth D. Buckley (39) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (50) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

2008- Glenn H. Kinsley (72) - [REDACTED]
2009- Patrick Couch (52) - [REDACTED]
2010- Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

2008- Kenneth D. Buckley Kenneth D. Buckley, President
2009- Neal D. Leech Gary A. Davis, Secretary
2010- Elwood M. Isaacs

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

DEMOLAY

Joe R. Manning, Jr. (101) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (81) - [REDACTED]
Willis L. Emerson (52) - [REDACTED]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2006-2008 - David A. Ray (32) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MEMBERSHIP

Robert G. Davis (6) - [REDACTED]
ALL MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
OKLAHOMA

MURROW AWARD

Donnie Higginbotham (01) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]
Elwood M. Isaacs PGHP (55) - [REDACTED]
Bobby L. Carter PGHP (32) - [REDACTED]
Ron Carr (25) - [REDACTED]

BRONZE MEDAL- MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Tim Israel (50) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Donnie Higginbotham (01) - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (81) - [REDACTED]

NECROLOGY

James C. Taylor (50) - [REDACTED]

OK MASON

William D. Bowie, Jr. (32) - Chmn - 37729 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
James E. Smyrl (52) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION

2008-09 William D. Bowie, Jr (32) - President - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
John J. Petrik (25) - 1st VP - [REDACTED]
Rex L. Bowen (81) - 2nd VP - [REDACTED]
Charles L. Stuckey (25) - Sec - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

L. Erik Stuckey (25) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Wesley A. Sherrick, Jr. (20) - [REDACTED]

Bobby L. Carter (32) - [REDACTED]

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Donnie Higginbotham (01) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr. (32) - 807 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Patrick Couch (52) - [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Joshua R. Taylor (6) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

David A. Ray (32) - [REDACTED]

Donnie Higginbotham (01) - [REDACTED]

Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

L. Erik Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
At The One Hundred Twentieth Annual
Convocation Held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 28, 2009**

There being a constitutional number of Chapters represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred-Twentieth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was opened in the Holiday Inn Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2009, with Companion Timothy P. Israel, M.:E.: Grand High Priest, presiding. The following officers were in their respective stations and places:

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST..... TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING..... DONNIE HIGGINBOTHAM
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE..... DEAN MONROE
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER..... ELWOOD M. ISAACS
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY..... GARY A. DAVIS
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND CAPT OF HOST..... RON CARR
EXCELLENT GRAND PRINCIPLE SOJOURNER..... JOHN E. KING
EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN..... HOLLIS O. EDGAR
EXCELLENT GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL..... ROBERT R. ROLSETH
EXCELLENT GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL..... ED WOMACK for RAYMOND STOLL
EXCELLENT GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL..... HARVEY KAYLOR
EXCELLENT GRAND SENTINEL..... RICHARD DUNAWAY for GENE HARPER
EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLIN..... JAMES C. TAYLOR

The flag of the United States of America was presented and the Companions present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by the Grand Chaplain, James C. Taylor. The Grand High Priest appointed Ed Womack as Grand Master of the 2nd Veil and Richard Dunaway as Grand Sentinel in the absence of Raymond Stoll and Gene Harper respectively. The Grand High Priest appointed Companions Michael McConnell, Kent Israel, and Harvey Kaylor as tellers.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

Charles L. Stuckey	1975-76	Kenneth D. Buckley	1981-82
Ellis Sappington	1989-90	Glenn Tuttle	1990-91
Elwood M. Isaacs	1996-97	David A. Ray	1997-98
Newell K. Barker	2003-04	James E. Smyrl	2005-06

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

Paul Currell - District No. 1	John E. King - District No. 2
Absent - District No. 3	Dean Monroe - District No. 4
Hollis O. Edgar - District No. 5	Robert R. Rolseth - District No. 6
Ron Carr - District No. 7	Absent – 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. None was noted.

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

The Grand High Priest requested a roll call of the Constituent Chapters. He extended to them a cordial welcome. Out of 19 Chapters, 11 were represented by either the High Priest, King, or Scribe. They are as follows:

Muskogee No. 3	Cyrus No. 7	Stillwater No. 14
Norman No. 24	Olivet No. 25	Shawnee No. 32
Okmulgee No. 39	Elk City No. 50	Tulsa No. 52
Altus No. 60	Cimarron Valley No. 81	

APPROVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 120TH GRAND SESSION

To: The Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Distinguished Guests, and Companions all.

It is my distinct privilege to welcome you to this 120th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. To all our distinguished visitors, I am so glad you are here and I hope your visit has been and will continue to be a pleasant one.

Voting Members of this Grand Chapter, this is your Grand Chapter. You are invited, encouraged and expected to take an active part in our decisions. Companions who are not entitled to vote, I really appreciate your attendance and encourage all of you to return.

I would be remiss if I failed to offer my greetings and congratulations to Most Illustrious Companion David Snyder, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and to Right Eminent Sir Knight Michael Hampton, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Oklahoma. It has been a pleasing and rewarding experience to serve with these fine Masons and leaders.

It is a special privilege to have Most Excellent Companion Edmund D. Harrison, General Grand King here with us. It was exciting to be present at the installation of Companion Harrison and our other General Grand Officers at the Triennial in Indianapolis.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard Massad, I offer a very special welcome. I have had an opportunity to work with you during your term of service in the Grand line and have been regularly inspired and encouraged by your willingness to unselfishly serve the Craft in Oklahoma. It is my desire and hope that your goals will be met in an outstanding manner this year.

It has been a year of great privilege and satisfaction to have been able to serve you Companions as Grand High Priest. At every Chapter visit, I was received with respect and appreciation. I lack adequate words to express my thankfulness for the honor and fraternal courtesies extended to me and my officers. My biggest regret is that I have not been able to make multiple visits to every Chapter.

Grand Officers

I have been blessed with outstanding Grand Officers this year. I appreciate all of you who traveled the miles and met me for my Official Visits this year. I thank you all for

your attitudes of encouragement toward the Chapters we are serving and toward me. Thank you so much. I am deeply in your debt for all your service.

Apron Presentation

Immediately following my Installation, while still at the Holiday Inn Airport, I was honored at a reception for Companion David Snyder, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Sir Knight Michael Hampton, Right Eminent Grand Commander and myself. At that reception I was presented with an exquisite Grand High Priest apron by the Companions of Elk City Chapter # 50. The apron is fabulous and I have worn it in my travels around the State and beyond. It was wonderful that my wife, sons, and my extended family were all able to be there for my installation and for this reception. To my Companions of Elk City #50, I sincerely thank you for the apron and for all the support you have offered me this year.

Necrology

It saddens me to think about, not just the number of Companions who have completed the Temple of Life, but in the loss of their leadership in our bodies. We mourn the loss of Most Excellent Companion Jesse Burns, Past Grand High Priest who passed away just before our Grand Sessions last year. Our numbers have decreased from 1573 Companions to 1495 this year. The Returns from the Chapters show a loss of 48 members due to death this year. There are 52 brethren for whom we prayed at our Divine and Memorial Service; Companions who will be greatly missed.

Dispensations and Requests

- Apr 13 Companion Donnie Higginbotham, REGK, called me indicating that Muskogee # 2 wanted a dispensation to hold a meeting on a night other than their regular meeting night to discuss changing their by-laws to allow them to change their meeting night. I requested that I be notified in writing and I never received a contact in writing. No dispensation was granted.
- Jun 16 I received a request from the Secretary of Norman Chapter #24 for a dispensation to hold an election of officers out of time, which I cheerfully granted. Norman Chapter had reached a sufficient number of members to meet and run a Chapter.
- Sep 29 I approved the by-laws amendment of Capitol Hill Chapter #101, Midwest City, to change their dues.
- Sep 19 I received a notice from Stillwater that a vote would be taken on November 12 to amend their by-laws to change their annual dues. I approved these changes.
- Nov 11 I received a request from Tulsa Chapter #52 for a dispensation to hold elections at their November 17th meeting. That was less than 10 days away and I advised them that I would not grant a dispensation unless they could contact all of their members and give them adequate notice. They chose to hold their elections at their December 15th meeting and withdrew their request for dispensation.
- Dec 12 I granted a dispensation to Olivet Chapter #25, Ponca City, to hold an election of officers out of time, due to an ice storm in Ponca City on the night of their regular elections.
- Feb 16 I issued a Letter of Dispensation for the Formation of a New Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to Chapter Veritas # 103 U.D.. I received an application in proper form from 9 or more Royal Arch Companions. The Chapter will meet in the Oklahoma City area. The Companions appointed to serve Chapter Veritas U.D. are:
High Priest (U.D.) - Joshua Taylor
King (U.D.) – Erik O'Neal
Scribe (U.D.) – Matthew Cargill
Secretary (U.D.) – A. Dean Monroe
- Feb 16 I issued a Letter of Dispensation for the Formation of a New Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to Ada Chapter # 26 U.D.. I received an application in proper form from 9 or more Royal Arch Companions. The Chapter will meet in the Oklahoma City area. The Companions appointed to serve Ada Chapter U.D. are:
High Priest (U.D.) – William W. Walker

King (U.D.) – Elmer G. Love
Scribe (U.D.) – Troy Shipman
Secretary (U.D.) – Donnie G. Higginbotham

Actions

Appointments and Changes of Grand Representatives.

On the recommendation of the Grand High Priests from other Jurisdictions, I was pleased to commission the following companions as Grand Representatives to Oklahoma near their Grand Jurisdiction.

Quebec	Companion Charles David McCormack
Arkansas	Companion Jerry Whorton
Washington	Companion Ross B. Othhus

Awards –General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal

I promoted the Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter Awards all year in my travels. I know how important it is to have outstanding nominees from whom to choose. I was pleased to nominate an excellent candidate for this award. His leadership is vital to his home Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. This award will be presented at our Grand Banquet.

The Joseph Samuel Murrow Award For Meritorious Service

Samuel Murrow, who is considered as the Father of Masonry in Oklahoma. He was also very influential in Capitular Masonry, having served as Grand High Priest and starting Chapters wherever he moved. It is a distinct honor to present this prestigious Grand Chapter Award to an outstanding Mason and a personal hero of mine. This award will be presented at our Grand Banquet. I am disappointed to only be able to grant one Murrow Award; however, my ability is limited by the number of nominations.

Membership Recognition

50 Year Membership Award

I have the privilege to present a 50 year membership certificate and pin. It is always a joy to present such documents. It is a special honor for me to present these to a man who has actively served his Chapter for that period of time.

Dewey A. Coldiron – Guymon #70

Perpetual Members

We celebrate 4 new perpetual memberships this year.

Virgil Williams –Altus,
William A. Nation – Norman,
James R. Taylor, Jr. – Tulsa,
Jim C. Cantrell – Ardmore

Membership Incentives

We created incentives for those Companions who have recruited specific numbers of new members for our bodies. We were pleased to present the following awards:

10 New Members – James C. Taylor, Elk City – York Rite Billfold
20 New Members – Bobby Laws, Altus – York Rite Billfold & Watch

Visitations and Travel

Apr 12 I attended a joint reception for M.:I.: E. David Snyder, Grand Illustrious Master, R.:E.: Michael E. Hampton, Grand Commander, and myself after our installation at Grand Sessions. It was a very special time for the three of us to celebrate together. I received a beautiful Grand High Priest Apron from the Elk City York Rite Bodies.

Apr 28 I traveled to Indian #1 at McAlester to present the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal to Companion Joseph C. Tannehill. He wasn't at our Grand Sessions and Most Excellent Glenn Kinsley, PGHP, asked if I would make the presentation. M.:E.: Comp. Elwood Isaacs, Past Grand High Priest, E.: Comp. Paul Currell and I traveled to McAlester. Also present was M.:E.: Comp. Bobby Carter, Past Grand High Priest and R.:E.: Comp. Donnie Higginbotham

Apr 29 I traveled to Lawton #44, with E.: Comp. James C. Taylor, one of my Custodians

- of the Work, along with E.:Comp. Paul Currell where we assisted them with Ritual Practice, which included opening and closing a Chapter as well as working on the Mark Master degree.
- May 3 I attended various Masonic related meetings held on *All Masonic Day* in Guthrie, OK and was specifically recognized as Grand High Priest at the York Right College meeting and was extended pleasing courtesies.
- May 9 On a personal note, I conferred the first section of the Master Mason Degree on my youngest son, Kyle Israel and served as the 1st Ruffian in the second section. (*see notes on Dec 29 & Jan 2*)
- May 17 I traveled to Shawnee where I was recognized as the M.:E.: Grand High Priest by the Eminent Prior of Oklahoma Priory #9, Knight York Cross of Honor, and invited to introduce the officers of the Grand Chapter who were present for the convocation. M.:E.: Companion Kenneth Buckley, PGHP, in his capacity as Grand Registrar of Convent General, presented me with a certificate distinguishing me with the decoration, rank, and title of a Knight York Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant. Following that meeting, I attended the Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine spring convocation, also in Shawnee, where I was recognized as Grand High Priest, and extended pleasing courtesies by the Puissant Sovereign.
- May 24-26 I attended Oklahoma Rainbow Grand Assembly in Norman on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. I had a wonderful weekend and was privileged to be *created* a Master of the Grand Cross, at the Grand Cross of Color Banquet on Friday night. On Saturday, I served as a ritual judge for their ritual competition. Later that day, I was introduced, with my wife, at the Grand Banquet by Tracie Rivers, Grand Worthy Advisor. Following the Banquet, we attended another ceremony which included Drills and Flag Tributes where I brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and presented a check to assist with the leadership training for these young ladies.
- May 29 At the Grand Court of Amaranth, held in Oklahoma City I was recognized by H. L. Frances Turney, Grand Royal Matron and S. K. Duane R. Selvey, Grand Royal Patron and privileged to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
- May 30 I traveled to Tulsa to attend the Tulsa York Rite Festival. I was informally received and given an opportunity to speak both to the candidates and the members present about Royal Arch Masonry.
- Jun 6 At the Oklahoma Job's Daughter's GOLDEN JUBILEE Grand Sessions in Oklahoma City, we were treated to a pleasant banquet where I was introduced by the Christina Bartlett, Grand Bethel Honored Queen / Miss Oklahoma Job's Daughter and escorted by these lovely young ladies to my seat in the general session. Later I brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M.
- Jun 14 I attended the Quarterly York Rite Meeting, held at Cyrus Chapter #7. At that meeting we had an enlightening presentation by Companion M.:W.:Robert T. Shipe on Committee Function and Selection. We also had training offered by R.:E.: Companion Gary Davis, Grand Secretary, on reporting requirements for constituent chapters. Companion Davis was joined by M.:E.:Comp. Ike Isaacs, PGHP and Grand Treasurer, to teach us about budgeting, focusing on the budgets and budgeting process of the Grand Bodies. It is an intentional goal of M.:I.: E. David Snyder, Grand Illustrious Master, R.:E.: Michael E. Hampton, Grand Commander, and myself to provide training for all of our Grand Officers, as well as training for the officers of our constituent bodies. After a wonderful lunch, each of the Grand Bodies separated into break-out sessions and offered our own training with regard to the goals and plans for our Grand Bodies. In the Grand Chapter breakout, we discussed my program for the year, which included such items as Ritual, Membership, Community Involvement, Civic Outreach,

- Leadership, Fellowship, and Education. We also offered specific training for the District Deputy Grand High Priests.
- Jun 17 I made my official visit to Elk City Chapter # 50, in Elk City. I was formally received and presented pleasing courtesies. I expressed my appreciation for all the help they had provided and for the wonderful Apron they purchased for me.
- Jun 21 I attended a meeting called by R.:W.: Richard Massad, Deputy Grand Master of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma. The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the calendars and programming of the various Masonic affiliated and appendant bodies in Oklahoma so that we could limit, as far as possible, the scheduling conflicts in our fraternity. It was a very productive meeting.
- Jun 27 I attended a Cornerstone Ceremony at the Greer County Courthouse in Mangum, Oklahoma. I was privileged to spread cement as the Grand High Priest and as a representative of the York Rite of Oklahoma. E.:Comp. John King, Grand Principal Sojourner was present and participated as well.
- Jul 1 I traveled to Okmulgee Chapter # 39, in Okmulgee for my Official Visit. I was requested to open Chapter as High Priest and we opened and closed in ritualistic form. Because I was in the East, I made my presentation from there. It was pleasing to have a sufficient number of companions present to open and have a meeting. I congratulate Okmulgee on seeking to perform as a Royal Arch Chapter. I urged them and the Companions from Tulsa Chapter #52 to come together and work on presenting some Degree work in Okmulgee. They have wonderful paraphernalia and a long York Rite history. Present with me was R.:E.: Donnie Higginbotham and E.: Robert Rolseth, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil and DDGHP for District 6.
- Jul 3 I attended a meeting at Altus Chapter # 60, in Altus. This was my official visit and I was officially received. E.:Comp. John King, Grand Principal Sojourner and DDGHP for District 2 was present. It was especially nice to visit Altus Chapter. I am a Charter Member of Altus, but I rarely attend because their meeting night is the same as W.O.W. Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where I am the Chapter Dad.
- Jul 11-13 I attended Oklahoma DeMolay Conclave, in Stillwater, where I represented Oklahoma Grand Chapter as well as performing certain duties as Chapter Dad of W.O.W. Chapter. I attended the both the Private and Public Investiture of the Legion of Honor and was recognized as Grand High Priest. I attended a Reception in honor of the Grand Master following the Investiture. That evening at the Sweetheart Talent Presentation, I was introduced by Ryan Rudebock, State Master Counselor and presented a check from the Past Grand High Priests Association to Oklahoma DeMolay on behalf of Grand Chapter to be used for leadership training.
- Jul 18 I made my official visit at Capitol Hill Chapter # 101, in Midwest City where I was received formally and spoke about my plans and goals for Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma. E.:Comp. Paul Currell, Grand Master of the 1st Veil traveled with me and we were afforded pleasing courtesies, including ice cream. I expressed appreciation for the obvious effort which had been made to be able to open Chapter in ritualistic form.
- Jul 24 I traveled to Woodward to make an official visit to Woodward Chapter #72. I was accompanied by E.:Comp. Paul Currell, DDGHP for District 1. We had a wonderful visit with the High Priest as no other members arrived.
- Jul 26 I attended the Triad Meeting of the Oklahoma bodies of the Red Cross of Constantine in Norman, Oklahoma. I was recognized and introduced by the Intendent General, Bedford Rowland, Jr., of Altus.
- Jul 30 E.:Comp. James C. Taylor, Custodian of the Work, accompanied me to a meeting at Ardmore Chapter # 11. We assisted them in learning to ritualistically open and close Chapter and we walked them through the Mark Master degree.
- Aug 5 I traveled to Lawton to visit Lawton Chapter # 44 for my Official Visit. There were

- many members present. We spent the evening working with the officers in their stations to open a Chapter in ritualistic form. After making a presentation about my plan for Grand Chapter for this year, we assisted them in closing. Present were E.: Comp. John King, Grand Principal Sojourner and DDGHP for District 2 and E.: Comp. Paul Currell, Grand Master of the 1st Veil. We were well received and extended pleasing courtesies.
- Aug 9 I traveled to McAlester where I was initiated into the Paul Million Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees. After which I was recognized as Grand High Priest and asked to make appropriate remarks.
- Aug 11 I traveled to Ardmore for my official visit at Ardmore Chapter # 11. I was thrilled by the quality of work they performed in opening in *full* ritualistic form. It was wonderful to see how much they had practiced and improved from our visit less than two weeks before. I was extended outstanding courtesies, including a wonderful meal with watermelon.
- Aug 13 I traveled to Stillwater for my official visit with Stillwater Chapter #14. I was formally received following a formal ritualistic opening and extended pleasing courtesies. E.: Comp. Paul Currell accompanied me. Also present were R.:E.: Comp. Dean Monroe, Grand Scribe, and R.:E.: Comp. Ron Carr, Grand Captain of the Host. We were also joined by M.:I.: E. David Snyder, Grand Illustrious Master, R.:E.: Michael E. Hampton, Grand Commander, who attended informally as it was my official visit.
- Aug 14 I traveled to visit Norman Chapter # 24 for my official visit and to greet the newly elected officers, who had been installed less than 60 days earlier. I was formally received and presented my plan for this year. I was extended pleasing courtesies, including a wonderful meal with the members and their families. Also present were M.:E.: Comp. Elwood Isaacs, PGHP and Grand Treasurer, and E.: Comp. Raymond Stoll, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil and DDGHP for District 3.
- Aug 16 I traveled to Shawnee where I attended and participated in the conferral of the Order of High Priesthood and was elected Master of Ceremonies of that Order; I also participated in the Order of the Sword and Trowel and the Past Grand Commander's Association. I was introduced as the Grand High Priest and introduced the Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests who were present.
- Aug 26-31 E.: Comp. Paul Currell and I drove to Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend the General Grand Chapter Triennial, where I was a Delegate. I was privileged to carry the Oklahoma Flag in the Parade of Flags. I met many new Companions, including several who had just been names on a list of men I should know. It was quite interesting to see the politics of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. We found time for many entertaining activities as well as attending all the sessions and Banquets. M.:E.: Companion Ken Buckley, PGHP was recognized with the General Grand Chapter Silver Medal. In addition to those I have listed, present were M.:E.: Comp. Charles Stuckey, PGHP, M.:E.: Comp. Ike Isaacs, PGHP, who was serving as Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, and M.:I.: E. David Snyder, M.:I.: Grand Master.
- Sep 1 I traveled to Shawnee #32 for my Official Visit. Due to missing members, I opened and closed the Chapter in ample form. We were provided excellent hospitality, including a pleasing meal. Also present were M.:E.: Comp. David Ray, PGHP, M.:E.: Comp. Bobby Carter, PGHP and accompanying me were E.: Companion Paul Currell, Grand Master of the 1st Veil and Comp. Ron Duffield of Elk City Chapter # 50.
- Sep 6 I traveled to Oklahoma City to participate in our 2nd Quarterly Meeting. Comp. M.:W.: Joe R. Manning, Jr. made a presentation about Masonic Protocol, including proper titles and rank. M.:E.: Comp. Charles Stuckey, PGHP, spoke about appropriate dress for various Masonic events. These presentations were designed to better inform our leadership. We also discussed the upcoming

- Grand Master's Field Day, fraternal social activities, and the possibility of purchasing a digital projector to use to by the Grand Bodies and to check out to constituent bodies as needed. Reports were given by the attendees at the General Grand Triennials, including the fact that the General Grand Chapter and Council each raised their per capita. Breakout sessions by Grand body were also held.
- Sep 11 I traveled to Guthrie # 6, Guthrie, for my Official Visit. We went out for a wonderful meal and then back for a fine meeting. They provided an excellent ritualistic opening. I was officially received. Other Grand Officers present included E.: Comp. Hollis O. Edgar, Grand Royal Arch Captain and DDGHP for District 5, and E.: Comp. Paul Currell, Grand Master of the 1st Veil.
- Sep 13 We held a York Rite Field Day in Oklahoma City in honor of Johnny D. Onkst, M.:W.: Grand Master of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of the State of Oklahoma. It was well attended and Grand Master Onkst spoke to our Candidates and was received and introduced to all of the Companions present that morning. He brought several of his Grand Lodge Line Officers with him. I was privileged to work in the Royal Arch Degree as Jeshua and to be able to greet our new Companions from the East while still in costume. I also had the honor of working with Bernard Council #43 in conferring the Select Master Degree. It was pleasing to me to have each of the Heads of the Grand Bodies to work in the culminating degree of their body.
- Sep 16 I made a second visit to Elk City # 50, and presented my program. I was again received in ritualistic form and was honored with pleasing remarks. E.: Comp. Paul Currell, Grand Master of the 1st Veil and DDGHP for District 1 was present as was E.: Comp. James C. Taylor, Grand Chaplain.
- Sep 19-20 I attended the Southwest York Rite Conference held in Manhattan, Kansas where I represented the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Several very interesting papers were presented. Oklahoma will be the Host State for this Conference next year. I had an opportunity to meet many outstanding York Rite Masons, including our Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Burt F. Lee, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, from Arkansas. The Conference was also attended by Most Excellent Emory J. Ferguson, General Grand High Priest and Most Excellent Edmund D. Harrison, General Grand King.
- Sep 23 I traveled to Cyrus # 7, in Oklahoma City for an official Visit and to observe the Royal Arch Degree. Cyrus has been doing much work rebuilding this year. Their York Rite Bodies working on a degree schedule of one degree per month. It was a fine degree followed by an outstanding additional explanatory lecture by Dan Pryor.
- Oct 4 I attended the Opening Ceremonies at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion and was received and introduced as the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons. I visited with many folks as I briefly assisted at our York Rite Promotional Booth.
- Oct 14 I traveled to visit Olivet #25, Ponca City, for my Official Visit. R.:E.: Comp. Ron Carr, Grand Captain of the Host and DDGHP was present. I was well received and treated to a fine meal
- Oct 18 I attended the Opening Ceremonies at the McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced and received as the Grand High Priest. I spent a brief time at our York Rite Promotional Booth which was well received.
- Oct 20 I attended the Grand Chapter O.E.S. where my local chapter, Elk City #89, was presented its Charter.
- Oct 25 I attended the Opening Ceremonies at the Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion where I was introduced and received as Grand High Priest. I spend much of the day assisting at our Promotional Booth and visited with many men who were interested in knowing more about the York Rite.
- Oct 30 I attended a Masonic Presentation by Jim Tresner at Weatherford Oklahoma on

- the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Although I wasn't formally introduced in the presentation, I visited with the Masons and guests in attendance about York Rite Masonry. Again, we were represented at our Promotional Booth by Companion & Sir Knight Jim Rossi.
- Nov 1 I attended most of the meetings on *All Masonic Day* held in Guthrie, Oklahoma and was introduced and recognized as Grand High Priest.
- Nov 3 I traveled to Drumright for my Official Visit at Cimarron Valley #81. E.: Comp. Hollis Edgar, Grand Captain of the Host, DDGHP, and Excellent High Priest of Cimarron Valley was present along with his King and Secretary.
- Nov 9 I attended the Banquet at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge annual session. After the Banquet, I was accorded the privilege of being seated on stage and asked by M.:W.: Johnny Onkst, M.:W.: Grand Master to bring greetings on behalf of the York Rite of Oklahoma.
- Nov 10 At the Installation of the new M.:W.: Grand Master, M.:W.: Richard Massad and his officers, I was invited to assist the Grand Commandery officers in serving as an escort, after which I was recognized both as a Knight Templar and as M.:E.: Grand High Priest.
- Nov 20 I traveled to Bartlesville #55 for my Official Visit. Due to some unexpected illness of members, I opened and closed the Chapter in ample form. I received pleasant hospitality.
- Nov 21 I traveled to attend the Paul T. Million, Jr. Council AMD Election. At the Installation Banquet, I was recognized by Donnie Higginbotham, the outgoing Sovereign Master as Grand High Priest and brought brief greetings.
- Nov 22 I traveled to Waggoner to attend the Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Fall conclave where I was introduced as Grand High Priest by the Puissant Sovereign.
- Nov 24 I traveled to Muskogee, Oklahoma to visit with the Secretary of Muskogee #3 regarding Grand Chapter business where I inspected the storage area rented by the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Bodies and found it to be suitable and secure. I also used the opportunity to visit about Muskogee #3 which is in the process of changing their meeting time to improve attendance. I was unable to attend the York Rite meeting where a number of Companions and Sir Knights attended to pledge their support for a new meeting night.
- Nov 24 I traveled to visit Indian #1 at McAlester for my Official Visit. I had previously attended to present the Bronze Medal, but came back to present my program for the year. I was officially received and offered pleasing hospitality.
- Dec 16 I was scheduled to return to Muskogee #3 for my Official Visit, however, the meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather.
- Dec 29 On a somewhat personal note, I participated in the Mark Master, Past Master & Most Excellent Master Degrees which were conferred on my youngest son, Kyle Israel, at Elk City #50.
- Jan 2 I conferred the Royal Arch Degree on my youngest son at Elk City #50.
- Jan16-18 I attended York Rite DeMolay Workshop in Oklahoma City. Although I am a DeMolay Chapter Dad, I made every effort to represent OK Grand Chapter, R.A.M., by my dress and my demeanor. I was introduced as Grand High Priest at the Knighthood Investiture. I was also introduced by Jaymie Jordan, State Master Councilor at the Sunday Morning Awards ceremony where I presented a check from our DeMolay assessment on behalf of the Grand Chapter to OK DeMolay.
- Feb 7 I traveled to McAlester for the McAlester York Rite Field Day. I was introduced as Grand High Priest and greeted the Candidates prior to the Chapter Degrees. I spent the day assisting and promoting Grand Chapter.
- Feb 16 I traveled to Drumright to attend the Finance Committee Meeting as well as to visit with the Grand Chapter Officers.
- Feb 28 I attended the third Quarterly York Rite Officers Meeting held in Oklahoma City,

where we discussed the upcoming Grand Sessions and heard some of the ideas and plans of those we expect to be elected to lead our organizations next year.

Commandery Inspections

I attended the Commandery Inspections that are listed below. I did take to the opportunity to informally encourage the Chapter Officers present at those inspections to continue to work on improving the ritualistic work of the Chapter and to attend Grand Sessions. Sir Knight, Michael E. Hampton, Right Excellent Grand Commander graciously introduced me after he and his staff were received and then recognized me again as he was making his closing remarks. In some of the visits listed below, there were no inspections, only receiving Grand Commandery Officers and a review of the books.

February 17	Muskogee Inspection, Muskogee
February 23	McAlester Inspection, McAlester
February 24	Lawton Inspection, Lawton
March 2	Cimarron Valley Inspection, Drumright
March 3	Elk City Inspection, Elk City
March 10	Ben Hur Inspection, Ponca City
March 18	St. Johns Inspection, Stillwater
March 19	Norman Inspection, Norman

State of the Craft

As I write this Address, I am reminded of the story of a man who sent his four sons out to view a pear tree. He sent each out in a different season of the year and their reports were all different. They, in fact, were all correct. However they each observed and reported totally different visions of the tree. It is in that light I make this report.

First, in my travels I have seen Chapters that appear to be dead or dying. I have seen Chapters who are weak, but carrying on. I have seen Chapters with problems, but have a spirit of life in them. And, yes, I have seen healthy Chapters as well.

I am not convinced that we should give up on any of them. Each of our Chapters need a vision. Some have a vision. And for those which do not, I set out to offer them one. Although I may be the head of the Grand Chapter, I can't dictate that they accept my vision. I can offer it and offer to send help and encouragement to guide them along. A vision is something that must be internalized to be effective. It must also be personal or at least specific to a group. However, I believe that it needs certain components to be complete and to be effective. I believe those components include Leadership, Ritualistic Work, Membership, Communication, Fellowship, and Community-Civic Involvement.

Many of our Chapters can not (or have not) been opening in ritualistic form in some time. Some Chapters, while not opening in form, can at least confer one degree. It appears that there are very few Chapters that can confer more than one degree. I believe that performing the ritualistic work must be one of those components. The Chapters need to believe that they can do the work, not prepared to apologize for their inability.

I know that I would be remiss to not mention that I visited 3 chapters that did not have enough members there to open for my official visit. I visited 3 additional chapters that needed me to open and close their Chapter. This is unacceptable. However, I do not believe that it is time to close or consolidate those Chapters. I do believe that they will need extra help.

This year we exalted 56 new Royal Arch Masons and we lost 48 to death. We re-instated 11 and we moved some from one Chapter to another. We suspended 117 members. We can do nothing about our losses to death, except encourage every member to find a replacement for himself while he is still alive. Suspensions for non-payment of dues will always be a problem. However, we need to have communicated with those Companions. We need to know why each and every one of them is choosing to not pay their dues. We need to listen to those explanations. Maybe we can save a member; maybe we can learn how not to lose another. Loss of membership continues to be a significant problem for the craft.

Leadership. How do you define leadership? I believe that many of our Chapters

operate on auto-pilot. We use the IF-THEN SYSTEM. IF we get a petition, THEN we decide to offer a degree or find a field day. IF we know a Grand Officer, including the DDGHP is coming, THEN we decide what we need to do about that. There are a few Chapters that are using a different system. I applaud them. Tulsa # 52 is taking a very proactive style, based upon the regular emails that I receive from them with regard to their programming. I was impressed with Ardmore #11 asking me for help in knowing how to open and receive me. I was more impressed when I went for my official visit. See my notes on July30 & August 11. Cyrus Chapter #7 was about to give up. They have offered a degree / order every month since about May. These are not the only Chapters taking a pro-active approach, but they serve as good examples.

Recommendations

We have Chapters with many wonderful Companions. Companions, you need to step up and accept responsibility for your own Chapters. Elected Chapter officers, become the Leaders that you have been elected to be.

I have offered my suggestions in a plan presented at every official visit. It is based upon going back to the basics.

Ritual. Learn to open and close a Chapter in ritualistic form. It is very similar to the Blue Lodge work that we all already know. Learn to confer a degree that you can not now exemplify. Join with other Chapters in your area to confer all of the degrees close to home. The concept is one of regional degree work. I suggest the DDGHP work with the Chapter and find a time to schedule a School of Instruction. Our Constitution and General Laws provide that we ***shall conduct at least one local School of Instruction every two years for every constituent chapter.*** We have been waiting for the Chapters to contact the Custodians of the Work. I believe we can no longer afford to wait.

Membership. Sell the uniqueness of the chapter. Explain that the Chapter continues and completes the Blue Lodge degrees. I recommend the continuation of our York Rite Promotional Booth. I believe that we need to have more Chapter material available and more trained Chapter officers present to help man the booth. Since Chapter is the entry point into the York Rite, prospects need to know more about Capitular Masonry. I believe that every Chapter should set a specific goal for net growth, considering the expected suspensions that can't be solved and allowing for a reasonable number of deaths. That goal should be approved by the Chapter and then reported to their DDGHP who should help them stay on track by keeping that goal in front of them.

Communication. This one really wasn't so prominent in my plan. Grand Chapter officers need to be in regular communication with each other and especially with the officers of the constituent chapters. The chapter officers need to be in regular communication with each other and with the members who they serve. I am a firm believer that we can and should use email when appropriate. It is especially important to stay in touch with your local members who may not attend regularly. That will go a long way to avoid suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Leadership. Leadership must be improved in many Chapters. Holding an office and even knowing the ritual is not leadership. Leadership means thinking about the needs of the Chapter. It means taking action and being responsible for the direction the Chapter is taking (or should be taking). It means not Auto-Pilot, IF-THEN leadership style. It means that the line officers should be making the decisions and implementing them. It is not the job of the Secretary to lead the Chapter. He has specific duties. In addition, leaders train new leaders. A leader must delegate to be effective. We all learn by example and by having the opportunity to stretch.

Fellowship. Most of us have many other activities which could fill our time. We need to know why our members come to meetings and then offer them a reason to attend. One of those reasons is fraternity. It is good for us to schedule activities in our calendar where we have time to spend together as Royal Arch Masons and time to include our families in those activities. I listed Community and Civic Involvement in my plan for the year. I think those can be opportunities for fellowship and for family time and, at the same

time, opportunities to help others.

Awards. Every Chapter should be looking at its members and nominating them for our Awards. The General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal is a very special award. The Committee to determine who we should nominate to General Grand Chapter should have no less than 9 nominees. That assumes that half of our Chapters don't believe that they have anyone who should be recognized. We had significantly less nominees this year. The same is true for the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award for Meritorious Service. And every Companion should set a personal goal to earn one of our Membership Incentive Awards.

None of the remaining Chapters are dead. However, many constituent Chapters need to work on their vision and encourage their leadership to provide real direction. I also believe that if we as Grand Officers do not take some responsibility to help them get moving, we could be a very few years away from having half the number of Chapters we now have. The pear trees will not bear good fruit without good husbandry, fertilization, and care. All of our Chapters need those same things to bear good fruit.

Timothy P. Israel
Grand High Priest

Grand Treasurer - Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2008
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

Investment Accounts:

General Fund, Account No. 226-04367

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$150,497.15
Cash & Accrued Interest	\$ 237.13	
Insured Deposits, yield 1.74%	2,059.63	
Closed End Funds:		
1 Shares, 245 Sh, Avg. yield 9.452		7,156.45

Preferred Stocks:

ABN AMRO Cap Fd, 250 sh, BBB, avg. yield 5.9%	\$2,640.00	
AMBAC Financial Gp, 85 sh, BBB, avg. yield 5.95%	297.84	
CITIGROUP Capital, 300 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.0%	4,362.00	
CITIGROUP Capital, 200 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.0%	2,772.00	
CITIGROUP Capital, 100 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.875%	1,477.00	
Georgia Pwr Cap, 320 sh, BBB+, avg. yield 5.875%	7,347.20	
Goldman Sachs Gp, 100 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.2%	2,060.00	
ING Group, 800 sh, A, avg. yield 8.5%	13,080.00	
JP Morgan Chase Cap, 205 sh, A-, avg. yield 5.875%	3,966.75	
Merrill Lynch Cap, 250 sh, A, avg. yield 6.45%	3,957.50	
Morgan Stanley Cap, 334 sh, avg. yield 5.75%	4,625.90	
Public Storage Inc, 200 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.6%	<u>3,600.00</u>	50,186.19

Mutual Funds:

Capital Income Builder Fund, 497.399 sh, yield 4.013%	20,656.98	
Inv Company of America, 406.334 sh, yield 2.185%	<u>13,073.01</u>	29,116.85

Corporate Bonds:

Bank America notes, 20,000 Sh, A, yield 7.105%	16,887.40	
Bell Atlantic debts, 12,000 Sh, A, yield 8.026%	<u>8,970.24</u>	<u>25,857.64</u>

Total General Fund Account Value as of 12/31/2008

\$114,613.89

Net Gain/Loss in Account Balance for the year 200

- \$35,883.26

Transferred to Grand Chapter Checking Account,	\$ 0.00
Interest/Dividends earned in 2008	<u>\$8,906.47</u>

Perpetual Membership Fund, Account # 226-04177

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$ 93,942.07
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Cash & Accrued Interest on Bonds /CDs

\$ 583.19

Insured Deposits, @ 1.74%

5,941.96

Preferred stocks:

CITIGROUP Capital, 425 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.0%	6,179.50	
CITIGROUP Capital, 100 sh, BBB, avg yield 6.875%	1,477.00	
JP Morgan Chase Cap, 205 sh, A-, avg. yield 5.875%	3,966.75	
Morgan Stanley Cap, 600 sh, A, avg. yield 5.75%	8,310.00	
Public Storage Inc., 150 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.18%	2,557.50	
Royal Bank of Scotland, 150 sh, A, avg. yield 5.75%	<u>1,197.00</u>	23,687.75

Mutual Funds:

Capitol Income Builders, 144.263 sh, Avg. yield 4.013%	<u>5,991.24</u>	5,991.24
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Corporate Bonds:

Bear Stearns notes, \$10,000, 1/27/09, A+, yield 6.595%	9,248.80	
Equitable debts, \$20,000, 4/1/28, A+, yield 8.141%	17,195.40	
GTE Calif debts, \$20,000, 5/15/27, A, yield 7.504%	<u>17,989.20</u>	<u>44,433.40</u>

Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2008

\$80,637.54

Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2008

- \$13,304.53

Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$6,161.71	
The total endowed funds in the Grand Chapter as of 12/31/08:		\$97,659.52
Dividends/Interest distributed to Grand Chapter in 2008	\$2,532.44	
Dividends/Interest distributed to Local Chapters in 2008	<u>\$3,519.65</u>	
Dividend/Interest distributed in 2008 on interest earned in 2007:		\$6,052.09

Div/Int to be distributed in 2009 on interest earned in 2008: **\$6,161.71**
Total Members as of 12/31/2008 **675**
New members gained in 2008 **8**

Membership Development Account # 226-04870

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$31,747.56
Cash & Accrued Interest	\$ 479.06	
Insured Deposits, @ 1.74%	2,885.45	
Preferred stocks:		
Alabama Power, 87 sh, A, avg. yield 5.875%	2,121.06	
CITIGROUP Cap, 495.9453 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.0%	6,873.80	
General Elec, 300 sh, AAA, avg. yield 6.05%	6,345.00	
Public Storage, 400 sh, BBB, avg. yield 6.6%	7,200.00	
Royal Bk Scotland, 1,197.6426 sh, BBB, yield 6.4%	10,611.11	33,150.97
Total Retirement Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2008		\$36,515.48
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2008		\$4,767.92
Transferred to Grand Chapter Checking Account	929.75	
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$3,563.34	

Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments:

	<u>1/1/2008</u>	<u>12/31/2008</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Total General Fund Account Value	\$150,497.15	\$114,613.89	-\$35,883.26
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value	93,942.07	80,637.54	- 13,304.53
Total Membership Development Fund Account Value	31,747.56	36,515.48	4,767.92
Grand Total of Chapter Investment:	\$276,166.78	\$231,766.91	-\$44,429.87

The Temple Association Fund is a Joint Account with the three Grand York Rite Bodies.

Temple Association Fund (Joint York Rite Account) , Acct # 226-05400

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$11,156.60
Cash & Accrued Interest	\$ 0.23	
Insured Deposits, @ 1.74%	63.26	
Mutual Funds:		
Capital Income Builders, 186.847 sh, yield 5.08%	7,759.75	
Total Temple Association Fund, GYR Joint Account, as of 12/31/08		\$7,823.24
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2008		-\$3,333.36
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$462.92	

The Grand Chapter Investment Account shows a net loss of \$44,419.87 or 16.1% for the year. We lost \$12,525 of the initial investment in the General Fund due to the collapse of Lehman Brothers where we held 500 shares of their preferred stock. The projected income in 2009 is \$6,900.00

In the Perpetual Membership Account we withdrew \$6,052.11 for distribution of the 2007 earned Dividend/Interest Income. We earned interest in 2008 of \$6,161.71 which will be distributed in 2009. The projected income in 2009 is \$6,020.

The three Membership Development Accounts were combined into one account which was approved at the 2008 Grand Session. We transferred \$929.75 to the General Fund which was used for York Rite promotions. We lost \$4,390.75 of the initial investment on 205 shares of Lehman Brothers due to the collapse of Lehman Brothers. The projected income for 2009 is \$3,900.00

Respectfully submitted, Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, Grand Treasurer
Grand Chapter RAM of Oklahoma

As of 12/31/2008

3/19/2009 9:50

Total Perpetual Members Grand Chapter, RAM of Oklahoma

3/15/2009 5:59																	
Name	Members In 2008	Total	Dead	Living	Investment	Dues	Total	Interest	To Grand Chapter	To Grand Chapter	Grand	Deceased	Living	Chapter	Local	Percent Interest	
Altus No. 60	2	13	13		2,790.00	186.60		147.42	*	64.69	64.69	*	82.73	82.73	5.28%	147.42	
Ardenmore No. 11	1	19	4	15	3,454.00	222.60	200.59	*	11.68	68.15	79.81	*	22.37	98.42	120.78	5.81%	200.59
Bartlesville No. 55		41	18	23	4,999.00	324.60	306.75	*	56.76	68.74	144.49	*	68.20	58.08	162.26	6.30%	306.75
Capitol Hill (OKC), No. 101	1	138	39	99	23,568.75	1,572.45	1,472.74	*	741.89	474.43	556.12	*	266.53	959.89	816.62	6.24%	1,472.74
Chimarron Valley No. 61		11	3	8	1,395.00	86.00	84.11	*	9.46	30.52	38.97	*	12.29	31.85	44.13	6.30%	84.11
Cyrus (OKC) No. 7		25	4	21	2,990.00	198.00	185.85	*	12.66	78.01	90.66	*	15.48	78.81	95.29	6.30%	185.85
Elk City No. 9C		40	12	28	6,116.41	334.00	279.75	*	36.58	96.73	133.31	*	50.07	68.37	146.44	6.47%	279.75
Guthrie No. 6		21	3	18	2,826.00	188.00	178.04	*	8.51	79.28	87.79	*	12.29	77.97	90.25	6.30%	178.04
Guyton, No. 70		8	5	3	824.00	52.00	51.91	*	15.98	10.73	26.29	*	15.56	10.08	25.63	6.30%	51.91
Indian (McAfee), No. 1		46	11	34	5,086.50	339.80	320.45	*	34.15	130.32	154.46	*	36.78	119.21	155.99	6.30%	320.45
Lawton No. 44		48	17	31	7,005.30	457.00	441.32	*	48.20	111.13	159.33	*	111.51	170.45	281.99	6.30%	441.32
Muskogee No. 3	1	10	1	9	1,965.30	133.00	106.79	*	2.84	32.95	35.48	*	5.67	65.63	71.30	5.35%	106.79
Norman No. 24		35	16	20	5,031.96	334.00	301.67	*	46.31	70.62	117.13	*	79.38	105.37	184.75	6.00%	301.67
Okmulgee No. 38		25	13	12	2,010.00	134.00	126.63	*	19.71	66.68	106.36	*	20.87	73.43	94.02	6.28%	126.63
Okmulgee (Prairie City), No. 25		26	6	22	3,171.00	211.40	199.28	*	36.66	41.39	78.25	*	24.57	23.81	48.38	6.30%	199.28
Shawnee No. 32	1	26	13	13	3,359.70	223.18	186.26	*	38.08	46.36	84.44	*	60.06	54.76	113.83	6.00%	186.26
Stillwater No. 14		24	6	19	3,890.00	240.00	226.28	*	18.70	73.47	90.17	*	30.23	120.08	136.11	6.25%	226.28
Tulsa No. 22	1	86	20	68	16,538.00	1,098.00	1,006.93	*	69.94	279.74	338.68	*	113.87	554.38	668.25	6.18%	1,006.93
Woodward, No. 72		30	10	20	2,282.55	152.00	144.43	*	28.30	73.35	102.65	*	12.76	29.01	41.77	6.30%	144.43
19	8	676	199	476	97,659.62	6,417.13	5,979.48	*	621.81	1,877.17	2,498.58	*	945.10	2,535.40	3,480.50	6.12%	5,979.48
				675			6.12%	*		2,498.98	2.56%	*		3,480.50	3.59%		

Percentage used in making calculations:

6.30%

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Please see the attached statement of profit and loss 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 2008		1584
Gains:		
Exaltations	56	
Admissions	27	
Reinstatements	17	
Adjustments	<u>6</u>	
Total Gains		106
Losses:		
Deaths	55	
Suspensions/Withdrawals	116	
Dimitted	26	
Adjustments	<u>1</u>	
Total Losses		198
Membership: 31 December 2008		<u>1,492</u>
Net Membership Loss:		<u>92</u>

The decrease of **92** members is about **5.8%** of our beginning membership compared to **3.8** percent last year. Exaltations decreased by about **21%**, deaths about same as last year, and suspensions/withdrawals increased by **41%**. All Chapters have submitted monthly and quarterly reports for Year 2008.

We had **43** members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of eight, with an ending total of four hundred seventy-six living and one hundred ninety-nine deceased perpetual members. Almost **32%** of our members are perpetual members.

Companions, most of you are aware that a Secretary is the most critical, the most valuable, and generally the least appreciated position in your Chapter. It is a challenge to some and a minor task for others. It is the consensus of the incoming Grand High Priest that we schedule a training session for Secretaries. It will be mandatory that your Secretary attend one of them. The dates will be published in advance so plans can be made accordingly. Additionally, I will be asking for a current membership of your Chapter. I intend to compile a database which will enable us to send information to our membership and to assist all Chapters in keeping track of their membership. This database will be updated based on the quarterly reports received from each Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
GARY A. DAVIS
Grand Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER - BUDGET VERSES ACTUAL COSTS 2007

Income:	<u>Budget 07</u>	<u>Actual 07</u>
Per Capita	\$8,362.00	\$8,362.00
Perpetual Members	\$2,532.00	\$2,532.00
Fees	\$ 400.00	\$ 660.00
Dues Cards	\$ 500.00	\$ 571.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$ 200.00	\$ 310.00
Membership Development Interest	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Interest/Investments	\$10,082.00	\$10,082.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 61.00
Total	<u>\$23,626.00</u>	<u>\$23,928.00</u>
Expenditures:		
Salary-Grand Secretary	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 400.00	\$ 396.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Grand High Priest Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Per Capita - General Grand Chapter	\$ 698.00	\$ 689.00
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Rent/Utilities	\$ 900.00	\$ 922.00
Telephone	\$ 550.00	\$ 480.00
Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 294.00
Printing & Stationary	\$2,000.00	\$1,167.00
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$ 718.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$ 215.00	\$ 136.00
Office Equipment Account	\$ 700.00	\$ 578.00
Maintenance Agreement	\$ 192.00	\$ 298.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Membership Promotional Expense	\$1,350.00	\$ 301.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00
Triennial	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00
Host Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$ 350.00	\$ 406.00
Southwest Conference	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Murrow Award	\$ 40.00	\$ 0.00
RARA	\$1,121.00	\$1,232.00
DeMolay Donation	\$ 500.00	\$ 289.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 685.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$17,736.00</u>	<u>\$13,641.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$5,890.00</u>	<u>\$10,287.00</u>

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

Lo.	Name	2007		2008										Net Gain		P/M		DeMolay	P/C	RARA	Net Amount	P/C	TOTAL
		Members	Exalted	Adm.	Reinst.	Dem.	Died	Adj.	S/W	Net Gain or (Loss)	Members	P/M	N/P	Dues	Fees	P/M	N/P						
1	Indian	104	6	1	1	0	0	2	1	5	103	33	0	0	0	17.50	33	0	\$490.00	\$70.00	\$577.50	\$164.46	\$741.96
3	Muskogee	105	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	(4)	101	8	6	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$21.75	8	6	\$609.00	\$87.00	\$717.75	\$35.48	\$753.23
6	Guthrie	103	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	101	18	0	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$20.75	18	0	\$581.00	\$83.00	\$664.75	\$87.79	\$752.54
7	Cyrus	108	5	2	1	0	6	0	24	(22)	86	21	6	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$14.75	21	6	\$413.00	\$59.00	\$486.75	\$90.56	\$577.31
11	Ardmore	43	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	(6)	37	14	0	\$18.00	\$40.00	\$5.75	14	0	\$161.00	\$23.00	\$189.75	\$79.81	\$269.56
14	Stillwater	60	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	(9)	51	19	3	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$7.25	19	3	\$203.00	\$29.00	\$239.42	\$90.17	\$329.42
24	Norman	79	7	2	1	0	4	0	1	5	84	19	4	\$16.00	\$55.00	\$15.25	19	4	\$427.00	\$61.00	\$503.25	\$117.13	\$620.38
25	Olivet	51	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	10	61	22	0	\$11.00	\$32.00	\$9.75	22	0	\$273.00	\$39.00	\$321.75	\$105.36	\$427.11
32	Shawnee	71	3	0	1	1	1	0	4	(1)	70	12	5	\$14.83	\$45.00	\$13.25	12	5	\$371.00	\$53.00	\$437.25	\$84.44	\$521.69
39	Oklmulgee	52	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	(3)	49	12	0	\$10.00	\$45.00	\$9.25	12	0	\$259.00	\$37.00	\$305.25	\$78.25	\$383.50
44	Lawton	80	0	18	1	0	4	1	7	7	87	31	0	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$14.00	31	0	\$392.00	\$56.00	\$462.00	\$159.33	\$621.33
50	Elk City	72	2	1	1	0	2	0	4	(2)	70	28	2	\$16.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	28	2	\$280.00	\$40.00	\$330.00	\$133.31	\$463.31
52	Tulsa	298	8	1	3	0	10	0	46	(44)	254	67	7	\$26.00	\$50.00	\$45.00	67	7	\$1,260.00	\$180.00	\$1,485.00	\$338.68	\$1,823.68
55	Bartlesville	75	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	(2)	73	23	6	\$16.50	\$50.00	\$16.75	23	6	\$308.00	\$67.00	\$391.75	\$144.49	\$536.24
50	Altus	39	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	45	11	0	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$8.50	11	0	\$238.00	\$34.00	\$280.50	\$64.69	\$345.19
70	Guyton	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(2)	14	3	0	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$2.75	3	0	\$77.00	\$11.00	\$90.75	\$26.29	\$117.04
72	Woodward	52	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(1)	51	19	2	\$10.00	\$35.00	\$7.50	19	2	\$210.00	\$30.00	\$247.50	\$102.66	\$350.16
31	Cimarron Valley	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	(2)	23	8	0	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$3.75	8	0	\$105.00	\$15.00	\$123.75	\$39.97	\$163.72
01	Capitol Hill	137	2	0	2	2	5	0	4	(7)	130	96	1	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$8.25	96	1	\$231.00	\$33.00	\$272.25	\$56.12	\$328.37
	Totals	1570	56	27	12	7	48	2	118	(80)	1490		42			\$251.75			\$6,888.00	\$1,007.00	\$8,146.75	\$2,498.99	\$10,645.74

REPORT OF THE CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE

I talked with John Miller on 24 March 2009 and discovered that he would not be attending this Conclave nor did he prepare a report for Charters and Dispensations. In his absence, I have prepared the following for your approval:

The dispensations issued by our Grand High Priest are within his power and authority as Grand High Priest.

Two if these dispensations were issued on 16 February 2009 to Ada Chapter No. 26(U.D.) and Veritas Chapter No. 103 (U.D.) to assemble, open, and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Ada and Oklahoma City, respectively. These dispensations expired 30 days before this Conclave of 28 March 2009.

It is my recommendation that U. D.'s be issued by the incoming Grand High Priest to Ada Chapter No. 26 in Ada and Veritas Chapter No. 103 in Oklahoma City should they elect to request them.

Gary A. Davis for

John D. Miller, Jr., Chairman, William D. Bowie, Jr., Dean Monroe, Ron Carr

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There are 8 Grand Officers present with no votes, 8 Past Grand High Priests present with no votes, 56 Past High Priest present with 56 votes, 6 High Priests present with 6 votes, 3 Kings present with 3 votes, 4 Scribes present with 4 votes and 15 proxies for a total of 84 votes. There were 11 out of 19 Chapters represented by Dias Officers.

Submitted by:

David A. Ray, Chairman

Joshua R. Taylor

Hollis O. Edgar

Dale Floyd

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK COMMITTEE

This committee has received no request for assistance in the degree work at the local level.. We realize that some of the chapters have members who are proficient in the ritual but others are not. We would encourage all chapters to be able to confer at least one degree and take part in the Regional Field Days.

Again, we recommend doing work at the local level so far as possible, but also to support the Regional activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, Chairman, Paul G. Watkins, James C. Taylor

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

In preparation for this report I had the pleasure of reviewing the proceedings of 27 Grand Chapters.

Declines in membership continue in all jurisdictions, but there is guarded optimism that the turnaround is within sight. Losses due to demits and suspensions are slowing considerably as efforts for retention are being initiated to stir interest and attendance. More proactive activities in recruitment are necessary to stem the tide of increasing deaths due to an aging membership.

Reports also indicate that some chapters are experiencing moderate growth. This success is attributed to the efforts of informing and educating Craft Masons on the York Rite. A good number of Jurisdictions have been commending those Chapters and their Officers for the zealousness of their endeavors in their respective locals. In

retrospect, I would say that the success of any Chapter is directly proportional to the drive, creativity and dedication of its Officers and Companions.

Worldwide, the Irish have chartered and have jurisdictions in South Africa, Natal, New Zealand, The Far East - Hong Kong, South East Asia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. Consideration is now being given to establishing a Chapter in Sri Lanka. The Scottish Jurisdiction has chartered Chapters in Gibraltar, Fiji, Malawi, New Zealand, Trinidad/Tobago, Western Australia and the Western Province, Cape of Good Hope in Africa. English Chapters also exist in many of these countries as well. Fraternal relationships also exist in Argentina, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Switzerland and Venezuela.

Finally, I would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,
James E. Smyrl, Chairman

OKLAHOMA MASON

We thank the members who sent information to us for the Oklahoma Mason or sent articles directly to the editor and staff. We also appreciate the hard work, dedication, and hours spent by the staff of the Oklahoma Mason in performing an essential service to Masonry in Oklahoma.

We also commend the Moderators of the Okemason web site for the truly outstanding job they are doing, in supporting the Oklahoma Masonic Family.

Fraternally Submitted,
William D. Bowie, Jr. and James E. Smyrl

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Finance, submits the following budget for the year 2009

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2009:

Per Capita	\$8,190.00
Perpetual Members	2,450.00
Fees	400.00
Dues Cards	550.00
Rituals, Codes and Regulation	200.00
Interest/Investments	8,900.00
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$20,890.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2009:

Salary-Grand Secretary	\$4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	400.00
Grand Secretary Travel Expense	200.00
Grand High Priest Allowance	1,250.00
Grand Treasurer Allowance	200.00
Per Capita-General Grand Chapter	1,450.00
Rent/Utilities	950.00
Telephone	550.00
Office Supplies	300.00
Printing & Stationery	2,000.00
Postage	1,000.00

Fidelity Bond Premium	86.00
Office Equipment Account	500.00
Maintenance Agreement	225.00
Office Equipment Repairs	200.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	300.00
Triennial	0.00
Host Expense	100.00
Headquarters Expense – Grand Sessions	400.00
Southwest Conference	50.00
Murrow Award	40.00
RARA	1,450.00
DeMolay Donation	500.00
Tax Preparation	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$17,501.00

Net Income/Loss \$3,389.00

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 2009

INCOME: Membership Development Interest \$1,150.00

EXPENSE: Membership Development \$1,150.00

Net Income/Loss \$ 0.00

The Finance Committee recommends Fidelity Bonds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (500,00.00) each for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, the cost of which (\$258,00) is divided equally among the three Grand Bodies. We commend the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their continued efforts to place the funds in the proper accounts to permit a more detailed accounting of our funds.

Fraternally submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, PGHP, Chairman, James E. Smyrl, PGHP, Donnie G. Higginbotham, Grand King, Dean Monroe, Grand Scribe

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Committee has reviewed the annual report of the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Tim Israel. We commend him for activities this year.

The dispensations are in conformity with accepted law and practice and are hereby approved.

The Committee commends Most Excellent Companion Tim Israel for his tireless efforts this year on behalf of the Grand Chapter and Capitular Masonry. In particular, we wish to commend him for his efforts to represent us within and without of the State and also for fostering a sense of cooperation, camaraderie, and coordination throughout the entire Masonic Family.

James E. Smyrl, Acting Chairman, Charles L. Stuckey, David A. Ray, Newell K. Barker, Kenneth D. Buckley

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Disbursements were made to those Companions who attended the 2005-2008 Triennial in Indianapolis on August 28, 29 and 30, 2008. The mileage was calculated by the use of Map Quest (Elk City to Indianapolis 864 miles). Companion Paul T. Currell also attended but is not a voting member in either body. The following Companions represented the Grand Chapter from Oklahoma:

Timothy P. Israel, MEGHP	Kenneth D. Buckley, MEPGHP
Charles L. Stuckey, MEPGHP	Elwood M. Isaacs, MEPGHP
Kenneth D. Lowmiller, MEPGHP	

The General Laws of the Grand Chapter pertaining to the disbursement of travel expenses, briefly states that funds will be accumulated based on the memberships effective December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 in each body.

	<u>Grand Chapter</u>
2005	1763
2006	1646
2007	<u>1584</u>
	4993

The total disbursements for the Grand Chapter will be 4993 members times .08 cents per member or \$399.44.

The calculation for the MEGHP is 864 miles times 15 cents per mile, one way, plus \$20 per day per diem, 864 miles x .15 per mile = \$129.60, plus 3 days per diem or \$60 for a total of \$189.60. The total disbursement of \$399.44 less \$189.60 = \$209.84, will be split equally between the four PGHPs attending.

Accordingly, the disbursements will be as follows:

Tim Israel, MEGHP	\$189.60
Kenneth Buckley, PGHP	52.46
Charles Stuckey, PGHP	52.46
Ike Isaacs, PGHP	52.46
Kenneth Lowmiller, PGHP	<u>52.46</u>
	\$399.44

Fraternally submitted:

E. M. "Ike" Isaacs Chairman, Kenneth D. Buckley, and James C. Taylor

YORK RITE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

No report since our Quarterly meetings take care of the requirements for this committee.

YORK RITE MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Temple Association, incorporated under the state laws of Oklahoma, is in a "hold" situation and receiving no contributions pending resuming efforts to build a York Rite Temple. The present funds on hand in the amount of \$7,823.24, as of December 31, 2008, are in an investment account, joint York Rite Account No. 226-05400

The current committee consists of the following Companions:

2008 – Kenneth D. Buckley

2009 – Neal Leech

2010 – Elwood M. Isaacs

The 3-year term of Sir Knight Kenneth D. Buckley expires this year and I recommend that he be re-elected for a 3-year term.

Fraternally submitted,
Kenneth D. Buckley, President, Gary A. Davis, Secretary

Motion made and seconded to elect Kenneth D. Buckley. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF THE DeMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay Committee is pleased to submit the following report:

The following funds were received from the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Oklahoma; as well as, other Grand Bodies and organizations:

Grand Chapter	\$289.00
Grand Council	\$286.00
Grand Commandery	\$247.50
Past Grand High Priests Association	\$750.00

It is mandatory that each York Rite Body give \$0.25 per member to assist with the operating expenses of the Oklahoma DeMolay Association. However, as you can see from the above figures, this does not amount to a substantial contribution and varies between the York Rite Bodies. Therefore, the Finance Committees approved a donation of \$500.00 per York Rite Body this year, which was presented at the Award Banquet on January 18, 2009.

These funds will be of great assistance to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association as it continues to provide character training for the young men of our state.

The York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma again presented a beautiful sword to Oklahoma's all around outstanding DeMolay. This year the presentation was made to Brother Nathan Beattie from Edmond Chapter in Edmond.

It is worthy to note that the annual York Rite Workshop held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma had over 190 in attendance. Several young men joined DeMolay at that time, and several new Advisors received their training during this event, which is held in the name of all York Rite Masons.

This committee recommends that the York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma continue their support of the Order of DeMolay. There is no greater opportunity for the Masonic Fraternity to have exposure before young men of our State, while at the same time being actively involved in the building of their character.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe R. Manning, Jr., Gary A. Davis, & Willis L. Emerson

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION REPORT

The report of the Masonic Charity Foundation Representative is as follows:

The Charity Foundation elected new officers at its last meeting held in January. The president is Ken House, 1st Vice President John Wagner, and 2nd Vice President David Ray. This is the third and last year for Ken House to be president and when elected, John Wagner and I will move up the line.

There are several programs that the Charity Foundation sponsors that are very beneficial both inside and outside of the fraternity. Promises Matter, Matching Funds, and Senior Assistance Program are the primary programs designed to meet these needs.

Promises Matter—Designed for financial assistance for a needy Master Mason, his wife, widow, orphan, or mother; or a female member of an Oklahoma Eastern Star Chapter. After the need is determined by a local lodge, an application is made to the Charity Foundation. Funds can be secured through regular Matching Funds (lodge requests this) or through a grant. This program has been growing steadily since its inception. The Foundation expects it to continue to grow as more lodges utilize the program.

Matching Funds—the Charity Foundation has had this program for a number of years and lodges throughout the state take advantage of it. The lodge determines what the need is, provides the funds to be matched, and makes application to the Foundation for the matching funds. There are guidelines for this program, which is provided to the lodge secretaries each year. Every application for matching funds has to be approved by the matching funds committee. As is the case for Promises Matter, this program continues to grow. Some lodges are more active than others in using their matching funds but the program is seeing lodges participating for the first time.

Senior Assistance Program—This program has been going for the past several years. Through the generosity of a deceased Oklahoma Mason, the Charity Foundation received a significant endowment, which will provide annual interest for “direct services for the elderly” for Oklahomans 55 and over. For the past two years, the Charity Foundation selected the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging to disburse these funds on a statewide basis. These eleven agencies cover the entire state and are the agencies which receive requests from all Oklahomans for services that are not covered by existing governmental programs. These funds are available to all Oklahomans (including Masons). The program is closely monitored by the Foundation and the recipient of the interest only funds will be determined on a year to year basis.

Being the representative for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to the Masonic Charity Foundation is an honor and is a very rewarding one. I would like to thank the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for allowing me this great opportunity.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
David A. Ray

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

At the close of February, 2009, our Chapters in Oklahoma had exalted 56 new Royal Arch Masons during the year. We particularly recognize Norman, Olivet, Lawton, and Altus Chapters for having shown a net gain for the year; with an additional three Chapters only losing one member when all gains and losses are combined.

While the overall loss in membership in Oklahoma Constituent Chapters showed a 4.9% decline over the prior year, 13 of our 19 Bodies either had a gain, or a loss of 2 members or less. In addition, only 7 Royal Arch Masons statewide actually demitted during the year. This is all encouraging news. However, there are still too few of our local Bodies that can confer one of the oldest and most important degrees in all of Masonry—the Holy Royal Arch. We cannot expect York Rite Masonry to grow in our state if our local Bodies cannot confer the capitular degrees. These are the foundation of the York Rite system of Masonry beyond the craft lodge level.

We cannot bring Master Masons into the York Rite if we are not readily accessible to them and their home lodges when *they* are ready to advance in Masonry. While we cannot expect to have York Rite Bodies in every lodge in Oklahoma, we should strive to have a viable Chapter in at least one lodge in every three counties. Men need access to the York Rite within a round trip driving distance that can reasonably be accomplished in one evening. The challenge we face is that we are not bringing our Masonic brothers into the York Rite every month, in local body after local body. Instead, we wait until there is a festival available to do the work for us. Of the 56 new Royal Arch Masons exalted during the year, most were exalted in a festival setting.

We should consider conducting regional capitular degree conferrals on a monthly basis. To accomplish this requires that most local Bodies be able to confer one or more of the Chapter degrees so we can combine our talents area-wide when called upon. York Rite Masonry can grow again if we will create a degree conferral program that results in Master Masons receiving the degrees and orders every month of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Davis, PHP
Membership Chairman

MURROW AWARD

This year's Murrow award was presented to Companion Joe H. Britton of Elk City Chapter No. 50.

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

The Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma pay tribute to the lives and service of the fifty-four Companions who have entered the great hereafter in this Capitular year. Included in this group are many who were active workers in all branches of Masonry. We especially list Most Worshipful Past Grand Master James R. Onkst who was also a Past Prior of Oklahoma Priory No. 9, KYCH, John A. Schrawger, Jr., PGC and William Hobart "Sandy" Pierce, PGC who were also both excellent ritualists in the Chapter degrees.

We pay special tribute to the memory of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Jesse Howard Burns who served as the head of Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma in 1999-2000. Companion Burns was active in many branches of Masonry in Oklahoma. He was a Past Master of Petroleum Lodge No. 474 and was an "A" certificate lecturer. He was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason involved with the 17th, 18th, 22nd and 32nd degree conferrals.

M. E. Companion Burns was a past presiding officer of all Tulsa York Rite bodies and a member of KYCH and Red Cross of Constantine. His service to the fraternity was extensive and he shall be missed.

IN MEMORIAM

The night which comes to end this life and mortal pathway bars,
Is surely crowned with sparkling gems like scintillating stars;
And moon, full round, a guiding gleam, lights up all the way,
Until this night shall close and fade into eternal day.

Into this night and day they went, alone and without fear,
Their memory lingers in our hearts, real and very dear;
And time shall pause, as we recall, the love and charm and grace,
They gave while here and will renew, someday, face to face.

The Cowhand

RARA COMMITTEE

The Able Kids Foundation™ (AKF) continues to be the recipient of RARA support. The Able Kids Foundation is a nonprofit organization established to enhance and maximize abilities. This Colorado-based foundation joins with local, national, and international partners to expand opportunities for people with disabilities.

The potential need for central auditory processing disorder (CAPD) diagnosis and management is great. Because central auditory processing difficulties are associated with children and adults with other challenges such as traumatic brain injury, autism, and attention deficit disorder (ADD), the incidence of CAPD is most likely underestimated. For example, the incidence of autism is 1 in every 500 births, 200 million people a year have some degree of head injury, and 28 million individuals have hearing loss. Furthermore, 2 million children have been diagnosed with ADD, and 1 in every 1600 individuals has multiple sclerosis. All of these population groups are at risk for CAPD and with your continuing support, we can help them.

Removing barriers and encouraging
self-value is what the Able Kids Foundation
and the Royal Arch Research Assistance
is all about.

Your Oklahoma York Bodies, as of December 31, 2008, had contributed this year \$2,673.00 to bring our running total to \$108,230.77 (\$96,215.50 in "regular" contributions and \$12,015.27 in memorial contributions).

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

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

A verbal report was given by Companion Donnie Higginbotham which request our support for all the youth orders and specifically admonished all to attend the DeMolay Workshop each year and recommended a letter be sent to all Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Illustrious Masters, and Past Grand Commanders, encouraging them to attend and to wear their aprons and uniforms to the Sunday award presentations to show support of our young men.

Respectfully submitted,
Donnie G. Higginbotham, Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr., Patrick Couch

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

To: The Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

The location for the 2010 Grand Sessions of Oklahoma will be the Wyndham Garden Airport, 2101 South Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The dates for these meetings have been set for 22-24 April 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua R. Taylor, Chmn, David A. Ray, Donnie G. Higginbotham, and Dean Monroe

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Appreciation, would like to express our gratitude to the following:

To the Staff of the Holiday Inn Airport , and especially to the Banquet Manager and his staff, for their outstanding work ensuring that all of our needs were met and expectations were exceeded.

To Companion Joshua Taylor, we thank you for the hours spent coordinating and planning a very successful Grand Session.

To the Officers and members of the grand Chapter, Companions, these sessions are for us. Thank you for your attendance and the labors that you do for the Grand chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Erik Stuckey, Chairman









Front Row L-R, Gary A. Davis, Ron Carr, Donnie G. Higginbotham, John E. King, Robert R. Rolseth, Elwood M. Isaacs
Back Row L-R Eric D. Blackwood, Trasen Akers, Gerald Milton, Joshua R. Taylor, William H. Pearce

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.:E.: Grand High Priest appointed Companions Michael McConnel, Kent Israel, and Harvey Kaylor as Tellers.

Companion Donnie G. Higginbotham was nominated for the office of Grand High Priest and was elected by acclamation. Companion Ron Carr was nominated for the office of Grand King and was elected by acclamation. Companion John E. King was nominated for the office of Grand Scribe and was elected by acclamation. Companion Elwood M. Isaacs 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 names of Companions Robert Rolseth, Eric Blackwood, and Chris Sheehan were nominated for the office of Captain of the Host. Companion Robert R. Rolseth was elected. The following is the list of Officers for 2009-2010 and those appointed along with committees:

OFFICERS:

Donnie G. Higginbotham (1)		Most Excellent Grand High Priest
		
Ron L. Carr (25)	(Alma)	Right Excellent Grand King
		
John E. King (60)	(Vicki)	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
		
Elwood M. Isaacs (55)	(Linda)	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
		
Gary A. Davis (81)	(Nellie)	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
		
Robert R. Rolseth (52)	(Marilyn)	Right Excellent Grand Capt of the Host
		

William H. Pearce (52)	Mary	Excellent Grand Principle Sojourner
[REDACTED]		
Joshua R. Taylor (6))		Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
[REDACTED]		
Gerald Milton (24)		Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
[REDACTED]		
Trasen Akers (24)		Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
[REDACTED]		
Eric D. Blackwood (3)		Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil
[REDACTED]		
Troy E. Shipman (1)	(Angela)	Excellent Grand Sentinel
[REDACTED]		
Don H. Whitman (3)	(Pam)	Excellent Grand Chaplain
[REDACTED]		

M.:E.: Donnie G. Higginbotham announced the appointed Officers for the year 2009-2010:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND DISTRICTS

Paul Currell	DISTRICT 1	Guymon Chapter No.70 Elk City Chapter No.50 Woodward Chapter No.72
[REDACTED]		
John E. King	DISTRICT 2	Lawton Chapter No.44 Altus Chapter No. 60
[REDACTED]		
Raymond Stoll	DISTRICT 3	Cyrus Chapter No. 7 Norman Chapter No.24
[REDACTED]		

[REDACTED]

DISTRICT 4

Dean Monroe

[REDACTED]

Shawnee Chapter No. 32
Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101

DISTRICT 5

Hollis O. Edgar

[REDACTED]

Guthrie Chapter No. 6
Stillwater Chapter No. 14
Cimarron Valley Chapter No.81

DISTRICT 6

Robert R. Rolseth

[REDACTED]

Muskogee Chapter No. 3
Okmulgee Chapter No. 39
Tulsa chapter No. 52

DISTRICT 7

Ron Carr

[REDACTED]

Olivet Chapter No. 25
Bartlesville Chapter No. 55

DISTRICT 8

Gene Harper

[REDACTED]

Ardmore Chapter No.11
Indian Chapter No.1

STANDING COMMITTEES
ESTABLISHED BY CONSTITUTION, LAW, OR RESOLUTION

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

John D. Miller, Jr. (52) -

[REDACTED]

William D. Bowie, Jr. (32) -

[REDACTED]

Dean Monroe (14) -

Ex-Officio

Ron Carr (25) Ex-Officio -

[REDACTED]

CREDENTIALS

David A. Ray (32) -

[REDACTED]

Joshua R. Taylor (6) -

Dale Floyd (25) -

Hollis O. Edgar (81) -

[REDACTED]

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK

Kenneth D. Buckley (39) -

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Paul G. Watkins (52) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (50) - [REDACTED]
Asst. Dan C. Pryor (7) - [REDACTED]

FINANCE

Kenneth D. Buckley (39) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
James E. Smyrl (52) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Donnie Higginbotham (01) - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED] Ex-Officio

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

2006-08 John L. Logan (29) - [REDACTED]
2007-09 Charles L. Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED]
2008-10 John D. Miller, Jr. (52) - [REDACTED]

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

James E. Smyrl (52) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JURISPRUDENCE

Bobby L. Carter (32) - [REDACTED]
ALL PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

TRIENNIAL

Elwood M. Isaacs (55) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Kenneth D. Buckley (39) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (50) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

2008- Glenn H. Kinsley (72) - [REDACTED]
2009- Patrick Couch (52) - [REDACTED]
2010- Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

2008- Kenneth D. Buckley Kenneth D. Buckley, President
2009- Neal D. Leech Gary A. Davis, Secretary
2010- Elwood M. Isaacs

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

DEMOLAY

Joe R. Manning, Jr. (101) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (81) - [REDACTED]
Willis L. Emerson (52) - [REDACTED]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2006-2008 - David A. Ray (32) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MEMBERSHIP

Robert G. Davis (6) - [REDACTED]
ALL MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF

MURROW AWARD

Donnie Higginbotham (01) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]
Elwood M. Isaacs PGHP (55) - [REDACTED]
Bobby L. Carter PGHP (32) - [REDACTED]
Ron Carr (25) - [REDACTED]

BRONZE MEDAL- MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Tim Israel (50) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Donnie Higginbotham (01) - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (81) - [REDACTED]

NECROLOGY

James C. Taylor (50) - [REDACTED]

OK MASON

William D. Bowie, Jr. (32) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
James E. Smyrl (52) - 1021 [REDACTED]

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION

2008-09 William D. Bowie, Jr (32) - President - [REDACTED]
John J. Petrik (25) - 1st VP - [REDACTED]
Rex L. Bowen (81) - 2nd VP - [REDACTED]
Charles L. Stuckey (25) - Sec - [REDACTED]

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

L. Erik Stuckey (25) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Wesley A. Sherrick, Jr. (20) - [REDACTED]
Bobby L. Carter (32) - [REDACTED]

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Donnie Higginbotham (01) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr. (32) - [REDACTED]
Patrick Couch (52) - [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Joshua R. Taylor (6) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
David A. Ray (32) - [REDACTED]
Donnie Higginbotham (01) - [REDACTED]
Dean Monroe (14) - [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

L. Erik Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED]

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Remarks and greetings were received from Companions Curtis Jackson, Grand Representative of Oklahoma from Ohio, Edmond Harrison, representing Ferguson, Most Eminent Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter 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 – Tyrian #20,
*1902-03	Ira Brown Kirkland – Purcell #10, Purcell
*1903-04	Herbert Johnston Evans – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1904-05	John Coyle – Rush Springs #16, Rush Springs
*1905-06	Eugene Hamilton – Chickasha #17, Chickasha
*1906-07	William Henry Essex – Indian #1, McAlester
*1907-08	Robert Y. Morrison – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
*1908-09	Daniel Morris Hailey – Indian #1, McAlester
*1909-10	Isham Hamilton Goss Hulme – Weatherford #31, Weatherford
*1910-11	Beauregard Benjamin Pollock – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1911-12	Christopher Springer – Indian #1, McAlester
*1912-13	Milo Arthur Nelson – Lawton #44, Lawton
*1913-14	Henry Kimball Ricker – Keystone #9,
*1914-15	Charles Worman Tedrowe – Elk City #50, Elk City
*1915-16	Edgar A. Cook – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1916-17	James A. Scott – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1917-18	Bert Duncan Ashbrook – Blackwell #43, Blackwell
*1918-19	Jabez Holmes Mann – Indian #1, McAlester
*1919-20	J. Angus Gillis – Frederick #41, Frederick
*1920-21	Harold Bliss Downing – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
*1921-22	Eugene P. McMahon – Lawton #44, Lawton
*1922-23	Ernest L. Wilson – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
*1923-24	Edward Payson Gallup – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1924-25	Thomas Jefferson Wells – Enid #27, Enid
*1925-26	Charles E. Creager – Muskogee #3, Muskogee
*1926-27	Emerson Burns – Poteau #77, Poteau
*1927-28	Elisha W. Townsend – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
*1928-29	Thomas Buford Frensley – Ardmore #11, Ardmore
*1929-30	Frank Smith – Indian #1, McAlester
*1930-31	John William Rackley – Alfalfa #66,
*1931-32	Leslie Herbert Swan – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1932-33	Charles Granville Watson – Keystone #9,
*1933-34	Walter Moore Rainey – Oklahoma #2, Atoka
*1934-35	Edson Angus McMillan – Ada #26, Ada
*1935-36	Edward Milton Washington – Holdenville #71, Holdenville

*1936-37	Benjamin Hersey Frohock – Blackwell #43, Blackwell
*1937-38	Joseph Lee Rodgers – Hugo #84, Hugo
*1938-39	Rupert Jennings Daugherty – Bartlesville #55, Bartlesville
*1939-40	Newton Arrie Lale – Shawnee #32, Shawnee
*1940-41	Charles Neal Cutter – Woodward #72, Woodward
*1941-42	Clarence Brain – Cyrus #7, Oklahoma City
*1942-43	Hayward Homa Skaggs, Sr. – Enid #27, Enid
*1943-44	Ralph W. Driskill – Pauls Valley #82, Pauls Valley
*1944-45	Jesse A. Todd – Oklahoma City #91, Bethany
*1945-46	Daniel Washington Swaffar – Ada #26, Ada
*1946-47	Richard Enos Newhouse – Tulsa #52, Tulsa
*1947-48	Carl Frederick Hansen – Hugo #84, Hugo
*1948-49	Orin C. Darling – Lawton #44, Lawton
*1949-50	Fridtjof Maurice Lombard – 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
* Deceased	

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD

JOE HAROLD BRITTON

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 Britton has been a faithful Chapter member of Elk City Chapter No. 50 through the years. He served one year in 1994 as High Priest and has filled various other minor roles in the degrees of the Chapter. Companion Britton, while not being an outstanding ritualist, has contributed by his regular attendance and in conducting the business of the Chapter. His presence at our meetings can always be counted on. Companion Britton has also conducted over 200 Masonic gravesite services from 1976 to present. Although this is mainly a Lodge function, many of these services were also for Masons who were York Rite members.

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD RECEIPIENTS

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	None
2009	Joe H. Britton, Elk City Chapter No. 50, Elk City

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD



Pictured are ME Companion Edmund Harrison, General Grand King, ME Companion Tim Israel, and Companion Womack being pinned by his Lady Ellena

EDWIN C. WOMACK

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

Companion Womack is a Consultant Supervisor for Basin Engineering. He was formerly a drilling superintendent for Dyco Petroleum. He has been active in all phases of Masonic work in Elk City, serving as Master of Elk City Lodge No. 182 in 1983, as high Priest of Elk City Chapter No. 50, R.A.M. five times in 1985, 86, 90, 2000, & 2001. Ed has served as Illustrious Master of Elk City Council No. 25 four times and has filled the role of Nebuchadnezzar in the Super Excellent Master degree several times. Sir knight Womack has served as Commander of Elk City Commandery No. 22 five times and is currently serving as Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. He is a member of Oklahoma Priory No. 9, KYCH and the Red Cross of Constantine. Ed is also a recipient of the "Cryptic Mason of the Year" and the "Knight Templar Cross of Honor" awards. Companion Womack continues to be active in all degrees of Masonry in Elk City. He is presently an Officer in each York Rite Body in Elk City, serving as Captain of the Host in the chapter, an office which he performed at the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in Oklahoma City at the Grand Master's York Rite Field Day. He is always present at our regular meetings.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

* 1952	Joseph S. Lewis, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
* 1953	Edward B. Hampton, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
* 1954	Ansel M. Crowder, Perry Chapter No. 15, R.A.M., Perry
* 1955	W. S. Durst, Guymon Chapter No. 70, R.A.M., Guymon
* 1956	Dryden George Shelton, Hobart Chapter No. 37, R.A.M., Hobart
* 1957	Percy G. Howes, Murrow Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Atoka
* 1958	Kenneth S. Adams, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
* 1959	George G. Duff, Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Ponca City
* 1960	Raymond Shultz, Hobart Chapter No. 37, R.A.M., Hobart
* 1961	Anson P. Shuman, Ardmore Chapter No. 11, R.A.M., Ardmore
* 1962	Frank E. Eldred, Drumright Chapter No. 83, R.A.M., Drumright
* 1963	Jess P. Whitaker, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., OKC
* 1964	Delbert Pidgeon, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
* 1965	John Wesley Raley, Sr., Shawnee Chapter No. 32, Shawnee
* 1966	Oliver S. Wilham, Stillwater Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Stillwater
* 1967	Ben F. Mandelbaum, Bartlesville Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., Bartlesville
* 1968	John Willis Steward, Pauls Valley Chapter 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, McAlester
2008	Edwin C. Womack, Elk City Chapter No. 50, Elk City

GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND CHAPTERS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS 2008-2009

JURISDICTION	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA	GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION
Alabama	Arthur C. Harding [REDACTED]		Henry G. Terry [REDACTED]
Alaska	David A. Hunt [REDACTED]	Jon J. Giddings [REDACTED]	George Watt [REDACTED]
Alberta	Marvyn Rogers [REDACTED]	Newel K. Barker [REDACTED]	William C. Johnstone [REDACTED]
Argentina	Miguel Bogado [REDACTED]		George Saruba
Arizona	David G. Stankow [REDACTED]	Glenn H. Kinsley [REDACTED]	Oscar D. Sims [REDACTED]
Arkansas	Royce H. Taylor [REDACTED]	Ellis Sappington [REDACTED]	Jerry Whorton [REDACTED]
Austria	Helmut Ramberger [REDACTED]	William H. Phinney [REDACTED]	
Belgium	Alain Van Lembergen [REDACTED]	James E. Smyrl [REDACTED]	
Brazil	Rui F. da Silva [REDACTED]		
British Columbia and Yukon	Ed Wilson [REDACTED]	Earl L. Berryman, Jr. [REDACTED]	Brian A. Richman [REDACTED]
California	Kenneth G. Hope [REDACTED]		Charles Swedblom [REDACTED]
Colorado	James E. Erickson	Wesley A. Sherrick, Jr.	George E. West

	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Connecticut	Charles B. Fowler, Jr. [REDACTED]	Donald R. Chance [REDACTED]	Robert A. Colbourn [REDACTED]
Delaware	G. Thomas Taylor [REDACTED]		Franklin R. Townsend [REDACTED]
District of Columbia	Howard F. Coleman [REDACTED]	David A. Ray [REDACTED]	Maurice R. Minner, Jr. [REDACTED]
England	James Daniel [REDACTED]	Does not commission [REDACTED]	Does not commission [REDACTED]
Finland	Pentti Moisio [REDACTED]	Patrick D. Couch [REDACTED]	Eero Hoglund [REDACTED]
Florida	Steven O. Steele [REDACTED]	Kenneth D. Buckley [REDACTED]	C. Allen Pattison [REDACTED]
France	Jean-Pierre Pilorge [REDACTED]	Jon J. Giddings [REDACTED]	R. Young [REDACTED]
Georgia	Andre E. Lovas [REDACTED]	Willis L. Emerson [REDACTED]	Van Melder [REDACTED]
Germany	Gunther Detlof [REDACTED]		Alister Boyd
Greece	Constantinos Korontzis [REDACTED]	Garry D. Odom [REDACTED]	Nicolaos Stravropoulos [REDACTED]
Hawaii	Gregory A. pentecost [REDACTED]		George N. Kahopea, Sr.
Idaho	James L. Curtis [REDACTED]	Eugene Smith [REDACTED]	James T. Bunce [REDACTED]
Illinois	Edward E. Derry [REDACTED]	Donald Hagerty [REDACTED]	Paul E. Ellis [REDACTED]
India	S. Krishnan [REDACTED]	H. Wade Turner [REDACTED]	B.C. Ray [REDACTED]

Indiana	Richard A. Lochner [REDACTED]	Lewis Hullum [REDACTED]	Mark A. Kester, Sr. [REDACTED]
Iowa	John Harris Watts [REDACTED]	Troy E. Shipman [REDACTED]	William R. Kauten [REDACTED]
Ireland	D. Barry Lyons [REDACTED]	Dewey Coldiron [REDACTED]	Kenneth T. Brislane [REDACTED]
Israel	Eitan Ayalon [REDACTED]	L.Erik Stuckey [REDACTED]	Robert Mannheimer [REDACTED]
Italy	Deriverino Briccarello [REDACTED]		Glouanna Smojur
Kansas	Wayne H. Roff [REDACTED]	John J. Petrik [REDACTED]	Orville E. Wessler [REDACTED]
Kentucky	William G. Hinton [REDACTED]	Kenneth Lowmiller [REDACTED]	Clarence R. Daugherty [REDACTED]
Louisiana	Timothy J. Riley [REDACTED]	Edward W. Hart [REDACTED]	Carle L. Jackson [REDACTED]
Maine	Robert D. Chaput [REDACTED]		John Nomleggi [REDACTED]
Manitoba, Canada	James A. Barratt [REDACTED]	Donald G. Jones [REDACTED]	Dave English [REDACTED]
Maryland	Vernon H. Huebschman [REDACTED]	Larry D. Horton [REDACTED]	Donald J. Hawkins [REDACTED]
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Robert C. Corr [REDACTED]		Bob Rudy Homberg [REDACTED]
Mexico (1955)	US Eduardo Velasco Briceneo [REDACTED]	William D. Williams [REDACTED]	Jorge Luis Garcia
Mexico (2005)	GC Manuel Franco [REDACTED]		
Michigan	Paul Howell	Ronald J. Chambers	John Hoyt

Minnesota	Dexter C. pehle	O. Ray Harrington	Lewis D. Seely
Mississippi	Micky P. McMahan	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Edward G. Holland
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample	Bobby L. Carter	Mrvin Painter
Montana	Bradford L. Huffman	Kish L. Thomas	Vernon A. Nenetz
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson	James C. Taylor	Steven C. Smith, I
Netherlands	Peter G. Kok	Robert E. Goode	A.E. Dodokvanhell
Nevada	Russell M. Wilde		G. Michael Urso
Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada	Gordon J. Abbott	Gary A. Davis	Lawrence Bentley
New Brunswick, Canada	Robert Johnston	Robert G. Davis	Ambry G. Newman
			Canada
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Joe R. Manning, Jr.	Leonard S. Sousa
New Jersey	William J. Milligan, Jr.		Alvin L. Zach
New Mexico	Paul A. Brehm	Glenn Tuttle	Jesse O. Martindale
New South Wales, Australia	John S. Williams	Michael A. Davis	Richard F. Bell
New York	James W. Hemstrought, Jr.	William D. Bowie, Jr.	Maurice Sweitzer

New Zealand	Michael D. Reid [REDACTED]	Marshall M. Clayton [REDACTED]	H.L. Allen [REDACTED]
North Carolina	Robert A. Schafer [REDACTED]	Charles L. Stuckey [REDACTED]	Ray Norris [REDACTED]
North Dakota	Merle L. Huhner [REDACTED]	Robert O. Tupper [REDACTED]	Clifford A. Cranna [REDACTED]
Nova Scotia, Canada	Frederick W. Richard [REDACTED]	Michael G. Aston [REDACTED]	Timothy R. Outerbridge [REDACTED] Canada
Ohio	Dale G. Ray, Jr. [REDACTED]	Ralph K. Harris [REDACTED]	Curtis M. Jackson [REDACTED]
Ontario, Canada	Richard J. Jackson [REDACTED]	Richard Dunnaway [REDACTED]	Shane H. Eldridge [REDACTED]
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway [REDACTED]	Timothy P. Israel [REDACTED]	Thomas L. Crowder [REDACTED]
Panama	Alberto Lalo [REDACTED]	Robert T. Shipe [REDACTED]	James E. Cook [REDACTED]
Paraguay	Odilon Ayala [REDACTED]		
Pennsylvania	Richard L. Evans, Jr. [REDACTED]		George W. Young [REDACTED]
Philippines	Isaac F. Arribas, Jr. [REDACTED]	Herman J. Jack [REDACTED]	Felix T. Ng [REDACTED]
Portugal	Rui Paulo Figueiredo [REDACTED]	Earl L. Berryman, Jr. [REDACTED]	Jose Salgado Braz [REDACTED]
Quebec, Canada	Charles Andre Braun [REDACTED]	Neal D. Leach [REDACTED]	Donald Udashkin [REDACTED]
Queensland, Australia	John F. Frank [REDACTED]		James W.A. Hardy [REDACTED]

Australia 4000

Rhode Island and Providence	Kenneth M. Long		James M. Fogarty
Romania			
Saskatchewan, Canada	Lorne Kingston		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	Harlan Peterson	John C. Shanklin	Donald R. Salmon
Spain	Jordi Rodriques		
Switzerland	J.D.M. Miller	I. Dwayne Dixon	Max Rosen
Tennessee	Marshall Horn	John D. Miller, Jr.	Johhny Lee Byrd
Texas	Orville L. O'Neill	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.	Eldon L. Brooks
Utah	Owen C. Orton		John L. Elwell, Jr.
Venezuela	Neptail Boyer		Julio Serrano Keisten
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard (Asst)	Aix B. Harrison	Wendell H. Chaffee
Victoria, Australia	John C. Williams		Robert A. Ross

Virginia	Gordon H. Sprigg, Jr. [REDACTED]	William A. Nation [REDACTED]	Charles Edwin Cave [REDACTED]
Washington	Jeff Bartow [REDACTED]		Robert C. Freested [REDACTED]
Western Australia	Basil J. Green [REDACTED]	A. Dean Monroe [REDACTED]	Norman Barry Carter [REDACTED]
West Virginia	Gregory A. Riley, Sr. [REDACTED]	Bartis M. Kent [REDACTED]	Arthur J. Davison [REDACTED]
Wisconsin	Gary J. Parker [REDACTED]	Rex L. Bowen [REDACTED]	Eugene R. Kuhnwald [REDACTED]
Wyoming	Louis M. Ellenberger, Jr. [REDACTED]	Paul G. Watkins [REDACTED]	Stanley N. McIrvine [REDACTED]

2009 DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OF OKLAHOMA

NO.	NAME & LOCATION	HIGH PRIEST	SECRETARY	MEETING DAY	CHARTER
1	INDIAN 2d & Adams McAlester 74501 [REDACTED]	Joseph S. Stacy [REDACTED]	Monte Gene Hendrix [REDACTED]	4th Monday	21 Feb 1878
3	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 [REDACTED]	Larry A. Wiseman [REDACTED]	Eric Dean Blackwood [REDACTED]	3rd Monday	6 Nov 1890
6	GUTHRIE 102 S. Broad Guthrie 73044 [REDACTED]	Matthew D. Swenson [REDACTED]	Tommy M. Johnston [REDACTED]	1 st Thursday	6 Nov 1890
7	CYRUS 2935 W. Britton Rd. OKC 73120 [REDACTED]	O. Ray Harrington [REDACTED]	Dan Pryor [REDACTED]	2d & 4th Tuesdays	11 Aug 1892
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry Ardmore 73401 [REDACTED]	David L. Roberts [REDACTED]	Gene D. Harper [REDACTED]	2d Monday	10 Aug 1893
14	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 [REDACTED]	Chris Sheehan [REDACTED]	Aix B. Harrison [REDACTED]	2d & 4th Wed	10 Aug 1895
24	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73071 [REDACTED]	Dan Hanttula [REDACTED]	William "Pete" Nation [REDACTED]	2nd Thursday	6-Sep-1928
25	OLIVET 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601 [REDACTED]	Matthew D. McGee [REDACTED]	James E. Halbrook [REDACTED]	2nd Tuesday	3 Sep 1928
32	SHAWNEE 555 Kickapoo Spur Shawnee 74801 [REDACTED]	David A. Ray [REDACTED]	Bobby L. Carter [REDACTED]	1st Monday	6-Apr-1902
39	OKMULGEE 114 N. Grand Muskogee 74447 [REDACTED]	William H. Bethel [REDACTED]	Jon J. Giddings [REDACTED]	1st Tuesday	12-Apr-1904
44	LAWTON 702 SW C St. Lawton 73505 [REDACTED]	Dwight Blair [REDACTED]	Bobby Stalnaker [REDACTED]	1st Tuesday	18-Apr-1905

50	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 [REDACTED]	Ronald K. Duffield [REDACTED]	James C. Taylor [REDACTED]	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	9-Apr-1906
52	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112 [REDACTED]	Andrew B. Palmer [REDACTED]	Craig Bowman [REDACTED]	2d Monday	27-Apr-1907
55	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006-8722 [REDACTED]	Bryan D. Wheat [REDACTED]	Robert Goode [REDACTED]	1st & 3rd Thursdays	16-Apr-1907
60	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson Altus 73521 [REDACTED]	Virgil L. Williams [REDACTED]	Bobby L. Laws [REDACTED]	1 st Thursday	9 Apr-2005
70	GUYMON 503½ N. Main Guymon 73942 [REDACTED]	Ronald K. Logan [REDACTED]	Dewey A. Coldiron [REDACTED]	2nd Saturday	16-Apr-1912
72	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 [REDACTED]	Glenn H. Kinsley [REDACTED]	R. Craig Weidemann [REDACTED]	4th Thursday	16-Apr-1912
81	CIMARRON VALLEY 212 N. Ohio Drumright 74030 [REDACTED]	Hollis O. Edgar [REDACTED]	Gary A. Davis [REDACTED]	1st Monday	17-Apr-1917
101	CAPITOL HILL 14 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110 [REDACTED]	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. [REDACTED]	Dewayne R. Hendricks [REDACTED]	3d Friday	3-Apr-1957




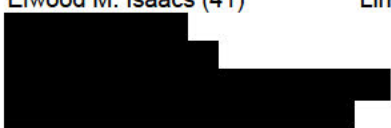
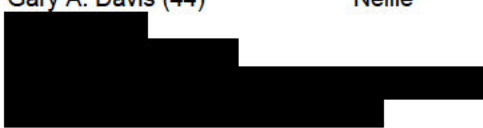
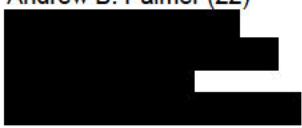

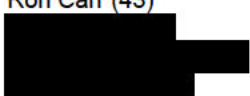
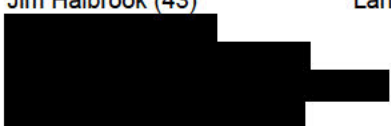
THE GRAND COUNCIL
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CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
OKLAHOMA

115th Annual Assembly



Held in
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 27, 2009
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GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009

E. David Snyder (43)	Barbara	M. L. L. Grand Master
		
Jim W. Mahan (41)	Janet	R. L. L. Deputy Grand Master
		
Troy E. Shipman (3)	Angela	R. L. L. Grand P.C.W.
		
Elwood M. Isaacs (41)	Linda	R. L. L. Grand Treasurer
		
Gary A. Davis (44)	Nellie	R. L. L. Grand Recorder
		
Andrew B. Palmer (22)	Brenda	R. L. L. Captain of the Guard
		
Paul T. Currell (25)	Shonda	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
		
Ron Carr (43)	Alma	Illustrious Grand Marshall
		
Jim Halbrook (43)	Larrie	Illustrious Grand Steward
		

Dean Monroe (50)

Sierra

Illustrious Grand Sentinel

[REDACTED]

Don H. Whitmore (3)

Pam

Illustrious Grand Chaplain

[REDACTED]



E. DAVID SNYDER
GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER
2008-2009

EDGAR DAVID SNYDER
Illustrious Grand Master
2008-2009

Most Illustrious Companion Edgar David was born November 26, 1941, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He is the oldest child of Robert and Esther Snyder. David graduated from Ponca City High School and attended one year of college at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1960. He served 22 years with the Guard before he retired at the rank of Major in 1982.

Brother Snyder married Barbara Harper on June 7, 1974, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. They have four children and six grandchildren. Steve Harper and his wife, Allison, live in College Station, Texas, with their children Rachel and Grant Harper. Bart Snyder and his wife, Cheryl, live in Ponca City, with their son, Brandon. Bret Snyder and his wife, Nikki, live in Ponca City, Oklahoma, with their daughter, Cheyenne. Robyn Snyder Primeaux and her husband, Chris lives in Ponca City, with their children Colton and Rebecca.

Companion Snyder worked for the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for four years. On May 1, 1968, he went to work for Continental Oil Company. He worked there for 31 years before retiring in 1999.

Illustrious Grand Master Snyder is an active member of First Baptist Church of Ponca City, Oklahoma. He serves as an Adult Sunday School Director.

Illustrious Grand Master Snyder became a Mason in 1971 and later joined the York Rite, the Scottish Rite and the Shriners. He has served two terms as Worshipful Master of the Ponca City Lodge.

AFFILIATED MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS:

Lodge: Ponca City Lodge No. 83, Worshipful Master – 1995 and 2008

York Rite:

Olivet Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., High Priest - 2006

Bernard Council No. 43, C.M., Illustrious Master - 2005

Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T., Commander - 2004

Past Commanders Association

Knight York Rite Court of Honour

Scottish Rite: Valley of Guthrie

Knight Commander of the Court of Honour - 1999

Director, 22 Team

Member, 5th Degree Team

Past Wise Master

Northern Okla Scottish Rite Society - Past President - Current Secretary

Shrine: Akdar Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Kay County Shrine Club

Other: Grand Lodge of Oklahoma

District Deputy Grand Master 1998-1999

Royal Order of Scotland

Knight Masons of the U.S.A.

Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66

Order of the Eastern Star, Fanchon Chapter No. 53

Worthy Patron 2008-2009

Red Cross of Constantine, Saint Omer Conclave

Order of DeMolay

Legion of Honor

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma
District Deputies for 2008-2009**

District No. 1
Paul T. Currell



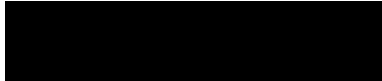
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Woodward Council No. 52
Elk City Council No. 25

District No. 2
John King



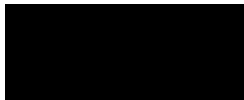
Lawton Council No. 21
Altus Council No. 33

District No. 3
Raymond E. Stoll



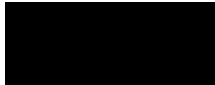
Norman Council No. 27
Alpha Council No. 18
Chickasha Council No. 4

District No. 4
Robert D. Cundiff



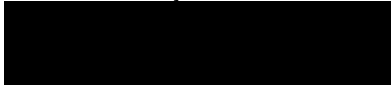
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Capitol Hill Council No. 59

District No. 5
Dean Monroe



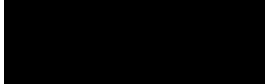
Stillwater Council No. 50
Cimarron Valley No. 44
Guthrie Council No. 48

District NO. 6
L. Erik Stuckey



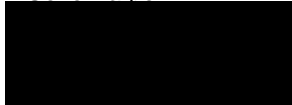
Okmulgee Council No. 17
Muskogee Council No. 2
Tulsa Council No. 22

District NO. 7
Dale Floyd



Bernard Council No. 43
Bartlesville Council No. 41

District No. 8
Gene Harper



Union Council No. 3
Ardmore Council No. 11

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2008-2009**

Standing Committees

Committee on Jurisprudence:

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All past Grand Illustrious Masters

Committee on Credentials:

Raymond E. Stoll (18) - Chmn - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Hollis O. Edgar (44) - [REDACTED]

Dale Floyd (43) - [REDACTED]

Committee on Finance:

Jim W. Mahan (41) - Chmn - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Donald G. Jones (26) - [REDACTED]

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) - [REDACTED]

Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]

Committee on Work and Returns:

Wesley A. Sherrick, Jr. (22) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Kish Thomas (26) - [REDACTED]

James E. Smyrl (22) - [REDACTED]

Andrew B. Palmer (22) - 401 [REDACTED]

Committee on Fraternal Correspondence:

A. Dean Monroe (50) - [REDACTED]

Committee on Triennial:

Donald G. Jones (26) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) - [REDACTED]

Charles L. Stuckey (43) - [REDACTED]

Committee on York Rite Coordination:

William Pearce (22) - Chmn - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Tim Israel (25) - [REDACTED]

Dwayne Dixon (59) - [REDACTED]

Jim W. Mahan (41) - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] l)

Committee on Custodian of the Work:

Kenneth D. Buckley (17) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

James C. Taylor (25) - [REDACTED]

James E. Smyrl (22) - [REDACTED]

Standing Resolution Committee

Investment Advisory Board:

2007-09 John L. Logan (52) - [REDACTED]

2008-10 Charles L. Stuckey (43) - [REDACTED]

2008-11 John D. Miller, Jr. (22) -16282 [REDACTED]

Special Committees

Charters and Dispensations:

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Bobby L. Carter (26) - [REDACTED]

DeMolay:

Gary A. Davis (44) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Shannon Todd Oleson (18) - [REDACTED]

Pat Couch (22) - [REDACTED]

Paul Watkins (22) - [REDACTED]

Cryptic Mason of the Year: (General Grand Council Meritorious Award)

Jim W. Mahan (41) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]

Gary A. Davis (22) - [REDACTED]

Masonic Charity Foundation:

Kenneth D. Buckley (17) - [REDACTED]

Membership:

Donnie G. Higginbotham (3) - [REDACTED]

All past Illustrious Grand Masters and Present Line Officers

York Rite Masonic Temple Corporation

2008-Kenneth D. Buckley

President – Kenneth D. Buckley

2009-Kish L. Thomas

Secretary – Gary A. Davis

2010-Charles L. Stuckey

Youth Leadership Award:

Jim W. Mahan (41) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]

Gary A. Davis (44) - [REDACTED]

Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation:

Jim W. Mahan (41) - Chmn - 13506 [REDACTED]

Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]

Committee on Time and Place:

Joshua R. Taylor (48) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

David A. Ray (26) - [REDACTED]

Committee on Appreciation:

Kenneth D. Buckley (17) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Paul G. Watkins (22) - [REDACTED]

Youth Ambassador: (DeMolay, Rainbow, & Jobs Daughters)

Donnie G. Higginbotham (1) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Pat Couch (22) - [REDACTED]

Shannon Todd Oleson (18) - [REDACTED]

David Brooks (25) - [REDACTED]

Tim Israel (25) - [REDACTED]

Don H. Whitman (3) - [REDACTED]

Steve O. Singleton (50) - [REDACTED]

Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]

Multimedia Communications:

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) - Print Media Coordinator

Steve O. Singleton (50) - Web Coordinator

James E. Smyrl (22) - Electronic & Media Promotions

Bob Cundiff (59) - Amateur Radio Coordinator

My Companion's Keeper:

Bobby L. Carter (26) - [REDACTED]

All Council Recorders

PROCEEDINGS
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At Its

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MARCH 27, 2009



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF
OKLAHOMA – March 27, 2009**

There being a constitutional number of Councils represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred Fifteenth Annual Assembly of The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was opened in the Holiday Inn Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2009. Companion E. David Snyder, M.: I.: Grand Master, presiding. The Grand Master appointed Companion Newell Barker as interim Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in the absence of Companion Troy E. Shipman and Companion Charles L. Stuckey as interim Grand Chaplain in the absence of Companion Don Whitman.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER..... E. DAVID SNYDER
RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER..... JIM W. MAHAN
R.I. GRAND P.C.W.....Newell Barker for TROY E. SHIPMAN
R.I. GRAND TREASURER..... ELWOOD M. ISAACS
R.I. GRAND SECRETARY..... GARY A. DAVIS
R.I. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD..... ANDREW B. PALMER
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL..... PAUL T. CURRELL
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MARSHALL..... RON CARR
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND STEWARD..... JIM HALBROOK
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SENTINEL..... DEAN MONROE
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN.....Charles L. Stuckey for DON H. WHITMAN

The flag of the United States of America was presented and the Companions present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by companion Charles L. Stuckey, Acting Grand Chaplain. Distinguished Guest were received at the 8:00 a.m. session ceremonies.

The Grand Master appointed Companions Richard Dunaway, Matt McGee, and Dale Floyd as the Teller Committee.

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

William A. Nation	1986-87	Donald H. Haralson	1993-94
Lewis A. Hullum	1994-95	Joseph M. Lusk	1995-96
Glenn Tuttle	1999-00	Elwood M. Isaacs	2003-04
Donald G. Jones	2004-05	Charles L. Stuckey	2005-06

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

Paul T. Currell	District No. 1	John E. King	District No. 2
Raymond E. Stoll	District No. 3	Robert D. Cundiff	District No. 4
A . Dean Monroe	District No. 5	L. Erik Stuckey	District No. 6

The Most Illustrious 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	Ardmore Council No. 11
Okmulgee Council No. 17	Alpha Council No. 18
Tulsa Council No. 22	Elk City Council No. 25
Shawnee Council No. 26	Norman Council No. 27
Altus Council No. 33	Bartlesville No. 41
Bernard Council No. 43	Cimarron Valley Council No. 44
Guthrie No. 48	Stillwater Council No. 50

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE-HUNDRED FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

A motion was made and seconded to approve the printed proceedings of the 114th annual assembly. Motion prevailed.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our 115th Annual Assembly.

To our visitors and distinguished guests, I would like to extend to you and your ladies our Oklahoma hospitality. I hope you enjoy your visit with us and return many times in the future.

Over the past year, I have been fortunate enough to travel the State with Companion Tim Israel and Sir Knight Mike Hampton. These are two friendships that I will cherish all my life. We have talked and planned many things with the common goal being the betterment of York Rite Masonry of Oklahoma. I hope what we have tried to do will have a lasting and positive impact for many years.

To the members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thank you for being here. Many of you had to take vacation or time away from your business to be here. That shows your dedication to York Rite Masonry and our craft.

Last April 12, 2008, I had the honor of being installed as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. It has been a great privilege to serve you in this capacity. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve.

To Most Worshipful Richard Massad, thank you for being here and for your support for York Rite Masonry in our Great State.

I would like to thank all the past Grand Illustrious Masters and Past Grand Illustrious Master Charles Stuckey for your support. You were there anytime I needed advice or counsel and were always willing to offer your assistance.

I want to offer a special thank you from myself and the craft to Right Illustrious Grand Secretary Gary A. Davis and Right Illustrious Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, for all your dedication and hard work.

To the Elected, Appointed Officers and Committeemen, thank you for your time and commitment given this year.

To my Companions of Bernard Council #43, I thank you for the beautiful apron which I will always wear with pride. I will be forever grateful for the support you have given me over the past years, as we have worked together in our local York Rite bodies. Thank you.

To Companion Joshua Taylor, for taking over the coordination of our Grand Sessions, and to Companion David Ray for his years of coordinating our Grand Sessions and helping Joshua this year.

I offer a special thank you to O. Ray Harrington and his lady Arlene, for once again taking care of our hospitality room. I am not sure how many years you have been doing this, but on the behalf of the York Rite Companions at this grand session, thank you.

To my good friend Right Eminent Grand Commander Michael E. Hampton and his wife Lynn, thank you for the many hours we have spent together traveling this state for Oklahoma York Rite. I will always cherish this time and friendship.

To my best friend and wife Barbara, I cannot express thanks enough for the support you have given me over the past years. For the many miles, early wake-ups, and late nights that we've experienced through all my Masonic endeavors, all I can say is I love you.

Necrology

Fifty-Three Companions have passed to that house not made by hands, eternal in heaven, since our last session. We will miss their companionship and extend our sympathy to their families.

2008 Triennial

We attended the 43rd Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 27 thru 30 at the Hyatt Regency.

One of the highlights was the meeting at the Indiana State University on the CMMRF research on stem cell research. We also took the tour of the Scottish Rite Temple. We got to meet many people from other states and visited about their lodges, Councils, Chapters and Commanderies. The meetings were long and I didn't feel like I had much to offer. In closing, Oklahoma was represented.

Southwest Central Conference

We traveled to Manhattan, Kansas, for the Southwest Central Conference, on September 19 and 20. Meetings were held in the hotel. There were three speakers who gave very good presentations, followed by a business session. We attended the Friday evening banquet, and on Saturday morning, we attended breakout sessions. In September, 2009 Oklahoma will host the conference at this Hotel. I encourage you all to attend.

Dispensations

June 27, 2008 - To Norman Council No. 27 to hold elections on July 10, 2008.

Dec 12, 2008 – To Bernard Council No. 43 to hold elections on 23 Dec 2008.

Grand Representatives Appointments:

California -- Patrick D. Couch

Maine -- Ronald L. Carr

Montana -- Steve Singleton

Nebraska -- Troy E. Shipman

South Dakota – Jim W. Mahan

Australia-Victoria – Robert E. Goode

Canada-Ontario – Donnie G. Higginbotham

Delaware -- Gene Harper

Missouri -- Don H. Whitman

North Carolina -- Paul T Currell

New Hampshire -- Matthew D. McGee

Washington – Glenn Tuttle

Australia-NSW – William D. Williams

England – James E. Halbrook

France – Harvey Kaylor
Italy – Donald G. Jones
Panama – Robert D. Cundiff
Romania -- Eric D Blackwood

Germany – William H. Pearce
New Zealand -- Raymond E. Stoll
Portugal – Hollis O. Edgar

In State visits 2008 – 2009

- April 19 Attended opening Ceremonies at the new Scottish Rite location in Tulsa. where I was Introduced and given a tour of the facilities.
- May 17 Attended the KYCH meeting in Shawnee, I was Introduced and I introduced the officers of the Grand Council of Oklahoma.
- May 25 Attended the Grand Banquet for the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls held in the Student Union at the University of Oklahoma. Introduced and brought Greetings from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.
- May 29 I was invited, attended and brought greetings at the Grand Court of Amaranth Grand Sessions in Oklahoma City held in the Biltmore Hotel.
- Jun 14 Attended the Quarterly meeting at Oklahoma #36 in Oklahoma City. This was a well attended meeting.
- Jun 21 I was invited by the Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Lodge Building of Oklahoma and met with all the other Masonic orders to plan dates for the coming year.
- July 12 I was invited and attended the DeMolay Conclave, held at the OSU Student Union, and brought greetings.
- Aug 16 Attended the Installation of the Past Commanders Association at Shawnee Lodge. I was introduced and I introduced officer in attendance.
- Aug 28-30 Attended the Triennial Assembly held in Indianapolis, IN.
- Sep 13 Attended 2nd Quarterly Meeting held at Lodge #36 in Oklahoma City.
- Sep13 Attended Grand Master's Field Day at Oklahoma Lodge No.36.
- Sep 18-20 Traveled to Manhattan KS, for the Southwest Conference.
- Oct 18 Introduced at the opening ceremonies of the McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion.
- Oct 25 Attended opening ceremonies Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced.
- Nov 10 Attended Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Was introduced in the opening.
- Dec 20 Installed officers of Tulsa Council No. 22, in Tulsa, OK.
- Jan 17 Attended Work and Tactics work shop at Oklahoma Commandery #3 in Oklahoma City, was introduced and introduced Council Officers in attendance.

- Jan18 I was invited to attend the Demolay Work Shop in Oklahoma City, and was introduced and brought greetings.
- Feb 7 Traveled to McAlester York Rite Field Day, brought greetings and welcomed the candidates.
- Feb 16 Attended Finance meeting at Drumright, OK and worked on the budget for 2009-2010.
- Feb 28 Attended Quarterly meeting at Oklahoma City Lodge #36, Ladies were invited to meet with the other wives and plan their part of the Grand Sessions.
- Mar 10 Attended and introduced at Ben Hur's Commandery #14 inspection.
- Mar 12 Attended Guthrie Commandery #1 Inspection and was introduced.
- Mar 14 Attended Inspection at Trinity #20, in Tulsa and was introduced.
- Mar 18 Attended St, Johns Commandery #8 in Stillwater and was introduced.
- Mar 19 Attended the inspection of Norman Commandery #38 and Introduced.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

At the banquet this evening we will honor Companion James R. Taylor, a very dedicated Companion who has served this state and Cryptic Masons for many years. He has served as Chairman for many Field Day Festivals for all the York Rite Degrees. I could go on and on about all the accomplishments this companion has to his credit. It will be my pleasure to present this award at General Banquet this evening.

ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Companion Paul T. Currell has rejuvenated youth activities in his home town and has served on many panels over the last few years. He has always made time for the youth when needed. I believe this companion is very deserving of this award and it will be my pleasure to make the formal presentation at the General Banquet.

Fraternally,
E. David Snyder
Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Treasurer - Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2008
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

Investment Accounts:

General Fund, Account No. 226-04365

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$77,273.64
Cash & Accrued Interest	\$ 128.00	
Insured Deposits, yield @ 1.74%	3,305.71	
Preferred Stocks:		
AMBAC Financial Gp, 75 sh, BBB, 5.95%	\$ 262.80	
CITIGROUP Capital, 170 sh, BBB, 6.0%	2,471.80	
CitiGroup Cap, 200 sh, BBB, 6.0%	2,772.00	
Merrill Lynch Cap, 60 sh, A+, 6.45%	949.80	
Public Storage, 200 sh, BBB, 6.60%	<u>3,600.00</u>	10,056.40
Mutual Funds:		
Capital Income Builders, 242.863 sh, yield 4.013%	10,086.11	
Investment Co of America, 222.236 sh, yield 2.185%	<u>4,626.96</u>	14,713.07
Corporate Bonds:		
Bk America notes, 20,000 sh, 9/15/27, A+, yield 7.105%	16,987.40	
Bear Stearns, 10,000 sh, 9/27/22, A+, yield 6.595%	9,248.80	
Bell Atlantic debts, 8,000 sh, 12/1/28, A, yield 8.026%	<u>5,980.16</u>	<u>32,116.36</u>
Total General Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2008		<u>\$60,319.54</u>
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2008		<u>\$16,954.10</u>
Transferred to Grand Council Checking Account 10/14/08	\$1,500.00	
Dividends/Interest earned in 2008	<u>\$4,387.28</u>	

Membership Development, Account # 226-05155

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$16,317.98
Cash & accrued Interest, @ 2.32%	\$ 0.00	
Insured Deposits	914.81	
Preferred stocks:		
Citigroup Cap, 239.0091 sh, A, 6.0%	\$5,019.19	
Gene Elec, Cap, 300 sh, AAA, 6.05%	\$7,632.00	
Public Storage, 200 sh, BBB+, 6.6%	<u>4,300.00</u>	16,951.19
Total Membership Development Fund Account as of 12/31/08		<u>\$17,886.00</u>
Account closed 5/31/08	0.00	

Transferred to Grand Chapter Joint Account 4/30/08

Dividends/Interest earned in 2008 \$ 406.69

Perpetual Membership Fund, Account # 226-04179

Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$68,207.64
Cash & Accrued Interest	\$ 60.38	
Insured Deposits yield @ 1.74%	4,491.09	
Preferred stocks:		
Alabama Power, 264.9564 Sh, A, 5.875%	\$6,459.64	
Citigroup Cap, 209.2633 sh, BBB, 6.0%	2,900.39	
CitiGroup, Cap, 113.0191 sh, BBB, 6.875%	1,669.29	
CitiGroup, Cap, 126.9723 sh, BBB, 6.35%	1,783.96	
CORTS Cap, 411.9284 sh, BBB, 6.0%	6,780.34	
GA Power Cap, 215.4968 sh, BBB+, 5.875%	4,947.81	
J P Mogan Chase Cap, 217.7407 sh, A-, 5.875%	4,213.28	
Morgan Stanley Cap, 676.8875 sh, 5.75%	<u>9,374.89</u>	38,129.60
Mutual Funds:		
Capital Income Builders Fd, 92.478 sh, yield 4.013%	3,840.61	
Corporate Bonds:		
GTE Calif debts, 7,000 sh, 5/15/27, A, 6.75%	<u>6,296.22</u>	
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2008		<u>\$52,817.90</u>
Net Gain in Account Value for the year 2008		<u>-\$15,389.74</u>
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$4,556.65	
The total endowed funds in the Grand Council as of 12/31/08:		\$77,981.86
Dividends/Interest distributed to Grand Council in 2008	\$2,456.20	

Dividends/Interest distributed to Local Councils in 2008	<u>\$2,178.50</u>	
Div/Int distributed in 2008 on interest earned in 2007:		\$4,634.70
Divi/Int to be distributed in 2009 on interest earned in 2008:	\$4,556.65	
Total Members as of 12/31/2008	668	
New members gained in 2008	8	

Grand Total of Grand Council Investments:

	1/1/08	12/31/08	Gain
Total General Fund Account Value	\$77,273.64	\$60,319.54	-\$16,954.54
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value	\$68,207.64	52,817.90	-15,389.74
Total Membership Development Fund Acct Value	<u>\$16,317.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Grand Council Total Investments	\$161,799.26	\$113,137.44	\$32,343.84

The Grand Council Investment account shows a net loss of \$32,343.84 or 21.54% for the year. We lost \$7,515 of the initial investment in the General Fund due to the collapse of Lehman Brothers where we held 300 shares of their preferred stock. We lost \$10,651.25 of the initial investment in the Perpetual Membership Fund due to the collapse of Lehman Brothers where we held 425 shares of their preferred stock. The membership Development Account was transferred to the Joint Account held by the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted, Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, Grand Treasurer

Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma

New															
3/18/2009 10:00															
Name	Members	Total	In 2008	Debit	Liaison	Total	Interest	To Grand	To Grand	Total to	To Local	To Local	Total to	Per Cent	
															Local
Alma No. 33	2	12	12	2,460.00	166.00	122.40	*							4.92%	
Alpha (OKC), No. 18	26	4	22	3,415.00	227.00	204.80	*	10.11	85.82	95.93	17.48	91.40	106.87	6.05%	
Arcadia, No. 11	19	4	15	3,165.00	203.70	174.00	*	9.90	67.84	77.74	18.80	76.40	96.26	5.52%	
Bartlesville, No. 41	41	18	23	4765.26	317.50	288.92	*	46.88	81.12	128.01	64.03	80.88	147.91	6.00%	
Bernard (Pawcat), No. 43	28	6	22	2,729.00	181.00	143.13	*	12.75	91.16	103.90	13.66	45.89	59.55	5.86%	
Capital Hill (OKC), No. 59	134	38	96	16,426.50	1055.40	972.99	*	115.02	409.31	524.33	150.29	298.27	444.66	5.82%	
Carmon Valley, No. 44	11	3	8	1,275.00	85.00	76.50	*	7.65	30.24	37.89	11.25	27.36	38.61	6.00%	
Elk City, No. 25	40	12	28	4,448.00	299.00	269.10	*	28.80	112.14	140.94	42.50	87.06	128.16	6.00%	
Galena, No. 48	21	3	18	2,751.00	183.00	164.04	*	6.75	80.21	86.96	13.95	64.15	78.10	6.00%	
Gwynn, No. 51	8	5	3	570.00	38.00	34.20	*	11.25	12.00	23.45	6.75	4.01	10.76	6.00%	
Lawton, No. 21	49	17	32	5,475.00	367.00	328.50	*	28.25	110.89	149.14	74.25	105.11	173.36	6.00%	
Malapique, No. 2	1	10	1	1,265.00	87.00	64.80	*	2.48	30.24	32.72	2.03	30.06	32.09	4.87%	
Norman, No. 27	36	15	21	4,131.66	274.00	247.90	*	37.90	79.75	117.55	51.30	75.05	130.25	6.00%	
Owensboro, No. 17	24	12	12	1,770.00	118.00	104.20	*	27.00	38.52	65.52	19.80	20.88	40.68	6.00%	
Shawnee, No. 26	1	26	13	13	2691.70	172.00	144.03	*	26.87	43.79	72.35	31.37	36.32	67.48	6.52%
Stillwater, No. 50	26	6	19	2,025.00	193.00	174.74	*	16.44	73.07	89.51	24.80	60.44	85.23	5.07%	
Tulsa, No. 22	2	87	20	67	12,005.50	799.50	680.73	*	50.79	283.01	333.89	66.89	279.59	344.94	5.67%
Union (Muskogee), No. 3	41	8	33	3704.75	247.25	222.53	*	20.70	128.90	147.60	22.14	62.79	74.93	6.00%	
Woodward, No. 52	20	10	20	1,647.50	128.00	115.85	*	23.50	62.56	80.06	8.56	17.34	26.88	6.00%	
18	8	668	154	474	77,981.86	5,133.03	4,461.47	*	495.53	1,997.20	2,392.73	639.62	1,519.72	2,158.74	5.94%
				668			6.64%	*	2,392.73		3.07%	*	2,158.74	4,551.47	4.651.47
Percentage used in making calculations: 6.0%															

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Please see the attached statement of profit and loss 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 2008		1573
Gains:		
• Greeted	53	
• Admissions	27	
• Reinstatements	13	
• Adjustments	<u>6</u>	
Total Gains		99
Losses:		
• Deaths	53	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	118	
• Dimitted	25	
• Adjustments	<u>3</u>	
Total Losses		199
Membership: 31 December 2008		<u>1,473</u>
Net Membership Loss:		<u>100</u>

The decrease of 100 members is about 6.4% of our beginning membership compared to 3.5 percent last year. Greetings decreased by about 23%, deaths about same as last year, and suspensions/withdrawals increased by 20%. All Councils have submitted monthly and quarterly reports for Year 2008.

We had 43 members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of eight, with an ending total of four hundred seventy-four living and one hundred ninety-four deceased perpetual members. Almost **32%** of our members are perpetual members.

Companions, most of you are aware that a Recorder is the most critical, the most valuable, and generally the least appreciated position in your Council. It is a challenge to some and a minor task for others. It is the consensus of the incoming Grand Illustrious Master that we schedule a training session for Recorders. It will be mandatory that your Recorder attend one of them. The dates will be published in advance so plans can be made accordingly. Additionally, I will be asking for a current membership of your Council. I intend to compile a database which will enable us to send information to our membership and to assist all Councils in keeping track of their membership. This database will be updated based on the quarterly reports received from each Council.

GARY A. DAVIS
Grand Recorder

GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET VERSES ACTUAL - 2008

Income:	<u>Budget 08</u>	<u>Actual 08</u>
Per Capita	\$8,152.00	\$8,152.00
Perpetual Members	2,456.00	2,456.00
Fees	250.00	410.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	200.00	145.00
Interest/Investments	5,293.00	5,293.00
Membership Development Interest	1,350.00	1,350.00
Miscellaneous	<u>150.00</u>	<u>178.00</u>

Total	\$17,851.00	\$17,984.00
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Expenditures:		
Salary-Grand Recorder	4,500.00	4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	400.00	385.00
Grand Illustrious Master's Allowance	1,250.00	1250.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	200.00	0.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	200.00	0.00
CMMRF	1,092.00	1,208.00
Per Capita - General Grand Council	538.00	536.00
DeMolay Contribution	500.00	286.00
Rent/Utilities	900.00	921.00
Telephone/Computer	550.00	480.00
Office Supplies	300.00	240.00
Printing & Stationary	2,000.00	607.00
Postage	1,000.00	724.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	215.00	87.00
Office Equipment Account	700.00	578.00
Maintenance Agreement	192.00	243.00
Office & Equipment Repair Account	200.00	0.00
Promotional Expense	1,350.00	301.00
Past Grand Illustrious Master Jewel	0.00	0.00
Triennial	600.00	388.00
Host Expense	75.00	75.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	200.00	221.00
Southwest Conference	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$17,112.00</u>	<u>\$13,080.00</u>
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Net Income/Loss	<u>\$739.00</u>	<u>\$4,904.00</u>
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RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008																					
No.	Name	2007					Net Gain					2008					Net				
		Members	Greeted	Attn.	Relat.	Dem.	Died	Adj.	SW	gr (Loss)	Members	Dues	Fees	PIM	NIP	DEMOLAY	PIC	CHMRE	Amount	PIC	
2	Mukopee	104	0	0	1	2	0	1	(4)		101	\$15.00	\$45.00	8	6	\$21.75	\$609.00	\$57.00	\$17.75	\$33.81	
3	Unio	104	5	1	0	0	2	0	5	(1)	103	\$8.30	\$36.50	32	0	\$17.75	\$497.00	\$71.00	\$58.75	\$153.44	
4	Chikasha	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	(18)		0	\$8.00	\$30.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	Acronoe	43	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	(18)	37	\$17.00	\$30.00	14	0	\$5.00	\$161.00	\$23.00	\$18.75	\$42.00	
17	Cumuyee	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	(23)		49	\$10.00	\$40.00	12	0	\$9.25	\$249.00	\$37.00	\$30.25	\$69.75	
18	Alpha	107	3	2	1	0	4	0	(21)		86	\$15.00	\$30.00	21	6	\$14.75	\$413.00	\$59.00	\$46.75	\$91.66	
21	Lawton	80	0	18	1	0	4	1	7		87	\$10.00	\$30.00	32	0	\$13.75	\$335.00	\$55.00	\$45.75	\$112.62	
22	Tulsa	299	8	1	4	0	13	-3	47	(44)	245	\$23.00	\$40.00	66	8	\$45.50	\$1274.00	\$182.00	\$150.50	\$238.94	
25	Elk City	68	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	(1)	67	\$16.00	\$40.00	28	2	\$9.25	\$259.00	\$37.00	\$30.25	\$113.94	
26	Swannee	68	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	(1)	67	\$14.63	\$45.00	12	5	\$12.50	\$350.00	\$50.00	\$41.25	\$79.40	
27	Norman	78	7	2	1	0	0	0	1	5	83	\$14.00	\$40.00	21	4	\$14.50	\$400.00	\$58.00	\$47.50	\$118.85	
33	Alusa	38	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	43	\$15.00	\$40.00	10	0	\$8.25	\$231.00	\$33.00	\$27.25	\$30.07	
41	Berthsville	72	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	(1)	71	\$16.50	\$40.00	23	6	\$10.50	\$294.00	\$42.00	\$34.50	\$145.86	
43	Bernard	25	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	(2)	23	\$15.00	\$29.00	8	0	\$8.50	\$286.00	\$38.00	\$33.50	\$101.46	
44	Camaron Valley	103	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	(2)	101	\$15.00	\$35.00	18	3	\$20.75	\$481.00	\$53.00	\$43.75	\$96.54	
48	Guthrie	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	(9)	50	\$10.00	\$35.00	19	3	\$7.00	\$189.00	\$28.00	\$23.00	\$65.36	
50	Salwater	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2)	12	\$10.00	\$30.00	3	0	\$2.25	\$83.00	\$9.00	\$7.25	\$25.48	
51	Guyton	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3)	49	\$10.00	\$30.00	19	2	\$7.00	\$189.00	\$28.00	\$23.00	\$65.36	
52	Woodward	137	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	(9)	128	\$15.00	\$35.00	94	1	\$8.25	\$231.00	\$33.00	\$27.25	\$50.60	
59	Capitol Hill	1573	53	27	13	25	53	-3	118	-100	1473			43		\$242.00	\$8,776.00	\$958.00	\$7,898.00	\$2,247.21	
	Totals																\$529.00	\$6,770.00	\$958.00	\$5,842.00	\$10,233.21

Finance Report

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report: On February 16, 2009, The Committee met in Drumright, OK with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and prepared the following budget for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma:
Fraternally submitted,

GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2009

<u>Income:</u>	<u>Budget 09</u>	
Per Capita	\$ 8,100.00	
Perpetual Members	\$ 2,282.00	
Fees	\$ 250.00	
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$ 150.00	
Interest/Investments	\$ 4,387.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	
Total		<u>\$15,369.00</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$ 4,500.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$ 385.00	
Grand Illustrious Master's Allowance	\$ 1,250.00	
CMMRF	\$ 1,450.00	
Per Capita - General Grand Council	\$ 1,450.00	
DeMolay Contribution	\$ 500.00	
Rent/Utilities	\$ 900.00	
Telephone/Computer	\$ 500.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	
Printing & Stationary	\$ 2,000.00	
Postage	\$ 1,000.00	
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$ 86.00	
Office Equipment Account	\$ 200.00	
Maintenance Agreement	\$ 200.00	
Office & Equipment Repairs	\$ 100.00	
Past Grand Illustrious Master Jewel	\$ 0.00	
Triennial	\$ 0.00	
Host Expense	\$ 75.00	
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$ 200.00	
Southwest Conference	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	
Total Estimated Expenses		<u>\$15,346.00</u>
Net Income/Loss		\$ 23.00

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Estimated Income:	
Membership Development Interest	\$1,150.00
Estimated Expenses:	
Membership Development	<u>1,150.00</u>
Net Income/Loss	0.00

Fraternally Submitted,
Jim Mahan, Chairman, Don G. Jones, William D Bowie, Jr., Troy E. Shipman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma:

Your committee on Jurisprudence met Thursday, March 26 at 9:30 p.m. to consider the actions of the Grand Master. The Dispensations issued by Grand Master Snyder were within his authority. There were no resolutions to consider.

Your committee thanks our Grand Illustrious Master for his service and commend him for his membership efforts. It is noted that his home council had a 20 percent increase in membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles L. Stuckey, (43) Chairman, Lewis Hullum (25), Glenn Tuttle (22), Elwood Isaacs (41), Donald Haralson (27)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There are 9 Grand Officers present with no votes, 8 Past Illustrious Grand Masters present with no votes, 60 Past Illustrious Masters present with 60 votes, 9 Illustrious Masters present with 2 votes, 5 Deputy Masters present with 0 votes, 5 Principal Conductor of the Council present with 1 votes and 17 proxies for a total of 80 votes. There were 14 out of 19 Councils represented by Dias Officers.

Submitted by:
Raymond Stoll (18), Chairman, Hollis Edgar (44), Dale Floyd (43)

WORKS AND RETURNS

Grand Illus. Master, Distinguished East, Companions All.

It is my pleasure to report that the Committee has verified that all reports have been submitted for 2008. It must be noted, however, that several Councils were delinquent in meeting the deadlines. We would encourage all Councils to continue to strive to file their reports on time and in proper order.

We regret to report that while a few Councils have worked hard on improving the conferring of the Council Degrees we still have a way to go. We would therefore, ask all Councils to strive to develop degree teams that will learn the work and thereby enhance the initiation experience for all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wes Sherrick (22), Chmn., Kish Thomas (26), James Smyrl (22), Andrew Palmer (22)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: The Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

A survey of corresponding Grand Jurisdictions echoes general trends of Masonry in the United States; mainly: concern for membership decline from falling interest, deaths, and non-payment suspensions. Subsequently, changes in membership recruitment and retention strategies tended to be the focus of most *State of the Craft* reports. The overall sentiment of a need for change can be seen in PIGM James B. Parker's statement: "...Freemasonry needs a facelift and a paradigm shift" (Ohio 2006 pg.39).

In most cases, each Grand Jurisdiction surveyed mentioned a lower membership loss this year than in previous years. While policy may stem membership loss, in terms of suspensions, it is obviously wrong to conclude that policy is stemming

mortality. Therefore, reduced net member loss (as is generally reported) is likely due to changing generations and not policy based. The Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdiction of Vermont showed over a nine-year period a 68% increase in "involuntary suspensions" and a 25% decrease in deaths (2006 *Records* Vermont pg. 29). In short, the critical factor in membership decline is leaning toward suspension and away from mortality. This will likely be a future trend as the "generational gap" passes through and out of the organization.

From the Jurisdictions surveyed, Ohio stood out singularly in membership growth. During the 2006 – 2007 tenure of PIGM James B. Parker 500 Companions were advanced. This can be viewed two ways: first, the Ohio Council increased its membership by 500 paying members in unadjusted values, which is a large amount for any state; second, by adjusting for population differences between Oklahoma and Ohio (0.3 scaling ratio based 1999 population estimates) their gain of 500 members is equivalent to Oklahoma gaining 150 members. This gain was attributed to "...the Ambassador's Program and DVD presentation" (Ohio 2007, pg.20). Although the Ambassador's Program was not directly addressed in the proceedings it is possible to guess the intention. The 2006 membership committee noted certain problems exist throughout constituent Councils, namely: lack of leadership, lack of enthusiasm, lack of content in meetings, and underachievement between successive constituent Illustrious Masters (Ohio 2006, pg. 19). Perhaps it is in our interest to contact the Grand Council of Ohio and inquire further into the Ambassador's Program.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence concludes this report with a culminating quote from PIGM Parker "If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got, but with diminishing returns" (Ohio 2006, pg. 39).

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Dean Monroe, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee wish to report that we have had a fairly successful year with membership. We held three field days last year plus some of the Councils are doing their own degrees at home. I believe that this practice should continue and grow to more Councils.

Respectfully submitted,
Donnie Higginbotham

YOUTH AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

The Youth Ambassador Committee is pleased to report that we have attended several of the events held this year for the youth. These have included the York Rite Workshop held for the DeMolay. Once again, we have a conflict with workshop and the Work and Tactics meeting. We need to work with the DeMolay and find a way that this conflict no longer occurs.

We would like to note that the State DeMolay Officers are all Masons. The State Junior Councilor recently received his E. A. degree. The State Master Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor, and the State Senior Councilor have all received their Master Mason degrees

Respectfully submitted.
Donnie G. Higginbotham, Patrick Couch, Shannon T. Oleson, David Brooks, Tim Israel, Don H. Whitman, Steve O. Singleton, & Troy E. Shipman

TRIENNIAL

Disbursements were made to those Companions who attended the 2005-2008 Triennial in Indianapolis on August 28, 29 and 30, 2008. The mileage

was calculated by the use of Map Quest (Ponca City to Indianapolis 696 miles). Companion Paul T. Currell also attended but is not a voting member in either body. The following Companions represented the Grand Council from Oklahoma:

David Snyder, MIGM Charles L. Stuckey, MIPGM Elwood M. Isaacs, MIPGM

The General Laws of the Grand Chapter pertaining to the disbursement of travel expenses, briefly states that funds will be accumulated based on the memberships effective December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 in each body.

Grand Council

2005	1738
2006	1632
2007	<u>1570</u>
	4940

The total disbursements for the Grand Council will be 4940 members times .08 cents per member or \$395.20.

The calculation for the MIGM is 696 miles times 15 cents per mile, one way, plus \$20 per day per diem, 696 miles x .15 per mile = \$104.40, plus 3 days per diem or \$60 for a total of \$164.40. The total disbursement of \$395.20 less \$164.40 = \$230.80, will be split equally between the four PGIMs attending.

Accordingly, the disbursements will be as follows:

David Snyder, MIGM	\$164.40
Charles Stuckey, PIGM	111.94
Ike Isaacs, PIGM	<u>111.94</u>
	\$388.80

In accordance with Article 6 of the General Council Constitution and General Laws, "none shall receive an amount in excess of the largest allowance to either Grand Officer". Since Companions Stuckey and Isaacs were reimbursed by \$52.46 each in the Grand Chapter, their total allowance in the Grand Council was limited to \$164.40 and thereby reduced by \$3.46 each to stay within this requirement.

Fraternally submitted:

Donald G. Jones, Chairman, William D. Bowie, Jr., and Bobby L. Carter

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Verbal report that the York Rite in Tulsa has worked with the Shrine to be at their functions to promote York Rite Masonry.

William Pearce, Chairman

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Again, we have not received any requests for assistance during the past year. Instruction has been furnished on an individual basis at a practice session.

Regional degree teams are active and participating when requested. In the future, it is desired that more teams be formed to assist in the Regional Field Days.

Again, we would strongly recommend that each Council strive to become proficient in at least one degree and participate in the Regional Field Days.

Fraternally submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, Chairman, James E. Smyrl, and James C. Taylor

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for charters and the dispensations noted in the Grand

Illustrious Master's address are considered within the scope and power of the Grand Illustrious Master. We commend Most Illustrious E. David Snyder for His successful year.

Fraternally Submitted,
William D. Bowie, Jr.
Bobby L. Carter

REPORT OF THE DeMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in OKC from 16-18 Jan 2009 and was well attended. There are always several new members initiated and Advisors trained at this workshop. The **Thirteenth** York Rite SWORD, honoring the "York Rite Outstanding DeMolay," for Ritual, Community Work, Leadership, and Scholastics, was presented to Nathan Beattie, Edmond Chapter, at the award ceremonies. This award, a regulation York Rite Sword, is engraved with the recipients 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.

Edmond Chapter of Edmond, OK was named "Chapter of the Year".

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons presented their donation to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association at the Awards presentation.

The committee wishes to thank Most Excellent Companion E. David Snyder, Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons for the opportunity to serve York Rite Masonry and we commend him for his leadership and his interest in DeMolay.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Davis, Shannon Oleson, Pat Couch, & Paul Watkins

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 latest program started a couple of years ago, partnering with the Area Agencies on Aging, by providing funds to be dispersed to those in need, has continued to improve and changes made in the requirements where found necessary. The local AAA receives the funds and distributes them to persons 55 years and older and who otherwise qualify for financial assistance. The Matching Funds and the Promises Matter Programs are still very active and more Lodges are encouraged to avail themselves of these funds for their local communities.

Many other programs are still in place and active, such as the Student of Today, Teacher of the Year, Partners to Prevent Blindness, Essay Contest, assisting our Masonic youth organizations and others, all of which are important to our Masonic activities.

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

Brother John Logan is now the Executive Director of the Foundation, having been selected due to the retirement of Brother Joe Manning who served this post for many years. We look forward to working with Brother Logan.

Fraternally submitted,
Kenneth D. Buckley

CMMRF COMMITTEE REPORT

No report available.

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Oklahoma

The Masonic Temple Association, incorporated under the state laws of Oklahoma, is in a "hold" situation and receiving no contributions pending resuming efforts to build a York Rite Temple. The present funds on hand in the amount of \$7,823.24, as of December 31, 2008, are in an investment account, joint York Rite Account No. 226-05400

The current committee consists of the following Companions:

2008 – Bobby Carter

2009 – Kish Thomas

2010 – Charles L. Stuckey

The 3-year term of Companion Bobby Carter expires this year and I recommend that he be re-elected for a 3-year term.

Fraternally submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, President, Gary A. Davis, Secretary

Motion made and seconded to elect Companion Bobby L. Carter for a three-year term. Motion Passed.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The location for the 2010 Grand Sessions of Oklahoma will be the Wyndham Airport, 2101 South Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The dates for these meetings have been set for 22-24 April 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua R. Taylor

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We are very pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend those responsible 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 the Ladies hosting the hospitality room and providing the refreshments, we certainly thank you.

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

I move this report be accepted, printed in the proceedings and those involved be notified a thanked for their services furnished us to make this a good session.

Fraternally submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, Chairman Paul G. Watkins

REMARKS BY VISITING DIGNITARIES

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

Companion J. Weldon Clampitte, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Texas

Companion E. William Whitaker, Past Grand Illustrious Master of New York and Grand

Representative of Oklahoma near New York
Companion Teddy E. Harrison, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Missouri and the Ambassador for the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International
Companion Stanton T. Brown, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Missouri and the Personal Representative of Companion Joe Vale, Most Puissant General Grand Illustrious Master of the General Grand Council International.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Companion Jim W. Mahan was nominated for the office of Illustrious Grand Master and was elected by acclamation. Companion Troy E. Shipman was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master and was elected by acclamation. Companion Elwood M. Isaacs 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 Andrew B. Palmer was nominated for the office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and was elected by acclamation. The name of Companion Gerald Milton, William Pearce, and Chris Sheehan were nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Guard and William Pearce was elected. The following is the list of Officers for 2009-2010 and those appointed along with committees:



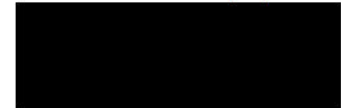
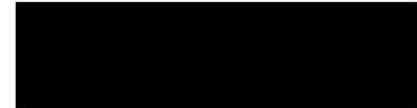




Closing Remarks

Companion Snyder announced that the installation of Officers of all three York Rite Bodies would be held on Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Companion Snyder 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.



2009-2010 Grand Council Officers
Front L-R Gary Davis, Elwood Isaacs, Jim Mahan, Andrew Palmer, William Pearce
Back L-R Ron Carr, Paul Currell, Jim Halbrook, Chris Sheehan
Not Pictured Troy Shipman, Deputy Grand Master, Don Whitman, Grand Chaplain

**ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS
GRAND COUNCIL 2009-10**

Jim W. Mahan (41)	Janet	M Grand Master
		
Troy E. Shipman (3)	Angela	R Deputy Grand Master
		
Andrew B. Palmer (22)	Brenda	R Grand P.C.W.
		
Elwood M. Isaacs (41)	Linda	R Grand Treasurer
		
Gary A. Davis (22)	Nellie	R Grand Recorder
		
William Pearce	Mary	R Captain of the Guard
		
Paul T. Currell (25)	Shonda	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
		
Ron Carr (43)	Alma	Illustrious Grand Marshall
		
Jim Halbrook (43)	Larrie	Illustrious Grand Steward



Chris Sheehan (50)

Hillary

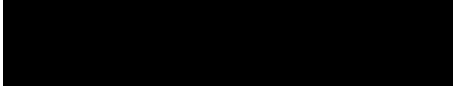
Illustrious Grand Sentinel



Don H. Whitman (3)

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Illustrious Grand Chaplain



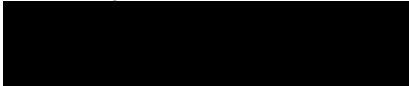
**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR 2009 – 2010**

District No. 1
John L. Logan



Guymon Council No. 51
Woodward Council No. 52
Elk City Council No. 25

District No. 2
John King



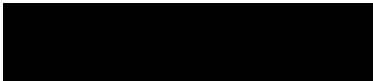
Lawton Council No.21
Altus Council No. 33

District No. 3
Steve O. Singleton



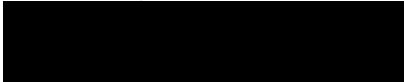
Norman Council No. 27
Alpha Council No. 18

District No. 4
Dan Pryor



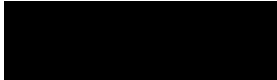
Shawnee Council No. 26
Capitol Hill Council No.59

District No. 5
E. David Snyder



Stillwater Council No. 50
Cimarron Valley No. 44
Guthrie Council No. 48

District NO. 6
Eric Blackwood



Okmulgee Council No. 17
Muskogee Council No. 2
Tulsa Council No. 22

District NO. 7
L. Erik Stuckey

Bernard Council No. 43
Bartlesville Council No. 41

District No. 8
Ronald S. Coppedge

Union Council No. 3
Ardmore Council No. 11

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2009-2010**

Standing Committees

Committee on Jurisprudence:

Raymond L. Lutomski, Jr. (26) -

All past Grand Illustrious Masters

Committee on Credentials:

Raymond E. Stoll (18) - Chmn -

Michael L. McConnel (22) -

Kent Israel (25) -

Richard C. Dunaway (44) -

James H. Ellis (41) -

Dale Floyd (43) -

Committee on Finance:

Troy E. Shipman (3) -

Joshua R. Taylor (48) -

Ron Carr (43) -

Tim Israel (25) -

Committee on Work and Returns:

James E. Smyrl (22) - Chmn - 1021

Raymond E. Stoll (18) -

Dwight Blair (21) -

Committee on Fraternal Correspondence:

E. David Snyder (43) -

Committee on Triennial:

Lewis A. Hullum (26) - Chmn -

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) -

Bobby L. Carter (26) - [REDACTED]

Committee on York Rite Coordination:

Tim Israel (25) – Chmn - [REDACTED]

Hollis O. Edgar (44) – [REDACTED]

James E. Smyrl (22) – [REDACTED]

Committee on Custodian of the Work:

James E. Smyrl (22) – Chmn - [REDACTED]

Charles L. Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED]

Kenneth D. Buckley (17) - [REDACTED]

James C. Taylor (25) - [REDACTED]

Standing Resolution Committee

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

2007-09 Charles L. Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED]

2008-10 John D. Miller, Jr. (52) -16282 [REDACTED]

2009-11 John L. Logan (29) - [REDACTED]

Special Committees

Charters and Dispensations:

Bobby L. Carter (26) – Chmn - [REDACTED]

E. David Snyder (43) – [REDACTED]

Paul G. Watkins, (22) – [REDACTED]

DeMolay:

Troy E. Shipman (3) – Chmn - [REDACTED]

Pat Couch (22) - [REDACTED]

Kent Israel (25) - [REDACTED]

Cryptic Mason of the Year: (General Grand Council Meritorious Award)

Troy E. Shipman (3) – Chmn - [REDACTED]

Gary A. Davis (22) - [REDACTED]

James C. Taylor (25) - [REDACTED]

Masonic Charity Foundation:

Kenneth D. Buckley (17) - [REDACTED]

Membership:

Ron Carr (43) – [REDACTED]

All past Illustrious Grand Masters and Present Line Officers

York Rite Masonic Temple Corporation

2009 - Kish L. Thomas

President – Kenneth D. Buckley

2010 - Charles L. Stuckey

Secretary – Gary A. Davis

2011 - Bobby L. Carter

Youth Leadership Award:

Jim W. Mahan (41) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]
Andrew B. Palmer (22) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (44) - [REDACTED]

Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation:

Troy E. Shipman (3) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Andrew B. Palmer (22) - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Committee on Time and Place:

Joshua R. Taylor (48) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
David A. Ray (26) - [REDACTED]

Committee on Appreciation:

Kenneth D. Buckley (17) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Kent Israel (25) - [REDACTED]

Youth Ambassador: (DeMolay, Rainbow, & Jobs Daughters)

Troy E. Shipman (3) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Pat Couch (22) - [REDACTED]
Chris Sheehan (50) - [REDACTED]
Shannon Todd Oleson (18) - [REDACTED]
Tim Israel (25) - [REDACTED]
Don H. Whitman (3) - [REDACTED]
Steve O. Singleton (50) - [REDACTED]
Paul T. Currell (25) - [REDACTED]
Kent Israel (25) - [REDACTED]

Multimedia Communications:

William D. Bowie, Jr. (26) - Print Media Coordinator
Steve O. Singleton (50) - Media Coordinator
Daniel D. Hanttula (27) - Webmaster
Bob Cundiff (59) - Amateur Radio Coordinator

Assistant Custodians of the Work:

Daniel D. Hanttula (27) - [REDACTED]
Joshua R. Taylor (48) - [REDACTED]
Mark A. Critchfield (48) - [REDACTED]
Glenn H. Kinsley (52) - [REDACTED]
Troy E. Shipman (3) - [REDACTED]
Chris Sheehan (50) - [REDACTED]
Paul T. Currell (25) - [REDACTED]
William H. Pearce (52) - [REDACTED]

Technology:

Daniel D. Hanttula (27) - [REDACTED]
Webmaster
Gary A. Davis (44) - [REDACTED]
Grand Recorder
Donnie G. Higginbotham (3) - [REDACTED]

ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

PAUL TIMOTHY CURRELL

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 Currell is a member of Elk City Lodge No. 182. He belongs to Elk City Chapter No. 50, Elk City Council No. 25, and Elk City Commandery No. 22. Companion Currell has served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, as well as being a past presiding officer of all the York Rite Bodies listed above.

He has been very active in the youth orders by being on the Advisory Boards of the Rainbow for Girls and W.O.W. Chapter Order of DeMolay, serving as Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Elk City Rainbow for Girls Assembly No. 19 since 2004. He was elected Rainbow Dad for 2005-06.

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, 620 W. Cherry St. Drumright, OK 74030
- 2000 Lanny R. Sander, Woodward Council No. 52, Woodward
- *2001 Gary D. Rodriguez, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
- 2002
- 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
- *Deceased

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

JAMES C. TAYLOR

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

Companion Taylor is a member of Elk City Lodge No. 182, Elk City Chapter No. 50, Elk City Council No. 25, and Elk City Commandery No. 22.

Companion Taylor has been active in all phases of Masonic work in Elk City, serving as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Illustrious Master of his Council, and as Commander of his Commandery. He has been Secretary/Recorder Elk City York Rite Bodies for nine years. Director of work for Elk City York Rite for 48 years, and has helped confer the "Super Excellent Master" degree since 1954.

He has been General Chairman of three Grand Council Sessions and five one-day festivals for York Rite Field Days. He has served on the ritual revision committee and was co-author of the communication scripts for the Royal Master Degree in 2004. Jim has been speaker at the South Central York Rite Conference several times.

Companion Taylor is a past presiding officer in the Order of Sword and Trowel, Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight York Cross of Honor, Red Cross of Constantine, and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member of S.R.I.C.F., Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite (KCCH), India Shrine Temple, Order of High Priesthood, and Past Commander's Association.

PAST CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

- *1975 F. Carley Bryant, Tulsa Council No. 22
- *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. Mieir, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
- *1998 Forrest T. Smith, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
- 1999
- 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

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, ElkCity
 *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, ElkCity
 *1952-53 Fridtiof M. Lumbard, Muskogee Council No. 2, Muskogee
 *1953-54 Robert H. Jelley, Lawton Council No. 21, Lawton
 *1954-55 Carl F. Hansen, Oklahoma Council No. 1, Hugo
 *1955-56 George G. Duff, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 *1956-57 Austin R. Stough, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1957-58 Ferrel B. Morrow, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1958-59 W. King Larimore, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1959-60 Chester M. Cowen, Chickasha Council No. 4, Chickasha

*1960-61 George W. Wright, Guymon Council No. 51, Guymon
 *1961-62 John H. White, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *1962-63 Ben F. Mandlebaum, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 *1963-64 Thomas L. Townley, Sr., Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1964-65 Luther M. Deatherage, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1965-66 O. Kenneth Taylor, Okmulgee Council No. 17, Okmulgee
 *1966-67 John C. Barnard, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
 *1967-68 Percy G. Howes, Murrow Council No. 55, Atoka
 *1968-69 Kenneth M. Blakley, Woodward Council No. 52, Woodward
 *1969-70 Robert H. Bibb, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1970-71 Lorenzo S. Eales, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1971-72 Seymour B. Ingerson, Bartlesville Council No. 41, Bartlesville
 *1972-73 Robert E. Fielden, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1973-74 D. L. Cooley, capitol Hill Council No. 59, Oklahoma City
 *1974-75 Loren L. Jones, Guthrie Council No. 48, Guthrie
 *1975-76 John T. West, Ada Council No. 10, Ada
 *1976-77 Herbert O. Nelson, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1977-78 Eugene Fields, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 *1978-79 Charles H. Warner, Sr., Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1979-80 Allen J. Larson, Ardmore Council No. 11, Ardmore
 1980-81 Neal D. Leech, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1981-82 Walter L. Harmon, Stillwater Council No. 50, Stillwater
 *1982-83 L. D. Clark, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 *1983-84 Carl Burrows, Hobart Council No. 32, Hobart
 *1984-85 Paul A. Fitch, Ardmore Council No. 11, Ardmore
 *1985-86 George A. Hill, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 1986-87 William A. Nation, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 *1987-88 Donald M. Keiser, Lawton Council No.21, Lawton
 *1988-89 C. W. Epperson, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 *1989-90 William R. Hudson, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 1990-91 J. O. Rust, Jr., Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 1991-92 John J. Petrik, Bernard Council No. 43, Ponca City
 *1992-93 James A. Hogue, Sr., Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 1993-94 Donald H. Haralson, Norman Council No. 27, Norman
 1994-95 Lewis A. Hullum, Shawnee Council No. 26, Shawnee
 1995-96 Joseph M. Lusk, Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 1996-97 Bill B. Perkins, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 1997-98 Earl L. Berryman, Jr., Alpha Council No. 18, Oklahoma City
 1998-99 Rex L. Bowen, Cimarron Valley Council No. 44, Drumright
 1999-00 Glenn Tuttle, Tulsa Council No. 22, Tulsa
 2000-01 Monte G. Hendrix, Union Council No. 3, McAlester
 *2001-02 Gary D. Rodriquez, 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
 *Deceased

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA — 2009-2010

		GRAND REP	GRAND REP
JURISDICTION	GRAND RECORDER	IN OKLAHOMA	OTHER JURISDICTION

Alabama	Hiram O. Williams [REDACTED]	I. Dwayne Dixon [REDACTED]	Wallace R. Byrd [REDACTED]
Alaska	David A. Hunt [REDACTED]	Kish L. Thomas [REDACTED]	George Watt [REDACTED]
Arizona	David G. Stankow [REDACTED]	William A. Nation [REDACTED]	Glenn Steiner [REDACTED]
Arkansas	Royce H. Taylor [REDACTED]	Earl L. Berryman, Jr. [REDACTED]	Cecil Cook [REDACTED]
Australia- So. Aust.	Lionel G. Roeger [REDACTED]	Dale Floyd [REDACTED]	
Australia- NSW	John S. Williams [REDACTED]	William D. Williams [REDACTED]	
Australia- Victoria	J.P. Battye [REDACTED]	Robert E. Goode [REDACTED]	
California	Kenneth G. Hope [REDACTED]	Patrick D. Couch [REDACTED]	Phillip D. Gibson [REDACTED]
Canada, Eastern	H.C. Lindsay Woodhams [REDACTED]	O. Ray Harrington [REDACTED]	Lawrence G. Moss [REDACTED]
Canada, Ontario	Charles Meldrum [REDACTED]	Donnie G. Higginbotham [REDACTED]	Donald F. Cline [REDACTED]
Canada, Western	Donald B. Russell [REDACTED]	Gary A. Davis [REDACTED]	Kenneth J. McKenzie [REDACTED]
Colorado	Robert Applegate [REDACTED]	David A. Ray [REDACTED]	Howard R. Caldwell [REDACTED]
Connecticut	Charles B. Fowler, Jr. [REDACTED]	Richard C. Dunaway [REDACTED]	William S. Hart [REDACTED]
Delaware	H. Richard Hoffman [REDACTED]	Gene Harper [REDACTED]	Jay C. Bergstrom [REDACTED]

	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
District of Columbia	Howard F. Coleman [REDACTED]	William S. Phinney [REDACTED]	Douglas J. Snow [REDACTED]
England and Wales	T.J. Lewis [REDACTED]	Larry P. Robertson [REDACTED]	Richard Ludwik Gan [REDACTED]
Florida	Steven Q. Steele [REDACTED]	Lewis Hullum [REDACTED]	George W. McCool
France	Philippe Martin [REDACTED]	Harvey Kaylor [REDACTED]	
Georgia	Andre E. Lovas [REDACTED]	Newell K. Barker [REDACTED]	Dannie L. Reed
Germany	Chris P. Thomas [REDACTED]	William Pearce [REDACTED]	Uwe Clausen [REDACTED]
Greece	Constantinos N. Korontis [REDACTED]	Wesley A. Sherrick, Jr. [REDACTED]	George Ivos' [REDACTED]
Hawaii	Cletus M. Ching [REDACTED]	James E. Smyrl [REDACTED]	
Idaho	David A. Grindle [REDACTED]	E. David Snyder [REDACTED]	Lee W. Hamilton [REDACTED]
Illinois	Dick J. Carroll [REDACTED]	A. Dean Monroe [REDACTED]	Bradley L. Baker [REDACTED]
Indiana	Austin C. Gray, Jr. [REDACTED]	James C. Taylor [REDACTED]	John V. Stevens [REDACTED]
Iowa	John Harris Watts [REDACTED]	Bobby L. Carter [REDACTED]	Charles D. Yates [REDACTED]
Israel	Jacob Bardo [REDACTED]	Jimmie R. Dooley [REDACTED]	
Italy	Enrico Consonni [REDACTED]	Donald G. Jones [REDACTED]	
Kansas	Kelley Kraemer	Rex L. Bowen	David F. Snyder

	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Kentucky	William G. Hinton [REDACTED]	Aix B. Harrison [REDACTED]	Sam C. Davenport [REDACTED]
Louisiana	Timothy Riley [REDACTED]	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr. [REDACTED]	C.B. Owen
Maine	Robert D. Chaput [REDACTED]	Ron Carr [REDACTED]	Kenneth C. Carlin [REDACTED]
Maryland	Vernon H. Huebschman [REDACTED]	Willis L. Emerson [REDACTED]	Donald J. Hawkins [REDACTED]
Massachusetts	John B. McCulloch, Jr. [REDACTED]	Don Turley [REDACTED]	Frank G. Holt III [REDACTED]
Michigan	Terry G. Baker [REDACTED]	Barry Spradling [REDACTED]	Gordon J. Karslake [REDACTED]
Minnesota	Stanley Morrill [REDACTED]	David Berry [REDACTED]	Harlan Heidecker [REDACTED]
Mississippi	Mickey P. McMahan [REDACTED]	William D. Bowie, Jr. [REDACTED]	George E. Frazier [REDACTED]
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample [REDACTED]	Don Whitman [REDACTED]	Ralph P. Bunnell [REDACTED]
Montana	Bradford L. Huffman [REDACTED]	Steve Singleton [REDACTED]	Jack O. Morris [REDACTED]
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson [REDACTED]	Troy E. Shipman [REDACTED]	Rick E. Harris [REDACTED]
Nevada	Russell M. Wilde [REDACTED]	Herbert L. Niles [REDACTED]	Jerry Blevans [REDACTED]
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan [REDACTED]	Matthew D. McGee [REDACTED]	Gerald F. Buehrer [REDACTED]
New Jersey	Stephen Lutz [REDACTED]	Michael E. Hampton [REDACTED]	Leon C. Murchison [REDACTED]
New Mexico	Paul A. Brehm [REDACTED]	Elwood M. Isaacs [REDACTED]	Dickerson R. Watkins [REDACTED]

New York	Paul B. Matthews [REDACTED]	Glenn H. Kinsley [REDACTED]	E. William Whittaker [REDACTED]
New Zealand	A.N. French, J.P. [REDACTED]	Raymond E. Stoll [REDACTED]	
North Carolina	Robert A. Schafer [REDACTED]	Paul T. Currell [REDACTED]	Kolen Flack [REDACTED]
North Dakota	Merle L. Huhner [REDACTED]	Joseph M. Lusk [REDACTED]	James K. Well [REDACTED]
Ohio	Merlyn E. Meredith [REDACTED]	Kenneth D. Buckley [REDACTED]	Paul Schulteiss [REDACTED]
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway [REDACTED]	John J. Petrik [REDACTED]	Norman Hoard [REDACTED]
Panama	Antonio H. Linck [REDACTED]	Robert D. Cundiff [REDACTED]	
Pennsylvania	Lee H Whitaker [REDACTED]	Robert T. Shipe [REDACTED]	P. Franklin Hartzel [REDACTED]
Philippines	Isaac F. Arribas, Jr. [REDACTED]	Tim Israel [REDACTED]	Dr. Antonio F. Joson, Jr. [REDACTED]
Portugal	Joao Ferrierinho [REDACTED]	Hollis O. Edgar [REDACTED]	
Rhode Island & Providence Plantations	Kenneth M. Long [REDACTED]	Dewayne R. Hendricks [REDACTED]	Arnold B. Shaw [REDACTED]
Romania	Luta Teddor, C/O Stefan Masu [REDACTED]	Erick D. Blackwood [REDACTED]	
Scotland	Grahame J. Smith [REDACTED]	Robert G. Davis [REDACTED]	William S. Dick [REDACTED]
South Carolina	Johnnie T. Morris [REDACTED]	Rodney Clark [REDACTED]	Gary B. Hinson [REDACTED]

South Dakota	Harlan F. Peterson [REDACTED]	Jim W. Mahan [REDACTED]	
Tennessee	David T. Hart [REDACTED]	Paul G. Watkins [REDACTED]	Bobby Gene Pollard [REDACTED]
Texas	Orville L. O'Neill [REDACTED]	Charles L. Stuckey [REDACTED]	James D. Berry [REDACTED]
Utah	Owen C. Orton [REDACTED]	L. Eric Stuckey [REDACTED]	John L. Elwell, Jr. [REDACTED]
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard [REDACTED]	Monte G. Hendrix [REDACTED]	Edward J. Jehle [REDACTED]
Washington	Forrest A. Ryan [REDACTED]	Glenn Tuttle [REDACTED]	Alexander J. Jordan [REDACTED]
Wisconsin	Gary J. Parker [REDACTED]	John C. Shanklin [REDACTED]	Eugene R. Kuhnwald [REDACTED]
Wyoming	Louis M. Ellenberger [REDACTED]	John L. Logan [REDACTED]	Martin I. Eggert [REDACTED]

2009 COUNCIL DIRECTORY OF OKLAHOMA CRYPTIC MASONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME-LOCATION</u>	<u>ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER</u>	<u>RECORDER</u>	<u>MEETING</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARTER</u> <u>DATE</u>
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402	Larry Wiseman	Eric D. Blackwood	3rd Monday	24 Aug 1894
3	UNION 2d & Adams Scottish Rite Temple	Joseph Stacy	Monte G. Hendrix	4th Monday	28 May 1878
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St. Ardmore 73401	David L. Roberts	Gene D. Harper	2d Monday	18 Apr 1906 (I.T.)
17	OKMULGEE McCulloch Bldg. 114 N. Grand	William H. Bethel	Jon J. Giddings	1st Tuesday	4-Apr-09
18	ALPHA 2935 W. Britton Rd Oklahoma City 73120	O. Ray Harrington	Dan Pryor	2d & 4th Tuesdays	11 Aug 1892
21	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501	Michael Zura	Bobby Stalnaker	1st Tuesday	19-Apr-11
22	TULSA 5925 E. 9 th Tulsa 74112	Larry D. White	Craig Bowman	2d Monday	20-Apr-11
25	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644	Ronald K. Duffield	James C. Taylor	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	1-Apr-13
26	SHAWNEE 555 Kickapoo Spur Shawnee 74801	David A. Ray	Bobby L. Carter	1st Monday	17-Apr-13
27	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73069	Daniel Hanttuls	William A. Nation	2nd Thursday	14-Apr-14

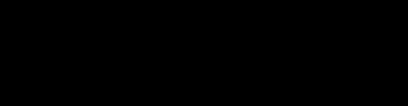


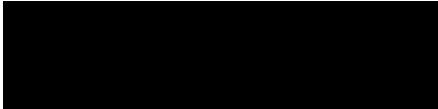
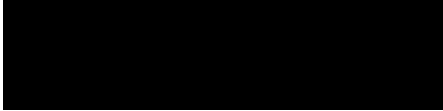
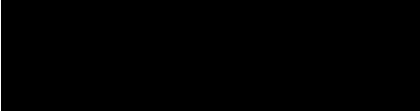
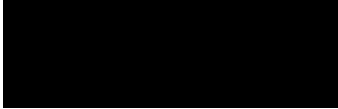
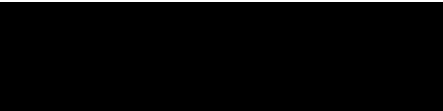
33	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson St. Altus 73521	John E. king [REDACTED]	Bobby L. Laws [REDACTED]	1 st Thursday	31-Mar-2006
41	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Bartlesville 74006-8722	Carl E. Schonborg [REDACTED]	Robert E. Goode [REDACTED]	1st & 3d Thursdays	23-Apr-08
43	BERNARD 1200 . Grand Ponca City 74601	Don Nuzum [REDACTED]	James E. Halbrook [REDACTED]	2d Tuesday	15-Apr-24
44	CIMARRON VALLEY 220 N. Ohio Drumright 74030	Hollis O. Edgar [REDACTED]	Gary A. Davis [REDACTED]	1st Monday	15-Apr-25
48	GUTHRIE 102 S. Broad Guthrie 73044	Joshua R. Taylor [REDACTED]	Tommy M. Johnston [REDACTED]	1st Thursday	6-Oct-45
50	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074	Chris Sheehan [REDACTED]	Aix B. Harrison [REDACTED]	2d & 4th Wednesdays	14-Apr-49
51	GUYMON 503½ N. Main Guymon 73942	Ronald K. Logan [REDACTED]	Dewey A. Coldiron [REDACTED]	2d Saturday	1949
52	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801	Glenn H. Kinsley [REDACTED]	R. Craig Weidemann [REDACTED]	4th Thursday	2-Apr-51
59	CAPITOL HILL 814 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110	Joe Goenaga, Jr. [REDACTED]	Dewayne R. Hendricks [REDACTED]	3rd Friday	3-Apr-57

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MARCH 27, 2009 - A.D.2009, A.O. 891

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009

Michael E. Hampton (14)	Linda	Right Eminent Grand Commander
		
Lewis A. Hullum (36)	Jan	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
		
I. Dwayne Dixon (53)	Judy	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
		
Richard C. Dunaway (42)	Robin	Eminent Grand Captain General
		
Mark A. Critchfield (1)	Kelly	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
		
L. Erik Stuckey (14)	Kerry	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
		
Charles L. Stuckey (14)	Glenda	Excellent Grand Prelate
		
Elwood M. Isaacs (26)	Linda	Eminent Grand Treasurer
		
Gary A. Davis (20)	Nellie	Right Eminent Grand Recorder



Edward J. Becerra (18)

Dolores

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer



Edwin C. Womack (22)

Ellena

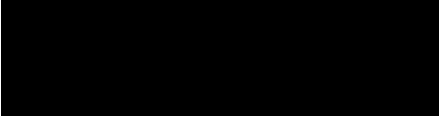
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer



Paul T. Currell

Shonda

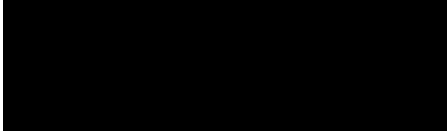
Eminent Grand Warder



James E. Smyrl

Ginger

Eminent Grand Sentinel





MICHAEL E. HAMPTON
GRAND COMMANDER 2008-09

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Sir Knight Michael Hampton was born February 6, 1944 in Miami, Florida, the younger of two sons of Reason L. and Ebby Merle Hampton. Mike grew up and attended public schools in Miami and Melbourne, Florida graduating in 1962. He attended Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida, University Of Eastern North Carolina, Roane State Community College in Tennessee and graduated from Southwestern College, in Winfield, Kansas graduating with a BS degree in 1996.

His working career includes: Pan American World Airways, Guided Missile Range Division, Cape Kennedy, Florida; his own electrical company as Hampton Electric in Florida; Union Carbide in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Welborn Electric, Ponca City, Oklahoma; Continental Carbon, Ponca City, Oklahoma and ConocoPhillips, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mike met his wife Lynn in High School and they have been married for 44 years and have been blessed with two children Mindy and Michael David, a son-in-law Joe Neville and two grandchildren Lauren and Ethan Neville.

Masonic History

Mike's Masonic career began when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice Aug 19, 1992, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft December 2, 1992 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason March 19, 1993 at Ponca Lodge No 83. He is a Perpetual Member of Ponca Lodge #83 and served as Worshipful Master in 2003-2004. He was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Olivet Chapter No. 25 on Feb. 19, 1994, and served as Excellent High Priest in 2001. He was greeted a Select Master in Bernard Council No. 43, Feb. 19, 1994, and served as Illustrious Master in 2001. Sir Knight Mike was Knighted in Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 on March 14, 1994 and served as Eminent Commander in 2000. He was elected as the Eminent Grand Warder in the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma in 2000, advancing to the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma, in 2008. Mike received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and serves on the 5th and the 22nd Degree teams. He was invested with Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2006.

Other Masonic affiliations and honors are:

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle IV

Past Commanders Association, Oklahoma

Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75

Knight of the York Cross of Honor in Oklahoma Priory No. 9

Allied Masonic Degrees, Father Murrow Council No. 10

Knight Masons, Joseph S. Lewis Council #66

Order of the Eastern Star, Franchon Chapter No. 53

Red Cross of Constantine, Prince of Peace Conclave

Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of Demolay,

Oklahoma College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, M.S.R.I.C.F.

AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2008-2009

- AREA 1 EDWIN C. WOMACK
ELK CITY COMMANDERY NO. 22, K.T., ELK CITY, OK
ST. AUMER NO. 29, K.T. - WOODWARD, OK
- AREA 2 JAMES E. SMYRL
TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 20, K.T. - TULSA, OK
SHAWNEE COMMANDERY NO. 36, K.T. - SHAWNEE, OK
- AREA 3 L. ERIK STUCKEY
BEN HUR COMMANDERY NO. 14, K.T. - PONCA CITY, OK
CALVERY COMMANDERY NO. 26, K.T. - BARTLESVILLE, OK
- AREA 4 PAUL T. CURRELL
GUTHRIE COMMANDERY NO. 1, K.T. - GUTHRIE, OK
NORMAN COMMANDERY NO. 38, K.T. - NORMAN, OK
- AREA 5 RICHARD C. DUNAWAY
ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY NO. 8, K.T. - STILLWATER, OK
CIMARRON VALLEY COMMANDERY NO. 42, K.T. - DRUMRIGHT, OK
- AREA 6 I. DWAYNE DIXON
OKLAHOMA COMMANDERY NO. 3, K.T. - OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
CAPITOL HILL COMMANDERY NO. 53, K.T. - MIDWEST CITY, OK
- AREA 7 MARK A. CRITCHFIELD
MUSKOGEE COMMANDERY NO. 2, K.T. - MUSKOGEE, OK
McALESTER COMMANDERY NO. 9, K.T. - McALESTER, OK
GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY NO. 25, K.T. - OKMULGEE, OK
- AREA 8 EDWARD J. BECERRA
ARDMORE COMMANDERY NO. 9, K.T. - ARDMORE, OK
LAWTON COMMANDERY NO. 18, K.T. - LAWTON, OK

GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA 2008-2009
STANDING COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS:

Troy E. Shipman (6) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Raymond E. Stoll (7) - [REDACTED]
Hollis O. Edgar (42) - [REDACTED]
Dale Floyd (14) - [REDACTED]
Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr. (36) - [REDACTED]

FINANCE:

William J. Cloud (53) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Lewis A. Hullum (36) - [REDACTED]
Edwin C. Womack (22) - [REDACTED]

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

Willis L. Emerson (20) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS

Kenneth D. Buckley (25) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (22) - [REDACTED]
Glenn H. Kinsley (29) - [REDACTED]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS

James C. Taylor (22) - [REDACTED]
Edward W. Hart (20) - [REDACTED]
Lewis A. Hullum (36) - [REDACTED]

GENERAL MATTERS

Charles L. Stuckey (14) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
O. Ray Harrington (3) - [REDACTED]
William A. Nation (38) - [REDACTED]

NECROLOGY

Charles L. Stuckey (14) - [REDACTED]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2008 to 2011 - John L. Logan (29) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

2009 - I. Dewayne Dixon (53) - [REDACTED]
2010 - Richard C. Dunaway (42) - [REDACTED]
2011 - Mark Critchfield (1) - [REDACTED]
Ex-Officio - Lewis A. Hullum (36) - [REDACTED]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

I. Dwayne Dixon (53) - [REDACTED]
All Grand Commandery Officers

MEMBERSHIP

Robert G. Davis (1) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
William D. Williams (1) - [REDACTED]
Charles L. Stuckey (14) - [REDACTED]
Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr. (36) - [REDACTED]
Donald G. Jones (3) - [REDACTED]
Wesley A. Sherrick, Jr. (20) - [REDACTED]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION / SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

2009 - William D. Bowie (36) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
2010 - Glen H. Kinsley (29) - [REDACTED]
2011 - E. David Snyder (14) - [REDACTED]
2012 - David A. Ray (36) - [REDACTED]
2013 - Edward J. Becerra (18) - [REDACTED]
Sec -Treasurer - Gary A. Davis - [REDACTED]

PRINTING

John L. Logan (29) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Michael E. Hampton (14) - [REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (20) - [REDACTED]

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

L. Erik Stuckey (14) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Elwood M. Isaacs (26) - [REDACTED]
Rodney Clark (1) - [REDACTED]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

James E. Smyrl (20) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Richard C. Dunaway (42) - [REDACTED]
Robert G. Davis (1) - [REDACTED]

EDUCATION LOAN FOUNDATION AUDIT

Bobby L. Carter (36) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
William D. Bowie (36) - [REDACTED]
Kenneth R. House (53) - [REDACTED]

REGIONAL DEGREE CONFERRALS/ONE-DAY FESTIVALS

Charles L. Stuckey (14) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Donald G. Jones (3) - [REDACTED]
William D. Bowie (36) - [REDACTED]
O. Ray Harrington (3) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (22) - [REDACTED]

TEMPLE REVIEW (Fraternal Correspondence)

David A. Ray (36) - [REDACTED]

TIME AND PLACE

Joshua R. Taylor (48) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
David A. Ray (36) - [REDACTED]

APPRECIATION

Kenneth D. Buckley (25) - [REDACTED]

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

DEMOLAY

Gary A. Davis (20) - Chmn - [REDACTED]

Jay A. Wall (1) - [REDACTED]

Matt McGee (14) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE TEMPLE BUILDING COMPANY COMMITTEE

2008 – David A. Ray (36) - [REDACTED]

2009 - Glen H. Kinsley (29) - [REDACTED]

2010 – Charles L. Stuckey (14) - [REDACTED]

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
OKLAHOMA
At The One Hundred Fourteenth Annual
Convocation Held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 27, 2008**

There being a constitutional number of Commanderies represented to form a quorum, the One-Hundred-Fourteenth Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened in the Holiday Inn Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Friday, 8:00 a.m., March 27, 2008 with Michael E. Hampton, Grand Commander, presiding. Sir Knight Andrew Palmer was appointed to fill in for the absence of Sir Knight Ed Becerra. The following officers were in their respective stations and places:

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER.....	MICHAEL E. HAMPTON
VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.....	LEWIS A. HULLUM
EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO.....	I. DWAYNE DIXON
EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.....	RICHARD C. DUNAWAY
EMINENT GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....	MARK A. CRITCHFIELD
EMINENT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.....	L. ERIK STUCKEY
EMINENT GRAND PRELATE.....	CHARLES L. STUCKEY
EMINENT GRAND TREASURER.....	ELWOOD M. ISAACS
EMINENT GRAND RECORDER	GARY A. DAVIS
EMINENT GRAND STANDARD BEARER.....	Andrew Palmer for EDWARD J. BECERRA
EMINENT GRAND SWORD BEARER.....	EDWIN C. WOMACK
EMINENT GRAND WARDER.....	PAUL T. CURRELL
EMINENT GRAND SENTINEL.....	JAMES E. SMYRL

RECEIVED AND INTRODUCED VISITING DIGNITARIES

The Grand Commander received visiting Dignitaries from other Jurisdictions, as well as those from Oklahoma. The lines were formed and the following visitors were received: Kenneth D. Buckley, Most Eminent Past Grand Master General Convent General, KYCH and Grand Registrar of Convent General, Knights York Cross of Honor and R.: E.: Past Grand Commander Knights Templar of Oklahoma, Charles L. Stuckey, Regional Deputy for KYCH and Grand Sovereign United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and R.: E.: Past Grand Commander Knights Templar of Oklahoma, Stanley N. McIrvine, Grand Master General Convent General, KYCH, Orville L. O'Neill, Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Texas, James Roy Elliott, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, William E. Whitaker, M.:I.: Past Grand Master of Grand Council of New York and the Grand Representative for Oklahoma near the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery of New York, Teddy E. Harrison, M.:I.: Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri and Ambassador for the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, Larry G. Canada, R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas, J. Weldon Clampitte, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas and M.:I.: Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas, Stanton L. Brown, M.:I.: Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri and Personnel Representative of Companion Joe Vale, Most Puissant General Grand Illustrious Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, Michael Shively, R.:E.: Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, James C. Taylor, R.:E.: Past Department Commander of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA and R.:E.: Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, Billy J. Boyer, R.:E.: Past South Central

Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Missouri, Sir Knight Doug Mitchell, R.: E.: South Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Texas, and David Dixon Goodwin, R.: E.: Past Grand Commander Knights Templar of New York, R.: E.: Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA, and personal representative of Sir Knight William H. Koon, II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA. The Arch of Steel were afforded the current Grand Commanders and all Past Grand Commanders.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

JAMES C. TAYLOR	1974-75	ELLIS L. SAPPINGTON	1984-85
DANIEL C. PRYOR	1988-89	KENNETH D. BUCKLEY	1989-90
JAMES R. CREASON	1995-96	WILLIAM A. NATION	1996-97
EDWARD W. HART	1997-98	O. RAY HARRINGTON	1998-99
CHARLES L. STUCKEY	2000-01	GARY A. DAVIS	2004-05
WILLIS L. EMERSON	2006-07	JOHN L. LOGAN	2007-08

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 was noted.

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPRESENTED

The Grand Commander requested a roll call of the Constituent Commanderies. He extended to them a cordial welcome. Out of 17 Commanderies, 11 were represented by either the Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain General. They are as follows:

Muskogee No. 2	Oklahoma City No. 3
McAlester No. 6	St. John's No. 8
Ardmore No. 9	Ben Hur No. 14
Trinity No. 20	Gethsemane No. 25
Calvary No. 26	Norman No. 38
Cimarron Valley No. 42	Capitol Hill No. 53

APPROVE PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proceedings of the one hundred thirteenth Annual Convocation..
Motion prevailed.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma, distinguished Visitors, and Sir Knights.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure for me to welcome you to our 114th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. I am also pleased to welcome our distinguished visitors from our sister Grand Jurisdictions and trust your visit will be a pleasant one.

Let me extend fraternal greetings to Most Excellent Companion Tim Israel, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and to Most Illustrious Companion David Snyder, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. It has been my distinct pleasure to have served with these distinguished Companions and Sir Knights this year and I want to thank them for all their support and cooperation as we worked together in our respective leadership rolls.

I especially want to welcome our Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Right Eminent David Goodwin to our Grand Conclave. It is an honor and distinct privilege to have him with us this year.

It is also my great pleasure to welcome our South Central Departmental Commander, Sir Knight Doug Mitchell and his Lady Colleen. I became acquainted with Sir Knight Mitchell and his Lady this past year and want to thank them for their support and thoughtful considerations they have shown Lynn and I during my term as REGC. They are both true assets to our beloved Order.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard Massad, I want to extend a very special welcome and thanks for his support of the Grand Commandery and the York Rite of Freemasonry as a whole. I so much appreciated his leadership and consideration of our Grand Commandery in his activities. He understands the need and importance of York Rite Masonry and the value it provides the lives of Masons.

To all my Grand Officers with whom I had the privilege of serving this year, I want to express my gratitude and sincere thanks for the support and dedication given me. My term as Grand Commander is ending but you still have a ways to travel on your journey and I want to pledge to you my continued dedication and support.

To my Lady Lynn, who for the past 43 years has followed and supported me in what ever I chose to take on, I want to express my love and admiration. I could not have asked, nor had, a more loving partner in life, thank you Sweetheart.

To all the Sir Knights, I want to thank each of you for giving me this opportunity to serve as Grand Commander this year. I have enjoyed my year immensely and have learned a few things in the process. On a journey such as this, I take with me many experiences that I will always cherish. There were a few disappointments, but more often than not, I was inspired and motivated by those of you I came to know and respect. I was especially proud of those 28 new Sir Knights we knighted at the Grand Master's Field Day and those that faithfully attended our Quarterly meetings, gave presentations, or took on special assignments and projects such as Sir Knight Jim Rossi who designed our York Rite Information Booth and tirelessly transported it across our State promoting the York Rite at the Scottish Rite Reunions and elsewhere. And Sir Knight James Taylor and his crew, who on short notice, stepped in and did a great job organizing and running our Field Day. I want to thank the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Tim Israel and the Grand Illustrious Master, Most Illustrious Companion Dave Snyder for their cooperation and counsel this year but even more than this, for their camaraderie and friendship. It was a pleasure serving with them. Any success that I experienced this year was due to the efforts of these and many others, that when the window of opportunity was opened to them, they did not pull down the shade, look the other way or close the door. It's this example of support, effort and determination that each of us needs to enact within ourselves that will grow and improve our York Rite Bodies in Oklahoma. This selfless service and dedication is what will make the difference if we grow or decline. If we falter in our responsibility, then who do we look too? Our elected leadership cannot do it alone. I am reminded of a quote by Sir Winston Churchill when facing the reality of war against Nazi Germany and the difficult times his country was facing said;

"The Era of Procrastination, of Half Measures, of Soothing and Baffling expedients, of Delays, is coming to its Close. In its Place we are entering a period of Consequences."

My fellow Sir Knights, this can also be said of our York Rite bodies today. When I was installed as your REGC last year, it was my fervent desire to end my year with an increase in membership. Regrettably, I failed in that regard. While I was happy with the 41+ of new Sir Knights, it was not enough to make up the members we lost. As our membership grows older each year, our current recruiting effort has not and is not keeping up with the decline of members. The ability and the quality of our Commanderies to perform our Orders are also declining each year. As I have traveled across our State to our constituent Commanderies I have seen first hand, how many are struggling to stay afloat. When you see our senior Sir Knights in their eighties, many with health problems, still having to hold positions in their Commanderies just so they can open, with no one sitting on the side line, you know the end is not far off. We lost Chickasha Commandery last year and Shawnee Commandery #36 this year with several others who, if things don't change, are not far behind them. As Winston Churchill had said, "we have entered into a period of Consequences."

Sir Knights, please forgive me for this grim picture but this is our reality. We cannot continue to look through rose colored glasses and think that some program by your Grand Commandery will save the York Rite in Oklahoma. Some of our best Masonic leaders in our State have tried. They have held our top positions in our York Rite Bodies over the past ten years and made a valiant effort to turn the tide but all have failed. Our membership continues to decline each year. I still do not believe this is how it has to be. Several of our York Rite Bodies in the State are flourishing and others have started to turn things around. They refuse to let their 100+ years of York Rite heritage fade away. They are attending their meetings, having programs and doing work. They take pride in the work they perform and are talking with their lodge brothers about why they need to be a York Rite Mason as well as talking with their friends about becoming Masons. In other words, they are actively doing something. These are the things that each of us must be committed in doing if we are to turn the tide of decline.

Sir Knights, we can stop this decline, but it won't happen if we stand around and look to others to make it happen. Each of us on a personal level must be committed to accept the challenges of what lies ahead. Our fellow Mason, Brother Edgar A. Guest, put it this way:

*You are the fellow that has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside,
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or will linger behind
Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar
Or just be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it, Here's something to do!
Just think it over -- It's all up to you.*

General Orders

General Order No. 1:

On April 28, 2008, I announced the Grand Officers for 2008-2009, Area Assignments of Grand Commandery Officers and Committee appointments.

General Order No. 2:

On October 24, 2008, I sent my Christmas message, along with the message from the Excellent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma and the

Most Eminent Grand Master and the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U.S.A. to the Sir Knights of the constituent Commanderies to be read at the head of the lines. My message, along with the Excellent Grand Prelate's message, was also sent to the Oklahoma supplement to the Knights Templar magazine.

General Order No. 3:

On October 30, 2008, I advised and promoted to the Constituent Commanderies of our scholarship program for the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma providing four \$1,250.00 scholarships each for two boys and two girls.

General Order No. 4:

On January 19, 2009, I announced to the officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and its Constituent Commanderies, providing for the annual Inspections of the Commanderies of Oklahoma, setting out the rules for the inspection, and attaching the dates for the inspection of each local Commandery, their Inspector and Officer-in-Charge.

Grand Officers

I want to express my deep appreciation to all the Grand Line Officers who served with me this year. It was my honor to have served with each of them. They each stood ready to support me in whatever task I chose to take on as Right Eminent Grand Commander. I want to thank them for the outstanding job they did on performing the "Order of the Temple" for the Grand Master's Field Day and the time devoted to our practices and attendances at our quarterly meetings. Each is an outstanding leader and I look forward to working with them in the future as they progress through the line.

Actions and Dispensations

14 May 2008 - I appointed Sir Knight Chris Sheehan, Commander of St. John Commandery #8 to fulfill the term of Sir Knight John Logan as the Grand Commandery's representative on the Charity Foundation.

13 August 2008 - I commissioned Sir Knight Ronald A. Miles as the Grand Representative of Oklahoma to the Grand Jurisdiction in Minnesota.

20 June 2008 - I granted a dispensation to Norman Commandery #38 to hold their election of officers and install them out of turn with their current by-laws on July 10, 2008.

30 September 2008 - I approved Capitol Hill Commandery #53 by-laws change approved by their Sir Knights 20 June 2008.

20 October 2008 - I made the commission of Sir Knight John A. Rafine as the Grand Representative from Oklahoma to the Grand Jurisdiction in Maryland.

1 December 2008 - I granted a dispensation to Trinity Commandery #20 to hold a business meeting on December 15, 2008 for the purpose of election of Officers.

8 December 2008 - I granted a dispensation to Shawnee Commandery #36 to hold a business meeting on January 5, 2009 for the purpose of election of Officers.

19 January 2009 - I approved the nomination and selection of the Sir Knight for the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. The selection committee was made up of 3 past Right Eminent Grand Commanders who reviewed all applications and submitted their recommendation based on the Grand Encampment guidelines.

28 January 2009 - I granted a dispensation to Elk City Commandery #22 to nominate, elect and install a new Senior Warden for the remainder of 2009 in accordance with Section 76 on Special Elections of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Article XI of the Laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

2 March 2009 - I issued an order to the Commander of McAlester Commandery #6 that until

further notice, no Commandery Orders shall be performed at the Annual McAlester York Rite Field Day until a minimum of two practices prior to the field day had been conducted and that a representative of the Work & Tactics committee or the Chairman's designee had certified that the work meets the requirements of the Grand Encampment and that the Orders can be preformed correctly.

Visitations

April 12, 2008 - Installed as REGC during installation ceremonies at Oklahoma City, OK. The installing Officers were SK Charles Stuckey, installing Grand Officer; SK James Taylor, PDC, installing Grand Chaplin, and SK Ken Buckley, installing Grand Marshall.

April 19, 2008 - I attended the Opening Ceremonies of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion at their Grand Opening of their new location and was introduced and received as the RE Grand Commander on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Oklahoma.

May 3, 2008 - Attended All Masonic Day in Guthrie, and was introduced and recognized as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and invited to introduce the officers of the Grand Commandery who were present.

May 4, 2008 - I attended the Memorial Service for Sir Knight John Schrawger, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at Trinity Commandery #20, Tulsa, Oklahoma. I brought condolences to his family and friends on behalf of the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and was honored to help provide an Arch of Steel for Sir Knight Schrawger's remains.

May 17, 2008 - I attended the KYCH meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma and was recognized as the RE Grand Commander by the Eminent Prior of Oklahoma #9, Knight York Cross of Honor, and invited to introduce the officers of the Grand Commandery who were present for the convocation.

May 25, 2008 - I was invited to attend the Grand Banquet of the Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and was recognized as the RE Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Oklahoma at their Scholarship awards ceremonies held on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman. I gave greetings on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

May 29, 2008 - I was invited to attend the Grand Court of Amaranth Grand Sessions at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City. I was introduced as the RE Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and brought greetings on behalf of the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

June 6, 2008 - I was invited by the Grand Guardian Council of Oklahoma to attend the Annual Grand Sessions of Job's Daughters International. I was introduced as the RE Grand Commander of Knights Templar and brought greetings on behalf of the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery.

June 14, 2008 - I attended the quarterly York Rite meeting held at Oklahoma Lodge #36 in Oklahoma City. During this meeting, the following general topics were discussed; the Grand Master's Field Day, York Rite booth, Proxy voting at Grand Sessions, Knight Templar Magazine, York Rite Web Site, and Statewide Fraternalism. Sir Knight Bob Shipe presented a class on proper considerations for committee member selections and Sir Knight Louis Hullum gave a class on proper wear of the Templar uniform. Sir Knight Gary Davis gave a presentation on secretarial duties/requirements and Sir Knight Elwood Isaacs talked on budget considerations. Jim Rossi was introduced as the newly appointed chairman of the York Rite Promotional Booth. A good number of York Rite members were in attendance.

June 21, 2008 - Attended a meeting with the incoming Most Worshipful Grand Master in Guthrie to set and coordinate event dates with the Grand Lodge and all other Oklahoma Masonic Bodies.

July 12, 2008 - Attended the Oklahoma DeMolay Conclave at the Centennial Lounge, OSU Student Union, followed by an officers reception for MW Johnny Onkst, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma

August 16, 2008 - Attended a Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association in Shawnee, Oklahoma and was introduced as the RE Grand Commander and invited to introduce the officers of the Grand Commandery who were present.

August 24, 2008 - A practice was held in Drumright Oklahoma for all the Grand Officers who were participating in the "Order of the Temple" in preparation for Grand Master's Field Day.

September 6, 2008 - I attended the quarterly York Rite meeting held at Oklahoma Lodge #36 in Oklahoma City. During this meeting, the following general topics were discussed: Grand Master's Field Day, York Rite Booth, Portable Projector, York Rite Awards and Honors, and practiced on the "Order of the Temple" for the Grand Master's Field Day. Sir Knight Charles Stuckey presented a class on Appropriate Masonic Dress and Sir Knight Joe Manning presented a class on proper Masonic Protocol.

September 13, 2008 - I attended the Grand Master's York Rite Field Day in honor of MW Johnny D. Onkst, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma. The Grand Commandery Officers performed the "Order of the Temple" for the candidates in attendance. Most Worshipful Onkst attended and a class picture was taken. 28 Candidates were knighted.

September 18-20, 2008 - I attended the 51st Annual Southwest Conference of York Rite Masons and South Central Department Conference in Manhattan, KS. Oklahoma will host the conference in 2009.

October 18, 2008 - I attended the opening ceremonies at the McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced and received as Grand Commander on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma

October 25, 2008 - I attended the opening ceremonies at the Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced and received as Grand Commander on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma

November 1, 2008 - Attended All Masonic Day in Guthrie, OK

November 10, 2008 - I attended the installation of Most Worshipful Richard Massad, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, AF&AM of the State of Oklahoma. The Grand Commandery Officers and I had the honor of providing an Arch of Steel for the Grand Master of Oklahoma during his installation ceremony.

December 20, 2008 - I had the honor of installing Sir Knight Bob Rolseth and other officers of Trinity Commandery #20, Tulsa, OK.

January 17, 2009 - I attended the Work & Tactics workshop held at Oklahoma Commandery #3 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Spoke and introduced the Grand Officers present. Approximately 50 Sir Knights were in attendance.

January 18, 2009 - I attended the York Rite DeMolay Workshop at the Clarion Meridian Hotel, 737 S. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City where I presented a check for \$500.00 from the Grand Commandery to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association providing our annual support of this important youth event, and was honored to present to Nathan Beattie a personally inscribed Knights Templar sword as Oklahoma's DeMolay of the Year.

February 7, 2009 - I attended the statewide York Rite Festival hosted by the McAlester Bodies, and brought introductory remarks and introduced the Grand Officers present to the candidates at the beginning of the Commandery Orders.

February 24, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Lawton Commandery #18 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

February 26, 2009 - I attended the funeral for Past REGC William H. "Sandy" Pierce in McAlester, Oklahoma. I brought condolences to the family and friends on behalf of the

Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery. I was honored to help provide an Arch of Steel for Sir Knight Sandy's remains and took part in the Grave Side Service conducted by Sir Knight James Taylor Past Department Commander of the Grand Encampment.

February 28, 2009 - Attended the Quarterly Meeting held at Oklahoma Commandery #3 in Oklahoma City. The topics discussed were the upcoming Grand Sessions, annual reports, and budget finances. Wives were also invited to attend a special meeting held by the wives of the three heads of the York Rite Bodies to review and discuss what the ladies should be aware of and responsible for when their husbands are elected as the head of a Grand Body.

March 2, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Commandery # 42, Cimarron Valley in Drumright

March 3, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Commandery # 22, Elk City, Oklahoma

March 6, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Commandery #53, Midwest City, Oklahoma

March 10, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Ben Hur Commandery #14, Ponca City, Oklahoma

March 10, 2009 - Due to the scheduling conflict, I was unable to attend Oklahoma Commandery #3 Order of the Temple. Sir Knight Lewis Hullum, the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander attended in my place.

March 12, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Guthrie Commandery #1 in Guthrie Oklahoma

March 14, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Trinity Commandery #20 in Tulsa Oklahoma

March 18, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of St. John Commandery #8 in Stillwater Oklahoma

March 19, 2009 - Attended and received as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma at the inspection of Norman Commandery in Norman Oklahoma

March 26-28, 2009 - Grand Sessions held in the Holiday Inn at Oklahoma City

Inspections

It was my desire to attend every Commandery that held an inspection and conducted the "Order of the Temple". I regret, however that not all Commanderies held a complete inspection with some only meeting with the inspector to go over records. The inspections I attended are listed in my visits above.

Those that were unable to hold a complete inspection were:

Gethsemane Commandery #25

Muskogee Commandery #2

McAlester Commandery #6

St. Aumer Commandery #29

Shawnee Commandery #36 (Charter surrendered by vote of membership)

Ardmore Commandery #9

Oklahoma City Commandery #3 (Performed Order of the Temple)

Calvary Commandery #26

It is understandable at times, under unusual or special circumstances, that Commanderies are unable to hold an inspection. This however, should hardly ever happen. When it happens time and time again, it shows little desire for them to exist as a Commandery. I would hope that those Commanderies that were unable to hold an inspection this year will renew their efforts next year as I'm confident several of them will.

Along this same line, I want to commend the Sir Knights of Norman Commandery #38

for their renewed efforts and leadership to improve Templarism in their Commandery and that they were able to hold a complete inspection this year including the "Order of the Temple". Good job Sir Knights.

And last but not least, I want to thank Sir Knights Ken Buckley, Bob Creason, James Taylor, Willis Emerson, Glen Kinsley, and Dwayne Dixon for their superb service and dedication in serving as inspectors this year. They each do an outstanding job and I want each of them to know that we all owe them our thanks and appreciation for the work they do.

Recommendations

Sir Knights, there are few additional recommendations that I can make that have not already been expressed by Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders over the years. Your Grand Officers have all tried to turn the tide of a declining membership, but they cannot do it alone. They need and must have your personal dedication and commitment to do the recruitment that is needed.

Sir Knight Bob Davis, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, 2006, gave some excellent recommendations at the end of his term which I can tell you are still needed today. He told us, according to actuarial studies, we will fall under 1000 members statewide within the next 6 years. That statement was made 3 years ago. On that date, January 1, 2006, we had 1749 members. As of January 1, 2009, we have less than 1500 members. As you can see, that prediction is right on track and just as true today as then. Sir Knights, we have got to start recruiting new members and getting them to our Field Days or put on the degrees and orders in our own York Rite Bodies. There are over 27,000 Blue Lodge Masons in our state and more joining everyday. Surely there are more than 1500 of them that would want to become a York Rite Mason.

As important as this is, we must also understand that we have to do more than just hold an inspection each year. Our local constituent Commanderies must start to plan and execute programs and activities throughout the year. We have to get our York Rite Bodies more active than what they currently are if we expect to keep and grow our Commanderies. None of this or any other program will succeed without your support, dedication and, most important, involvement to make it happen.

Concluding Remarks

In concluding, I want to express my sincere thanks to Sir Knight Gary Davis our Grand Recorder and Sir Knight Elwood Isaacs our Grand Treasurer and Sir Knight Charles Stuckey my Excellent Grand Prelate. These Sir Knights have time and time again set the example of commitment and dedication that stands as an example for all of us to emulate.

I also want to give special acknowledgement to the members of Trinity Commandery #20. Your attendance at the quarterly meetings and at the Work and Tactics sessions, along with your attendance at these Grand sessions, are exemplary. Your gift of \$2000.00 for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation given me during your annual inspection speaks volumes of your Sir Knight's dedication and commitment to Templarism. Thank you Sir Knights, your Commandery truly sets an example for the rest of us to follow.

I cannot end my year without acknowledging my sincere appreciation to Sir Knight Dale Floyd and Sir Knight David Snyder for traveling with me to various meetings and Inspections across our State. I truly appreciate the many hours of fellowship and fraternalism they gave me along my way. And to my wife Lynn who when these Sir Knights were not available to travel with me refused to allow me to go it alone and accompanied me.

Finally, to my beloved home Commandery, Ben Hur Commandery #14, I offer my sincere appreciation for the support and backing I have received from my fellow Sir Knights. It was truly a pleasure to Knight the 10 new Sir Knights from Ben Hur Commandery who

attended the Grand Master's Field Day. Let us strive to continue the good work done as we mentor and train these new Sir Knights and continue to grow our Commandery.

Thank you again Sir Knights for this privilege to serve as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. May our Lord watch over and bless each of you.

Fraternally,
Mike Hampton,
REGC

NAMES OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS JURISDICTION OF OKLAHOMA

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF INDIAN TERRITORY						
Year	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1885	*Robert W. Hill	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1886	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1887	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1888	*Robert F. Scofield	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Halley	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1889	*Robert F. Scofield	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Halley	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1900	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Halley	*John Coyle	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1901	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Halley	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*H. L. Jarboe, Jr.	*Joseph S. Murrow
1902	*Daniel M. Halley	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Frank Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1903	*Herbert J. Evans	*William F. Bowman	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1904	*William F. Bowman	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Frank Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1905	*John W. Speak	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	*R. Stephens	*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	*Roy D. Fuller	*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 OFFICERS OF OKLAHOMA TERRITORY						
1896	*C. M. Barnes	*DeDrest D. Leach	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W. S. Spencer	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1897	*DeDrest D. Leach	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W. S. Spencer	*B. E. Birns	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1898	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W. S. Spencer	*B. E. Birns	*Julius C. Cross	*Luke Ellison	*DeDrest D. Leach
1899	*W. S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham	*Julius C. Cross	*Henry E. Hand	*Luke Ellison	*DeDrest D. Leach
1900	*H. S. Cunningham	*Julius C. Cross	*Henry E. Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*Luke Ellison	*DeDrest D. Leach
1901	*Julius C. Cross	*Henry E. Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*W. S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
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	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
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						
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. Loutham	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1914	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Loutham	*F. H. Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1915	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Loutham	*F. H. Smith	*C. S. Highsmith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1916	*James Q. Loutham	*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

1918	*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	*Sydney H. Lester	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1923	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydney H. Lester	*W. R. Lence	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1924	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydney H. Lester	*W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1925	*Sydney 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	*Lestlie H. Swan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1927	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Lestlie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1928	*James C. Johnson	*Lestlie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1929	*Lestlie 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
1934	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Mert P. Long	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1935	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Mert P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*Ralph V. Downing	*George W. Spencer
1936	*Harold G. Durnell	*Mert P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1937	*Mert P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crowe	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1938	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crowe	*E. C. Lambert	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1939	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crowe	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1940	*W. E. Crowe	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1941	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1942	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1943	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1944	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1945	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Cresson	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1946	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Cresson	*J. A. Shes	*W. Clark Tucker	*George W. Spencer
1947	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Cresson	*J. A. Shes	*L. A. Maphet	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1948	*P. O. Cresson	*J. A. Shes	*L. A. Maphet	*G. B. Young	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1949	*J. A. Shes	*L. A. Maphet	*G. B. Young	*J. R. Holmes	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1950	*L. A. Maphet	*G. B. Young	*J. R. Holmes	*C. G. Warriner	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1951	*G. B. Young	*J. R. Holmes	*C. G. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1952	*J. R. Holmes	*C. G. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1953	*C. G. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1954	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Wilham	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1955	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Wilham	*W. R. Pearson	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1956	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Wilham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1957	*O. S. Wilham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Enrick	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1958	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Enrick	*C. F. Hansen	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1959	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Enrick	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1960	*D. G. Enrick	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*R. W. Rogers	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1961	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1962	*E. T. Ross	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1963	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*F. J. Smith	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1964	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*F. J. Smith	*W. H. King	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1965	*P. W. Alexander	*F. J. Smith	*W. H. King	*W. H. King	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1966	*F. J. Smith	*W. H. King	*W. H. King	*W. H. King	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer
1967	*W. H. King	*W. H. King	*W. H. King	*W. H. King	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*George W. Spencer

1998	"W. H. Gony	"C. S. Heckrodt	"L. E. Tyon	"A. S. Johnson	"W. H. King	"F. M. Lumbard
1999	"C. S. Heckrodt	"L. E. Tyon	"A. S. Johnson	"Jack Freeman	"W. H. King	"F. M. Lumbard
1970	"A. S. Johnson	"L. E. Tyon	"C. W. Reese	"James C. Taylor	"W. H. King	"F. M. Lumbard
1971	"Jack Freeman	"C. W. Reese	"J. C. Abernathy	"W. L. Harmon	"W. H. King	"F. M. Lumbard
1972	"C. W. Reese	"J. C. Abernathy	"James C. Taylor	"Odie E. Earnest	"A. S. Johnson	"F. M. Lumbard
1973	"J. C. Abernathy	"James C. Taylor	"W. L. Harmon	"N. P. Bullock	"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. Skellings	"A. S. Johnson	"F. M. Lumbard
1977	"Norman P. Bullock	"O. Kenneth Taylor	"H. A. Skellings	"Robert L. Taylor	"James C. Abernathy	"F. M. Lumbard
1978	"O. Kenneth Taylor	"H. A. Skellings	"Robert L. Taylor	"Donald J. Crink	"James C. Abernathy	"F. M. Lumbard
1979	"H. A. Skellings	"Robert L. Taylor	"Donald J. Crink	"John C. Shanklin	"James C. Abernathy	"F. M. Lumbard
1980	"Robert L. Taylor	"Donald J. Crink	"John C. Shanklin	"Liburn M. Pierce	"James C. Abernathy	"F. M. Lumbard
1981	"Donald J. Crink	"John C. Shanklin	"Liburn M. 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 M. Pierce	"Ellis Sappington	"Daniel W. Hughes	"Joe S. Wannier	"James C. Abernathy	"Robert E. Fielden
1984	"Ellis Sappington	"Daniel W. Hughes	"Joe S. Wannier	"Leon A. Anderson	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1985	"Daniel W. Hughes	"Joe S. Wannier	"Leon A. Anderson	"Charles H. Warner	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1986	"Joe S. Wannier	"Leon A. Anderson	"Charles H. Warner	"Kenneth D. Buckley	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1987	"Leon A. Anderson	"Charles H. Warner	"Kenneth D. Buckley	"Eugene Smith	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1988	"Daniel C. Pryor	"Kenneth D. Buckley	"Eugene Smith	"Bertis M. Kent	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1989	"Kenneth D. Buckley	"Eugene Smith	"Bertis M. Kent	"Calvin E. Mettlee	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1990	"Eugene Smith	"Bertis M. Kent	"Calvin E. Mettlee	"Rex L. Eufalar	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1991	"Bertis M. Kent	"Calvin E. Mettlee	"Rex L. Eufalar	"Don L. Turley	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1992	"Calvin E. Mettlee	"Rex L. Eufalar	"Don L. Turley	"James R. Cresson	"James C. Abernathy	"Donald J. Crink
1993	"Rex L. Eufalar	"Don L. Turley	"James R. Cresson	"William A. Nelson	"Kath L. Thomas	"Donald J. Crink
1994	"Don L. Turley	"James R. Cresson	"William A. Nelson	"Edward W. Hart	"Kath L. Thomas	"Donald J. Crink
1995	"James R. Cresson	"William A. Nelson	"Edward W. Hart	"O. Ray Harrington	"Kath L. Thomas	"Donald J. Crink
1996	"William A. Nelson	"Edward W. Hart	"O. Ray Harrington	"Jon J. Giddings	"Kath L. Thomas	"Donald H. Hamilton
1997	"Edward W. Hart	"O. Ray Harrington	"Jon J. Giddings	"Charles L. Stuckey	"Kath L. Thomas	"David A. Ray
1998	"O. Ray Harrington	"Jon J. Giddings	"Charles L. Stuckey	"Paul A. Flinch	"Kath L. Thomas	"Ralph K. Harris
1999	"Jon J. Giddings	"Charles L. Stuckey	"Bertis M. Kent	"John A. Schrawager, Jr.	"Kath L. Thomas	"Ralph K. Harris
2000	"Charles L. Stuckey	"John A. Schrawager, Jr.	"William H. Pierce	"Glenn H. Kinaley	"Kath L. Thomas	"Ralph K. Harris
2001	"John A. Schrawager, Jr.	"William H. Pierce	"Glenn H. Kinaley	"Gary A. Davis	"Kath L. Thomas	"Ralph K. Harris
2002	"William H. Pierce	"Glenn H. Kinaley	"Gary A. Davis	"Robert G. Davis	"Kath L. Thomas	"John D. Miller, Jr.
2003	"Glenn H. Kinaley	"Gary A. Davis	"Robert G. Davis	"Willis L. Emerson	"Kath L. Thomas	"John D. Miller, Jr.
2004	"Gary A. Davis	"Robert G. Davis	"Willis L. Emerson	"John L. Logan	"Elwood M. Isaacs	"Gary A. Davis
2005	"Robert G. Davis	"Willis L. Emerson	"John L. Logan	"Michael E. Hampton	"Elwood M. Isaacs	"Gary A. Davis
2006	"Willis L. Emerson	"John L. Logan	"Michael E. Hampton	"Lewis A. Hullum	"Elwood M. Isaacs	"Gary A. Davis
2007	"John L. Logan	"Michael E. Hampton	"Lewis A. Hullum	"I. Dwayne Dixon	"Elwood M. Isaacs	"Gary A. Davis
2008	"Michael E. Hampton	"Lewis A. Hullum	"I. Dwayne Dixon	"Richard C. Dunaway	"Elwood M. Isaacs	"Gary A. Davis
	"* Deceased	"** Dimitted	"*** Lost Membership			

Grand Treasurer - Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2008

Investment Accounts:

General Fund, Acct # 226-04410

Balance as of January 1, 2008			\$68,561.16
Cash & Accrued Interest on Bonds/CDs	\$152.30		
Insured Deposits, @ 1.74%	1,698.91		
Preferred Stocks:			
ABN AMRo Cap Fd, 250 sh, BBB+, 5.9%	\$2,640.00		
Alabama Power, 172 Sh, A, 5.875%	4,193.36		
Citigroup Cap, 200 sh, BBB, 6.0%	2,772.00		
CitiGroup Cap, 100 sh, BBB, 6.875%	1,477.00		
CitiGroup Cap, 240 sh, BBB, 6.35%	3,372.00		
Goldmana Sacks, 100 sh, BBB, 6.2%	2,060.00		
Merrill Lynch, 80 sh, A, 6.45%	1,266.40		
Public Storage, 200 sh, BBB, 6.6%	<u>3,600.00</u>	21,380.76	
Mutual Funds:			
Capital Income Builders, 94.362 sh, yield 4.013%	3,918.85		
Investment Co of America, 79.899 sh, yield 2.185%	<u>1,663.49</u>	5,582.34	
Corporate Bonds:			
Bank America notes, 20,000 sh, A+, yield 7.105%	16,887.40		
Bear Stearns, 10,000 sh, A+, yield 6.595%	<u>9,248.80</u>	<u>26,136.20</u>	
Total General Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2008			<u>\$54,950.51</u>
Net Gain/Loss in Account Value for the year 2008			<u>-13,610.65</u>
Transferred from Checking Account to Investment Account	\$ 0.00		
Transferred to Grand Commandery Checking Account	\$4,000.00		
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$4,427.11		

Membership Development Fund, Acct # 226-04870

Balance as of January 1, 2008			\$6,084.52
Cash & Accrued Interest	\$0.00		
Insured Deposits, @ 2.32%	140.40		
Preferred Stocks:			
Citi Group Capital, 119.5051 Sh, A, avg. yield 7.142%	2,509.61		
Lehman Brothers, 205.3964 sh, D, 6.0%	<u>4,091.50</u>	6,601.11	
Total Membership Development Fund Account Value as of 4/30/08			<u>\$6,741.51</u>
Account closed 5/31/08			\$ 0.00
Transferred to Grand Chapter Joint Account 5/31/08			
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$197.66		

Holyland Pilgrimage Fund, Account # 226-05788

Balance as of January 1, 2008			\$6,084.52
Insured Deposits, @ 1.74%	\$81.92		
Preferred Stocks:			
Citigroup Cap, 200 sh, BBB, 6.0%	\$2,772.00		
Citigroup Cap, 120 sh, A, 7.25%	4,091.50	4,734.00	
Total Holyland Pilgrimage Fund Account Value as of 12/31/08			<u>\$4,815.92</u>
NetGain/ Loss in Account Value for the year 2008			<u>-\$3,008.66</u>
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$636.10		
Total Withdrawals in 2008 for Pastor's Holyland Travel	\$2,887.00		
Total Deposits in 2008	\$944.00		

Perpetual Membership Fund, Acct # 226-04178

Balance as of January 1, 2008			\$143,732.85
Cash & Accrued Interest on Bonds/CDs	\$711.29		
Insured Deposits, @ 1.74%	8,127.94		
Preferred stocks:			
BAC Capital, 513.4625 sh, A-, 6.25%	\$10,346.27		
Citigroup Cap, 209.2633 sh, BBB, 6.0%	2,900.39		

CitiGroup Cap, 113.091 sh, BBB, 6.875%	1,669.29	
Citigroup Cap, 211.6203 sh, BBB, 6.35%	2,973.27	
CORTS Caps, 411.9284 sh, BBB, 6.0%	6,780.34	
Georgia Power, 344.7948 Sh, BBB+, 5.875%	7,916.49	
J P Morgan Chase, 217.7407 sh, A-, 5.875%	4,213.28	
J P Morgan Chase, 419.965 sh, A, 6.2%	8,810.87	
Morgan Stanley Cap, 676.8875 sh, 5.75%	9,374.89	
Royal Bank of Scotland, 89.8572 sh, A, 5.7%	<u>717.06</u>	55,702.15
Mutual Funds:		
Capital Income Builders, 354.746 sh, yield 4.013%	14,732.60	
Investment Co of America, 158.899 sh, yield 2.185%	<u>3,308.28</u>	18,040.88
Corporate Bonds:		
Bell Atlantic, 20,000 sh, A, 8.026%	14,950.40	
GTE Calif debts, 8,000 sh, A, 6.75%	<u>7,195.68</u>	<u>22,146.08</u>
Total Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value, as of 12/31/2008		\$104,728.34
NetGain/ Loss in Account Value for the year 2008		-\$39,004.51
Dividend/Interest earned in 2008	\$8,758.57	
The total endowed funds in the Grand Commandery as of 12/31/08: \$158,530.78		
Dividend/Interest distributed to Grand Commandery in 2008	\$4,972.19	
Dividend/Interest distributed to Local Commandery in 2008	\$4,687.63	
Dividend/Interest distributed in 2008 on interest earned in 2007	\$9,659.82	
Dividend/Interest to be distributed in 2009 on interest earned in 2008	\$8,758.57	
Total Members as of 12/31/2008	658	
New members gained in 2008	8	

Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments:

	1/1/08	12/31/08	Gain
Totals General Fund Account Value	\$68,561.16	\$54,950.51	-\$13,610.65
Totals Retirement Fund Account Value	6,084.52	0.00	-6,084.52
Totals Holyland Pilgrimage Fund Account Value	7,824.58	4,815.92	-3,008.66
Totals Perpetual Membership Fund Account Value	<u>143,732.85</u>	<u>104,728.34</u>	<u>-39,004.51</u>
Grand Commandery Total Investments	\$226,203.11	\$164,494.77	-\$61,708.34

The Grand Commandery Investment Account shows a net loss of \$61,708.34 or 27.28% for the year.

In the Perpetual Membership Account we withdrew \$9,659.82 for distribution of the 2007 earned dividend/interest income. We earned interest in 2008 of \$8,758.57, which will be distributed in 2009. We had a loss on our initial investment of \$27,719.14 due to the collapse of Lehman Brothers where we held a total of 1,050 shares of their preferred stock. The projected 2009 D/I income is \$7,388.00.

We had a loss in the General Fund on our initial investment of \$5,018.00 due to the collapse of Lehman Brothers where we held 200 shares of their preferred stock. The projected 2009 D/I income is \$4,120.00.

It was necessary to liquidate 65 shares of JP Morgan preferred stock in the Holyland Pilgrimage account in order to have sufficient cash to pay for the Pastor's trip to the Holyland.

Respectfully submitted, Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, Grand Treasurer
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma

Sir Knight John L. Logan was re-elected to a three year term on the Investment Advisory Board.

As of 12/31/2008

3/19/2009 10:00

Total Perpetual Members Grand Commandery, KT of Oklahoma

3/9/2009 10:00	New	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	To Grand	To Grand	Total to	To Local	Total to	Percent
Name	Members	Dead	Living	Investment	Dues	Interest	Decayed	Commandery	Grand	Commandery	Local	
	In 2009					Distributed		Living	Commandary	Living	Commandary	Interest
Admore, No. 9	1	20	5	5,510.50	337.00	284.23	*	14.91	154.68	*	43.88	129.55
Ben Hur (Ponca City), No. 14		27	5	6,930.00	408.67	387.88	*	21.71	233.66	*	38.05	154.02
Calvary (Byville), No. 26		37	17	10,386.00	628.40	582.18	*	58.38	257.98	*	163.13	324.20
Capitol Hill (OKC), No. 53	1	138	40	40,387.50	2,552.50	2243.22	*	177.54	1083.11	*	459.85	1160.11
Cimarron Valley No. 42		11	3	1,830.00	122.00	102.48	*	10.50	67.96	*	16.38	34.52
Elk City, No. 22		43	13	9,130.00	680.00	511.28	*	43.72	269.43	*	90.68	198.13
Gettysmane (Okmulgee) No. 25		27	14	4,485.00	296.00	251.16	*	41.18	87.06	*	79.80	122.94
Guthrie, No. 1		19	2	4,755.00	317.00	266.28	*	5.88	152.29	*	15.96	108.11
Lawton, No. 18		49	20	10,275.00	665.00	575.40	*	62.74	201.14	*	174.14	311.52
McAlester, No. 6	1	41	9	7,011.00	467.50	392.62	*	39.06	276.82	*	45.15	76.73
Muskogee, No. 2	1	10	1	2,805.00	187.00	136.08	*	5.71	58.30	*	6.89	72.07
Norman, No. 38	1	36	14	8,826.68	587.00	466.73	*	48.30	142.97	*	122.22	274.46
Oklahoma No. 3		27	5	6,205.00	413.00	347.48	*	16.52	154.01	*	41.16	176.95
Shawnee, No. 36	1	26	13	5,405.10	356.74	280.22	*	39.92	90.48	*	89.10	149.92
St. Aunur (Woodward), No. 29		37	15	4,910.00	304.00	274.96	*	53.73	179.32	*	46.79	41.91
St. Johns (Stillwater), No. 8	1	25	8	5,479.00	359.00	288.87	*	25.04	134.06	*	47.11	129.77
Trinity (Tulsa), No. 20	1	85	21	24,190.00	1,593.10	1320.20	*	67.52	483.65	*	196.67	769.03
												5.46%

Percentage used in making calculations:

5.60%

8,710.27

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Please see the attached financial statement reflecting the Budget data for 2008 and the Actual data for 2008 for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 1 January 2008 1,573

Gains:

• Knightings	53	
• Admissions	29	
• Reinstatements	17	
Total Gains		99

Losses:

• Deaths	51	
• Suspensions/Withdrawals	116	
• Demitted	26	
• Adjustments	<u>2</u>	
Total Losses		- 195

Membership: 31 December 2008 1,477

Net Membership Loss: 96

The decrease of **96** members is **6%** of our beginning membership. Compared to Year 2007, there were 10 less Knightings, one less death, and suspensions/withdrawals increased by 31 members. Only one Commandery did not contribute to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. All Commanderies have submitted reports for Year 2008.

Perpetual memberships showed a gain of eight, with an ending total of four hundred fifty-five living and two hundred three deceased perpetual members.

We have **29.3%** of our members who are perpetual members.

Companions, most of you are aware that a Recorder is the most critical, the most valuable, and generally the least appreciated position in your Commandery. It is a challenge to some and a minor task for others. It is the consensus of the incoming Grand Commander that we schedule a training session for Recorders. It will be mandatory that your Recorder attend one of them. The dates will be published in advance so plans can be made accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
GARY A. DAVIS
Grand Recorder

FINANCIAL STATUS

The following financial statement reflects the Budget Verses the Actual data for 2007 for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year.

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET VERSES ACTUAL - 2007

Income:	Budget 07	Actual 07
Annual Report	\$16,569.00	\$16,564.00
Perpetual Membership	\$4,654.00	\$4,654.00
Fees	\$600.00	\$636.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$200.00	\$785.00
Interest/Investments	\$4,185.00	\$4,185.00
Membership Development Interest	\$450.00	\$453.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Donations	\$1,459.00	\$1,529.00
Holyland Pilgrimage/Int-Investment	\$535.00	\$2,006.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$346.00</u>
Total	<u>\$28,652.00</u>	<u>\$31,158.00</u>
Expenditures:		
Salary-Grand Secretary	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$500.00	\$617.00
Grand Commander's Allowance	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$200.00	\$8.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	\$200.00	\$0.00
KTEF Contribution	\$819.00	\$1,072.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita & Magazine	\$5,284.00	\$5,409.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$297.00	\$202.00
Rent/Utilities	\$834.00	\$683.00
Telephone	\$550.00	\$530.00
Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$238.00
Printing & Stationary	\$4,000.00	\$1,437.00
Postage	\$1,500.00	\$573.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$216.00	\$216.00
Office Equipment Account	\$1,500.00	\$1,347.00
Maintenance Agreement	\$192.00	\$179.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$300.00	\$0.00
Membership Promotion Expense	\$500.00	\$808.00
Past Commander's Jewel	\$30.00	\$0.00
Triennial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Work & Tactics	\$50.00	\$50.00
Host Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$350.00	\$282.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00	\$50.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Investment Account	\$1,459.00	\$1,450.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Minister Expense	\$0.00	\$2,006.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$684.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$26,881.00</u>	<u>\$25,291.00</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$1,771.00</u>	<u>\$5,867.00</u>

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY ANNUAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

2007	Members	Name	No.	Net Gain										2008	Members	Dues	Fees	P.M.	M.P.	DeMolay	P.C.	K.T.E.E.	Pilgrimage Magazine	K.T.	Net	P.E.M.	TOTAL
				Knighted	Adm.	Reinst.	Dom.	Died	Adl.	S.W.	or (Loss)																
	101	1	Gaffria	2	1	0	1	1	0	3	(2)	99	\$30.00	\$70.00	17	0	\$20.50	\$320.00	\$33.00	\$82.00	\$738.00	\$1,723.50	\$158.17	\$1,881.67			
	105	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	(4)	101	\$25.00	\$50.00	8	6	\$21.75	\$370.00	\$79.00	\$87.00	\$783.00	\$1,840.75	\$64.01	\$1,904.76					
	111	2	2	1	0	6	0	24	(25)	86	\$30.00	\$80.00	22	6	\$14.50	\$380.00	\$58.00	\$55.00	\$522.00	\$1,232.50	\$70.53	\$1,403.03					
	98	6	1	4	1	2	0	3	5	103	\$23.20	\$101.50	31	0	\$16.00	\$720.00	\$65.00	\$72.00	\$948.00	\$1,523.00	\$315.88	\$1,838.88					
	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	(18)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
	61	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	(6)	53	\$16.00	\$75.00	18	3	\$6.00	\$320.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$298.00	\$642.00	\$159.10	\$801.10					
	43	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	(6)	37	\$25.00	\$70.00	14	0	\$5.75	\$230.00	\$15.00	\$23.00	\$207.00	\$460.75	\$154.68	\$635.43					
	50	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	10	60	\$36.00	\$114.00	22	0	\$9.50	\$380.00	\$28.00	\$36.00	\$342.00	\$787.50	\$233.86	\$1,021.36					
	80	0	18	1	0	4	1	7	7	87	\$25.00	\$50.00	29	0	\$14.50	\$380.00	\$47.00	\$66.00	\$522.00	\$1,221.50	\$263.88	\$1,485.38					
	301	9	1	4	0	13	1	47	(47)	254	\$41.00	\$100.00	63	8	\$45.75	\$1,300.00	\$141.00	\$183.00	\$1,647.00	\$3,846.75	\$551.17	\$4,397.92					
	99	5	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	101	\$31.00	\$100.00	30	2	\$17.25	\$390.00	\$33.00	\$66.00	\$621.00	\$1,460.25	\$313.15	\$1,773.40					
	55	1	2	0	0	4	0	1	(2)	53	\$25.00	\$70.00	13	0	\$10.00	\$400.00	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$360.00	\$838.00	\$128.22	\$966.22					
	71	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	(1)	70	\$40.00	\$80.00	20	6	\$11.00	\$440.00	\$36.00	\$44.00	\$396.00	\$927.00	\$257.98	\$1,184.98					
	63	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	(3)	60	\$25.00	\$80.00	21	2	\$9.25	\$370.00	\$27.00	\$37.00	\$333.00	\$768.25	\$233.05	\$1,001.30					
	69	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	(1)	68	\$26.74	\$70.00	12	5	\$12.75	\$510.00	\$43.00	\$51.00	\$459.00	\$1,075.75	\$130.41	\$1,206.16					
	80	8	2	1	0	4	0	1	6	86	\$35.00	\$65.00	21	4	\$15.25	\$610.00	\$56.00	\$61.00	\$549.00	\$1,261.25	\$191.27	\$1,452.52					
	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	(2)	29	\$30.00	\$50.00	8	0	\$5.25	\$210.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$196.00	\$440.25	\$87.96	\$528.21					
	137	2	0	2	2	5	0	4	(7)	130	\$32.00	\$75.00	95	1	\$8.50	\$340.00	\$31.00	\$34.00	\$306.00	\$718.50	\$1,083.11	\$1,802.61					
	1573	53	29	17	26	51	2	116	-96	1477			444	43	\$247.50	\$9,300.00	\$381.00	\$656.00	\$8,910.00	\$20,846.50	\$4,478.43	\$25,324.93					

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There are 9 Grand Officers present with no votes, 8 Past Grand Commanders present with no votes, 54 Past Commanders present with 54 votes, 8 Commanders present with 8 votes, 2 Generalissimos present with 2 votes, 2 Captain Generals present with 2 votes and 13 proxies for a total of 79 votes. There were 12 out of 16 Commanderies represented by Dias Officers.

Submitted by:

Troy E. Shipman (6), Chairman, Hollis O. Edgar (42), Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr. (36)

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Grand Commandery Jurisprudence Committee met in Executive Session at 8:45 PM on March 26, 2009 in the Redbud Room of the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel, Oklahoma City, with the members listed below being in attendance.

Chairman Willis L. Emerson called the meeting to order.

S.K. Gary A. Davis presented Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 which were not included in the pre-print material. Resolutions 1 and 3 were found to be in proper form. Resolution No. 2 was withdrawn due to a conflict with the Grand Encampment regulations.

The Grand Commander's Address and General Orders were reviewed and found to be in proper form.

The actions and dispensations were reviewed. The dispensation granted to Trinity No. 20 on December 1, 2008 should have included the reason for change of the meeting date. The dispensation granted to Shawnee No. 36 on December 8, 2008 should have included the reason for the change of meeting date.

The committee commends the Grand Commander for his actions of March 2, 2009 regarding the quality of ritual work presented to candidates.

The committee commends the Grand Commander for his hard work and excellent performance during his term of office.

SK Emerson verbally amended his report by adding to the Grand Commander's address under "Inspections" to show that Oklahoma City Commandery No. 3 did perform "Order of the Temple".

Respectfully submitted,

Willis L. Emerson, PGC Chairman
Kenneth D. Buckley, PGC
Edward W. Hart, PGC
Glenn H. Kinsley, PGC
James C. Taylor, PGC

John L. Logan, PGC, Secretary
Gary A. Davis, PGC, Gr. Rec.
O. Ray Harrington, PGC
William A. Nation, PGC
Ellis Sappington, PGC

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made and seconded to waive the time restrictions and allow the following resolutions to be considered by the Knights. Unanimous consent was thereby given,

RESOLUTION No. 1 - 2009

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander and members of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma,

WHEREAS, the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma address the remitting dues of Commanderies, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment does not permit the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma to remit the per capita tax to Grand Encampment, and

WHEREAS, the per capita tax and assessments on each Sir Knight in good standing must be paid to the Grand Encampment out of the General Funds of the Grand Commandery.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XVI, Section 4 (b), Revenues, of the Laws and Regulations, of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma, which reads;

Section 4 (b). Revenues.

(b) Commanderies shall have the right to remit the dues of deserving Sir Knights who are unable to meet the obligations of paying dues, after a committee, appointed by the Commander, shall have made full investigation and reported such inability: provided, however, that no Commandery shall be entitled to credit or remission of dues of more than ten per cent (10%) of the membership thereof.

Be amended by adding the following to Section 4 (b), Revenue;

Commanderies will be required to pay the per capita tax and assessments of the Grand Encampment for these remitted members on the annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Davis, PC, (20)
Elwood M. Isaacs, PC, (26)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION, No. 2 = 2009

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander and members of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma,

WHEREAS, the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma currently requires the Grand Commander to fill all Committee vacancies for the unexpired term, and

WHEREAS, when a vacancy in the Masonic Charity Foundation occurs, the unexpired term may have more than a year left, and

WHEREAS, the Masonic Charity Foundation director for the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma is an elected position for three years, and

Whereas, Article III, Section 3, Vacancies, of the BYLAWS of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, dtd January 12, 2002, states in part that vacancies shall be filled by the presiding officer of the body from which the vacancy occurs, to appoint a qualified member to fill said vacancy, to serve until the next regular meeting of the body from which the original director was elected, when that body shall elect a member to serve as a director of the corporation the remainder of the unexpired term.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article III, Committees, Section 2, 1st paragraph, of the Laws and Regulations, of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma, which reads;

All Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, who shall be an ex-officio member of each Committee. Committees shall, unless otherwise provided, consist of three members and serve from the close of one Stated Conclave to the close of the next unless otherwise specifically provided; and if a vacancy occurs in a Committee, the Grand Commander shall fill that vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

Be changed to read:

All Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, who shall be an ex-officio member of each Committee. Committees shall, unless otherwise provided, consist of three members and serve from the close of one Stated Conclave to the close of the next unless otherwise specifically provided; and if a vacancy occurs in a Committee, the Grand Commander shall fill that vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. **If a vacancy occurs for the Grand Commandery Masonic Charity Foundation Director, the Grand Commander will appoint a member to serve until the next Stated Conclave, at which time nominations and election will be held to elect a member to serve as a director of the corporation the remainder of the unexpired term.**

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Davis, PC, (20)

RESOLUTION PASSED.

NECROLOGY

During the past year, forty-nine Sir Knights were called home to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Yesterday evening, at our memorial service, we lamented our loss in their passing and celebrated their victory as they joined our Savior Jesus Christ in the presence of Almighty God.

Charles L. Stuckey, PGC
Grand Prelate

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee has examined the records and ledger of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and we find them in agreement with Bank Statements and Bank Verifications of the invested funds and are in accordance with the printed reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer as of December 31, 2008.

The Committee also hereby submits for your information and approval, the proposed budget for the period January 1 through December 31, 2009:

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET 2009

Estimated Income	Budget 09
Annual Report	\$19,973.00
Perpetual Membership	\$4,476.00
Fees	\$600.00
Rituals, codes, & regulations	\$500.00

Interest/Investments	\$4,427.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total	\$30,326.00

Estimated Expenditures

Salary-Grand Recorder	\$6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$818.00
Grand Commander's Allowance	\$1,250.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$200.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	\$200.00
KTEF Contribution	\$1,075.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita & Magazine	\$13,340.00
DeMolay Contribution	\$500.00
Rent/Utilities	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$300.00
Printing & Stationary	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$1,000.00
Fidelity Bond Premium	\$86.00
Office Equipment Account	\$300.00
Maintenance Agreement	\$240.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$200.00
Past Commander's Jewel	\$0.00
Triennial	\$600.00
Host Expense	\$200.00
Headquarters Expense - Grand Sessions	\$350.00
Southwest Conference	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	\$30,259.00

Net Income/Loss \$67.00

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

INCOME:

Membership Development Interest \$1,150.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

Membership Development \$1,150.00
Net Income/Loss \$0.00

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

INCOME

Holyland Pilgrimage Donations \$958.00
Investment Interest \$636.00
Total Income \$1,600.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

Grand Encampment Trip \$2,890.00
Airfare to New York \$500.00

Total Expense	\$3,390.00
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,240.00)

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. As we all know, it is extremely difficult to maintain our present income level in the current economic environment. However, our Grand Treasurer has been able to keep the Grand Commandery's income at levels equal to last year's income. We also recommend that the Commandery continue to call on Sir Knights Isaacs and Davis for their experience and expertise in continuing these most important efforts.

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Michael E. Hampton, for the chance and privilege to serve this Grand Commandery. It has indeed, been a great pleasure.

Fraternally and very respectfully submitted,

William J. "Jim" Cloud, PC, Chairman
Edwin C. Womack, EGS
Lewis A. Hullum, VEDGC, Member

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MATTERS

To the Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma:

We find the condition of our local Commanderies rather mixed. Four Commanderies reported an increase in membership. Ben Hur No. 14 did the best. They had a 20% increase and a net gain of 10. Lawton No. 18, Norman No. 38 and Elk City No. 22 also had increases of 8.75%, 7.5% and 1% respectively.

Sixteen Commanderies submitted their Annual Returns by January 17, 2009; two by February 9, 2009. McAlester No. 6 and St. Aumer No. 29 had not reported by March 1, 2009. The number of Commanderies not holding inspections continues to increase. Eight did not confer the Order of the Temple of which six neither opened nor received the R. E. Grand Commander.

We are particularly distressed that Shawnee No. 36, with sixty-eight members chose to consolidate with Norman No. 38. Shawnee No. 36 initiating and completing this consolidation just prior to one of their members being advanced to the position of R. E. Grand Commander is of great concern.

We suggest the Officers in Charge and the Deputy Grand Commander pay particular attention to those Commanderies at risk, work with them, and outline a workable plan to strengthen them. Any local Commander refusing to work to improve his Commandery should be removed from office by the Grand Commander.

Fraternally,
Charles L. Stuckey (14) Chairman, O. Ray Harrington (3), William A. Nation (38)

THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF OKLAHOMA

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma is an Oklahoma not for profit corporation formed on July 9, 1930 for the purposes of encouraging charity, benevolence, education and philanthropy. It was created in order 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.

The biggest change to the foundation in the last year was the retirement of Joe R. Manning, Jr., who served as the Executive Director since September, 1982. Thanks in large part to Joe's guidance; the Foundation is able to help more people than ever before. I thank Joe for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to the Foundation. John L. Logan was chosen as his successor.

The Foundation was saddened by loss of Tom Ward, serving on the Board from the Grand Lodge, who passed on Dec. 24th, 2008. He will be greatly missed. Robert R. Poole, Sr. was appointed by the Grand Master to fill his vacancy.

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 2009;

President	Kenneth R. House
1st VP	John D. Wagner
2nd VP	David A. Ray
Treasurer	Charles L. Stuckey
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

FINANCIAL

The Foundation 12/31/08 financial report shows an increase to the general fund of \$2,467,980.35. The 2009 budget projects revenues of \$3,596,160 and expenses of \$3,131,914.

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 order to qualify, the Lodge must be actively engaged in raising the money to be matched. In 2002, the amount was raised to \$10,000, with the requirement that no more than \$7,500 could be used for community needs. The remaining \$2,500 could only be used for a needy Brother or his family. In 2007, the community matching funds portion was raised to \$10,000, with the \$2,500 remaining for Promises Matter matching. In 2008, 225 Lodges used the program in the amount of \$1,510,085.11. In 2008, 45 Lodges used within \$100.00 or all of the community matching funds, and/or Promises Matter matching funds. For 2009 the Foundation has budgeted \$1,545,250.00 for the matching funds program.

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. The Foundation can be contacted immediately on a toll free, 1-877-5-Masons, if a member is discovered whose needs are beyond the ability of the Lodge or Chapter. In 2008, 40 different Lodges/Chapters participated with grants totaling \$192,022.12. The Foundation has \$225,000.00 budgeted to facilitate this program for 2009.

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 in the amount of \$100,000 in 2008 and has budgeted \$100,000 for 2009.

Oklahoma Educational Television Authority-Better known as OETA, received a combined total of \$47,162.50 from 171 Lodges with matching funds from the Foundation. Our contribution allows us to sponsor four of the most popular programs of public television, the OETA Movie Club, the World of National Geographic, This Old House and Antiques Road Show.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education-Our support for public education is demonstrated in four statewide programs.

The Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year program honors teachers who make outstanding contributions in the public education of our youth. The State Teacher of the Year is awarded a check for \$5,000, each of the eleven finalists receives a check for \$500 and each local Teacher of the Year receives a framed certificate of appreciation.

The Student of Today award is a program that encourages outstanding performance in students of all grade levels by recognizing exemplary students. Each recipient is presented a certificate, usually by a local Mason, at their schools awards assembly or some Lodges host banquets for the winners. In 2008, the Foundation prepared 2,496 certificates for presentation by 197 participating Lodges.

The Teacher of Today award program is used by Freemasonry in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that makes a daily difference in the lives of our children. Each teacher receives a certificate presented by the local Lodge. It is a small token to express our appreciation to these men and women who carry the burden of the future on their shoulders. In 2008, the Foundation prepared 832 certificates for presentation by 179 participating Lodges.

The State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence honor the fifty top high school seniors in the visual and performing arts in our state. In addition, 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.

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 2009, the Foundation budgeted \$40,000.00 for this program.

Senior Assistance Program-Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies of Aging, a division of the Department of Human Services, \$702,282.31 was given in 2008 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at www.okdhs.org.

Foundation Activities

Information regarding the activities of the Foundation is presented in its annual report, "Between the points" which is mailed to every Oklahoma Master Mason. A report 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.

In July of 2008 the Foundation made a donation of \$500,000 to Oklahoma State University, in the name of the Masonic Fraternity. The gift will create the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Gender Studies Chair, which will be housed within the College of Arts & Sciences. Once fully matched dollar-for-dollar by T. Boone Pickens' \$100 million chair match commitment, as well as the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the total endowment is \$2,000,000. The Fraternities' interest lies in academic disciplines like sociology, psychology, history, and philosophy aimed at researching the importance of men and the role men play in enhancing the stability of family and social life, as well as the economic and social progress of society.

It has been a great honor to serve as the Foundation representative for the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma and I thank SK Michael E. Hampton, REGC, for the opportunity and his confidence.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher M. Sheehan (8)

Elections were held to replace the term of John L. Logan. Companions Chris Sheehan and Elwood M. Isaacs were nominated. Elwood M. Isaacs was elected.

YORK RITE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Grand Commander coordinated the overall activities with the other grand body presiding officers through the quarterly officers meetings. There were no additional requirements for the Coordination Committees.

Respectfully Submitted,
I. Dwayne Dixon, Richard C. Dunaway, Mark Critchfield

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 64th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. will be held on August 15 - 19, 2009 in Roanoke, Virginia. The headquarters hotel is the Hotel Roanoke, but the Sheraton Roanoke and the Holiday Inn Tanglewood are close by. Roanoke is in the southwest part of Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley on Interstate 81.

The registration forms are in the February issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.

The top four elective officers of the Grand Commandery along with all Past Grand Commanders in attendance are eligible to vote. It is my understanding that the present Grand Encampment officers are scheduled to run for their same offices that they now hold. Let us have a good delegation in Roanoke.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Taylor, PGC, Chairman, Edward Hart, PGC, Lewis Hullum, VEDGC

REPORT OF WORK AND TACTICS COMMITTEE

The Annual School of Instruction was held Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the Masonic Temple, 2935 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with 15 Commanderies represented. Two Commanderies were not represented. The Committee offers its thanks to Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 for hosting this school and for their assistance and great hospitality to make this a successful school.

INSPECTIONS

The annual inspections were conducted in accordance with General Order No. 4 and under the supervision of the Work and Tactics Committee with the following results:

CLASS "A" INSPECTED AS CLASS "B"

Ben Hur No. 14	95.71	Lawton No. 18	89.27
Trinity No. 20	92.7	Norman No. 38	88.84

CLASS "B"

Elk City No. 22	97.756	Cimarron Valley No. 42	92.46
Capitol Hill No. 53	96.22	Guthrie No. 1	90.87
St. John's No. 8	93.084		

Six Commanderies met with the Inspector but did no work. One Commandery performed the Order of the Temple, but did not perform the full form opening. There was no Class "A" Commandery Inspections this year.

The W.A. Perry trophy was awarded to Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 for having the highest score in Class "A" inspected as Class "B" and the James A Latham Class "B" trophy was awarded to Elk City Commandery No. 22

The Committee was assisted in these inspections by Sir Knights, James R. Creason, Dwayne Dixon, and Willis Emerson. We thank these Sir Knights for their assistance and appreciate the work they do for the Grand Commandery.

Respectively submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, PGC, Chairman, James C. Taylor, PGC, Glenn H. Kinsley, PGC

REPORT OF THE DeMOLAY COMMITTEE

The DeMolay workshop, honoring York Rite Masonry, was held in OKC from 16-18 Jan 2009 and was well attended. There are always several new members initiated and Advisors trained at this workshop.

The **Thirteenth** York Rite SWORD, honoring the "York Rite Outstanding DeMolay," for Ritual, Community Work, Leadership, and Scholastics, was presented to Nathan Beattie, Edmond Chapter, at the award ceremonies. This award, a regulation York Rite Sword, is engraved with the recipients 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.

Edmond Chapter of Oklahoma City, OK was named "Chapter of the Year".

The Grand Commandery presented their donation to the Oklahoma DeMolay Association at the Awards presentation.

The committee wishes to thank Michael E. Hampton, Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve York Rite Masonry and we commend him for his leadership and his interest in DeMolay.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Davis (20), Jay Wall (1), Matt McGee (14)

YORK RITE TEMPLE BUILDING COMPANY

The Masonic Temple Association, incorporated under the state laws of Oklahoma, is in a "hold" situation and receiving no contributions pending resuming efforts to build a York Rite Temple. The present funds on hand in the amount of \$7,823.24, as of December 31, 2008, are in an investment account, joint York Rite Account No. 226-05400

The current committee consists of the following Companions:

2008 – Glenn H. Kinsley
2009 – Daniel C. Pryor
2010 – David A. Ray

The 3-year term of Sir Knight Glenn H. Kinsley expires this year and I recommend that he be re-elected for a 3-year term.

Fraternally submitted,
Kenneth D. Buckley, President, Gary A. Davis, secretary

Sir Knight Glenn H. Kinsley was elected.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION REPORT

Sir Knights;

Another year has passed. Again, it has been an honor for me to serve as your State Chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I will take this opportunity to thank each of you for your needed contributions and support toward this worthy cause. Again I prompt each Commandery to have a least one fund raiser this year for this designated purpose. Please solicit your community through fundraising to save and give new sight to our fellow man. The need of our indigent Oklahoma friends and neighbors is great. We are but a few and the needs are many. We ourselves can not afford this burden. Over the years, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. has provided millions of dollars for approved procedures and millions more for Research Grants for the field of Ophthalmology.

Our partnership with the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute located in Oklahoma City has continued to grow since its' beginning in 2003. As you may know, they provide eye care to all in need. However, it seems as though the need grows each year. Through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., you and I have been able to contribute support to this needy cause. I wish to thank the staff at Dean A. McGee and the efforts of Sir Knight Ed Hart, PGC and others for the many hours worked toward our common goal.

Last year, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. funded \$270,848.50 for eye care procedures for our friends and neighbors here in Oklahoma. Also, a \$30,000.00 Research Grant was given to the Department of Ophthalmology; Dean A. McGee Eye Institute; the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for a total of \$300,848.50. Sir Knights, we here in Oklahoma contributed \$8,822.65. We have to do a better job at funding our foundation.

The 40th Annual Voluntary Campaign began October 1, 2007 and ended April 30, 2008. The Commanderies of Oklahoma Contributed \$7,938.00, the Order of the Eastern Star donated \$791.15 and the Social Order of Beauceant donated \$93.50 for a total of \$8,822.65. Thus, Oklahoma placed 31st in a field of 52 for total contributions. Our total per-capita contribution was \$5.35 and placed us 29th. Last year we contributed \$4.78 per-capita with a total of \$7,483.82. Sir Knights we have improved, but little.

Each year the Grand Commandery presents a traveling plaque to the Commandery with the largest total contribution and one for the highest per-capita contribution. This year the F.M. "Fritz" Lumbard Plaque goes to Trinity Commandery #20 with a total contribution of \$2,276.00. The Ned D. Prater Plaque goes to St Aumer Commandery #29 with a total per-capita contribution of \$20.04. The Plaques will be presented at our annual banquet. This year our 41st annual voluntary campaign began on October 1, 2008 and ends April 30, 2009. With the help of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Social Order of Beauceant and others, you the

Sir Knights of Oklahoma and your Commanderies through fundraisers, I hope to increase our past accomplishments.

2007 – 2008 40th Annual Voluntary Campaign Results

Total Annual Contributions:

\$1,344,819.06

An increase of \$63,377.91

Oklahoma Total Annual Contributions:

\$8,822.65

An increase of \$1,338.33

Oklahoma placed 31st in total and 29th in per-capita
(Last year we placed 31st in total and 31st in per-capita)

Winner of the F.M. "Fritz" Lumbard Plaque, (largest total contribution)

Trinity Commandery #20 \$2,276.00

Winner of the Ned D. Prator Plaque, (largest per-capita contribution)

St. Aumer Commandery # 29 \$20.04

2007 – 2008 40th Annual Voluntary Campaign Results

Commandery	Amount	Membership	Per-Capita
Guthrie #1	\$ 170.00	114	\$ 1.49
Muskogee #2	\$ 130.00	127	\$ 1.02
Oklahoma #3	\$ 167.00	109	\$ 1.53
McAlester # 6	\$ 85.00	105	\$ 0.81
St. Jones #8	\$ 100.00	62	\$ 1.61
Ardmore #9	\$ 224.00	42	\$ 5.33
Ben Her # 14	\$ 400.00	55	\$ 7.27
Lawton #18	\$ 330.00	77	\$ 4.29
Trinity #20	\$2,276.00	308	\$ 7.39
Elk City #22	\$ 650.00	101	\$ 6.44
Gethsemane #25	\$ 180.00	65	\$ 2.77
Calvary #26	\$ 610.00	74	\$ 8.24
St Aumer #29	\$1,383.00	69	\$20.04
Shawnee #36	\$ 260.00	73	\$ 3.56
Norman # 38	\$ 195.00	85	\$ 2.29
Cimmaron Valley #42	\$ 150.00	33	\$ 4.55
Capitol Hill #53	\$ 628.00	133	\$ 4.72

Order of the Eastern Star \$ 791.15

Annual Donation to the K.T.E.F.

Social Order of Beauceant \$ 93.50

Annual Donation to the K.T.E.F.

Total \$8,822.65

Respectfully Submitted;

Sir Knight I. Dwayne Dixon, State Chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP

At the close of February, 2009, our Commanderies in Oklahoma had knighted 53 new Templar Masons during the year. We particularly recognize Ben Hur, Lawton, Elk City, and Norman Commanderies for having shown a net gain for the year; with an additional four Commanderies only losing one member when all gains and losses are combined.

While the overall loss in membership in Oklahoma York Rite showed a 5.3% decline

over the prior year, eleven of our 17 Bodies either had a gain, or a loss of 2 members or less. In addition, only 8 knights statewide actually demitted during the year. This is all encouraging news. Our losses in York Rite Masonry continue to come not so much from our own doing, but from God's hand in calling our brothers to their celestial reward.

Still, the challenge we face is that we are not bringing our Masonic brothers into the York Rite every month, in local body after local body. Instead, we wait until there is a festival available to do the work for us. Of the 53 new Templars knighted for the year, only 3 were knighted outside a festival setting.

Sir Knights, if we can conclude that exalting, greetings, and knightings in festivals has become the trend in York Rite Masonry in our state, then we would be wise to facilitate this particular avenue of member growth. We should consider conducting regional festivals on a monthly basis. Surely we can combine our talents area-wide, and create a degree conferral program that results in Master Masons receiving the degrees and orders of the Rite every month of the year.

It may be an old recommendation, but, for now, it makes good sense that we develop our degrees and orders as a team of local bodies until we can get large enough to confer our own degrees and orders on one brother at a time in our own Commandery asylums.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Davis, GGC, Membership Chairman

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

First of all, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Knight Templar Magazine committee for their contributions during the past 12 months. Sir Knights Bob Davis and Richard Dunaway are valuable resources and have done much to make sure our monthly contribution is informative and correct. Next, my gratitude goes out to the new editors and publishers of the magazine itself. Not only has the quality of the periodical improved greatly, but also they have granted us much better access to their offices and made submissions of articles less cumbersome and more efficient. They have worked patiently with us to overcome the problems arising with the transmission of data on a timely basis. And finally my personal thanks to Right Eminent Michael Hampton, who was tireless and consistent with his input, suggestions and articles. He is the first Grand Commander to submit an article for every month of his term in recent history and has set a high standard for all those who come after him.

As you may or may not know, the deadline for submissions to the Knight Templar Magazine via my office is the first of every month. That is when I must have the article blocked up for print and finished and transmitted to the national office. That means in reality, I must have your articles, at least, a full day before that. Keep in mind that the article that you submit to my office on Thursday April 30, 2009 will probably reach the subscribers mailbox as soon as June 1, 2009. So, for example, if you have a regional field day scheduled for June 15, 2008, you will have to have the article on my desk no later than April 30, 2009. This now requires a certain amount of pre-planning. Last minute announcements are best submitted to the OKEMASON network, and they are a valuable resource for spreading the word. But, keep in mind that they reach, at best, 50% of our membership in Oklahoma, while the Knight Templar Magazine reaches 100% of our living members plus the families of many of our deceased members.

In closing, I would like to thank the members and officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma for allowing me to serve as the chairman of this committee and I look forward to assisting our Knights in utilizing this valuable resource to a greater and more fulfilling extent in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
James E. Smyrl, KTCH
Eminent Grand Sentinel
Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Oklahoma

TEMPLE REVIEW

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The following are portions extracted from the proceedings of different Grand Commanderies for 2005-2008.

Louisiana----The 145th annual Conclave was held in the city of Baton Rouge on April 14 and 15 2008. S/K Beverly J. Guillot presided as the Right Eminent Grand Commander. All 15 constituent Commanderies were represented for the Grand Conclave along with 12 past Grand Commanders in attendance. The Grand Recorder reported that the loss for the year of 2007 was seven and membership now stands at 1974. One Commandery reported a gain of 16 percent in membership. Four ministers were sent to the Holy Land this past year. S/K Daniel F. Thomas was elected and installed Right Eminent Grand Commander for 2008-09.

Washington—The Grand Commandery of Washington was organized on June 2, 1887. Their 120th Annual proceeding was held in Wenatchee on May 10, 2007. One of the continuing problems concerns monthly reports to the Grand Recorder. This is not a unique problem only to the state of Washington. Recorders need to be diligent in their work and get the reports to the Grand Bodies in a timely manner.

Texas ---- The 155th Annual Conclave was held at Farmers Branch on April 18-21, 2008. There are 68 Commanderies, 2 Commandery outposts, and 1 Commandery U.D. in the state with a total of 10,419 members which reflects a net loss for 2007 of 483 members. The Grand Commander for Texas for 08-09 is S.K. William E. Matyastik. The 156th Annual Conclave will convene in Waco on April 24-27 2009.

Arkansas---The Grand Commandery of Arkansas held its 135th Annual Conclave March 8-10 2007 in North Little Rock at the Wyndham Hotel. The report of the Membership Committee was encouraging. This year Arkansas has experienced a total loss of 31 in comparison of previous years of 100 or more. At the end of 2006, there are 1246 members in the Grand Commandery.

Minnesota—The city of Willmar, Minnesota was the site for the 141st Conclave of the Minnesota Grand Commandery. There was a net loss of 151 members and as of May 15, 2006 there are 2,439 members. Minnesota also has 1,217 Life Eye Sponsors which is commendable. The Grand Commander for this year is S.K. Allan F. Kauppi, Sr.

Ohio—October 5-7 2006 marked the 164th Annual Conclave at Columbus, Ohio. Ohio is one of a few states that give grants to Seminary Students. The grants are in the amount of \$1,500 per year and may be requested for three years in writing each of the three years. The recipients must be in a recognized Seminary and studying for the ministry. These grants are funded from the interest collected on student loans, securities, investments, and bank deposits after all expenses of operation and administration have been taken care of according to the Grand Encampment Regulations and Standard Practice.

New Jersey—The 146th Annual Conclave was held at Somerset, New Jersey on March 3-6 2006. At the receipt of their report on their conclave, New Jersey had 1,001 members which reflects a 3% loss in membership. They are experiencing some Commanderies not filing reports and one in particular as being in arrears for 3 years in a row. The Grand Recorder has asked that this Commandery improve on submitting the required monthly and annual reports on time. This Commandery has installed a new recorder and the reports are expected to be in on time. In 2006, S.K. William C. Godfrey served as Grand Commander.

Michigan---The 152nd Annual Conclave was held in Kalamazoo on August 8-9 2008. R.E. Glenn Leeper, Jr. Grand Commander presided during 2007-08. The Grand Recorder reported a 38% loss of membership during the past six years. Membership stands as of March 31, 2007 at 2,675. Deaths and suspensions are the main reasons for this drop in membership. S/K David L. Seyferth was elected to serve as Grand Commander for 2008-09 with the next Annual Conclave to be held on August 7-8 in Flint.

North Carolina—R.E. Fred Whitty is the Grand Commander for this jurisdiction for 2007-08. He was elected at the 126th Annual Conclave held in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 19, 2007. On March 16-18 2008, the 127th Annual Conclave was held in Hickory. There are 4,141 members represented in the 2007 Grand Recorder's report with one Commandery not included. The Grand Commander elected to serve for 2008-09 is R.E. Richard M. Ripley.

South Carolina---The 101st Annual Conclave was held on March 8-10 2008 in Spartanburg. Membership stands as of 12/31 2007 at 4,993 with a net loss of 276. The two main reasons for the decline was reported as due to deaths and non payment of dues. S/K William R. Hall was installed as the R.E. Grand Commander and will serve during 2008-09.

Nevada---The Grand Commandery of Nevada held its 90th Annual Conclave with a formal opening on June 3, 2008. The Grand Recorder listed membership at 620 with a gain of 48 and losses of 48 which netted in a zero change in membership. The newly installed Grand Commander is Gerald L. Ogle. The 91st Annual Conclave will be held in Carson on June 8, 2009.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
David A. Ray chairman

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AUDIT COMMITTEE

We your committee on Educational Audit met on February 16, 2009 at the Drumright Lodge. We reviewed the accounts held by the Grand Recorder. We found all accounts properly administrated, and in proper order.

The checkbook had a beginning balance of \$2,185.26 and an ending balance of \$1,245.73 with expenditures of \$7,259.53. There was \$70.00 in donations and \$6,250.00 interest withdrawn and deposited in 2008.

There was \$7,260.00 investment interest earned for 2008, with \$1250.00 Left over from last years scholarships. There will be four scholarships given in the amount of \$1250.00 in 2009. As in the past these scholarships are paid from the investment interest.

We commend the Grand Recorder for his excellent administration of these accounts.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby L. Carter, Chairman, William D. Bowie, Jr., Kenneth R. House

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Education Scholarship committee met on Feb 16, 2009 to select the recipients for the Knights Templar Scholarships. Present were William D. Bowie, Jr., E. David Snyder, and Gary A. Davis. David A. Ray and Ed Becerra sent e-mails indicating their selections. Four scholarships were offered.

The criteria for scholarships were based on need, academic record, extracurricular activities, and worthy goals. There were fewer applications this year than last year.

The four recipients for scholarships in 2009 are Christopher Sheehan, Daniel Simmons, Kristen Ingargiola, and Kylie Million.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Bowie, Jr., Chairman, Glenn H. Kinsley, E. David Snyder, David A. Ray, Ed Becerra. and Secretary-Treasurer Gary A. Dav

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to announce that Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight William H. Koon II, had announced that the Holy Land Pilgrimage was to take place in 2009. Our Grand York Rite Bodies submitted the name of an Oklahoma minister to attend, Rev. Emery L. Mason of the East Cross United Methodist Church in Bartlesville, OK.

The mission of this program is to send ordained Christian ministers who would not otherwise have the opportunity to go to the Holy Land. We need your support, both financially and by nomination of an ordained minister who can travel. The cost for each minister is approximately \$2,600 which includes round-trip airfare from New York, and includes three meals per day, tour guide, entrance fees to all sights, tipping, airport departure tax, printed tour guide, briefing and debriefing sessions. We have also been paying for the airfare from Oklahoma to New York which ranges from approximately \$300.00 to \$400.00. The number of ministers we select in any given year is based upon the amount of donations that have been received.

This committee would like to thank all those who have donated this past year and pray for its continued success as an element of our Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Erik Stuckey (14) – Chairman, Elwood “Ike” Isaacs (26), Rodney Clark (1)

PRINTING COMMITTEE

The printing of the 2007 Proceedings was done by Terrico Printing, Beggs, Ok., with cost \$1,689.60. There were 150 copies printed and the cost was shared by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council. The Yellow Field Drill Manual was printed by Midwest Printing. We ordered 500 at a cost of \$2,985.80. Additionally, we had to order Inspection Books for the Work & Tactics Committee. We ordered 500 at a cost of \$524.40 from Midwest Printing.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan (29), Michael E. Hampton (14), Gary A. Davis (20)

REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE FESTIVALS

To the Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma

Regional Degree Conferrals were held this past year in Elk City and Tulsa. State-wide one day field days were held in Oklahoma City and McAlester.

The Conferrals in Elk City and Oklahoma City were well done and stand as an example. Tulsa needs to work on the logistics of making things happen in a timely fashion.

Grand Commander Hampton has expressed his distress with the presentation of the

Orders in a letter to the Eminent Commander of McAlester Commandery No. 6. As a result of that letter, we recommend that any Commandery conferring the Orders at a Regional or State-Wide Festival obtain written permission from the Work and Tactics Committee to do the work.

We thank the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve this past year.

Fraternally,

Charles L. Stuckey (14) Chairman, Donald G. Jones (3), William D. Bowie (36), O. Ray Harrington (3), James C. Taylor (22)

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

To: Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma

We are very pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend those responsible 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 the Ladies hosting the hospitality room and providing the enjoyable refreshments, we are especially thankful and certainly do appreciate their taking care of us.

To our Presiding Officers, whose responsibility it is to plan our Grand Sessions, we commend you for a job well done. We thank you for these Grand sessions and the arrangements you have made.

I move this report be accepted, printed in the proceedings and those involved be notified and thanked for their services furnished us to make this a good session.

Fraternally submitted,

Kenneth D. Buckley, Chairman

TIME AND PLACE

Our next annual conclave will be held at this same location. However, by then the name of the hotel will change to the Wyndam Garden Hotel. The dates will be 22-24 April 2010. The order of business is yet to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua R. Taylor, Chairman

GREETINGS


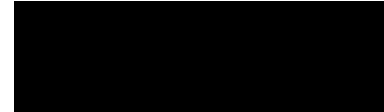
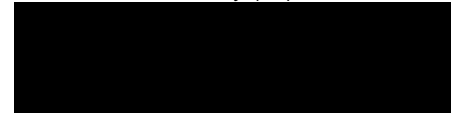

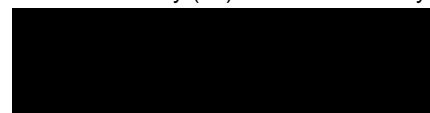
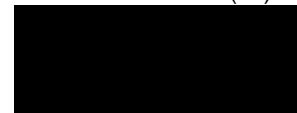
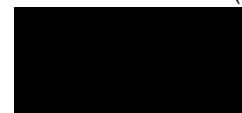
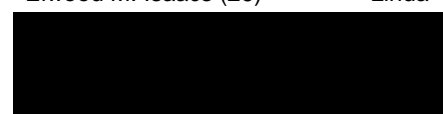
Greetings were received from S.K. William Whitaker, Grand Representative of OK from New York, and SK Michael Shively, Past Grand Commander of Texas.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All the present line officers advanced to the next office. S.K.'s Joshua R. Taylor, Matt McGee, and William Pearce were nominated for the office of Sentinel. S.K. Joshua R. Taylor was elected.

The following is the list of elected and appointed Officers for 2009-2010 and committees:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

Lewis A. Hullum (38)	Jan	Right Eminent Grand Commander
		
I. Dwayne Dixon (53)	Judy	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
		
Richard C. Dunaway (42)	Robin	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
		
Mark A. Critchfield (1)	Kelly	Eminent Grand Captain General
		
L. Erik Stuckey (14)	Kerry	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
		
Edward J. Becerra (18)	Dolores	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
		
Marvin Chamberlin (3)	Wanda	Excellent Grand Prelate
		
Elwood M. Isaacs (26)	Linda	Eminent Grand Treasurer
		

Gary A. Davis (20)	Nellie	Right Eminent Grand Recorder
Edwin C. Womack (22)	Ellena	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Paul T. Currell	Shonda	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
James E. Smyrl	Ginger	Eminent Grand Warder
Joshua R. Taylor (1)		Eminent Grand Sentinel



**F-R L to R Gary Davis, Elwood Isaacs, Dwayne Dixon, David Goodwin, Deputy Grand Master, GE,
Lewis Hullum, Richard Dunaway, Mark Critchfield
B-R L to R Marvin Chamberlin, Joshua Taylor, James Smyrl, Ed Womack, Paul Currell, Erik
Stuckey**

AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009-2010

- AREA 1 EDWIN C. WOMACK
ELK CITY COMMANDERY NO. 22, K.T., ELK CITY, OK
ST. AUMER NO. 29, K.T. - WOODWARD, OK
- AREA 2 JAMES E. SMYRL
TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 20, K.T. - TULSA, OK
CALVARY COMMANDERY NO. 26, K.T. - BARTLESVILLE, OK
- AREA 3 L. ERIK STUCKEY
BEN HUR COMMANDERY NO. 14, K.T. - PONCA CITY, OK
CIMARRON VALLEY COMMANDERY NO. 42, K.T. - DRUMRIGHT, OK
- AREA 4 JOSHUA R. TAYLOR
GUTHRIE COMMANDERY NO. 1, K.T. - GUTHRIE, OK
OKLAHOMA COMMANDERY NO. 3, K.T. - OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
- AREA 5 RICHARD C. DUNAWAY
MUSKOGEE COMMANDERY NO. 2, K.T. - MUSKOGEE, OK
McALESTER COMMANDERY NO. 9, K.T. - McALESTER, OK
- AREA 6 PAUL T. CURRELL
NORMAN COMMANDERY NO. 38, K.T. - NORMAN, OK
CAPITOL HILL COMMANDERY NO. 53, K.T. - MIDWEST CITY, OK
- AREA 7 MARK A. CRITCHFIELD
ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY NO. 8, K.T. - STILLWATER, OK
GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY NO. 25, K.T. - OKMULGEE, OK
- AREA 8 EDWARD J. BECERRA
ARDMORE COMMANDERY NO. 9, K.T. - ARDMORE, OK
LAWTON COMMANDERY NO. 18, K.T. - LAWTON, OK

GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA 2009-2010 STANDING COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS:

Raymond E. Stoll (7) – Chmn - [REDACTED]
Hollis O. Edgar (42) - [REDACTED]
Dale Floyd (14) - [REDACTED]

FINANCE:

William J. Cloud (53) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
I. Dwayne Dixon (53) - [REDACTED]
Edwin C. Womack (22) - [REDACTED]

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

2007-09 Charles L. Stuckey (25) - [REDACTED]
2008-10 John D. Miller, Jr. (52) - [REDACTED]

2009-11 John L. Logan (29) - [REDACTED]

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

John L. Logan (29) - [REDACTED]
All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS:

Kenneth D. Buckley (25) - [REDACTED]
James C. Taylor (22) - [REDACTED]
Glenn H. Kinsley (29) - [REDACTED]
Daniel C. Pryor (3) - [REDACTED]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS:

James C. Taylor (22) - [REDACTED]
Edward W. Hart (20) - [REDACTED]

GENERAL MATTERS:

Charles L. Stuckey (14) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
O. Ray Harrington (3) - [REDACTED]
William A. Nation (38) - [REDACTED]

NECROLOGY:

Marvin Chamberlin (6) - [REDACTED]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

2009 to 2011 - Elwood M. Isaacs (26) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE COORDINATION:

2009 - Richard C. Dunaway (42) - [REDACTED]
2010 - Mark Critchfield (1) - [REDACTED]
2011 - L. Erik Stuckey (14) - [REDACTED]
Ex-Officio - I. Dwayne Dixon (53) - [REDACTED]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

I. Dwayne Dixon (53) - [REDACTED]
All Grand Commandery Officers

MEMBERSHIP:

Robert G. Davis (1) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
William D. Williams (1) - [REDACTED]
Charles L. Stuckey (14) - [REDACTED]
Donald G. Jones (3) - [REDACTED]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION / SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

2009 - Glen H. Kinsley (29) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
2010 - E. David Snyder (14) - [REDACTED]
2011 - David A. Ray (38) - [REDACTED]
2012 - Edward J. Becerra (18) - [REDACTED]
2013 - William D. Bowie (38) - [REDACTED]
Sec -Treasurer - Gary A. Davis - [REDACTED]

PRINTING:

Lewis A. Hullum (38) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Michael E. Hampton (14) - [REDACTED]
Gary A. Davis (20) - [REDACTED]

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

L. Erik Stuckey (14) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Elwood M. Isaacs (26) - [REDACTED]
Kish L. Thomas (38) - [REDACTED]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE:

James E. Smyrl (20) - Chmn - 1021 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Richard C. Dunaway (42) - [REDACTED]
Robert G. Davis (1) - [REDACTED]

EDUCATION LOAN FOUNDATION AUDIT:

Bobby L. Carter (38) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
William D. Bowie (38) - [REDACTED]
Richard C. Dunaway (42) - [REDACTED]

REGIONAL DEGREE CONFERRALS/ONE-DAY FESTIVALS:

Paul T. Currell (22) - [REDACTED]
Daniel C. Pryor (3) - [REDACTED]
James R. Creason (22) - [REDACTED]

TEMPLE REVIEW (Fraternal Correspondence):

David A. Ray (38) - [REDACTED]

TIME AND PLACE:

Joshua R. Taylor (48) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
David A. Ray (38) - [REDACTED]

APPRECIATION:

Kenneth D. Buckley (25) - [REDACTED]

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

DEMOLAY:

Gary A. Davis (20) - Chmn - [REDACTED]
Jay A. Wall (1) - [REDACTED]
Matt McGee (14) - [REDACTED]

YORK RITE TEMPLE BUILDING COMPANY COMMITTEE:

2009 – Dan Pryor (3)	President: Kenneth D. Buckley
2010 – David A. Ray (38)	Secretary: Gary A. Davis
2011 – Glen H. Kinsley (29)	

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

SIR KNIGHT TIMOTHY PETER ISRAEL

Sir Knight Israel has been a very active Mason ever since his admission into Masonry on January 27, 1984. He is an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Brooks and Israel of Sayre, OK. Tim has served his Lodge as Master in 1990 and he can confer the degrees. He also has served as District Deputy Grand Master in 2006 and 2007 for District No. 18.

In Elk City Chapter, Tim has served as High Priest three times and is proficiently active in performing the Chapter ritual.

In the Elk City Council, Tim has served as Illustrious Master twice and confers the Select Master Degree. He has served as District Deputy for the Grand Illustrious Master and has been awarded the Adult Leadership Award.

In Elk City Commandery, he has served as Commander five times and has been the Prelate three times as well as performing in the other offices of his Commandery. Tim has also served on two Statewide Triennial Drill Teams and also drills with his local Commandery Drill Team.

Tim has been active with the DeMolay and was co-founder of WOW Chapter of the Order of DeMolay and served as Chapter Dad. He also assisted in starting the Elk City Rainbow for Girls Assembly No. 19 with his wife Jan.

Sir Knight Israel is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the KYCH, Red Cross of Constantine, the Oklahoma Order of the Eastern Star, and a lay minister for the Canute Methodist Church.

Tim is currently serving in the Grand Chapter line as the Grand King.

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

COMPANIONS OF THE TEMPLE

This award is comparable to the "Knight of the Temple" award given to Sir Knights for outstanding service and dedication to Freemasonry.

Ann Hart – 2002
 Arlene Harrington - 2002
 Wanda Buckley – 22 December 2003
 Glenda R. Stuckey – 22 December 2003
 Earlene J. Taylor – 22 December 2003
 Nellie Davis – 2000

REMARKS BY GRAND COMMANDER ELECT

Sir Knight Lewis A. Hullum greeted the Commandery and announced that S.K. Marvin Chamberlin would be the Grand Prelate and the other appointments would be forthcoming.

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Michael Hampton announced that the installation of officers for all bodies will begin at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon. Sir Knight Hampton thanked all the Officers for being here along with all the other Sir Knights. He then asked for remarks from Sir Knight Doug Mitchell, South Central Department Commander, who encouraged all Sir Knights to attend their Grand Session and to attend the Triennial coming

up in Roanoke, Virginia. S.K. Hampton then called on S.K. David Dixon Goodwin, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, representing Sir Knight William Koons II, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA., who brought us greetings and discussed the need to be "positive" in our dealings, prepare "good reports", and to have fun doing Knight Templar work. He also discussed changes in the Knight Templar magazine, there will be 3 Easter Sunday services next year in the East, West, and Central regions. There will also be introduced shortly, a new computer database system, where all constituent Commanderies will be updating their records on-line and they will be received directly at the Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Encampment. It is anticipated that this will ultimately be used for the Chapters and Councils. In closing, S.K. Goodwin thanked us for our courtesies and hospitality. There being no further business, the Grand Commandery was adjourned by Sir Knight Michael E. Hampton.

PAST COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONCLAVE, AUGUST 16, 2008 AT SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders was opened in due form at 1:30 p.m., August 16, 2008, at Shawnee, Oklahoma. The following officers were present:

Knight Commander	SK Ronald L. Carr
Knight First Lieutenant	SK James E. Smyrl
Knight Second Lieutenant	SK Robert D. Cundiff
Knight Treasurer/Recorder	SK William D. Bowie, Jr.
Knight Warder	SK E. David Snyder
Knight Sentinel	SK Troy E. Shipman
Knight Prelate	SK Michael E. Hampton

There were 14 members and 6 candidates present according to a count. The Knight Recorders register has 20 members sign-in.

The Knight Recorder stated that the following candidates had accepted the invitation to become members of the Association and were in waiting for the Ceremony of Reception:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
SK Albert Alexander	McAlester No.6, McAlester, OK
SK Ronald S. Coppedge	Ardmore No. 9, Ardmore, OK
SK William H. Pearce	Trinity No. 20, Tulsa, OK
SK A. Dean Monroe	St John's No. 8, Stillwater, OK
SK John A. McVay (Deceased)	Capitol Hill No. 53, Midwest City, OK

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following Team:

KT Commander	SK Ronald L. Carr
KT 1st Lieutenaunt	SK James E. Smyrl
KT 2nd Lieutenant	SK Robert D. Cundiff
KT Treasurer/Recorder	SK William D. Bowie, Jr.
KT Warder	SK E. David Snyder
KT Sentinel	SK Troy Shipman

KT Prelate	SK Michael E. Hampton
Lecture No. 1	SK Bobby Carter
Lecture No. 2	SK Willis Emerson
Lecture No. 3	SK Elwood M. Isaacs
Lecture No. 4	SK Paul Currell
Lecture No. 5	SK Dwayne Dixon
Lecture No. 6	SK Gary A. Davis
Lecture No. 7	SK Rex L. Eutsler
Lecture No. 8	SK William A. Nation
Lecture No. 9	SK Donnie Higginbotham
Lecture No. 10	SK Mark Critchfield
Lecture No. 11	SK Larry Roberts
Lecture No. 12	SK O Ray. Harrington

Oklahoma Past Commanders Association Jewels, Certificates of Induction, and Lifetime Membership cards were presented to the new members by the Installing Knight Commander, Lieutenants, and their nominators.

The new members were given the opportunity to speak and all expressed their appreciation of the Induction Ceremony and proud to be members of the Past Commanders Association.

It was announced that the Grand Commandery Work and Tactics Committee would hold its Annual Workshop, Inspections and Instructions at Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, in Oklahoma City, OK, on February 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.. All officers and members of the Constituent Commanderies were encouraged to attend.

Our Grand Masters Field Day will be held in Okla. City, OK, at Oklahoma No. 3, on September 26, 2009.

A Field Day will be held in McAlester, OK, on February 7, 2009.

Ike Isaacs reminded Knights of the SW Conference in Oklahoma, City, OK on September 18 and 19, 2009.

The benediction was given by our Prelate, Michael E. Hampton

The Special Conclave was closed by Knight Commander Ronald L. Carr at approximately 3:30 p.m.

William D. Bowie, Jr. - Past Knight Commander
Knight Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA — 2009-2010			
JURISDICTION	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA	GRAND REPS OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	Joe F. Warriner	Erskine K. Smith
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Alaska	David A. Hunt [REDACTED]		
Arizona	David G. Stankow [REDACTED]	Eugene Smith [REDACTED]	Vincent J. Krone [REDACTED]
Arkansas	Royce H. Taylor [REDACTED]	Jon J. Giddings [REDACTED]	J.R. Mote [REDACTED]
California	Kenneth G. Hope [REDACTED]	Rex Eutsler [REDACTED]	Honesto R. Castaneda [REDACTED]
Colorado	Robert Applegate [REDACTED]	Michael E. Hampton [REDACTED]	Wilson C. Moulton
Connecticut	Vincent A. Cowie [REDACTED]	Edward W. Hart [REDACTED]	Michael E. Seamon [REDACTED]
Delaware	H. Richard Hoffman [REDACTED]	Glenn H. Kinsley [REDACTED]	Henry Cotton
District of Columbia	Hugh A. Shawen [REDACTED]	Kenneth D. Buckley [REDACTED]	Paul D. Gleason [REDACTED]
Florida	Steven Steele [REDACTED]	Lewis Hullum [REDACTED]	Duane B. Young [REDACTED]
Georgia	Andre E. Lovas [REDACTED]	John L. Logan [REDACTED]	Lee D. Holcomb [REDACTED]
Idaho	David A. Grindle [REDACTED]	Don L. Turley [REDACTED]	Theodore Fujiki [REDACTED]
Illinois	Robert K. Cronk [REDACTED]	Aix B. Harrison [REDACTED]	Elmer F. McIntosh [REDACTED]
Indiana	Lawrence V. Kaminsky [REDACTED]		Floyd Keith Dunn II [REDACTED]
Iowa	Willard M. Loper [REDACTED]	E. David Snyder [REDACTED]	Larry Shalla [REDACTED]

Italy	Vittorio Aldo Rizzo		
Kansas	Wayne Rolif	Rodney Clark	E. Mack Griffiths
Kentucky	William G. Hinton	William A. Nation	Jimmy Moore
Louisiana	Bowdre McDowell	John J. Petrik	Harold Young
Maine	L. Richard Duross	Ellis L. Sappington	Douglas B. Taylor
Maryland	William B. Colburn, Jr.	William S. Phinney	Milton R. Wheatly, Sr.
Massachusetts- Rhode Island	John H. Day, Jr.	John C. Shanklin	Richard Albert Picard
Mexico	Cuahuhtemoc J. Salazar		
Michigan	Vernon T. Barnhart		John E. Rollins
Minnesota	Harland Thomesen	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Alden Johnson
Mississippi	Mickey P MaMahn	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.	James P. Pearce
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample		Lionel J. Goede
Montana	Dean Lindahl	James R. Creason	Perry E. Langston
Nebraska	Bruce T. Anderson	Bobby L. Carter	Harry W. Gordon
Nevada	Hans J. Scheurer		Frank Woodliff

New Hampshire	Robert L. Sutherland, Jr. [REDACTED]	Bartis M. Kent [REDACTED]	Norris L. Provencher [REDACTED]
New Jersey	Edward A. Hesley [REDACTED]	Charles L. Stuckey [REDACTED]	Ference S. Schubert [REDACTED]
New Mexico	Paul A. brehm [REDACTED]	Glenn Tuttle [REDACTED]	Richard Corn, Jr. [REDACTED]
New York	Rev. Robert Cave [REDACTED]	Neal D. Leech [REDACTED]	E. William Whittaker [REDACTED]
North Carolina	Robert A. Schafer [REDACTED]		William Brunk [REDACTED]
North Dakota	Merle L. Huhner [REDACTED]	Garry Odom [REDACTED]	James K. Well [REDACTED]
Ohio	Bruce "D" Basil [REDACTED]	William D. Bowie, Jr. [REDACTED]	Bruce D. Basil [REDACTED]
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway [REDACTED]	Daniel Pryor [REDACTED]	Daniel Crockett [REDACTED]
Pennsylvania	Walter DePrefontaine [REDACTED]	Robert G. Davis [REDACTED]	Donald S. Gray [REDACTED]
Philippines	Isaac F. Arribas, Jr. [REDACTED]		Alfonso D. Dualan [REDACTED]
Portugal	Vitor Manuel Azevedo Duarte [REDACTED]		
South Carolina	Johnnie T. Morris [REDACTED]	Gary A. Davis [REDACTED]	Sam L. Grant, Jr. [REDACTED]
South Dakota	Harlan F. Peterson [REDACTED]		Norman Herren [REDACTED]
Tennessee	Marshall L. Horn [REDACTED]	Paul G. Watkins [REDACTED]	Thomas Eugene Reno [REDACTED]

Texas	Loyd D. Chance [REDACTED]	James C. Taylor [REDACTED]	James W. Willson [REDACTED]
Utah	Owen C. Orton [REDACTED]	Willis L. Emerson [REDACTED]	John L. Elwell, Jr. [REDACTED]
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard [REDACTED]	O. Ray Harrington [REDACTED]	James O. Fendley
Virginia	Nelson C. Trinkle [REDACTED]	William D. Williams [REDACTED]	Jesse Albert Hughes [REDACTED]
Washington	Norman Campo [REDACTED]	Mark Critchfield [REDACTED]	Robert E. Steele [REDACTED]
West Virginia	C. H. Wyatt [REDACTED]	Kenneth Lowmiller [REDACTED]	
Wisconsin	Gary J. Parker [REDACTED]	Barry Spradling [REDACTED]	Ralph L. Behlke [REDACTED]
Wyoming	Ronald A. VanEkeren [REDACTED]	Robert D. King [REDACTED]	Walter Cook [REDACTED]

2009 DIRECTORY OF COMMANDERIES OF OKLAHOMA

NO.	NAME-LOCATION	COMMANDER	RECORDER	STATED CONCLAVE	CHARTER DATE
1	GUTHRIE 102 S. Broad Guthrie 73044	William B. Campbell	Tommy M. Johnston	2nd Thursday	11-Aug-1892
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St Muskogee 74402	Larry A. Wiseman	Eric D. Blackwood	3d Monday 7:00 p.m.	12-Aug-1892
3	OKLAHOMA CITY 2935 W. Britton Rd. OKC 73120	O. Ray Harrington	Dan Pryor	2d & 4th Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.	11-Aug-1892
6	McALESTER Scottish Rite Temple	Joseph S. Stacy	Monte G. Hendrix	4th Monday	1-Feb-1897
8	ST JOHN'S 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74059	Chris Sheehan	Aix B. Harrison	2d & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.	1- Feb-1897
9	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St Ardmore 73401	David L. Roberts	Gene D. Harper	2d Monday 7:30 p.m.	2- Nov- 1897
14	BEN HUR 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601	Marland D. Floyd	James E. Halbrook	2d & 4th Tuesdays	13-Sep-1928
18	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501	Dwight Blair	Bobby Stalnaker	1st Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	1906
20	TRINITY 5925 E. 9 th St. Tulsa 74112	Robert R. Rolseth	Craig Bowman	4th Monday 7:00 p.m.	17-Apr-1906
22	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644	Alfred D. Fryman, Jr.	James C. Taylor	1 st & 3rd Thursday	20-May-1912
25	GETHSEMANE McCulloch Bldg. 114 N. Grand Okmulgee 74447	Ed Hart	Jon J. Giddings	3 rd Tuesday 7:30 P.M.	16-Apr-1916

26	CALVARY 610 NE Washington Bartlesville 74006 [REDACTED]	James H. Ellis [REDACTED]	Robert E. Goode [REDACTED]	2d & 4th Mondays 7:30 P.M.	23-Apr-1908
29	ST. AUMER 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 [REDACTED]	Glenn H. Kinsley [REDACTED]	R. Craig Weidemann [REDACTED]	4th Thursday 7:30 P.M. 2nd Thursday (Nov-Dec)	8-Mar-1910 (Jan-Oct)
38	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73069 [REDACTED]	Trasen Akers [REDACTED]	William A. Nation [REDACTED]	2d Thursday 7:30 P.M.	14-Apr-1914
42	CIMARRON VALLEY 220 N. Ohio Drumright 74030 [REDACTED]	Hollis O. Edgar [REDACTED]	Michael A. Davis [REDACTED]	1st Monday 7:00 P.M.	17-Apr-1919
53	CAPITOL HILL 814 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110 [REDACTED]	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr. [REDACTED]	Dewayne R. Hendricks [REDACTED]	3d Friday 7:30 p.m.	8-May-1989