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2023  
Proceedings of the  
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Of Freemasonry  
Of  
OKLAHOMA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, April 28, 2023

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, April 28, 2023

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, April 29, 2023

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL  
ARCH MASONS of  
OKLAHOMA  
AT ITS  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Held in Oklahoma City  
April Twenty-Eighth  
Two Thousand Twenty-three



A.D. 2023 / A.I. 2553



MATHEW A. TURNER  
M.: E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
2022-2023

## MATHEW A. TURNER BIOGRAPHY

Most Excellent Companion Turner was born November 15, 1987, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Larry and Susan Turner. Companion Turner was a member of the Boy Scouts, where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. After graduating from Moore High School in 2006, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 2010.

Companion Turner received a BBA in Finance, graduating from the University of Oklahoma in December 2013. He began an internship at a bond brokerage while in college in 2012 and has continued to work in the role of a Municipal Bond Analyst.

Brother Turner was Initiated an Entered Apprentice in 2012, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2013 in Moore Lodge #539 in Moore, Oklahoma, where he also served as Worshipful Master in 2019, and currently serves as Secretary.

Companion Turner was Exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in August of 2014 in Norman Chapter No. 24, where he served as Excellent High Priest in 2017. Companion Turner was elected to the office of Most Excellent Grand High Priest on April 22, 2022.

Companion Turner received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Norman Council No. 27, Royal and Select Masters in August of 2014, where he served as Illustrious Master in 2017.

Sir Knight Turner received the Commandery order in August and November of 2014 in Norman Commandery No. 38, where he served as Eminent Commander in 2018.

Most Excellent Companion Turner has also affiliated with the Oklahoma City York Rite Bodies, where he has served as Illustrious Master of Alpha Council No. 18 in 2022, and Eminent Commander of Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 in 2023.

Most Excellent Companion Turner is also a member of the Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite, Scottish Rite Research Society, India Shrine, Oklahoma Priory No. 9 KYCH Oklahoma, Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Sword and Trowel, Past Commanders Association, Knight Masons, York Rite Sovereign College, SRICF, and the Allied Masonic Degrees.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023 CAPITULAR YEAR**

Mathew A. Turner [24]		Most Excellent Grand High Priest
William J. "Jim" Cloud [59]		Right Excellent Grand King
Blaine C. McKnight [28]		Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104]	Dana	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
P.:.G.:.H.:.P.:.		
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [52, 55]		Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
P.:.G.:.H.:.P.:.		
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]	Renee	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Gary A. Davis [52]	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary Emeritus
H.:.P.:.G.:.H.:.P.:.		
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]	Beth	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
John R. Cooper, Jr. [3]	Trudy	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Michael S. Wright [11, 103]	Kim	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Bryan C. Shackelford [6]	Bobbi	Excellent Grand Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil
Charles L. Cook [11]	Molly	Excellent Grand Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil
Ryan R. Frederick [14]	Linda	Excellent Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil
Roberto "Tony" A. DeLeon, Jr. [24]		Excellent Grand Sentinel
Truman "Lavern" L. Ragain, Jr. [44]		Excellent Grand Chaplain

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
FOR THE 2022 - 2023 CAPITULAR YEAR**

DISTRICT 1	Marshall M. Clayton [3]	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3
DISTRICT 2	Brian A. Buswell [7]	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
DISTRICT 3	John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Texoma Chapter No. 28
DISTRICT 4	Justin M. McGee [25]	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 25
DISTRICT 5	John T. Turner [24]	Norman Chapter No. 24 Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 Veritas Chapter No. 103
DISTRICT 6	Brian M. Ragain [44]	Lawton Chapter No. 44 Altus Chapter No. 60
DISTRICT 7	David D. Shore [72]	Elk City Chapter No. 50 Woodward Chapter No. 72
DISTRICT 8	Paul G. Wickberg [52]	Tulsa Chapter No. 52 Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2022-2023 CAPITULAR YEAR**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

**JURISPRUDENCE**

John Christopher [6] - Chairman  
John Carter [11]- Secretary  
All Past Grand High Priests

**CREDENTIALS**

Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [101] - Chairman  
Steve Cox [3, 103]  
Gary Odendahl [14, 52]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [52, 104]

**FINANCE**

William J. Cloud [101] - Chairman  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]  
Mark Critchfield [3, 6]  
Grand Scribe ex officio

**INVESTMENTS**

2020-23 [RAM] John L. Logan [6, 72]  
2022-25 [CM] Charles L. Stuckey [25]  
2021-24 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] - Chairman  
John L. Logan [6, 72]  
Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Grand Captain of the Host ex officio -

**WORK AND RETURNS**

Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman  
John R. Christopher [6]  
William J. Cloud [101]  
Grand Captain of the Host ex officio

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

**TRIENNIAL**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
John R. Christopher [6]  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION**

Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Chairman  
William J. Cloud [101]  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Grand Captain of the Host

**CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

**MEMBERSHIP**

Mark K. McFadden [3] - Chairman  
Central - David A. Tennison [6]  
N. Central - Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Northeast - Jim L. Parham [52]  
Northwest - John L. Logan [6, 72]  
S. Central - Brian M. Ragain [44]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]  
Southwest - James Oates III [44]

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **COMMITTEE ON PLACE**

Jay A. Wall [6] - Chairman  
Brian A. Buswell [7]  
Robert W. McLeod [3, 52]  
Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Ivan M. DeTevis [14, 52]  
ME Grand High Priest Ex Officio

### **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

Blaine McKnight [1, 28] - RAM  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - CM  
Glen A. Chaney [21] - KT

### **NECROLOGY**

Lavern Ragain, Jr. [44]

### **ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Brian M. Ragain [44]  
Michael S. Wright [11, 103]  
John L. Logan [6, 72]  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Robert R. Rolseth [52, 104]

### **CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Chairman  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [101]  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### **BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Chairman  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [101]  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE**

Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [52]  
John R. Christopher [6]

### **EDUCATION**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
Robert G. Davis [14]

### **REGIONAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE**

Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

### **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS**

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103] - Chairman  
Central - James D. Nobles [7]  
N. Central - Robert L. Sprott [14]  
Northeast - George W. Ratliff [52, 104]  
Northwest - Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
S. Central - Michael S. Wright [11, 103]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]  
Southwest - James Oates III [44]

### **MURROW AWARD**

Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Chairman  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [101]  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### **DEMOLAY COMMITTEE**

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman  
Michael L. Branson [14]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
Bo Ross [24]  
D. Ridge Smith [101]

### **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [101]  
Donnie G. Higginbotham [1, 28]

**MASONIC CHARITY  
FOUNDATION**

2021-24 [RAM] David A. Ray [24]

2022-25 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [1]

2020-23 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

**APPRECIATION**

John R. Cooper, Jr. [3]

**OTHER**

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION**

Donnie G. Higginbotham [1] - President

James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104] - 1st V.P.

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - 2nd V.P.

Charles L. Stuckey [25] - Sec.



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

## The One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation April 28, 2023

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was convened for its One Hundred Thirty-Third Annual Conclave at 8:30 am, on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn/Champion Convention Center, Oklahoma City Airport Hotel located at 801 S. Meridian in Oklahoma City, OK.

Companion Robert D. Cundiff, Jr., Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a sufficient number of Chapters were represented to constitute a quorum. Thereupon, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was opened in AMPLE FORM with the following Grand Officers:

M.:E.: Companion Mathew A Turner.....	Grand High Priest
R.:E.: Companion William J. “Jim” Cloud.....	Grand King
R.:E.: Companion Blaine C. McKnight .....	Grand Scribe
R.:E.: Companion Kenton M. Israel .....	Grand Treasurer
R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene.....	Grand Secretary
R.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. ....	Grand Captain of the Host
E.: Companion Brian M. Ragain (pro-tem). ....	Grand Principal Sojourner
E.: Companion Michael S. Wright.. ....	Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.: Companion Bryan C. Shackelford .....	Grand Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil
E.: Companion Charles L. Cook .....	Grand Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil
E.: Companion Ryan R. Frederick.....	Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil
E.: Companion Roberto “Tony” A. DeLeon, Jr. ....	Grand Sentinel
E.: Companion Truman “Lavern L. Ragain, Jr. ....	Grand Chaplain

The invocation was delivered by E.: Companion Truman “Lavern L. Ragain, Jr.

## INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.:E.: Companion Mathew A. Tuner introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

M.:I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and Grand Governor of Oklahoma, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

R.:E.: Companion Mark A. Wright, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia.

M.:E.: Companion Robert Loflin, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

M.:E.: Companion David Melear, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas and Grand Representative of Texas, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

M.:E.: Companion Robert W. Schlichter, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

M.:E.: Companion Monty J. Glover, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Hawaii.

M.: E.: Companion John L. Logan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Personal Representative for District No. 12, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and Intendent General of Oklahoma for the Red Cross of Constantine.

R.:E.: Companion Dick. E. Browning, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest South Central.

R.:E.: Companion Chadwick B. Burks, General Grand Scribe for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, and personal representative to General Grand High Priest Steven G. Tiner, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma and Lt. Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction and Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

M.:W.: Brother Glen A. Chaney, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

### **INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

The following Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter were introduced and cordially welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

Charles L. Stuckey	1975-76	David A. Ray	1997-98
Newell K. Barker	2003-04	Timothy P. Israel	2008-09
Donnie G. Higginbotham	2009-10	Ronald L. Carr	2010-11
John E. King	2011-12	Robert R. Rolseth	2012-13
Robert G. Davis	2014-15	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2015-16
James R. Taylor, Jr.	2016-17	Kenton M. Israel	2017-18
John L. Logan	2018-19	Bradley S. Rickelman	2019-20
John R. Christopher	2020-21	John F. Carter	2021-22

### **INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

The following District Deputy Grand High Priests were present. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest welcomed the District Deputy Grand High Priests and thanked them for their service.

Marshall M. Clayton	1	Brian A. Buswell	2
John E. King	3	Justin M. McGee	4
John T. Turner	5	Brian M. Ragain	6

### **ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest called for the Roll Call of Constituent Chapters. R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary, called the roll with 12 of 18 Chapters represented by the High Priest, King, and/or Scribe. The Chapters in attendance were as follows.

Muskogee No. 3	Guthrie No. 6	Cyrus No. 7
Ardmore No. 11	Stillwater No 14	Norman No. 24
Olivet No. 25	Elk City No. 50	Tulsa No. 52
Bartlesville No. 55	Veritas No. 103	James E. Smyrl No. 104

### **APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION PROCEEDINGS**

A motion was made by R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary, that was seconded to approve the 2022 Proceedings of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

## **THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

To the Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, distinguished visitors, and Companions:

Welcome to the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. I thank all of you in attendance for being here today and supporting your Grand Chapter.

I also want to welcome our distinguished visitors from other grand jurisdictions and the General Grand Chapter.

To the Past Grand High Priests in attendance today, I wish to welcome you, and thank you and those not able to be here for your encouragement and wise counsel throughout this year. It has been greatly appreciated.

I am very honored and pleased to welcome M·W· Glen Chaney, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma to our session. We thank you for coming today and thank you for the leadership you are providing our Fraternity this year in the office of Grand Master.

Thank you to all the elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers, who served the Grand Chapter this year. Your counsel and willingness to serve has been greatly appreciated, and I enjoyed our time traveling throughout the state with you.

Thank you to all the Companions, who elected me to serve this Grand Chapter. It has been an honor to have the opportunity serve you these last few years.

### **Necrology**

Last night we took the opportunity to honor those Companions who were lost last year at our Memorial Service. I want to thank the Grand Chaplains and Grand Prelate for putting together that fitting tribute. To the family and friends of those Companions who were lost, I offer my sincerest condolences for the loss of these loved ones.

### **Awards**

Later in the session we will recognize those Royal Arch Chapters which qualified for the Clarence Brain Award of Excellence. At the banquet this evening we will have the opportunity to present those Companions selected to receive the Grand Chapter's Joseph S. Murrow Award, and the General Grand Chapters Bronze Distinguished Service Medal.

### **Dispensations**

On June 6, 2022, in accordance with Article 10, Section 2 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 to elect and install a King out of time at the stated convocation on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

On November 11, 2022, in accordance with Article 10 Section 2, of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Tulsa Chapter No. 52 to allow Tulsa Chapter to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 21, 2022, in lieu of Monday, December 19, 2022.

On January 28, 2023, in accordance with Article 10, Section 16, of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Lawton Chapter No. 44 to allow Lawton Chapter to temporarily move its Charter to Lawton Lodge

No. 183 located at 2001 N.W. Lincoln Avenue Lawton, OK 73507-2840 on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees.

### **Official Visits to Constituent Chapters**

It was a distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to visit all the constituent Chapters this year. As we visited the Chapters, emphasis was placed on finding ways to increase attendance at our meetings and offering value to our members.

June 8, 2022	Cyrus Chapter #7
June 9, 2022	Norman Chapter #24
June 11, 2022	Veritas Chapter #103
July 28, 2022	Texoma Chapter #28
August 2, 2022	James E. Smyrl Chapter #104
August 10, 2022	Muskogee Chapter #3
August 15, 2022	Tulsa Chapter #52
September 13, 2022	Olivet Chapter #25
October 4, 2022	Bartlesville Chapter #55
October 12, 2022	Stillwater Chapter #14
October 21, 2022	Capitol Hill Chapter #101
November 17, 2022	Altus Chapter #60
January 9, 2023	Ardmore Chapter #11
January 23, 2023	Indian Chapter #1
February 21, 2023	Elk City #50
April 4, 2023	Lawton Chapter #44
April 11, 2023	Woodward Chapter #72
April 13, 2023	Guthrie Chapter #6

### **Official Visits to Androgynous and Appendant Bodies**

I made visits to the following Androgynous or Appendant bodies. On these occasions I was introduced and brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

May 21, 2022	Amaranth Grand Court (Oklahoma City)
May 29, 2022	Rainbow Grand Assembly (Norman)
July 9, 2022	DeMolay Conclave (Norman)
August 26, 2022	Job's Daughters Grand Bethel (Oklahoma City)
October 16, 2022	Eastern Star Grand Chapter (Guthrie)

### **Statewide and Regional Degree Festivals**

I attended all the degree festivals this year. During the Grand Master's York Rite Festival and Central Regional Festival, I participated in the degree work. During all three Festivals, I closed the host Chapters in Ample Form.

September 10, 2022	Grand Master's York Rite Festival (Oklahoma City)
February 4, 2023	Central Regional Festival (Oklahoma City)
February 25, 2023	Northeast Regional Festival (Tulsa)

### **Grand Chapter Administrative Meetings**

A number of administrative meetings were held, primarily by Zoom, and one in person meeting in Oklahoma City

April 27, 2022	Time and Place Committee Meeting (Zoom)
August 7, 2022	Time and Place Committee Meeting (Zoom)
August 14, 2022	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Zoom)
November 6, 2022	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Zoom)
February 18, 2023	Quarterly Grand Officers Meeting (Oklahoma City)

### **Scottish Rite Reunions**

I attended and was introduced at all the Scottish Rite Reunions during my term of office.

October 1, 2022	Tulsa Scottish Rite
October 22, 2022	McAlester Scottish Rite
October 29, 2022	Guthrie Scottish Rite
February, 25, 2023	Tulsa Scottish Rite
April 1, 2023	McAlester Scottish Rite
April 14, 2023	Guthrie Scottish Rite

### **Other Official Visits**

As a member of the following bodies, I attended the meetings listed and was introduced. At the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma, I installed the officers. At the South-Central Regional Conference I gave a report to the assembled Companions on the activities occurring in Oklahoma.

May 14, 2022	York Rite College at All Masonic Day (Edmond)
May 21, 2022	KYCH Conclave (Stillwater)
August 20, 2022	Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
September 16, 2022	South-Central Regional Conference (Shreveport, Louisiana)
November 12, 2022	Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M of Oklahoma (Guthrie)
September 24, 2022	York Rite College at All Masonic Day (Edmond)
April 27, 2023	KYCH Conclave (Oklahoma City)

### **Grand Master's Summit of Oklahoma Masonry**

On September 3, 2022 I represented the Grand Chapter at M·W· R. Scott Vincent's Summit on Oklahoma Masonry. Leadership of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, the Oklahoma Scottish Rite Valleys, and Oklahoma Shrines, met with the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers to discuss the state of membership of the Fraternity as a whole, and what can be done to stop the decline in membership.

### **Grand Commander's Chat**

Throughout the year, on the below dates, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma held monthly Zoom meetings for the membership. During these meetings, a presentation was given on a topic chosen by the Grand Commander, and general discussions were held. The Most Illustrious Grand Master and myself were invited to attend these Zoom meetings. During these meetings, I gave a brief update on what was going on in the Grand Chapter and encouraged the membership to plan engaging activities during their meetings to help with attendance. During the October Chat, M·E· Companion Kent Israel gave an excellent presentation on Royal Arch Research Assistance.

June 12, 2022	November 13, 2022
July 10, 2022	December 11, 2022
August 14, 2022	January 8, 2023
September 11, 2022	March 12, 2023
October 9, 2022	April 9, 2023

### **State of Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma**

Membership issues continue to be a pressing concern. Exaltations of new companions continue to be outpaced by deaths and suspensions. We also pull our membership from a pool that is continuing to shrink, as fewer Master Masons are raised year after year. Continued decline in membership numbers will likely continue until we begin to again see growth in our lodges.

Generally, attendance at local chapter meetings has greatly improved since everything came to a halt in 2020. There are still chapters, however, that are regularly struggling to have a quorum in order to meet. Based on my observations, the Chapters that do have the best attendance tend to have some sort of program at their regular meetings, usually some sort of Chapter related education.

Though generally, most Chapters are able to proficiently open to conduct business, those that have had difficulties meeting quorum are struggling more with those basics. The utilization of the Custodians of the Work and their deputies would be of great benefit to these Chapters.

The Grand Master's Festival and Regional Degree Festivals are currently the only means by which candidates are being exalted. These festivals also currently only occur in the Central and Northeast Regions. Additional degree festivals in other regions would be beneficial, by cut down on travel time and offering additional opportunities to take the degrees. The membership committee has continued to do an excellent job promoting those festivals, and we thank them for all their hard work and dedication to that task.

We continue to see excellent ritual work from those chapters and teams that regularly put on the degree work, and we greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of each the individuals involved in the degrees. With the regional degree festivals having become a big part of Exalting new Companions, it would greatly help to have all individual Chapters be able to put on the Mark Master and Past Master degrees in house since the regional festivals are not currently conferring those degrees. Having these degrees prior to the festival permits it to start later, allowing those Companions and Candidates attending more time to get to the festivals. A few Chapters have expressed a desire to do so.

Education continues to show effectiveness in engaging our membership, and offering value to our members. Those Chapters that do regularly hold some form of education tend to see increased attendance. The Grand Chapter has provided and made available many resources that can be used for education within the Chapter, however it is up to each individual Chapter to utilize these resources. Examples of educational programs, for Chapters that do not currently implement them, that can be given during a Chapter meeting, can be anything as simple as working through the degrees during the meetings, presenting papers on topics of interest to the individual Companions, or working though the Capitular Masonry Education Course. Not only does this help us learn, more about our degrees, but these engage our members, and brings and incentive to attend meetings.

### **Concluding Remarks**

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to R:~E:~ Jon Greene, Grand Secretary, for his hard work and dedication in the day-to-day administration of the Grand Chapter. Companion Jon, I greatly appreciate the changes you have implemented to increase efficiency and the many hours you spend every week making sure everything is getting done and helping us operate smoothly.

I also want to recognize M:~E:~ Kent Israel, Grand Treasurer, for his diligence in overseeing the finances of the Grand Chapter. Kent has done an excellent job keeping us apprised of the financial condition of the Grand Chapter.

I also want to thank R:~E:~ Jim Cloud, Grand King, and R:~E:~ Frank Bellardo, Grand Captain of the Host, for being excellent traveling Companions. There were few trips this year where I did not have at least one of these two in the car with me and was able to have hours of Masonic discourse.

To Companion Timothy P. Israel, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and Sir Knight James R. Taylor Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, it has been a pleasure working with both of you this year. I have enjoyed our time spent together, and I thank you for the counsel and friendship you have provided as we diligently worked throughout the year.

To the officers soon to be elected and appointed, I wish you success in the coming year, and offer any help and support you need. I look forward to the ensuing year and look forward to the many successes which you will achieve.

Most importantly, I want to recognize all the Royal Arch Masons in attendance today and those who could not be here. This is your Grand Chapter. Without all of you in the quarries toiling away, running your meetings, participating in degree work, recruiting new members, cooking meals, and showing up, we would not be here today.



Serving as a Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter, and Grand High Priest has been a most humbling experience for me. It has given me a greater appreciation of those great men who have come before and will come after. I thank you for the opportunity to have served you, and look forward to the great work to come from those elected in the future, and all the individual Companions in this Grand Chapter.

Mathew A. Turner [7,24]  
Grand High Priest 2022-2023

**REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER  
KENTON M. ISRAEL  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
For the period ending December 31, 2022  
These accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley**

Grand Chapter Investment Account		
General Fund		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$290,453.90
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned		9,287.08
Appreciation		<u>-53,953.20</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$245,787.78

Grand Chapter Investment Account		
Perpetual Membership		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$178,641.82
Deposits		1,320.00
Withdrawals		-5,569.72
Dividend/Interest Earned		6,817.98
Appreciation		<u>-28,063.22</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$153,146.86

Grand Chapter Investment Account		
Joint Account-Membership Development		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$79,922.87
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		-7,411.54
Dividend/Interest Earned		2,092.87
Appreciation		<u>-8,768.04</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$65,836.16

<b>Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments</b>	<b><u>1/1/2022</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2022</u></b>		
General Fund	\$290,453.90	\$245,787.78	(\$44,666.12)	-15.38%
Perpetual Membership	\$178,641.82	\$153,146.86	(\$25,494.96)	-14.27%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$79,922.87	\$65,836.16	(\$14,086.71)	-17.63%
Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments	\$549,018.59	\$464,770.80		

The 2022 stock market performance was the worst since 2008. The S&P fell 19.4%, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 8.8%, and the Nasdaq tumbled 33.1%. We also incurred double digit losses. Despite the losses, with our strategy we were able to slightly increase dividends in our Perpetual Accounts. In the second half of the year, we made more than half of our dividends. I am hoping to continue to see growth in our dividends and interest in those accounts in coming years. So far in 2023 we have continued to see crazy volatility in the market and are currently positive for the year.

Changing investment advisors was a massive undertaking. We moved from Wells Fargo in Bartlesville to Morgan Stanley in Oklahoma City. It would not have been possible without our Grand Secretary Jon Greene. He was instrumental on getting not only tax id numbers, but pictures of original charters and other requested documents. Every time I felt we were close to getting everything setup with Morgan Stanley, they would need another document or signature. Thank you so much Companion Greene!

We added very few new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2022. With our change in Investment Advisors last year, checks were severely delayed and not mailed until the fall. The checks for this year have already been mailed out and are slightly larger than last year's checks.

### **Perpetual Membership Account Information**

908 Total Members at 12/31/2022

3 New Members in 2022

Interest/Dividends earned in 2021: \$6,156.37

Interest/Dividends earned in 2022: \$6,817.98

Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2022 for Div/Int earned in 2021: \$2,739.97

Div/Int distributed to Local Chapters in 2022 for Div/Int earned in 2021: \$3,369.06

Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2023 for Div/Int earned in 2022: \$2,981.10

Div/Int distributed to Local Chapters in 2023 for Div/Int earned in 2022: \$3,819.24



Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year, it has been an honor. I am very thankful for the Investment Advisory Committee and their experience and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104]  
Grand Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY JON B. GREENE

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2022 End: 12/31/2022**

**General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry**

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma

Located at Tulsa, OK

Total Working Chapters = 18

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,294</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>58</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>66</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>10</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>51</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>49</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT = Total	<u>0</u>	
Loss (-)	<u>110</u>	
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(44)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,250</u>

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

We had a net loss of 44 Companions compared to a loss of 11 Companions last year. We Exalted 58 new Companions compared to 95 the previous year. Suspensions were 51 in both 2022 and 2021. Demits were 10 in both 2022 and 2021. Deaths were 49 in 2022 compared to 61 in 2021. We had 20 members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues compared to 14 last year.

Please be aware that perpetual fees are 15 times your yearly dues. If your Chapter's annual dues are not equal to or more than the per capita, you will not

recover your dues for that member. For example: at present, if your Per-capita is \$14.25 per member and your dues are \$28.50, you will get 50% of the dividends and interest. Less dues will be proportionately less, and more will be proportionately more. All computations are based on the time the perpetual was purchased. See Article 11, Section 21 of the Constitution and General Laws.

Respectfully submitted:  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]  
Grand Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER RETURNS FOR 2022

No.	Name	2021 Members End of Year	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdraw	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2022 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	G. G. Chapter Life Members	No.	Name	Dues	Fees	DeMolay	Per Capita	G. G. Chapter Per Capita	RARA	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per	Capita Return	TOTAL
1	Indian	90	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	(2)	88	34	0	49	1	Indian	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$13.50	\$540.00	\$117.00	\$54.00	\$724.50	\$123.39	\$847.89	
3	Muskogee	122	11	0	2	0	2	9	4	0	0	(2)	120	41	1	68	3	Muskogee	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$19.50	\$780.00	\$153.00	\$78.00	\$1,030.50	\$196.75	\$1,227.25	
6	Guthrie	78	4	0	0	1	5	4	0	0	0	(6)	72	21	0	30	6	Guthrie	\$22.00	\$50.00	\$12.75	\$510.00	\$126.00	\$51.00	\$699.75	\$115.95	\$815.70	
7	Cyrus	120	5	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	(5)	(5)	115	30	5	43	7	Cyrus	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$20.00	\$800.00	\$201.00	\$80.00	\$1,101.00	\$152.91	\$1,253.91	
11	Ardmore	60	4	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	(5)	(5)	55	14	0	22	11	Ardmore	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$10.25	\$410.00	\$99.00	\$41.00	\$560.25	\$132.15	\$692.40	
14	Stillwater	55	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	(3)	(3)	52	18	0	31	14	Stillwater	\$20.00	\$65.00	\$8.50	\$340.00	\$63.00	\$34.00	\$445.50	\$328.14	\$773.64	
24	Norman	85	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	86	26	0	41	24	Norman	\$29.00	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$600.00	\$135.00	\$60.00	\$810.00	\$230.20	\$1,040.20	
25	Olivet	52	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	(2)	(2)	50	26	0	32	25	Olivet	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$54.00	\$24.00	\$324.00	\$76.74	\$400.74	
28	Texoma	27	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	27	1	0	1	28	Texoma	\$26.00	\$50.00	\$6.50	\$260.00	\$78.00	\$26.00	\$370.50	\$6.19	\$376.69	
44	Lawton	90	3	3	0	3	0	4	0	0	(1)	(1)	89	19	0	33	44	Lawton	\$22.50	\$50.00	\$17.50	\$700.00	\$168.00	\$70.00	\$955.50	\$496.11	\$1,451.61	
50	Elk City	51	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	51	26	1	56	50	Elk City	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$270.00	\$127.60	\$397.60	
52	Tulsa	184	12	0	0	0	2	12	0	0	(4)	(4)	180	71	7	100	52	Tulsa	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$25.50	\$1,020.00	\$219.00	\$102.00	\$1,366.50	\$740.25	\$2,106.75	
55	Bartlesville	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	11	1	49	55	Bartlesville	\$16.50	\$50.00	\$7.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$315.00	\$105.12	\$420.12	
60	Altus	49	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	(5)	(5)	44	25	0	37	60	Altus	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$4.75	\$190.00	\$21.00	\$19.00	\$234.75	\$165.23	\$399.98	
72	Woodward	39	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	(2)	(2)	37	19	0	25	72	Woodward	\$25.50	\$50.00	\$4.50	\$180.00	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$238.50	\$47.84	\$286.34	
101	Capitol Hill	108	4	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	(5)	(5)	103	61	5	94	101	Capitol Hill	\$19.00	\$50.00	\$9.25	\$370.00	\$12.00	\$37.00	\$428.25	\$613.83	\$1,042.08	
103	Veritas	15	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	(2)	(2)	13	0	0	0	103	Veritas	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$3.25	\$130.00	\$39.00	\$13.00	\$185.25	\$0.00	\$185.25	
104	James E. Smyrl	29	4	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	(1)	(1)	28	10	0	12	104	James E. Smyrl	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$4.50	\$180.00	\$48.00	\$18.00	\$250.50	\$160.86	\$411.36	
	Totals	1294	58	4	2	0	10	49	49	0	0	(44)	1250	453	20	723		Totals			\$194.25	\$7,770.00	\$1,569.00	\$777.00	\$10,310.25	\$3,819.26	\$14,129.51	

## 2022 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

		Jan - Dec 22 ▾	Budget ▾	\$ Over Budget ▾
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS				
	4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	8,200.00	8,200.00	0.00
	4020 · G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,779.00	1,779.00	0.00
	4030 · RARA Donation	820.00	820.00	0.00
	4050 · DeMolay Donation	205.00	205.00	0.00
	<b>Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	<b>11,004.00</b>	<b>11,004.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.				
	4110 · PEM Dividend from investment	2,739.97	2,739.97	0.00
	4120 · Interest Income	0.00	6,156.37	-6,156.37
	<b>Total 4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>	<b>2,739.97</b>	<b>8,896.34</b>	<b>-6,156.37</b>
4200 · FEES				
	4210 · Degree Fees	920.00	480.00	440.00
	4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
	4230 · Reinstatement Fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00
	4240 · Festival Meal Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
	4245 · Festival Fees to other	3,610.00	0.00	3,610.00
	<b>Total 4200 · FEES</b>	<b>4,540.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>3,240.00</b>
4300 · RESALE				
	4310 · Ritual Resale	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	<b>Total 4300 · RESALE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
4600 · MISC INCOME				
		563.32	300.00	263.32
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,847.29</b>	<b>21,700.34</b>	<b>-2,853.05</b>
Expense				
5000 · STAFF				
	5010 · Grand Secretary's Salary	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
	5020 · Payroll Taxes	384.84	385.00	-0.16
	5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	<b>Total 5000 · STAFF</b>	<b>4,884.84</b>	<b>5,085.00</b>	<b>-200.16</b>
5100 · ASSESSMENTS				
	5110 · Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,674.00	1,779.00	-105.00
	5120 · RARA Donation	1,305.00	1,295.00	10.00
	5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
	5140 · General Grand Chapter Magazine	2,262.41	3,070.00	-807.59
	5150 · Per Capita Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>5,541.41</b>	<b>6,444.00</b>	<b>-902.59</b>
5500 · YOUTH EXPENSES				
	5510 · Youth Ads	0.00	100.00	-100.00
	<b>Total 5500 · YOUTH EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL				
	6010-22 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Carter	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
	6010-23 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Turner	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
	6015 · Grand Secretary's Travel	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	6020 · Grand High Priest Grand Session	0.00	250.00	-250.00
	6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	140.98	200.00	-59.02
	6040 · Grand Sessions-Headquarters	225.98	200.00	25.98
	6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	182.49	250.00	-67.51
	6060 · Past Grand High Priest Jewel	60.50	200.00	-139.50
	6070 · South Central Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6080 · Triennial	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6110 · Festival Meal Catering	0.00	800.00	-800.00
	6111 · GM Festival Fee Reimburs	3,590.00		
	<b>Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>	<b>4,199.95</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>-400.05</b>

		<b>7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
		<b>7100 - Rent</b>			
		7110 - Muskogee Storage Rent	0.00	33.00	-33.00
		7130 - MISC Meeting Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
		<b>Total 7100 - Rent</b>	100.00	133.00	-33.00
		<b>7200 - Telecommunications</b>			
		7210 - Phone and Internet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
		7220 - Website	0.00	75.00	-75.00
		<b>Total 7200 - Telecommunications</b>	0.00	475.00	-475.00
		<b>7300 - Office Supplies</b>			
		7310 - General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
		7320 - Ink	0.00	120.00	-120.00
		7330 - Computer Software	349.99	170.00	179.99
		7340 - Office Equipment Acquisition	0.00	0.00	0.00
		7350 - MMS Subscription	454.62	230.80	223.82
		<b>Total 7300 - Office Supplies</b>	804.61	560.80	243.81
		<b>7400 - Printing and Reproduction</b>			
		7410 - Pre Print	0.00	140.00	-140.00
		7420 - Proceedings	0.00	150.00	-150.00
		7430 - Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
		7440 - Check Order	0.00	0.00	0.00
		7450 - Promotional Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total 7400 - Printing and Reproduction</b>	0.00	290.00	-290.00
		<b>7500 - Postage and Delivery</b>			
		7510 - PO Box Rental	60.66	61.00	-0.34
		7520 - Stamps	58.00	55.00	3.00
		<b>Total 7500 - Postage and Delivery</b>	118.66	116.00	2.66
		<b>7600 - Insurance</b>			
		7610 - Bond Premium	131.66	132.00	-0.34
		<b>Total 7600 - Insurance</b>	131.66	132.00	-0.34
		<b>7700 - Repairs</b>			
		7710 - Computer Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
		7720 - Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
		7730 - ATT ConnectTech	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total 7700 - Repairs</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total 7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	1,154.93	1,706.80	-551.87
		<b>8000 - MISC</b>			
		8050 - Digitize Proceedings	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
		8070 - Misc - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00
		<b>Total 8000 - MISC</b>	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
		<b>8500 - EDUCATION</b>			
		8510 - Education Courses	0.00	180.00	-180.00
		<b>Total 8500 - EDUCATION</b>	0.00	180.00	-180.00
		<b>Total Expense</b>	15,781.13	19,615.80	-3,834.67
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	3,066.16	2,084.54	981.62
	<b>Net Income</b>		<b>3,066.16</b>	<b>2,084.54</b>	<b>981.62</b>

		2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget
	<b>Membership Development</b>			
	<b>Income</b>			
	4550 - Membership Development			
	4551 - Membership Development Interest	0.00	505.00	-505.00
	<b>Total 4550 - Membership Development</b>	0.00	505.00	-505.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	0.00	505.00	-505.00
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	0.00	505.00	-505.00
	<b>Expense</b>			
	9000 - MEMBERSHIP			
	9010 - Promotional Expense	183.34	303.00	-119.66
	9020 - DeMolay Sword	0.00	202.00	-202.00
	<b>Total 9000 - MEMBERSHIP</b>	183.34	505.00	-321.66
	<b>Total Expense</b>	183.34	505.00	-321.66
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-183.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-183.34</b>



## RESOLUTION NO. 1a - PASSED

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Chapter transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Chapters have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 6, Section 1, paragraph b of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

### **ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:**

- b. For each Degree conferred a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00), payment of the above fees shall accompany quarterly returns to the Grand Secretary.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

### **ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:**

- b. For each Degree conferred a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00), ~~payment of the above fees shall accompany quarterly returns~~ to will be invoiced to the Chapter by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

## RESOLUTION NO. 1b - PASSED

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Chapter transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Chapters have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 6, Section 1, paragraph g of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

### ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:

- g. For each member suspended or expelled, the Grand Chapter shall charge their Constituent Chapter a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to reinstate them. This fee shall be paid on the quarterly report following the reinstatement.

### BE AMENDED TO READ:

### ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:

- g. For each member suspended or expelled, the Grand Chapter shall charge their Constituent Chapter a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to reinstate them. This fee ~~shall be paid on the quarterly report~~ will be invoiced by the Grand Secretary following the reinstatement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

## RESOLUTION NO. 1c - PASSED

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Chapter transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Chapters have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 7, paragraph 4 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

### ARTICLE 10, Chartered Chapters, Section 7, Secretary:

Paragraph 4: He shall make quarterly reports not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th in each year to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, upon blanks to be supplied by the Grand Secretary, and give therein a detailed statement of all the work of the Chapter for the year beginning January 1st and closing December 31st, which reports shall be signed by the High Priest and the Secretary and be attested with the seal of the Chapter and be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Chapter for degrees conferred and for membership. The

January 15th report to have a certificate attached thereto signed by the Auditing Committee of the constituent Chapter showing their findings as to the financial condition of said Chapter as shown by the books of the Secretary and Treasurer. This certificate shall become a part of the report to the Grand Secretary, and failure to have said books audited and certificates signed will subject Chapter to the same penalty as a failure to make a report to the Grand Secretary. Only those exalted shall be shown in statement of work done.

**BE REWRITTEN TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 10, Section 7,**

Paragraph 4: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall provide an online electronic database at no charge to the Constituent Chapter. The Constituent Chapter Secretary shall maintain the online electronic database. He shall contact the Grand Secretary if he has any problems with the database. The Grand Secretary will invoice the Constituent Chapter for all Degree work after each Festival and all reinstatement fees. In addition, the Grand Secretary will invoice the Constituent Chapter for per capita fees by January 15th. The Grand Secretary will provide each Constituent Chapter Secretary with a Financial Review and Award Forms. The Financial Review Committee of the Constituent Chapter will sign the Financial Review form, showing their findings on the financial condition of said Chapter as shown by the books of the Secretary and Treasurer. This certificate shall become a part of the report to the Grand Secretary. Failure to have said books reviewed and certificates signed will subject the Chapter to the same penalty as a failure to remit Degree and per capita funds to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**RESOLUTION NO. 1d - PASSED**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Chapter transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Chapters have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 18, of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

## **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Article 10, Section 18. Quarterly and Annual Reports.** Immediately following the last day in each quarter and not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th the High Priest and Secretary shall prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary on forms furnished by the Grand Secretary, the quarterly reports. On the 15th day of January following the last quarter of the year, the quarterly report shall also be accompanied by the annual returns for the year beginning January 1st and closing December 31st, which reports will be signed by the High Priest and Secretary and be attested with the seal of the Chapter and be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Chapter for degrees conferred, and for the member per capita and assessments.

## **BE REWRITTEN TO READ:**

**Article 10, Section 18. Quarterly and Annual Reports.** The Grand Secretary will invoice the Constituent Chapter for Degrees conferred after each festival and when Degrees are completed. The Grand Secretary will invoice the Constituent Chapter for member per capita and assessments on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1e - PASSED**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Chapter transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Chapters have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 4 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

## **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Article 10, Section 4. Duties of the Excellent High Priest.** It shall be the duty of the High Priest to preside at all Convocations of the Chapter and see that the by-laws of his Chapter and the Constitution and General Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter are strictly observed, that accurate records are made, and just

accounts rendered, that the quarterly reports are promptly made to the Grand Chapter and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He shall appoint a committee to audit annually the books and records of the Chapter. He shall attend all Convocations of the Grand Chapter either in person or by proxy.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**Section 4. Duties of the Excellent High Priest.** It shall be the duty of the High Priest to preside at all Convocations of the Chapter and see that the by-laws of his Chapter and the Constitution and General Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter are strictly observed, that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered, ~~that the quarterly reports are promptly made to the Grand Chapter~~ and that Degree, Reinstatement fees, and the annual dues are promptly paid. He shall appoint a committee to audit annually the books and records of the Chapter. He shall attend all Convocations of the Grand Chapter either in person or by proxy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**RESOLUTION NO. 1f - PASSED**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Chapter transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Chapters have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 23 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Section 23. Penalties for Failures to Make Report.** Any Chapter which shall neglect to make payment of such dues or assessments as may be levied against it by resolution of the Grand Chapter or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to send at least one representative to the Stated Convocation of the Grand Chapter, or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to file its quarterly or annual report to the Grand Secretary as required under this code shall be deemed to be delinquent and may, by resolution of the Grand Chapter, be held under suspension, during which the Chapter may not function as such except under special dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**Section 23. Penalties for Failures to Make Report.** Any Chapter which shall neglect to make payment of such fees, dues, or assessments as may be levied against it by resolution of the Grand Chapter or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to send at least one representative to the Stated Convocation of the Grand Chapter, ~~or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to file its quarterly or annual report to the Grand Secretary~~ as required under this code shall be deemed to be delinquent and may, by resolution of the Grand Chapter, be held under suspension, during which the Chapter may not function as such except under special dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**RESOLUTION NO. 2a - PASSED**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** The finalist for some awards have to be submitted to the General Grand Chapter by 60 days before our Annual Grand Convocation, and,

**WHEREAS:** To keep all award deadlines consistent:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Section 1. Awards Samuel Murrow Award.**

- 4) On or before the first day of January of each year, the Grand High Priest shall send a communication to each constituent Royal Arch Chapter, setting out the terms of this award and that any nominations shall be forwarded to the Chairman of this committee not later than March 1st. All nominations shall be accompanied by a complete Masonic history of the Companion so recommended. A form shall be included in the Secretary-Recorder's packet for use in making nominations for this Award. The Committee shall not recommend more than two Companions to receive the award in any Capitular year. Any nominations not recommended for an award shall be passed on to the following year's committee for their consideration.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**Section 1. Awards Samuel Murrow Award.**

- 4) On or before the first day of January of each year, the Grand High Priest shall send a communication to each constituent Royal Arch Chapter, setting out the terms of this award and that any nominations shall be forwarded to the Chairman of this committee not later than ~~March~~ February 1st. All nominations shall be accompanied by a complete Masonic history of the Companion so recommended. A form shall be included in the Secretary-Recorder's packet for use in making nominations for this Award. The Committee shall not recommend more than two Companions to receive the award in any Capitular year. Any nominations not recommended for an award shall be passed on to the following year's committee for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**RESOLUTION NO. 2b - PASSED**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** The finalist for some awards have to be submitted to the General Grand Chapter by 60 days before our Annual Grand Convocation, and,

**WHEREAS:** To keep all award deadlines consistent:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Section 3. The General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service.**

One companion, a member of this Jurisdiction, may be selected to receive this Award each year for meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry. The Committee on selection of a nominee shall be the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, the Grand Scribe and the Grand Secretary. No Grand Chapter Officer or Past Grand High Priest shall be eligible to receive the Award. The General Grand Secretary shall be notified of the selection at least sixty (60) days before it is presented. If possible, the Medal shall be presented at the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Banquet by a representative of the General Grand Chapter.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**Section 3. The General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service.**

One companion, a member of this Jurisdiction, may be selected to receive this Award  
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each year for meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry. The Committee on ~~selection of~~ **selecting** a nominee shall be the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, the Grand Scribe, and the Grand Secretary. No Grand Chapter Officer or Past Grand High Priest shall be eligible to receive the Award. **All award forms shall be due to the Grand Secretaries' office by February 1.** The General Grand Secretary shall be notified of the selection at least sixty (60) days before it is presented. If possible, the Medal shall be presented at the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Banquet by a representative of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### RESOLUTION NO. 3 - PASSED

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** The Secretaries-Recorders Association has not been active for a number of years.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

**Section 4. The Secretaries-Recorders Association Trophy.** The Grand Chapter recognizes the award of this Trophy as set forth by the rules of the Association. The selection of the recipient and the presentation shall be e by the Association.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

~~**Section 4. The Secretaries-Recorders Association Trophy.** The Grand Chapter recognizes the award of this Trophy as set forth by the rules of the Association. The selection of the recipient and the presentation shall be e by the Association.~~

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]



## RESOLUTION NO. 4 – PASSED AS AMENDED

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** The Triennial Fund was set aside to help pay the way for the Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe to attend the Triennial Session and;

**WHEREAS:** The Triennial Fund has not been changed to account for inflation costs in a number of years, and;

**WHEREAS:** We shouldn't expect the Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe to go into great personal debt to attend the Triennial Session.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

**Article 6, Section 5. Triennial Fund.** a) The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to twenty (20) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Chapter as of December 31st of each year in the Triennial fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, not to exceed twenty-five (25) cents per mile, one way, by direct route and twenty-five (\$25) dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

### BE AMENDED TO READ:

**\*\*Article 6, Section 5. Triennial Fund.** a) The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to ~~twenty (20)~~ **seventy-five (\$0.75)** cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Chapter as of December 31st of each year in the Triennial fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, not to exceed ~~twenty-five (25)~~ **sixty-five (\$0.65)** cents per mile, one way, by direct route, **two nights lodging**, and ~~twenty-five (\$25)~~ **fifty (\$50.00)** dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

**\*\*NOTE:** The Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee presented an amended version of what R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary, had offered. R.:E.: Companion Greene approved and recommended the adoption of the following amended version:

### Article 6, Section 5. Triennial Fund.

a) The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to seventy-five (\$0.75) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Chapter as of December 31st of each year in the Triennial Fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe to

attend the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. For each of the three said officers, the maximum sum allowed will be one-third of the accumulated Triennial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

#### **GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

M.:E.:C.: Kenton M. Israel, P.:G.:H.:P.:, Grand Treasurer, nominated  
M.:E.:C.: John L. Logan, P.:G.:H.:P.:, to a three-year term as the Grand  
Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma's Investment Board Representative.  
The motion prevailed.

#### **TELLERS COMMITTEE**

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed M.:E.: Companion Bradley S.  
Rickelman P.:G.:H.:P.:, M.:E.: Companion Robert G. Davis, P.:G.:H.:P.:,  
and M.:E.: Companion John F. Carter P.:G.:H.:P.:, to the Tellers Committee.

#### **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The Credentials Committee reports the following:

Past High Priests:	50
High Priests:	10
Kings:	6
Scribes	7
<u>Proxies</u>	<u>9</u>
Total Votes:	82

Number of Chapters represented by Dais Officers: 12

Number of Chapters not represented: 6

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [101] - Chairman

#### **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

The Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Chapter met on Thursday, April  
27th, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 801 S. Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by M.:E.: Companion  
John R Christopher, Chairman.

The following Past Grand High Priests were in attendance:

M.:E.: John R Christopher, M.:E.: John F. Carter, M.:E.: John E. King,  
M.:E.: Newell Barker, M.:E.: Clyde Schoolfield, M.:E.: Robert G. Davis,

M.:E.: Robert Rolseth, M.:E.: James Taylor, Jr., M.:E.: Tim Israel, M.:E.: David Ray, M.:E.: Charles Stuckey, M.:E.: Kent Israel, M.:E.: John Logan, M.:E.: Brad Rickelman, and M.:E.: Donnie Higginbotham.

The committee reviewed the three dispensations issued this year. Motion by Clyde Schoolfield, seconded by Tim Israel, to find all three to be in conformity with accepted law and practice and well within the power of the Grand High Priest, with the following correction: the authority quoted of Article 2 Section 1(C) in two of the dispensations is incorrect; the correct authority is Article 10 Section 2 of the Constitution and Laws to allow elections of officers out of time. Motion Prevailed.

The Committee reviewed a total of 10 Resolutions submitted. Resolutions 1a – 1f change to General Laws to allow electronic reporting of the required chapter returns. Motion to find Resolutions 1a through 1f in legal and proper form made by Jim Taylor, seconded by John King. Motion prevailed.

Resolutions 2a and 2b change the award deadline. Motion to find Resolutions 2a and 2b in legal and proper form made by Donnie Higginbotham, seconded by John King. Motion prevailed.

Resolution 3 abolishes the Secretary Association. Motion to find Resolution 3 in legal and proper form made by David Ray, seconded by Donnie Higginbotham. Motion prevailed.

Resolution 4 updates the allocation of funds for the Triennial fund. An amendment to Resolution 4 was presented from the Triennial Committee. Motion to find Resolution 4 and the proposed amendment in legal and proper form made by Donnie Higginbotham, seconded by Jim Taylor. Motion prevailed.

The Committee reviewed the address of Most Excellent Companion Turner. Motion to accept the address of the Grand High Priest and commend him for his leadership and dedication to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry during this past year made by John King, seconded by Donnie Higginbotham. Motion prevailed.

The committee was pleased to note that GHP Turner was able to make official visits to every one of our constituent Chapters during his term and we are certain that his visits were most welcome. The committee also expresses our appreciation for his diligence in representing this Grand Chapter at regional and international meetings and before the other bodies and youth groups that comprise the family of Freemasonry in Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted:

M.:E.: John R Christopher, Chairman

M.:E.: John F. Carter, Secretary

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To the M.:E.: Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Chapter:

The Finance Committee met via a Zoom conference in March. It examined the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter Operating Account and found them to be in order. The data will be included in the Grand Treasurer's Report and filed as a part of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter. The Committee examined the financial statements provided in regard to the Grand Chapter General Fund and the Grand Chapter Perpetual Membership Fund and we find them to be in order. The account line items and balances are in line with the bank statements as received.

The proposed budget for the Grand Chapter for 2023-24 is attached to this report. We recommend its approval by the Grand Chapter.

We also commend the Grand Secretary for his diligent and competent effort month in and month out in maintaining the records of the Grand Chapter on behalf of the all our companions.

						<b>Budget 2023</b>
				<b>Income</b>		
				<b>ANNUAL RETURNS</b>		
				Oklahoma Per Capita	7,770.00	
				G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,569.00	
				RARA Donation	770.00	
				DeMolay Donation	194.25	
				<b>Total ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	10,303.25	
				<b>Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>		
				PEM Dividend from investment	2,618.36	
				Interest Income	9,287.08	
				<b>Total Interest/Investmen Inc.</b>	11,905.44	
				<b>FEES</b>		
				Degree Fees	800.00	
				Dispensation Fee	10.00	
				Reinstatement Fee	10.00	
				Festival Meal Fees	0.00	
				Festival Fees to other	3,000.00	
				<b>Total FEES</b>	3,820.00	
				<b>RESALE</b>		
				Ritual Resale	200.00	
				<b>Total RESALE</b>	200.00	
				<b>MISC INCOME</b>	600.00	
				<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,828.69</b>	
				<b>Expense</b>		
				<b>STAFF</b>		
				Grand Secretary's Salary	5,250.00	
				Payroll Taxes	450.00	
				Grand Treasurer's Allowance	200.00	
				<b>Total STAFF</b>	5,900.00	
				<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>		
				Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,569.00	
				RARA Donation	777.00	
				DeMolay Donation	300.00	
				General Grand Chapter Magazine	3,070.00	
				<b>Total ASSESSMENTS</b>	5,716.00	
				<b>YOUTH EXPENSES</b>		
				Youth Ads	100.00	
				<b>Total YOUTH EXPENSES</b>	100.00	

		<b>CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>	
		23 - M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Turner	1,250.00
		24 - M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Cloud	1,250.00
		Grand Secretary's Travel	200.00
		Grand High Priest Grand Session	250.00
		Grand Sessions Host Expense	250.00
		Grand Sessions-Headquarters	1,100.00
		Grand Sessions-Awards	200.00
		Past Grand High Priest Jewel	65.00
		Triennial	770.00
		Festival Meal Catering	0.00
		GM Festival Fee Reimbursement	3,000.00
		<b>Total CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>	<b>8,335.00</b>
		<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	
		<b>Rent</b>	
		Muskogee Storage Rent	33.00
		MISC Meeting Rent	100.00
		<b>Total Rent</b>	<b>133.00</b>
		<b>Telecommunications</b>	
		Phone and Internet	400.00
		Website	75.00
		<b>Total Telecommunications</b>	<b>475.00</b>
		<b>Office Supplies</b>	
		General Office Supplies	40.00
		Ink	120.00
		Computer Software	290.00
		Office Equipment Acquisition	0.00
		MMS Subscription	229.68
		<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>679.68</b>
		<b>Printing and Reproduction</b>	
		Pre Print	120.00
		Proceedings	150.00
		Publications	0.00
		Check Order	0.00
		Promotional Expense	0.00
		<b>Total Printing and Reproduction</b>	<b>270.00</b>
		<b>Postage and Delivery</b>	
		PO Box Rental	61.00
		Stamps	63.00
		<b>Total Postage and Delivery</b>	<b>124.00</b>
		<b>Insurance</b>	
		Bond Premium	131.66
		<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>131.66</b>
		<b>Repairs</b>	
		Computer Repairs	0.00
		Equipment Repairs	0.00
		<b>Total Repairs</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,813.34</b>
		<b>MISC</b>	
		Digitize Proceedings	1,200.00
		Misc - Other	250.00
		<b>Total MISC</b>	<b>1,450.00</b>
		<b>EDUCATION</b>	
		Education Courses	180.00
		<b>Total EDUCATION</b>	<b>180.00</b>
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>23,494.34</b>
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,334.35</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,334.35</b>

<b>MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Membership Development</b>				
		Membership Development Interest		707.50
		Membership Development Other		0.00
		<b>Total - Membership Development</b>		<b>707.50</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>		<b>707.50</b>
		<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>707.50</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>				
		Promotional Expense		305.00
		DeMolay Sword		402.50
		<b>Total - MEMBERSHIP</b>		<b>707.50</b>
		<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>707.50</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>		<b>0.00</b>

NOTE: \*\*Any funds budgeted for GHP's Travel - (2023-2024) not disbursed during 2023 will be carried over to the 2024 budget.

Fraternally submitted,

William "Jim" Cloud [101] – Chairman, Blaine McKnight [1, 28], Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma:

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each appointed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander, respectively, serving staggered terms. The purpose of the committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings are typically to review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other such matters as deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, Chapter 2020-2023 [72, 6] – Chairman, Mathew Turner, Commandery 2021-2024 [38], Charles L. Stuckey, Council 2022-2025 [43]

### CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE

There were no requests for new charters or dispensations for a new charter nor were there any outstanding charters which needed to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] – Chairman, John L. Logan [6, 72], Bradley S. Rickelman [14], Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103] - R.:E.: Grand Captain of the Host ex officio

## **WORK AND RETURNS**

A dialog has occurred between the Grand Secretary and the Grand Chapter dais officers regarding whether this Committee is relevant in today's digital world. The Grand Secretary has instant access to the Constituent Chapter's membership records and can edit and fix any errors. Additionally, the Annual Returns are automated with the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma subscribing to MMS, our online membership database. The Grand Secretary takes those statistics and invoices the local Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman

## **TRIENNIAL**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma,

The 72nd Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International is scheduled to be held August 13th-15th, 2023 in Branson, Missouri. The event is being held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort and Convention Center. There will also be abundant activities and entertainment planned not only for members, but also for their families.

For more information, including event registration and hotel reservations, please visit the Triennial website:

<https://triennial.org/>

Fraternally submitted,  
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7], John R. Christopher [6], Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

## **YORK RITE COORDINATION**

The York Rite Coordination Committees typically meets during the scheduled meeting of the Grand York Rite Officers. During this year, two of those meetings were held via Zoom with a third being held in person at the hotel where Grand Sessions are being held, along with several impromptu phone calls and zoom meetings between the presiding Grand Officers.

During these meetings, planning for and scheduling events of the three Grand Bodies occurs. The Committee recommends the continuation of these quarterly meetings for planning throughout the year. It also recommends continued meetings on an as needed bases.

The increased use of digital communication technologies, such as Zoom, has been a great resource for these meetings. These technologies have increased the ease of holding these meetings, and the committee recommends the continued use of them where they are appropriate.

Fraternally Submitted  
Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]



## **CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma,

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

Over the past several years, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians or Assistant Custodians of the Work, have been held in most of our constituent Chapters. At these Schools, we have concentrated our instruction on the ritual for the opening and closing of a Chapter and the reception of visitors. In a few of the Chapters, the Companions have requested that we also provide instruction in the ritual of one or more of the Chapter degrees.

We wish to remind our constituent Chapters that they should be regularly opening their Convocations in ritualistic form as called for in Article 10, Section 16 of the General Laws of this Grand Chapter. The Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work are prepared to assist our Chapters in this effort in any way necessary. It is our hope that, in the future, we will be able to hold a School of Instruction in each constituent Chapter at least once every two years.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman, Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104], James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

## **COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

Greetings Companions. This past year has been busy as we were again able to host our regional festivals and our annual Grand Masters Festival. It is extremely important for each and every one of us to consider ourselves as a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from each and every one of us to get out and visit our local lodges and tell our brethren about all of the reasons they should be a York Rite Mason. Our future depends on it. One particularly disturbing thing in reviewing the annual report was seeing the loss of 45 Companions statewide due to suspension for non-payment of dues. The question looms as to why these members decided to leave their Chapter. We need to be diligent in following up with these companions and find out why they are leaving. Then we can start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all. Sadly we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost 36 Companions this past year. May we keep these Companions and their families in our prayers. It is vital that we all work together to promote the York Rite to those who have not yet experienced it. At the same time we need to reach out to members we have lost to suspensions and encourage them to return.

In closing, I would like to thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Mathew A. Turner for the privilege of serving as State Membership Chairman during his year, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [3] - Chairman

## EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma,

Significant progress has been made in recent years by the Committee on Education in producing and making available Capitular educational resources to both our Chapters and members.

The *Capitular Masonry Education Course* was published by the Grand Chapter in 2014. This text covers the history and symbolism of the four Chapter degrees and was adapted from a similar text originally introduced by the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New York. The *Course* provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study.

In an effort to foster more opportunities for educational presentations during Chapter meetings, in 2016 the Committee on Education developed thirty-five lessons which are drawn from the *Capitular Masonry Education Course*, the Ritual of the Grand Chapter, and the Bible. These *Lessons* are specifically designed to enable presentation, participation, and discussion as a group during Chapter meetings.

During 2021 and 2022, a copy of the *Capitular Masonry Education Course* and a copy of the *Lessons on Capitular Masonry* were distributed to each of our Chapters.

During 2021 and 2022, the Committee on Education added one new educational resource for our Chapters and members: A monthly education e-newsletter. Each month we explored a topic which we hoped was of interest to Royal Arch Masons (and Cryptic Masons). Each e-newsletter drew heavily from the two publications mentioned above, along with additional material from Masonic monitors, encyclopedias, and periodicals. Also included were relevant video presentations and links to even more information about that month's topic.

The twenty-fourth and final edition of this monthly e-newsletter was released in January 2023. Since then we have assembled all of our previously released editions into a single website, with links to each of the twenty-four topics covered. This new website may be found at:

<https://okyorkrite.com/>

We urge our Chapters and members to utilize these plentiful resources and make Capitular education an integral part of their Masonic experience.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman, Robert G. Davis [14],

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

## **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

To the ME Grand High Priest and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma: The Annual Grand Master's York Rite Festival was held on September 10, 2022, in Oklahoma City, during which 46 candidates were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch.

Courteously,  
Blaine McKnight [1, 28]  
Grand Scribe

## **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS**

The Regional Degree Festival Committee has had a successful year with helping Chapters in their local regions with hosting their respective Degree Festivals.

The Central Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 4, 2023 at Oklahoma City Lodge No.36. in OKC. We exalted 5 new Royal Arch Masons at this event. We would like to thank the Companions of Cyrus Chapter No.7 for hosting the festival and all their hard work and dedication to insuring a successful event.

The Northeast Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 25, 2023, at East Gate Masonic Center in Tulsa. We exalted 6 new Royal Arch Masons at this event. We would like to thank the Companions of Tulsa Chapter No.52 for hosting the festival and all their hard work and dedication to insuring a successful event.

The committee would like to give our thanks and appreciation to all the Oklahoma Chapters who participated in these festivals and for their excellent degree work. We would also like to thank the Chapters who conferred the Degrees of Mark Master and Past Master locally. The committee commends all the Companions who dedicated their time and effort to help promote Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma both locally and state wide.

The Regional Chapter Degree Festival Committee is always ready to assist the local Chapters in any way possible to ensure a successful & educational event for our newest Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr [101,103] - Chairman,

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

The 65th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 16th-17th, 2022, in Shreveport, Louisiana. The Conference was well attended by Companions from the six-state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.) Additionally, a number of Officers from the General Grand Chapter were in attendance.

Presentations were given by the representatives of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Leadership training was also made available through the "York Rite Leadership Training Program."

The 66th Annual South-Central York Rite conference is scheduled to be held September 15th-16th, 2023 in Branson, Missouri The Oklahoma York Rite last hosted this annual Conference in 2015 and is not scheduled to host it again until 2024.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mathew A. Turner [7, 24] - Chairman

### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE**

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year. The Grand York Rite website has a new look. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank M<sup>W</sup> E<sup>W</sup> C<sup>W</sup> Mathew A. Turner, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for his confidence and for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman, Robert W. McLeod [52], John R. Christopher [6]

### **DEMOLAY**

It has been an honor to serve on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Chapter this year. It appeared to be a good year for the DeMolays of Oklahoma, as they have continued to work hard and accomplish many things. We had a two really great candidates to choose from to award the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award to. It was wonderful to see them accomplishing so much to help their chapters and DeMolay across the state. They were both outstanding candidates and we could have honorably selected either one. Holden Farmer from Myrtle Chapter of DeMolay was selected and awarded the sword at their Winterfest in February. He has worked diligently in his Chapter to help it grow and show great leadership. We hope that he and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman, Michael L. Branson [14],  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104], Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104], Bo Ross [24],  
D. Ridge Smith [101]

## NECROLOGY

Companions, once more, that great Luminary has made its complete sweep of the earth, and another year has come and gone. And taking with it a number of Brethren who have laid down the working tools of this world and passed on into that next world made not with hands eternal on the Heavens. They are now in that peaceful rest awaiting the scene to unfold and take them into a boundless eternity.

Respectfully

Truman "Lavern" L. Ragain [44] - Grand Chaplain

## ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt foundation incorporated in the State of Kentucky in 1974. The purpose of the organization is to research and promote solutions to Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD.

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

We all know how much music adds to our ceremonies, and this is your opportunity to step forward and make a difference in the ritualistic ceremony with one or more of these special Masonic music gifts. Here is a way you can leave your legacy to so many with your generosity by participating in the new Gift for a Gift program for Royal Arch Research Assistance.

GIFT FOR GIFT send your check to:

Royal Arch Research Assistance

PO Box 128,

Greenfield, IN 46140-0128

Thank you your tax deductible contribution to Royal Arch Research Assistance and for your continued support of research in Central Auditory Processing Disorders.

They have also launched a 2020-2023 Triennium goal. It is \$750,000 goal, but to this point has only received about \$19,000. This money is going to Autism Speaks and Dr. Frank Musiek at the University of Arizona. You can donate to this campaign on the RARA website.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman, William J. Cloud [101],

Donnie G. Higgenbotham [1, 28]

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

TO: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma's officers for the next two years terms were reelected. Leading the Foundation is Neil Stitt from Ardmore. He will serve in this capacity until 2025. The foundation board looks forward to working with Brother Stitt's leadership and identifying the future needs of our fraternity through our charities.

Masons across Oklahoma should be very proud of its charity foundation. The programs that are sponsored directly and indirectly benefit a wide variety of recognized needs across the state. With the Covid-19 pandemic that has taken over our country for the past several years, the Promises Matter program could be significant to many Masons, their wives, and female members of the Eastern Star. The Fraternity as a whole needs to be more active in identifying these needs and to facilitate addressing those needs.

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

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

Fraternally Submitted:

David A. Ray [24] - Grand Chapter Representative

### COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Greetings Companions! Welcome to the 2023 Grand York Rite Sessions. The planning for the 2023 sessions started last year with the search for a site affording availability, location, and conference needs. This was a challenge this year, especially in the current economic environment. The Hilton Inn/Champion Convention Center was selected as the site for this year's session, and we are confident that it will satisfactorily meet our needs. You may also wish to avail yourself of the local restaurants on Meridian as well as the ladies scheduled visit to the First Americans Museum Friday, April 28th.

This year a Friday noon buffet has been added for those needing a little extra "on site" time between sessions as well as a cash bar at the Grand Banquet on Friday evening banquet. Also, new this year is the introduction of name badges for all members and invited guests. The badges help in meeting new friends (and old ones) - PLUS they also serve as your admission tickets to the banquets and Friday noon luncheon.

The location for the 2024 Grand Sessions has been planned and the recommendation/motion will be made at the sessions to hold the 2024 sessions at the Embassy Suites Northwest in Oklahoma City April 25-27, 2024.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the members of my committee this year for their work in helping arrange the sessions: Brad Rickelman, Bob McLeod and Ivan DeTevis. They have made this year much easier on myself and I greatly appreciate their efforts.

Fraternally,

Jay Wall, Chairman

### COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We, the Committee on Appreciation, wish to thank Most Excellent Companion Mathew A. Turner for the opportunity to serve on this committee. We also like to thank the staff at the Hilton Garden Inn / Champion Convention Center for making our Grand Sessions a successful one by tending to all our needs and wishes. Finally, we also wish to thank the people who prepared the food for the banquets, which was excellent.

We wish Most Excellent Turner a most successful Grand Session.

Fraternally Submitted,

John R. Cooper, Jr. [3]

## ELECTION OF 2023-2024 OFFICERS

R.:E.: Companion William J. “Jim” Cloud was nominated for the office of Grand High Priest and was elected by acclamation.

R.:E.: Companion Blaine C. McKnight was nominated for the office of Grand King and was elected by acclamation.

R.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., was nominated for the office of Grand Scribe and was elected by acclamation.

R.:E.: Companion Kenton M. Israel was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer and was elected by acclamation.

R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene was nominated for the office of Grand Secretary and was elected by acclamation.

E.: Companion Matthew D. McGee and E.: Companion Kevin P. Bardy were nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Host. E.: Companion Matthew D. McGee was elected by vote of the Craft.

R.:E.: Companion William J. “Jim” Cloud, Grand High Priest-elect, greeted the Grand Chapter and announced the Appointed Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests.

R.:E.: Companion Mark A. Wright, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia, gave remarks.

M.:E.: Companion Robert Loflin, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, gave remarks

R.:E.: Companion Dick. E. Browning, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest South Central gave his remarks.

R.:E.: Companion Chadwick B. Burks, General Grand Scribe for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, gave his remarks

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form by M.:E.: Companion Mathew A. Turner, G.:H.:P.:

After the Grand Chapter Convocation, all Elected and Appointed Officers were installed in their offices. The installation team was as follows:

Installing Officer: M.:E.: C.: John L. Logan, P.:G.:H.:P.:

Installing Marshal: M.:E.: C.: Timothy P. Israel, P.:G.:H.:P.:

Installing Secretary: R.:E.: C.: Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary.

Installing Chaplain: M.:E.: C.: Mathew A. Tuner, P.:G.:H.:P.:



Mathew A. Tuner  
Grand High Priest

Jon B. Greenes  
Grand Secretary



## NECROLOGY

The following Companions passed on to that Celestial Chapter above during this York Rite Year:

### **Altus**

McGregor R. Coffman

### **Ardmore**

James G. Harlow, III, Lowell Jones

### **Capitol Hill**

C. Kent Callahan, PGM, Ralph Koneklick, June L. Patterson Dean Robertson

### **Guthrie**

Lester A. Cowan, Jr., Forrest N. Ridgway

### **Lawton**

Jimmy W. Bailey, Jr., Frank W. Burt, George A. Hannington Eugene H. Scott, Robert C Shady

### **Indian**

Hampton W. Anderson, Marvin L. Chamberlin, PGIM, Johnie D. Grimes  
John H. O'Neal

### **Muskogee**

David Driskell, Richard O. Liles, Bruce J. Williams

### **Norman**

Bob L. Carr

### **Cyrus**

Kenneth R. Brewster, Rick E. Swanson

### **Stillwater**

Fred A. Oberlender, Gary A. Odendahl, PGC.

### **Tulsa**

James Casey, John W. Clift, John D. Miller, Jr. Gary A. Odendahl, PGC,  
Melvin R. Parker, Ronnie D. Taylor, Joe A. Williams

### **Texhoma**

Harold R. Anders

### **James E. Smyrl**

John D. Miller, Jr., Patrick J Murphy

May God grant each of you a beautiful life in Heaven.

Fraternally,

Truman "Lavern" L. Ragain, Jr. [44] - Grand Chaplain

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-2024 CAPITULAR YEAR**

William J. "Jim" Cloud [59]		Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Blaine C. McKnight [28]		Right Excellent Grand King
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]	Beth	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104]	Dana	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
P.:G.:H.:P.:		
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [52, 55]		Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
P.:G.:H.:P.:		Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]	Renee	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Gary A. Davis [52]	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
H.:P.:G.:H.:P.:		Emeritus
Matthew D. McGee [25]		Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Michael S. Wright [11, 103]	Kim	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Charles L. Cook [11]	Molly	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Justin M. McGee [25]		Excellent Grand Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil
Roberto "Tony" A. DeLeon, Jr. [24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil
Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [101]		Excellent Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil
Robert W. "Bob" McLeod [52, 3]	Pam	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Truman "Lavern" L. Ragain, Jr. [44]		Excellent Grand Chaplain

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
FOR THE 2023 - 2024 CAPITULAR YEAR**

DISTRICT 1	David D. Clayton [3]	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3
DISTRICT 2	Brian A. Buswell [7]	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
DISTRICT 3	Michael S. Wright [11,103]	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Texoma Chapter No. 28
DISTRICT 4	Justin M. McGee [25]	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 25
DISTRICT 5	John T. Turner [24]	Norman Chapter No. 24 Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 Veritas Chapter No. 103
DISTRICT 6	Brian M. Ragain [44]	Lawton Chapter No. 44 Altus Chapter No. 60
DISTRICT 7	David D. Shore [72]	Elk City Chapter No. 50 Woodward Chapter No. 72
DISTRICT 8	George W. Ratliff [52,104]	Tulsa Chapter No. 52 Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2023-2024 CAPITULAR YEAR**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

**JURISPRUDENCE**

John F. Carter [11] – Chairman  
Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Secretary  
All Past Grand High Priests

**CREDENTIALS**

Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
James Oates III [44]  
John M. Espen, III [101]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [52, 104]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - ex officio

**FINANCE**

Blaine McKnight [1, 28] - Chairman  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]  
Matthew D. McGee [83]  
Mark K. McFadden [3]  
R.: E.: Grand Scribe ex officio

**INVESTMENTS**

2023-26 [RAM] John L. Logan [6, 72]  
2022-25 [CM] Charles Stuckey [22, 41]  
2021-24 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] - Chairman  
John L. Logan [6, 72]  
Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Grand Captain of the Host ex officio -

**WORK AND RETURNS**

Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman  
John R. Christopher [6]  
Blaine McKnight [1, 28]  
Grand Captain of the Host ex officio

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

**TRIENNIAL**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
John R. Christopher [6]  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION**

William J. Cloud [101]  
Blaine McKnight [1, 28]  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]  
R.:E.: Grand Captain of the Host

**CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

**MEMBERSHIP**

Mark K. McFadden [3] - Chairman  
Central - David A. Tennison [6]  
N. Central - Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Northeast - Jim L. Parham [52]  
Northwest - John L. Logan [6, 72]  
S. Central - Brian M. Ragain [44]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]  
Southwest - James Oates III [44]

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Jay A. Wall [6] - Chairman  
Brian A. Buswell [7]  
Robert W. McLeod [3, 52]  
Bradley S. Rickelman [14]  
Ivan M. DeTevis [14, 52]  
M.:E.: Grand High Priest ex officio

### EDUCATION

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
Robert G. Davis [14]

### GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103] - RAM  
Brian M. Ragain [44] - CM  
John T. Turner [14] - KT

### SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

### NECROLOGY

Lavern Ragain, Jr. [44]

### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Brian M. Ragain [44]  
Michael S. Wright [11, 103]  
John L. Logan [6, 72]  
Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28]  
Robert R. Rolseth [52, 104]

### REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103] - Chairman  
Central - James D. Nobles [7]  
N. Central - Robert L. Sprott [14]  
Northeast - George W. Ratliff [52, 104]  
Northwest - Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
S. Central - Michael S. Wright [11, 103]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]  
Southwest - James Oates III [44]

### CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

William J. Cloud [101] - Chairman  
Blaine McKnight [1, 28]  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### MURROW AWARD

William J. Cloud [101] - Chairman  
Blaine McKnight [1, 28]  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### BRONZE MEDAL - MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

William J. Cloud [101] - Chairman  
Blaine McKnight [1, 28]  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

### DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman  
Michael L. Branson [14]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]  
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]  
Bo Ross [24]  
D. Ridge Smith [101]

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [52]  
John R. Christopher [6]

### ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chairman  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [101]  
Donnie G. Higginbotham [1, 28]

**MASONIC CHARITY  
FOUNDATION**

2021-24 [RAM] David A. Ray [24]  
2022-25 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [1]  
2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [50, 60,  
104]

**APPRECIATION**

John R. Cooper, Jr. [3]

**OTHER**

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION**

Donnie G. Higginbotham [1] - President  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104] - 1st V.P.  
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - 2nd V.P.  
Charles L. Stuckey [25] - Sec.

## LIST OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS OF OKLAHOMA

YEAR	NAME	CHAPTER	TOWN
* 1890	Joseph Samuel Murrow	Oklahoma No. 2	Atoka
* 1890-91	Edmond Henry Doyle	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1891-92	Robert William Hill	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1892-93	DeForest DeFrancis Leach	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1893	Walter Noel Evans	Tahlequah No. 5	Tahlequah
* 1893-94	Leo Edmond Bennett	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1894-95	Selwyn Douglas	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1895-96	Zachary Taylor Walrond	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1896-97	Napoleon Bonaparte Maxey	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1897-98	George Henry Bruce	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
* 1898-99	Philip Colfax Rosenbaum	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
* 1899-1900	George William Spencer	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1900-01	Jonas Altizer Lee	Rush Springs No. 16	Rush Springs
* 1901-02	William Lemuel Eagleton	Tyrian No. 20	Pawnee
* 1902-03	Ira Brown Kirkland	Purcell No. 10	Purcell
* 1903-04	Herbert Johnston Evans	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1904-05	John Coyle	Rush Springs No. 16	Rush Springs
* 1905-06	Eugene Hamilton	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
* 1906-07	William Henry Essex	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1907-08	Robert Y. Morrison	Oklahoma No. 2	Atoka
* 1908-09	Daniel Morris Hailey	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1909-10	Isham Hamilton Goss Hulme	Weatherford No. 31	Weatherford
* 1910-11	Beauregard Benjamin Pollock	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1911-12	Christopher Springer	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1912-13	Milo Arthur Nelson	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1913-14	Henry Kimball Ricker	Keystone No. 9	El Reno
* 1914-15	Charles W. Tedrowe	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
* 1915-16	Edgar A. Cook	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1916-17	James A. Scott	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1917-18	Bert Duncan Ashbrook	Blackwell No. 43	Blackwell
* 1918-19	Jabez Holmes Mann	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1919-20	J. Angus Gillis	Frederick No. 41	Frederick
* 1920-21	Harold Bliss Downing	Oklahoma No. 2	Atoka
* 1921-22	Eugene P. McMahon	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1922-23	Ernest L. Wilson	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1923-24	Edward Payson Gallup	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1924-25	Thomas Jefferson Wells	Enid No. 27	Enid
* 1925-26	Charles E. Creager	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1926-27	Emerson Burns	Poteau No. 77	Poteau
* 1927-28	Elisha W. Townsend	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1928-29	Thomas Buford Frensley	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
* 1929-30	Frank Smith	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1930-31	John William Rackley	Alfalfa No. 66	Cherokee
* 1931-32	Leslie Herbert Swan	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1932-33	Charles Granville Watson	Keystone No. 9	El Reno
* 1933-34	Walter Moore Rainey	Oklahoma No. 2	Atoka
* 1934-35	Edson Angus McMillan	Ada No. 26	Ada
* 1935-36	Edward M. Washington	Holdenville No. 71	Holdenville
* 1936-37	Benjamin Hersey Frohock	Blackwell No. 43	Blackwell
* 1937-38	Joseph Lee Rodgers	Hugo No. 84	Hugo
* 1938-39	Rupert J. Daugherty	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
* 1939-40	Newton Arrie Lale	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1940-41	Charles Neal Cutler	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
* 1941-42	Clarence Brain	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City

* 1942-43	Hayward H. Skaggs, Sr.	Enid No. 27	Enid
* 1943-44	Ralph W. Driskill	Pauls Valley No. 82	Pauls Valley
* 1944-45	Jesse A. Todd	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
* 1945-46	Daniel W. Swaffar	Ada No. 26	Ada
* 1946-47	Richard Enos Newhouse	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1947-48	Carl Frederick Hansen	Hugo No. 84	Hugo
* 1948-49	Orin C. Darling	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1949-50	Fridtjof Maurice Lumbard	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1950-51	Roy R. Russel	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 1951-52	William H. Powell	Ada No. 26	Ada
* 1952-53	James W. Greathouse	Enid No. 27	Enid
* 1953-54	W. King Larimore	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
* 1954-55	Andy Elmer Anderson	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
* 1955-56	Glenn Baylor Young	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1956-57	Robert H. Jelley	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1957-58	James Riley Finney	Hugo No. 84	Hugo
* 1958-59	Shade Durrett Neely	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1959-60	Lewis Hurst Wheeler	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
* 1960-61	Walter Brittain	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
* 1961-62	Wilbert B. Boggs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
* 1962-63	George W. Evans	Oklahoma City No. 91	Oklahoma City
* 1963-64	Raymond Jack Freeman	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
* 1964	Robbins Frank Kendall	Duncan No. 21	Duncan
* 1964-65	Norman Eugene E. Angel	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1965-66	M. Ross Hardin	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1966-67	Raymond Shultz	Hobart No. 37	Hobart
* 1967-68	George W. Wright	Guymon No. 70	Guymon
* 1968-69	Cleo A. Walton	Pauls Valley No. 82	Pauls Valley
* 1969-70	Norman P. Bullock	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
* 1970-71	Aix B. Harrison	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
* 1971-72	Ben F. Mandlebaum	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
* 1972-73	Robert L. Taylor	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1973-74	Neal D. Leech	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1974-75	John C. Shanklin	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
* 1975-76	Charles L. Stuckey	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
* 1976-77	Carl R. Burrows	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
* 1977-78	Robert H. Bibb	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1978-79	Seymour B. Ingerson	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
* 1979-80	C. W. Epperson	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1980-81	Robert E. Fielden	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1981-82	Kenneth D. Buckley	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
* 1982-83	Allen E. Isselhart	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1983-84	Donald W. Rimmer	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1984-85	Eugene Fields	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1985-86	John J. Petrik	Grant County No. 99	Medford
* 1986-87	Vincent S. Juliano	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
* 1987-88	Robert B. Russell	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1988-89	John A. Spencer	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1989-90	Ellis Sappington	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1990-91	Glenn Tuttle	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1991-92	Kenneth L. Lowmiller	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1992-93	C. Dean Ford	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1993-94	Rex L. Bowen	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
* 1994-95	Paul G. Watkins	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1995-96	Donald M. Keiser	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1996-97	Elwood M. Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
* 1997-98	David A. Ray	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1998-99	Donald W. Askins	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee



*	1999-2000	Jesse H. Burns	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*	2000	William J. "Bill" Cloud	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
*	2000-01	Jimmie R. Dooley	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
	2001-02	William D. Bowie	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
*	2002-03	Charles F. Gillentine	Olivet No. 25	Ponca city
	2003-04	Newell K. Barker	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
	2004-05	Joseph M. Lusk	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
*	2005-06	James E. Smyrl	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*	2006-07	Bobby L. Carter	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
	2007-08	Glenn H. Kinsley	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
	2008-09	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
	2009-10	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Indian No. 1	McAlester
	2010-11	Ronald L. Carr	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	2011-12	John E. King	Altus No. 60	Altus
	2012-13	Robert R. Rolseth	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	2013-14	Donald G. Jones	Norman No. 24	Norman
	2014-15	Robert G. Davis	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
	2015-16	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
	2016	Gary A. Davis (Hon)	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	2016-17	James R. Taylor, Jr	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	2017-18	Kenton M. Israel	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
	2018-19	John L. Logan	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
	2019-20	Bradley S. Rickelman	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
	2020-21	John R. Christopher	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
	2021-22	John F. Carter	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
	2022-23	Mathew A. Tuner	Norman No. 24	Norman

\* Deceased



## JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD

**Michael T. Harden**

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

Companion Michael T. Harden, Sr., has been instrumental in the survival and growth of Muskogee Chapter No. 3. Companion Harden has served his Chapter this past year not only as Excellent High Priest but also as the head chef. Companion Harden has been instrumental in much of the behind the scenes happenings. He has worked diligently in helping with the restoration of our beautiful Temple. He has also been the main cook for all the meals in York Rite since 2016. He has worked in helping get the Muskogee York Rite bodies as strong as it is today. He has helped with the membership by reaching out to Brethren to get them back active again, a crucial part in keeping Muskogee York Rite continuing to stay active. Not only has he been the main cook for the past several years, but he has also been the chauffeur to all the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies we visit throughout the year. He is a driver both figuratively and literally. He drives others to do better. He focuses on their strengths and uses them to help them stay more active in the York Rite bodies.

Not only is Companion Harden a key member of the York Rite, but a very active member in the Blue Lodge. His home Lodge is Haskell Lodge No. 334, where, in 1984, he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; he served as Worshipful Master in 2012, 2013, and 2014; and is also an active member of the Bixby Lodge No. 359 and Muskogee Lodge No. 28. In 2014 and 2015, he served as District Deputy Grand Master for District 24.

Companion Harden is also an active 32nd Degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (K.C.C.H.) member of the Tulsa Valley Scottish Rite as well as an officer of the Chapter of Rose Croix; he was also the President of the Muskogee County Scottish Rite Society and the Flight Commander of the Royal Order of the Ducks, Tulsa Chapter. Not only is Companion Harden an officer at the Tulsa Valley Scoash Rite, he is the “Keeper of the Caffeine,” and for the Muskogee County Scoash Rite Society, he is the main cook.

Companion Harden is a perpetual member of the Bedouin Shrine in Muskogee. Companion Harden has also impacted the lives of many children during his years as Scout Master for the Boy Scouts in Haskell, Oklahoma, for more than 15 years, starting in the 1980s.

No matter how active Companion Harden is, he continues putting in the long hours and hard work for everyone, putting others’ happiness first before his own, without the need or want of recognition, because he enjoys the camaraderie and fellowship being had with others that comes with the fruits of the labor.

## JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD RECIPIENTS

1956	*Herman A. Vaughan	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1959	*George M. Beal	Capitol Hill No. 101	Oklahoma City
1964	*David M. McCain	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
1965	*Herschel W. Anderson	Hobart No. 37	Hobart
1966	*Aix B. Harrison	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
	*Hugh T. Richardson	Clinton No. 69	Clinton
1969	*J. W. Thomas	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
1970	*Claude Wentworth	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	*Russell Weeks	Guymon No. 70	Guymon
	*Henry L. Hardin	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
1971	*Henry Jess Berline	Grant County No. 99	Medford
	*Joseph Hill Cummings	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
1972	*Charles H. Thompson,	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
	*Vernon C. Tollison	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
1974	*Don M. Coulter	Miami No. 93	Miami
	*John E. Harvey	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
1975	*L. D. Clark	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
	*J. D. Edmonson	Grant County No. 99	Medford
	*Irl Brewer Ream	Hobart No. 37	Hobart
1977	*George C. Ward	Miami No. 99	Miami
	*Floyd Bernard Cottrell	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1978	*Darrel Winston Hughes	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	*Ivan Hart Routon	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
	*William Oscar Woodall	Miami No. 93	Miami
1979	*Grant Leopold	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	*John L. Francis	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
	*Don Roberts Chance	Miami No. 93	Miami
	*William Walter Merryman	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
1980	*Curtis A. Mackey	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	*Robert O. Tupper	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
	*Albert L. Page	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
1981	*Carl Woodrow Brown	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	*James Carl Martin	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
1982	*Donald Mark Keiser	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1983	*Bill Marvin Witt	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
	*William B. McBride	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	*Clyde E. Farley	Miami No. 93	Miami
	Donald Ray Reuber	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
1984	*Walter A. Crook	Ada No. 26	Ada
	*Charles J. Engle	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
	*Harold Rea	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	John H. Whipkey	Miami No. 93	Miami
1985	*Cecil C. Adcox	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	*Carl L. Fox	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
	*Maurice L. Lashbrook	Ada No. 26	Ada
1986	*Lester T. Craft	Ada No. 26	Ada
	*Robert H. Christman	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	*T. Earl Curb	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
	*Everette M. Baldwin	Miami No. 93	Miami
1987	*Fred Samuel Ball Jr.	Norman No. 24	Norman
	*Glen Dewey Murrell	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
	*John Stallings Woodward Jr.	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1988	*Raymond Hollis Dickens	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	*Russell Jennings Long	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
1989	*Stephen William Spleth	Grant County No. 99	Medford

	Elwood Murl Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
1990	*Howard Elton Ridgway	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
	*Andrew J. Vloedman	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
1991	*James Viele Jr.	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	*Fred R. Whitehead	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
1992	*William Edward Wickliffe	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	*Amos Grant Robison	Norman No. 24	Norman
1993	*Joseph Edwin Post	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	***William L. Campbell	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
1994	*John D. Miller Jr.	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1995	*Robert D. Mitchell	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
	*Ira F. Elledge	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
	*William Hall	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	*James D. Walker	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
1996	*Chester R. Cowen	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
	*William A. Baines	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	*Willard E. Phillips	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	*Barry Spradling	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
1997	*Larry Don Horton	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
	*Virgil Everett Morse	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1998	*Harold Marion Tolle	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	*Ruffic Charlie Hughes	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
1999	*Charles Newton Haley	Tulsa No. 52	Broken Arrow
2000	Richard Dunaway	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
2001	John Wade Vaughan Jr.	Tulsa No. 52	Broken Arrow
2002	*William D. Frazier	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
2003	Dale Matthew Braden	Tulsa No. 52	Broken Arrow
2004	Alfred D. Fryman	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
	Robert E. Goode	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
2005	Andrew Buryl Palmer	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2006	Robert Richard Rolseth	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2007	*Anthony Morris Leonhard	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2008	*Joe H. Britton	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2009	James Roy Taylor Jr.	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2010	*Harvey W. Kaylor	Altus No. 60	Altus
2011	Mike W. Sexton	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2012	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
2013	Truman B. Burns	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2014	Tommy M. Johnston	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2015	Blaine C. McKnight	Texoma No. 28	Colbert
	Robert Caleb Finch	Veritas No. 103	Norman
2016	*Tommy Childs	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	Donald E. Wolford	Altus No. 60	Altus
2017	Harvey C. Johnson Jr.	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	John D. Holman	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2018	Jay A. Wall	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2019	Mark K. McFadden	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2020	James R. Taylor, Sr.	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2021	*Robert C. Shadey	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
2022	Michael T. Harden	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	* - Deceased		
	*** - Unknown		



## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

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

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

*1952	Joseph S. Lewis	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
*1953	Edward B. Hampton	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
*1954	Ansel M. Crowder	Perry No. 15	Perry
*1955	W. S. Durst	Guymon No. 70	Guymon
*1956	Dryden George Shelton	Hobart No. 37	Hobart
*1957	Percy G. Howes	Murrow No. 2	Atoka
*1958	Kenneth S. Adams	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
*1959	George G. Duff	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
*1960	Raymond Shultz	Hobart No. 37	Hobart
*1961	Anson P. Shuman	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
*1962	Frank E. Eldred	Drumright No. 83	Drumright
*1963	Jess P. Whitaker	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
*1964	Delbert Pidgeon	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
*1965	John Wesley Raley, Sr.	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
*1966	Oliver S. Wilham	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
*1967	Ben F. Mandlebaum	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
*1968	John Willis Steward	Pauls Valley No. 82	Pauls Valley
*1969	Doctor Lewellen Cooley	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
*1971	James Jefferson Thorne	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
*1972	Chester L. Moffett	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
*1973	Russell L. Maxwell	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*1974	Everett H. Carbaugh	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
*1975	John R. F. Millican	Tulsa No. 52,	Tulsa
*1976	Nelson Alfred Shepherd	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
*1977	F. Carley Bryant	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*1978	James C. Taylor	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
*1979	Chester M. Cowen	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
*1980	Fred J. Smith	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
*1981	Donald W. Rimmer	Norman No. 24	Norman
*1982	Darrel W. Hughes	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
*1984	Barry C. Spradling	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
*1985	John L. Francis	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
*1986	Howard G. Parker	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*1987	T. Earl Curb	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
*1988	James O. Rust	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
*1989	Melvin M. Jennings, Jr.	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
*1990	Arthur A. Farrington	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
*1991	Charles Emmitt Williams	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
*1992	Elwood M. Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
*1993	William L. Keeling	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
*1994	L. D. Clark	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma city

1995	Ronald Jack Chambers	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*1996	Rufus Charles Hughes	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
*1997	Paul A. Fitch	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
*1998	Albert Wild	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
*1999	Orlan R. Harrington	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2000	Lanny Sander	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
2001	Robert T. Shipe	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
*2002	Charles Moss	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2003	Bobby J. Stalnaker	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
2004	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2005	Bobby L. Laws	Altus No. 60	Altus
*2006	Harvey W. Kaylor	Altus No. 60	Altus
*2007	Joseph C. Tannehill	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2008	Edwin C. Womack	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2009	Rocco Keith Eastridge	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*2010	Gary A. Odendahl	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
*2011	Monte Gene Hendrix	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2012	Anthony Wayne Keck	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2013	Tommy M. Johnston	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
**2014	Mark A. Critchfield	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2015	James E. Halbrook	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
2016	Marshall M. Clayton	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2017	James D. Nobles	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2018	B.F. Rowland, Jr.	Altus No. 60	Altus
2019	Larry D. White	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
*2020	Bruce J. Williams	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2021	NONE		
2022	Mark K. McFadden	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee

\* Deceased  
\*\* Withdrew



## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

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

### RECIPIENTS FROM OKLAHOMA

1975	*F. M. Lumbar	1993	*Bernard F. Mandlebaum
2008	*Kenneth D. Buckley	2011	Elwood M. Isaacs
2017	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2020	Marshall M. Clayton
	* Deceased		



### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL

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

#### RECIPIENTS FROM OKLAHOMA

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



### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SWEETHEART AWARD

The General Grand Chapter “Sweetheart Award” is available to all Royal Arch Masons as a way to show appreciation for the support and encouragement their Ladies provide to our Craft throughout the years of a Companion’s service to Capitular Masonry.

The award consists of a personalized jewel, with a faux diamond and GGCRAMI seal on a scarlet heart, surrounded by gold-tone filigree, presented in a very nice red-velvet gift box. Additional to the jewel, the Lady will also receive a certificate (suitable for framing) recognizing the Lady as a “Royal Arch Sweetheart”

2014	Vicki King	2015	Marilyn Rolseth
2017	Gage Taylor	2017	Dana Israel



### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

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

A Custodian, appointed for each constituent Grand Chapter, selects and nominates candidates whom they determine merit this award. The recipients must be Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

**Custodian**

2014 - 2017	Elwood M. Isaacs
2017 - Present	John L. Logan

**Ephraim Kirby Award Recipients**

2013	Elwood M. Isaacs	2020	Bradley S. Rickelman
2014	Gary A. Davis	2021	Charles L. Stuckey
	Robert G. Davis	2022	Robert R. Rolseth
	John L. Logan	2023	James R. Taylor, Jr.
2015	Timothy P. Israel		
	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.		
2016	David A. Ray		
2017	Donald G. Jones		
2018	Glenn H. Kinsley		
2019	*Bobby L. Carter		

\* - Deceased



GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA 2023-2024			
JURISDICTION	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA	GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION
Alabama	James C. McGee		Joseph D. Owen
Alaska	Dennis N. Oakland	Jon J. Giddings	George Watt
Alberta	Jerry W. Kopp	Newel K. Barker	William C. Johnstone
Argentina	Miguel Bogado		George Saruba
Arizona	George E. Weil	Glen H. Kinsley	Oscar D. Sims
Arkansas	Dick E. Browning, Sr.	Johnny D. Allford	Jerry Whorton
Austria	Gunter C. Steurer		
Belgium	Klaus Greitmann	Glen A. Scheid	
Brazil	Paulo Roberto Curi	Blaine C. McKnight	
California	Phillip A. Hardiman		Charles Swedblom
Colorado	Grover Sardeson	John R. Christopher	George E. West
Connecticut	William L Miller II	John D. Church	Robert A. Colbourn
Delaware	Mark E. Irwin		Franklin R. Townsend
District of England	Gerald A. Peeters James Daniel	David A. Ray Does not commission representatives.	Maurice R. Minner, Jr. Does not commission representatives.
Finland	Antti Piirto	Patrick D. Couch	Juha Viitala
Florida	Richard C. Brooks	James D. Nobles	C. Allen Pattison
France	Francis Monni, La	Jon J. Giddings	R. Young
Georgia	Mark A. Bradley	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Van Melder
Greece	Ionnis A. Kametas	Garry D. Odom	Nicolaos Stravropoulos
Hawaii	Gerhart W. Walch	William I. Cloud	George N. Kahopea, Sr.
Idaho	Norman Lane		James T. Bunce
Illinois	Berry D. Weer		Paul E. Ellis
India	S. Krishnan		B.C. Rav
Indiana	W. Kris Phillips	Lewis A. Hullum	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
Iowa	Rusty L. Hill		William R. Kauten
Ireland	D. Barry Lvons	Robert G. Davis	Kenneth T. Brislane
Israel	Eitan Avalon	L. Erik Stuckey	Robert Mannheimer
Italy	Almerindo Duranti	Matt Cargill	Glouanna Smojur
Kansas	Alan D. Jackson		Ernest M. Griffiths
Kentucky	James H. King, Jr.		Jimmy Lones
Louisiana	Allan K. Bean	Kevin P. Bardy	Edwin L. Horton, Jr.
Maine	Harold E. Birt, Jr.	George Ratliff	John Nomleggi
Manitoba, Canada	Neil McMillan	Donald G. Jones	Dave English
Maryland	Vernon H. Huebschman	Robert T. Shipe	Donald J. Hawkins
Massachusetts	Jacob T. Yanovich		
Mexico US	Eduardo Velasco Briceno		
Michigan	Donald L. Galway	Ronald I. Chambers	John Hoyt
Minnesota	Gary A. Odegard		Lewis D. Seely
Mississippi	Jared F. Stanley	Donnie Higginbotham	Edward G. Holland
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample	Ronald L. Carr	Mrvn Painter
Montana	Roger E. Cathel	Kish L. Thomas	Vernon A. Nenetz
Nebraska	Dennis Newman	John F. Carter	Steven C. Smith, I
Netherlands	Peter G. Kok	Robert E. Goode	A.E. Dodokvanhell
Nevada	Michael E. Reinhardt	Bradley S. Rickelman	G. Michael Urso
Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada	Gordon J. Abbott	Gary A. Davis	Lawrence Bentley
New Brunswick, Canada	Eric J. Johnson	Robert G. Davis	Ambry G. Newman
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Joe R. Manning, Jr.	Leonard S. Sousa
New Jersey	William M. Krzewick III		Alvin L. Zach
New Mexico	Dion Newhouse	Adam R. Taylor	Jesse O. Martindale
New South Wales,	Ezra Ron Duckworth	Michael A. Davis	Stephen Brown

Australia			
New York	Michael T. Dunn	William D. Bowie, Jr.	E. William Whittaker
New Zealand	Alan Hart	Marshall M. Clayton	H.L. Allen
North Carolina	D. Allen Surratt	Charles L. Stuckey	Timothy A. Dahlman
North Dakota	Leo Rognlin		Clifford A. Cranna
Nova Scotia, Canada	Frederick W. Richard	Michael G. Aston	Timothy R. Outerbridge
Ontario	Richard James Jackson	Kyle T. Israel	Shane Eldridge
Ohio	Robert W. Thomas		Curtis M. Jackson
Oregon	Dalvin L. Holloway	Timothy P. Israel	Thomas L. Crowder
Panama	Alexander Lopez	Robert T. Shipe	James E. Cook
Pennsylvania	George F. Morrow	Matthew D. McGee	George W. Young
Philippines	Danio C. Datu, Sr.		Franklin J.
Portugal	Miguel Caetano Colaco		Jose Salgado Braz
Quebec, Canada	John E. Leide		Charles D. McCormack
Queensland,	John F. Frank	Jon Greene	Donald H. Long
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	John A. Larson III	John E. King	James M. Fogarty
Romania	A. Cristian Balan		
Saskatchewan,	Richard J. Gutfriend	Curtis Schuermann	William F. Leipert
Scotland	Douglas W. Duncan		George MacLeod
South Australia	Michael Olive		John E. Acland
South Carolina	Gary B. "Buck" Jolley	Elwood M. Isaacs	Phillip G. Russell
South Dakota	George E. Bauder	Kenton M. Israel	Donald R. Salmon
Spain	Jordi Rodriques		
Tennessee	Ralph Burks Taylor		Michael Rav Byrd
Texas	Kenneth E. Cooley	John L. Logan	W. David Melear
Utah	David L. Read, Sr.	Daniel Christopher	John L. Elwell, Jr.
Venezuela	Alberto Olgado Martinez		Julio Serrano Keisten
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard	Brian A. Buswell	Wendell H. Chaffee
Victoria, Australia	W. L. Smith		Robert A. Ross
Virginia	Wayne H. Anderson	William A. Nation	Charles Edwin Cave
Washington	Thomas W. Christe	Steven P. Guerrero, Jr.	Ross Brabley Othus
West Australia	Barry A. Nugent	A. Dean Monroe	Norman Barry Carter
West Virginia	Larry T. Bates		Arthur J. Davison
Wisconsin	David R. Schreier	Robert R. Rolseth	Eugene R. Kuhnwald
Wyoming	Kenneth M. Badget	Donald E. Wolford	Stanley N. McIrvin

## 2023 DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OF OKLAHOMA

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME &amp; LOCATION</u>	<u>HIGH PRIEST</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING DAY</u>	<u>CHARTER</u>
1	INDIAN 2d & Adams McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Michael O. Echols	Blaine C. McKnight	4th Monday Aug. 18, 7:00 pm	1880
3	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Rick A. Moore	Mark K. McFadden	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 6:00 p.m.	Nov. 6, 1890
6	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut Guthrie 73044	David A. Tennison	John C. Christopher	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 7:30 pm	Nov. 6, 1890
7	CYRUS 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City 73112	Mark L. Cantrell.	Christopher F. Harper	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weds 7:00 pm	Nov. 6, 1890

11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry Ardmore 73401 580-223-239	William D. Hardin	John F. Carter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:30 pm	Aug. 10th, 1893
14	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	Ivan M. DeTevis	Bradley S. Rickelman	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 7:30 pm	Aug. 15, 1895
24	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73071 405-321-7310	John R. Guinn	John T. Turner	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 7:30	Sept. 13, 1898
25	OLIVET 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601	Matthew D. McGee	James E. Halbrook	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Chap & Council 7:00pm	Sept. 18, 1899
28	TEXOMA 103 S. Burney St. Colbert, OK 74733	Joel R. Scalf	John E. King, Jr.	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 7:30 pm	April 23, 2010
44	LAWTON 702 SW C St. Lawton 73505 580-353-4606	Robert L. Hall	Ryan C. Shady	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Chap & Council 7:00 pm	April 17, 1906
50	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 580-225-0484	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:30 pm	April 17, 1906
52	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112	Michael D. Maxey	Jon B. Greene	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Chap & Council 7:00 pm	April 19, 1907
55	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006 918-331-3831	Karl T. Franks	Mark A. Wright	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	April 16, 1907
60	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson Altus 73521 580-482-5301	Francis M. Hukill	B. F. Rowland, Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm	April 21, 1908
72	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	Christopher G. McGraw	Ray L. Bell	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs (Jan-Oct) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs (Nov-Dec) 7:00 p.m.	April 16, 1912
101	CAPITOL HILL 4 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110 405-732-2034	Michael H. Goers	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:00 p.m.	April 3, 1957
103	Veritas Norman Lodge No.38 1700 N. Porter Norman, OK	Jason R. Smith	Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.	2nd Sat. of last month of each qtr 10:30 a.m.	April 23, 2010
104	James E. Smyrl 11680 E 76th St N Owasso 74055	Thomas M. Keenze	James R. Taylor, Jr.	1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 27, 2018

## DEMISED CHAPTERS

- 2.—Oklahoma (Morrow)————Consolidated with Durant, April 26, 1944
- 4.—Savanna, Coalgate————Surrendered Charter April 19, 1934
- 5.—Tahlequah————Surrendered Charter March 28, 1946
- 8.—Sequoyah, (Webbers Falls)——Surrendered Charter April 5, 1916
- 9.—Keystone, (El Reno)————Consolidated with Cyrus No. 7, January 19, 1965
- 10—Purcell————Consolidated with Lion No. 24 Norman, December 9, 1957
- 12.—Kingfisher————Consolidated with Keystone No. 9 January 9, 1940
- 13—Antlers————Surrendered Charter April 14, 1920
- 15 —Perry————Consolidated with Stillwater No. 14
- 16—Rush Springs————Merged with Chickasha No. 17
- 17 —Chickasha————Consolidated with Lawton #44 March 1, 2008
- 18—Vinita————Surrendered Charter February 19, 1907
- 19—Hiram, (Davis)————Surrendered Charter February 7, 1909
- 20—Tyrian————Surrendered Charter March 20, 1940
- 21—Duncan————Consolidated with Chickasha No. 17, September 8, 1967
- 22—Wagoner Chapter No. 22 moved to Pryor in 1962 & renamed Lakes Area Chapter No 22
- 22—Lakes Area, (Pryor)————Consolidated with Muskogee No. 3, November 15, 1966
- 23—Krebs————Surrendered Charter June 23, 1911
- 26—Ada————Consolidated with Shawnee No. 32
- 27—Enid————Consolidated with Guthrie No. 6 2004
- 28—Durant————Consolidated with Ardmore No. 11, May 24, 1972
- 29—Raboni————Merged with Alfalfa No. 66 1918
- 30—Pauls Valley————Surrendered Charter March 12, 1917
- 31—Weatherford————Surrendered Charter April 18, 1934
- 32—Shawnee————Surrendered Charter 2008
- 33—Chyenene————Surrendered Charter April 20, 1937
- 34—Marietta————Consolidated with Ardmore No. 11 March 17, 1917
- 35—Mangum————Surrendered Charter August 20, 1925
- 36—Edmond————Consolidated with Okla. City No. 91 December 17, 1937
- 37 —Hobart————Consolidated with Lawton #44 1990
- 38—Caddo————Consolidated with Oklahoma No. 2 February 15, 1919
- 39—Okmulgee————Consolidated with Muskogee No. 3
- 40—Tishomingo————Surrendered Charter April 18, 1934
- 41—Frederick————Charter Revoked March 14, 1939
- 42—Wetumka————Surrendered Charter April 18, 1934
- 43—Blackwell————Consolidated with Olivet #25 1990
- 45—Mystic, Sayre —————Surrendered Charter November 19, 1955
- 46—Roff————Consolidated with Ada, September 16, 1944
- 47—Haileyville————Consolidated with Indian, April 26, 1944
- 48—Sapulpa————Consolidated with Tulsa No. 52, November 17, 1975
- 49—Checotah————Surrendered Charter March 28, 1933
- 51—Chandler————Surrendered Charter April 21, 1927
- 53—Thomas————Surrendered Charter March 30, 1936
- 54—Taloha————Charter Revoked April 21, 1927
- 56—Eldorado————Consolidated with Lawton No. 44 1939
- 57—Oriental, (Heavener)————Consolidated with Hugo No. 84, July 13, 1954
- 58—Newkirk————Consolidated with Olivet No. 25, April 7, 1965
- 59—Peaceful Valley, (Geary)——Surrendered Charter February 2, 1935
- 61—Okemah————Consolidated with Okmulgee No. 39, March 14, 1938
- 62—Lindsey————Surrendered Charter April 16, 1919
- 63—Horeb, Pawhuska————Surrendered Charter March 6, 1954
- 64—Claremore————Charter Arrested April 8, 1955

65	Foraker	Surrendered Charter December 3, 1918
66	Alfalfa	Consolidated with Enid No. 27, September 16, 1944
67	Garvin (Idabel)	Surrendered Charter November 29, 1927
68	Mountain View	Consolidated with Hobart No. 37, February 10, 1967
69	Clinton	Consolidated with Elk City #50 1990
70	Guymon	Consolidated with Woodward #72 December 2012
71	Holdenville	Surrendered Charter October 30, 1960
73	Stilwell	Surrendered Charter April 17, 1929
74	Cleveland	Surrendered Charter March 30, 1947
75	Cordell	Surrendered Charter May 19, 1921
76	Snyder	Surrendered Charter April 11, 1923
77	Poteau	Consolidated with Oriental No. 57, 1939
78	Henryetta	Consolidated with Okmulgee No. 39, 1933
79	Skiatook	Surrendered Charter March 26, 193
80	Watonga	Charter Revoked April 17, 1940
81	Cushing	Moved to Drumright 1977-1978
82	Pauls Valley	Consolidated with Norman #24, September 22, 1983
83	Drumright	Consolidated with Cushing No. 81, April 24, 1964
84	Hugo	Charter Arrested January 6, 1983
85	Sulphur	Consolidated with Ardmore No. 11, March 14, 1955
86	Grandfield	Consolidated with Lawton No. 44, March 8, 1955
87	Madill	Surrendered Charter April 12, 1928
88	Orient, (Hominy)	Consolidated with Drumright No. 83, November 10, 1954
89	Sand Springs	Consolidated with Tulsa No. 52, 1937
90	Walters	Charter Arrested April 21, 1926
91	Oklahoma City	Surrendered Charter 2005
92	Vinita	Surrendered Charter March 19, 1930
93	Miami	Surrendered Charter March 6, 1998
94	Temple, Tulsa	Consolidated with Tulsa No. 52, 1937
95	Bristow	Consolidated with Sapulpa No. 48, January 13, 1938
96	Westwood (Okla. City)	Consolidated, September 4, 1945
97	Shidler	Consolidated with Olivet No. 25, 1944
98	Seminole	Consolidated with Shawnee No. 32, April 7, 1965
99	Grant County, (Medford)	Consolidated with Olivet #25 December 7, 2000
100	Wright City	Consolidated with Hugo No. 84, September 8, 1958
102	Keystone, (Tipton)	Consolidated with Lawton No. 44, September 17, 1994

## The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma



### Minutes of the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 20, 2022

Most Excellent President John F. Carter opened the 130th Annual Convention of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma at 9:00 AM with thirty-eight members and five candidates present.

Officers present were:

Most Excellent President	John F. Carter
Excellent Vice President	Bradley S. Rickelman
Excellent Chaplain	Brian A. Buswell
Excellent Recorder/Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PMEP
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Brian M. Ragain
Excellent Conductor	George W. Ratliff
Excellent Herald	Blaine C. McKnight
Excellent Steward	William J. Cloud
Excellent Sentinel	Matthew D. McGee

The petitions of the following five candidates were read. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the candidates be elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

William Scott Percifield	Muskogee Chapter No. 3
Edward Kenneth Baker	Ardmore Chapter No. 11
Joel Richard Scalf	Texoma Chapter No. 28
Robert William McLeod	Tulsa Chapter No. 52
Steven Edward Cox	Veritas Chapter No. 103

All candidates were received, duly anointed, and acknowledged recipients of the Order of High Priesthood, making them members of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma.

The Order was conferred by the following degree team:

Most Excellent President	Robert G. Davis
Excellent Vice President	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Excellent Chaplain	Timothy P. Israel
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Robert R. Rolseth
Excellent Conductor	James R. Taylor, Jr.

The new members were presented their bibles, jewels, certificates, and wallet cards.

The following Past Most Excellent Presidents of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma present were introduced:

2005-06 Robert G. Davis

2011-12 Timothy P. Israel

2014-15 Ronald L. Carr

2015-16 Robert R. Rolseth

2019-20 James R. Taylor, Jr.

2020-21 Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.

The following Past Grand Masters of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma were introduced:

M.: W.: Brother Bradley S. Rickelman

M.: W.: Brother Robert G. Davis

A memorial service for the following Anointed High Priests was held: John Petrik, PGHP; Ed Hart; Don Haralson; Monte Hendrix; Dewayne Dixon, PMEP; Gary Odendahl; Marvin Chamberlin; and James Ellis.

The minutes of the August 21, 2021, Annual Convention were approved as distributed with the meeting summons. The Treasurer's report was approved as distributed with the meeting summons. The Recorder announced going forward the Annual Convention minutes and Treasurer Report would be printed in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons annual proceedings and emailed to the Council membership with the annual meeting summons. The Council membership having no objections, it was approved to allow the Recorder to proceed as stated.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate \$50.00 to Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36, A.F. & A.M., for the use of the building.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to allow the Recorder-Treasurer to pay all necessary expenses of the Council that may occur before the next Annual Convention.

It was moved and seconded that Excellent Companion Mark A. Wright be approved for Honorary membership in the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma. Motion Passed.

The annual election of officers for the 2022-2023 year was then held.

The nominating committee recommended that all 2021-2022 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Recorder-Treasurer be retained, and that Michael S. Wright be elected Sentinel.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the report of the nominating committee, with no further nominations.

M.: E.: Companion Mathew A. Turner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors. M.: E.: Companion Turner introduced the Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand High Priests present.

M.∴ E.∴ Companion Turner then installed the officers of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma.

The Officers for the year 2022-2023 are:

Most Excellent President	Bradley S. Rickelman
Excellent Vice President	Brian A. Buswell
Excellent Chaplain	Brian M. Ragain
Excellent Recorder-Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PMEP
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	George W. Ratliff
Excellent Conductor	Blaine C. McKnight
Excellent Herald	William J. Cloud
Excellent Steward	Matthew D. McGee
Excellent Sentinel	Michael S. Wright

Most Excellent President Bradley S. Rickelman presented a Past Presidents jewel to outgoing President John F. Carter.

It was announced that the next Annual Convention is scheduled for August 19, 2023, Location TBA.

Most Excellent President Rickelman made closing comments and there being no further business, the Convention was closed in due form at 10:07 AM.

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James R. Taylor, Jr.  
Recorder/Treasurer

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John F. Carter  
Most Excellent President



Past Most Excellent Presidents

1891-1901 Robert W. Hill\*  
1901-1912 Edmond H. Doyle\*  
1912-1920 Isham H. G. Hulme\*  
1920-1948 William H. Essex\*  
1948-1969 Richard E. Newhouse\*  
1969-1975 Wilbert B. Boggs\*  
1975-1989 James C. Abernathy\*  
1989-1995 Kenneth D. Buckley\*  
1995-1996 James O. Rust, Jr.\*  
1996-1997 Paul G. Watkins\*  
1997-1998 Elwood M. Isaacs  
1998-1999 Charles L. Stuckey  
1999-2000 Rex L. Bowen\*  
2000-2001 Glenn H. Kinsley  
2001-2002 David A. Ray  
2002-2003 Newell K. Barker  
2003-2004 Earl L. Berryman, Jr.\*  
2004-2005 Jimmie R. Dooley\*  
2005-2006 Robert G. Davis  
2006-2007 I. Dwayne Dixon\*  
2007-2008 O. Ray Harrington\*  
2008-2009 Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.\*\*  
2009-2010 Hollis O. Edgar\*  
2010-2011 Mark A. Critchfield\*\*\*  
2011-2012 Timothy P. Israel  
2012-2013 James E. Smyrl\*  
2013-2014 Donnie G. Higginbotham  
2014-2015 Ronald L. Carr  
2015-2016 Robert R. Rolseth  
2016-2017 Troy E. Shipman\*  
2017-2018 Kenton M. Israel  
2018-2019 Daniel D. Hanttula  
2019-2020 James R. Taylor, Jr.  
2020-2021 Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.  
2021-2022 John F. Carter

\* Deceased

\*\* Inactive

\*\*\* Withdrew

Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma

Treasurer Report - 08-20-22

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank

Checking Account Balance 07/31/21 \$2,140.682

Deposits:

Candidate Fees \$700.00

Disbursements:

Simpson Jewelry \$209.33

Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 \$65.00

Jim Taylor (Degree Supplies) \$33.63

Heirloom Bible Publishing \$659.66

(AHP Bibles)

Deluxe Checks \$29.50

Jim Taylor (AHP Certificate \$28.31

Supplies)

Total Disbursements: \$1,010.43

Checking Account Balance 07/31/21 \$1,830.25

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION 2022

The Past Grand High Priest's Association held its Annual Meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at the Holiday Inn North in Oklahoma City.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Rolseth.

The minutes of last year's meeting were printed in the proceedings and approved as printed.

The financial report was presented and approved.

The Association approved the following budget: C. L. Stuckey, \$110 honorarium; \$500 to RARA; \$2,000 to Oklahoma Rainbow for Girls; \$2,000 to Oklahoma DeMolay; \$500 to Job's Daughters. Total expenditures - \$5,110. The anticipated dividend income for 2022 is \$7,290.

An RARA pin was presented to Bradley S. Rickelman.

Election was held and the following were elected: President, ME Donnie Higgenbotham; First VP, ME James R. Taylor, Jr.; Second VP, ME Kenton M. Israel; Secretary, ME Charles L. Stuckey.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned.

Charles L. Stuckey  
Secretary

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION  
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023**

**CASH:**

**RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City, January 1, 2023**

**Account No. 55-1192      \$ 2,709.58**

**INVESTMENTS:**

Wells Fargo, Ponca City, Account No. 4995-7445

Cash      \$ 7,938.48

	Quantity	Cost	NAV	Yield
ABBVIE Inc.	250	\$22,225.89	40,402.50	3.66%
ARES Capital Corp.	707	12,271.79	13,058.29	10.39%
Helmerich & Payne, Inc.	590	10,070.62	29,246.30	2.01%
I Shares Mortgage ETF Real Estate	158	6,765.60	3,585.02	11.12%
ONEOAK Inc New	300	17,382.00	19,710.00	5.69%
IVY FDS Inc. High Income ED	1,165	10,169.89	6,784.00	8.26
Eaton Vance Tax Managed Global	1,928	14,768.73	14,558.40	8.79%
First Trust Specialty	1,235	11,763.58	3,779.10	10.78%
UMPQUA Holdings Corp.	728	10,071.24	12,994.80	4.70%
Total Equities		\$115,489.31	\$144,116.41	
Total Assets with Wells Fargo				\$152,054.89

Total Return for 2022 - 13.21%

Estimated Income for 2023 - \$7,849.00

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION  
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Cash on deposit, RCB Pioneer Account No. 55-1192  
Ponca City, OK - January 1, 2022

\$ 2,114.26

**DEPOSITS:**

Checking Account Interest	\$ 0.25
Wells Fargo Dividends	5,705.07

\$5,705.32

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Oklahoma Rainbow	2,000.00
Oklahoma Job's Daughters	500.00
Oklahoma DeMolay	2,000.00
RARA	500.00
Charles L. Stuckey	110.00

Total Disbursements	5,110.00
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Cash on Deposit, RCB Pioneer  
Ponca City, OK - December 31, 2022

\$ 2,709.58

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OKLAHOMA



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TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL  
M.: I.: GRAND MASTER 2022-2023

## TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL BIOGRAPHY

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. His parents were not involved in the Masonic Family and there was no Masonic Lodge in his small town. However, he was not without Masonic influence.

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

Shortly after graduation, in August of 1976, Tim married the love of his life, Jan Elizabeth Clark, of Boise City, Oklahoma. Two weeks after their marriage, Tim began Law School at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Following graduation in 1979, Tim and Jan moved to Elk City, Oklahoma to begin the practice of law. He was involved in the private practice of law in Elk City from 1979 to 1987. Since then he has served as an Assistant District Attorney and has again returned to private practice in Beckham County.

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

Tim also served the Canute United Methodist Church as Lay Pastor from 1996 until he assisted in closing the Church in 2021.

The Israel's have three sons, Kenton Michael Israel, Timothy Kirk Israel, and Kyle Thomas Israel. Kent and Kyle are both Knights Templar, belonging to Elk City Commandery № 50. Kent is also a member and Past Commander of Oklahoma Commandery № 3, as well as currently serving the Oklahoma Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as Grand High Priest, a position which Tim also held in 2008-09.

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.

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

Tim is also a member of the Guthrie Valley of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, where he served for several years on the 25th Degree team. He is currently serving on the 18th degree as the Spirit of Justice. He was Commander of Kadosh for the Guthrie Council of Kadosh. In 2011 he was Invested with the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, served on the KCCCH Induction Team as Grand Chancellor. In 2021 he received the 33rd Degree and was named an Inspector General Honorary.

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

Tim started the elected Grand Commandery line as Warder in 2010, serving as Grand Commander in 2016-17. He was first elected as Commander in 1991, and served Elk City Commandery No. 22 as Eminent Commander five times. The last time was when Elk City Commandery celebrated 100 years of Templary in 2007.

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

Tim joined the Grand Council line in 2018 as the Grand Conductor of the Council and then advanced through that line until being elected as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2022.

In addition, Tim has been very involved with various York Rite Appendant and other Masonic Affiliated Bodies.

While still serving as M·I·G·M·, He received the Oklahoma Grand Lodge Medal of Honor along with two deserving honorees.

Youth orders have been one of Tim's passions. He and his law partner, David Brooks, established W.O.W. Chapter, Order of DeMolay, which met at Elk City Lodge. For all practical purposes it is now defunct. Tim and his wife Jan also re-established Elk City Rainbow Assembly No. 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

Tim credits the leadership training programs of the US Jaycees for triggering his interest in organizational leadership.

In addition to local civic activities, Tim was also very active in the several Bar Associations of which he is a member.

Serving the craft through my involvement in the York Rite has been one of the great treasures of my life. I have made many friends and had so many wonderful experiences. I have been truly blessed by Masonry and by my fellow Freemasons.

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2022-2023 CRYPTIC YEAR**

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]	Jan	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Robert G. Davis [50]	Sharon	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]	Gage	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Kenton M. Israel [18, 25]	Dana	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [22, 41] P.:I.:G.:M.:		Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [22]	Renee	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [22] H.:P.:I.:G.:M.:	Nellie	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus
Brian M. Ragain [21]		Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]	Kim	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Matthew D. McGee [43]		Illustrious Grand Marshal
James D. Nobles [18]	Debbie	Illustrious Grand Steward
Paul T. Currell [25]	Debbie	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
David A. Tennison [50]	Barbara	Illustrious Grand Chaplain

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR THE 2022-2023 CRYPTIC YEAR**

<b>DISTRICT NO. 1</b>	Muskogee Council No. 2
John R. Cooper, Jr. [2, 61]	Union Council No. 3
<b>DISTRICT NO. 2</b>	Ardmore Council No. 11
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]	Mysterious Nine Council No. 61
<b>DISTRICT NO. 3</b>	Alpha Council No. 18
James D. Nobles [18]	Guthrie Council No. 48
<b>DISTRICT NO. 4</b>	Lawton Council No. 21
Brian M. Ragain [21]	Altus Council No. 33
<b>DISTRICT NO. 5</b>	Tulsa Council No. 22
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]	Bartlesville Council No. 41
<b>DISTRICT NO. 6</b>	Elk City Council No. 25
Glenn H. Kinsley [52]	Woodward Council No. 52
<b>DISTRICT NO. 7</b>	Norman Council No. 27
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [59, 61]	Capitol Hill Council No. 59
<b>DISTRICT NO. 8</b>	Bernard Council No. 43
Matthew D. McGee [43]	Stillwater Council No. 50

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2022-2023 CAPITULAR YEAR**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

**JURISPRUDENCE**

John D. Church [33,48,59] Chairman  
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] Recorder  
All Past Grand Illustrious Masters

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

John L. Logan [48, 52] Chairman  
John D. Church [33,48,59]  
Robert G. Davis [50]

**WORK AND RETURNS**

Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Brian Ragain [21]

**CREDENTIALS**

Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [59] Chairman  
Steven E. Cox [2, 61]  
Bryan C. Shackelford [48]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [22]  
Jon B. Greene [20]

**CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]  
John L. Logan [48, 52]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

**FINANCE**

Robert G. Davis [50] Chairman  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] Ex Officio  
Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]

**MEMBERSHIP**

Mark K. McFadden [2] Chairman  
Central - David A. Tennison [1]  
N. Central - Justin M. McGee[43]  
Northeast - Jim L. Parham [22]  
Northwest - Troy Collier [29]  
S. Central - Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Southeast - John E. King, Jr., [3]  
Southwest - James Oats III [21]

**INVESTMENTS**

2022-25 [CM] Charles L. Stuckey [22, 41]  
2020-23 [RAM] John L. Logan [48, 52]  
2021-24 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

**TRIENNIAL**

John L. Logan [48, 52] Chairman  
William J. Cloud [59]  
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION**

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33] Chairman  
Robert G. Davis [50]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

B. F. Rowland, Jr. [33]

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

Robert G. Davis [50]  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [59]  
John E. King [25, 33]

**GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

RAM - Blaine C McKnight [3]  
CM - James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
KT - Glen A. Chaney [21]

## **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS**

Chairman - Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Central - William J. Cloud [59]  
N. Central - Robert L. Sprott [50]  
Northeast - Larry D. White [22]  
Northwest - Troy L. Collier [52]  
S. Central - Michael S. Wright [11, 61]  
Southeast - Johnny D. Allford [3]  
Southwest - Brian M. Ragain [21]

## **EDUCATION**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]  
Robert G. Davis [50]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

Jon B. Greene [22]  
John R. Christopher [48]  
Robert W. McLeod [2, 22]

## **CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH**

Brian M. Ragain [21] Chairman  
John D. Church [33,48,59]  
John L. Logan [48, 52]  
Larry D. White [22]

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33] Chairman  
Robert G. Davis [50]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Jon B. Greene [22]

## **ALL YOUTH COMMITTEE**

D. Ridge Smith [59]  
Jon B. Greene [22]  
Donnie G. Higginbotham [3]  
Kenton M. Israel [18,25]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
Bryan C. Shackelford [48]

## **NECROLOGY**

David A. Tennison [48]

## **ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Donnie G. Higginbotham [3]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Robert R. Rolseth [22]  
Michael S. Wright [11,61]

## **REGIONAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES**

Robert G. Davis [50]  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [59]  
John E. King [25, 33]

## **COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE**

Jay A. Wall [48]  
Brian A. Buswell [18]

## **MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION**

2022-25 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [3]  
2020-23 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
2021-24 [RAM] David A. Ray [27]

## **CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33] Chairman  
Robert G. Davis [50]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Jon B. Greene [22]

## **DEMOLAY**

Kenton M. Israel [18,25]  
Michael L. Branson [50]  
Jon B. Greene [22]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

## **COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION**

Brian M. Ragain [21]

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL of CRYPTIC  
MASONS of OKLAHOMA

AT ITS

One Hundred Twenty-ninth  
Annual Assembly

Held in Oklahoma City  
April Twenty-Eighth  
Two Thousand Twenty-Three



2023

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

## The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Assembly April 28, 2023

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was convened for its One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Assembly at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 28, 2023 at the Hilton Garden Inn/Champion Convention Center, Oklahoma City Airport Hotel located at 801 S. Meridian in Oklahoma City, OK.

Companion Robert D. Cundiff, Jr., Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a sufficient number of Councils were represented to constitute a quorum. Thereupon, The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE FORM with the following Grand Officers:

M.:I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel.	-----	Illustrious Grand Master
R.:I.: Companion Robert G. Davis	-----	Deputy Grand Master
R.:I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr.	---	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
R.:I.: Companion Kenton M. Israel	-----	Grand Treasurer
R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene	-----	Grand Recorder
R.:I.: Companion Brian M. Ragain	-----	Grand Captain of the Guard
I.: Companion Michael S. Wright	-----	Grand Conductor of the Council
I.: Companion Matthew D. McGee	-----	Grand Marshal
I.: Companion James D. Nobles	-----	Grand Steward
I.: Companion Paul T. Currell	-----	Grand Sentinel
I.: Companion David A. Tennison	-----	Grand Chaplain

The invocation was delivered by I.: Companion David A. Tennison

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.:I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

M.:E.: Companion Mathew A. Turner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., , Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and Grand Governor of Oklahoma, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

R.:I.: Companion Aaron W. Tyksinsky, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas

M.:I.: Companion W. David Melear, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic of Royal & Select Masters of Texas.

Right Puissant Companion John L. Logan, Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and Personal Representative for District No. 12, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour Intendent General of Oklahoma for the Red Cross of Constantine.



Right Puissant Companion Robert G. Davis, General Grand Orator for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Right Puissant Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Genral Grand Lecturer for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma and Grand Prior of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction and Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master General of the Temple, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

Most Puissant Companion Monty J. Glover, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

M.:W.: Brother Glen A. Chaney, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

**PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

The following Past Illustrious Grand Masters of this Grand Council were introduced and cordially welcomed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master:

Charles L. Stuckey	2005-06	Andrew B. Palmer	2011-12
William H. Pearce	2012-13	John L. Logan	2013-14
Daniel D Hanttula	2016-17	Kevin P. Bardy	2019-20
John D. Church	2020-21	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2021-22

**DISTRICT DEPUTY ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

The following District Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters were present and the Most Illustrious Grand Master thanked them for their service.

John R. Cooper, Jr.	1	Michael S. Wright	2
James D. Nobles	3	Brian M. Ragain	4
James R. Taylor, Jr.	5	Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.	7
Matthew D. McGee	8		

**ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master called for the Roll Call of Constituent Councils. R.:I.: Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, called the roll with 9 of the 16 Councils being represented by an Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, or Principal Conductor of the Work. They are as follows:

Muskogee No. 2	Ardmore No. 11	Alpha No. 18
Tulsa No. 22	Norman No. 27	Bernard No. 43
Guthrie No. 48	Stillwater No. 50	Mysterious Nine No. 61

**APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL  
ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS**

A motion was made by Right Illustrious Jon B. Greene and seconded to approve the 2022 Proceedings of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

## THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

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

Welcome to the 129th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. I thank each of you for your attendance and support of your Grand Council. I am also pleased to welcome the distinguished visitors from our sister Grand Jurisdictions. We are honored to have present the Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the South Central Region Right Puissant John L. Logan and his lady, Diane.

The General Grand Recorder, from our neighboring state of New Mexico, (yes our borders are connected) Stephen Balke, who is out on the Campaign Trail.

And, especially pleased to welcome our Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons Int. Monty Glover.

There are many other special dignitaries that are here for the other two Grand Bodies.

I won't claim them in my address except to say "Welcome to Oklahoma".

And the more I thought about it, I should welcome Companion (and Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander) Robert Schlichter from Missouri. I think he has been here at all the Grand Sessions where I have presided. Thanks Bob.

To Companion Mat Turner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and Sir Knight James Taylor, Most Eminent Grand Commander I sincerely appreciate your attendance. We have had a great year of service together and I treasure your friendships more than I did before.

It is only fitting that we finish this Grand York year as we started it, together. I have enjoyed our opportunities to work for York Rite Masonry throughout our terms of office. I am also honored to extend greetings to Right Excellent Companion William J. Cloud, Grand High Priest-elect of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and to Right Illustrious Companion Robert G. Davis, Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master and soon to be the Most illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. To you both and to our Deputy Grand Commander S.K. John E. King, I pledge to you my support and best wishes during your terms in office.

I am most pleased to recognize Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., SGIG in Oklahoma for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. S.K. Manning is one of the most respected men in Freemasonry. His continued support of the York Rite demonstrated by presence here today is most appreciated. He is also the current Grand Master General, Convent General KYCH.

We are honored to have with us representing the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma Most Worshipful Grand Master Glen Chaney. Most Worshipful Sir, we thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to be with us today. It is a privilege to have the Grand Masters who are strong supporters of York Rite Masonry. Of course, he does have another vested interest in the York Rite.

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

To those who have served as a Grand Council committeeman, I thank you for your hard work and service.

To the officers of the Grand Council, your support, counsel and friendship have lifted the burdens of the office and I sincerely thank you.

To the members of my local bodies, I expect to be back seeking to serve.

It has been a year of great privilege to have been able to serve you Companions as Most Illustrious Grand Master. At every Council 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.

Finally, to my wife Jan and my sons, I thank you for your continued patience and support of my many Masonic involvements. I hope to be able to spend more time with my sons and families – instead of just using their houses as a way to shorten my travels to those parts of this State which are a long way from Elk City and Western Oklahoma. And grandkids grow up faster than our own kids did.

And with that, on to business:

Pursuant to the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I am charged with presenting a written report to the Grand Council of my official acts and such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the consideration of this Grand Council and make such recommendation as he may think proper.

### **NECROLOGY**

We begin our Sessions with a Divine Service to honor those members who will no longer grace our presence. This is a time not only to remember them, but to offer a prayer for those they left behind: family, friends, and those who they touched through our Masonic family and connections. It is also a time for us to realize that while those companions have completed the journey of Masonry into the Ninth Arch and beyond. It is not loss; we are encouraged by the knowledge that they have entered the place of wages, refreshment, and rest in the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Master of the Universe has promised to spread before us all the joys and glories of His Eternal Sabbath.

To the families and friends of our thirty-three Companions who departed this year, I express our sincere condolence for the loss of your loved one.

I wish to make special note of the passing of Most Illustrious Companion, Marvin Chamberlain who presided over this Grand Council in 2014-2015... Upon learning of his passing, I notified our constituent Councils and requested that they each drape their Charter in honor of our departed Most Illustrious Companion. I also want to make special note of the passing of John D. Miller, Jr. who served this Grand Council as Grand Recorder. We were deeply saddened by their loss. It was indeed an honor to have labored alongside them.

### **DISPENSATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS**

On November 11th, 2022, in accordance with Article 2, Section 1(c)(1) of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Tulsa Council No. 22 to allow it to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 21, 2022, in lieu of Monday, December 19, 2022 .

### **AWARDS**

The Grand Council and General Grand Council are pleased to be able to offer several awards to Companions and to constituent Councils.

The General Grand Council presents two awards.

The Cryptic Mason of the Year is awarded to a Companion for exceptional and meritorious service to Cryptic Masonry above and beyond the call of duty; this year's recipient will be announced at the Grand Banquet. The Recipient, along with the relevant information of their service will be published in the Proceedings.

The Adult Youth Leadership Award is awarded to a leader of our Masonic Youth for exceptional and meritorious service to a Masonic youth organization; this year's recipient will be announced at the Banquet tonight. The Recipient, along with the relevant information of their service will be published in the Proceedings.

The Grand Council presents two awards to constituent Councils in recognition for their contributions to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation:

- (i) Bernard F. Mandelbaum Award, which recognizes the constituent Council which is credited with the largest dollar contribution to C.M.M.R.F. during the preceding calendar year, and
- (ii) Robert W. Hill Award, which recognizes the constituent Council which is credited with the largest average contribution to C.M.M.R.F. per member during the preceding calendar year.

The Names of the "winning" Council and the full details are set forth in the CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH Report in this Preprint

The recipients of this year's awards will be also be announced during the Annual Assembly and published in the Proceedings

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

### OFFICIAL VISITS TO CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

I made official visits to all of our constituent Councils. During each of these official visits, except two, the Councils were formally opened in accordance with the adopted ritual, and I was received and afforded the appropriate Grand Honors. My visit to Union Council # 2, McAlester, was at a Commandery meeting. Although not officially received, I had the opportunity to speak to the members present and encourage them to keep working and rebuilding their York Rite Bodies. They have been a significant mainstay and we wish to help them recover that status. Also, Norman Council #27 and Woodward Council #52 did not have enough members present to open. In both cases, we had a nice meal and outstanding Masonic discussion with those members present. At Woodward, the Grand High Priest, Mathew Turner and Grand Captain of the Host Frank Belluardo were also present. And the most memorable part was that my parked car got hit by a truck while we were dining.

They are listed below:

17-May	Elk City Council #25	Elk City	
17-Oct	Tulsa Council #22	Tulsa	
15-Dec	Altus Chap / Council #33	Altus	Election / Received / Installation to Install officers
3-Jan	Bartlesville Cncl #41	Bartlesville	Council / Chapter Installation. Installed Council Officers / Assisted in Chapter Installation

23-Jan	Union Council #2(CMDY)	McAlester	Spoke on Unity / Growth
8-Feb	Muskogee Council #2	Muskogee	
9-Feb	Norman Council #27	Norman	
17-Feb	Capitol Hill Council #59	Midwest City	
23-Feb	Stillwater Council #50	Stillwater	
28-Feb	Lawton Council #21	Lawton	
8-Mar	Alpha Council #10	OKC	
9-Aug	Guthrie Council #40	Guthrie	
11-Mar	Mysterious 9 Council #61	Norman	
13-Mar	Ardmore Council #11	Ardmore	
14-Mar	Bernard Council #43	Ponca City	
11-Apr	Woodward Council #52	Woodward	

### **PARTICIPATION IN TRIENNIAL SESSION TWO OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL**

Session II was held on ZOOM on 5 September, 2022. It was a great way to handle additional items for General Grand Council without having to travel. It was very informative.

### **OFFICIAL VISITS TO GRAND ASSEMBLIES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

I made official visits to only one Annual Assembly of the Grand Councils in our region. That was Missouri Grand Assembly in Jefferson City on June 8th through the 12th. I was introduced and later brought greetings from the Grand Council of Oklahoma. I was also able to visit their Priory of KYCH and a meeting of the members of Red Cross of Constantine. I was introduced at both meetings.

I chose to attend my 50 year Keyes High School Class reunion instead of attending the South Central Regional Conference. I have missed only a few of these Regional meetings since being elected Grand High Priest in 2008.

### **OTHER STATE-WIDE YORK RITE MEETINGS**

I attended all Council degree conferrals held in Oklahoma during my term of office,. At some of the festivals, I opened the local Council in Ample form and closed it in every case, if I was present, I did not personal participate in any degrees other than in the Super Excellent Master conferral.

These were the dates and locations of each festival

10 September, 2022	Grand Master's York Rite Festival	Oklahoma City
4 February, 2023	Central Regional Festival and Super Excellent Master Conferral	Oklahoma City
26 February, 2023	Northeast Regional Festival	Tulsa

### **GRAND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS**

I attended a number of administrative meetings on the dates noted. Each of these meetings were held electronically via "Zoom" unless otherwise noted

21 November, 2021	Grand York Rite Planning Meeting 2022-2023
16 January, 2022	New Heads ZOOM
24 March, 2022	New Heads ZOOM
20 April, 2022	New Heads ZOOM
27 April, 2022	Grand Session Debrief ZOOM

5 June, 2022	Grand Master Festival ZOOM
27 July, 2022	Grand Master Festival Follow-up ZOOM
7 August, 2022	Zoom Grand Session
6 November, 2022	Grand Officers Meeting In Person
18 February 2023	Grand Officers / Time & Place Committee Meeting in Person
6 March, 2023	Zoom Officer Meeting

and probably many others with the convenience of ZOOM.

The 3 heads of the Bodies met almost every time we were together to discuss the year and the upcoming plans.

### **OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF OKLAHOMA**

The heads of all three York Rite Bodies attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

I was introduced in the open forum on Friday Night and later that evening I was very surprised to receive the Grand Lodge Medal of Honor. Honestly, not sure what all happened after that.

At the tiled Meeting portion, I was again introduced as the MIGM and invited to sit in the Grand East. S.K. James R. Taylor, Jr., Grand Commander brought greetings on behalf of the York Rite.

### **OFFICIAL VISITS TO ANDROGYNOUS AND APPENDANT BODIES**

I made official visits to meetings of the following androgynous and appendant bodies on the dates noted. In each case, I was introduced and brought greetings from the Grand Council.

11 May, 2022	Amaranth Grand Court	Oklahoma City
28 May, 2022	Rainbow Grand Assembly	Norman
9 July, 2022	DeMolay State Conclave	Norman
16 October, 2022	Eastern Star Grand Chapter	Guthrie

I did not attend DeMolay Winterfest in Tulsa due to a conflict with another York Rite event and a very tardy invitation from them. We will present the York Rite Sword at our Annual Banquet to a deserving young man.

### **OTHER OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS**

2 August, 2022	I attended the Annual Meeting of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. I was formally introduced in the Session
1 October, 2022	I attended the Rose of Sharon Council No. 49 of Knight Masons USA meeting in the Dallas area as well as a banquet honoring James Roy Elliott, Great Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, USA. At both the meeting and the banquet, I was introduced as Grand Illustrious Master and was invited to speak.

### **SCOTTISH RITE REUNIONS**

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

22 October, 2022	McAlester Scottish Rite
28 October, 2022	Guthrie Scottish Rite
26 March, 2023	Tulsa Scottish Rite
Grand Council 16	129 <sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly

2 April, 2023	McAlester Scottish Rite
14 April, 2023	Guthrie Scottish Rite

### OTHER VISITS and EVENTS

6 May, 2022 –	MCFOK attended the Mercy (Hospital) Gala Event –(as a York Rite Representative on the Masonic Charity Foundation
14-May, 2022	"All Masonic Day" consisting of Father Murrow Council No. 10, Allied Masonic Degrees, Oklahoma College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Oklahoma Philalethes Society, Oklahoma College No. 75, York Rite Sovereign College, Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66, Knight Masons, all in Edmond. Introduced in each body except SRICF.
21-May, 2022	Knights of the York Cross of Honor Grand Council Conferral of the Order of the Secret Vault Prince of Peace Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Introduced in each body / Assisted in conferral of Order of Secret Vault.
30 July, 2022	HRA-KTP Introduced (although I was the Presiding Officer.
20 August, 22	Order of High Priesthood – Introduced as a Past President as well as MIGM. Order of Sword and Trowel – filled my position on the degree team; Introduced as a Past Thrice Illustrious Master as well as MIGM and I installed the newly elected officers. Past Commanders Association – Introduced as MIGM and served in my office as Prelate.
3 September, 2022	Plinth Court, Order of Athelstan. Introduced as MIGM
24 September, 2022	"All Masonic Day" consisting of Father Murrow Council No. 10, Allied Masonic Degrees, Oklahoma College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Oklahoma Philalethes Society, Oklahoma College No. 75, York Rite Sovereign College, Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66, Knight Masons, all in Edmond. Introduced in all bodies.
14-15 October, 2022	Prince of Peace Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Introduced
11 November, 2022	Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. I was introduced in the open forum on Friday Night and later that evening I received the Grand Lodge Medal of Honor. At the Meeting portion, I was again introduced at MIGM and invited to sit in the Grand East. S.K. James R. Taylor, Jr. brought greetings on behalf of the York Rite.
21 January, 2023	Introduced as MIGM and installed the officers of Paul T. Million Council, Allied Masonic Degrees
23 January, 2023	Attended the Grand Commandery Senior Warden Retreat as a speaker on Jurisprudence and was introduced as MIGM.
4 March, 2023	Plinth Court, Order of Athelstan. Introduced as MIGM

### THE STATE OF CRYPTIC MASONRY IN OKLAHOMA



Last year, the Grand Illustrious Master said, “I would consider the state of Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma to be stable and improving. That may not seem like much of a compliment, but compared to other jurisdictions, we are doing very well indeed. Our recent emphasis on (i) membership recruitment and retention, (ii) ritual proficiency and degree conferrals, and (iii) education for both candidates and members has undoubtedly contributed to our success.”

I found those words very encouraging and have tried to encourage those three areas.

I am going to “steal his “outline” for the next few sections. His analysis is beyond compare. I will merely update the information.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

After hitting an historic low of 1,365 members at the end of 2012, we fluctuated around that number for five years and ended the year 2017 with 1,361 members. While remaining essentially unchanged over a five year period may not seem like something to be praised, it is in fact the exception rather than the rule in Masonry these days.

This five year period of relative stability was followed by a three year period of net membership decline as we ended the year 2020 with 1,248 members. While some of this 8.3% decline can be attributed to the pandemic, much of the decline occurred during 2018 and 2019 before the general cessation of in-person Masonic activities.

While the good news WAS that in 2021 we resumed our previous relative success in membership recruitment and retention. We ended the year 2021 with 1,249 members, for a net gain of one member for the year! We did not fair that well this year.

In order to maintain our membership at its current level and potentially grow a bit, I adopt Clyde’s proposal for each of our sixteen Councils to greet each year a number of new Cryptic Masons equal to or greater than 10% of their current membership. This does give us a very specific goal to reach, one that should be reasonable and manageable.

Actual results this year show that our membership declined by 21 members. If every council had recruited 1 new member more or had worked harder and saved one existing member from suspension, we would have been close to net growth.

## **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

We have a formal structure to our membership recruitment in the form of a Membership Committee with a statewide chairman and seven regional chairman. The results remain hit-or-miss. During this last Cryptic year, not calendar year, we, as a state, greeted 56 new members and reinstated 4. That is less than 5%. Although DEATHS took their toll (with 33) our bigger loss comes from SUSPENSIONS (with 41) We also lost 10 members who demitted. Our total GAIN was 63 members and that was overcome by our total LOSS of 84. The net effect was a net loss of 21 members across our 16 bodies.

A brief view of our overall numbers. Our largest Council greeted them most members with 13 and our next largest Council 10. From there, we had 2 councils that greeted 5 or more members; 7 councils with 1 or more. We had 5 councils that did not greet any new members. Every council, except 3, had deaths. It appears we had 6 councils that did not lose members to death.

A quick summary of that information. There was ONE council which grew by 3 members, one by 2, and 3 that grew by 1 (counting Affiliations).

This is not encouraging news. But, we can still save our membership by the specific plan set forth by my predecessor and others.

You will note that the above numbers are different from the information included in the Grand Recorders Report. That is because HIS report is Calendar Year and MY figures are from Grand Assembly to Grand Assembly.

I would propose that the Illustrious Master of each of our constituent Councils appoint for his Council a membership chairman whose task it would be to promote the York Rite in the local Lodges in that Council's membership district. The regional membership chairman would provide assistance and direction to these local membership chairmen.

In addition, we really need to maintain contact with our members who are both local and who have moved away. The Local Membership Chairman needs to appoint a member or two to re-establish and maintain contact with those members. A second benefit to that would be that we would know if they were ill, or had relocated, or, sadly, died.

The weakness we see in a few of the regional membership chairmen is that while they have been active in recruiting new members, most of their efforts have resulted in new members in their own Councils and relatively few new members in other Councils in their regions. It appears that we desperately need membership chairmen in each of our Councils who will actively recruit new members from the Lodges near their Council.

Several years ago, the Membership Committee (with the invaluable assistance of the Education Committee) labored diligently to produce a variety of promotional materials, including "Welcome to the York Rite of Freemasonry," "The York Rite and the Scottish Rite: Separate Origins - Shared Traditions," "Ten Reasons You Should Be a Royal Arch Mason," and a periodic newsletter "The Ancient Craft Mason." These tools, especially with the books from the Education Committee, are being used in our various Councils. If you do not have such education ongoing, pick up the books from the Recorder and start a study group.

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

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

Special thanks should go to the Membership Committee. Keep up the good work.

As we reviewed above, a neglected aspect of membership is the retention of members. It is vitally important to realize that the loss of each member due to suspension or resignation negates the increase in our membership from the greeting of

a new Cryptic Mason. As a result, we must diligently work to minimize membership losses due to suspension or resignation.

We need to continue all efforts, statewide and local, to continue or start this practice of contacting members in danger of suspension be continued in future years. In addition, it would clearly be advantageous for the members of each of our constituent Councils to personally contact their members in danger of suspension, and that contact should be made early and often.

### **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

The annual Grand Master's Festival is a great benefit to the York Rite. Like several of those who have gone before me, I tend to think of it as a necessary evil. In a cursory review of our statistics, it appears that EVERY NEW COUNCIL MEMBER was greeted at either a Regional Festival or the GRAND MASTER' FESTIVAL. Our total was 56. Last year, Clyde said, "For some candidates, it appears to be the only way that they can (or will) join the York Rite." I submit it may be more. I am glad we are starting the Regional Festivals with the Most Excellent Master degree to encourage our local bodies to at least do some of the degrees at home, even if they are Chapter Degrees.

For several years the organizing committee of the Grand Master's Festival has been composed of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, along with the Grand Scribe (from the Grand Chapter) and the Grand Generalissimo (from the Grand Commandery). This administrative structure has the added benefit that the three Grand Officers forming this administrative committee will only serve for one year and don't have to worry about being stuck with the administration of the Grand Master's Festival for many, many years. It is my hope that we continue this administrative structure in future years.

We Greeted 45 new Companions into this Grand Council at the Grand Master's Festival.

Special thanks should go to this year's committee Grand Principal Conductor of the Work James, R. Taylor, Jr (Tulsa Council #22), Blaine C. McKnight (Council #3), and Glen A. Chaney (Lawton Council #21) for their hard work in making this year's Grand Master's Festival a success

### **REGIONAL DEGREE CONFERRALS**

Over the years, we have become terribly dependent upon the one-day degree festivals for new members. The efforts over the past several years to encourage regional degree conferrals is an effort to break this dependency. The Central Region, centered around Alpha Council #18, and the Northeast Region, centered around Tulsa Council #22, have been quite active for many years. Western Oklahoma had been very active, but it had devolved to just one local body doing most of the work. If you are going to do all the degrees yourselves, you might as well go back to doing them at your stated meetings. Unfortunately, most of us are coming up short trying to do that. I think the advantage of the Regional Degree Festival not doing all three bodies' degrees and orders in one day is a great change.

During the past twelve months, both the Central and Northeast Regions held a regional festival. A total of 11 new Cryptic Masons were greeted at these two regional conferrals. While the number of new Cryptic Masons greeted at these four festivals does not rise to the level of the 45 greeted at the Grand Master's Festival in Oklahoma

City in September, it does demonstrate that a significant number of candidates are looking for an alternative to the one-day degree festivals.

I would join my predecessor in proposing that we continue and expand these efforts. Specifically, that each of the two regions mentioned above continue to confer all of the degrees at least once during each year and that conferrals in other potential regions be explored as needed. The availability of these regional degree conferrals might also take a bit of pressure off the Grand Master's Festival. Plus an additional benefit of these regional conferrals might be an increased number of our constituent Councils who would be able to confer one or more of the degrees.

Special thanks should be given to our Grand Captain of the Guard Brian M. Ragain, (Council 21) who served as Chairman. He was assisted by his seven regional chairmen. I believe that the regional festivals are the best hope we have to get local Councils. We really need to keep these festivals and seek to have another Region or two to step up as well. I would recommend that we continue to make this statewide coordination a responsibility each year of the Grand Captain of the Guard and that he be assisted in the various regions by the regional chairmen and the appropriate District Deputy Grand Master.

### **SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE**

At the Central Regional Festival held in Oklahoma City on February 4th, 2023, the annual conferral of the Super Excellent Master degree was held as called for by Article 4, Section 4 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Oklahoma. This conferral was a joint effort of four teams from various regions of the state, under the direction of John Carter (Ardmore Council #11), Jim Taylor (Tulsa Council #22), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (Alpha Council #18) and myself, Tim Israel (Elk City Council #25 & Altus Council #33), This conferral of the degree as a joint effort has been quite a success since its inception a few years ago and it is my hope that this arrangement can be continued in future annual conferrals.

### **RITUAL PROFICIENCY**

Over the past several years, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians or Assistant Custodians of the Work, have been held in most of our constituent Councils. At these Schools, instruction has concentrated on the ritual for the opening and closing of the Council and the reception of visitors. The officers and members of the Councils involved have been very receptive to the instruction and have made good progress.

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

I would like to see a walk-thru of at least one degree at these local schools as a tool to encourage our companions that the degrees really aren't that difficult.

A "plain English" version of our adopted ritual was authorized by our Grand Council at its Annual Assembly in 2003. Last year, Clyde Schoolfield directed the Custodians of the Work to prepare a manuscript of our ritual in "plain English," with limited encoding where appropriate (e.g., passwords, signs, obligations, etc.), suitable

for publication and general distribution to our membership. This has been accomplished.

## **EDUCATION**

Over the past several years, the Education Committee has introduced a number of resources to enhance candidate and member education. The candidate education resources are highlighted by: (i) a series of short prologues to be shown before the conferral of each of our degrees, and (ii) new member materials previously distributed to candidates on flash drives, but now available on our website.

The member education resources are highlighted by: (i) the Cryptic Masonry Education Course, which covers the history and symbolism of the three Council degrees and provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study, and (ii) the Lessons on Cryptic Masonry, which is twenty-four lessons drawn from the Cryptic Masonry Education Course, the Ritual of the Grand Council, and the Bible and is designed to enable presentation, participation, and discussion as a group during Councils meetings.

During the prior year, the Most Illustrious Grand Master presented a copy of the Cryptic Masonry Education Course and a copy of the Lessons on Cryptic Masonry to each of our Councils. I have seen those resources being used as I visited Councils this year. They are very well received. I was very happy to see them put to good use. I trust that the Illustrious Masters or an instructor will continue to use them. There is much benefit to having educational presentations at each of our stated assemblies.

Last year, the Committee on Education added one new educational resource for our Councils and members: A monthly education e-newsletter. Each e-newsletter draws heavily from the two publications mentioned above, along with additional material from Masonic monitors, encyclopedias, periodicals, and video presentations. The monthly education e-newsletter may be found at: <https://okyorkrite.com/>

I urge our Councils and members to utilize these plentiful resources and make Cryptic education an integral part of their Masonic experience.

## **YORK RITE COORDINATION**

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

While this committee has not “officially” met in recent years, its responsibilities enumerated above have been the subject of regular meetings of the Grand Officers, along with their counterparts in the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. This year we have met both in person and on ZOOM. The three Grand Heads have met at least 2 times per month either in Zoom conferences or telephone calls. It is extremely important, in my opinion, to have leaders who seek to be on the same page and that assist each other outside of our own Grand Body.

## **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER / COUNCIL TRIENNIAL**

The 48th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council AND the 72nd Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Branson, Grand Council 22

129<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly

Missouri on Saturday August 12 to Tuesday August 15 with the General Grand Council on Monday August 14 and General Grand Chapter Tuesday August 15.

Registration can be found at <https://triennial.org/register/> .

I urge all of our Grand Council and Grand Chapter Officers to attend. It is a great time and is very educational. The biggest advantage is that it is close to Oklahoma and the travel time is minimal compared to some of our recent locations.

I have attended several and I personally highly recommend this event.

### **SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The 65th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 16th – 17th, 2021 in Shreveport, Louisiana. There were York Rite Masons from a six state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) and a number of national and international Grand Officers in attendance at the conference.

The 66th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 15th – 16th, 2023 in Branson, Missouri. Any and all Cryptic Masons are welcome to attend. The conference is designed for those in leadership. We hope all our members are active and leaders. As always, there will be a number of interesting presentations. Leadership training will be available through the “York Rite Leadership Training Program” at the conference. A portion of it is also available online.

The 67th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference is tentatively scheduled to be held September 20th – 21st, 2024 in Oklahoma at a location yet to be determined.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The Resolutions which you will find in this Pre-Print will be voted on by the Companions. I urge their adoption. They are really housekeeping issues due to the improvements offered by the YRIS / MMS database system AND THE ADDED AMOUNT OF WORK OUR RECORDER HAS TAKEN ON TO MAKE SURE EVERY CANDIDATE GREETED IS INCLUDED IN THE SYSTEM. Thanks Jon.

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Again, I find myself quoting my predecessor. I would strongly encourage the Grand Council to continue its three-fold emphasis on (i) membership recruitment and retention, (ii) ritual proficiency and degree conferrals, and (iii) education for both candidates and members. These three areas, each in its own way, are vitally important to our continued success. I would urge my successors as Grand Illustrious Master to continue these programs and to add to them, in their own ways, leading to a level of continuity for this Grand Council that will undoubtedly contribute to our future success.

One of the highlights of my year in the Grand East is the time that I have been able to spend with my fellow Oklahoma York Rite Grand Presiding Officers. I am going to miss our frequent visits and comradery. I wish to congratulate them on their successful completion of their terms of office. I believe that bonding and fraternal relationship that has existed among the three of us has indeed helped to contribute to the successes achieved by our York Rite over this past year.

I wish to thank the Officers and committeemen of this Grand Council for their unceasing dedication and hard work. The successes that we have experienced in this Grand Council 23

and in previous years would not have been possible without them. I will still be here and ready to assist, if needed, each of you in your Masonic undertakings.

I have to mention our Grand Recorder, Jon Greene. He is doing an outstanding job. I thank you so much.

I especially want to thank the leadership of each of our Councils in Oklahoma. You are indeed the foundation of Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma. I love Clyde's closing thought. We should never forget that it was the Companions of three small Councils of Royal & Select Masters in Indian Territory who met 127 (now 128) years ago to found our Grand Council.

And finally, I thank all those who have voted for me and especially those who have been there to advise and encourage me through these years of Cryptic Service.

Fraternally submitted,  
Timothy P. Israel  
Illustrious Grand Master

**GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**KENTON M. ISRAEL**  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma  
For the period ending December 31, 2022  
These accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Council Investment Account		
General Fund		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$92,609.91
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned		2,459.00
Appreciation		<u>-16,744.59</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$78,324.32

Grand Council Investment Account		
Perpetual Membership		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$138,461.80
Deposits		1,110.00
Withdrawals		-4,578.68
Dividend/Interest Earned		5,045.64
Appreciation		<u>-21,777.44</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$118,261.32

Grand Council Investment Account		
Joint Account-Membership Development		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$79,922.87
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		-7,411.54
Dividend/Interest Earned		2,092.87
Appreciation		<u>-8,768.04</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$65,836.16

<b>Grand Total of Grand Council Investments</b>	<b><u>1/1/2022</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2022</u></b>		
General Fund	\$92,609.91	\$78,324.32	(\$14,285.59)	-15.43%
Perpetual Membership	\$138,461.80	\$118,261.32	(\$20,200.48)	-14.59%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$79,922.87	\$65,836.16	(\$14,086.71)	-17.63%
Grand Total of Grand Council Investments	\$310,994.58	\$262,421.80		



The 2022 stock market performance was the worst since 2008. The S&P fell 19.4%, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 8.8%, and the Nasdaq tumbled 33.1%. We also incurred double digit losses. Despite the losses, with our strategy we were able to slightly increase dividends in our Perpetual Accounts. In the second half of the year, we made more than half of our dividends. I am hoping to continue to see growth in our dividends and interest in those accounts in coming years. So far in 2023 we have continued to see crazy volatility in the market and are currently positive for the year.

Changing investment advisors was a massive undertaking. We moved from Wells Fargo in Bartlesville to Morgan Stanley in Oklahoma City. It would not have been possible without our Grand Secretary Jon Greene. He was instrumental on getting not only tax id numbers, but pictures of original charters and other requested documents. Every time I felt we were close to getting everything setup with Morgan Stanley, they would need another document or signature. Thank you so much Companion Greene!

We added very few new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2022. With our change in Investment Advisors last year, checks were severely delayed and not mailed until the fall. The checks for this year have already been mailed out and are slightly larger than last year's checks.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

890 Total Members at 12/31/2022

2 New Members in 2022

Interest/Dividends earned in 2021: \$4,638.99

Interest/Dividends earned in 2022: \$5,045.64

Div/Int distributed to Grand Council in 2022 for Div/Int earned in 2021: \$2,345.98

Div/Int distributed to Local Councils in 2022 for Div/Int earned in 2021: \$2,292.62

Div/Int distributed to Grand Council in 2023 for Div/Int earned in 2022: \$2,528.80

Div/Int distributed to Local Councils in 2023 for Div/Int earned in 2022: \$2,512.95

Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma									
As of 12/31/2022	New Members in 2022	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Interest	* To Grand Council	* To Local Council
							<u>* Distribute</u>	<u>* Deceased</u>	<u>* Deceased</u>
	Name								
As of 12/31/2022	4/19/2023 15:09								

**REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER  
JON B. GREENE**

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

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2022 End: 12/31/2022**

**General Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry**

**Grand Council of Oklahoma**

**Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Councils = 16

**The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.**

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,248</u>
Total number GREETED =	<u>56</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>3</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>63</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>12</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>48</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>46</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>106</u>	
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(43)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		
	=	<u>1,205</u>

GRAND COUNCIL RETURNS FOR 2022

No. Name	2022 Members Start of Year	Greeted	Admitted/Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demited	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdraw	DELTE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2022 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	G. G. Council Life Members	No.	Name	Dues	Fees	DeMolay	Per Capita	G. G. Council Per Capita	CMRRF	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
2 Muskogee	122	11	0	4	0	2	11	4	0	0	(2)	120	41	1	44	2	Muskogee	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$19.50	\$780.00	\$190.00	\$78.00	\$1,067.50	\$144.59	\$1,212.09
3 Union	93	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	94	34	0	34	3	Union	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$825.00	\$64.12	\$889.12
11 Ardmore	61	4	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	(5)	56	13	0	23	11	Ardmore	\$22.00	\$45.00	\$10.75	\$430.00	\$82.50	\$43.00	\$566.25	\$95.19	\$661.44	
18 Alpha	121	5	0	0	0	8	2	0	(5)	116	30	5	33	18	Alpha	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$20.25	\$810.00	\$207.50	\$81.00	\$1,118.75	\$136.70	\$1,255.45		
21 Lawton	90	4	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	(1)	89	18	0	18	21	Lawton	\$22.50	\$50.00	\$17.75	\$710.00	\$177.50	\$71.00	\$976.25	\$142.00	\$1,118.25	
22 Tulsa	187	13	0	0	0	3	4	13	0	(7)	180	72	7	77	22	Tulsa	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$25.25	\$1,010.00	\$257.50	\$101.00	\$1,393.75	\$433.62	\$1,827.37	
25 Elk City	51	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	51	25	1	41	25	Elk City	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$6.25	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$306.25	\$142.47	\$448.72	
27 Norman	84	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	84	24	0	26	27	Norman	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$600.00	\$145.00	\$60.00	\$820.00	\$137.50	\$957.50	
33 Altus	49	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	(5)	44	23	0	23	33	Altus	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$5.25	\$210.00	\$52.50	\$21.00	\$288.75	\$123.41	\$412.16		
41 Bartlesville	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	11	1	26	41	Bartlesville	\$16.50	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$280.00	\$35.00	\$28.00	\$350.00	\$86.39	\$436.39	
43 Bernard	52	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	(2)	50	26	0	25	43	Bernard	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$62.50	\$24.00	\$332.50	\$86.48	\$418.98		
48 Guthrie	79	4	0	0	1	5	4	0	(6)	73	20	0	19	48	Guthrie	\$21.00	\$50.00	\$13.25	\$530.00	\$135.00	\$53.00	\$731.25	\$90.12	\$821.37		
50 Stillwater	55	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	(3)	52	18	0	20	50	Stillwater	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$8.50	\$340.00	\$80.00	\$34.00	\$462.50	\$190.30	\$652.80		
52 Woodward	39	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(2)	37	19	0	19	52	Woodward	\$20.50	\$45.00	\$4.50	\$180.00	\$45.00	\$18.00	\$247.50	\$27.39	\$274.89		
59 Capitol Hill	105	4	0	0	0	3	5	0	(4)	101	60	5	62	59	Capitol Hill	\$19.00	\$40.00	\$9.00	\$360.00	\$97.50	\$36.00	\$502.50	\$609.99	\$1,112.49		
61 Mysterious Nine	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	(2)	18	1	0	1	61	Mysterious Nine	\$75.00	\$250.00	\$4.25	\$170.00	\$42.50	\$17.00	\$233.75	\$2.68	\$236.43		
Totals	1248	56	3	4	0	12	48	46	0	(43)	1205	435	20	491		Totals			\$187.50	\$7,500.00	\$1,785.00	\$750.00	\$10,222.50	\$2,512.95	\$12,735.45	

## 2022 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

		2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget
	Income			
	4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS			
	4010 - Oklahoma Per Capita	7,970.00	7,970.00	0.00
	4020 - G. G. Council Assessment	1,902.50	1,900.00	2.50
	4030 - CMMRF Assessment	797.00	797.00	0.00
	4050 - DeMolay Donation	199.25	199.25	0.00
	Total 4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS	10,868.75	10,866.25	2.50
	4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
	4110 - Perpetual Membership Dividend	2,345.98	2,345.98	0.00
	4120 - Interest Income-Other	0.00	1,963.04	-1,963.04
	Total 4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	2,345.98	4,309.02	-1,963.04
	4200 - FEES			
	4210 - Degree Fees	560.00	300.00	260.00
	4220 - Dispensation Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
	4230 - Reinstatement Fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00
	Total 4200 - FEES	570.00	320.00	250.00
	4300 - RESALE			
	4310 - Ritual Resale	0.00	77.00	-77.00
	Total 4300 - RESALE	0.00	77.00	-77.00
	4600 - MISC INCOME			
	4630 - MISC Income	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	Total 4600 - MISC INCOME	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	4700 - GRAND SESSIONS			
	4710 - Grand Sessions Income	6,885.25	8,000.00	-1,114.75
	Total 4700 - GRAND SESSIONS	6,885.25	8,000.00	-1,114.75
	Total Income	20,669.98	23,722.27	-3,052.29
	Gross Profit	20,669.98	23,722.27	-3,052.29
	Expense			
	5000 - STAFF			
	5010 - Grand Recorder Salary	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
	5020 - Payroll Taxes	384.84	385.00	-0.16
	5030 - Grand Treasurer's Allowance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	Total 5000 - STAFF	4,884.84	5,085.00	-200.16
	5100 - ASSESSMENTS			
	5110 - Per Capita - Gen Grand Council	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00
	5120 - CMMRF Donation	797.00	797.00	0.00
	5130 - DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
	Total 5100 - ASSESSMENTS	2,997.00	2,997.00	0.00
	5500 - YOUTH EXPENSES			
	5510 - Youth Ads	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 5500 - YOUTH EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6000 - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL			
	6010-22 - M.I.G.M. TRAVEL-SCHOOLFIELD	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
	6010-23 - M.I.G.M. TRAVEL - ISRAEL	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
	6011 - Grand Recorders Travel	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	6020 - M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00
	6025 - Grand Sessions Expense	8,699.61	8,000.00	699.61
	6030 - Grand Sessions Host Expense	140.90	200.00	-59.10
	6040 - Grand Sessions-Headquarters	225.98	200.00	25.98
	6050 - Grand Sessions-Awards	194.55	125.00	69.55
	6060 - Past Gr. Illust Master's Jewel	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	6070 - South Central Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6080 - Triennial	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6100 - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6110 - Grand Session Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 6000 - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	10,511.04	11,625.00	-1,113.96

## 2022 BUDGET VS ACTUAL - Continued

		<b>7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
		<b>7100 - Rent</b>			
		7110 - Muskogee Storage Rent	0.00	33.00	-33.00
		7130 - Quarterly Meeting Rent	0.00	100.00	-100.00
		7140 - G.M. Festival Rent	100.00		
		<b>Total 7100 - Rent</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>133.00</b>	<b>-33.00</b>
		<b>7200 - Telecommunications</b>			
		7210 - Phone and Internet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
		7220 - Website	0.00	75.00	-75.00
		<b>Total 7200 - Telecommunications</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>475.00</b>	<b>-475.00</b>
		<b>7300 - Office Supplies</b>			
		7310 - General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
		7320 - Ink	0.00	120.00	-120.00
		7330 - Computer Software	116.66	170.00	-53.34
		7340 - Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
		7350 - MMS Online Database	448.14	224.32	223.82
		<b>Total 7300 - Office Supplies</b>	<b>564.80</b>	<b>554.32</b>	<b>10.48</b>
		<b>7400 - Printing and Reproduction</b>			
		7410 - Pre Print	333.42	140.00	193.42
		7420 - Proceedings	0.00	150.00	-150.00
		7430 - Publications	0.00	150.00	-150.00
		7440 - Check Order	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total 7400 - Printing and Reproduction</b>	<b>333.42</b>	<b>440.00</b>	<b>-106.58</b>
		<b>7500 - Postage and Delivery</b>			
		7510 - PO Box Rental	60.66	61.00	-0.34
		7520 - Stamps	0.00	55.00	-55.00
		<b>Total 7500 - Postage and Delivery</b>	<b>60.66</b>	<b>116.00</b>	<b>-55.34</b>
		<b>7600 - Insurance</b>			
		7610 - Bond Premium	131.66	131.00	0.66
		<b>Total 7600 - Insurance</b>	<b>131.66</b>	<b>131.00</b>	<b>0.66</b>
		<b>7700 - Repairs</b>			
		7720 - Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total 7700 - Repairs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<b>Total 7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,190.54</b>	<b>1,849.32</b>	<b>-658.78</b>
		<b>8000 - MISC</b>			
		8010 - Rituals	0.00	0.00	0.00
		8020 - Regalia	74.12	0.00	74.12
		8050 - Digitize Proceedings	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
		8070 - Misc - Other	79.75	250.00	-170.25
		<b>Total 8000 - MISC</b>	<b>153.87</b>	<b>1,450.00</b>	<b>-1,296.13</b>
		<b>8500 - EDUCATION</b>			
		8510 - Education Course	0.00	250.00	-250.00
		<b>Total 8500 - EDUCATION</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>-250.00</b>
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,737.29</b>	<b>23,256.32</b>	<b>-3,519.03</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>932.69</b>	<b>465.95</b>	<b>466.74</b>

		2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget
	<b>Membership Development</b>			
	<b>Income</b>			
	4550 - Membership Development			
	4551 - Membership Development Interest	0.00	505.00	-505.00
	<b>Total 4550 - Membership Development</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>-505.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>-505.00</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>-505.00</b>
	<b>Expense</b>			
	<b>9000 - MEMBERSHIP</b>			
	9010 - Promotional Expense	183.34	303.00	-119.66
	9020 - DeMolay Sword	0.00	202.00	-202.00
	<b>Total 9000 - MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>183.34</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>-321.66</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>183.34</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>-321.66</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-183.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-183.34</b>

We had a net loss of 43 Companion compared to a gain of 1 Companion the  
Grand Council 31 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly

previous year. We Greeted 56 compared to 95 last year. Suspensions and withdrawals were 60 compared to 44 last year. We had 46 deceased Companions in 2022 as compared to 55 deceased Companions in 2021. We had 20 members reported on the Annual Reports who were unable to pay their dues compared to 14 last year.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Jon B. Greene [22]

Grand Recorder

## RESOLUTION NO. 1a - PASSED

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Council transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Councils have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 6, paragraph b of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:**

- b. For each degree conferred a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall accompany quarterly returns to the Grand Recorder.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:**

- b. For each degree conferred a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) ~~shall accompany quarterly returns~~ to will be invoiced by the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

## RESOLUTION NO. 1b - PASSED

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Council transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Councils have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 6, Section 1, paragraph g of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:**

- g. For each member suspended or expelled, the Grand Council shall charge each Constituent Council a fee often dollars (\$10.00) to reinstate them. This fee shall be paid on the quarterly report following the reinstatement.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 6, Section 1. Financial Reviews:**

- g. For each member suspended or expelled, the Grand Council shall charge each Constituent Council a fee often dollars (\$10.00) to reinstate them. ~~This fee~~



~~shall be paid on the quarterly report~~ will be invoiced by the Grand Recorder following the reinstatement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1c - PASSED**

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Council transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Councils have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 7, paragraph 4 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils, Section 7, Recorder:**

Paragraph 4: He shall make quarterly reports not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th in each year to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, upon blanks to be supplied by the Grand Recorder, and give therein a detailed statement of all the work of the Council for the year beginning January 1st and closing December 31st, which reports shall be signed by the Illustrious Master and the Recorder, and be attested with the seal of the Council and be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Council for degrees conferred and for membership; the January 15th report to have a certificate attached thereto signed by the Auditing Committee of the constituent Council showing their findings as to the financial condition of said Council as shown by the books of the Recorder and Treasurer.

#### **BE REWRITTEN TO READ:**

#### **ARTICLE 10, Section 7,**

Paragraph 4: The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons shall provide an online electronic database at no charge to the Constituent Council. The Constituent Council Recorder shall maintain the online electronic database. He shall contact the Grand Recorder if he has any problems with the database. The Grand Recorder will invoice the Constituent Council for all Degree work after each Festival and for all reinstatement fees. In addition, the Grand Recorder will invoice the Constituent Council for per capita fees by January 15th. The Grand Recorder will provide each Constituent Council Recorder with a Financial Review and Award Forms. The Financial Review Committee of the Constituent Council will sign the Financial Review form, showing their findings on the financial condition of said Council as shown by the books of the Recorder and Treasurer. This certificate shall become a part of the report to the Grand Recorder. Failure to have said books reviewed and certificates signed will subject the Council to the same penalty as a failure to remit Degree and per capita funds to the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

### RESOLUTION NO. 1d - PASSED

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Council transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Councils have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 18, of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

**Section 18. Quarterly and Annual Returns.** Immediately following the last day in each quarter and not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th in each quarter the Illustrious Master and Recorder shall prepare and forward to the Grand Recorder on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder, the quarterly reports. On the 15th day of January following the last quarter of the year, the quarterly report shall also be accompanied by the annual returns for the year beginning January 1st and closing December 31st, which reports will be signed by the Illustrious Master and Recorder and be attested with the seal of the Council and be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Council for degrees conferred and for the member per capita and assessments.

### BE REWRITTEN TO READ:

**Article 10, Section 18. Reports and Fee's.** The Grand Recorder will invoice the Constituent Council for Degrees conferred after each festival and when Degrees are completed. The Grand Recorder will invoice the Constituent Council for member per capita and assessments on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

### RESOLUTION NO. 1e - PASSED

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Council transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Councils have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 4 of the General

Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Section 4. Duties of the Illustrious Master.** It shall be the duty of the Illustrious Master to preside at all Assemblies of the Council and see that the by-laws of his Council and the Constitution and General Laws and Edicts of the Grand Council are strictly observed; that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered; that regular quarterly reports are promptly made to the Grand Council; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He shall appoint a committee to audit annually the books and records of the Council. He shall preside at the Assemblies of his Council. He shall attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council either in person or by proxy.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**Section 4. Duties of the Illustrious Master.** It shall be the duty of the Illustrious Master to preside at all Assemblies of the Council and see that the by-laws of his Council and the Constitution and General Laws and Edicts of the Grand Council are strictly observed; that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered; ~~that regular quarterly reports are promptly made to the Grand Council;~~ and that Degree, Reinstatement fees, and the annual dues are promptly paid. He shall appoint a committee to audit annually the books and records of the Council. He shall preside at the Assemblies of his Council. He shall attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council either in person or by proxy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

**RESOLUTION NO. 1f - PASSED**

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Council transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Councils have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by Article 10, Section 23 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Section 23. Penalties for Failure to Make Reports.** Any Council which shall neglect to make payment of such dues or assessments as may be levied against it by resolution of the Grand Council or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to send at least one representative to the Stated Assembly of the Grand Council, or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to file its quarterly or annual report to the Grand Recorder as required under this code shall be deemed to be delinquent and may, by resolution of the Grand Council, be held under suspension, during which the Council may not function as such except under special dispensation of the Grand Illustrious Master.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**Section 23. Penalties for Failure to Make Reports.** Any Council which shall neglect to make payment of such fees, dues or assessments as may be levied against it by resolution of the Grand Council or which shall fail, neglect, or refuse to send at least one representative to the Stated Assembly of the Grand Council, ~~or which shall fail, neglect or refuse to file its quarterly or annual report to the Grand Recorder~~ as required under this code shall be deemed to be delinquent and may, by resolution of the Grand Council, be held under suspension, during which the Council may not function as such except under special dispensation of the Grand Illustrious Master.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PASSED AS AMMENDED**

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** The Triennial Fund was set aside to help pay the way for the Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Deputy Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to attend the Triennial Session and;

**WHEREAS:** The Triennial Fund has not been changed to account for inflation costs in a number of years, and;

**WHEREAS:** We shouldn't expect the Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Deputy Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to go into great personal debt to attend the Triennial Session.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**Article 6, Section 5. Triennial Fund.** A) The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to twenty (20) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Council as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year in the Triennial Fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Deputy Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, not to exceed twenty (20) cents per mile, one way, by direct route and twenty-five (\$25) dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council.

***BE AMENDED TO READ:***

***Article 6, Section 5. Triennial Fund.*** A) *The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to ~~twenty (20)~~ **seventy-five (\$0.75)** cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Council as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year in the Triennial Fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the*

*Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Deputy Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, not to exceed ~~twenty (20)~~ **sixty-five (\$0.65)** cents per mile, one way, by direct route, **two nights lodging**, and ~~twenty-five (\$25)~~ **fifty (\$50.00)** dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council.*

**\*\*NOTE:** R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, presented an amended version to mirror the resolution that was passed by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. R.:I.: Companion Greene recommended the adoption of the following amended version:

**BE AMENDED TO READ: (This version was presented and passed)**

**Article 6, Section 5. Triennial Fund.**

a) The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to seventy-five (\$0.75) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Council as of December 31st of each year in the Triennial Fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Deputy Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to attend the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council. For each of the three said officers, the maximum sum allowed will be one-third of the accumulated Triennial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [22]

**TELLERS COMMITTEE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed M.:I.: Companion John D. Church, I.: Companion John F. Carter, and I.: Companion Brad Rickelman to the Tellers Committee.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Illustrious General Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma,

The Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Council met on Thursday, April 27th, 2023, in the Boardroom of the Hilton Garden Inn in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by John D. Church, Chairman.

The Past Grand Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma commend Most Illustrious Companion Israel for his leadership and dedication to the progress of Cryptic Masonry during this past year.

We are pleased to note that he was able to make official visits to every one of our constituent Councils during his term and we are certain that his visits were most welcome. We also express our appreciation for his diligence in representing this Grand

Council at the meetings of other bodies and youth groups that comprise the family of Freemasonry in Oklahoma.

We commend him for his unwavering promotion of all of the programs which have been adopted by this Grand Council in recent years; in particular, (i) ritual proficiency, (ii) membership recruitment, (iii) regional degree conferrals, and (iv) member and candidate education. We encourage his successors to do the same.

The committee also reviewed that portion of the Annual Report submitted by the Grand Illustrious Master enumerating his official acts during the recess of this Grand Council, along with other of his acts and recommendations. We found that his dispensation issued to Tulsa Council No. 22 to move the date of its annual elections to be in conformity with accepted law and practice and well within his power.

The committee reviewed the seven Resolutions that have been submitted for the consideration of this Grand Assembly.

The first six of these Resolutions (1a – 1f) propose minor changes to the General Laws of this Grand Council, eliminating the requirement for Quarterly and Annual Reports due to our transition to electronic record keeping. Each of these six Resolutions was found to be in legal and proper form.

The seventh Resolution (4) proposes to increase the annual allocation to the Triennial Fund and to modify the method of disbursement of that Fund. An amendment to this Resolution has been proposed by the Triennial Committee. Both the Resolution and the proposed amendment were found to be in legal and proper form.

In conclusion, we applaud our Grand Illustrious Master for a job well done and look forward to his many years of continued service to the York Rite of Oklahoma.

Fraternally Submitted:

John D. Church [33] – Chairman, Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr, [18] – Recorder,  
Charles L. Stuckey [43], Andrew B. Palmer [22], William H. Pearce [22],  
John L. Logan [52], Larry D. White [22], Daniel D. Hanttula [27], Kevin P. Bardy [50]

## CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma:

### ARTICLE 3.

**Section 1. Committees.** After his election, the Grand Illustrious Master shall appoint the following committees to serve, except as otherwise provided, during his term of office:

**e.** Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Consisting of three members plus the Grand Principal of the Work as the ex-officio member.

### Section 2. Duties of Committees.

**d.** The Committee on Charters and Dispensations. They shall review all returns and reports on the condition of Councils, whether chartered or under dispensation, together with the reports of the Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Recorder thereon, and report its findings and recommendations.

During the 2022-2023 term, there were no requests for Charters or Dispensations to organize a new Council.

We defer to the Grand Illustrious Master's address for comments on the condition of the Councils. We believe the statistical information in the Grand Recorders report does not require explanation. We refer any further inquiry regarding dispensations to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, PGIM [52, 48] Chairman, John D. Church, PGIM [33, 48, 59],  
Robert G. Davis, [50]

## **WORK AND RETURNS**

A dialog has occurred between the Grand Recorder and the Grand Council dais officers regarding whether this Committee is relevant in today's digital world. The Grand Recorder has instant access to the Constituent Council's membership records and can edit and fix any errors. Additionally, the Annual Returns are automated with the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma subscribing to MMS, our online membership database. The Grand Recorder takes those statistics and invoices the local Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [22] – Chairman, Timothy P. Israel [25, 33], James R. Taylor, Jr. [22],  
Brian Ragain [21]

## **CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma,

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

Over the past several years, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians or Assistant Custodians of the Work, have been held in most of our constituent Councils. At these Schools, we have concentrated our instruction on the ritual for the opening and closing of a Council and the reception of visitors. In a few of the Councils, the Companions have requested that we also provide instruction in the ritual of one or more of the Council degrees.

We wish to remind our constituent Councils that they should be regularly opening their Assemblies in ritualistic form as called for in Article 10, Section 16 of the General Laws of this Grand Council. The Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work are prepared to assist our Councils in this effort in any way necessary. It is our hope that, in the future, we will be able to hold a School of Instruction in each constituent Council at least once every two years.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] - Chairman, John L. Logan [48, 52],  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma:

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each appointed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander respectively, serving staggered terms. The purpose of the committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings are typically to review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other such matters as deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, Chapter 2020-2023 [48, 52], Chairman, Mathew Turner,  
Commandery 2021-2024 [18, 27], Charles L. Stuckey, Council 2022-2025 [22, 41]

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To the M.:I.: Grand Master and Members of the Grand Council:

The Finance Committee met by a zoom conference in March and examined the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Recorder for the Grand Council Operating Account, and found them to be in order. The data will be included in the Grand Treasurer's Report and filed as a part of the Proceedings of the Grand Council. The Committee examined the financial statements provided in regard to the Grand Council General Fund and the Grand Council Perpetual Membership Fund and we find them to be in order. The account line items and balances are in line with the bank statements as received.

The proposed budget for the Grand Council for 2023-24 is attached to this report. We recommend its approval by the Grand Council.

We also commend the Grand Secretary/Recorder for his diligent and competent effort month in and month out in maintaining the records of the Grand Council on behalf of the all our companions.



			Budget 2023
		<b>Income</b>	
		<b>ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	
		Oklahoma Per Capita	7,500.00
		G. G. Council Assessment	1,785.00
		CMMRF Assessment	750.00
		DeMolay Donation	187.50
		<b>Total • ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	10,222.50
		<b>INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	
		Perpetual Membership Dividend	2,290.69
		Interest Income-Other	4,903.97
		<b>Total • INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	7,194.66
		<b>FEES</b>	
		Degree Fees	500.00
		Dispensation Fee	10.00
		Reinstatement Fee	10.00
		FEES-OTHER	0.00
		<b>Total • FEES</b>	520.00
		<b>RESALE</b>	
		Ritual Resale	200.00
		RESALE-Other	0.00
		<b>Total • RESALE</b>	200.00
		<b>MISC INCOME</b>	
		GG Council Life Memberships	0.00
		MISC Income	150.00
		<b>Total - MISC INCOME</b>	150.00
		<b>GRAND SESSIONS</b>	
		Grand Sessions Income	8,500.00
		<b>Total • GRAND SESSIONS</b>	8,500.00
		<b>Total Income</b>	26,787.16
		<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>26,787.16</b>
		<b>Expense</b>	
		<b>STAFF</b>	
		Grand Recorder Salary	5,250.00
		Payroll Taxes	450.00
		Grand Treasurer's Allowance	200.00
		<b>Total • STAFF</b>	5,900.00
		<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	
		Per Capita - Gen Grand Council	1,785.00
		CMMRF Donation	750.00
		DeMolay Donation	300.00
		<b>Total • ASSESSMENTS</b>	2,835.00
		<b>YOUTH EXPENSES</b>	
		Youth Ads	100.00
		<b>Total • YOUTH EXPENSES</b>	100.00
		<b>CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>	
		23 • M.I.G.M. TRAVEL - ISRAEL*	1,250.00
		24 • M.I.G.M. TRAVEL - DAVIS*	1,250.00
		Grand Recorders Travel	200.00
		M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense	250.00
		Grand Sessions Expense	8,500.00
		Grand Sessions Host Expense	250.00
		Grand Sessions-Headquarters	1,100.00
		Grand Sessions-Awards	125.00
		Past Gr. Illust Master's Jewel	629.00
		South Central Conference	0.00
		Triennial	742.00
		Other	0.00
		<b>Total - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL</b>	14,296.00

		<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	
		<b>Rent</b>	
		Muskogee Storage Rent	33.00
		Quarterly Meeting Rent	0.00
		G.M. Festival Rent	100.00
		Drumright Masonic Lodge	0.00
		<b>Total - Rent</b>	133.00
		<b>Telecommunications</b>	
		Phone and Internet	400.00
		Website	75.00
		<b>Total - Telecommunications</b>	475.00
		<b>Office Supplies</b>	
		General Office Supplies	40.00
		Ink	120.00
		Computer Software	290.00
		Office Equipment	0.00
		MMS Online Database	223.16
		<b>Total - Office Supplies</b>	673.16
		<b>Printing and Reproduction</b>	
		Pre Print	120.00
		Proceedings	150.00
		Publications	0.00
		Check Order	0.00
		PRINTING-Other	0.00
		<b>Total Printing and Reproduction</b>	270.00
		<b>Postage and Delivery</b>	
		PO Box Rental	61.00
		Stamps	63.00
		<b>Total Postage and Delivery</b>	124.00
		<b>Insurance</b>	
		Bond Premium	131.00
		<b>Total - Insurance</b>	131.00
		<b>Repairs</b>	
		Equipment Repairs	0.00
		<b>Total - Repairs</b>	0.00
		<b>Total - OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	1,806.16
		<b>MISC</b>	
		Rituals	250.00
		Regalia	0.00
		Digitize Proceedings	1,200.00
		Misc - Other	250.00
		<b>Total - MISC</b>	1,700.00
		<b>EDUCATION</b>	
		Education Course	150.00
		<b>Total - EDUCATION</b>	150.00
		<b>Total Expense</b>	26,787.16
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<b>MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	
		<b>Income</b>	
		<b>Membership Development</b>	
		Membership Development Interest	707.50
		Membership Development Other	0.00
		<b>Total - Membership Development</b>	707.50
		<b>Total Income</b>	707.50
		<b>Gross Profit</b>	707.50
		<b>Expense</b>	
		<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
		Promotional Expense	305.00
		DeMolay Sword	402.50
		<b>Total 9000 - MEMBERSHIP</b>	707.50
		<b>Total Expense</b>	707.50
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**NOTE:** \*\*Any funds budgeted for G.I.M's Travel - (2023-2024) not disbursed during 2023 will be carried over to the 2024 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Davis [50] - Chairmen, James R. Taylor, Jr. [22], Brian Ragain [21]

### FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence is that the only out-of-state contact or correspondence received has been via Facebook. The in-state correspondence has been through phone calls and emails with the Grand Ill. Master, Grand High Priest, and Past Grand Officers.

Respectfully Submitted.

B. F. Rowland, Jr.

### EDUCATION

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma,

Significant progress has been made in recent years by the Committee on Education in producing and making available Cryptic educational resources to both our Councils and members.

The Cryptic Masonry Education Course was published by the Grand Council in 2017. This text covers the history and symbolism of the three Council degrees and follows the same format as the Capitular Masonry Education Course, which was published by the Grand Chapter several years earlier. The Course provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study.

In an effort to foster more opportunities for educational presentations during Council meetings, in 2018 the Committee on Education developed twenty-four lessons which are drawn from the Cryptic Masonry Education Course, the Ritual of the Grand Council, and the Bible. These Lessons are specifically designed to enable presentation, participation, and discussion as a group during Councils meetings.

During 2021, a copy of the Cryptic Masonry Education Course and a copy of the Lessons on Cryptic Masonry were distributed to each of our Councils.

During 2021 and 2022, the Committee on Education added one new educational resource for our Councils and members: A monthly education e-newsletter. Each month we explored a topic which we hoped was of interest to Cryptic Masons (and Royal Arch Masons). Each e-newsletter drew heavily from the two publications mentioned above, along with additional material from Masonic monitors, encyclopedias, and periodicals. Also included were relevant video presentations and links to even more information about that month's topic.

The twenty-fourth and final edition of this monthly e-newsletter was released in January 2023. Since then we have assembled all of our previously released editions into a single website, with links to each of the twenty-four topics covered. This new website may be found at:

<https://okyorkrite.com/>

We urge our Councils and members to utilize these plentiful resources and make  
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Cryptic education an integral part of their Masonic experience.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] - Chairman, Robert G. Davis [50], Timothy P. Israel [25, 33], Brian M. Ragain [21]

## MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Companions, This past year has been a busy one as we were again able to host our regional festivals as well as our annual Grand Masters Festival. It is extremely important for each and every one of us to consider ourselves as a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from each and every one of us to get out and visit our local lodges and tell our brethren about all of the reasons they should be a York Rite Mason. Our future depends on it.

One thing that was particularly disturbing in reviewing the annual report was seeing the loss of 41 Companions statewide due to suspension for non-payment of dues. The question looms as to why these members decided to leave their Council. We need to be diligent in following up with these companions and find out why they are leaving. Then we can start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all.

Sadly we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost 33 Companions this past year. May we keep these Companions and their families in our prayers.

It is vital that we all work together to promote the York Rite to those who have not yet experienced it. At the same time we need to reach out to members we have lost to suspensions and encourage them to return. In closing I would like to thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master Timothy P. Israel for the privilege of serving as State Membership Chairman during his year and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2]

## TRIENNIAL

To: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

### ARTICLE 3.

**Section 1. h. Committee on Triennial.** Consists of three Past Grand Illustrious Masters appointed by the Grand Illustrious Master at the first Stated Assembly following the Triennial Assembly and shall serve the Triennial term. They shall serve from one Triennial until the next.

**Section 2. Duties of Committees. g. The Committee on Triennial.** They shall advise the Grand Council of matters pertaining to the Triennial and make all arrangements for attendance at Assembly of the General Grand Council. They shall perform such duties as custom and usage require.

## **ARTICLE 6.**

### **Section 1. Financial Revenues.**

### **Section 5. Triennial Fund.**

- a. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to twenty (20) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Council as of December 31 of each year in the Triennial Fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Deputy Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, not to exceed twenty (20) cents per mile, one way, by direct route and twenty-five (\$25) dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council.
- b. Any balance remaining shall be distributed equally among the Past Grand Illustrious Masters and Grand Recorder attending the Triennial Assembly, provided that none shall receive an amount in excess of the largest allowance to a Grand Officer or more than he would receive if computed on the same basis as the Grand Officer's allowance.
- c. Provided further that if a Grand or Past Grand Officer is eligible to receive an allowance from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, the total amount to be received shall be subject to the maximum as outlined herein. The allowance to the member from each of the respective Grand Bodies shall be determined by agreement of the Triennial Committee Chairmen.
- d. Any balance remaining in the Triennial fund after the close of the General Grand Council shall be returned to the General Fund of this Grand Council.

The 72<sup>ND</sup> Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and the 48<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons will be held in Branson, Missouri, on August 12-17, 2023, at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa & Convention Center. Information and registration are available at [www.triennial.org](http://www.triennial.org).

Fraternally submitted,

John L. Logan [48, 52] - Chairman, William J. Cloud [59], Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]

## **YORK RITE COORDINATION**

### **HERE IS WHAT WE DID (at least) THIS YEAR**

We have not really followed the process set forth in our Laws since they were amended. The process that has been used is for all the Grand Officers to meet 'at what we call' "Quarterly Meetings." Our goal in the Quarterly Meeting is to get input from all 3 York Rite Bodies and the Officers present at those meetings. We have not restricted the attendance to just Grand Officers, although we seek to have them all show up, whether in person or on ZOOM.

This year the three Grand Heads have met regularly in addition to those

meetings. We meet in person, on the phone, over Zoom, or via email. There is barely a week that has passed that we have not had some type of consultation together in twos or with all three. We have sought to have a uniform front on all of our major decisions.

#### HERE IS THE GRAND COUNCIL CODE

i. Committee on York Rite Coordination- **Prior to 2016**

*This Committee shall consist of the Grand Illustrious Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and Grand Captain of the Guard. (Amended 4/22/2016)*

***Prior to 2016***

- k. Committee on York Rite Coordination. This Committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master and three members to be appointed. Each Grand Illustrious Master shall make the appointment of one member for a three year term. If and when vacancies occur, the Grand Illustrious Master will appoint a new member to serve for the unexpired term.

I am including the language used in the Codes of the Chapter and Council. The Commandery is the same, but has additional language which is italicized at the end.

#### AFTER 2016

**h. The Committee on York Rite Coordination.** They shall research, plan and recommend programs for the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma; coordinate promotional material; plan area and statewide festivals; provide a continuing file of personnel and facilities available for degree work; and such other duties as may be delegated to this Committee by joint agreement of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Illustrious Master and the Grand Commander. The Committee shall hold a minimum of three (3) meetings annually, the first of which shall be held within the three weeks following the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The first meeting to be held will include the election from its membership of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Recorder. A written report of each meeting shall be furnished to the Grand High Priest, the Grand Illustrious Master and the Grand Commander for their study and implementation.

*It is recommended that the Grand Commander appoint the Committee to consist of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General. The Committee shall serve concurrently with similar committees from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.*

#### YORK RITE COORDINATION REPORT and COMMENTARY

It appears that it may be time to revisit the design of this Committee. **Prior to 2016**, it was a committee of four, the Deputy Grand Master by virtue of his office and of 3 others who serve for a three year term. The One which is appointed by the MIGM will serve for 3 years. The two remaining members will serve out their 3 year term. **This was changed in 2016 and appears to now be the top 4 elected officers.**

They have very specific duties. They are supposed to act in connection with the York Rite Coordination Committee of each of the other two York Rite Bodies. The presiding Grand Officers, if they choose and agree, can assign specific duties to these committees. The code specifies when the first meeting shall be and how officers of the Committees shall be elected. The committees shall send a written report of their

3 mandatory meetings to the respective Grand Presiding Officer of their body.

The appointment of the top four elective officers (not including the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary / Recorder) is now mandated in Chapter and Council, but only suggested in Commandery.

I wanted all to know how I read this to work. The reality is that this year we did not follow this directive in our Constitution and Code. I set forth that reality for this year in the first few paragraphs of my report above. I have apparently served on this Committee since my election to this Grand Council Line. We know certain things have not happened during a portion of this these last few years due to COVID and the restrictions it placed upon us.

I fully believe that the three York Rite Bodies should coordinate their activities. I believe that has been done during the time I have held an elected office in the Grand Council.

By virtue of my term ending, I will no longer be on this Committee. As Chairman, I have drafted this report on my own and will share it with my Committee Members as well as the other two Grand Presiding Officers. If our Grand Bodies decide that they want to seek to amend this Committee, they will be free to make whatever decisions they would like.

Fraternally submitted,  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33],

## **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

No Report Given

## **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

This Committee is comprised of the Grand Scribe Blaine McKnight, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Jim Taylor, and the Grand Generalissimo Glen Chaney. All Committee members were actively involved in all aspects of the festival.

The Grand Master's Festival was held in Oklahoma City on September 10, 2022. At the festival, 45 Companions were greeted as Select Masters. We thank Alpha Council No. 18 for hosting the festival and for all the hard work to make it successful.

The Committee extends appreciation to the Royal Master degree team from Tulsa Council No. 22 and the Select Master degree team consisting of members from the Central Oklahoma Councils. They are to be commended for the excellent work exemplified at the festival.

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] – Chairman, Blaine C. McKnight [3], Glen A. Chaney [21]

## REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

During this Cryptic year, two separate Regional Festivals were scheduled. They were held in the Central Region in Oklahoma City on February 4, 2023 where 5 Select Masters were greeted, and in the Northeast Region in Tulsa on February 25, 2023 there were 6 Select Masters greeted. The Mark Master and Past Master Degrees were conferred prior to the festival.

Although we had a small number of candidates, the Companions from around the state were present to welcome the candidates to York Rite Masonry. Conferring these first two degrees before the festival is proving to be quite effective, as it allows the candidates to have a more personal experience as they are introduced into York Rite Masonry while exposing them to a 'field day' with multiple candidates. We hope that more Chapters and Councils will be performing these degrees in the future, allowing for a less hectic experience at the festivals.

I want to thank my Committee members for their efforts to promote Cryptic Masonry in their Regions.

Fraternally Submitted,

Brian Ragain [21] Chairman, Central - William J. Cloud [59],  
N. Central - Robert L. Spratt [50], Northeast - Larry D. White [22],  
Northwest - Troy L. Collier [52], S. Central - Michael Wright [11,61]  
Southeast - Johnny D. Allford [3]

## MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

To the Grand Council of Oklahoma:

M.I. Grand Master and Companions,

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma is an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation formed on July 9, 1930, to encourage charity, benevolence, education, and philanthropy. It was created so Oklahoma Freemasonry's institutional giving could be better focused and coordinated. The activities of the Foundation do not replace those of the individual Masons; they merely serve to supplement them.

## MANAGEMENT

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twenty-two members. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma elects fifteen 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 Order of the Eastern Star. Board members receive no monetary compensation of any kind. The Foundation has full-time staff working in the Edmond office under John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve in 2023:

President	Neil A. Stitt
1st VP	Jack L. Painter
2nd VP	Gene McKelvey
Treasurer	Ronald J. Chambers
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan



## **FINANCIAL**

The Foundation's 12/31/2022 combined balance sheet, less the Throckmorton Trust, reflects total assets of \$96,645,221, a decrease of \$17,410,524 from one year ago. Endowments, less the Throckmorton Trust, total \$90,816,030, an increase of \$1,016,555 from one year ago.

## **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 scholarships, local disasters, local charitable causes, and local community services. In 2022, 192 Lodges used the program for \$1,502,402. Since the Matching Funds Program began, the Foundation has contributed \$36,104,022 to support local charitable or educational projects. The local lodges' participation has created a minimum of \$72,208,044 of support for local community needs.

Matching Funds dollars have allowed lodges to double their fundraising ability to support local community needs. In 2022, Matching Funds provided an additional \$606,854 in support for youth and public education, \$135,659 to local fire, police, and veterans organizations, \$356,968 to individuals in need (or organizations who provide direct services to needy individuals), \$103,093 to senior citizen centers and charities who provide aid to seniors, \$64,962 to Masonic Youth Orders, and \$47,815 to support local museums, libraries, parks, and historical preservation projects. Matching Funds dollars and lodge fundraising injected over \$2.7 million into community charitable and educational projects.

## **PROMISES MATTER**

The Foundation stands ready to assist those Lodges and OES Chapters in caring for their needy members through matching funds or direct grants. Each Lodge or Chapter is best positioned to know which members need assistance. Lodges may use their entire \$12,500 matching funds for Promises Matter activities. In 2022, Promises Matter Matching Funds provided an additional \$327,430 to assist female OES and Master Masons members and widows with immediate financial needs due to illness, injury, or other hardship. Also, eight different Lodges received Promises Matter Grants totaling \$33,153. The average grant amount distributed was \$2,763.

**The Masonry in Action Award** program began in 2013 to recognize lodges that do an outstanding job utilizing the Foundation programs. The Foundation allows each winning Lodge the opportunity to specify a worthy nonprofit in their community to receive a \$5,000 grant. In 2022, Maud-Konawa Lodge 106 was the small lodge category winner, and Owasso Lodge 545 won the large lodge class for the sixth year. Maud-Konawa Lodge 106 designated their prize funds to provide a charitable grant of \$5,000. The Lodge chose to award the Maud and Konawa Public Schools for high school senior scholarships in Masonry in Action Award funds. Owasso Lodge 545 awarded their \$5,000 community grant to an outdoor education program administered by the Owasso Fraternal Order of Police and their Shop with a Cop Christmas program. Congratulations to both lodges!

If your Lodge wants to know more about the Foundation programs, please call or come by the Foundation office to discuss your needs.

## **PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS**

The Foundation works with other organizations to achieve worthwhile goals and make Masonic charity more visible across Oklahoma.

**Partners in Prevention** is a partnership with **Vizavance**. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. The Foundation granted \$300,000 to support the ongoing costs of the program. Over 140,000 students were screened in the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. The Foundation has provided over \$5 million to support this important mission, One Goal, One Vision, and One Mission Advancing Children's Education Through Better Vision!

**Food Bank** support has been an annual program since 2011. In 2022 the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$69,000 being donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$31,000 to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2022 Masonic Food for Kids campaign ran from August 1 through October 15. This statewide effort combines the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, and Griffin Communications (Channel 5 in OKC and Channel 6 in Tulsa). Food Bank is one of three projects with statewide visibility that attempt to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

**The Oklahoma State Department of Education** - Our support for public education was demonstrated in nine statewide programs.

1. **The Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year** program honors teachers who make outstanding contributions to the public education of our youth. The State Teacher of the Year is awarded a check for \$5,000, and each of the eleven finalists receives \$1,000. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.
2. **The Student of Today Award** is a program that encourages outstanding performance in students of all grade levels by recognizing exemplary students. Each recipient receives a certificate, usually from a local Mason, at their school's awards assembly, or some Lodges host banquets for the winners. In 2022, the Foundation prepared 1,792 certificates for presentation.
3. **Freemasonry uses the Teacher of Today Award program** in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that make a daily difference in our children's lives. 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 future burden on their shoulders. In 2022, the Foundation prepared 595 certificates for presentation.

4. **The State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence** honor the Fifty top high school seniors in our state's visual and performing arts. Also, the leading school administrators and 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 2023 event will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite on April 18, 2023.
5. **The Payne Education Center** is a nonprofit 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 scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. In 2022, \$115,000 was provided, half allocated for teacher scholarships and the other to support their Digital Phonics Program.
6. **The Youth Scholarship Program** funding is through the Education Endowment. The scholarship program is open to DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow members. This year sixty scholarships of \$3,000 each were budgeted, and forty-three were awarded as follows: DeMolay 9, Job's Daughters 2, and Rainbow 32.
7. **The Senior Essay Contest** was launched in 1966 in support of education. Writing teaches critical thinking skills. The essay contest is open to all seniors in Oklahoma public schools. The Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma sponsors it as part of its continuing commitment to education. Cash prizes in the Men's and Women's divisions range from \$2,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to \$200 for 10<sup>th</sup> place. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be made to each of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in high school. For the 2022 – 2023 contests, 529 seniors entered the contest. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 20 statewide winners of the contest, and \$5,000 grants to the schools of each of the statewide first-place winners. Certificates for presentation to the local division winners of 62 high schools sponsored by 54 Lodges will be provided to the local Lodge.

**Senior Assistance Program-** Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a Department of Human Services division, \$798,146 was given in November 2022 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2023. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated \$11,660,930 in the name of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at [www.okdhs.org](http://www.okdhs.org).

## CHARITABLE GRANTS

In addition to partnerships with other charitable organizations or agencies, the Masonic Charity Foundation makes several grants yearly to support Public Education, Public Wellness, and Public Charities. Some highlights of 2023 grantmaking are:

- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to the Mercy Women's Health Center, which is currently finalizing construction. Due to the tremendous growth in the need for women's healthcare, there is an urgent need to increase the amount of physical space and quality of healing. The new center will offer comprehensive, collaborative care. An essential priority is providing services to the economically disadvantaged.
- Hearts for Hearing provides audiology and speech pathology services in a unique one-stop setting for children with hearing loss. Charitable services for young children ensure they can learn to speak, connect with the world, and become self-sufficient members of their families and communities. A \$200,000 grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma will benefit hearing-loss families. In addition to providing the first set of hearing aids to children ten years of age and under at no cost to families, Hearts for Hearing also offers financial assistance for specialized speech therapy and audiology services.
- The Cavett Kids Foundation helps children with terminal or chronic illnesses thrive by using camp experiences to build character, coping skills, and connection. Camps are provided for kids of every age who may be dealing with heart issues, cancer, or other disorders. Masonic charity's \$25,000 camp funding in 2023 will provide two of Cavett's highest-level camp experiences throughout the year.
- The YMCA Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers International Airport provides a safe location for military personnel to rest, access mail and telephone services, find refreshments, and prepare for the journey onward. The Masonic Charity Foundation provided \$18,000 to support the operation of this facility in 2023.

## **SUPPORT OF MASONIC GROUPS**

- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation supports a charitable or educational cause or project of the Grand Master's choice. In 2022, a \$12,000 grant for equipment was provided to the Arnett High School Science Department STEM program.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! In addition, \$64,449 in Matching Funds will be provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters in 2022. Scholarships of \$3,000 to youth order members and \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- The Supreme Assembly, IORG, also received a \$200,000 donation for renovating the Supreme Assembly building in McAlester.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
  - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

- An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operating under the Masonic Service Association of North America that publicly provides information on Freemasons and responds to Freemasonry critics.
- The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma supports *every* Masonic Services Association of North America plea for disaster support with a \$1,000 donation.
- Masonic Charity Foundation also provides annual contributions of \$4,000 to the Masonic Service Association of North America's Hospital Visitation Program, making Oklahoma's support of this program competitive nationally.

### **Foundation Activities**

Additional information can also be found at the Foundation's website, [www.mcfok.org](http://www.mcfok.org). We also try to share positive stories regarding Masonic activities on Facebook.

It has been a great honor to serve as a Masonic Charity Foundation board member, and I thank the members for the opportunity to do this important work.

Respectfully submitted,  
John D Allford, PGIM

### **CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH**

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

The ICVBM is committed to being a leader in basic as well as applied research in understanding vascular wellness and disease, and the development of leading-edge medical therapies to improve the care of patients with vascular problems. Through your continued donations, CMMRF has funded and continues to fund research and treatment through stem cell therapy and has resulted in medical breakthroughs in the treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Type 1 Diabetes, Cancer, Peripheral Artery Disease, Heart Disease, Stroke, COVID-19, and many other illness and disease that were poorly managed by today's medical standards. Because blood vessels are very important in maintaining the health of and repairing almost all tissues, nearly all diseases turn out to have a vascular component involved in their origin or tissue repair. Studies testing the use of adult stem cells from bone marrow, vertebral bone, and various ethically sourced samples are proving to be the future of medicine, made possible by our donations.

Nationally, donations made to CMMRF in 2022 totaled \$463,788.11, an increase of \$72,267.02 over the previous year. Oklahoma's giving of \$4,715.00 was a Grand Council 54

decrease of \$2,503.56 over the previous year. Donations made by Oklahoma's Companions ranked 21st in 2022 in comparison to other jurisdictions.

"The Bernard F. Mandlebaum Award recognizes the local Council which is credited with the largest dollar contribution in the preceding calendar year. Most Puissant Companion Mandlebaum was Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Oklahoma in 1962-1963. He served as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International from 1984-1987." Woodward Council #52's total donations of \$1,620.00 were the largest dollar contribution in 2022.

"The Robert W. Hill Award recognizes the local Council which is credited for the largest average contribution per member in the preceding calendar year. Most Illustrious Companion Hill was first Grand Illustrious Master of Indian Territory, serving in 1895-1896. He was a member of Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, Indian Territory." Woodward Council #52's \$43.78 per member contribution was the largest in 2022.

Each Oklahoma Council is urged to hold at least one fundraising event each year for the benefit of this worthy philanthropy and to participate in CMMRF Month during March, and we are asking for a \$5 donation for each member of their Council. More information can be found at CMMRF.org or CrypticMasons.org. This year, Lawton #21, Tulsa #22, Woodward #52 and Stillwater #50 have met these requirements. Thank you!

Fraternally submitted,

Brian Ragain [21] - Chairman, John Church [33,48,59], John L. Logan [52, 48], Larry White [22]

## DEMOLAY

It has been an honor to serve on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Council this year. It appeared to be a good year for the DeMolays of Oklahoma, as they have continued to work hard and accomplish many things. We had two great candidates to award the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. Seeing them accomplish so much to help their chapters and DeMolay across the state was wonderful. They were both outstanding candidates, and we could have honorably selected either one. Holden Farmer from Myrtle Chapter of DeMolay was selected and awarded the sword at their Winterfest in February. He has worked diligently in his Chapter to help it grow and show great leadership. We hope he and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel [18] - Chmn., Michael L. Branson [50], Timothy Israel [25], and Jon B. Greene [22]

## ALL YOUTH

During the past year, most of the restrictions necessitated by the Covid 19 pandemic have been relaxed, and all three orders have resumed almost normal operations. However, the youth orders must continually recruit new members. Older members "majority out" and without an influx of new initiates the membership

numbers automatically decline. Because of the pandemic, all three orders were restricted in their ability to recruit new members for many months and are trying to make up for the time that was lost.

York Rite members throughout the state have supported their local youth groups with their time and money.

Most DeMolay activities resumed to their pre-2020 level. Conclave 2022 was held at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, July 7 - 10, 2022 with 182 registered attendees – a slight decrease from last year. Winterfest 2023 was held in Tulsa at the Doubletree Hotel, January 27 - 29 with good attendance. DeMolay Leadership Conference (DLC) was held on the campus of UCO in Edmond, July 17 – 23 with 125 attendees, which was an improvement over the previous year. Statewide membership is currently 675, which is a decrease of 21 members from the previous year. It should be noted that membership in DeMolay is for life and the 675 members are not all active participants. We currently have eighteen active DeMolay Chapters.

Oklahoma Rainbow has resumed virtually normal operations after the pandemic. Grand Assembly 2022 was held at OU on Memorial Day Weekend with good attendance. The Grand Worthy Advisor's project this year is Oklahoma Cancer Research Institute. Her goal is to raise \$10,000 and is nearly there. This year was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Rainbow in McAlester, Oklahoma, by Rev. W. Mark Sexson, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma. The Supreme Assembly was held in Oklahoma City July 27 to August 4 with attendees from all over the United States and many foreign countries. Oklahoma Rainbow performed the Grand Cross of Color Ritual and did an outstanding performance in front of the international attendees. The Mother Advisor's Workshop and Rainbow Leadership Retreat were both held in Guthrie and were very successful. The current membership is 353 which is a decrease from the previous year. Oklahoma Rainbow has twenty-three active Assemblies.

Oklahoma Job's Daughters: There are currently four active Bethels with 28 members in Oklahoma. Oklahoma Job's Daughters is being managed long distance by a Supreme Deputy in Kansas. There is not currently a Supreme Deputy in Oklahoma.

Fraternally,  
D. Ridge Smith [59]

## **REGIONAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES**

The 65th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 16th – 17th, 2022 in Shreveport, LA. York Rite Masons from a six-state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) participated in the conference. In addition, a number of national and international Grand Officers were in attendance.

There were interesting presentations from representatives of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Leadership training was also available through the “York Rite Leadership Training Program.”

The 66th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 15th – 16th, 2023 at Branson MO.

The complete schedule and registration materials will be posted on the South-Central Region website (<http://southcentralyr.org/>) and the Oklahoma York Rite website (<https://okyorkrite.org/>) when they become available. The Oklahoma York Rite last hosted this annual conference in 2015 and is not scheduled to host it again until 2024. All Oklahoma York Rite Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fraternally submitted,

William J. "Jim" Cloud [101], Robert G. Davis [50], John E. King [25, 33]

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year. The Grand York Rite website has a new look. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank M.: I.: C.: Timothy P. Israel, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, for his confidence and for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman, John R. Christopher [48], Robert W. [Bob] McLeod [2, 22]

### NECROLOGY

To the members of the Grand Council,

There are loved ones who are missing from the fireside and the feast;  
There are faces that have vanished, there are voices that have ceased  
But we know they passed forever from our mortal grief and pain,  
And we thank Thee, O our Father, for the memories that remain.

Human life, like nature, has its seasons. Childhood and youth are the spring of life. Manhood is the summer. Declination is the autumn. There is a period when, life having reached its full maturity, decay sets in. The cold wind has touched its heart, chilled the blood and slackened the circulation. The summit is reached, and the path leads down. The leaf becomes more and more withered; at length it falls, and the tree stands naked, awaiting the cold blasts of winter. Old age is that winter. Let it fall, because it must! Whether it is in the vivacity of youth, the vigor of manhood, or the frailties of age we know that we have "a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The leaves of their lives have fallen and they must! And, yet...and yet...  
We thank you, God! We thank you, God!

That their love once blessed us here; That so long they walked beside us,  
Sharing every smile and tear; For the joy the past has brought us,  
That never can be taken away, For the sweet and gracious memories will always stay  
with us.

Amen and Amen!



Let us offer a fraternal tribute to the memory of our companions who have laid aside the tools of their operative labors, and have gone to their reward.

Bruce James Williams, Hampton Wade Anderson, Marvin Lynwood Chamberlin, Johnnie D Grimes, John Horace O'Neal, James G Harlow III, Lowell Jones, Rick E Swanson, Jimmy Wesley Bailey Jr, Frank William Burt, Eugene Herbert Scott, Robert C Shady, John W Clift, John Davis Miller Jr, Gary A Odendahl, Melvin Ray Parker, Ronnie Dean Taylor, Joe Allen Williams, Bob L Carr, McGregor Ray Coffman, Lester Alvin Cowan Jr, Forrest Neil Ridgway, Fred A Oberlender, Charles Kent Callahan, Ralph Konelick, Juney L Patterson.

Fraternally,  
David Tennison [48] - Grand Chaplain

### **COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE**

Greetings Companions! Welcome to the 2023 Grand York Rite Sessions. The planning for the 2023 sessions started last year with the search for a site affording availability, location, and conference needs. This was a challenge this year, especially in the current economic environment. The Hilton Inn/Champion Convention Center was selected as the site for this year's session, and we are confident that it will satisfactorily meet our needs. You may also wish to avail yourself of the local restaurants on Meridian as well as the ladies scheduled visit to the First Americans Museum Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

This year a Friday noon buffet has been added for those needing a little extra "on site" time between sessions as well as a cash bar at the Grand Banquet on Friday evening banquet. Also new this year is the introduction of name badges for all members and invited guests. The badges help in meeting new friends (and old ones) - PLUS they also serve as your admission tickets to the banquets and Friday noon luncheon.

The location for the 2024 Grand Sessions has been planned, and the recommendation/motion will be made at the sessions to hold the 2024 sessions at the Embassy Suites Northwest in Oklahoma City April 25-27, 2024.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the members of my committee this year for their work in helping arrange the sessions: Brad Rickelman, Bob McLeod and Ivan DeTevis. They have made this year much easier on myself and I greatly appreciate their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay A. Wall [48] - Chairman, Brian A. Buswell [18]

### **COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION**

We are pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend the Time and Place Committee, the Grand Recorder, and all who helped for their hard work and planning to make this a successful meeting.

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

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

Fraternally Submitted,  
Brian Ragain [21] Chairman

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Most Illustrious Grand Masters's address and the above committee reports. The motion prevailed.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R.:I.: Companion Robert G. Davis was nominated for the office of Illustrious Grand Master and was elected by acclamation.

R.:I.: James R. Taylor, Jr. was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master and was elected by acclamation.

R.: I.: Brian M. Ragain was nominated for the office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and was elected by acclamation.

R.:I.: Companion Kenton M. Israel was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer and was elected by acclamation.

R.:I.: Companion Jon G. Greene was nominated for the office of Grand Recorder and was elected by acclamation.

I.: Companion Michael S. Wright were nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Guard and was elected by acclamation

R.:I.: Companion Robert G. Davis, Illustrious Grand Master-elect, greeted the Grand Assembly and announced the Appointed Officers and District Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters.

Most Puissant Companion Monty J. Glover, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International., gave his remarks.

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was closed in AMPLE FORM by M.:I.: Timothy P. Israel, M.:I.:G.:M.:.

The Elected and Appointed Officers were installed in their office. The installation team was as follows:

Installing Officer: M.:I.: Companion Charles L. Stuckey P.:I.:G.:M.:.

Installing Marshal: M.:I.: Companion John Logan, R.:D.:G.:G.:M.:. South Central

Installing Recorder: R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder

Installing Chaplain: M.:I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel, P.:I.:G.:M.:.



*Timothy P. Israel*

Timothy P. Israel  
Illustrious Grand Master

*Jon B. Greene*  
Jon B. Greene  
Grand Recorder

## NECROLOGY REPORT

During this annual Grand Assembly, we have gathered to pay tribute to the following Companions who have laid down their swords and have entered into the Celestial Council above:

Muskogee Council No. 2

Rober Beaver

Edward W. Hart

Richard O. Liles

Bruce J. Williams

Union Council No. 3

Hampton W. Anderson

Marvin L. Chamberlin PIGM

Johnie D. Grimes

Ardmore Council No. 11

Hames G. Harlow III

Lowell Jones

Lonnie L. White

Alpha Council No. 18

Kenneth R. Brewster

Rick E. Swanson

Lawton Council No. 21

Jimmy W. Bailey, Jr.

Frank W. Burt

George A. Hanningtton

Eugene H. Scott

Tulsa Council No. 22

James M Casey

John W. Clift

Kenneth W. Donley

Edward W. Hart

Kermit D. Hoffmeier

Gary L. Johnson

John D. Miller, Jr.

Patrick J. Murphy

Gary A. Odendahl

Melvin R. Parker

Samuel L. Silvers

Ronnie D. Taylor

Joe A. Williams

Elk City Council No. 25

Richard A. Cornell

Norman Council No. 27

Bob L. Carr

Altus Council No. 33

McGregor R. Coffman

Bartlesville No. 41

James H Ellis

Bernard Council No. 49

Gary L. Bracken

John J. Petrik PGIM

Guthrie Council No. 48

Lester A. Cowan, Jr.

Robert J. Hanna, Sr.

Burke McCrory

Forrest N. Ridgway

Stillwater Council No. 50

Fred A. Oberlender

Gary A. Odendahl

Capitol Hill Council No. 59

Mark A. Atkins

C. Kent Callahan

I. Dwayne Dixon

Rahph Konelick

Juney L. Patterson

May God grant each of you a beautiful life in Heaven.

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-2024 CRYPTIC YEAR**

Robert G. Davis [50]	Sharon	Most Illustrious Grand Master
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]	Gage	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Brian M. Ragain [21]		Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Kenton M. Israel [18, 25]	Dana	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [22, 41] P.:I.:G.:M.:		Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [22]	Renee	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [22] H.:P.:I.:G.:M.:	Nellie	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]	Kim	Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]		Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Ryan R. Frederick [50]	Linda	Illustrious Grand Marshal
James D. Nobles [18]	Debbie	Illustrious Grand Steward
David D. Shore [33]	Nancy	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Lavern Ragain [21]		Illustrious Grand Chaplain

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR THE 2023-2024 CRYPTIC YEAR**

<b>DISTRICT NO. 1</b> John R. Cooper, Jr. [2, 61]	Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3
<b>DISTRICT NO. 2</b> Charles L. Cook [11]	Ardmore Council No. 11 Mysterious Nine Council No. 61
<b>DISTRICT NO. 3</b> James D. Nobles [18]	Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48
<b>DISTRICT NO. 4</b> James Oats III [21]	Lawton Council No. 21 Altus Council No. 33
<b>DISTRICT NO. 5</b> Michael D. Maxey [22]	Tulsa Council No. 22 Bartlesville Council No. 41
<b>DISTRICT NO. 6</b> Glenn H. Kinsley [52]	Elk City Council No. 25 Woodward Council No. 52
<b>DISTRICT NO. 7</b> Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [59, 61]	Norman Council No. 27 Capitol Hill Council No. 59
<b>DISTRICT NO. 8</b> Justin M. McGee [43]	Bernard Council No. 43 Stillwater Council No. 50

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA  
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2023-2024 CAPITULAR YEAR**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Clyde H Schoolfield, Jr [18] - Chairman  
Tim Israel, [25, 33] - Recorder  
All Past Grand Illustrious Masters

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

John L. Logan [48, 52] - Chairman  
John D. Church [33, 48, 59]  
Robert G. Davis [50]

**WORK AND RETURNS**

Jon B. Greene [22] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]

**CREDENTIALS**

Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [59] - Chairman  
Steven E. Cox [2, 61]  
Bryan C. Shackelford [48]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [22]  
Jon B. Greene [22] Ex Officio

**CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] - Chairman  
John L. Logan [48, 52]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

**FINANCE**

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Chairman  
Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]

**MEMBERSHIP**

Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman  
Central - John R. Christopher [48]  
N. Central - Justin M. McGee [43]  
Northeast - Jim L. Parham [22]  
Northwest - Troy L. Collier [52]  
S. Central - Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]  
Southeast - Donnie G. Higginbotham [3]  
Southwest - James Oates III [21]

**INVESTMENTS**

2022-25 (CM) Charles L. Stuckey [43]  
2023-26 (RAM) John L. Logan [48, 52]  
2021-24 (KT) Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

**TRIENNIAL**

John L. Logan [48, 52] Chairman  
William J. Cloud [59]  
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION**

Robert G. Davis [50] - Chairman  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

B. F. Rowland, Jr. [33]

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

Robert G. Davis [50]  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Glen A. Chaney [21]  
Daniel D. Hanttula [27,61]  
Blaine C. McKnight [3]  
Jon B. Greene [22] ad hoc

### **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL**

Brian M Ragain [21]  
Frank Belluardo [59,61]  
John Turner [27, 50]

### **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS**

Michael S. Wright [11, 61] - Chairman  
Central - [vanant]  
N. Central - Ryan R. Frederick [50]  
Northeast - Mark McFadden [22]  
Northwest - Troy L. Collier [52]  
S. Central - Michael S. Wright [11,61]  
Southeast - Blaine C. Mcknight [3]  
Southwest - Brian M. Ragain [21]

### **ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

Donnie G. Higginbotham [3]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]  
Robert R. Rolseth [22]  
Michael S. Wright [11,61]

### **EDUCATION**

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]  
Robert G. Davis [50]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
Brian M. Ragain [21]

### **REGIONAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES**

Robert G. Davis [50]  
William J. "Jim" Cloud [59]  
John E. King [25, 33]

### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman  
John R. Christopher [48]  
Daniel D. Hanttula [27]

### **COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE**

Jay A. Wall [48]  
Brian A. Buswell [18]

### **CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH**

Brian M. Ragain [21] Chairman  
John D. Church [33,48,59]  
John L. Logan [48, 52]  
Larry D. White [22]

### **MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION**

2022-25 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [3]  
2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
2021-24 [RAM] David A. Ray [27]

### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Robert G. Davis [50] - Chairman  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Jon B. Greene [22]

### **CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Robert G. Davis [50] Chairman  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]  
Jon B. Greene [22]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

## ALL YOUTH COMMITTEE

D. Ridge Smith [59]  
Jon B. Greene [22]  
Donnie G. Higginbotham [3]  
Kenton M. Israel [18,25]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]  
Bryan C. Shackelford [48]

## DEMOLAY

Kenton M. Israel [18,25]  
Michael L. Branson [50]  
Jon B. Greene [22]  
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

## NECROLOGY

Lavern Ragain [21]

## COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Brian M. Ragain [21]

## PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS OF OKLAHOMA

YEAR	NAME	COUNCIL
* 1895-1896	Robert W. Hill	Oklahoma Council No. 1 IT
* 1896-1897	Edmond H. Doyle	Union Council No. 3 IT
* 1897-1898	Zachary T. Walrond	Muskogee Council No. 2 IT
* 1898-1899	Julius Haas	Oklahoma Council No. 1 IT
* 1899-1900	John Coyle	Chickasha Council No. 4 IT
* 1900-1901	Eugene Hamilton	Chickasha Council No. 4 IT
* 1901-1902	Daniel M. Hailey	Union Council No. 3 IT
* 1902-1903	Herbert J. Evans	Muskogee Council No. 2 IT
* 1903-1904	Joseph S. Murrow	Oklahoma Council No. 1 IT
* 1904-1905	William L. Eagleton	Norman Council No. 27 IT
* 1905-1906	William H. Essex	Union Council No. 3 IT
* 1906-1907	Charles C. Kneisly	Guthrie Council No. 7 IT
* 1907-1908	Robert Y. Morrison	Oklahoma Council No. 1 IT
* 1908-1909	Robert H. Henry	Ardmore Council No. 11
* 1909-1910	James A. Scott	Muskogee Council No. 2
* 1910-1911	Thomas J. Sexton	Durant Council No. 12
* 1911-1912	Jabez H. Mann	Union Council No. 3
* 1912-1913	Isham H. G. Hulme	Weatherford Council No. 15
* 1913-1914	John A. Gillis	Frederick Council No. 14
* 1914-1915	Christopher Springer	Union Council No. 3
* 1915-1916	Richard M. Thorp	Eldorado Council No. 19
* 1916-1917	Frederick H. Smith	Oklmulgee Council No. 17
* 1917-1918	William J. Schaefer	Union Council No. 3
* 1918-1919	Charles W. Tedrowe	Elk City Council No. 25
* 1919-1920	Sydnor H. Lester	Shawnee Council No. 26
* 1920-1921	Charles E. Creager	Muskogee Council No. 2
* 1921-1922	Robert Hodgson	Altus Council No. 33
* 1922-1923	Edward P. Gallup	Alpha Council No. 18
* 1923-1924	Edson A. MacMillan	Ada Council No. 10
* 1924-1925	Bert D. Ashbrook	Reno Council No. 13
* 1925-1926	John A. Walker	Tulsa Council No. 22
* 1926-1927	William Noble	Union Council No. 3
* 1927-1928	Rupert J. Daugherty	Bartlesville Council No. 41
* 1928-1929	Daniel W. Swaffar	Ada Council No. 10
* 1929-1930	Thomas B. Frensley	Ardmore Council No. 11
* 1930-1931	Clarence Brain	Alpha Council No. 18
* 1931-1932	Layton S. Chilcutt	Ada Council No. 10
* 1932-1933	Fred R. Kirby	Bernard Council No. 43
* 1933-1934	George E. Dole	Tulsa Council No. 22
* 1934-1935	Leslie H. Swan	Alpha Council No. 18
* 1935-1936	Ed M. Washington	Union Council No. 3



*	1936-1937	Thomas J. Wells	Enid Council No. 34
*	1937-1938	Wilbur P. Lee	Ada Council No. 10
*	1938-1939	Robert H. Phinney	Muskogee Council No. 2
*	1939-1940	Richard E. Newhouse	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	1940-1941	Walter M. Rainey	Oklahoma Council No. 1
*	1941-1942	Charles G. Wattson	Reno Council No. 13
*	1942-1943	Haywood H. Skaggs	Enid Council No. 34
*	1943-1944	William C. Allison	Union Council No. 3
*	1944-1945	Oliver B. Miller	Alpha Council No. 18
*	1945-1946	Seth L. Mapes	Norman Council No. 27
*	1946-1947	Glenn B. Young	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	1947-1948	Wayne Wheelock	Ada Council No. 10
*	1948-1949	William E. Crowe	Enid Council No. 34
*	1949-1950	William H. Powell	Ada Council No. 10
*	1950-1951	Ben F. Frohock	Goodsend Council No. 46
*	1951-1952	A. E. Anderson	Elk City Council No. 25
*	1952-1953	Fridtjof M. Lumbard	Muskogee Council No. 2
*	1953-1954	Robert H. Jelley	Lawton Council No. 21
*	1954-1955	Carl F. Hansen	Oklahoma Council No. 1
*	1955-1956	George G. Duff	Bernard Council No. 43
*	1956-1957	Austin R. Stough	Union Council No. 3
*	1957-1958	Ferrel B. Morrow	Hobart Council No. 32
*	1958-1959	W. King Larimore	Alpha Council No. 18
*	1959-1960	Chester M. Cowen	Chickasha Council No. 4
*	1960-1961	George W. Wright	Guymon Council No. 51
*	1961-1962	John H. White	Union Council No. 3
*	1962-1963	Ben F. Mandlebaum	Bartlesville Council No. 41
*	1963-1964	Thomas L. Townley, Sr.	Norman Council No. 27
*	1964-1965	Luther M. Deatherage	Shawnee Council No. 26
*	1965-1966	O. Kenneth Taylor	Oklmulgee Council No. 17
*	1966-1967	John C. Barnard	Guthrie Council No. 48
*	1967-1968	Percy G. Howes	Murrow Council No. 55
*	1968-1969	Kenneth M. Blakley	Woodward Council No. 52
*	1969-1970	Robert H. Bibb	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	1970-1971	Lorenzo S. Eales	Hobart Council No. 32
*	1971-1972	Seymour B. Ingerson	Bartlesville Council No. 41
*	1972-1973	Robert E. Fielden	Norman Council No. 27
*	1973-1974	D. L. Cooley	Capitol Hill Council No. 59
*	1974-1975	Loren L. Jones	Guthrie Council No. 48
*	1975-1976	John T. West	Ada Council No. 10
*	1976-1977	Herbert O. Nelson	Hobart Council No. 32
*	1977-1978	Eugene Fields	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	1978-1979	Charles H. Warner, Sr.	Norman Council No. 27
*	1979-1980	Allen J. Larson	Ardmore Council No. 11
*	1980-1981	Neal D. Leech	Shawnee Council No. 26
*	1981-1982	Walter L. Harmon	Stillwater Council No. 50
*	1982-1983	L. D. Clark	Alpha Council No. 18
*	1983-1984	Carl Burrows	Hobart Council No. 32
*	1984-1985	Paul A. Fitch	Ardmore Council No. 11
*	1985-1986	George A. Hill	Bernard Council No. 43
*	1986-1987	William A. Nation	Norman Council No. 27
*	1987-1988	Donald M. Keiser	Lawton Council No. 21
*	1988-1989	C. W. Epperson	Shawnee Council No. 26
*	1989-1990	William R. Hudson	Alpha Council No. 18
*	1990-1991	J. O. Rust, Jr.	Muskogee Council No. 2
*	1991-1992	John J. Petrik	Bernard Council No. 43
*	1992-1993	James A. Hogue, Sr.	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	1993-1994	Donald H. Haralson	Norman Council No. 27

	1994-1995	Lewis A. Hullum	Shawnee Council No. 26
	1995-1996	Joseph M. Lusk	Alpha Council No. 18
*	1996-1997	Bill B. Perkins	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	1997-1998	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.	Alpha Council No. 18
*	1998-1999	Rex L. Bowen	Cimarron Valley Council No. 44
*	1999-2000	Glenn Tuttle	Tulsa Council No. 22
*	2000-2001	Monte G. Hendrix	Union Council No. 3
*	2001-2002	Gary D. Rodriguez	Norman Council No. 27
*	2002-2003	Bobby L. Carter	Shawnee Council No. 26
	2003-2004	Elwood M. Isaacs	Bartlesville Council No. 41
	2004-2005	Donald G. Jones	Norman Council No. 27
	2005-2006	Charles L. Stuckey	Bernard Council No. 43
	2006-2007	William D. Bowie, Jr.	Shawnee Council No. 26
**	2007-2008	Raymond J. Lutomski, Jr.	Shawnee Council No. 26
*	2008-2009	E. David Snyder	Bernard Council No. 43
*	2009-2010	Jim W. Mahan	Bartlesville Council No. 41
*	2010-2011	Troy E. Shipman	Union Council No. 3
	2011-2012	Andrew B. Palmer	Tulsa Council No. 22
	2012-2013	William H. Pearce	Tulsa Council No. 22
	2013-2014	John L. Logan	Woodward Council No. 52
*	2014-2015	Marvin Chamberlin	Union Council No. 3
	2015-2016	Larry D. White	Tulsa Council No. 22
	2016-2017	Daniel D. Hanttula	Norman Council No. 27
	2017-2018	William J. (Jim) Cloud	Capitol Hill Council No. 59
	2017	Gary A. Davis (Hon)	Tulsa Council No. 22
	2018-2019	John D. Alford	Union Council No. 3
	2019-2020	Kevin P. Bardy	Stillwater Council No. 50
	2020-2021	John D. Church	Altus Council No. 33
	2021-2022	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Alpha Council No. 18
	2022-2023	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City No. 25
*	Deceased		
**	Lost Membership		
IT	Indian Territory		



## ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

### JAN ISRAEL

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.

Jan (re)started the Rainbow Assembly in Elk City. Jan was able to get all the Elk City recipients of this award to assist her as members of the Advisory Council. Jan was also able to draft most of them to assist in W.O.W. DeMolay Chapter, which was restarted in 1988. Jan has served Oklahoma Rainbow as State Mother Advisor and as the Assebmly Mother since its inception in 2000.

### PAST ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

1991	Gary A. Davis	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*1992	James L. Fisher	Cimarron Valley Council No. 44	Drumright
1993			
1994	Everet Keith Liles	Guthrie Council No. 2	Guthrie
*1995	Curtis Gimlin	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*1996	Willis L. Emerson	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*1997	Gary D. Rodriguez	Norman Council No. 27	Norman
1998	Robert T. Shipe	Capitol Hill Council No. 59	Midwest City
1999	Nellie N. Davis		Drumright
2000	Lanny R. Sander	Woodward Council No. 52	Woodward
2001			
2002	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
2003	David E. Brooks	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
2004	Patrick D. Couch	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
2005	Jimmy G. McKinney	Guthrie Council No. 22	Guthrie
*2006	Ronald Keith Duffield	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
2007	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Union Council No. 3	McAlester
2008	Paul T. Currell	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
2009	Stephen Oneal Singleton	Stillwater Council No. 50	Stillwater
2010	Michael Branson	Stillwater Council No. 50	Stillwater
*2011	Troy E. Shipman	Union Council No. 3	McAlester
*2012	Paul D. Gilliam	Capitol Hill Council No. 59	Midwest City
2013	Ronald J. Minshall	Guthrie Council No. 48	Guthrie
2014	Marvin E. Fletcher II	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
2015	Dudley Ridge Smith	Alpha Council No. 18	Oklahoma City
2016	Bryan C. Shackelford	Guthrie Council No. 48	Guthrie
2017	Jamie B. Jordan	Stillwater Council No.50	Stillwater
2018	Jon B. Greene	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
2019	Robert L. Sprott	Stillwater Council No.50	Stillwater
2020	Stuart S. Lough	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
2021	Oscar L. Shanks	Alpha Council No. 18	Oklahoma City
2022	Jan Israel		Elk City
	* Deceased		



## GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

### MICHAEL T. HARDEN

This award is made for exceptional and meritorious service to Cryptic Masonry and can only be made to one member from each jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Companion Michael T Harden, Sr., has been instrumental in the survival and growth of Muskogee Council No. 2. Companion Harden has served his Council not only as Illustrious Master, but also as the head chef. Companion Harden has been instrumental in much of the behind the scenes happenings. He has worked diligently in helping with the restoration of our beautiful Temple. He has also been the main cook in all the meals in York Rite since 2016. He has worked in helping get the Muskogee York Rite bodies as strong as it is today. He has helped with the membership with reaching out to Brethren to get them back active again, a key part in keeping Muskogee York Rite continuing to stay active. Not only has he been the main cook for the past several years, but also has been the chauffeur to most of, if not all, the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies we visit throughout the year. He is a driver both figuratively and literally. He drives others to do better. He focuses on their strengths and uses that to help them stay more active in the York Rite bodies.

It is with tremendous pleasure and honor the Muskogee Council No. 2 nominates Companion Michael T Harden, Sr., for the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year.

### PAST CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

*1975	F. Carley Bryant	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*1976	Allen J. Larson	Ardmore Council No. 1	Ardmore
*1977	D. L. "Pat" Patton	Clinton Council No. 49	Clinton
*1978	George W. Evans	Circle Council No. 56	Oklahoma City
*1979	William Hensley	Bartlesville Council No. 41	Bartlesville
*1980	John Willis Steward	Norman Council No. 27	Norman
*1981	Charles S. Forbes	Alpha Council No. 18	Oklahoma City
*1982	Raymond E. Bivert	Stillwater Council No. 50	Stillwater
*1983	Orlan R. "Ray" Harrington	Alpha Council No. 18	Oklahoma City
*1984	Robert B. Russell	Lawton Council No. 21	Lawton
*1985	John C. Shanklin	Stillwater Council No. 50	Stillwater
*1986	Frederick Samuel Sloan	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
*1987	James A. Hogue, Sr.	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*1988	Donald H. Haralson	Norman Council No. 27	Norman
*1989	Russell J. Long	Chickasha Council No. 4	Chickasha
*1990	Andrew J. Vloedman	Woodward Council No. 52	Woodward
*1991	Hilden J. Smith	Bartlesville Council No. 41	Bartlesville
*1992	Vincent S. Julliano	Capitol Hill Council No. 59	Oklahoma City
1993	Michael G. Aston	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*1994	Amos G. Robison	Norman Council No. 27	Norman
*1995	Dewey A. Coldiron	Guymon Council No. 51	Guymon
*1996	Herbert Louis Niles	Woodward Council No. 52	Woodward

*1997	T. Smith	Guthrie Council No. 48	Guthrie
2000	Robert E. Goode	Bartlesville Council No. 41	Bartlesville
2001	Robert T. Shipe	Capitol Hill Council No. 59	Midwest City
*2002	Charles F. Moss	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*2003	Charles N. Haley	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
*2004	Hollis O. Edgar	Cimarron Valley Council No. 44	Drumright
2005	David A. Ray	Shawnee Council No. 26	Shawnee
2006	Bobby L. Laws	Altus Council No. 33	Altus
2007	Edwin C. Womack	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
*2008	James C. Taylor	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
2009	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City Council No. 25	Elk City
2010	Glenn H. Kinsley	Woodward Council No. 52	Woodward
*2011	Albert A. Alexander	Union Council No. 3	McAlester
*2012	James N. Rossi	Capitol Hill No. 59	Midwest City
2013	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Alpha Council No. 18	Oklahoma City
2014	Marshall Clayton	Muskogee Council No. 2	Muskogee
2015	John D. Church	Altus Council No. 33	Altus
2016	Kevin P. Bardy	Cimarron Valley Council No. 44	Drumright
2017	Brian A. Buswell	Alpha Chapter No. 18	Oklahoma City
2018	Harvey C. Johnson, Jr.	Muskogee Council No. 2	Muskogee
2019	Mark K. McFadden	Muskogee Council No. 2	Muskogee
2020	Robert R. Rolseth	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa
2021	Truman L. Ragain	Lawton Council No. 21	Lawton
2022	Michael T. Harden, Sr.	Muskogee Council No. 2	Muskogee

\* Deceased



## GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL COLUMBIAN AWARD

A medal is awarded to an outstanding Cryptic Mason for service to Masonry. There is One medal for each of the ten Regions, and not more than three medals at-large per Triennium. Nominations are made to the Regional Deputies on the form and selection by the elective officers. These nominations must be sent to the General Grand Recorder by Dec 31st of the year nominated.

## PAST COLUMBIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

2014	Robert G. Davis	Stillwater Council No. 50	Stillwater
2020	John L. Logan	Woodward Council No. 52	Woodward



### LADY OF THE COUNCIL

Cryptic Masons know and appreciate the help and support of their ladies. The General Grand council has developed an Award to recognize and honor these Ladies for outstanding dedication and support to Cryptic Masons.

The Award is a beautiful gold and purple pin with the Cryptic Mason's emblem surrounded by a gold wreath. Each pin will be accompanied by a numbered certificate, which will be recorded by the General Grand Recorder. These names and numbers will also be published in the Triennial Proceedings.

2005	Rhea L. Miller	2013	Diane Logan
2016	Sharon K. Davis	2017	Linda H. Isaacs
2017	Angela M. Shipman	2020	Kim Bardy
2023	Jan Israel		



### ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT

The Order of the Secret Vault is by invitation-only and only those who have received this honor may nominate someone to receive it. All nominations go to their College Dean who makes the final selection and sends it on to the College of Preservation who has the final say as to who receives the order. Recipients of this order are known as Companion of the Secret Vault. They receive a certificate as well as a jewel.

#### COLLEGE DEAN

2013 - 2015	Charles L. Stuckey	2015-2023	John L. Logan
2023-	Larry D. White		

#### ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT RECIPIENTS

2013	Charles L. Stuckey	2013	*Edgar D. Snyder
2015	John L. Logan	2015	Robert G. Davis
2016	Larry D. White	2017	Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs
2017	Daniel D. Hanttula	2017	Donald G. Jones
2017	*Troy E. Shipman	2018	William J. "Jim" Cloud
2018	*Bobby L. Carter	2021	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
2021	John D. Church	2021	Andrew B. Palmer
2021	William H. Pearce	2021	Kevin P. Bardy
2022	Timothy P. Israel	2022	Gary A. Davis
	* - Deceased		



## GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MORDHURST AWARD

The award was started by approval of the General Grand Council at the 33rd Triennial in 1978. It was initially given to any Companion serving his Grand Council as Grand Recorder for 15 years with distinction. The award is now given to those Grand Recorders who have served 10 years with distinction.

2017     Gary A. Davis

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA 2022-2023 GRAND REPRESENTATIVES			
JURISDICTION	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND REP IN OKLAHOMA	GRAND REP OTHER JURISDICTION
Alabama	James C. McGee		Dean L. Lilja
Alaska	Dennis N. Oakland	Kish L. Thomas	George Watt
Arizona	George E. Weil	William A. Nation	Efrain Sanchez
Arkansas	Dick E. Browning, Sr.		Bobby G. Gower
Australia-South	L.R. (Bob) Baker	Kenneth R. House	
Australia-Victoria	J.P. Battye	Robert E. Goode	Richard Louis Elkington
California	Phillip A. Hardiman	Patrick D. Couch	Phillip D. Gibson
Colorado	Grover Sardeson	David A. Ray	Howard R. Caldwell
Connecticut	William L Miller II	Richard C. Dunaway	Michael E. Seamon
Delaware	Mark E. Irwin	Daniel D. Hanttula	Jay C. Bergstrom
District of Columbia	Gerald A. Peeters	Bradley S. Rickelman	Roger E. Cundiff
England and Wales	Ryan A. Williams	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Richard Ludwik Gan
Florida	Richard C. Brooks	Lewis A. Hullum	William R. Jacobs
France	Yves Cesso		
Georgia	Mark A. Bradley	Newell K. Barker	Dannie L. Reed
Greece	Konstantinos N. Korontzis	Glenn A. Chaney	George Ivos'
Hawaii	Dustin T. Verity	William J. Cloud	
Idaho	Norman C. Lane	Matthew T. Turner	Lee W. Hamilton
Illinois	Michael L. McDorman	Robert R. Rolseth	Bradley L. Baker
Indiana	Lawrence Williams	R. Caleb Finch	John V. Stevens
Iowa	Rusty L. Hill	Glenn H. Kinsley	Shane E. Harshbarger
Israel	Sasson Naim	Dewayne R. Hendricks	
Italy	Gaetano Rosato	Donald G. Jones	
Kansas	Allan D. Jackson	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Ernest M Griffiths
Kentucky	James H. King, Jr.	John F. Carter	James V. Jones
Louisiana	Allan K. Bean	Kevin P. Bardy	Edwin L. Horton, Jr.
Maine	Thomas A. Emery	Ronald L. Carr	Kenneth C. Carlin
Maryland	Vernon H. Huebschman	Matthew T. Cargill	Donald J. Hawkins
Massachusetts	Jacob T. Yanovich		Frank G. Holt III
Michigan	Robert. O. Troutman	John T. Turner	John A. Ames
Minnesota	Marvin W. Schendel	Michael S. Wright	Harlan Heidecker
Mississippi	Jared F. Stanley	William D. Bowie, Jr.	George E. Frazier
Missouri	Kevin B. Sample	Don H. Whitman	Ralph P. Bunnell
Montana	Roger E. Cathel	Blaine McKnight	Jack O. Morris
Nebraska	Dennis Newman		Rick E. Harris
Nevada	Michael E. Reinhardt		Jerry Blevans
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan	Matthew D. McGee	Edmund Correa
New Jersey	Gregory J. LaConte	Marshall M. Clayton	Richard G. Robins, Sr.
New Mexico	Dion Newhouse	Elwood M. Isaacs	Dickerson R. Watkins
New York	Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.		E. William Whittaker
New Zealand	A.N. French, J.P.		
North Carolina	D. Allen Surratt	Paul T. Currell	Kolen Flack
North Dakota	Leo Rognlin	Joseph M. Lusk	James K. Well
Ohio	Alfred Johnson	Kenton M. Israel	Dennis L. Wilhelm, Sr.
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway	John J. Petrik	Norman Hoard
Panama	Alexander Lopez	Robert D. Cundiff	
Pennsylvania	Douglas D. Crum	Daniel D. Hanttula	P. Franklin Hartzel
Philippines	Evaristo A. Leviste	Timothy P. Israel	Antonio F. Josin, Jr.
Portugal	Josee Augusto de Sousa Barros Diogo		
Rhode Island	John A. Larson III	John E. King	Robert A. Palazzo
Romania	Marcus Ivan	Eric D. Blackwood	
Scotland	Douglas W. Duncan	Robert G. Davis	William S. Dick
South Carolina	Gary B. "Buck" Jolley		Gary B. Hinson
South Dakota	George E. Bauder	James D. Nobles	
Tennessee	Ralph Burks Taylor	John D. Church	Bobby Gene Pollard
Texas	Kenneth E. Cooley	Charles L. Stuckey	Orville L. O'Neill
Utah	David J. Read, Sr.	L. Erik Stuckey	John L. Elwell, Jr.
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard	Monte G. Hendrix	Edward J. Jehle
Washington	Michael A. Smitson	Jason E. Marshall	Ivan "Merle" Iverson
Wisconsin	David R. Schreier	Michael W. Sexton	Douglas B. Hoffman



Wyoming	Kenneth M. Badget	John L. Logan	Martin I. Eggert
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2023 COUNCIL DIRECTORY OF OKLAHOMA CRYPTIC MASONS					
NO.	NAME-LOCATION	ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER	RECORDER	MTNG	CHARTER
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Rick A. Moore	Mark K. McFadden	3rd Thur 6:00 PM	Aug 24, 1894
3	UNION 2nd & Adams Scottish Rite Temple McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Michael O. Echols	Blaine C. McKnight	4th Mon	Aug 4, 1884
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St. Ardmore 73401 580-223-2396	William D. Harden	John F. Carter	2nd Mon 7:30 PM	Apr 18, 1906
18	ALPHA 2935 W. Britton Rd Oklahoma City 73120 405-755-0036	Mark L. Cantrell	Christopher F. Harper	2nd & 4th Wed	Aug 21, 1909
21	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501	Robert L. Hall	Ryan C. Shady	4th Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 19, 1911
22	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112 918-921-5552	Carroll D. McBride	Jon B. Greene	3rd Mon 7:00 PM	Apr 11, 1911
25	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 580-225-0484	Lorin D. Patton	Timothy P. Israel	1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 PM	May 20, 1912
27	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73069 405-321-7310	John R. Guinn	John T. Turner	2nd Thurs 7:30 PM	Apr 17, 1914
33	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson St Altus 73521 580-482-5301	Steven B. Tuttle	B. F. Rowland, Jr.	3rd Thurs 7:00 PM	Apr 23, 1914
41	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006-8722 918-331-3831	Dace C. Tom	Mark A. Wright	2nd Monday	Apr 21, 1920
43	BERNARD 1200 . Grand Ponca City 74601 580-765-4128	Justin M. McGee	James E. Halbrook	2nd Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 15, 1924
48	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie 73044	David A. Tennison	John R. Christopher	2nd Thurs 7:30 PM	Oct 8, 1945
50	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	John D. Church	Bradley S. Rickelman	2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 PM	Apr 4, 1949

52	WOODWARD 819½ Main St Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	David D. Shore	Ray L. Bell	4th Thurs (Jan-Oct) 2nd Thurs (Nov-Dec) 7:00 PM	Jun 30, 1951
59	CAPITOL HILL 814 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City 73110 405-732-2034	Stephen W>	Clymer Robert D. Cundiff	3rd Friday 7:00 PM	Apr 1, 1957
61	MYSTERIOUS NINE 1700 N Porter Norman 73069 405-321-7310	Steven E. Cox	Michael S. Wright	2nd Sat. of last month of each qtr 12 noon	Apr 24, 2018

## DEMISED COUNCILS

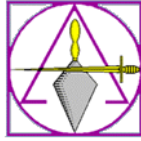
1	-----Oklahoma, (Hugo)-----	Charter taken up 1983
4	-----Chickasha-----	Consolidated with Lawton #21 March 1, 2008
5	-----Tahlequah-----	Charter taken up 1901
6	-----Wagoner-----	Consolidated with Muskogee # 2 1949
7	-----Davis-----	1902
8	-----Pawnee-----	Charter taken up 1938
10	-----Ada-----	Consolidated with Shawnee #26 1997
13	-----Reno-----	Consolidated with Alpha #18 1965
14	-----Frederick-----	Charter taken up 1939
15	-----Weatherford-----	1925
16	-----Cheyenne-----	Charter taken up 1925
17	-----Okmulgee-----	Consolidated with Muskogee #2 2014
19	-----Eldorado-----	Consolidated with Lawton #21 1939
20	-----Zabud, (Antlers)-----	1921
23	-----Sayre-----	Charter taken up 1955
24	-----Taloga-----	1924
26	-----Shawnee-----	Surrendered Charter 2008
28	-----Caddo-----	1917
29	-----Omega-----	1954
31	-----Cordell-----	1918
32	-----Hobart-----	Consolidated with Lawton #21 1989
33	-----Altus-----	1933 (Later re-chartered)
34	-----Enid-----	Consolidated with Guthrie #48 2004
35	-----Thomas-----	Charter taken up 1936
36	-----Beta, (Heavener)-----	1922
37	-----Checotah-----	1917
38	-----Poteau-----	1941
39	-----Geary-----	1919
40	-----Henryetta-----	Charter taken up 1931
42	-----Grandfield-----	1929
44	-----Drumright-----	Moved to Cushing 1964
44	-----Cushing-----	Moved to Drumright 1977-1978
44	-----Cimarron Valley, (Drumright)-----	Consolidated with Stillwater #50 February 16, 2017
45	-----Holdenville-----	Consolidated with Ada #10 1941
46	-----Goodson, (Blackwell)-----	Consolidated with Bernard #43 1990
47	-----Lafollette, (Seminole)-----	Consolidated with Shawnee #26 1937
49	-----Clinton-----	Consolidated with Elk City #25 1990
51	-----Guymon-----	Consolidated with Woodward # 52 December 2012
53	-----Miami-----	Surrendered Charter February 18, 2000
54	-----Durant-----	Consolidated with Ardmore #11 1972
55	-----Murrow, (Atoka)-----	Charter Revoked 1979
56	-----Circle, (Oklahoma City)-----	Consolidated with Capitol Hill # 59 2005-2006
57	-----Duncan-----	Consolidated with Chickasha #4 1968

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58	-----Perry-----	Consolidated with Stillwater #50 2006-2007
60	-----Tipton-----	Consolidated with Lawton #21 1994

## COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF OKLAHOMA



Minutes of the 77th Annual Assembly held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 20, 2022

Thrice Illustrious Master James D. Nobles opened the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma at 10:30 a.m. with thirty-eight members and five candidates present.

Officers present were:

Thrice Illustrious Master	James D. Nobles
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Mathew A. Turner
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	John R. Christopher
Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Robert R. Rolseth
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Kenton M. Israel
	(Robert E. Leonard Pro-Tem)

The petitions of the following five candidates were read. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the candidates be elected to receive the Order of the Sword and Trowel.

William Scott Percifield	Muskogee Council No. 2
Edward Kenneth Baker	Ardmore Council No. 11
Robert William McLeod	Tulsa Council No. 22
Lorin Dee Patton	Elk City Council No. 25
Ivan Marcelo De Tevis	Stillwater Council No. 50

All the candidates were received, duly anointed, and acknowledged recipients of the Order of the Sword and Trowel, making them members of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma.

The Order was conferred by the following degree team:

Thrice Illustrious Master (King David)	Donnie G. Higginbotham
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Brian M. Ragain
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	John R. Christopher
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Timothy P. Israel
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Mark K. McFadden

The new members were presented with their jewels, certificates, and wallet cards.

The Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma present were introduced.

2009-10 Robert G. Davis

2011-12 Donnie G. Higginbotham

2013-14 Timothy P. Israel

2014-15 Matthew D. McGee

2015-16 Andrew B. Palmer

2016-17 James R. Taylor, Jr.

2017-18 William J. Cloud

2018-19 William H. Pearce

2021-20 Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.

A memorial service for the following Thrice Illustrious Masters was held: Ed Hart; John Petrik, PIGM; Don Haralson PTIM, PIGM; Monte Hendrix, PTIM, PIGM; Dewayne Dixon; Marvin Chamberlin, PIGM; James Ellis; and Gary Odendahl.

The minutes of the August 21, 2021, Annual Assembly were approved as distributed with the meeting summons. The Treasurer's report was approved as distributed with the meeting summons. The Recorder announced going forward the Annual Assembly minutes and Treasurer Report would be printed in the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons annual proceedings and emailed to the Council membership with the annual meeting summons. The Council membership having no objections, it was approved to allow the Recorder to proceed as stated.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate \$50.00 to Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36, A.F. & A.M., for the use of the building.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to allow the Registrar-Treasurer to pay all necessary expenses of the Council that may occur before the next Annual Assembly.

It was moved and seconded that Illustrious Companion Mark A. Wright be approved for Honorary membership in the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma. Motion Passed.

The annual election of officers for the 2022-2023 year was then held.

The nominating Committee recommended that all 2021-2022 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Registrar-Treasurer be retained, and that Mark K. McFadden be elected Sentinel.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the report of the nominating Committee, with no further nominations.

M.: I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors.

M.: I.: Companion Israel introduced the Grand Council Officers and Past Illustrious Grand Masters present.

M.: I.: Companion Israel then installed the officers of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma.

Officers for the 2022-2023 year are as follows:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Mathew A. Turner
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	John R. Christopher
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Robert R. Rolseth
Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Kenton M. Israel
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Mark K. McFadden

Thrice Illustrious Master Mathew A. Turner presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Master jewel to outgoing Thrice Illustrious Master James D. Nobles.

It was announced that the next Annual Assembly is scheduled for August 19, 2023, with the location to be announced later.

Thrice Illustrious Master Turner made closing comments and there being no further business to come before the Assembly, it was closed in due form at 11:37 a.m.

James R. Taylor, Jr.  
Registrar-Treasurer

James D. Nobles  
Thrice Illustrious Master

## Past Thrice Illustrious Masters

1944-1949	Clarence Brain*	2014-2015	Matthew D. McGee
1949-1963	W. King Larrimore*	2015-2016	Andrew B. Palmer
1963-1964	William H. Powell*	2016-2017	James R. Taylor, Jr.
1964-1965	Hayward H. Skaggs*	2017-2018	William J. Cloud
1965-1966	John C. Barnard*	2018-2019	William H. Pearce
1966-1967	Ansel M. Crowder*	2019-2020	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
1967-1968	Lewis H. Wheeler*	2020-2021	Larry D. White
1968-1969	Wilbert B. Boggs*	2021-2022	James D. Nobles
1969-1970	Cleo A. Walton*		
1970-1971	Oscar W. Swanson*		
1971-1973	Kenneth M. Blakley*		
1973-1976	Robert E. Fielden*		
1976-1979	John W. Steward*		
1979-1982	Herbert O. Nelson*		
1982-1985	Carl R. Burrows*		
1985-1986	James C. Taylor*		
1986-1987	John C. Shanklin*		
1987-1988	Barry C. Spradling*		
1988-1989	Eugene Smith*		
1989-1990	Donald M. Keiser*		
1990-1991	O. Ray Harrington*		
1991-1992	Ralph L. Tucker*		
1992-1993	Don L. Turley*		
1993-1994	Donald W. Rimmer*		
1994-1995	Donald H. Haralson		
1995-1996	Rex L. Bowen*		
1996-1997	Glenn Tuttle*		
1997-1998	Elwood. M. Isaacs		
1998-1999	Jack L. Sterett*		
1999-2000	David A. Ray		
2000-2001	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.*		
2001-2002	Paul G. Watkins*		
2002-2003	Monte G. Hendrix		
2003-2004	Gary D. Rodriguez*		
2004-2005	Willis L. Emerson*		
2005-2006	Bobby L. Carter*		
2006-2007	John D. Miller, Jr.		
2007-2008	James E. Smyrl*		
2008-2009	William D. Williams		
2009-2010	Robert G. Davis		
2010-2011	James W. Mahan*		
2011-2012	Donnie G. Higginbotham		
2012-2013	Troy E. Shipman*		
2013-2014	Timothy P. Israel		

\* Deceased

Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma  
Treasurer Report - 08-20-22

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank		
Checking Account Balance 07/19/20		\$2,271.311
Deposits:		
Candidate Fees		<u>\$420.00</u>
Disbursements:		
Simpson Jewelry	\$164.17	
Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36	\$50.00	
Deluxe Checks	29.50	
Jim Taylor (TIM Wallet Cards)	38.33	
Jim Taylor (TIM Certificate Supplies)	28.31	
USPS	\$3.10	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$310.31</u>
Checking Account Balance 07/20/22		\$2,381.00



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JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2022-2023

## **JAMES ROY TAYLOR, JR.**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Sir Knight James Roy Taylor, Jr. was born in Tulsa on December 12, 1970 to Brother and Sir Knight James Roy Taylor and Diana Hunt. He attended Skiatook Public Schools and graduated in 1989. He attended Bethel College in Newton, KS on a football scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accounting in 1993. He was a four-year letter winner and three-year starter for the Bethel College Threshers football team. He served as Captain of the football team his Senior year and was All-Conference and All-Region during his Junior and Senior years. He earned his Master of Accountancy degree from Gardner-Webb University in 2009. He is a member of the Kappa Chi Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. In 2009, James married Gage L. Schulz and they are the parents of two boys: Tyler and Hunter. He has worked in the Oil and Gas Industry for the past 26 years. Currently, he is Chief Financial Officer of PetroGlobe Energy, LLC in Tulsa. He has been a member of the Petroleum Accountants Society of Oklahoma (PASO) for several years.

His Masonic career began as a member of Skiatook Lodge No. 416 A.F. & A.M., Skiatook, OK where he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 27, 2007. James affiliated with Owasso Lodge No. 545 A.F. & A. M., Owasso, OK on August 19, 2008 and served as Worshipful Master in 2011. Currently, he has served Owasso Lodge No. 545 as Treasurer since 2012. He is a member of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research and served as Worshipful Master in 2013.

Worshipful Brother Taylor was appointed Grand Bible Bearer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma during the 2020-21 term and has served on several Grand Lodge committees.

In Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, he is a member and served in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, S. J. of the U.S.A., the Valley of Tulsa, Orient of Oklahoma since April 20, 2008. He served the Valley as Wise Master in the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2016. Currently, he is serving the Valley as an officer in the Lodge of Perfection. James received the decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 5, 2017.

In York Rite Capitular Masonry, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch in Tulsa Chapter No. 52 RAM on February 2, 2008. He served the Chapter as High Priest in 2013 and has served as Treasurer since 2018. He was anointed in the Order of High Priesthood on August 17, 2013, served as Most Excellent President in 2019-20 and currently serves as Recorder/Treasurer since 2021. He received the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award of Merit in 2009.

He is one of many Companions instrumental in establishing a Royal Arch Chapter in Owasso, OK. James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104 RAM was constituted on June 5, 2018, and James served as the Charter Excellent High Priest for the Chapter. He has served the Chapter as Secretary/Treasurer since 2019.

Companion Taylor was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for the 2012-13 term and was elected Grand Captain of the Host for the 2013-14 term. James continued to advance through the officer line until he was elevated to the august position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for the 2016-

17 term, in April of 2016 at Norman, Oklahoma. Currently, he is serving the Grand Chapter as Custodian of the Work. He is a recipient of the Ephraim Kirby Award from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, which he has served as Ambassador to Oklahoma during the 2017-20 Triennium. He is currently serving the Past Grand High Priest Association as 1st Vice President.

In Cryptic Masonry, James was greeted as a Select Master in Tulsa Council No. 22 SM on February 2, 2008. He served the Council as Illustrious Master in 2012 and has served as Treasurer since 2018. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword and Trowel on August 18, 2012, served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2016-17 and currently serves as Registrar/Treasurer since 2021.

Companion Taylor was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma during the 2018-19 term, Grand Marshal for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 terms. He was elected Grand Captain of the Guard in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for the 2021-22 term. James has continued to advance through the elected officer line currently serving as Grand Principal of the Work. Also, he is serving the Grand Council as Custodian of the Work.

In Chivalric Masonry, James was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Trinity Commandery No. 20 KT on March 24, 2008. He served the Commandery as Commander in 2014 and has served as Treasurer since 2018. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association on August 15, 2015.

Sir Knight Taylor was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma for the 2016-17 term. Sir Knight Taylor continued to advance through the officer line until he was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander for the 2022-23 term, in April of 2022 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Our distinguished Companion and Sir Knight accepted an invitation to become a member of Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Oklahoma Priory No 9 on May 16, 2015, and is serving in the officer line. He received the Knight York Grand Cross of Honour 1st Quadrant on May 14, 2016, and 2nd Quadrant on July 27, 2022.

James was knighted into the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 on November 1, 2008, serving as Governor in 2015-16 and currently is the Secretary/Treasurer. He received the Order of the Purple Cross (Associate Regent) on August 4, 2018, He received the Service Award and Secretary of the Year Award from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, which he is currently serving as Grand Governor of Oklahoma.

He is a member of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Oklahoma College receiving the VII° Grade on May 7, 2011.

He was invested into the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A., MacMillan Council No. 15 on April 8, 2009, serving as Sovereign Master in 2018 and currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer. He was ennobled as a Knight Commander Red Branch of Eri on February 10, 2018. He received the Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord 1st – 4th Grade on February 10, 2018.

He was knighted into the Knight Masons of the U.S.A., Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66 on November 1, 2008, serving as Excellent Chief in 2018 and currently serving as Scribe.

He accepted an invitation to become a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Prince of Peace Conclave on July 28, 2012, and is serving as Recorder.

He was ordained into the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle No. 4 on July 8, 2018, and is serving in the officer line.

He was advanced and promoted into the Royal Order of Scotland on June 13, 2015.

James is one of many brethren instrumental in establishing the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas, Plinth Court No. 91 in Oklahoma on December 7, 2013. He received special progression to the rank of Past Master of the Court and is currently the Court Secretary. He received the rank and distinction of Past Junior Grand Deacon from the Grand Court Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas.

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

He has received the following honors and awards:

- Grand Cross of Color, International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- Honorary Legion of Honor, International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay
  - o Dean, Edwin L. Drake Preceptory Legion of Honor

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]	Gage	Right Eminent Grand Commander
John E. King [22]	Vicki	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Glen A. Chaney [18]	Patti	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
John T. Turner [38]		Eminent Grand Captain General
Steven E. Cox [2]	Susan	Excellent Grand Prelate
Kent M. Israel [22]	Dana	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Elwood "Ike" M. Isaacs [20, 26]		Eminent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
H.P.G.C.		
Jon B. Greene [20]	Renee	Eminent Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [20] P.G.C.	Nellie	Eminent Grand Recorder Emeritus
Mark K. McFadden [2]	Donna	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Trasen S. Akers [3]	Aerial	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Brian M. Ragain [18]		Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Jay A. Wall [1]	Johanna	Eminent Grand Warder
Justin M. McGee [8,14]		Eminent Grand Sentinel

### Protocol

All Knights are addressed as Sir Knight, followed by their name.

Those who have particular titles are addressed as follows:

The Grand Commander is addressed with the title of respect as: Right Eminent

The Deputy Grand Commander is addressed with the title of respect as: Very Eminent

The Grand Prelate is addressed with the title of respect as: Excellent

All other Officers are addressed with the title of respect as: Eminent

Past Grand Commanders are addressed with the title of respect as: Right Eminent

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OKLAHOMA  
AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2022-2023 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

<b>AREA 1</b>	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T.
Mark K. McFadden	Trinity Commandery No. 20, K.T.
<b>AREA 2</b>	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T.
Robert W. McLeod	Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
<b>AREA 3</b>	Elk City Commandery No. 22, K.T.
Brian M. Ragain	St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
<b>AREA 4</b>	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T.
Glen A. Chaney	Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
<b>AREA 5</b>	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T.
John T. Turner	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
Justin M. McGee	
<b>AREA 6</b>	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T.
Trasen S. Akers	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T.
<b>AREA 7</b>	St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T.
Jay A. Wall	Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T.

**2022-2023 STANDING COMMITTEES**

per  
**ARTICLE IV**

**CREDENTIALS:**

**Section 2. (a)**

Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [53] - Chairman  
Steven E. Cox [2]  
Gary A. Odendahl [2, 8, 20]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [20]  
Jon B. Greene [20] – Ex Officio

**FINANCE:**

**Section 2. (b)**

John E. King [22] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]

**TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:**

**Section 2. (c)**

Gary A. Odendahl [8, 2, 20] - Chairman  
Robert R. Rolseth [20] - Recorder  
All Past Grand Commanders

**WORK AND TACTICS:**

**Section 2. (d)**

Larry D. White [20] - Chairman  
Glenn H. Kinsley [29]  
Timothy P. Israel [22]  
John L. Logan [29]

**TRIENNIAL MATTERS:**

**Section 2. (e)**

Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]

**GENERAL MATTERS:**

**Section 2. (f)**

Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman  
Robert R. Rolseth [20]  
John T. Turner [38]



**NECROLOGY:**

**Section 2. (g)**

Steven E. Cox [2]

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE**

**FOUNDATION:**

**Section 2. (j)**

Robert R. Rolseth [20]

All Grand Commandery Officers

**MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:**

**2019 – 2023**

**Section 2. (h)**

2021-24 (RAM) David A. Ray [27]

2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]

2020-23 (KT) Timothy P. Israel [22]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION:**

**Section 2. (i)**

James R. Taylor, Jr. [20] - Chairman

John E. King [22]

Glen A. Chaney [18]

John T. Turner [38]

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Section 2. (k)**

Chairman: Mark K. McFadden [2]

CENTRAL: David A. Tennison [1]

N CENTRAL: Justin McGee [14]

N EASTERN: Jim L. Parham [20]

S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [18]

S EASTERN: John King, Jr. [6]

N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

S WESTERN: James Oates III [18]

**2022-2023 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

per

**ARTICLE V**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION**

**FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARDS:**

**Section 2. (a) (appointed)**

Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman

Jay A. Wall [1]

Dace C. Tom [26]

Robert R. Rolseth [20]

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Jon B. Greene [20] – Secretary/Treasurer

**PRINTING:**

**Section 2. (b)**

Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman

James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]

Robert R. Rolseth [20]

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:**

**Section 2. (c)**

Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman

Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

Gary A. Odendahl [8, 2, 20]

## 2022-2023 COMMITTEES BY SANDING RESOLUTION

### DeMOLAY:

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [22]  
Michael L. Branson [8]  
Jon B. Greene [20]

### INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD:

(Investment Policies, Pg. 25) (elected 3 years)  
2020-2023 John L. Logan [, 29] - [R.A.M]  
2022-2025 Charles L. Stuckey [14] - [C.M.]  
2021-2024 Mathew A. Turner [3, 38] - [K.T.]

## 2022-2023 SPECIAL COMMITTEES (Not in Constitution, Laws, and Regulations)

### KNIGHT TEMPLAR STATE NEWS:

John E. King [22]

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:

Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]  
Jason R. Smith [18]  
John R. Christopher [1]

### TEMPLE REVIEW

(Fraternal Correspondence):

Robert G. Davis [1]

### KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND:

(Formed April 25 2015)

John L. Logan [29]

### MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT:

(Formed April 25 2015)

John E. King [22]

### GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL:

(FIELD DAY) (Formed April 25 2015)

Glen A. Chaney [18]

### REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS:

Chairman - John T. Turner [38]  
CENTRAL: Steven Sichterman [38]  
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [14]  
N EASTERN: James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]  
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [18]  
S EASTERN: Mark K. McFadden [2]  
S WESTERN: Glen A. Chaney [18]  
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

### SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE:

(Arkansas - Kansas - Louisiana -  
Missouri - Oklahoma - Texas)  
Glen A. Chaney [18]

### PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23 2016)

Glen A. Chaney [18] - Chairman  
Gary A. Odendahl [8, 2, 20]  
John E. King [22]

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23 2016)

Steven E. Cox [2] - Chairman  
Justin McGee [14]  
Jon B. Greene [20]

### LONG RANGE PLANNING:

(Formed April 23 2016)

John E. King [22] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]

### APPRECIATION:

Justin McGee [14]

**TIME AND PLACE:**

Jay A. Wall [1] - Chairman

Brian A. Buswell [3]

Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

Bradley S. Rickelman [8]

Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8]

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
OF  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
of OKLAHOMA  
AT ITS  
One Hundred Twenty-Eighth  
Annual Conclave  
April Twenty-Ninth  
Two Thousand Twenty-Three



2023

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA**

**The One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Annual Conclave**

**April 29, 2023**

Before the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened, Mrs. Ivan (Judy) DeTevis brought greetings from the Social Order of the Beauceant.

Sir Knight Robert D. Cundiff, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a constitutional number of Commanderies were represented, whereupon the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened to order in its One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Annual Conclave at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn/Champion Convention Center, Oklahoma City Airport Hotel located at 801 S. Meridian in Oklahoma City, OK, with the following Grand Officers:

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr.	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight John E. King	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Sir Knight John T. Turner	Eminent Grand Captain General
Sir Knight Steven E. Cox	Excellent Grand Prelate
Sir Knight Kenton M. Israel	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Sir Knight Jon B. Greene	Eminent Grand Recorder
Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight Brian M. Ragain	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Knight Robert W. "Bob" McLeod	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Knight Jay A. Wall	Eminent Grand Warder
Sir Knight Justin M. McGee	Eminent Grand Sentinel

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was led by Sir Knight Steven E. Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate.

**DISTINGUISHED VISTORS**

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

M.:E.: Companion Mathew A. Turner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

M.:I.: Timothy P. Israel, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ivan (Judy) DeTevis, Recorder Stillwater Assembly #124, Social Order of the Beauceant.

Sir Knight Ivan M. DeTevis, Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

Sir Knight Robert Schlichter, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri.

Sir Knight John Sharlow, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana.

Sir Knight John L Logan, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, Personal Representative for District No. 12, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and Intendant General of Oklahoma for the Red Cross of Constantine.

Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma and Grand Prior of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction and Most Eminent Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

Sir Knight Robert M. Loflin, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, and R.E. Department Commander of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, II, R.E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA

Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

M.:W.: Brother Glen A Chaney, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

### **PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**

The following Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery were present and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

Daniel C. Pryor	1988-89	Timothy P. Israel	2016-17
Robert G. Davis	2005-06	Donnie G. Higginbotham	2017-18
John L. Logan	2007-08	Matthew D. McGee	2018-19
Paul T. Currell	2015-16	Robert R. Rolseth	2021-22

### **OFFICERS IN CHARGE**

The following Officers in Charge of this Grand Commandery were present, and the Grand Commander thanked them for their service.

AREA 1	Mark K. McFadden	AREA 5	John T. Turner Justin M. McGee
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	AREA 6	Trasen S. Akers
AREA 3	Brian M. Ragain	AREA 7	Jay A. Wall
AREA 4	Glen A. Chaney		

### **ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

The Grand Commander called for a roll call of the Constituent Commanderies. Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, called the roll with 11 of the 14 Commanderies being represented by either the Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain General. They are as follows:

Guthrie No 1	Muskogee No. 2	Oklahoma No. 3	McAlester No. 6
St. John's No. 8	Ardmore No. 9	Lawton No. 18	Trinity No. 20
Elk City No. 22	Calvary No. 26	Norman No. 38	

## **APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE PROCEEDINGS**

A motion was made by Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, and seconded to approve the 2022 proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

## **ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**

To the Grand Officers, Past and Present, Distinguished Guests and Members of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this One Hundred Twenty Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. I truly hope and trust that this body representing the culmination of York Rite Masonry will forever prove to have the principles of the institution at heart, not for the purpose of receiving and wearing the plumes and feathers on public occasions, but to inculcate the lessons of true Christian Knighthood by demonstrating to the world at large that we are very ready to defend “innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans, and the Christian religion.”

It is indeed an honor to welcome our Grand Master, M.: W.: Brother and Sir Knight Glen Chaney and I offer a special welcome to the Grand Lodge officers that have joined us today. We thank you for taking time out of your day to attend our Grand Conclave.

To our Sir Knight David Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. and Sir Knight Robert Loflin, Right Eminent South Central Department Commander, welcome to our Grand Conclave. We hope your visit has been enjoyable and I wish both of you the best in your future endeavors.

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

Companions Mathew A. Turner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and Timothy P. Israel, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma I welcome you to our Grand Conclave. It is fitting that we end our Grand York Rite terms as we started it – together. I have genuinely enjoyed our time together at various Masonic functions throughout our terms of office. I will miss our emails, phone calls, text messages, and Zoom meetings as we discussed ideas and issues that not only affected our Bodies, but the York Rite as a whole. We operated this year as a cohesive unit for the betterment of York Rite Masonry in Oklahoma. It has been my honor to serve with you during this year and be able to not only call you Brother but Friend as well.

I would like to extend to the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Sir Knights of our various constituent Commanderies of Oklahoma a most hearty welcome and thank you for attending our Grand Conclave. You are the foundation of this Grand Commandery, and your presence is appreciated.

It is proper, and in accordance with a long-established custom, that I render to you at this time an account of my stewardship. I deeply appreciated the honor you

bestowed and had a high sense of the responsibility it imposed. I accepted the office with the determination to do my best to merit your confidence, with a fervent desire to do nothing rash or ill-advised, but to conduct the affairs of this Grand Body with justice and moderation.

Let us be devoutly grateful to the Grand Commander of the Universe for the continued peace and harmony that has prevailed during the year, and that He has permitted us again to assemble in Annual Conclave to deliberate upon the condition of our noble Order throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

### **Templar Dead**

The official line of the Grand Commandery has remained intact, but it is unavoidable that among the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction, some should be called upon to lay aside the armor of earthly warfare and take their place in the Peaceful Abodes of the Blessed. We mourn the loss of many Valiant Knights who have passed through the gates of death to find eternal rest in that house not made by hands.

There are two of whom I make special mention:

Sir Knight Gary Andrew Odendahl, who rendered splendid service to this Grand Commandery for many years and who made the most of an inconvenient situation as he guided this Grand Body through the COVID pandemic as Grand Commander in 2020-21, passed to his reward on August 10, 2022.

Sir Knight John Davis Miller, Jr. was called home on September 22, 2022. For three years, from 2002 to 2004, he served faithfully as Grand Recorder of this Grand Body. His was a true man and good mason, his service in every branch of our Masonic Fraternity was outstanding.

Let us pause a moment in silent prayer as a mark of respect for the memory of our departed Fraters. Sir Knights, attention, uncover. Sir Knights, recover, be seated.

A tribute was dedicated to them for their outstanding work in Freemasonry. Time has taken a heavy toll and today we miss many friends whom we loved and honored. While we stand with bowed heads in humble submission to the dread mandate and bid them a last farewell, let us extend our sympathy to those who have lost loved ones and commend them to the consoling care of our Heavenly Father, who alone can heal all wounds.

### **Visitations and Travel**

April 22-23, 2022

Attended the Grand York Rite Annual Sessions, and was installed as Grand Commander.

May 3

Traveled to Lawton Commandery No. 18 with Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, to present Sir Knight Michael Charles Zura, PC the Knight Templar Cross of Honor award. He was not able to attend the Grand Banquet to receive the certificate and jewel. Sir Knight Zura is a mainstay and one of the many reasons Lawton Commandery No. 18 is a successful Commandery.



	This honor is well deserved. Congratulations Sir Knight Zura!
May 7	Traveled to Bartlesville to Calvary Commandery No. 26 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
May 14	Attended All Masonic Day and was introduced as Grand Commander during the Father Murrow Council No. 10 AMD and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 meetings in Edmond.
May 21	Attended the meetings of Oklahoma Priory No. 9 K.Y.C.H. and Prince of Peace, Red Cross of Constantine in Stillwater and was introduced as Grand Commander.
May 29	Traveled to Norman to attend the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly on the campus of the University of Oklahoma and was introduced as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
May 30	Traveled to Oklahoma City to represent the Grand Commandery of Knights of Templar of Oklahoma at the 45th Infantry Division Museum Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Sir Knights Trasen Akers, Bob McLeod, Bob Rolseth and myself represented the Sir Knights of Oklahoma during the annual ceremony.
June 4	Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 Masonic Order of Athelstan in McAlester and was introduced as Grand Commander.
June 18	Traveled to Ponca City to Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
June 25	Traveled to Muskogee to Muskogee Commandery No. 2 to attend their Commandery Inspection and was received as Grand Commander.
July 9	Attended the DeMolay State Conclave in Norman and was introduced as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
July 16	Traveled to Elk City to Elk City Commandery No. 22 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
July 27	Traveled to Oklahoma City to Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
August 5 - 6	Traveled to Kansas City, MO to attend the York Rite Sovereign College of North America Annual Assembly in my official capacity as Grand Governor of Oklahoma and was introduced and received as the Grand Commander of Oklahoma with the other distinguished guests on Saturday morning.
August 9	Traveled to Woodward to St. Aumer Commandery No. 29 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
August 13	Traveled to Lawton to Lawton Commandery No. 18 to attend their Commandery Inspection and was received as

	Grand Commander and traveled to Ardmore to Ardmore Commandery No. 9 to attend their Commandery School of Instruction. A special thanks to my traveling companions Sir Knight Mark McFadden Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Bob McLeod Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, and Sir Knight Steven Cox Excellent Grand Prelate.
August 20	Traveled to Oklahoma City and attended the meetings of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma, Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Past Commanders Association and was introduced as Grand Commander during the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association meeting.
August 24	Traveled to Stillwater to St. John's Commandery No. 8 to attend their Commandery Inspection and was received as Grand Commander.
August 26	Traveled to Oklahoma City to attend the Job's Daughters State Rally and was introduced as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
September 3	Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 Masonic Order of Athelstan in McAlester and was introduced as Grand Commander.
September 8	Traveled to Guthrie to Guthrie Commandery No. 1 to attend their Commandery Inspection and was received as Grand Commander. Also, presented Sir Knight Robert Leonard a Knights of the Holy Land jewel for his contribution to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund.
September 10	Traveled to Oklahoma City to attend the Grand Master's York Rite Festival and was introduced. Also, welcomed the forty-six new Knights Templar and encouraged them to become involved in their Commandery.
September 16 - 17	Traveled to Shreveport, LA to attend the 65th Annual South Central York Rite Conference and was introduced as Grand Commander of Oklahoma.
September 24	Attended All Masonic Day and was introduced as Grand Commander during the Father Murrow Council No. 10 AMD and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 meetings in Edmond.
September 26	Traveled to Tulsa to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to attend their Commandery Inspection and was received as Grand Commander.
October 1	Traveled to Tulsa to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.

October 5	Attended the meeting of MacMillan Council No. 15 AMD in Owasso and was introduced as Grand Commander.
October 13	Traveled to Norman to Norman Commandery No. 38 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
October 15	Attended the annual assembly of Prince of Peace, Red Cross of Constantine in Claremore and was introduced as Grand Commander.
October 22	Traveled to McAlester to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.
October 29	Traveled to Guthrie to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.
November 12	Traveled to Guthrie to attend the M. W. Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma Annual Communication and was received, introduced, and offered a seat in the Grand East. Also, brought greetings on behalf of the Oklahoma York Rite.
November 18	Traveled to Midwest City to Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction.
December 1	Traveled to Stillwater to attend Stillwater Assembly No. 124 Social Order of the Beauceant installation of Officers and was introduced as Grand Commander.
December 10	Traveled to Muskogee to Muskogee Commandery No. 2 to attend an inspection out of cycle (a more detailed explanation later in this address) for a Past Commander.
December 19	Attended Tulsa York Rite Bodies 2023 officer installation and Christmas observance was introduced and installed Trinity Commandery No. 20 officers.
January 7, 2023	Attended Muskogee York Rite Bodies 2023 officer installation was introduced and installed Muskogee Commandery No. 2 officers. Also, installed Muskogee Chapter No. 3 Royal Arch Masons and Muskogee Council No. 2 Select Masters officers.
January 17	Attended Calvary Commandery No. 26, in Bartlesville, 2023 officer installation was introduced and installed the officers.
January 23	Traveled to McAlester to McAlester Commandery No. 6 and attended their Commandery School of Instruction. I along with Companion Mathew Turner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companion Tim Israel, Most Illustrious Grand Master addressed the Companions and Sir Knights in attendance offering encouragement, our help, and instruction.
January 27-29	Traveled to Muskogee to attend the Grand Commandery Junior Officer's retreat.

February 18	Lady Gage and I attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn/Champion Convention Center in Oklahoma City.
March 1	Traveled to Oklahoma City to attend Guildhall Lodge No. 553 Festive Board was introduced as Grand Commander and presented Sir Knight Ike Isaacs, HPGC his 50-year Commandery membership certificate and lapel pin.
March 4	Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 Masonic Order of Athelstan in McAlester and was introduced as Grand Commander.
March 8	Attended the meeting of MacMillan Council No. 15 AMD in Owasso and was introduced as Grand Commander.
March 11	Traveled to Tulsa to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to attend the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Commandery Festival and was introduced as Grand Commander.
March 18	Traveled to Norman to Norman Commandery No. 38 to attend the Central Oklahoma Regional Commandery Festival and Work and Tactics meeting. Also, was introduced as Grand Commander.
March 25	Traveled to Tulsa to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.
April 1	Traveled to McAlester to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.
April 6	Traveled to Stillwater to attend Stillwater Assembly No. 124 Social Order of the Beauceant meeting and official visitation by the Supreme Worthy President (Mrs. Jon) Melissa Spann of Waco, TX Assembly No. 199.
April 9	Traveled to Broken Arrow to attend Trinity Commandery No. 20 Easter Observance and was introduced as Grand Commander.
April 14	Traveled to Guthrie to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.
April 27	Attended the annual meeting and banquet of Oklahoma Priory No. 9 KYCH in Oklahoma City and was introduced as Grand Commander.
April 28	Attended the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Past Commander's Association in Oklahoma City, was introduced as Grand Commander and installed the 2023 – 2024 Officers.
April 29	Presided over the 128th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

## **Dispensations and Actions**

The following dispensations were issued:

- On May 30, 2022, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Sir Knights to wear the white military style cap instead of the chapeau, who participated in the 45th Infantry Division Museum Memorial Day ceremony due to weather conditions.
- On June 8, 2022, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Ardmore Commandery No. 9 to temporarily move its Charter to Creekmore Lodge No. 74, located in Madill, until such time as the air conditioning is fixed at Ardmore.
- On November 11, 2022, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Trinity Commandery No. 20 to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday November 28, 2022, in lieu of Monday December 26, 2022.

The following actions were taken:

- On August 7, 2022, in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and at the request of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana, I appointed Sir Knight Kenneth K. Bell, Jr. to be the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Louisiana.
- On August 21, 2022, a grievance arose when a Grand Officer from another Grand Commandery jurisdiction began requesting official visits and to be received by our constituent Commandery's. After reviewing the information made available to me, I asked our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Jon Greene, to send a letter detailing the grievance to the offending Grand Commandery. I am happy to report the grievance is resolved, the matter closed, and Fraternal relationships mended.
- On April 10, 2023, in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and at the request of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida, I appointed Sir Knight Edward J. Mayfield, Jr. to be the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Florida.

## **General Orders**

The following General Orders were issued:

- General Order No. 1 – The General Order consists of the listing of Grand Commandery Officers, Committees, and Officers-In-Charge for the Templar Year 2022-2023.
- General Order No. 2 – The General Order is to provide for the Annual Inspections of the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction during May, June, July, and August 2022.

- General Order No. 3 – The General Order provided the information necessary for the Ascension Day Observance on May 22, 2022.
- General Order No. 4 – The General Order is to notify the constituent Commanderies that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. revised its General Order No. 1.
- General Order No. 5 – The General Order is to notify the constituent Commanderies about the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. 39th Holy Land Pilgrimage in February 2023. The information packet and all forms are attached to this General Order.
- General Order No. 6 – The General Order announced the passing of Sir Knight Gary Andrew Odendahl, who served this Grand Commandery as Grand Commander during 2020-21 and instructed the constituent Commanderies to drape their charter in his remembrance for 30 days.
- General Order No. 7 – The General Order announced the ministers who were chosen by the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee and approved by the Grand Commander to participate in the Grand Encampment's Holy Land Pilgrimage during February 2023. They are Pastor Kathy Gott from Skiatook, Oklahoma nominated by Trinity Commandery No. 20 and Pastor Mitchell Miller from Edmond, Oklahoma nominated by Guthrie Commandery No. 1.
- General Order No. 8 – The General Order announced the date and location for the 2023 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
- General Order No. 9 – The General Order announced the passing of Sir Knight John Davis Miller, Jr., who served this Grand Commandery as Grand Recorder during 2002 – 2004 and instructed the constituent Commanderies to drape their charter in his remembrance for 30 days.
- General Order No. 10 – The General Order provided the information necessary for the Christmas Observance on December 11, 2022.
- General Order No. 11 – The General Order announced The Knights Templar Education Foundation, Division of Oklahoma Scholarship Program.
- General Order No. 12 – The General Order announced the 2023 Regional Chapter, Council, and Commandery Festivals, and the Annual Work and Tactics Meeting.
- General Order No. 13 – The General Order announced the 2023 Work and Tactics meeting at Norman Commandery No. 38 on March 18, 2023.
- General Order No. 14 – The General Order announced the Grand Commandery's raffle of a Henry Arms Golden Boy Freemasons Tribute Edition .22 caliber rifle. Net Proceeds from raffle will be split between the Holy Land Pilgrimage operating fund and endowment fund.
- General Order No. 15 – The General Order provided the information necessary for the Easter Observance on April 9, 2023.
- General Order No. 16 – The General Order announced the Knights Templar Education Foundation, Division of Oklahoma Scholarship award winners.
- General Order No. 17 – The General Order announced the 2023 Grand Commandery Conclave and partially excused Sir Knights and Officers, except Grand Commandery Officers, from the requirement of appearing in Full Dress Class A Uniform at the Opening of the Annual Conclave and session.

The authority for said decision is set forth in Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma under ARTICLE XIII, of the Laws and Regulations, styled APPEARANCE IN UNIFORM which provides, in part: Section 1. Every officer and every Sir Knight must appear in Full Dress Uniform at the opening of the Annual Conclave and of each Constituent Conclave unless he is excused there from by the Grand Commander or by the Commandery.

However, in that same General Order All Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery, and Dais Officers from the Constituent Commanderies will be in Full Dress Class A uniform or Cap and Mantle. All Other Sir Knights should be in Full Dress Class A uniform, Cap and Mantle, or black / dark suit for the Opening of the Annual Conclave and session.

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

### **Fifty-Year Award Presentations**

On April 23, 2022, I had the privilege of presenting my uncle Sir Knight Robert L. Taylor, Jr. Past Commander Trinity Commandery No. 20, his certificate and pin for 50 years of service to Templary. He was surprised because he was not expecting the presentation with his brother my dad Sir Knight James Taylor, and his nephew my brother Sir Knight Joshua Taylor, along with our family in attendance during the presentation.

On March 1, 2023, Most Excellent Companion Mat Turner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Most Illustrious Companion Tim Israel, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and myself traveled to Oklahoma City to attend a Guildhall Lodge No. 553 Festive Board. Most Worshipful Brother Glen Chaney, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of AF & AM of the State of Oklahoma was in attendance, along with many other brethren.

During the evening, we enjoyed friendly conversation, meal, various toasts, and a very timely presentation. As grand as the festivities were, we were there to honor one man for his service to this great fraternity of ours. Sir Knight Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, HPGC received his 50-year membership certificate and pin from Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery that evening.

Ike has meant a lot to Lady Gage and me more than he even knows. We have enjoyed his friendship, mentorship, and advice since we were first introduced to Linda and him in 2008. He is a true Mason and Servant Leader, who is not driven by honors or awards, but by the tenets of Freemasonry, service to God, his family, country, and to the Craft.

I am honored to have been a part of such a special evening recognizing one of the stalwarts of Masonry in Oklahoma and in the World.



Listed below are the additional Sir Knights, who received 50 Year Certificates and Pins during this Templar year.

Sir Knight Raymond K. Brewer, PC	Muskogee Commandery No. 2
Sir Knight George E. Fletcher	Muskogee Commandery No. 2
Sir Knight William F. Bernhardt, Jr.	St. John's Commandery No. 8
Sir Knight Richard M. Brown	Ardmore Commandery No. 9
Sir Knight Carl J. Haller	Trinity Commandery No. 20
Sir Knight Jerald E. Calvert, PC	Elk City Commandery No. 22
Sir Knight Arthur E. McComas	Elk City Commandery No. 22

### Obligatory Observances

**Ascension** – On May 22, 2022 via Zoom the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Prelate hosted the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Ascension Day Observance. As Christian Knights, Commanderies are to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ on Ascension Day.

The Excellent Grand Prelate delivered a timely message about why the Ascension is an important part of our Christian journey. Thus, the significance of the celebration of the Ascension is that it confirms our belief in the Risen Lord; it affirms our challenge of The Great Commission! He is with us today, tomorrow, and forever. If you have been “waiting for a sign,” the record of the Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit is that sign, our sign! So, as you are going on your way through life, that is, living your life; preach the Good News, preach the Ascension, and preach the gift



of the Holy Spirit!

I would like to thank Sir Knight Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder and Sir Knight Steven Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate for assisting with the program and ensuring its success. I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Oklahoma who took time from their families to participate in the observance.

The observance was posted to the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma YouTube channel for the constituent Commanderies for use in their Ascension Day Observance and emailed to the Sir Knights of Oklahoma to view at their leisure.

**Patriotic** – On May 30, 2022 the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was invited to participate in the 45th Infantry Division Museum's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony in Oklahoma City. There were seven Honor Guards present, including the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. It was an honor to participate in an event that memorialized the military personnel. As Abraham Lincoln stated during the Gettysburg address, "they gave the last full measure of devotion." This is but a small token as we remember those men and women, who preserved freedom, truth, and justice. Memorial Day is the day we pay homage to all those who did not come home. This is not Veterans Day, it is not a celebration, it is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom.

I would like to thank Sir Knights Bob Rolseth, REPGC; Trasen Akers, Eminent Grand Junior Warden; and Bob McLeod, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer for joining with me in the honor guard. Also, I would like to give a special thanks to Sir Knight Trasen Akers for contacting the museum and securing our place in the annual ceremony.



**Christmas** – On December 11, 2022 via Zoom the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma hosted a Christmas Observance for the Companions and Sir Knights of Oklahoma, in addition the Ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant were invited to attend. As Christian Knights, Commanderies are to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the Second Chapter of the Gospel of Luke the good news of our Savior's arrival occurs: "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." It is our firm belief as Christian Knights, that this is the greatest event that has ever occurred on earth ~ A gift of Peace, Dedication, and Sacrifice from our Father.

I would like to thank Sir Knight Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder for recording and editing the video and Sir Knight Steven Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate; Sir Knight Mark McFadden, Eminent Grand Senior Warden; and Sir Knight Trasen Akers, Eminent Grand Junior Warden for participating in the program and reading the sentiments and responses. I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Oklahoma who took time from their families to participate in the observance.

The observance is posted to the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma YouTube channel for the constituent Commanderies for use in their Christmas Observance.

**Easter** – On April 9, 2023 via Zoom the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma hosted an Easter Observance for the Companions and Sir Knights of Oklahoma, in addition the Ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant were invited to attend. As Christian Knights, Commanderies are to commemorate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As Knights Templar we reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In fact, in going through the Orders to become a Knight Templar we review the events in the life of Jesus, and the history of the Knights in lectures about the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. As we have traveled through our degrees of the masonic lodge we are taught about the mortality of man, from the initiation or birth of a new mason through youth to manhood and old age. The symbology continued when we helped raise a fallen brother from a dead level to a living perpendicular, as well as being taught to use the working tools to help us fit the great architects plan, fitting ourselves as living stones to build that house not made by hands eternal in the heavens. In the many degrees we have contemplated our mortality, but it is the commandery that we as Knights Templar speak of our personal faith and belief in Christ.

I would like to thank Sir Knight Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder for recording and editing the video and Sir Knight Steven Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate for organizing the program. I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Oklahoma who took time from their families to participate in the observance.

### **Grand Commander's Chat**

The Grand Commander hosted a monthly discussion with the Sir Knights of Oklahoma. Many topics and presentations were made available to the Sir Knights. Below is a summary of each monthly Chat.

- May 22, 2022 – The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Ascension Observance was presented.
- June 12, 2022 – Sir Knight Trasen Akers, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, presented, “The Origins of Templary in the Twin Territories” a discussion of the two Grand Commanderies which at one time co-existed in Oklahoma. Sir Knight Akers, thank you for the presentation, it was informative and well received by the Sir Knights in attendance. The schedule of Grand Commandery events was presented, Sir Knight Mark McFadden Eminent Grand Senior Warden discussed the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the deadline for submissions, and the Eminent Commanders present were asked to give a report of the activities of their Commandery.
- July 10, 2022 – Sir Knight Mark McFadden, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, gave a presentation on the Holy Land Pilgrimage and Knights of the Holy Land programs. The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma has been an active participant in the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Sir Knight McFadden thank you for the presentation over the history and Oklahoma's participation in the program. The Eminent Commanders present were given the opportunity to give a report of the activities of their Commandery.
- August 14, 2022 – No Grand Commander chat held Grand York Rite Quarterly Officer meeting instead.
- September 11, 2022 - Sir Knight Brian Ragain, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, gave a presentation on Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. The Eminent Commanders present were given the opportunity to give a report of the activities of their Commandery.
- October 9, 2022 – Sir Knight Kent Israel, Eminent Grand Treasurer, gave a presentation on Royal Arch Research Assistance. The Eminent Commanders present were given the opportunity to give a report of the activities of their Commandery.
- November 6, 2022 – No Grand Commander Chat, held Grand York Rite Quarterly Officer meeting instead.
- December 11, 2022 – The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Christmas Observance was presented.
- January 8, 2023 – Sir Knight Tim Israel, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, gave a presentation on the Knight Templar Education Foundation and Scholarship Program and Lady Judy De Tevis gave a presentation on the Social Order of the Beauceant.
- February 12, 2023 – No Grand Commander Chat, cancelled due to scheduling conflict.
- March 12, 2023 – Pastor Mitchell Miller serving at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church in Edmond, Oklahoma gave a detailed presentation on his experiences during the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

- April 9, 2023 – The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Easter Observance was presented.

### **Grand Commandery Officer Meetings**

The Grand Commandery Officers meet monthly to discuss topics and issues pertinent to the effective administration of the constituent Commanderies and Grand Commandery. The meetings were in addition to the Grand York Rite Quarterly meetings. Below is a summary of the meetings.

- April 24, 2022, held via Zoom and discussed Committee assignments, OIC assignments, inspection schedule, and discussed the general plans for the Templar year.
- May 19, 2022, no officer meeting.
- June 16, 2022, held via Zoom reviewed and discussed the Grand Commandery activities, upcoming events, participating in Public Events, Grand Master's Festival, Grand Commandery Officer's retreat, 50-year awards, Work and Tactics, and OIC reports of their Commanderies.
- July 21, 2022, held via Zoom and discussed the upcoming events, the Grand Master's Festival and the Officers responsibilities, Work and Tactics Chairman gave a report on the inspections and updated the inspection schedule, and OIC gave reports on their Commanderies.
- August 18, 2022, held via Zoom and discussed the upcoming events, the Order of the Temple responsibilities for the Grand Master's Festival, and the Grand Commandery Christmas Observance.
- September 15, 2022, no officer meeting the Grand Commandery officers were traveling to the South-Central York Rite Conference.
- October 20, 2022, held via Zoom and discussed the upcoming events: Work and Tactics review, Grand Commandery Christmas Observance and OIC reports of their Commanderies.
- November 17, 2022, no officer meeting due to filming the Christmas Observance.
- December 15, 2022, no officer meeting due to Christmas Holiday.
- January 19, 2023, held via Zoom and discussed the following upcoming events: Grand Commandery Officers retreat, Regional Festivals, Work and Tactics, Quarterly Officer Meeting, Grand Commander chats, Knight Templar state news, Grand Sessions, Henry Arms Golden Boy Raffle, and the OIC's reports of their Commanderies.
- February 16, 2023, held via Zoom and discussed the following upcoming events: Henry Arms Golden Boy raffle, Cornerstones, Knights Templar state news, Easter Observance, Regional Festivals, Grand Sessions, Work and Tactics, Holy Land Minister presentations, and the Knight Crusader Award.
- March 16, 2023, held via Zoom and discussed the following upcoming events: Easter Observance, Work and Tactics, Central Oklahoma Regional Commandery Festival, and Grand Sessions. Also, it was mentioned for the OIC's to contact their assigned Commanderies and remind them to file the 990-N by May 15, 2023.
- April 20, 2023, held via Zoom to discuss opening/closing and reception for distinguished guests during the Grand Commandery Annual Conclave.

### **Grand York Rite Quarterly Meetings**

August 14, 2022 – Attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting held via Zoom. After a Knight Templar Eye Foundation presentation by Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, the meeting was called to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the following reports were given: Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Membership Committee, and Time and Place Committee. Additional topics discussed were the Grand Master's Festival, York Rite Chair Degrees, and South-Central Department Conference. The Grand Commander gave a report on the activities of the Grand Commandery and provided details of upcoming Grand Commandery events.

November 6, 2022 – Attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order and after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the following reports were given: Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Time and Place Committee, Membership Committee, and Regional Festivals Committee. Additional topics discussed were the marketing and branding issues of the York Rite, Super Excellent Master Degree conferral, constituent Chapter, Council, and Commandery Officer elections and installations, and discussion of renaming the Grand Master's Festival. The Grand Commander gave a report on the activities of the Grand Commandery and detailed upcoming Grand Commandery events.

February 18, 2023 – Attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting held at the Hilton Garden Inn/Champion Convention Center in Oklahoma City, the site of this year's Grand York Rite sessions. The meeting was called to order and after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the following reports were given: Grand Secretary-Recorder, Time and Place Committee, Membership Committee, and Regional Festivals Committee. Additional topics of discussion included: report on the Super Excellent Master Degree conferral and resolutions. The Grand Commander gave a report on the activities of the Grand Commandery and detailed upcoming Grand Commandery events. After the meeting Sir Knight Jay Wall, Chairman Time and Place Committee, gave the attendees a walkthrough of the hotel and convention center.

### **Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholarships**

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee considers all applications for scholarships without regard to age, race, religion, National origin, gender, Masonic ties, or affiliations. These scholarships are not "grants in aid" but are open to all students regardless of their financial circumstances.

The purpose is to provide financial assistance to students who meet the required qualifications, which may vary from state to state.

In 1922, the Grand Encampment launched the Knights Templar Educational Foundation with the words: "We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to establish a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better Citizens of the United States of America."

The Foundation was sustained and perpetuated by each Sir Knight paying the sum of \$1.00 annually for a period of nine years beginning July 1, 1924. This fund

became available for student loans.

Through the years, the fund has grown, and Grants and Scholarships are available in several states. However, some states continue to use the Loan program where the student is expected to repay the loan at a low-interest rate. States have either Grants, Scholarships, or Loans but not both.

Education beyond high school is essential in a technological age. It may be obtained today in:

1. A vocational school that trains artisans and craftsmen.
2. A technical school that prepares technicians for various specializations.
3. A professional school that offers preparation in medicine, law, theology, engineering, business, agriculture, and others.
4. Colleges and universities that give a firm foundation for business, trade, or profession.

Since its founding, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has assisted more than 80,000 students for an aggregate monetary value of over thirty-eight million dollars through Loans and Scholarships to deserving youth, thereby exemplifying the purpose and principles for which it was created.

The 2023 Knights Templar Education Foundation, Division of Oklahoma Scholarship committee has met and has gone through the scholarship applications. This year, we received twelve (12) girl and four (4) boy applications. The committee is pleased to announce the winners of the four (4) scholarships. Each will receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship which will be mailed to their institutions.

The two girls are: Haley Dennis and Courtney Harris

The two boys are: Aiden Murray and Garrett Blair

### **Awards**

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award was created at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in 1946 at Philadelphia. 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 this Grand Commandery during any one Templar year.

It is my honor and privilege to announce the recipient of this year's award is Sir Knight John F. Carter from Ardmore Commandery No. 9 and he was presented the award at the Grand Banquet.

### **The Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program**

In the Grand Encampment's efforts to improve the fraternity, the Grand Prelates and the elected line have developed a training program for Prelates and Chaplains. Long thought of as simply officers who read a prayer, or pray for the sick, Chaplains and Prelates should be leading officers in all Masonic bodies, but more especially in Commandery.

To help us all develop and actuate our faith in the world, Chaplains need to be secure in their own. After taking this training program, we hope that Sir Knights (and any other member of the fraternity, including our ladies and youth organizations who opt to take the course), will emerge as leaders who exemplify servant leadership and

service.

Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence, and simply being there for people in real and meaningful ways at challenging times in their lives is the core of what a Chaplain is supposed to do. This program is designed to help members dedicated enough to serve the Craft and God to be more effective in their positions.

Before presenting more about the program and what it is, we need to be sure to say what it is not. This is a commissioning, not an ordination. This does not make a person a trained evangelist nor qualify one to be a Board-Certified Chaplain: only Seminary and CPE courses can do that. This program will not shove a trinitarian view of Christianity down people's throats, but there is certainly grounding in what trinitarian Christianity really is.

The structure of the course is twelve units on the Grand Encampment's official Learning Management System, templared.org. Each self-paced unit requires readings, watching short videos made by our team of Chaplains, quizzes on the materials in the readings and lectures, and then short projects devised to immediately impact the lives of members of the organization. These projects are going to be archived and made available for other Lodges and Commanderies to use to help them as well. The units assume no prior training and even provide help with the mechanics of speech that so few of us are taught nowadays.

The textbook, *On Being a Masonic Chaplain*, was written for this course and edited by more than twenty experienced Chaplains from the Grand Encampment. The proceeds of this book are going to help the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

On March 18th, I had the privilege of participating in the commissioning ceremony of Oklahoma's first Commissioned Templar Chaplains. The Sir Knights, who were commissioned, are Dylon Townsend and Brian Ragain of Lawton Commandery No. 18. I want to congratulate both Sir Knights on completing the program and training to become better prepared servant leaders in the fraternity and in the service of God.

### **Inspections**

A "traditional" inspection consists of the Commandery Opening, Reception of the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery Staff, Order of the Temple, and Commandery Closing. The requirements were done according to the Work and Tactics of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma (Yellow Book), and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. ritual for the Order of the Temple (White Book) as specified by General Order No. 2.

I attended the inspections of all the Commanderies that stood for inspection. I thought all the Commanderies performed exemplary work and tactics in accordance with the prescribed rules as set forth by the Work and Tactics Committee. I thought each Commandery did an excellent job in their conferral of the Order of the Temple. I would like to thank the Eminent Commander and Officers of those Commanderies for their hard work and effort in their inspections. Inspections can be difficult, time-consuming, and require commitment, but inspections can also be rewarding, bonding, and provide a sense of accomplishment. You are to be commended, and the Grand Commandery recognizes the sacrifices made by each of the officers.

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17 NKJV

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

Below is a list of Commanderies that stood for inspection during this Templar year:

June 25, 2022 Muskogee No. 2	August 13, 2022 Lawton No. 18
August 24, 2022 St. John’s No. 8	September 8, 2022 Guthrie No. 1
September 26, 2022 Trinity No. 20	

### **Schools of Instruction**

This year those Commanderies who did not stand “full” inspection, Opening/Reception of Grand Commander/Order of Temple/and Closing, were presented with the option of a School of Instruction. The Officers in Charge were tasked with conducting the Schools of Instruction for their respective Commanderies. The schools were well attended, and I thought the work and tactics were presented in a very precise manner. I want to thank the Officer in Charge for conducting the schools and Sir Knight Bob McLeod, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, for generating the syllabus for the schools. These schools are beneficial to the constituent Commanderies and hope the schools will be continued in future years.

I attended all the schools, along with the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, OIC for that Commandery and an Inspector if assigned by the Work and Tactics Committee.

Below is a list of Commanderies that requested a School of Instruction:

May 7, 2022 Calvary No. 26	June 18, 2022 Ben Hur No. 14
July 16, 2022 Elk City No. 22	July 27, 2022 Oklahoma No. 3
August 9, 2022 St. Aumer No. 29	August 13, 2022 Ardmore No. 9
October 13, 2022 Norman No. 38	November 18, 2022 Capitol Hill No. 53
January 24, 2023 McAlester No. 6	

### **Inspection Out of Cycle**

An Oklahoma Sir Knight, who served his Oklahoma Commandery as Eminent Commander in 2019 and 2020, asked to stand inspection out of cycle. He completed his terms of office, saw his successor installed as Commander and is qualified as a Past Commander and voting member of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The date of the inspection was Saturday December 10th in Muskogee. The Officers of Muskogee Commandery No. 2 and Trinity Commandery No. 20 filled the officers’ positions. It was a “traditional” inspection of Opening, Receiving the Grand Officers, Order of the Temple and Closing with the Sir Knight, as Eminent Commander, being the only one graded. I want to thank the Sir Knights of Muskogee and Trinity for filling the positions and giving of themselves to help this Sir Knight stand inspection.

A little backstory – Sir Knight was preparing the Commandery to stand inspection in 2019. There were conflicts with the Grand Commander’s schedule which required a reschedule of the date. The rescheduled date, which was made without the consent of the Eminent Commander, conflicted with his work schedule so he was not able to stand inspection. His Commandery stood inspection (Open, received the Grand Officers, and Closed) on the rescheduled date with a substitute in



the Eminent Commanders station. In 2020, all Templary was shut down due to COVID-19 which did not allow any Commandery to stand inspection.

The process to approval – this process was not simply the Grand Commander saying yes let's do it. The process started with a formal request from the Sir Knight to the Grand Commander requesting to stand inspection out of cycle and fulfill his obligations as Eminent Commander. I had a conference call with the Work and Tactics Chairman presenting the information in the formal request and determining the correct steps to follow.

The Work and Tactics Chairman discussed this opportunity with the Work and Tactics committee and after receiving a consensus of the committee he approved the request of the Sir Knight to stand inspection pending the Grand Commander's decision.

After I was informed of the Work & Tactics Chairman decision, it was my decision to determine if this was in the best interest of Templary in the State of Oklahoma. As I talked with the Sir Knight and discussed the situation, he kept repeating that he wanted to fulfill his obligation as Eminent Commander. If only all our Eminent Commanders would take the obligation of the office with such passion.

It is my hope that all Eminent Commanders, who served during the pandemic or at other times, would be willing to stand inspection and fulfill their obligation. Thus, my determination was that the interests of Oklahoma Templary would be best served in allowing this Sir Knight to fulfill his obligation.

### **Cornerstones**

The Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma participated in the following cornerstone ceremonies, by forming the lines, during the Templar year:

**April 30, 2022** – The Sir Knights of Oklahoma were invited to participate in a parade and cornerstone ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of Drumright Lodge No. 468. We had twenty-six Sir Knights in uniform and many more Sir Knights who were busy representing Grand Lodge and Drumright Lodge No. 468. The following Commanderies were represented at the festivities: Guthrie No. 1, Muskogee No. 2, Oklahoma No. 3, St. John's No. 8, Ardmore No. 9, Ben Hur No. 14, Lawton No. 18, Trinity No. 20, Elk City No. 22, St. Aumer No. 29, Norman No. 38, and Capitol Hill No. 53. It was a momentous day for Templary in Oklahoma and the Sir Knights of Oklahoma should be proud.

**May 10, 2022** – The Sir Knights of Oklahoma were invited to participate in the cornerstone ceremony for the Elmore City – Pernell school district's new high school building. We had nine Sir Knights in uniform and many more Sir Knights who were representing Grand Lodge and Wynnewood Lodge No. 40. The following Commanderies were represented: Guthrie No. 1, Muskogee No. 2, Oklahoma No. 3, Ardmore No. 9, Lawton No. 18, Trinity No. 20, Elk City No. 22, St. Aumer No. 29, Norman No. 38, and Capitol Hill No. 53.

**March 3, 2023** – The Sir Knights of Oklahoma were invited to participate in the cornerstone ceremony in Tishomingo – Johnson County Veterans Center. We had five Sir Knights in uniform and many more Sir Knights who were representing Grand Lodge and Tishomingo Lodge No. 91. The following Commanderies were represented: Guthrie No. 1, Oklahoma No. 3, Ardmore No. 9, Lawton No. 18, Trinity No. 20, Elk City No. 22, Norman No. 38, and Capitol Hill No. 53

### **Grand Master's Festival**

The annual Grand Master's Festival is still a great benefit to the York Rite. We knighted 46 Select Masters into the Orders of Christian Knighthood at this year's festival. For some candidates, it is the only way that they can (or will) join the York Rite. The Order of the Temple was conferred by the Grand Commandery Officers. The Officers did an exemplary job at the conferral and are to be commended for their efforts. A special thanks to Sir Knight David Tennison for filling in as Warder, due to the absence of Sir Knight Jay Wall, Eminent Grand Warder, and Sir Knight Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, for filling in as Captain General, due to the absence of Sir Knight John Turner Eminent Grand Captain General.

For several years, the organizing committee of the Grand Master's Festival has been composed of the Grand Generalissimo, along with the Grand Scribe (from the Grand Chapter) and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (from the Grand Council).

This administrative structure has the added benefit that the three Grand Officers forming this administrative committee will only serve for one year and do not have to worry about being stuck with the administration of the Grand Master's Festival for many years. It is my hope that we continue this administrative structure in future years.

Special thanks should go to this year's committee Grand Generalissimo Glen Chaney (Lawton #18), and Blaine McKnight (McAlester #6) for their hard work in making this year's Grand Master's Festival a success. I also served as part of the committee with my role in the Grand Council.

### **Regional Commandery Festivals**

Two Regional Commandery Festivals were held during this Templar year. Northeast Oklahoma and Central Oklahoma held the festivals on March 11th and March 18th, respectively.

On March 11th, Trinity Commandery No. 20 hosted the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Commandery Festival. Seven Select Masters were introduced to the mysteries of Chivalric Masonry and Knighted into the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

On March 18th, Norman Commandery No. 38 hosted the Central Oklahoma Regional Commandery Festival. Four Select Masters were introduced to the mysteries of Chivalric Masonry and Knighted into the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

It is my recommendation we keep the statewide coordination a responsibility of the Grand Captain General, with assistance in the various regions by the regional chairman's. I trust given the proper time and understanding of all involved this statewide coordination process will prove beneficial.

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

### **South Central York Rite Conference**

The 65th Annual South Central York Rite Conference was held at Sam's Town Hotel and Casino in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 16th – 17th, 2022.

On Friday presentations from the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council were given. Companion Mathew Turner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and Companion Bob Davis, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, on behalf of Companion Tim Israel, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, gave reports on the Grand Chapter and Grand Council activities for this year.

On Saturday presentations from the Grand Encampment were given. The presentations were on Membership, S.O.O.B, KTEF, Grand Encampment Programs and Protocols. The four dais officers of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Recorder are required to attend the Department Conference, all were in attendance except for the Grand Captain General who was granted an excused absence due to work obligations. There were seven Grand Commandery Officers (two were attending the Emerging Leader Training) and three Past Grand Commanders (two were attending the Emerging Leader Training) present from Oklahoma. During the session, Oklahoma had two members who were recognized for completing the three-year cycle of the York Rite Emerging Leaders Program. As Grand Commander, I gave a report about the activities of our Grand Commandery.

The 66th Annual South Central York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 15th – 16th, 2023 in Branson, Missouri. While the conference is primarily designed for Grand Officers, any Sir Knight is welcome to attend. There will be several interesting presentations and leadership training will be available through the "York Rite Leadership Training Program."

The 67th Annual South Central York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held in Oklahoma, dates and location yet to be determined.

### **Past Grand Commander's Jewel**

On September 28, 2022 the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma contracted with The Masters Craft out of Indiana to reproduce the Oklahoma Past Grand Commander jewel (see the approved reproduction jewel below).

I asked Sir Knight Trasen Akers, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, to contact The Masters Craft and give them the pertinent information and dimensions of the Past Grand Commander jewel. This is an important endeavor for our Grand Commandery to secure a manufacturer of our Past Grand Commander jewel, even if it is a reproduction.

After discussion with the Grand Commandery Finance Committee, it was approved we order twenty-five reproduction jewels at a cost of \$1,510.00, or \$60.40 per jewel. This would give us a sufficient supply going forward. We have given the living Past Grand Commander's the option to get a reproduction jewel and turn in their current Past Grand Commander jewel or keep the jewel they currently wear.

Most of the jewels the Past Grand Commanders are wearing are extremely valuable, due to the gold content, and the Grand Commandery does not carry insurance on the jewel, so if the jewel is lost, stolen, or broken the Grand Commandery has lost its investment. Also, when a Past Grand Commander dies, the

family is supposed to return the jewel, if owned by the Grand Commandery, sometimes this does not happen. When this happens, the jewels are either pawned, melted down, or lost and again the Grand Commandery has lost its investment.

The cost of the reproduction jewel is inexpensive which would allow the Past Grand Commander and his family to keep the jewel. I would like to thank Sir Knight Trasen Akers and the Grand Commandery Finance Committee for their efforts on this project.



### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE is a program related to the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. Its Mission: To send credentialed Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise. In this program, the various State Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar sponsor Christian Ministers on an expense paid study pilgrimage in Israel for 11 days.

This year the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma is fortunate to be able to send two ministers to Holy Land. They are Pastor Katy Gott serving at Lighthouse Family Worship Center in Barnsdall, Oklahoma and Pastor Mitchell Miller serving at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Pastor Miller made a presentation to the Companions and Sir Knights during the March Grand Commander's chat and Pastor Gott made her presentation during our Grand Banquet Friday evening.

Sir Knights this is an easy opportunity for your Commandery to impact the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in your local communities. I would encourage every constituent Commandery to nominate a minister for participation in this program.

### **Henry Arms Golden Boy Raffle**

This topic still relates to the Holy Land Pilgrimage, whereby we received a very gracious offer from the Henry Arms Company when they agreed to DONATE to the Grand Commandery a Golden Boy Freemasons Tribute Edition .22 caliber rifle during the Templar year 2016-17. This rifle currently sells for over \$1,200. The stipulation was that it was to be used for a fundraiser to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The details were left up to us. We chose to sell raffle tickets as our fundraiser. This is our second attempt to raffle the rifle. The original winner of the rifle was unable to assume ownership, so the rifle has remained in the possession of Sir Knight Paul Currell, REPGC since 2017.

In February 2023, I mailed a book of six tickets to every Sir Knight in Oklahoma. The net proceeds raised from this beautiful rifle will be split between the Holy Land Pilgrimage operating fund and the Holy Land Pilgrimage endowment fund, with the larger portion going to the endowment fund.

The winner of the raffle was selected during the banquet Friday evening was Sir Knight Rusty Henson. Also, I am incredibly pleased to report that we have had two members become Knights of the Holy Land by virtue of their \$1,000 donations which came in from this mail-out campaign.

### **Social Order of the Beauceant**

The Social Order of the Beauceant was originally started at the suggestion of the Commandery in Denver, Colorado. Asked to host the 25th Triennial Conclave for the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar which was to be held in their city in August 1892, the Sir Knights felt with only one Commandery and a membership of just over three hundred they needed help. Their wives agreed to supply the help.

At the first official meeting which was held in February 1890, the ladies adopted the name "Some of Our Business Society" and a brief ritual. The S.O.O.B. was organized solely for the purpose of providing aid and sociability for the Sir Knights

and ladies who would attend the Triennial. The ladies so enjoyed the work that they never disbanded, but instead continued operating for the purpose of “making life purer, better and sweeter for others.”

The Society remained a small, loyal, local band of ladies, doing good, and assisting their Sir Knights until the 1913 Triennial when they decided to take action to expand. It was then that the first members from other cities were initiated. At that same time, a decision was made to change their name to something more appropriate to Templary while retaining the initials S.O.O.B. Derived from a banner used by the ancient Templars, the “Social Order of the Beauceant” was the result. Oklahoma has one Assembly, which is Stillwater No. 124.

Beautiful and impressive, the Beauceant’s ritual contains many lessons which are exemplified by a cadre of seventeen officers in the local Assemblies and nineteen officers in the Supreme Assembly.

Eligibility to Membership – wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Knights Templar of United States of America, or mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of a member, who are, or were at time of decease in good standing in a Commandery or an Assembly are eligible to membership. A petitioner must be at least 18 years of age at the time of petitioning.

One of the most basic landmarks of the order is the admonition to “cultivate the spirit of love for and loyalty to each other, and the Order of Knights Templar, and the reciprocal consideration due the order.” With that in mind, the Beauceant in 1957 adopted the Commandery’s Knights Templar Eye Foundation as their official charity. Since that time, they have donated over one and a half million dollars to the Eye Foundation.

Today’s Beauceant is an order with a long history of support to the Commandery, one that has proven to be a source of pleasure and benefit both to them and to the Sir Knights. It is a history they are proud of and one they wish to maintain. Therefore, they continue to cheerfully fulfill requests to assist with entertainment and hospitality at any level of their organization.

Like many masonic related organizations, the Social Order of the Beauceant is suffering from a decline in membership and participation. Historically, the SOOB began solely with the wives or widows of knights templar. Adjustments were made to include additional family relationships; but something else began to occur which I believe needs our immediate attention.

For unknown reasons, the closeness of our two Orders began to subside. Our local commanderies began to lessen their support of local assemblies, both financially, and in promoting their beautiful Order. The results are that without our support, the assemblies in Oklahoma have dwindled to point that only one exists in our state.

What can we do to help promote the Order? We can start by recognizing the Order during our Grand Banquet, let the Order have membership information available during Grand Sessions, and give the Order the opportunity to address this august body. That is only a start, the most interest can happen when the Grand Commandery and constituent Commanderies work together to promote the Order. We, Sir Knights need to think of opportunities to integrate the Order into our meetings, festivals, observances, social gatherings, public ceremonies and cornerstones. Be creative in ways the Order can be presented to pique the relevancy

of the Order to the Sir Knights and their ladies. I believe the SOOB, just as Templary, is important and needed today. The application of the principles taught not only helps encourage and strengthen the perseverance of faith in our ladies but us as well. As we are a fellowship of Christian men, so the S.O.O.B. is a fellowship of Christian women.

My beloved knights, this is a necessary and worthwhile endeavor for all of us.



**Officers of Stillwater Assembly No. 124**

### **Grand Commandery Junior Officer's Retreat**

On January 27 – 29, 2023 the Grand Commandery Officers met in Muskogee, Oklahoma to discuss and exchange ideas that will help promote, develop, and keep Templary relevant in today's society and culture. The elected Grand Senior Warden and his Lady are responsible for the activities and agenda of this event. This retreat is open to all Sir Knights of Oklahoma. I would encourage those Sir Knights who have an interest in serving this Grand Commandery to attend and learn the duties, responsibilities, and expectations of a Grand Commandery Officer.

This is the seventh year for the retreat. I think the opportunity for the Grand Officers and their families to get together socially is conducive to positive leadership. I would like to thank Sir Knight Mark McFadden, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, and his Lady Donna for hosting a successful event.

### **M.: W.: Grand Lodge of AF&AM of the State of Oklahoma Officers Installation**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma received a request from Right Worshipful Brother Glen A. Chaney, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma, on July 18, 2022 to form the reception line for the 2023 Grand Lodge Officers and the Arch of Steel for the Grand Master. The installation of the Grand Lodge Officers was held on November 12, 2022 with fifteen Sir Knights present to help form the reception line and the Arch of Steel for the incoming Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of AF&AM Masons of the State of Oklahoma, Most Worshipful

Brother Glen A Chaney.

I would like to thank the following Sir Knights for their participation in the lines: Michael Cummings; Roger Gibbs; Matthew Harden; Michael Harden; Cliff Taylor; Donnie Higginbotham, REPGC; Matthew McGee, REPGC, Robert Rolseth, REPGC; Justin McGee, Eminent Grand Sentinel; Jay Wall, Eminent Grand Warder; Trasen Akers, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Steve Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate; Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder; and John King, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

### **State of Templary and Recommendations**

I have no desire to be pessimistic, but rather to consider with optimism a way to greater possibilities. The splendid seed sown by our predecessors will not bring forth fruit without constant nourishment and cultivation. While our membership has decreased, we have solicited more petitions, which is a laudable effort, but we have begun to overlook the importance of our efficiency and the proper rendition of our beautiful ritual. No business may succeed by adding new customers when the loss of the old ones is greater than the increase.

It is regrettable to observe the condition of a few of our Commanderies. Some of them habitually relapse into a state of lethargy or even coma, from which it is difficult to arouse them. I am convinced that a more heroic measure than a mere reminder from time to time will be necessary. Just what course to pursue is the problem of this Grand Commandery and I trust that the proper measure will be brought to light and adopted. Of one thing I am certain, and that is, that the fundamental principles of this Order of Christian Knighthood are right. In our Order we subscribe to the Christian Faith. It still combines the religious and militant spirit, and it is pledged to defend those principles and ideals upon which civilization is based.

Unlike the revered progenitors of this Christian Order who fought with sword, shield, and buckler, ours is a mission of peace; of good will toward men; of love and reverence for the Great Captain of our Salvation; of fidelity to the cause of the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. In such a glorious cause, our swords, once used with such dauntless courage against the enemies of the Cross, are now only symbolic in the unwearied zeal with which we engage in the common cause for the eradication of darkness and superstition, of hatred, of wrong and oppression. While we may exult that our appearance upon the stage of this life was allotted to us at the present advancing age of scientific research, of social, moral, and intellectual attainments, yet the same precepts which inspired the ancient Templars to deeds of charity and pure beneficence find a larger field for the practice of the Christian virtues, for bigotry, oppression, and intolerance are, alas, yet to be found among the nations of the world.

It is my belief that Templary is an extension of the ministry of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That extension being the principle and philosophy of Servant Leadership.

Servant leadership is a leadership philosophy in which the goal of the leader is to serve. This is different from traditional leadership which involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the "top of the pyramid." A servant leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly



as possible. Instead of the people working to serve the leader, the leader exists to serve the people. A Servant Leader should be focused on, "Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?"

The Bible provides many important lessons on the principles of Servant Leadership, including the lessons Jesus Himself offered. The one who leads ought to be like a shepherd who goes before the sheep, finds good pasture and water, and takes the sheep to safe places known to him. Because the flock is close to the heart of the shepherd, caring for their wellbeing is his main concern. Jesus taught the disciples (and us) the basic principles of servanthood when they were arguing about who should be prominent in the kingdom, saying to them, "If anyone desires to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35 KJV).

Sir Knights, to be truly effective leaders in the Masonic Fraternity we must be Servant Leaders. Look around the Asylum today and you will see many examples of Servant Leadership, but where we, in our best estate, fall short due to our fallibility as man. There is one who gave us the perfect example of Servant Leadership through his actions, the Great Captain of our Salvation, and though we will fall short of his example, his Grace and Mercy are sufficient to see us through.

In Christ, the goal of leadership is not to grab power but to serve.

### **Appreciation and Conclusion**

I want to thank the Grand Officers, and all Committee Members for taking the time to travel and collaborate with me to help promote Chivalric Masonry throughout this year. I want to recognize Sir Knights Robert Rolseth, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and James Taylor, Sr., for traveling with me this year, thanks for the conversations and company during our travels. I especially want to thank my Dad, James Taylor, Sr., for any time spent with you is memorable and I will cherish our time spent together this past year.

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

I thank Sir Knight Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, for his constant attention to the business of this Grand Commandery, his counsel, and friendship and Sir Knight Kent Israel, Eminent Grand Treasurer, for his safe keeping, stewardship, and quick responses to my query's regarding the investments of this Grand Commandery.

I want to thank the Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery No. 20 for their support during my service to this Grand Commandery.

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

The time has come for me to relinquish my command over the Commanderies of Oklahoma, composed, as it is, of a host of knightly Fraters and true gentlemen. I realize that we never fully accomplish our desires, if so, there would never be room for criticism. I have endeavored to do what seemed best for our beloved Order; if I

have succeeded in even a small way I am fully compensated for whatever time, thought or energy expended.

In the highly esteemed friendships formed; in the uniform courtesy and kindness extended me by the Sir Knights and Commanderies throughout the state; in the kind words of cheer and encouragement that met me everywhere, I have found an exceeding rich reward; these pleasant memories will form a bright page in the record of my life.

In His Service,

James R. Taylor, Jr.

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2022-23

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION NO. 1a (PASSED)

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Commandery transitioned into electronic record keeping, and Commanderies have had access to update the electronic databases for several years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by ARTICLE XVI – REVENUES, Section 3, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

#### **REVENUES**

**Section 3.** Each Constituent Commandery shall file quarterly reports and annual returns to the Grand Commandery. Quarterly returns shall be due not later than the fifteenth day after the third month in each quarter. Each Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery at the time of filing its quarterly returns the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each Order of the Red Cross, five dollars (\$5.00) for each Order of Malta and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each Order of the Temple conferred in the preceding quarter year. (Amended 4/25/15)

**BE REWRITTEN TO READ:**

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

#### **REVENUES**

**Section 3** The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma shall provide an online electronic database at no charge to the Constituent Commandery. The Constituent Commandery Recorder shall maintain the online electronic database. He shall contact the Grand Recorder if he has any problems with the database. The Grand Recorder will invoice the Constituent Commandery for all Orders, five dollars (\$5.00) for each Order of the Red Cross, five dollars (\$5.00) for each Order of Malta, and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each Order of the Temple conferred, after each Festival. The Grand Recorder will invoice the Constituent Commandery for per capita fees by January 15. In addition, the Grand Recorder will provide each Constituent Commandery Recorder with a Financial Review and Award Forms. The Financial Review form will be signed by the Financial Review Committee of the Constituent Commandery, showing their findings on the financial condition of said Commandery as shown by the books of the Recorder and Treasurer. This certificate shall become a part of the report to the Grand Recorder, and failure to have said books reviewed and certificates signed will subject the Commandery to the same penalty as a failure to remit Degree and per capita funds to the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene (20)

**RESOLUTION NO 1b (PASSED)**

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Commandery transitioned into electronic record keeping,  
and Commanderies have had access to update the electronic databases for several  
years, and;

**WHEREAS:** the data in the electronic database duplicates the information required  
in the Quarterly and Annual Reports required by ARTICLE XVI - REVENUES,  
Section 4, Paragraph b, thereby negating the need for a written report,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE XVI**

**REVENUES**

Section 4.

b) For each member suspended or expelled the Grand Commandery shall charge  
their constituent Commandery a fee of ten (\$10.00) to reinstate them. This fee shall  
be paid on the quarterly report following the reinstatement. This fee will become  
effective January 1, 2016.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE XVI**

**REVENUES**

Section 4.

b) For each member suspended or expelled, the Grand Commandery shall charge  
their constituent Commandery a fee of ten (\$10.00) to reinstate them. This fee ~~shall~~  
~~be paid on the quarterly report~~ will be invoiced by the Grand Recorder following the  
reinstatement. This fee will become effective January 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene (20)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 (Passed as Amended)**

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** The Triennial Fund was set aside to help pay the way for the Dais Officers of the Grand Commandery to attend the Triennial Session and;

**WHEREAS:** The Triennial Fund has not been changed to account for inflation costs in a number of years, and;

**WHEREAS:** We shouldn't expect the Dais Officers of the Grand Commandery to go into great personal debt to attend the Triennial Session.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE XVII**

**FIXED EXPENSES**

**Section 4.**

a) The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to twenty (20) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Commandery as of December 31 of each year in the Triennial fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Dais Officers of the Grand Commandery, not to exceed twenty-five (25) cents per mile, one way, by direct route and twenty-five (25) dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. (Amended 4/27/2019)

**BE AMENDED TO READ: (This version was withdrawn\*)**

**ARTICLE XVII**

**FIXED EXPENSES**

**Section 4.**

a) The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to ~~twenty (20)~~ **seventy-five (\$0.75)** per member on the rolls of the Grand Commandery as of December 31 of each year in the Triennial fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Dais Officers of the Grand Commandery, not to exceed ~~twenty-five (25)~~ **sixty-five (\$0.65)** cents per mile, one way, by direct route, **two nights lodging**, and ~~twenty-five (25)~~ **fifty (\$50.00)** dollars per diem while in actual attendance at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. (Amended 4/27/2019)

**\*\*NOTE:** Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, presented an amended version to mirror the resolution that was passed by both the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. Sir Knight Greene recommended the adoption of the following version:

AMENDED VERSION (This version was presented and passed)

## ARTICLE XVII

### FIXED EXPENSES

#### Section 4.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall accumulate the Triennial Fund in an amount equal to seventy-five (\$0.75) cents per member on the rolls of the Grand Commandery as of December 31st of each year in the Triennial Fund. These accumulated figures will be included in the annual budget for the Triennial year. This fund will be used to pay the expenses of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General to attend the Triennial Convocation of the Grand Encampment. For each of the four said officers, the maximum sum allowed will be one-fourth of the accumulated Triennial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon B. Greene (20)

### RESOLUTION NO 3 (Withdrawn)

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

**WHEREAS**, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

**WHEREAS**, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaus has been reduced, and

**WHEREAS**, chapeaus may one day be difficult to obtain,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that we add the following sub-paragraph to Article XX, Section 6, Sub-paragraph "(a) A black U.S. Navy officer's regulation style cap with the appropriate insignia, as outlined in Section 18 of this article, may be worn in lieu of a chapeau. Black caps and chapeaus may be worn together within the Asylum; similar to the wearing of Stetsons and caps together within cavalry units of the U.S. Army. Sir Knights appearing as a unit for public ceremonies should be uniformly dressed."

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers (3)

**REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND TREASURER**  
**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma**  
**For the period ending December 31, 2022**  
**These Accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley**

Grand Commandery Investment Account		
General Fund		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$100,173.15
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned		3,490.27
Appreciation		<u>-18,947.45</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$84,715.97

Grand Commandery Investment Account		
Perpetual Membership		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$294,380.84
Deposits		1,230.00
Withdrawals		-9678.12
Dividend/Interest Earned		10,465.74
Appreciation		<u>-45,621.64</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$250,776.82

Grand Commandery Investment Account		
Holy Land Endowment Fund		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$112,557.73
Deposits		5,478.00
Withdrawals		0
Dividend/Interest Earned		3,888.18
Appreciation		<u>-17,879.61</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$104,044.30

Grand Commandery Investment Account		
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$12,716.65
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		0.00
Appreciation		<u>-36.82</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$12,679.83
**We paid out \$9,067.31 on 1/17/23 for reimbursement for the 2 Past		
we sent to the Holy Land		

Grand Commandery Investment Account		
Joint Account-Membership Development		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2022		\$79,922.87
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		-7,411.54
Dividend/Interest Earned		2,092.87
Appreciation		<u>-8,768.04</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2022		\$65,836.16

<b>Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments</b>	<b>1/1/2022</b>	<b>12/31/2022</b>		
General Fund	\$100,173.15	\$84,715.97	(\$15,457.18)	-15.43%
Perpetual Membership	\$294,380.84	\$250,776.82	(\$43,604.02)	-14.81%
Holy Land Endowment Fund	\$112,557.73	\$104,044.30	(\$8,513.43)	-7.56%
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$12,716.65	\$12,679.83	(\$36.82)	-0.29%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$79,922.87	\$65,836.16	(\$14,086.71)	-17.63%
<b>Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments</b>	<b>\$599,751.24</b>	<b>\$518,053.08</b>		

The 2022 stock market performance was the worst since 2008. The S&P fell 19.4%, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 8.8%, and the Nasdaq tumbled 33.1%. We also incurred double digit losses. Despite the losses, with our strategy we were able to slightly increase dividends in our Perpetual Accounts. In the second half of the year, we made more than half of our dividends. I am hoping to continue to see growth in our dividends and interest in those accounts in coming years. So far in 2023 we have continued to see crazy volatility in the market and are currently positive for the year, just over 4% for our Grand York Rite Bodies overall.

Changing investment advisors was a massive undertaking. We moved from Wells Fargo in Bartlesville to Morgan Stanley in Oklahoma City. It would not have been possible without our Grand Recorder Jon Greene. He was instrumental on getting not only tax id numbers, but pictures of original charters and other requested documents. Every time I felt we were close to getting everything setup with Morgan Stanley, they would need another document or signature. Thank you so much Companion Greene!

We added very few new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2022. With our change in Investment Advisors last year, checks were severely delayed and not mailed until the fall. The checks for this year have already been mailed out and are slightly larger than last years checks.

#### Perpetual Membership Account Information

855 Total Members at 12/31/2022

4 New Members in 2022

Interest/Dividends earned in 2021: \$9,870.06

Interest/Dividends earned in 2022: \$10,465.74

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2022 for Div/Int earned in 2021: \$5,003.80

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderys in 2022 for Div/Int earned in 2021: \$4,842.95

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2023 for Div/Int earned in 2022: \$5,141.87

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderys in 2023 for Div/Int earned in 2022: \$5,298.29





Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year, it has been an honor. I am very thankful for the Investment Advisory Committee and their experience and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenton M. Israel [22, 3]  
Grand Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER**  
**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2022 End: 12/31/2022**  
**Grand Encampment of Knights Templar**  
**Grand Commandery of Oklahoma**  
**Stationed at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Commanderies = 14

**The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.**

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,198</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>59</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>6</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)		<u>69</u>
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>9</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>41</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>45</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)		<u>95</u>
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(26)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		
		= <u>1,172</u>

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022																																	
No.	Name	2021 Members End of Year	Knighted	Admitted	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdrawn	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2022 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members			KTEF Life (Not Perpetual)		No.	Name	Dues	Fees	DeMolay	Per Capita	Grand Encampment	KTEF	Holy Land Pilgrimage	Net Amount-HLPF	Donation	Net Amount	Perpetual Member	Per Capita Return	TOTAL
1	Guthrie	80	4	0	0	0	1	5	4	0	0	(6)	74	20	0	13	1	Guthrie	\$37.00	\$75.00	\$13.50	\$810.00	\$486.00	\$41.00	\$148.00	\$1,350.50	\$1,498.50	\$172.22	\$1,670.72				
2	Muskogee	121	11	0	4	0	2	10	5	0	(2)	(1)	119	41	1	52	2	Muskogee	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$19.25	\$1,155.00	\$702.00	\$26.00	\$238.00	\$1,902.25	\$2,140.25	\$483.75	\$2,624.00				
3	Oklahoma	118	5	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	(4)	(4)	114	31	5	17	3	Oklahoma	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$19.50	\$1,170.00	\$747.00	\$66.00	\$228.00	\$2,002.50	\$2,230.50	\$307.61	\$2,538.11				
6	McAlester	93	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	(3)	94	33	0	41	6	McAlester	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$15.25	\$915.00	\$549.00	\$20.00	\$188.00	\$1,499.25	\$1,687.25	\$168.24	\$1,855.49				
8	St. John's	59	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	(3)	(3)	56	19	0	18	8	St. John's	\$36.00	\$75.00	\$9.25	\$555.00	\$333.00	\$19.00	\$112.00	\$916.25	\$1,028.25	\$202.56	\$1,230.81				
9	Ardmore	59	5	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	(3)	(3)	56	14	0	5	9	Ardmore	\$34.00	\$75.00	\$10.50	\$630.00	\$378.00	\$37.00	\$112.00	\$1,055.50	\$1,167.50	\$152.06	\$1,319.56				
14	Ben Hur	52	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	(2)	(2)	50	26	0	8	14	Ben Hur	\$44.00	\$115.00	\$6.00	\$360.00	\$216.00	\$16.00	\$100.00	\$598.00	\$698.00	\$242.46	\$940.46				
18	Lawton	89	4	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	(1)	(1)	88	19	0	16	18	Lawton	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$17.25	\$1,035.00	\$621.00	\$53.00	\$176.00	\$1,726.25	\$1,902.25	\$697.08	\$2,599.33				
20	Trinity	177	14	3	0	0	3	2	12	0	0	0	177	65	7	112	20	Trinity	\$48.00	\$110.00	\$26.25	\$1,575.00	\$1,008.00	\$9.00	\$354.00	\$2,609.25	\$2,963.25	\$931.54	\$3,894.79				
22	Elk City	83	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	(1)	(1)	82	34	1	16	22	Elk City	\$56.00	\$100.00	\$11.75	\$705.00	\$432.00	\$32.00	\$164.00	\$1,180.75	\$1,344.75	\$287.24	\$1,631.99				
26	Calvary	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	41	10	1	11	26	Calvary	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$7.50	\$450.00	\$279.00	\$20.00	\$82.00	\$756.50	\$838.50	\$265.18	\$1,103.68				
29	St. Aumer	39	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(2)	(2)	37	19	0	8	29	St. Aumer	\$35.00	\$85.00	\$4.50	\$270.00	\$162.00	\$10.00	\$74.00	\$446.50	\$520.50	\$73.59	\$594.09				
38	Norman	82	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	(1)	83	21	0	19	38	Norman	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$15.50	\$930.00	\$558.00	\$43.00	\$166.00	\$1,546.50	\$1,712.50	\$369.82	\$2,082.32				
53	Capitol Hill	105	4	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	(4)	(4)	101	61	5	7	53	Capitol Hill	\$37.00	\$85.00	\$8.75	\$525.00	\$360.00	\$33.00	\$202.00	\$926.75	\$1,128.75	\$934.95	\$2,063.70				
Totals		1198	59	6	4	0	2	41	45	0	0	(26)	1172	413	20	343		Totals				\$184.75	\$11,085.00	\$6,831.00	\$416.00	\$2,344.00	\$18,516.75	\$20,860.75	\$5,298.30	\$26,159.05			

## 2022 Grand Commandery Budget Actual VS Budget

		2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
	<b>4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>			
	4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	11,355.00	11,355.00	0.00
	4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,939.00	6,939.00	0.00
	4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	473.00	473.00	0.00
	4050 · DeMolay Donation	189.25	189.25	0.00
	<b>Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	<b>18,956.25</b>	<b>18,956.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
	4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	5,003.80	5,003.80	0.00
	4120 · Interest Income	0.00	2,125.47	-2,125.47
	<b>Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>5,003.80</b>	<b>7,129.27</b>	<b>-2,125.47</b>
	<b>4200 · FEES/DONATIONS</b>			
	4210 · Order Fees	1,140.00	600.00	540.00
	4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
	4230 · Reinstatement Fee	0.00	30.00	-30.00
	<b>Total 4200 · FEES/DONATIONS</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>640.00</b>	<b>510.00</b>
	<b>4300 · RESALE</b>			
	4310 · Ritual Resale	0.00	240.00	-240.00
	4320 · Misc. Resale	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total 4300 · RESALE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>-240.00</b>
	<b>4600 · MISC INCOME</b>			
	4620 · KTEF Donations	486.30	0.00	486.30
	4650 · MISC INCOME - Other	841.32	200.00	641.32
	<b>Total 4600 · MISC INCOME</b>	<b>1,327.62</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>1,127.62</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,437.67</b>	<b>27,165.52</b>	<b>-727.85</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>26,437.67</b>	<b>27,165.52</b>	<b>-727.85</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
	<b>5000 · STAFF</b>			
	5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
	5020 · Payroll Taxes	565.50	515.00	50.50
	5030 · Grand Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	<b>Total 5000 · STAFF</b>	<b>6,565.50</b>	<b>6,715.00</b>	<b>-149.50</b>
	<b>5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>			
	5110 · Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	11,468.00	10,791.00	677.00
	5120 · KTEF Donation	0.00	662.00	-662.00
	5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
	<b>Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>11,768.00</b>	<b>11,753.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>
	<b>5500 · YOUTH EXPENSES</b>			
	5510 · Youth Ads	0.00	100.00	-100.00
	<b>Total 5500 · YOUTH EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
	<b>6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL</b>			
	6010.21 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Rolseth	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
	6010.22 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Taylor	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
	6011 · Grand Recorder's Travel	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	6020 · R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00
	6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	160.90	200.00	-39.10
	6040 · Grand Sessions-Headquarters	451.96	450.00	1.96
	6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	0.00	200.00	-200.00
	6060 · Past Grand Commander Jewel	1,510.00	0.00	1,510.00
	6065 · Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00	200.00	0.00
	6070 · South Central Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6080 · Triennial	750.00	0.00	750.00
	6081 · Triennial - Special Conclave	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	6090 · Grand Commandery Retreat	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	<b>Total 6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL</b>	<b>3,072.86</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>-1,227.14</b>

## 2022 Grand Commandery Budget Actual vs. Budget – Continued.

	7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE			
	7100 - Rent			
	7110 - Muskogee Storage Rent	0.00	34.00	-34.00
	7120 - Drumright Masonic Lodge	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7130 - Field Day/Other Rent	200.00	200.00	0.00
	Total 7100 - Rent	200.00	234.00	-34.00
	7200 - Telecommunications			
	7210 - ATT-Phone & Internet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
	7220 - Website	0.00	75.00	-75.00
	Total 7200 - Telecomm un ications	0.00	475.00	-475.00
	7300 - Office Supplies			
	7310 - General Office Supplies	0.00	105.54	-105.54
	7320 - INK	0.00	120.00	-120.00
	7330 - Computer Software	116.66	170.00	-53.34
	7340 - Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 7300 - Office Supplies	116.66	395.54	-278.88
	7400 - Printing and Reproduction			
	7410 - Pre-Print	604.28	140.00	464.28
	7420 - Proceedings	0.00	150.00	-150.00
	7430 - Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7440 - Check Order	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 7400 - Printing and Reproduction	604.28	290.00	314.28
	7500 - Postage and Delivery			
	7510 - PO Box Rental	182.00	61.00	121.00
	7520 - Stamps	0.00	55.00	-55.00
	Total 7500 - Postage and Delivery	182.00	116.00	66.00
	7600 - Insurance			
	7610 - Bond Premium	131.68	132.00	-0.32
	Total 7600 - Insurance	131.68	132.00	-0.32
	7700 - Repairs			
	7710 - Computer Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7720 - Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7730 - ATT-Connect Tech Svcs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 7700 - Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE	1,234.62	1,642.54	-407.92
	8000 - MISC			
	8020 - KT Regalia	242.00		
	8050 - Digitize Proceedings	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
	8070 - Misc - Other	0.00	350.00	-350.00
	Total 8000 - MISC	242.00	1,550.00	-1,308.00
	Total Expense	24,132.98	26,060.54	-1,927.56
Net Income		2,304.69	1,104.98	1,199.71

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		2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget
	<b>Holy Land Pilgrimage</b>			
	<b>Income</b>			
	4500 - Holyland Pilgrimage			
	4510 - Holy Land Endowment Interest	9,067.31	0.00	9,067.31
	4520 - HLP from Commandery Per Capita	2,398.00	2,398.00	0.00
	<b>Total 4500 - Holyland Pilgrimage</b>	<b>11,465.31</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,465.31</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>11,465.31</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
	<b>Expense</b>			
	9200 - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE			
	9210 - HLP Minister/OTHER	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00
	9220 - HLP Transfer to Investment Acct	2,390.00	2,398.00	-8.00
	9230 - Airfare to New York	1,267.31	0.00	1,267.31
	<b>Total 9200 - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	<b>11,457.31</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	<b>9,059.31</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,457.31</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	<b>9,059.31</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>

Please see the attached statement of income and expenses for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. In addition, the Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year.

We had a net loss of 26 Sir Knights as compared to a gain of 9 Sir Knights the previous year. We Knighted 59 compared to 106 last year. Suspensions and withdrawals were 41 compared to 47 last year. We had 45 deceased Sir Knights in 2022 as compared to 55 in 2021. We had 20 members reported on the Annual Reports who were unable to pay their dues compared to 14 last year.

Please keep in mind that perpetual fees are 15 times your yearly dues. If your Commandries yearly dues are not equal to or more than the per capita, then you will not recover your dues for that member. For example: at present, if your Per-capita is \$13.75 per member and your dues are \$27.50, you will get 50% of the dividends and interest. Less dues will be proportionately less, and more will be proportionately more. All computations are based on the time the perpetual was purchased. See Standing Resolution, Perpetual Membership of the Constitution, and General Laws.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon B. Greene [20]

Grand Recorder

## **TELLERS COMMITTEE**

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Donnie G. Higgenbotham, P.G.C., Sir Knight Clifford B. Taylor, and Sir Knight Rusty Henson to the Tellers Committee.

## **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

The Grand Commandery Jurisprudence Committee met in Executive Session at 3:30 pm on April 27, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn and Suites in Oklahoma City with the following members listed below in attendance.

The meeting was called to order, and the invocation was given by S.K. Timothy P. Israel. The Grand Commander's Address, General Orders, and Dispensations were reviewed and found to be in proper form.

The resolutions were reviewed, and resolutions No. 1A,1B, and No. 2, including the proposed amended language, were found to be in proper form. Resolution No. 3 was withdrawn due to conflict with Grand Encampment regulations.

We commend REGC Taylor for his efforts in moving the Grand Commandery forward and his liberal use of General Orders and his use of the ZOOM platform for the purpose of presenting his Ascension Day, Patriotic, Christmas, and Easter observances as well as his monthly chat meetings used to educate and inform the Sir Knights of the issues and challenges coming before the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rolseth PGC Chairman/Secretary, Charles Stuckey, PGC,

Robert G. Davis,PGC, John Logan,PGC, Tim Israel, PGC, D G Higginbotham, PGC  
Matt McGee, PGC

## **FINANCE**

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 5, 2023, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery Operating Account and found it to be in order and in agreement with the statements provided by the financial institution holding the assets of this account.

The Committee reviewed the investment reports provided by the financial institution holding the assets for the Grand Commandery General Fund, Grand Commandery Perpetual Membership Fund, Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund, and Holy Land Pilgrimage Funds and found them to be in order and in agreement with the information provided by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Commandery's budget is a fiscal year budget based on the calendar year, while the Grand Commandery Officers' term of office is from the fourth weekend in April to the following April. Due to the confusion, this creates in creating and approving the budget, both the outgoing and incoming Grand Commanders' Travel expenses are included in this year's budget to fix the discrepancy.

The Committee commends the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for their diligence in accounting and safeguarding the funds and investments of the Grand

Commandery. Also accompanying this report is the proposed budget for the Grand Commandery for 2023.

We recommend its approval by the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally submitted,

John E. King (22) - Chairman, Glen A. Chaney (18), John T. Turner (38)

Mark K. McFadden (2)



## COMMANDERY BUDGET 2023

		Budget 2023
Income		
ANNUAL RETURNS		
	Oklahoma Per Capita	11,085.00
	Grand Encampment Assessment	6,831.00
	KT Eye Foundation Assessment	416.00
	DeMolay Donation	184.75
Total - ANNUAL RETURNS		18,516.75
INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME		
	PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	4,914.21
	Interest Income	3,464.16
Total - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME		8,378.37
FEES/DONATIONS		
	Order Fees	1,000.00
	Dispensation Fee	10.00
	Reinstatement Fee	10.00
Total 4200 - FEES/DONATIONS		1,020.00
RESALE		
	Ritual Resale	240.00
	Misc. Resale	0.00
Total - RESALE		240.00
MISC INCOME		
	KTEF Donations	400.00
	MISC INCOME - Other	200.00
Total - MISC INCOME		600.00
Total Income		28,755.12
Gross Profit		28,755.12
Expense		
STAFF		
	Grand Recorder Salary	6,750.00
	Payroll Taxes	577.32
	Grand Treasurer's Expenses	200.00
Total - STAFF		7,527.32
ASSESSMENTS		
	Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	10,548.00
	KTEF Donation	416.00
	DeMolay Donation	300.00
Total ASSESSMENTS		11,264.00
YOUTH EXPENSES		
	Youth Ads	100.00
Total - YOUTH EXPENSES		100.00
CONFERENCE / TRAVEL		
	22 - R.E.G.C. - Travel - Taylor**	1,250.00
	23 - R.E.G.C. - Travel - King**	1,250.00
	Grand Recorder's Travel	200.00
	R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	250.00
	Grand Sessions Host Expense	250.00
	Grand Sessions-Headquarters	1,100.00
	Grand Sessions-Awards	200.00
	Past Grand Commander Jewel	0.00
	Knight Corn of Temple Jewel	200.00
	South Central Conference	0.00
	Triennial - EXPENSE FUND for 2024	0.00
	Triennial - Special Conclave	0.00
	Grand Commandery Retreat	0.00
Total - CONFERENCE / TRAVEL		4,700.00

		<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	
		<b>Rent</b>	
		Muskogee Storage Rent	33.00
		Drumright Masonic Lodge	0.00
		Field Day/Other Rent	200.00
		<b>Total Rent</b>	233.00
		<b>Telecommunications</b>	
		Phone & Internet	400.00
		Website	75.00
		<b>Total - Telecommunications</b>	475.00
		<b>Office Supplies</b>	
		General Office Supplies	40.00
		INK	120.00
		Computer Software	290.00
		Office Equipment	0.00
		<b>Total - Office Supplies</b>	450.00
		<b>Printing and Reproduction</b>	
		Pre-Print	120.00
		Proceedings	150.00
		Publications	0.00
		Check Order	0.00
		Printing & Reproduction	0.00
		<b>Total - Printing and Reproduction</b>	270.00
		<b>Postage and Delivery</b>	
		PO Box Rental	61.00
		Stamps	63.00
		<b>Total - Postage and Delivery</b>	124.00
		<b>Insurance</b>	
		Bond Premium	131.68
		<b>Total - Insurance</b>	131.68
		<b>Repairs</b>	
		Computer Repairs	0.00
		Equipment Repairs	0.00
		<b>Total - Repairs</b>	0.00
		<b>Total - OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	1,683.68
		<b>MISC</b>	
		KT Regalia	0.00
		Digitize Proceedings	1,200.00
		Misc - Other	250.00
		<b>Total - MISC</b>	1,450.00
		<b>Total Expense</b>	26,725.00
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,030.12</b>

NOTE: \*\*Any funds budgeted for Grand Commander's Travel - (2022-2023) not disbursed during 2022 will be carried over to the 2023 budget.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND					
					<b>Budget 2023</b>
				<b>Income</b>	
				<b>Holy Land Pilgrimage</b>	
				Holy Land Endowment Interest	6,723.31
				HLP from Commandery Per Capita	2,344.00
				<b>Total - Holyland Pilgrimage</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
				<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
				<b>Gross Profit</b>	
				<b>Expense</b>	
				<b>HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	
				HLP Minister/OTHER	7,800.00
				HLP Transfer to Investment Acct	0.00
				Airfare to Newark, NJ	1,267.31
				<b>Total HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
				<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>9,067.31</b>
				<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>
				<b>MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	
				<b>Income</b>	
				<b>Membership Development</b>	
				Membership Development Interest	707.50
				Membership Development Other	0.00
				<b>Total - Membership Development</b>	<b>707.50</b>
				<b>Total Income</b>	<b>707.50</b>
				<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>707.50</b>
				<b>Expense</b>	
				<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
				Promotional Expense	305.00
				DeMolay Sword	402.50
				<b>Total - MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>707.50</b>
				<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>707.50</b>
				<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## WORK AND TACTICS

ARTICLE IV, Section 2, (d). The Committee on Work and Tactics shall consider, and report all matters and things relating to Asylum Ceremonies and Field Drills, and Competition therein; also, on all matters relating to the interpretation of the Rituals, Manuals, and Drill Regulations; the formation of Drill Corps, and Rules and Regulations Governing them; Inspectors of Constituent Commanderies; and the regulation uniform of this Grand Commandery. It shall prescribe, with the approval of the Grand Commander, or of this Grand Commandery, Rules and Regulations governing the Inspection of Constituent Commanderies, competitions in Asylum Ceremonies and Field Drills, and it shall award all prizes for proficiency. Such Rules and Regulations shall, when approved by the Grand Commander, or this Grand Commandery, have the effect of Rules and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, and be in force after such approval.

Five Commanderies stood for inspection and eight Commanderies conducted School of Instructions. The five Commanderies that stood for inspection are: Guthrie #1, Muskogee, #2, St. John's, #8, Lawton #18, and Trinity, #20. At the York Rite Grand Sessions, the Work and Tactics Committee will recognize the two Commanderies for proficiency. These are for the best score for a Class "A"

Commandery inspected as class “B”, and for the Class “B” Commandery with the best score.

Respectively submitted,

Larry D. White, [20], John L. Logan, [29, 1] PGC, Glenn A. Kinsley, [29] PGC

Timothy P. Israel, [22] PGC

### **TRIENNIAL MATTERS**

The Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The 69th Triennial Conclave is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2024. Further details are not available at this time. The committee will report any updates as they become available.

We appreciate the honor and privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2] Chairman, Glen A. Chaney [18], John T. Turner [38]

### **GENERAL MATTERS**

Let's look at Good News first.

Of the 14 Commanderies that started the year, 12 knighted at least one new Knight. One Commandery, Trinity #20, proved that you can still find men who want to become York Rite members. They Knighted 14 new Knights. Second Place was Muskogee #2 with 11 Knightings. That is awesome. Two other Commanderies Knighted 5 new Knights, and five other Commanderies Knighted 4 new Knights. That totals 55 of the 59 new Knights. Only two Commanderies did not knight anyone. This year Oklahoma Knighted 59 new Knights.

We had 4 reinstatements, all from one Commandery, Muskogee # 2. Sadly we lost 45 Sir Knights to death

We can learn from our weaknesses. Now to the bad news.

Losses. We all abhor the loss of our members. Our membership count is down 26 members. We experienced 8 demits. But we also had suspensions. They amounted to a total of 41 Sir Knights. It is definitely important to try to reinstate our members and not just let them disappear.

It seems only logical that we should be able to reduce at least some of the loss to suspensions and withdrawals. We would urge that the Officers in Charge meet with their Commanderies early in the year and encourage every Commandery to set up an active committee to contact the members who are behind in their dues or who are local and not attending Conclaves. Only 3 Commanderies lost 5 or more Knights to suspension. Of our 14 Commanderies, 10 had a net loss of membership, 2 gained a member, and 2 were unchanged.

Consolidations. Fortunately, we experienced no consolidations.

Now to the other items under our venue: Charters and Letters of Dispensation - no new Charters nor Letters seeking a Charter, and No Appeals or Grievances.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Israel [22] - Chairman, Robert R. Rolseth [20] & John T. Turner [38], Members

## NECROLOGY

During this annual grand assembly, we have gathered to pay tribute to the following 30 Sir Knights, who have laid down their swords and have entered into the celestial Asylum above:

Lester A. Cowan Jr., Forrest N. Ridgway, David L. Driskell, Richard O. Liles, Bruce J. Williams, Gary A. Odendahl, Kenneth R. Brewster, Rick E. Swanson, Hampton W. Anderson, Marvin L. Chamberlin, Johnie D. Grimes, John H. O'Neal, Fred A. Oberlender, James G. Harlow III, Lowell Jones, Jimmy W. Bailey Jr., Frand W. Burt, George A. Hannington, Eugene H. Scott, Robert C. Shady, James M. Casey, John W. Clift, John D. Miller Jr., Melvin R. Parker, Ronnie D. Taylor, Joe A. Williams, Bob L. Carr, C. Kent Callahan, Ralph Koneklick, Juny L. Patterson

Our departed Sir Knights, having been summoned by the Supreme Grand Commander of the Universe into his glorious presence, are now forevermore at perpetual rest and peace. They now behold that divine foundation stone, upon which rests Eternal Truth. The following poetic tribute is given in loving memory of our fallen Brothers in Arms:

Templars' Field  
I layeth down my sword and shield  
and pray forgiveness from my Lord  
for sins I carried since my birth  
I wish redemption  
though sword was cast into my hand  
to cut down those with devilish plans  
and shield protected me their ills  
bless me Lord in Templar's field  
In visions that thou gavest me  
I kept my word of charity  
and helped the weak and poor go free  
from slavish masters  
and when the bounty came my way  
I proved to give it all away  
and now before you naked say  
in Templar's field I wish to stay  
In Templars' Field I seekest home  
where other Knights reduced to bone  
lay buried pure but not alone  
my only brothers  
they too like I sought saviours dove  
we carried flags of holy words  
and nailed the crucifix to shield  
pray bless me Lord in Templars; field.  
-By Gerard de Chamey (AKA: Sir Knights Words)

Respectfully Submitted  
Steven E. Cox [2] Grand Prelate

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

With the 54th annual KTEF campaign that ended May 15, 2022, Oklahoma donated a total of \$22,754, a \$7,429 increase over last year. The two plaques presented at Grand Sessions, the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard award for the largest total contribution, and the Ned D. Prator award for the largest per-capita contributions this year are going to one Commandery this year.

The winner of the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard plaque goes to:

Oklahoma No. 3 (OKC), with total donations of \$5,920

The winner of the Ned D. Prator plaque goes to:

Oklahoma No. 3 with largest per-capita donations of \$49.75

The 55 annual campaign does not end until May 15, 2023 please keep those donations coming in.

Respectfully submitted,

Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth

State Chairman, Knight Templar Eye Foundation

## KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION LIFE SPONSORS 2023

The goal of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is to have every Sir Knight of every Commandery to be a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. At our Grand Encampment conclave held at Minneapolis, Minnesota in August 2021, they displayed different colored jewels for individual donations up to \$25,000. There are currently 12 members of the Grand Commanders Club, who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 to the KTEF, and 35 members in the Grand Masters Club who have donated annually towards the \$1,000 level to earn a jewel issued by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in recognition of their commitments to the charity. To date these Sir Knights have donated \$85,402 to the KTEF and are complimented for their generous donations. If you already are a life sponsor, please consider purchasing a Life Sponsorship in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation for a candidate that you have top line signed or making a personal commitment to join the Grand Masters Club or the Grand Commanders Club.

We have gained more ground in the last 12 months in attaining the goal of 100% Life Sponsor participation. Last year I reported that we were at 49.3% and this year I am glad to report we are at 53.6% participation. I know of several Commandery's who have made changes in their by-laws regarding the fees structure that includes the cost of a Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship into the joining fees, and I strongly encourage each Commandery to consider making these changes to their by-laws.

Commandery	% Life Sponsors 2022	2023	Membership
Muskogee No. 2	55.5%	99.2%	121/120
Trinity No. 20(Tulsa)	100%	100%	181/181
McAlester No.6	82.8%	77.7%	94/73
St. Johns No. 8 (Stillwater)	44.8%	50.0%	56/28
Ben Hur No. 14 (Ponca City)	46.0%	46.0%	50/23

St. Aumer No. 29 (Woodward)	43.6%	45.9%	37/17
Norman No. 38	42.5%	39.8%	83/33
Calvary No. 26 (Bartlesville)	37.5%	39.0%	41/16
Elk City No. 22	31.7%	31.7%	82/26
Oklahoma No. 3	29.9%	29.8%	114/34
Capitol Hill No. 53 (Midwest City)	29.7%	29.7%	101/30
Lawton No. 18	33.7%	28.9%	90/26
Ardmore No. 9	22.4%	23.2%	56/13
Guthrie No.1	20.5%	23.0%	74/17

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert R. Rolseth  
KTEF State Chairman

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE**

The Monthly State News, previously called the Knight Templar Magazine Supplement, has been published every month of 2022.

The Knight Templar Magazine Supplement ended in September 2021. This gave birth to the Monthly State News published every month and accessible through the Oklahoma website. I was notified at the beginning of 2023 that the present Knight Templar Magazine would go out in June 2023, and a new larger Quarterly Magazine will begin in September 2023. We will work to make the State News more available to all Knights.

Respectfully submitted,  
John E. King [22]

### **MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION**

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

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma is an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation formed on July 9, 1930, to encourage charity, benevolence, education, and philanthropy. It was created so Oklahoma Freemasonry's institutional giving could be better focused and coordinated. The activities of the Foundation do not replace those of the individual Masons; they merely serve to supplement them.

### **MANAGEMENT**

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twenty-two members. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma elects fifteen 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 Order of the Eastern Star. Board members receive no monetary compensation of any kind. The Foundation has full-time staff working in the Edmond office under John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve in 2023:

President	Neil A. Stitt
1st VP	Jack L. Painter

2nd VP	Gene McKelvey
Treasurer	Ronald J. Chambers
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

## **FINANCIAL**

The Foundation's 12/31/2022 combined balance sheet, less the Throckmorton Trust, reflects total assets of \$96,645,221, a decrease of \$17,410,524 from one year ago. Endowments, less the Throckmorton Trust, total \$90,816,030, an increase of \$1,016,555 from one year ago.

## **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 scholarships, local disasters, local charitable causes, and local community services. In 2022, 192 Lodges used the program for \$1,502,402. Since the Matching Funds Program began, the Foundation has contributed \$36,104,022 to support local charitable or educational projects. The local lodges' participation has created a minimum of \$72,208,044 of support for local community needs.

Matching Funds dollars have allowed lodges to double their fundraising ability to support local community needs. In 2022, Matching Funds provided an additional \$606,854 in support for youth and public education, \$135,659 to local fire, police, and veterans organizations, \$356,968 to individuals in need (or organizations who provide direct services to needy individuals), \$103,093 to senior citizen centers and charities who provide aid to seniors, \$64,962 to Masonic Youth Orders, and \$47,815 to support local museums, libraries, parks, and historical preservation projects. Matching Funds dollars and lodge fundraising injected over \$2.7 million into community charitable and educational projects.

## **PROMISES MATTER**

The Foundation stands ready to assist those Lodges and OES Chapters in caring for their needy members through matching funds or direct grants. Each Lodge or Chapter is best positioned to know which members need assistance. Lodges may use their entire \$12,500 matching funds for Promises Matter activities. In 2022, Promises Matter Matching Funds provided an additional \$327,430 to assist female OES and Master Masons members and widows with immediate financial needs due to illness, injury, or other hardship. Also, eight different Lodges received Promises Matter Grants totaling \$33,153. The average grant amount distributed was \$2,763.

**The Masonry in Action Award** program began in 2013 to recognize lodges that do an outstanding job utilizing the Foundation programs. The Foundation allows each winning Lodge the opportunity to specify a worthy nonprofit in their community to receive a \$5,000 grant. In 2022, Maud-Konawa Lodge 106 was the small lodge category winner, and Owasso Lodge 545 won the large lodge class for the sixth year. Maud-Konawa Lodge 106 designated their prize funds to provide a charitable grant of \$5,000. The Lodge chose to award the Maud and Konawa Public Schools for high school senior scholarships in Masonry in Action Award funds. Owasso Lodge 545 awarded their \$5,000 community grant to an outdoor education



program administered by the Owasso Fraternal Order of Police and their Shop with a Cop Christmas program. Congratulations to both lodges!

If your Lodge wants to know more about the Foundation programs, please call or go by the Foundation office to discuss your needs.

## **PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS**

The Foundation works with other organizations to achieve worthwhile goals and make Masonic charity more visible across Oklahoma.

**Partners in Prevention** is a partnership with **Vizavance**. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. The Foundation granted \$300,000 to support the ongoing costs of the program. Over 140,000 students were screened in the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. The Foundation has provided over \$5 million to support this important mission, One Goal, One Vision, and One Mission Advancing Children's Education Through Better Vision!

**Food Bank** support has been an annual program since 2011. In 2022 the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$69,000 being donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$31,000 to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2022 Masonic Food for Kids campaign ran from August 1 through October 15. This statewide effort combines the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, and Griffin Communications (Channel 5 in OKC and Channel 6 in Tulsa). Food Bank is one of three projects with statewide visibility that attempt to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

**The Oklahoma State Department of Education** - Our support for public education was demonstrated in nine statewide programs.

1. **The Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year** program honors teachers who make outstanding contributions to the public education of our youth. The State Teacher of the Year is awarded a check for \$5,000, and each of the eleven finalists receives \$1,000. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.
2. **The Student of Today Award** is a program that encourages outstanding performance in students of all grade levels by recognizing exemplary students. Each recipient receives a certificate, usually from a local Mason, at their school's awards assembly, or some Lodges host banquets for the winners. In 2022, the Foundation prepared 1,792 certificates for presentation.
3. **Freemasonry uses the Teacher of Today Award program** in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that make a daily difference in our children's lives. 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 future burden on their shoulders. In 2022, the Foundation prepared 595 certificates for presentation.
4. **The State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence** honor the Fifty top high school seniors in our state's visual and performing arts. Also, the leading school administrators and 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 2023 event will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite on April 18, 2023.

5. **The Payne Education Center** is a nonprofit 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 scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. In 2022, \$115,000 was provided, half allocated for teacher scholarships and the other to support their Digital Phonics Program.
6. **The Youth Scholarship Program** funding is through the Education Endowment. The scholarship program is open to DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow members. This year sixty scholarships of \$3,000 each were budgeted, and forty-three were awarded as follows: DeMolay 9, Job's Daughters 2, and Rainbow 32.
7. **The Senior Essay Contest** was launched in 1966 in support of education. Writing teaches critical thinking skills. The essay contest is open to all seniors in Oklahoma public schools. The Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma sponsors it as part of its continuing commitment to education. Cash prizes in the Men's and Women's divisions range from \$2,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to \$200 for 10<sup>th</sup> place. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be made to each of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in high school. For the 2022 – 2023 contests, 529 seniors entered the contest. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 20 statewide winners of the contest, and \$5,000 grants to the schools of each of the statewide first-place winners. Certificates for presentation to the local division winners of 62 high schools sponsored by 54 Lodges will be provided to the local Lodge.

**Senior Assistance Program-** Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a Department of Human Services division, \$798,146 was given in November 2022 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2023. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated \$11,660,930 in the name of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at [www.okdhs.org](http://www.okdhs.org).

## CHARITABLE GRANTS

In addition to partnerships with other charitable organizations or agencies, the Masonic Charity Foundation makes several grants yearly to support Public Education, Public Wellness, and Public Charities. Some highlights of 2023 grantmaking are:

- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to the Mercy Women's Health Center, which is currently finalizing construction. Due to the tremendous growth in the need for women's healthcare, there is an urgent need to increase the amount of physical space and quality of healing. The new center will offer comprehensive, collaborative care. An essential priority is providing services to the economically disadvantaged.

- Hearts for Hearing provides audiology and speech pathology services in a unique one-stop setting for children with hearing loss. Charitable services for young children ensure they can learn to speak, connect with the world, and become self-sufficient members of their families and communities. A \$200,000 grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma will benefit hearing-loss families. In addition to providing the first set of hearing aids to children ten years of age and under at no cost to families, Hearts for Hearing also offers financial assistance for specialized speech therapy and audiology services.
- The Cavett Kids Foundation helps children with terminal or chronic illnesses thrive by using camp experiences to build character, coping skills, and connection. Camps are provided for kids of every age who may be dealing with heart issues, cancer, or other disorders. Masonic charity's \$25,000 camp funding in 2023 will provide two of Cavett's highest-level camp experiences throughout the year.
- The YMCA Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers International Airport provides a safe location for military personnel to rest, access mail and telephone services, find refreshments, and prepare for the journey onward. The Masonic Charity Foundation provided \$18,000 to support the operation of this facility in 2023.

#### **SUPPORT OF MASONIC GROUPS**

- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation supports a charitable or educational cause or project of the Grand Master's choice. In 2022, a \$12,000 grant for equipment was provided to the Arnett High School Science Department STEM program.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! In addition, \$64,449 in Matching Funds will be provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters in 2022. Scholarships of \$3,000 to youth order members and \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- The Supreme Assembly, IORG, also received a \$200,000 donation for renovating the Supreme Assembly building in McAlester.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
  - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.
  - An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operating under the Masonic Service Association of North America that publicly provides information on Freemasons and responds to Freemasonry critics.
  - The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma supports *every* Masonic Services Association of North America plea for disaster support with a \$1,000 donation.
  - Masonic Charity Foundation also provides annual contributions of \$4,000 to the Masonic Service Association of North America's

Hospital Visitation Program, making Oklahoma's support of this program competitive nationally.

### **Foundation Activities**

Additional information can also be found at the Foundation's website, [www.mcfok.org](http://www.mcfok.org). We also try to share positive stories regarding Masonic activities on Facebook.

It has been a great honor to serve as a Masonic Charity Foundation board member, and I thank the members for the opportunity to do this important work and I hope you all will re-elect me for another term. Not campaigning, just hoping..

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy P. Israel, KCT, PGC [22]

### **YORK RITE COORDINATION**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Taylor, Jr. (20), John E. King (22), Glen A. Chaney (18),  
John T. Turner (38)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Greetings Sir Knights, This past year has been a busy one as we were again able to host our regional festivals as well as our annual Grand Masters Festival. It is extremely important for each and every one of us to consider ourselves as a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from each and every one of us to get out and visit our local lodges and tell our brethren about all of the reasons they should be a York Rite Mason. Our future depends on it.

One thing that was particularly disturbing in reviewing the annual report was seeing the loss of 36 Sir Knights statewide due to suspension for non-payment of dues. The question looms as to why these members decided to leave their Commandery. We need to be diligent in following up with these Sir Knights and find out why they are leaving. Then we can start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all.

Sadly we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost 32 Sir Knights this past year. May we keep these Sir Knights and their families in our prayers.

It is vital that we all work together to promote the York Rite to those who have not yet experienced it. At the same time, we need to reach out to members we have

lost to suspensions and encourage them to return. Remember, “Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar”!

In closing, I would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander James R. Taylor, Jr., for the privilege of serving as State Membership Chairman during his year and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Foundation has changed formats and goals over the years. At one time, we made school loans and offered other assistance. Several years ago, we restructured our purposes and how we handle our funds. Our primary function now is in the administration of post high school education.

The Education Scholarship committee did not meet in person this year, we did not travel to meet last year, and it still worked out well. This gives each of us more time to read, review and rank the candidates.

The Committee had had some changes in membership. The members are: Jay Wall, Dace Tom, Mark McFadden, Robert R. Rolseth, and myself Tim Israel. Jon Greene is the Secretary of our committee.

We are in charge of the Education Foundation funds which are currently managed by a Grand Encampment investment team. They forward to us the amount of our interest needed to pay for four (4) \$1,500 scholarships.

This is our fourth year giving four \$1,500 scholarships – two to female applicants and two to male applicants. There is not a specifically required criteria for receiving the scholarships. Each member of the committee reviews every application we receive in a timely manner. They look at such things as the academic record, extracurricular activities, vision of need, future plans with a degree, and financial need. There is no Masonic affiliation requirement at all. Each member then ranks the applications and sends those results to the chairman. The chairman consolidates the rankings and sends that information back to the committee. If a committee member wishes to campaign for a particular candidate that may have not made the cut, he is given that opportunity before the whole committee.

So far the choices of candidates have been agreeable to all members of the committee. As the Chairman, it has been easier to manage this process without meeting in person. There has, so far, always been a consensus on the recipients.

We have all been disappointed with the quality of information received this time. We will be revising our application for next year to give us some additional criteria to review. We had a very limited number of candidates this year: We had 12 girls and 4 boys. As it turns out, ultimately, after we had made our decisions and notified the recipients, we received an additional 32 applications that the USPS had “found” two months after the deadline”.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy P. Israel [22] – Chairman, Jay A. Wall [1]. Dace C. Tom [26].  
Robert R. Rolseth [20], Mark K. McFadden [2],  
Jon B. Greene [20] – Secretary/Treasurer

## PRINTING

The 2022 proceedings were printed by LuLu Press online printing company this year. The 2022 Proceedings were printed at the cost of \$254.32, with the Commandery portion being \$84.77. With the passage of Grand Encampment Resolution 2021-04: Constitutional change requiring 75% to pass, Section 52 (d), Allows for the transmittal of electronic proceedings in a digital format to the Grand Secretary of Grand Encampment at the last Grand Encampment Triennial, the need to print a lot of proceedings is no longer necessary. We will still print a copy for each constituent Commandery and others who would like a printed copy. A digital copy will be placed on the Grand York Rite website, [www.okyorkrite.org](http://www.okyorkrite.org), and a copy will be put on the George Washington Memorial website, <http://gwm.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet>

Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [20], James R. Taylor, Jr. [20], Robert R. Rolseth [20]

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

2023 was a very exciting year for our Grand Commandery. After a few years of not being able to send a minister to the Holy Lands, we were blessed to be able to send two ministers this year! This year's ministers were Kathy Gott and Mitchell Miller.

Pastor Gott serves Lighthouse Family Worship Center in Barnsdall, OK. She has spent 26 years in ministry. And since returning has been very vocal about how this opportunity has changed her life.

Pastor Mitchell lives in Edmond, Oklahoma, and is the Pastor of Santa Fe Presbyterian Church in Edmond. He has been a full-time minister for 27 years. In his nomination form, he expressed that he was anxious to see and walk the land where Jesus and so many other heroes of the Bible walked. Upon his return he also testified as to how this journey had forever changed his life and ministry.

Sir Knights this program is so very important and speaks to the heart of Templary. Service to others and our community, all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, James R. Taylor, Jr., for the privilege of serving as chairman of this committee.

Sincerely,

Mark K. McFadden (2)

## COMMANDERY DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

It has been an honor to serve on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Commandery this year. It appeared to be a good year for the DeMolays of Oklahoma, as they have continued to work hard and accomplish many things. We had two really great candidates to choose from to award the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. It was wonderful to see them accomplish so much to help their chapters and DeMolay across the state. They were both outstanding candidates, and we could have honorably selected either one. Holden Farmer from Myrtle Chapter of DeMolay was selected and awarded the sword at their Winterfest in February. He has worked diligently in his Chapter to help it grow and show great

leadership. We hope that he and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3] - Chairman, Timothy P. Israel [22], Michael L. Branson [8],  
Jon B. Greene [20]

### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma:

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each appointed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander respectively, serving staggered terms. The purpose of the committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings are typically to review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other such matters as deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, Chapter 2020-2023 [72, 6], Chairman  
Mathew Turner, Commandery 2021-2024 [38]  
Charles L. Stuckey, Council 2022-2025 [43]

### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year. The look of the Grand York Rite website was updated in March 2023. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, for his confidence and for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman, John R. Christopher [48],  
Robert W. [Bob] McLeod [2, 22]

### **TEMPLE REVIEW**

No report given.

### **KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY LAND**

At the 2015 session of this Grand Commandery, a permanent Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment was authorized to be established as a separate, segregated account within the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. The purpose was to create an investment pool of funds whose earnings would be used solely to benefit the Oklahoma Holy Land Pilgrimage program. The fund was established, and contributions received.

On behalf of the Committee, I thank those Sir Knights whose contribution to this worthy project demonstrated their leadership and dedication to the ideals of Templary:

Sir Knights may also enroll in an installment payment program, with a minimum payment of \$100.00 per year. As of December 31, 2022, the closing value of the invested funds was \$104,044.30. We thank every Sir Knight who has donated to this fund. Even though we have met our goal, we still encourage every Sir Knight to enroll in the Knight of the Holy Land program.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,  
John L. Logan [29] PGC

### **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

Membership Enhancement has become the center of the Masonic Organizations. We have two main major functions that need to be addressed, Recruitment and Retention.

The change in society has put the Masonic Fraternity in drastic decline. We have to find the median that will make our fraternity desirous to join and attend. Our fraternity is based on reverence to a Supreme Being. Churches are failing and closing their doors. The new man is not interested in religion of any kind and has no knowledge of the contents of the Bible. Our meetings have become reading the minutes and how much money we have and want to donate to a cause. Brothers are not coming to these meetings and do not have an interest in maintaining the facilities.

Discussion has been intense, but the ideas that have come forth have not changed the outcome yet. We do not want to change the basic fundamentals and ideals of the fraternity, but we want to find how we can interest and maintain today's man in wanting to belong, attend and enhance their lives with our teachings.

Being the Chairman of a committee with no posted members does not make it a non committee. The leaders of the Commanderies and the membership are the members. All ideas and suggestions are not only welcome, but extremely needed.

Remember, all appendant bodies of the Blue Lodge require Master Masons. Go out there and find these good men who will bring the Blue Lodges up and we will get members from that. Listen to these men find their needs and see if masonry can fulfill that need.

Fraternally submitted,  
John E. King [22]

### **GRAND MASTERS FESTIVAL**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Constituent Commanders, and Sir Knight all,

The Oklahoma York Right Festival in honor of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M Grand Master, M.: W.: R. Scott Vincent, was held on September 10, 2022, at Oklahoma City Lodge #36. The Festival began promptly at 8:00 am, and there were a total of forty-six (46) Master Masons knighted and welcomed into the valiant and magnanimous Order of the Temple. We congratulate those worthy Knights who have endured the trials and passed through the ceremonies of this



Order. The Committee wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank the Membership Committee, as well as the Grand Recorder, for their diligence and hard work in spreading the word and contacting the candidates who made themselves known across the State. The Committee looks forward to the 2023 year and the upcoming Oklahoma York Rite Festival in honor of the Grand Master of Oklahoma. This event will be held on July 22, 2023, at Oklahoma City Lodge #36.

Fraternally submitted,

Co-Chairman – Glen A. Chaney (18), John T. Turner [38]

CENTRAL: Steven Sichterman [38]

N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [14]

N EASTERN: James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]

### **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS**

The Grand Commandery is pleased to have held two Regional festivals for the conferral of the Orders of Knighthood. The Northeast Commandery Festival was held in the Tulsa area on 11 March where seven new Sir Knights were made. The Central Oklahoma Festival was held in Norman on 18 March and four new Sir Knights were made. This is eleven new members for the State. The Committee would like to extend thanks to all Sir Knights who were involved with making these events a success, everyone from the regional chairmen who planned the events to the Sir Knights who participated in the conferral of the ceremonies were essential to making these events happen and are a testimony to how every Knight can make a difference in the success of our organization. Special thanks are to be given to all members who stepped in at the last minute to assist with unforeseen changes to the Central festival, their hard work and dedication were essential. These Festivals provide opportunity for new members to join at times other than the Grand Masters Festival allowing Commanderys to get new members involved earlier without having to wait. Local festivals also allow local Commandery to advertise to their area lodges about opportunities for Christian Masons to gather together for common work. In whole these events strengthen our fraternity and provide greater opportunity for the advancement of our brethren.

Fraternally Submitted,

John T. Turner [38] - Chairman

### **SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Constituent Commanders, and Sir Knight all,

The South-Central region is composed of five member states (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma) and one non-member state (Texas). The Companions of this region have been gathering together annually for well over sixty years.

The 2022 South Central Department Conference was held at Sam's Town Resort in Shreveport, Louisiana, September 16-18, 2022. It was attended by the RE Grand Commander, VE Deputy Grand Commander, E Grand Generalissimo, E Grand Captain General, and other Grand Commandery Officers. At this session of the SC Department Conference, many issues and topics were discussed, and actions

taken by this august body of Sir Knights. The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, SK David Kussman was in attendance at the conference, and the Department Commander, SK Robert M. Loflin attended as well. The opportunity for leadership education was continued with the York Rite Emerging Leader Program, and several Oklahoma Sir Knights attended a portion of this program or completed it.

Plans can now be made to attend the 66th Annual South Central York Rite Conference in Branson, Missouri on September 15-16, 2023.

The 2023 South Central Department Conference will be held at Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center, 415 North State Highway 265, Branson, MO 65616. For more information on the event space check out <https://www.chateauonthelake.com/>.

Respectfully Submitted  
Glen A. Chaney [18], - Chairman

### **PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Constituent Commanders, and Sir Knight all,

The Committee for Patriotic and Civic Activities continues to support the Ceremony of Retirement of our National Colors and all U.S. Flags that is conducted in the second week of October each year. In addition, the Committee is always seeking new opportunities to show Patriotism and Civic support. If any Sir Knight has any thoughts, ideas or events that they believe serve this Committee's purpose, we encourage them to share them with the Committee for Patriotic and Civic activities.

The Committee wishes to express our deep sadness at the loss of our former Chairman and Past Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Gary A. Odendahl, who passed to the Celestial Temple on August 10, 2022. RE SK Odendahl has always stood as a great example of true Patriotism and Knighthood. We commend him for his service to this Committee and his love of this country, and our Fraternity. We extend our sympathy to his widow, Sister Judith, and pledge our love and support to his family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John E. King [22]

### **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**

This year Our Grand Commandery held all the required observances, Ascension, Patriot's Day, Christmas, and Easter. Ascension, Christmas, and Easter being filmed via Zoom and posted to the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma YouTube. The Grand Prelate put out a monthly devotional. This was an outstanding year. I am proud of all our Sir Knights, and God Bless.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven E. Cox [2] - Chairman

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The Long Range Planning Committee is made up of the Trustees of the Grand Commandery. The committee's discussions have been education, ceremonial excellence, and membership.

The education enhancement is being reviewed to give the Knights a better understanding of the history and understanding of the Orders. The education program needs to be made interesting to those seeking knowledge. It has to create interest in those who are looking at joining and participating in the Order.

The ceremonial and excellence aspects of the order cannot fall by the wayside. We as Knights have to work on performing the Orders not only to educate the Knights but to carry forward the pride of accomplishment in keeping the three Orders ready to perform and give the incoming Knights the full program in understanding the fraternity they paid for.

The membership is being studied to enhance the knowledge and information put forth on Knights Templar to prospective members and members.

The above is being worked into a follow on that will be worked by each of the incoming Grand Commanders and Staff. Your Grand Commandery Officers are committed to the future of Templary. It should be the drive of each Commander and Officers of each and every Commandery.

**LOOK AND WORK FORWARD TO VICTORY, FOR WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS.**

Respectfully submitted,

John E. King [22], Glen A Chaney [18], John T. Turner [38], Mark K. McFadden [2]

## **APPRECIATION**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, Sir Knights, and our Distinguished Guests:

The Appreciation Committee would first like to thank God Almighty for giving us strength and wisdom this templar year.

To the Time and Place Committee and the Grand Recorder, thank you for all the time and hard work you've put into the arrangements of our Annual Sessions. To our Right Eminent Grand Commander in cooperation with the other Grand Officers, this is just one step on your journey. Your ability to relentlessly search for solutions to problems and find innovative ways to improve is the key to the success this templar year. We commend you on a job well done. We thank you for this Grand Session.

Fraternally submitted,

Justin M. McGee [14,8] - Chairman

## **TIME AND PLACE**

Greetings Sir Knights! Welcome to the 2023 Grand York Rite Sessions. The planning for the 2023 sessions started last year with the search for a site affording availability, location, and conference needs. This was a challenge this year, especially in the current economic environment. The Hilton Inn/Champion Convention Center was selected as the site for this year's session, and we are confident that it will satisfactorily meet our needs. You may also wish to avail yourself of the local

restaurants on Meridian as well as the ladies scheduled visit to the First Americans Museum Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

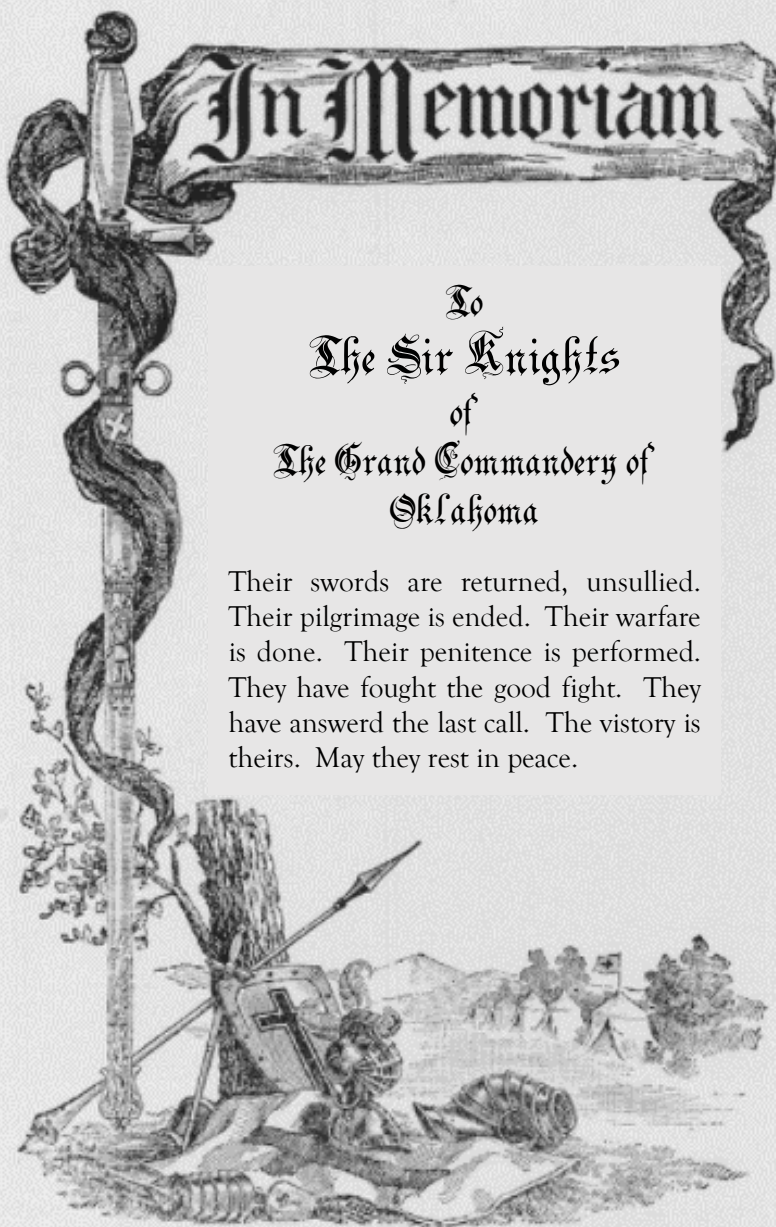
This year a Friday noon buffet has been added for those needing a little extra “on-site” time between sessions as well as a cash bar at the Grand Banquet on Friday evening banquet. Also new this year is the introduction of name badges for all members and invited guests. The badges help in meeting new friends (and old ones) - PLUS, they also serve as your admission tickets to the banquets and Friday noon luncheon.

The location for the 2024 Grand Sessions has been planned, and the recommendation/motion will be made at the sessions to hold the 2024 sessions at the Embassy Suites Northwest in Oklahoma City April 25-27, 2024.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the members of my committee this year for their work in helping arrange the sessions: Brad Rickelman, Bob McLeod, and Ivan DeTevis. They have made this year much easier on myself and I greatly appreciate their efforts.

Fraternally,  
Jay Wall, Chairman  
Time and Place Committee

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Right Eminent Grand Commanders Address and the above committee reports. The motion prevailed.



## NECROLOGY REPORT

During this annual Gand Conclave, we have gathered to pay tribute to the following Sir Knights who have laid down their swords and have entered into the Celestial Asylum above:

### Guthrie Commandery No. 1

Lester A. Cowan, Jr  
Robert J. Hanna, Sr.  
Burke McCrory  
Forrest N. Ridgway

### Lawton Commandery No. 18

Jimmy W. Bailey, Jr.  
Frank W. Burt  
George A. Hannington  
Eugene H. Scott

### Muskogee Commandery No. 2

Roger Beaver  
Edward W. Hart, PGC  
Richard O. Liles  
Gary A. Odendahl, PGC  
Bruce J. Williams

### Trinity Commandery No. 20

James M. Casey  
John W. Clift  
Kenneth W. Donley  
Edward W. Hart, PGC  
Kermit D. Hoffmeier  
Gary L Johnson  
John D. Miller, Jr.  
Gary A. Odendahl, PGC  
Melvin R. Parker  
Samuel L. Silvers  
Ronnie D. Taylor  
Joe A. Williams

### Oklahoma Commandery No. 3

Kenneth R. Brewster

### McAlester Commandery No. 6

Hampton W. Anderson  
Marvin L. Chamberlin  
Johnie D. Grimes

### Elk City Commandery No. 22

Richard A. Cornell

### St. John's Commandery No. 8

Fred A. Oberlender  
Gary A. Odendahl, PGC

### Calvary Commandery No. 26

James H. Ellis

### Ardmore Commandery No. 9

James G. Harlow III  
Lowell Jones

### Norman Commandery No. 38

Bob L. Carr

### Ben Hur Commandery No. 14

Gary L. Bracken  
John Petrik

### Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53

Mark A. Atkins  
C. Kent Callahan  
I Dwayne Dixon, PGC  
Ralph Konelick

### Lawton Commandery No. 18



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sir Knight John E. King was nominated for the office of Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight John T. Turner was nominated for the office of Grand Generalissimo and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden was nominated for the office of Grand Captain General and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Kenton M. Israel was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Jon B. Greene was nominated for the office of Grand Recorder and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers was nominated for the office of Grand Senior Warden and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knights Robert W. "Bob" McLeod was nominated for the office of Grand Junior Warden and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight John E. King, Right Eminent Grand Commander Elect, greeted the Commandery and announced the Appointed Officers and Officers In Charge.

Sir Knight Robert M. Loflin, R. E. Department Commander South Central and Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, gave their remarks.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was called to recess by Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr. Right Eminent Grand Commander.

After the Grand Commandery was called to recess, all Elected and Appointed Officers were installed in their office. The installation team was as follows:

Installing Officer: Sir Knight Jack Harper, R.E.G.G.

Installing Marshal: Sir Knight Paul T. Currell, R.E.P.G.C.

Installing Prelate: Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, R.E.P.G.C.

Installing Recorder: Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder



James R. Taylor, Jr.  
Grand Commander

Jon B. Greene  
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA  
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-2024 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

John E. King [22]	Vicki	Grand Commander
Glen A. Chaney [18]	Patti	Deputy Grand Commander
John T. Turner [38]		Grand Generalissimo
Mark K. McFadden [2]	Donna	Grand Captain General
Steven E. Cox [2]	Susan	Grand Prelate
Kent M. Israel [22]	Dana	Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. "Ike" Issacs [20, 26]	H.P.G.C.	Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [20]	Renee	Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [20] P.G.C.	Nellie	Grand Recorder Emeritus
Trasen S. Akers [3]	Aerial	Grand Senior Warden
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	Grand Junior Warden
Brian M. Ragain [18]		Grand Standard Bearer
Justin M. McGee [8,14]		Grand Sword Bearer
Jay A. Wall [1]	Johanna	Grand Warder
John E. King, Jr. [6]	Tracy	Grand Sentinel

**Protocol**

All Knights are addressed as Sir Knight, followed by their name.

Those who have particular titles are addressed as follows:

The Grand Commander is addressed with the title of respect as: Right Eminent

The Deputy Grand Commander is addressed with the title of respect as: Very Eminent

The Grand Prelate is addressed with the title of respect as: Excellent

All other Officers are addressed with the title of respect as: Eminent

Past Grand Commanders are addressed with the title of respect as: Right Eminent



**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA  
AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

<b>AREA 1</b>	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T.
Mark K. McFadden	Trinity Commandery No. 20 K.T.
John E. King, Jr.	
<b>AREA 2</b>	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T.
Robert W. McLeod	Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
<b>AREA 3</b>	Elk City Commandery No. 22 K.T.
Brian M. Ragain	St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
<b>AREA 4</b>	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T.
Glen A. Chaney	Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
<b>AREA 5</b>	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T.
John T. Turner	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
Justin M. McGee	
<b>AREA 6</b>	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T.
Trasen S. Akers	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T.
<b>AREA 7</b>	St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T.
Jay A. Wall	Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA  
2023-2024 STANDING COMMITTEES  
per ARTICLE IV**

**CREDENTIALS:**

**Section 2. (a)**  
Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [53] - Chairman  
Steven E. Cox [2]  
James R. Taylor, Sr. [20]  
Jon B. Greene [20] - Ex Officio

**FINANCE:**

**Section 2. (b)**  
Glen A. Chaney [18] - Chairman  
John T. Turner [38]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]  
Trasen S. Akers [3]

**TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:**

**Section 2. (c)**  
Robert R. Rolseth [20] - Chairman  
James R. Taylor [20] - Recorder  
All Past Grand Commanders

**WORK AND TACTICS:**

**Section 2. (d)**  
Larry D. White [20] - Chairman  
Glenn H. Kinsley [29]  
John L. Logan [29]  
Timothy P. Israel [22]

**TRIENNIAL MATTERS:**

**Section 2. (e)**  
Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]

**GENERAL MATTERS:**

**Section 2. (f)**  
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman  
Robert R. Rolseth [20]  
John T. Turner [38]

**NECROLOGY:**

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE**

**Section 2. (g)**  
Steven E. Cox [2]

**FOUNDATION:**

**Section 2. (j)**  
Robert R. Rolseth [20]  
All Grand Commandery Officers

**MASONIC CHARITY**

**FOUNDATION:**

**Section 2. (h)**  
2021-24 (RAM) David A. Ray [27]  
2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]  
2023-26 (KT) Timothy P. Israel [22]

**YORK RITE COORDINATION:**

**Section 2. (i)**  
John E. King [22]  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Section 2. (k)**  
Mark K. McFadden [2] Chairman  
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [14]  
N EASTERN: Jim L. Parham [20]  
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]  
S EASTERN: John E. King, Jr. [6]  
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]  
S WESTERN: James Oates III [18]

**2023-2024 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

per

**ARTICLE V**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION**

**FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARDS:**

**Section 2. (a)**  
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman  
Jay A. Wall [1]  
Dace C. Tom [26]  
Robert R. Rolseth [20]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]  
Jon B. Greene [20] - Secretary/Treasurer

**PRINTING:**

**Section 2. (b)**  
Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]  
Robert R. Rolseth [20]

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:**

**Section 2. (c)**  
Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]  
John L. Logan [29]

**2023-2024 COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION**

**DeMOLAY:**

**INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD:**

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3] - Chairman  
Timothy P. Israel [22]  
Michael L. Branson [8]  
Jon B. Greene [20]

**(Investment Policies, Pg. 25)**  
(appointed 3 years)  
2021-2024 KT: Mathew A. Turner [38]

### **2023-2024 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

(Not in Constitution Laws and Regulations)

#### **KNIGHT TEMPLAR STATE NEWS:**

John E. King [22]

#### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:**

Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]  
Jason R. Smith [18]  
John R. Christopher [1]

#### **TEMPLE REVIEW**

**(Fraternal Correspondence):**

Robert G. Davis [1]

#### **KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND:**

**(Formed April 25 2015)**

John L. Logan [29]

#### **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT:**

**(Formed April 25 2015)**

John E. King [22]  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]

#### **GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL:**

**(FIELD DAY)**

**(Formed April 25 2015)**

John T. Turner [38]

#### **REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS:**

Chairman - John T. Turner [38]  
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [14]  
N EASTERN: James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]  
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]  
S EASTERN: Mark K. McFadden [2]  
S WESTERN: Glen A. Chaney [18]  
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

#### **CONFERENCE:**

(Arkansas – Kansas – Louisiana –  
Missouri – Oklahoma – Texas)  
Glen A. Chaney [18]

#### **PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

**(Formed April 23, 2016)**

Glen A. Chaney [18]  
Roland Morales  
John E. King [22]

#### **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:**

**(Formed April 23, 2016)**

Steven E. Cox [2] - Chairman  
Justin McGee [14]  
Jon B. Greene [20]

#### **LONG-RANGE PLANNING:**

**(Formed April 23, 2016)**

#### **APPRECIATION:**

Justin McGee [14]

John E. King [22] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
John T. Turner [38]  
Mark K. McFadden [2]

**TIME AND PLACE:**

Jay A. Wall [1] - Chairman  
Brian A. Buswell [3]  
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]  
Bradley S. Rickelman [8]  
Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8]

## LISTS OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

PAST GRAND COMMANDRY OFFICERS OF INDIAN TERRITORY						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1895	*Robert W. Hill	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1896	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1897	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1898	*Patrick J. Byrne	**Robert F. Scoffern	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1899	**Robert F. Scoffern	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1900	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*John Coyle	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1901	*Z. T. Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*H. L. Jarboe , Jr.	*Joseph S. Murrow
1902	*Daniel M. Hailey	*D. M. Williams	Herbert J. Evans	***A. V. Francis	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1903	*Herbert J. Evans	*William F. 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 Coyle	*Frank Smith	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1906	*Frank Smith	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	***R. Stephens	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1907	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	***R. Stephens	*Christ. Springer	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1908	*John W. Speak	*Christ. Springer	*Ira McNair	*Roy D. Ful'er	*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 Essex	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Edmond H. Doyle
1911	*Ira McNair	*Robert W. Henry	*William Essex	*James A. Scott	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Eugene Hamilton

PAST GRAND COMMANDRY OFFICERS OF OKLAHOMA TERRITORY						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1896	*C.M. Barnes	*DeDorest D. Leach	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W S. Spencer	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1897	*DeDorest D. Leach	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W S. Spencer	* B. E Binns	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1898	*Otto A. Shuttee	*W S. Spencer	B. E Binns	*Julius C. Cross	*Luke Ellison	*H. S. Cunningham
1899	*W S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham	*Julius C. Cross	* Henry E Hand	*Luke Ellison	*DeDorest D. Leach
1900	*H. S. Cunningham	*Julius C. Cross	* Henry E Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*Luke Ellison	*DeDorest D. Leach
1901	*Julius C. Cross	* Henry E Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*Luke Ellison	*DeDorest D. Leach
1902	*Henry E Hand	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*W J. Pettee	*W S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
1903	*Enoch M. Bamford	*C. A. Morris	*W J. Pettee	*John C Hughes	*W S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
1904	*C. A. Morris	*W J. Pettee	*John C Hughes	*C. P. Wickmiller	*W S. Spencer	*H. S. Cunningham
1905	*W J. Pettee	*John C Hughes	*C. P. Wickmiller	*Henry Ricker	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1906	*C. P. Wickmiller	*Henry Ricker	*W L. Eagleton	*John C Fleming	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1907	*Henry Ricker	*W L. Eagleton	*John C Fleming	*Edward P. Gallup	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1908	*W L. Eagleton	*John C Fleming	*Edward P. Gallup	*John R Hamil	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1909	*John C Fleming	*Edward P. Gallup	*John R Hamil	**Guy W. Bohannon	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1910	*Edward P. Gallup	*John R Hamil	**Guy W. Bohannon	*J. Angus Gillis	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer
1911	*John R Hamil	*Guy W. Bohannon	*J. Angus Gillis	*James Q. Louthan	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1911	*Robert H. Henry	**Guy W. Bohannon	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1912	**Guy W. Bohannon	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1913	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1914	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*F. H. Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1915	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*F. H. Smith	*E. P. McMahon	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1916	*James Q. Louthan	*E. P. McMahon	*Fred H. Clark	*C. S. Highsmith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1917	*Eugene P. McMahon	*Fred H. Clark	*C. S. Highsmith	*Milton C. Hale	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1918	*C. S. Highsmith	*Fred H. Clark	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1919	*Fred H. Clark	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1920	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1921	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1922	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1923	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1924	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1925	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1926	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1927	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1928	*James C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1929	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer

1930	*R. 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	*Merl P. Long	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. A. Latham
1935	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*Ralph V. Downing	*J. A. Latham
1936	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1937	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1938	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1939	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1940	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1941	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1942	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1943	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1944	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1945	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1946	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*J. A. Sinex	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1947	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*J. A. Sinex	*L. A. Maphet	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1948	*P. O. Creason	*L. A. Maphet	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1949	*L. A. Maphet	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*J. R. Holmes	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1950	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1951	*G. B. Young	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1952	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1953	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1954	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1955	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1956	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1957	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1958	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*C. F. Hansen	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1959	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1960	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*E. T. Ross	*R. W. Rogers	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1961	*Ernest T. Ross	*Irvin Cecil	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1962	*Irvin Cecil	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1963	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1964	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*F. J. Smith	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1965	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*F. J. Smith	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1966	*F. J. Smith	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1967	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1968	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*A. S. Johnson	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1969	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*A. S. Johnson	*Jack Freeman	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1970	*A. S. Johnson	*L. E. Tryon	*Jack Freeman	*C. W. Reese	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1971	*Jack Freeman	*C. W. Reese	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1972	*C. W. Reese	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1973	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1974	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1975	*Walter L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1976	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1977	*Norman P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1978	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1979	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1980	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1981	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn Pierce	*Cecil E. Johnson	*James C. Abernathy	*Robert E. Fielden
1982	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*Ellis Sappington	*Cecil E. Johnson	*James C. Abernathy	*Robert E. Fielden
1983	*Lilburn Pearce	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*James C. Abernathy	*Robert E. Fielden
1984	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1985	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*Charles H. Warner	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1986	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1987	*Leon A. Anderson	*Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1988	*Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1989	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1990	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1991	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1992	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	*James R. Creason	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink

1993	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1994	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*Edward W. Hart	Kish L. Thomas	*Donald J. Cink
1995	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*Edward W. Hart	*O. Ray Harrington	Kish L. Thomas	*Donald J. Cink
1996	William A. Nation	*Edward W. Hart	*O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Kish L. Thomas	*Donald J. Cink
1997	*Edward W. Hart	*O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	Kish L. Thomas	Donald H. Haralson
1998	*O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	*Paul A. Fitch	Kish L. Thomas	David A. Ray
1999	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	*Bartis M. Kent	*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	Kish L. Thomas	*Ralph K. Harris
2000	Charles L. Stuckey	*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Kish L. Thomas	*Ralph K. Harris
2001	*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Kish L. Thomas	*Ralph K. Harris
2002	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	Kish L. Thomas	*John D. Miller, Jr.
2003	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	Kish L. Thomas	*John D. Miller, Jr.
2004	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Elwood M. Isaacs	*John D. Miller, Jr.
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
2009	Lewis A. Hullum	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	**Mark A. Critchfield	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2010	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	**Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2011	Richard C. Dunaway	**Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	*Edward J. Becerra	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2012	**Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	*Edward J. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2013	L. Erik Stuckey	*Edward J. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2014	*Edward J. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Timothy P. Israel	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2015	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2015	Elwood M. Isaacs (Hon)					
2016	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	Michael M. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
2017	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Michael M. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
2018	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2019	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2020	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2021	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2021	Newell A. Barker (Hon)					
2022	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2023	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Mark K. McFadden	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
	* Deceased	** Demitted	*** Lost Membership			



## KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

### JOHN FRANCIS CARTER

John F. Carter has shown exceptionally meritorious service while serving as Recorder for Ardmore Commandery No. 9. Through his application of sound leadership, and his devotion to Ardmore Commandery No. 9, the Commandery was able to accomplish the goals that were set before it. Sir Knight Carter was exceptional in his ability to instruct our newly created Sir Knights with patience and perseverance. As a result of his efforts, six new Knights, with less than six months experience in the York Rite, were able to Open, Receive the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Close with little instruction. Sir Knight Carter is to be commended for his ten years of service as Recorder. He is extraordinarily meticulous in his duties as Recorder with excellent communication skills, ability to instruct, and loyalty to the Commandery and his Commander. Sir Knight Carter's achievements are keeping with the traditions of Commandery service and reflect great credit upon himself, Ardmore Commandery No. 9, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

## 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 Commandery No. 3	Oklahoma City
*2000	James E. Smyrl	Trinity Commandery No. 20	Tulsa
*2001	Gene D. Harper	Ardmore Commandery No. 9	Ardmore
2002	Robert T. Shipe	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53	Midwest City
2003	Edwin C. Womack	Elk City Commandery No. 22	Elk City
2004	William D. Williams	Guthrie Commandery No. 1	Guthrie
*2005	Hollis O. Edgar	Cimarron Valley Commandery No. 42	Drumright
2006	Paul T. Currell	Elk City Commandery No. 22	Elk City
2007	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City Commandery No. 22	Elk City
2008	Matthew D. McGee	Ben Hur Commandery No. 14	Ponca City
2009	Trasen S. Akers	Norman Commandery No. 38	Norman
2010	Alfred Douglas Fryman, Jr.	Elk City Commandery No. 22	Elk City
*2011	James Nicholas Rossi	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53	Midwest City
2012	Jay A. Wall	Guthrie Commandery No. 1	Guthrie
2013	Bradley S. Rickelman	Stillwater Commandery No. 8	Stillwater
2014	Larry D. White	Trinity Commandery No. 20	Tulsa
2015	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Oklahoma Commandery No. 3	Oklahoma City
2016	William J. Cloud	Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53	Midwest City
2017	Ernest Weldon Key	Muskogee Commandery No. 2	Muskogee
2018	Marshall M. Clayton	Muskogee Commandery No. 2	Muskogee
2019	Harvey C. Johnson	Muskogee Commandery No. 2	Muskogee
2020	Andrew B. Palmer	Trinity Commandery No. 20	Tulsa
2021	Michael C. Zura	Lawton Commandery No. 18	Lawton
2022	John F. Carter	Ardmore Commandery No. 9	Ardmore

\* - Deceased



## KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

**JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.**

Sir Knight Taylor's biography can be found at the beginning of these Grand Commandery proceedings.

Rather than repeating the majority of his history and achievements, suffice it to say that he continues to support York Rite Masonry in all his endeavors. He has served the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma as an Officer through the line with distinction. He is a positive influence on his fellow Sir Knights and is well-deserving of this award.

The following Sir Knights have received the Knight Commander of the Temple award:

*Bartis Kent	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	Charles L. Stuckey
*James T. Tresner, II	*Edward W. Hart	*Donald W. Rimmer	Robert T. Shipe
*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	Glenn H. Kensley	*O. Ray Harrington	Elwood "Ike" Isaacs
John L. Logan	Daniel C. Pryor	William A. Nation	Garry D. Odom
Michael E. Hampton	Joe R. Manning, Jr.	*Willis L. Emerson	Lanny Sander
Bobby L. Laws	Donald G. Jones	*Don H. Haralson	*Neal Leech
Timothy P. Israel	David Ray	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Lewis A. Hullum
***Mark A. Critchfield	Richard C. Dunaway	*Rex L. Eutsler	Ronald J. Chambers
James R. Creason	Paul T. Currell	L. Erik Stuckey	Donnie G. Higginbotham
Bradley S. Rickelman	Matthew D. McGee	Newell K. Barker	Curtis K. Schuermann
*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	
*Deceased	**Lost Membership	***Demitted	



## COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

This award is given for service to the order, the fraternity, the community, or mankind. The recipient need not be a Knight Templar or a Mason. Both men and women are eligible for the Companion of the Temple award.

The following have received the Companion of the Temple award:

2000	Nellie Davis	2002	Arlene Harrington	2003	Glenda R. Stucky
2003	Earlene J. Taylor	2010	Linda Isaacs	2011	Judy Dixon
2016	Jan Israel	2019	Diane Logan	2023	Gage Taylor

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA – 2023-2024			
JURISDICTION	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE IN OKLAHOMA	GRAND REPS OTHER JURISDICTIONS
Alabama	James C. McGee	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Erskine K. Smith
Alaska	Dennis N. Oakland		
Arizona	George E. Weil	Shane Naught	Efrain Sanchez
Arkansas	Dick E. Browning, Sr.	Bobby J. Stalnaker	J.R. Mote
California	Phillip A. Hardiman	Daniel D. Hanttula	Honesto R. Castaneda
Colorado	Grover Sardeson	Michael E. Hampton	Wilson C. Moulton
Connecticut	Vincent A. Cowie		Ronald L. Miller
Delaware	Mark E. Irwin	Glenn H. Kinsley	Henry Cotton
District of Columbia	Gerald A. Peeters		Mark A. Wright
Florida	Richard C. Brooks	Lewis Hullum	Eric W. Kleinback
Georgia	Mark A. Bradley	John L. Logan	Lee D. Holcomb
Hawaii	Dustin T. Verity	Matthew D. McGee	
Idaho	Norman Lane		Theodore Fujiki
Illinois	Mark A. Keagle	Robert R. Rolseth	Wendell E. Walch
Indiana	Lawrence Williams	Trasen S. Akers	Irvin L. Bitting
Iowa	Tim S. Anderson		Forrest C. Peck, Jr.
Italy	Tiziano Casellino		
Kansas	Alan D. Jackson		E. Mack Griffiths
Kentucky	Jim H. King, Jr.	William A. Nation	Jimmy Moore
Louisiana	Allan K. Bean	Kevin P. Bardy	Glenn Darell Bledsoe
Maine	Thomas A. Emery	David Clayton	Douglas B. Taylor
Maryland	Kris Darell Brown	Matthew Cargill	Milton R. Wheatly, Sr.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Jacob T. Yanovich	John E. King	David E. Potter
Mexico	Miguel David Rojas	L. Erik Stuckey	
Michigan	Loren A. Winn	John D. Miller, Jr.	John E. Rollins
Minnesota	Brian Dimatteo	Donnie Higginbotham	Alden Johnson
Mississippi	Jared F. Stanley		Jack Hourguettes, Jr.
Missouri	Russell S. Hanson	Paul T. Currell	Lionel J. Goede
Montana	Roger E. Cathel	James R. Creason	Perry E. Langston
Nebraska	Dennis Newman		Harry W. Gordon
Nevada	Michael E. Reinhardt		Frank Woodliff
New Hampshire	Dennis A. Sheridan		Norris L. Provencher
New Jersey	David C. Bruner	Charles L. Stuckey	Ference S. Schubert
New Mexico	Dion Newhouse	Glen A. Chaney	Richard Corn, Jr.
New York	Steven Wing		E. William Whittaker
North Carolina	D. Allen Surratt	Elwood M. Isaacs	William Brunk
North Dakota	Leo Rognlin	Garry Odom	James K. Well
Ohio	Alfred Johnson		Bruce D. Basil
Oregon	Dalvin L. Hollaway	David A. Ray	Arlie Thomason
Pennsylvania	Douglas M Rowe	Robert G. Davis	Donald S. Gray
Philippines	Danilo C. Datu, Sr.	Robert R. Rolseth	Jhayson B. Albelda
Portugal	Jose Rafael Jesuita	Timothy P. Israel	
South Carolina	Gary B. "Buck" Jolley	Gary A. Davis	Sam L. Grant, Jr.
South Dakota	George Bauder	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.	Norman Herren
Tennessee	Ralph Burks Taylor	Robert C. Shady	Terry L. Plemons
Texas	Jerry N. Kirby		H. Bart Henderson
Utah	David L. Read, Sr.	William R. Phillips	John L. Elwell, Jr.
Vermont	Bruce R. Howard		James O. Fendley
Virginia	Major G. Stephenson, III	William D. Williams	Jimmy D. Davis
Washington	Michael A. Smitson		Ivan "Merle" Iverson
West Virginia	F. Paul Baker		
Wisconsin	David R. Schreier		Ralph L. Behlke
Wyoming	James L. Sturdevant		Gary Skillern

## 2023 DIRECTORY OF COMMANDERIES IN OKLAHOMA

COMMANDERY	COMMANDER	RECORDER	STATED CONCLAVE	CHARTERED
1 GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie, OK 73044	Michael L. Dixon	James W. Rule P.O. Box 203 Edmond, OK 7083	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
2 MUSKOGEE 121 S. Sixth St. Muskogee, OK 74401	Rick A. Moore	Mark K. McFadden muskogee@okritebodies@outlook.com P.O. Box 1037 Muskogee, OK 74402	2nd Wed 6:30 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
3 OKLAHOMA 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73120	Mathew A. Turner	Christopher F. Harper 2935 W. Britton Rd. (for mail) Oklahoma City, OK 73120	2nd & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeds 7:00 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
6 McALESTER First & Adams St. McAlester, OK 74501	Stephen D. Gragg	Blaine C. McKnight P.O. Box 3335 McAlester 74502-3335	4th Mon 7:00 pm	July 28, 1895
8 ST. JOHN'S 322 W. Miller Ave. Stillwater, OK 74075	Ryan R. Frederick	Brad S. Rickelman P.O. Box 1415 Stillwater, OK 74076-1415	2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 pm	June 29, 1897
9 ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St., N.W. Ardmore, OK 73401	Michael S. Wright	John F. Carter P.O. Box 14 Ardmore, OK 73402	2nd Mon 7:30 pm	Nov. 2, 1897
14 BEN HUR 1200 W. Grand Ave. Ponca City, OK 74601	Tyler E. Evans	James E. Halbrook	4th Tues 7:00 pm	Aug 13, 1928
18 LAWTON 702 SW "C" Ave. Lawton, OK 73501	Roland Morales	Ryan C. Shady 702 SW "C" Avenue Lawton, OK 73501	1st Tues 7:30 pm	Feb. 15, 1906
20 TRINITY 5925 E. Ninth St. Tulsa, OK 74112	Don H. Stanton	Jon B. Greene PO Box 35764 Tulsa, OK 74153 (918) 921-5552	4th Mon 7:00 pm	April 19, 1906
22 ELK CITY 102 ½ N. Jefferson Ave. Elk City, OK 73644	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel P.O. Box 1596 Elk City, OK 73648	1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm	May, 20, 1912
26 CALVARY 610 N.E. Washington Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006	Karl Franks	Mark A. Wright 610 N.E. Washington Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006 (918) 331-3831 (Office)	3rd Monday	April 23, 1908
29 ST. AUMER 819 ½ S. Main St. Woodward, OK 73801	Troy L. Collier	Ray L. Bell PO Box 1661 Woodward, OK 73802-1661	4th Thurs (Jan. - Oct.) & 2nd Thurs (Nov. - Dec.) 7:00 pm	March 8, 1910
38 NORMAN 38 1700 N. Porter Ave. Norman, OK 73071		John Turner P.O. Box 273 Norman, OK 73070	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	April 14, 1914
53 CAPITOL HILL 814 N. Key Blvd. Midwest City, OK 73110	Alfred Dwight Dean	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.	3rd Fri 7:00 pm	May 8, 1989

## DEMISED COMMANDERIES

2-----Eldorado-----	Consolidated with Lawton No 18	February 27, 1939
4-----Ascension, El Reno-----	Consolidated with Oklahoma No. 3	January 19, 1965
5-----Chickasaw, Purcell-----	Consolidated with Norman No. 38	December 13, 1934
7-----DeMolay, Chickasha-----	Consolidated with Lawton No. 18	March 1, 2008
10-----Perry-----	Consolidated with St. John's No. 8	2006-2007
11-----Cyrene, Kingfisher-----	Charter Surrendered	May 18, 1932
12-----Pawnee-----	Charter Surrendered	December 27, 1939
13-----Enid-----	Consolidated with Guthrie No. 1	2004
15-----Hobart-----	Consolidated with Lawton No. 18	February 18, 1990
16-----Ada-----	Consolidated with Shawnee No. 36	April 1, 1997
17-----Weatherford-----	Charter Surrendered	May 15, 1934
UD-----Altus-----	Dispensation Revoked	March 24, 1927
19-----Frederick-----	Charter Surrendered	March 14, 1939
21-----Ivanhoe, Sayre-----	Charter Surrendered	November 18, 1955
23-----Emmanuel, Blackwell-----	Consolidated with Ben Hur No. 14	January 16, 1990
24-----Lincoln, Chandler-----	Charter Surrendered	April 17, 1940

25 — Gethsemane, Okmulgee —————	Consolidated with Muskogee No. 2	2014
28 — Okemah —————	Consolidated with Gethsemane No 25	May 3, 1928
30 — Hugo —————	Charter Arrested	January 6, 1983
31 — Durant —————	Charter Surrendered	April 12, 1928
32 — Hugh de Payden, Atoka —————	Consolidated with Ada No 16	December 1, 1939
33 — Sapulpa —————	Consolidated with Trinity No 20	October 28, 1968
34 — Foraker —————	Charter Surrendered	April 22, 1920
35 — Palestine, Pawhuska —————	Charter Surrendered	March 6, 1954
36 — Shawnee —————	Charter Surrendered	2008
37 — St. Augustine, Cherokee —————	Charter Surrendered	May 18, 1932
39 — Malta, Heavner —————	Consolidated with Hugo No 30	July 13, 1954
40 — Poteau —————	Consolidated with Malta No 39	December 20, 1939
41 — Claremore —————	Charter Arrested	April 8, 1955
42 — Cushing —————	Moved to Drumright	1977-1978
42 — Cimaron Valley, Drumright —————	Consolidated with Stillwater	February 16, 2017
43 — Holdenville —————	Charter Revoked	May 3, 1948
44 — Cleveland —————	Charter Revoked	March 22, 1940
45 — Bethlehem, Oklahoma City —————	Consolidated with Capitol Hill No. 53	2005-2006
46 — Duncan —————	Consolidated with DeMolay No. 7	September 7, 1967
47 — Drumright —————	Consolidated with Cushing No. 42	April 27, 1964
48 — Hominy —————	Consolidated with Drumright No 47	November 10, 1954
49 — Miami —————	Charter Arrested	March 6, 1998
50 — Hugh De Payen, Atoka —————	Charter Arrested	December 28, 1978
51 — Guymon —————	Consolidated with St. Aumer No. 29	2004-2005
52 — Tipton —————	Consolidated with Lawton No. 18	September 17, 1994

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL CONCLAVE**  
**April 22nd, 2022**

The Forty-Ninth Annual Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at the Holiday Inn located at 6200 N Robinson Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Friday April 22nd, 2022. The Conclave was opened at 4:10 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

Knight Commander	Kent Israel
Knight First Lieutenant	William Cloud
Knight Second Lieutenant	John Carter
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, PKC
Knight Warder	Trasen Akers
Knight Sentinel	Brian Ragain
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel

There were 31 members and guest present, per the Knight Sentinel's Register.

Knight Prelate, Tim Israel giving the invocation.

Brad Rickelman, PKC and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was introduced as well as Randy Gilliss PGC of Arkansas and Robert Schlichter PGC from Missouri.

The passing of the following members was noted:  
John J. Petrik (PKC 1988), Donald H. Haralson (Honorary PKC 2000),  
James O. Rust (PKC 1996), James H. Ellis, I. Dwayne Dixon, Monte G. Hendrix,  
Edward Hart, Gerald A. Milton.

The minutes of the May 1st, 2021 Annual Conclave and August 21st, 2021 Special Conclave were approved as presented. The Annual Membership and Financial Report was also approved.

The report of the Audit Committee consisting of John E. King (Chairman), Brad Rickelman, and James R Taylor Jr., was presented and accepted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Knight Recorder's necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

The following Past Commanders were elected to membership into this Association:

Nominee	Commandery	Year	Nominator
Robert Leonard	Guthrie No. 1	2021	Jay Wall
Michael Harden	Muskogee No. 2	2020	Mark McFadden
Matthew Harden	Muskogee No. 2	2021	Mark McFadden
Ryan Shady	Lawton No. 18	2021	Glen Chaney
Robert McLeod	Trinity No. 20	2020	Jim Taylor
Jon Greene	Trinity No. 20	2021	Jim Taylor

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers and the following members were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Knight Commander	William J. Cloud
Knight First Lieutenant	John Carter
Knight Second Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Ragain
Knight Sentinel	Mat Turner
The Knight Commander Elect appointed Timothy P. Israel to be Knight Prelate.	

The new officers were installed by Timothy P. Israel.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 20th, 2022 at Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Kt. Prelate Tim Israel gave the benediction.

The Conclave was closed at 4:45 p.m.

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Kent Israel  
Knight Commander

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Robert R. Rolseth  
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**SPECIAL CONCLAVE**  
**August 20th, 2022**

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was hosted at Oklahoma Commandery No. 3 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 20th, 2022. The Conclave was opened at 1:30 p.m. with the following officers present:

Knight Commander	William Cloud
Knight First Lieutenant	John Carter
Knight Second Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Ragain
Knight Sentinel	Mat Turner
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel

There were 26 members and 6 candidates present, per the Kt. Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander William Cloud led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Timothy P. Israel giving the invocation.

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following six candidates had accepted the invitation to become members of the Association and were in waiting for the Ceremony of Reception:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
Robert Leonard	Guthrie No. 1
Michael Harden	Muskogee No. 2
Matthew Harden	Muskogee No. 2
Robert McLeod	Trinity No. 20
Jon Greene	Trinity No. 20
Russell Freas	Elk City No. 22

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following candidates, who were elected at the Annual Conclave but were unable to attend:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
Russell Freas	Elk City No. 22
Ryan Shady	Lawton No. 18

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:

Knight Commander	William Cloud
Knight First Lieutenant	John Carter
Knight Second Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Ragain
Knight Sentinel	Mat Turner



Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel
Lecture No. 1	Brad Rickelman
Lecture No. 2	Shane Nault
Lecture No. 3	Donnie Higginbotham
Lecture No. 4	John Christopher
Lecture No. 5	Robert Davis
Lecture No. 6	Matt McGee
Lecture No. 7	Clyde Schoolfield
Lecture No. 8	Justin McGee
Lecture No. 9	Jay Wall
Lecture No. 10	Mark McFadden
Lecture No. 11	John King
Lecture No. 12	Jim Taylor

Each of the new members were presented a certificate and lifetime membership card, by the Kt. Commander and Lieutenants.

The new members were given the opportunity to speak and all expressed their appreciation of the Ceremony of Reception and that they were proud to be members of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association.

The benediction was given by Timothy P. Israel, Kt. Prelate.

The Special Conclave was closed by Kt. Commander William Cloud at 2:30 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.  
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT  
April 1st, 2012 – March 31st, 2023**

To the Knight Commander, Officers, and Members,

The Knight Recorder/Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year April 1st, 2022 through March 31st, 2023 is as follows:

**MEMBERSHIP**

Total inducted members as of April 1st, 2018:	468
Members received on August 17th, 2019:	6
Reported deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, and revocations through March 31st, 2019:	<u>351</u>
Total members believed to be living as of March 31st, 2023:	123

**FINANCIALS**

03/31/2022 – Opening Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	\$2,821.30
Receipts:	
8/20/2022 – Membership Fees	300.00
7/10/2022 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	0.75
10/10/2022 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	0.76
1/10/2022 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	0.75
4/10/2023 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	0.76
Total Receipts	<u>\$365.31</u>
Disbursements:	
08/20/2022 – Check No. 1006-Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36	50.00
08/19/2022 – Check No. 1007-	<u>1354.50</u>
Total Disbursements	1404.50
03/31/2023 – Ending Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	\$2568.30
03/31/2023 – Ending Balance	
Certificate of Deposit #150006	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
03/31/2021 – Total Financial Assets	\$5,568.30

Robert R. Rolseth  
Knight Recorder-Treasurer

# OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION PAST KNIGHT COMMANDERS

1973	Ned E. Prater *	2000	Elwood M. Isaacs
1974	G. Stewart Rinehart *	2000	Donald H. Haralson (hon.)*
1975	Myrl S. Kirk *	2001	Forrest T. Smith *
1976	Carl R. Burrows *	2002	Jack L. Sterett *
1977	Herbert O. Nelson *	2003	Bobby L. Carter *
1978	L.D. Clark *	2004	Jimmie R. Dooley *
1979	J.W. Thomas *	2005	Hollis O. Edgar *
1980	Doctor L. Cooley *	2006	John D. Miller, Jr.
1981	George T. Hayes *	2007	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.*
1982	Eugene Smith *	2008	Ronald L. Carr
1983	Aix B. Harrison*	2009	James E. Smyrl *
1984	Neal D. Leech *	2010	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.
1985	Lester T. Mimms *	2011	E. David Snyder*
1986	William A. Nation	2012	Troy E. Shipman*
1987	Charles E. Williams *	2013	Donnie G. Higginbotham
1988	John J. Petrik*	2014	Robert R. Rolseth
1989	Robert N. Skillings (hon.) *	2015	Daniel D. Hanttula
1989	O. Ray Harrington *	2016	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
1990	Donald M. Kiser *	2017	Bradley S Rickelman
1991	Chester R. Cowen *	2018	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
1992	Rex L. Bowen *	2019	Marshall Clayton
1993	Paul A. Fitch *	2020	Marshall Clayton
1994	Larry D. Horton *	2021	Kent Israel
1995	William R. Hudson *	2022	William J. "Jim" Cloud
1996	James O. Rust, Jr.*		
1997	Paul G. Watkins *		
1998	David A. Ray		
1999	William D. Bowie, Jr.		

\* Deceased

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