



2024 Proceedings of the York Rite Grand Bodies of Freemasonry of OKLAHOMA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, April 26, 2024

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, April 26, 2024

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, April 27, 2024

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons:

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

Royal Arch Masons:

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

Order of High Priesthood:

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

Royal and Select Masters:

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

Knight Templar:

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

Scottish Rite:

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons:	Add 4,000 years to the Common Era: Thus, 2004 plus 4,000 = 6004.
Royal Arch Masons:	Add 530 years to the Common Era: Thus, 2004 plus 530 = 2534.
Order of High Priesthood:	Add 1,913 Years to the Common Era: Thus, 2004 plus 1,913 = 3917.
Royal and Select Masters:	Add 1,000 years to the Common Era: Thus, 2004 plus 1,000 = 3004.
Knights Templar:	Subtract 1,118 years from the Common Era: Thus, 2004 minus 1,118 = 886.
Scottish Rite:	Add 3,760 years to the Common Era: Thus, 2004 plus 3,760 = 5764.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED COMPANIONS AND SIR KNIGHTS

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

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

April 25, 2024

Embassy Suites Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Services were conducted by:

Companion Truman Burns, Excellent Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Grand Chaplain

Sir Knight Steven E. Cox, Eminent Grand Prelate

During this closing York Rite year, "the allotted course on earth" ended for forty-five of our
Companions and Sir Knights.

Included are Companions and Sir Knights:

Altus & Elk City

Bedford F. Rowland, Jr., Donald E. Wolford

Ardmore

Jack D. McConnell

Bartlesville

Clyde V. Detter

Capitol Hill

Keith Ballard, Carl L. Brown, Barry D. Favor, Harvey R. Ogden, Arthur L. Thorp

Elk City

Garret L. Sutton

Guthrie

Richard L. Allison, PGM, John Camp III, William B. Campbell, Oren L. Peters

McAlester

Billy L. Anderson, Thomas S. Crowl, Raymond Griffith, Kenneth W. Sherrill

Muskogee

Roger D. Ballenger, Eugene Dye, George A. Harding, William D. Kendrick,
Kenneth L. Meyer, Fred V. Rousseau

Norman

Russell S. Golden, William D. Roberson, Jr.

Oklahoma City

Keith Ballard, David E. Bradley, Murray C. Kelley, Willis G. Leslie, Floyd J. Ring, Jr., Thomas A. Scott

Tulsa

Lawrence L. Ashbaugh, Elliott T. Boyles, Harold Z Delaughter, Curtis L. Gimlin, Thomas E. Michael,
Richard L. Schaefer, Robert L. Taylor, James W. Wills

Texhoma

Ralph L. Terrell, Jr.

Woodward

Ceford W. Castor, Donald G. Crain, Jr., Robert A. Freerksen, David L. Rogers

Eulogy to the above Companions and Sir Knights was given by:

Sir Knight Seven E. Cox.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

Companion William J. "Jim" Cloud, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Companion Robert G. Davis, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Sir Knight John E. King, Right Eminent Grand Commander

OFFERING

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

JOINT BANQUET ACTIVITIES

April 26, 2024

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

Joseph Samuel Murrow award was presented to Richard L. Hargrave III of Tulsa Chapter No. 52 and Brian A. Buswell of Cyrus Chapter No. 7.

General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award was presented to Steven E. Cox of Muskogee Chapter No. 3.

The General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby Award for exemplary service to Freemasonry was presented to John F. Carter of Ardmore Chapter No. 11.

The following Chapters won the Clarence Brain Award of Excellence.

Muskogee Chapter No. 3, Guthrie Chapter No. 6, Cyrus Chapter No. 7, Tulsa Chapter No. 52, James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104.

Companion William J. "Jim" Cloud was presented with a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand High Priest.

General Grand Council Adult Leadership Award was presented to Toni Tomlinson – Job's Daughters.

General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was presented to Robert W. "Bob" McLeod of Muskogee Council No. 2.

The Bernard F. Mandelbaum Award was presented to Woodward Council No. 52.

The Robert W. Hill Award was presented to Mysterious Nine Council No. 61.

Companion Robert G. Davis was presented with a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand Illustrious Master.

Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award was presented to Michael T. Harden of Muskogee Commandery, No. 2.

Knight Commander of the Temple Award was presented to Sir Knight John E. King of Elk City Commandery No. 22 of Elk City.

The F.M. "Fritz" Lombard KTEF Award was presented to Trinity Commandery No. 20.

The Ned D. Prator KTEF Award was presented to St. Aumer Commandery No. 29.

Sir Knight John E. King was presented with a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand Commander.

2024 PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND CHAPTER
of
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
of
OKLAHOMA
AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Held in Oklahoma City
April Twenty-Sixth
Two Thousand Twenty-four



A.D. 2024 A.I. 2554



**WILLIAM J. "JIM" CLOUD
M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2023-2024**

WILLIAM J. "JIM" CLOUD BIOGRAPHY

William J. "Jim" Cloud separated from the United States Air Force after seven years of service and moved to Blanchard, Oklahoma, on April 1, 1978. He has four daughters: Christie, Kimberley, Brandy, and Alicia. After serving in the Air Force, he joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard as an Accountant and Budget Officer for fifteen years. He retired in 1999 after twenty-two years of Military service. After his Military retirement, he works for a contractor at Tinker AFB for 10 years. He had budgeting responsibilities for the B-52, B-2, and KC135 weapon systems.

SYMBOLIC MASONRY

Jim began his Masonic career by petitioning Blanchard Masonic Lodge #395 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 22, 1981. Jim was elected Worshipful Master of Blanchard Masonic Lodge #395 and served in that position in 1985. The Lodge has called him to serve in other offices and has served as Treasurer from 2010 to 2022.

Brother Cloud affiliated with Willow Lodge #433 in December 1986, Pontotoc Lodge #136 in 1989, Mangum Lodge #61 in June 1991, and Guildhall Lodge #553 in March 2014, serving as Chaplin in 2015.

On joining Masonry, Jim found a love for the Masonic ritual. He earned his "C" Lecturer's Card in the Masonic lecture in January 1982. He continued to enhance his ritual credentials by earning his "A" Lecturer's Card in October 1983. Jim received his 25 year "A" Certificate in 2013. District #21 Certificate Lecturer's Training Association elected Jim a member in 1982 and he served as Secretary from 1984 – 1987. Joining the State Certificate Lectures Association in 1982, he was elected President and served in that capacity in 1991.

District #30 Masonic Association elected Jim to the office of President and served during the Masonic year of 1985.

Brother Cloud's Oklahoma Grand Lodge service includes Senior Grand Steward in 1986 – 1987, Junior Grand Deacon in 1988, and Senior Grand Deacon in 1989. Grand Lodge Committees served are Marking Graves in 1992, Ambassador's Committee – 2000, the Credentials Committee – 2003, Military Donations – 2003, and the Pillar Club – 2006. Jim was elected to as a Board Member of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma in 2000 and has served as president of the Board from 2019 to 2021.

CONCORDANT BODIES

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

Jim joined and became a member of India Temple in Oklahoma City on July 7, 1986.

SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Jim was a candidate in the Jack N. Tresner Memorial Class on October 1, 1982. He has been on several different degree teams and now is the current Orator on the 18th Degree Team which he has performed for 37 years. The General Secretary of the Valley asked Jim to organize a new organization in 1983 which became the Innkeepers and served as the Charter Venerable Master in 1984. Jim was knighted Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2001 and received the 33rd Degree in 2011. He was elected and installed as Master of Kadosh and served in that capacity in 2012. Jim was instrumental in forming the Blanchard Scottish Rite Club in 2014 and is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer. He served as McClain County Membership Chairman from 1987 – 1992.

YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Capitular Masonry

His involvement with the York Rite of Freemasonry began when he was Exalted in Oklahoma City Chapter #91 on October 29, 1988. He served as High Priest in 1993 and secretary from 2002 –

2005. Companion Cloud affiliated with Capitol Hill Chapter #101 on January 21, 2005 and served as High Priest in 2014. Jim is also a member of The Grand Council of Anointed High Priest of Oklahoma since 2011 and serving as Conductor for 2023-2024. In the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Jim has served as Grand Chaplin, 2018 - 2019 and Chairman of the State Membership Committee for 2018 – 2019. Being elected to the office as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Jim served in that office for 2023-2024.

Cryptic Masonry

Jim was Greeted a Cryptic Mason on October 29, 1988 in Circle Council #56 in Oklahoma City. He served as Illustrious Master in 1992 and Recorder in 2002 – 2005. He affiliated with Capitol Hill Council #59 on January 21, 2005 and served as Illustrious Master in 2014. Jim joined the Oklahoma Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters on August 20, 2011 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master for 2017 – 2018. Jim served the Grand Council of Oklahoma on the Committee on Finance in 2016 – 2017 and is the current State Membership Committee Chairman in 2018 – 2019. He served as Grand Chaplin in 2014-2015 and 2021-2022 and capped off his service in the Grand Council by being elected Grand Illustrious Master in 2017 -2018. The Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry, International elected Jim to the College of Preservation on April 27, 2018.

Chivalric Masonry

Jim was Knighted on October 28, 1988 in Bethlehem Commandery #45 and served as Commander in 1992. He served as Recorder in 2002 – 2005. Jim is a Charter member of Capitol Hill Commandery #53. He served as Commander in 2015. Jim was elected a member of the Oklahoma Past Commander's Association on August 19, 2017, and served as Knight Commander for 2022-2023. Serving in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, he was appointed Chairman of the Finance & Appropriations Committee from 2009 – 2017. He served as Chairman of the State Membership Committee for 2018 – 2019. Jim was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor on April 29, 2017. The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor elected Jim a member on February 11, 2017.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Companion Cloud is a member of several invitational Masonic Orders. Oklahoma Priory #9, Knights of the York Cross of Honor – May 16, 2015, Oklahoma York Rite College #75 – May 7, 2011, currently serving as Deputy Governor, 2024 – 2025, the Masonic Societies Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, a Frater XII°, Oklahoma College – November 5, 2011, Father Murrow Council #10, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A., May 5, 2012, served as Sovereign Master, 2014 – 2015, Clarence Brain Council #551, October 28, 2017, Sovereign Master, 2017-2018, served as Secretary, 2019 – 2022, Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri – February 11, 2017, Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord, 4th Grade – February 11, 2018, Joseph S. Lewis Council #66, Order of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. – May 7, 2011, served as Excellent Chief, 2019 – 2020, St Omer Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine – April 20, 2013, currently serving as Sentinel, Royal Order of Scotland – June 13, 2013, Tinker Chapter #43, National Sojourners – May 23, 2001, Charter Member of Cross Timbers Forest #204, Tall Cedars of Lebanon – May 12, 2006 and became a Member at Large in 2010, Order of the Bath – February 11, 2017, Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A. – January 18, 2017, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest – August 3, 2019. Currently serving as Il Pillar 2023 - 2024. Jim received the Honorary Legion of Honor from DeMolay International on July 14, 2018, Order of the Cork – February 7, 2020.

ANDROGYNOUS BODIES

Blanchard Chapter #237, Order of the Eastern Star – October 1, 1982, served as Worthy Patron in 1986 and 1992 and other officers, including Treasurer – 1985 – 1987. Jim served on several Grand Chapter Committees. Oklahoma City Shrine #21, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem – October 17, 1986. He affiliated with Mizpah Shrine #4 in 2008. He then affiliated with Tulsa Shrine #8 – 2011.

MASONIC RESEARCH BODIES

Scottish Rite Research Society, 1999 – Present

Oklahoma Lodge of Research, 1986 – 1991, 2017 – Present

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] P.:G.:H.:P.:		Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]	Renee	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Gary A. Davis [52] P.:G.:H.:P.:	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary 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 3rd Veil
Roberto “Tony” A. DeLeon, Jr. [24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. [101]		Excellent Grand Master of the 1st 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**

DIST 1	David D. Clayton [3]	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3
DIST 2	Brian A. Buswell [7]	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
DIST 3	Michael S. Wright [11,103]	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Texoma Chapter No. 28
DIST 4	Justin M. McGee [25]	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 25
DIST 5	John T. Turner [24]	Norman Chapter No. 24 Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 Veritas Chapter No. 103
DIST 6	Brian M. Ragain [44]	Lawton Chapter No. 44 Altus Chapter No. 60
DIST 7	David D. Shore [72]	Elk City Chapter No. 50 Woodward Chapter No. 72
DIST 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
STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

John F. Carter [11] – Chmn
Mathew Turner [7, 24] - Sec
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] - Chmn
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 L. Stuckey [22, 41]
2021-24 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

WORK AND RETURNS

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

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

TRIENNIAL

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7] - Chmn
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]
 Grand Capt of the Host ex officio

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

MEMBERSHIP

Mark K. McFadden [3] - Chmn
 Central - David A. Tennison [6]
 N-Cent. - Bradley S. Rickelman [14]
 S-Cent. - Brian M. Ragain [44]
 NE - Jim L. Parham [52]
 NW - John L. Logan [6, 72]
 SE - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]
 SW - James Oates III [44]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON PLACE**

Jay A. Wall [6] - Chmn
 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] - Chmn
 Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]
 Robert G. Davis [14]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

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

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

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

NECROLOGY

Lavern Ragain, Jr. [44]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Frank Belluardo, Jr. [101,103]-Chmn
 Central - James D. Nobles [7]
 N-Cent. - Robert L. Sprott [14]
 S-Cent. - Michael S. Wright [11, 103]
 NE - George W. Ratliff [52, 104]
 NW - Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]
 SE - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]
 SW - James Oates III [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

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

MURROW AWARD

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

BRONZE MEDAL - MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chmn
 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] - Chmn
Robert W. McLeod [52]
John R. Christopher [6]

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - Chmn
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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

The One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation
April 26, 2024

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was convened for its One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation at 8:30 am on Friday, April 26, 2024, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest, 3233 Northwest Expy, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

M.:E.: Companion Bradley S. Rickelman, P.:G.:H.:P.:, 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 William J. “Jim” Cloud Grand High Priest
R.:E.: Companion Blaine C. McKnight Grand King
R.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. Grand Scribe
R.:E.: Companion Kenton M. Israel Grand Treasurer
R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene Grand Secretary
R.:E.: Companion Matthew D. McGee Grand Captain of the Host
E.: Companion Michael S. Wright. Grand Principal Sojourner
E.: Companion Charles L. Cook Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.: Companion Justin M. McGee Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
E.: Companion Brian Ragain (pro-tem) Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
E.: Companion Robert D. Cundiff, Jr. Grand Master of the 1st Veil
E.: Companion Robert W. “Bob” McLeod 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 William J. “Jim” Cloud introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

M.:I.: Companion Robert G. “Bob” Davis, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

Sir Knight John E. King, 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.

E.: Companion Jeff Bennett from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas.

E.: Companion Jim McManigle, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

E.: Companion Kevin Ritter, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

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

R.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., Right Excellent Grand Ambassador to Oklahoma for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

M.:E.: Companion William “Keith” Powell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana.

M.:E.: Companion Mark A. Bean, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

M.:E.: Companion Kevin B. Sample, Honorary Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary for the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. Missouri's Ambassador to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

M.:E.: Companion Michael A. Watts, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the South Central Region for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

R.:E.: Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., General Grand Trustee for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

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 Past Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

R.:E.: Companion Reed B. Fanning, General Grand Scribe for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, and personal representative to General Grand High Priest M.:E.:C.: Teko A. Foley, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

M.:W.: Brother John F. Carter, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 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:

David A. Ray	1997-98	Timothy P. Israel	2008-09
Donnie G. Higginbotham	2009-10	John E. King	2011-12
Robert R. Rolseth	2012-13	Robert G. Davis	2014-15
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2015-16	James R. Taylor, Jr.	2016-17
Gary A. Davis (Hon)	2018	Kenton M. Israel	2017-18
Bradley S. Rickelman	2019-20	John R. Christopher	2020-21
John F. Carter	2021-22	Mathew A. Turner	2022-23

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.

David D. Clayton	1	Brian A. Buswell	2
Michael S. Wright	3	Justin M. McGee	4
Brian M. Ragain	6	David D. Shore	7
George W. Ratliff	8		

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 15 of 17 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	Texhoma No. 28
Lawton No. 44	Elk City No. 50	Tulsa No. 52	Bartlesville No. 55
Capitol Hill No. 101	Veritas No. 103	James E. Smyrl No. 104	

APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FORTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made by R. :. E. :. Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary, that was seconded to approve the 2023 Proceedings of the 134th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most of you know that I get very emotional when I talk about my family and close friends. So, today, I am not going to read some of the parts of this address that I really should because you don't want to see me crying like a baby. I am going to read some parts that I do not want to, so it will make us even.

To the Officers, Members, and visitors of the 135th Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma: Greetings and welcome to our Grand Session. I want to express my gratitude for your attendance. Hopefully, you will enjoy your experience with us this weekend.

To our visitors: We extend a warm and hearty welcome to every one of you. We hope your stay with us is to your liking and you find many new Companion friends. Thank you for attending, and we hope you enjoy your experience with us. We Oklahomans have pride in welcoming our visitors and hope you will join us again.

Most Illustrious Robert and Right Eminent John: I have enjoyed working with the two of you for the last several years. Thank you for your advice and counsel. Hopefully, I have served you well. It has been a pleasure serving with both of you.

Grand Master

My Masonic traveling started in 1981, and by 2016, I had already been in 250 different Lodges in Oklahoma. I was appointed Senior Grand Steward in 1986 and advanced up the appointed Grand line. What that means is that I have known all the Grand Masters well since 1982. I knew many Grand Masters before that but was not a Mason when they served in that office. What can I say about Most Worshipful Glen Chaney? I have heard him speak many times. Take my word for it; he has been one of the best. I would like to thank him for supporting York Rite Masonry. He has mentioned the York Rite in many of his talks at non-York Rite events. I was very pleased to support and honor him with this year's Grand Master Festival.

Most Worshipful John Carter: We have been friends for many years. Although we have only served together for a few months, I thank you for your counsel. It has been a pleasure serving with you.

Capitol Hill Chapter #101

On January 18, 1989, I became associated with Capitol Hill York Rite Bodies as I became a Charter Member of Capitol Hill Commandery. In 2005, my mother York Rite Bodies consolidated with Capitol Hill. They have accepted me as a member in every way, and I thank them for all the support they have given me over the years. They are a great bunch of guys, and I enjoy being with them. Here is upward and onward with Capitol Hill York Rite Bodies.

Blanchard Masonic Lodge #395

To my beloved Brothers of Blanchard Masonic Lodge #395: You guys are the heart and soul of my Masonic life. It has now been over forty-two years since I knocked on that first door to gain admission to the most wonderful Masonic Lodge possible. Your love and friendship mean everything to me. I hope I have represented you and our lodge with the utmost dignity. Thank you for letting me be absent at times when I should have been keeping up my responsibilities that you have given me. I promise to make up in the future for my time away.

Necrology

When you have had as long a Masonic career and traveled the Masonic miles as much as I have, you have the opportunity to meet so many friends and Brothers. A friend once told me
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that one of the problems a person has is that the older you get, the more funerals you will attend. He is correct. I have lost countless friends and Brothers over the years. As some of you know, I am a “pack rat” and have kept most of the funeral programs that I have attended. From time to time, I look through the stack and remember those who have been friends that I would not have met except for our love of Masonry. As of this writing, we have lost forty-four (47) friends and Companions in this Royal Arch year. They are gone from our midst but not from our hearts and minds. I still miss them all.

Grand Officers

I want to thank those Companions who agreed to serve with me as Grand Officers. Their confidence and faith in me have kept me on the straight and narrow. A few have driven me to Chapter events over the year. Without their help, we would not have accomplished as much as we did. I was very happy by the attendance of these Officers at the Chapter receptions this term. Their faith and support have helped me immensely.

Right Excellent Jon B. Green has been a Godsend. He has provided everything I have asked for with a smile. I would have been lost without him. The Craft has chosen wisely in electing him to the Grand Secretary position and I hope they continue to have him as our Grand Secretary.

Dispensations

On Monday, May 15, 2023, Tulsa Chapter No. 52 voted to wave jurisdiction over Brother Darren Parks, a member of Miami Lodge #140. Brother Parks has stated that a York Rite Body in Missouri is much closer to his home than Tulsa. Nothing in the General Laws prevents a Waiver of Jurisdiction. Therefore, in accordance with Article 11, Section 1.b., I do hereby issue a Special Dispensation to Darren Parks of Miami, Oklahoma, to take his York Rite Degrees in Missouri and be able to join the Missouri York Rite Bodies.

In accordance with Article 10, Section 2 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma General Law, I issued a letter of Dispensation to Tulsa Chapter #52 to change their election of Officers to November 20, 2023.

In accordance with Article 10, Section 2 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma General Law, I issued a letter of Dispensation to Muskogee Chapter 52 to change their election of Officers to November 8, 2023.

In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (m) of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, I issued a letter of Dispensation to Lawton Chapter No. 44 for M.E.C.: Robert G. “Bob” Davis, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, to open and close Lawton Chapter No. 44 in Ample Form on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Decisions

Decision No. 1: For many years, several Grand Chapters throughout the country have offered the Mark Master degree to Master Masons at no charge. Recently, several Grand Chapters in our region, namely Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri, have initiated this practice. They have reported that this program has been very successful, and, more importantly, a substantial number of participants in these conferrals have continued to petition for the remaining Chapter degrees (as well as the Council degrees and Commandery orders). I would like us to adopt a similar program here in Oklahoma.

I am therefore encouraging our constituent Chapters to hold special conferrals of the Mark Master and Past Master degrees in early 2024. To maximize the availability of these conferrals to Master Masons, I am suggesting that our Chapters decide, if possible, to hold these conferrals at a Lodge on that Lodge’s regular meeting night. I have directed the Grand Secretary to prepare a special petition for the Mark Master and Past Master degrees only to be submitted by candidates for these conferrals.

Furthermore, for these special conferrals, I am waiving the requirements of Article 11, Section 9 of the General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, which states: “No constituent Chapter shall accept a petition for the degrees for a less sum than (\$40.00)

forty dollars, which may be paid in installments, (\$20.00) twenty dollars with the petition and (\$20.00) twenty dollars before the Mark Master Degree is conferred; provided that this shall not be construed to prevent a constituent Chapter from charging a sum greater than (\$40.00) forty dollars for the four degrees.”

Specifically, constituent Chapters may elect to refrain from collecting any fee from petitioners for these special conferrals. However, should a recipient of the Mark Master and Past Master from one of these special conferrals subsequently choose to petition for the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, he will be required to submit the standard petition for the Chapter degrees to a constituent Chapter and may be required by that Chapter to pay the total fees for the Chapter degrees enumerated in the by-laws of the Chapter.

Appointment of Committees

I appointed committees, and they are listed on the Grand York Rite web site. I want to thank each one of them for their service to our Grand Chapter.

Grand Master's Festival

The annual Festival which honored our Grand Master, Glen A Chaney, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Oklahoma. We thank the men who tirelessly performed the Degrees and Orders, took care of our props and regalia, and cleaned up after us. We thank Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 for letting us use their building for this wonderful event. Without all of you, it could not have happened. Most of all, we thank our new Companions for taking a look at Royal Arch Masonry and joining us in that search for further Masonic Light. The Grand Master's Festival was held on July 22, 2023, at Oklahoma City Lodge #36. All the degrees were performed with 54 candidates participating. It was a very long day but rewarding.

Regional Degree Festivals

I believe the lifeblood of the York Rite lies in the hands of our Regional Degree Festivals. Since this concept has been formed and put into action, we have had many new companions join with us instead of the Grand Master's Festival. Before these Festivals, men had only one opportunity to join the York Rite every year. Now, several dates are offered. I believe that we now get men to join who would not before because of the travel to Oklahoma City. They are much more prone to join in their local region. Another benefit is that we now have more Degree Teams to perform the Degrees. WE MUST CONTINUE to make these Festivals happen....and in fact....we should expand the Festival to more regions....which I believe means more candidates and more Degree Teams.

When the District Deputy Grand High Priests were appointed, I asked each of them to become involved in the Regional Degree Festivals. It should not be just the responsibility of the hosting Chapter to make these Festivals happen. They should not have to do it all by themselves. After all, all Chapters in that region receive the benefit of bringing their candidates. The DDGHPs should help with scheduling, planning, Degree Teams, and feeding the troops. This new challenge to the DDGHPs should take a little pressure away from the hosting Chapter.

South Central Regional Conference

The Oklahoma Delegation represented our Grand York Rite Bodies at the South-Central Regional Conference. It was held in Branson, MO, on September 14 and 15. The morning session had each state give the “Good, Bad, and Ugly.” A lot of information was given by the Missouri Grand High Priest on their program of the free Mark Master Degree and the success it has presented.

The Chapter members broke out into a separate group for the afternoon session. We received information on other ideas that might be helpful to our own Grand Chapter. Another session on the “Good, Bad, and Ugly” from each state was then held. A presentation was given on the RARA Foundation.

I urge all who can to attend the Conference, especially all Grand Officers.

Custodians of the Work

I am starting to see the results from the Custodians of the Work coming to fruition. Visiting the Chapters as I have, I see improvement in the ritual. These men have held Chapter Schools in every Chapter...every year. I thank you, Most Excellent Companion Schoolfield and your Committee, for the hard work and travel that you have performed for the benefit of the Oklahoma Grand Chapter.

Visitation and Travel

Official Visits and those that were not official

6/10/23	Veritas	103	Norman
6/14/23	Cyrus	7	Oklahoma City
7/15/23	DeMoley Conclave		Norman
7/22/23	GM Festival		Oklahoma City
8/1/23	James E. Smyrl	104	Owasso
8/1/14/23	General Grand Chapter		Branson, MO
8/18/23	Capitol Hill	101	MW City
8/19/23	Chair Degrees		Stillwater
8/21/23	Tulsa	52	Tulsa
8/28/23	Indian	1	McAlester
9/2/23	Convent General		Ok City
9/11/23	Ardmore	11	Ardmore
9/14-15/23	South Central Y.R.		Branson
9/20/23	Altus	60	Altus
9/27/23	Quarterly Meeting		Zoom
9/28/23	Texoma	28	Colbert
9/30/23	Guthrie Scottish Rite	SR	Guthrie
10/7/23	Tulsa Scottish Rite	SR	Tulsa
10/10/23	GM Common Goals	GL	Guthrie
10/11/23	Stillwater		14 Stillwater
10/12/23	Guthrie	6	Guthrie
10/14/23	York Rite College		Edmond
10/15/23	Grand Chapter OES		Guthrie
10/15/23	JP Meeting		Zoom
10/21/23	McAlester	SR	McAlester
11/7/23	Bartlesville	55	Bartlesville
11/14/23	Olivet	25	Ponca City
11/17/23	White Shrine		Tulsa
11/27/23	Indian	1	McAlester
12/12/23	Woodward	81	Woodward
12/13/23	Muskogee	3	Muskogee
12/14/23	Norman	24	Norman
12/27/23	Quarterly Meeting		Zoom
1/8/23	Special Conferral		Ardmore
1/13/23	Special Conferral		Muskogee
1/20/23	GC Retreat		Oklahoma City
1/25/23	Special Conferral		Midwest City
1/25/23	Special Conferral		Lawton
1/28/23	Winterfest		Tulsa
1/28/24	Pre-Grand Session Meeting		Zoom
1/29/24	Special Conferral		Tulsa
2/3/24	Regional Conferral		Norman
2/10/24	Regional Conferral		Tulsa
2/26/24	Special Conferral		McAlester
2/27/24	Lawton	44	Lawton
3/19/24	Elk City	50	Elk City
3/23/24	Tulsa	SR	Tulsa

4/5/24	Guthrie	SR	Guthrie
4/13/24	McAlester	SR	McAlester
4/14/24	Quarterly Meeting		Zoom

General Grand Chapter

I attended the General Grand Chapter in Branson, MO, in August. Again, we learned about the Special Conferrals from other states. Please see the Triennial Committee Report for information.

Scottish Rite

At the time of this writing, I attended 5 Scottish Rite Reunions with 1 more to go and was introduced at each one I attended. I am grateful for the support of the Scottish Rite has for the York Rite in Oklahoma.

Special Conferrals

In October, I met with the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee to visit about adopting the Special Conferral Program. After much discussion, it was agreed that I could press on with the program if I held each YR Chapter as independent in the financial area and make their own decisions. Piggy-backing on those states who have already used this program, we have mirrored their successes. I scheduled seven regional “Special Conferrals” where the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees were performed. All the hosting Bodies agreed to accept these candidates and let them take the degrees at no charge. The dates are listed with the Official Visits. My hope was that these events would be scheduled on a Blue Lodge evening to get the most “bang for the buck.” The Conferrals were at Ardmore, Tulsa, Muskogee, Lawton, Midwest City, and McAlester. 38 Candidates took the free degrees, 19 advanced to be Select Masters, and 16 became Knights Templar. I am told that several of these candidates have expressed their desire to attend the Grand Master’s Festival in July.

State of the Craft and Recommendations

Over the last several years, Oklahoma York Rite has seen a gradual increase in membership. The Grand Master’s Festival new candidate numbers were average, but our regional Festival candidates were up a little. Part of this is because the raisings of new Master Masons is down. But I believe most of this is because we did not pursue the Master Masons that we already had. There are large numbers of men who ought to be our Companions. We need to make those contacts and bring them into the fold. I take the blame, and I apologize for letting you down.

Follow up....Follow up....Follow up. There are approximately 16,000 Oklahoma Masons...but only 1,200 Oklahoma York Rite Masons. Why is that? Although we feel that some success is achieved by the annual Grand Master’s Festival mailing, there is more to be done. The Grand Chapter can mail information to prospective Candidates, but without personal contacts, most of these invitations go unused. Every one of us knows Blue Lodge Masons who are not York Rite Masons. That is our fault. Only we can solve that.

We face a dilemma concerning Candidates joining us at our Festivals. If the petition arrives at the local York Rite Body in time, those petitions are voted on at that time, and the petitioner joins us at the festival. The problem happens when the petition and petitioner arrive at our Festival without being voted on by the local Bodies. We are having men join without a vote. Without going into details, this is a concern. Our Law does not address this. This Grand Body needs to find a solution to this problem. I suggest that a committee is appointed to investigate this matter and hopefully come up with a solution. I suggested this at the 2018 Grand Sessions. Nothing has happened to change this situation. We are still accepting new members who have never been voted on. Again, this needs to change.

After attending the six Special Conferrals, I want to relate the “opportunities” we had. Bad weather caused a few problems, and several of the events had to be rescheduled. One was canceled altogether. Having these original dates so close to the Regional Festival date was barely met. I suggest either the Regional Festival be scheduled a little later or having the

conferrals a little earlier. Another option is to have these conferrals closer to the Grand Master's Festival. Weather in February will always be a concern.

Special Thanks

I would like to acknowledge and thank a few Companions. Most Excellent Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. has helped me a lot. I met Clyde in 1989 at Oklahoma City Chapter #91 and followed him through the York Rite officer lines. He has been a friend and mentor ever since. Clyde helped me write the Decision for having the Special Conferrals. I thank him for his continued support.

Most Worshipful Joe R. Manning, Jr. has long been a confidant to me in Masonic Law. His guidance keeping me from screwing up deserves recognition. Special thanks go out to Most Excellent John L. Logan for all the help, time, and advice he has given to me freely. John is a great sounding board. I am grateful for him being in my brain. Most of all, Most Excellent Robert G. Davis has been my guide in the program I have chosen for this year. He has driven me to many locations where I needed to be, as well as helping me promote the Special Conferrals.

I met Worshipful Kenneth Ray House in 1983. He has been my traveling partner for over forty years. I would wager that we have traveled over a half million miles together. We have studied together, learned together, traveled together, and argued together. He has been the one who has tried to keep me grounded and tried to keep me from getting "big-headed." I thank him most of all for being my friend.

Masonic Mentors

As I have stated before, most of us have had a Masonic Mentor to help us along the Masonic trail. I am luckier than most. It took three men to pound what little knowledge I have into this idiot's brain. My father, Most Excellent William J. "Bill" Cloud, was number one. He guided, tutored, and helped me in those early years. Most Worshipful Ray Keith Babb, Jr. was an inspiration in a confusing world. He taught me so much about Masonry, but more especially about life. Worshipful Raymond Henry Brown taught me much of my Blue Lodge work. To these three loving men do I owe for what is good in me. I miss them.

Conclusion

Masonry is not only my hobby. but my life. In my 40+ years of membership, the goal in all my Masonic endeavors has been to try and make the organization a little better than where I found it. I have not always been successful but it has not been for the lack of trying. I hope the craft will forgive me for failing more often than I should have and thank those men who helped me move forward.

Companions, this York Rite Mason has had the most fun traveling along the Grand Chapter trail these last several years. To those of you who have pushed me forward, I say thank you for your good counsel. Without your help, this year would not have been the great year that I had. To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, I thank you for your patience, your good counsel, your tolerance, your much-appreciated help, your kindness, and most importantly, your friendship.

As most of you know, I had some health problems during our Grand Sessions last year. I was to the point of resigning because I did not want to punish the Grand Chapter for electing me to this very high office under those conditions. Consulting with a few Companions, I was told my resignation would not be accepted. As it turned out, my health got better, and I am very thankful that I continued to serve. Thank you so much.

Please let me leave you with this quote from Johnna Kaye's book, "Token (The Casdan Chronicles Introduction)":

"Many people come and go through one's lifetime; friends, lovers, acquaintances, teachers, bosses... Many leave their fingerprints, many leave a mess, but there are some who leave a lasting impression. Those who stay are the ones who make life worth leaving."

While I will not mention the ones who have left a mess, I would like to thank those who have

helped make a difference in my life”, and more appropriately, on my travels through the Masonic world.

William J. “Jim” Cloud [101]
 Grand High Priest 2023-2024

**REPORT OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER
 KENTON M. ISRAEL**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

For the period ending December 31, 2023
 These accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$245,787.78
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-1,800.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	7,640.43
Appreciation	<u>20,024.75</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$271,652.96

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$153,146.86
Deposits	3,585.00
Withdrawals	-6,431.56
Dividend/Interest Earned	4,568.17
Appreciation	<u>8,204.17</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$163,072.64

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$65,836.16
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,053.58
Appreciation	<u>5,327.74</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$73,217.48

Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments	<u>1/1/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>		
General Fund	\$245,787.78	\$271,652.96	\$25,865.18	10.52%
Perpetual Membership	\$153,146.86	\$163,072.64	\$9,925.78	6.48%
Joint Account-Membership Development	<u>\$65,836.16</u>	<u>\$73,217.48</u>	\$7,381.32	11.21%
Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments	<u>\$464,770.80</u>	<u>\$507,943.08</u>		

As of 12/31/2023 4/2/2024 12:52	Total Perpetual Members Grand Chapter, RAM of Oklahoma										Total to Grand Chapter Living	Total to Grand Chapter Deceased	Total to Local Chapter Living	Total to Local Chapter Deceased	Total to Grand Chapter Living	Total to Grand Chapter Deceased	Total to Local Chapter Living	Total to Local Chapter Deceased
	New Members in 2023	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Div/Interest Distributed	To Grand Chapter Deceased	To Grand Chapter Living	To Local Chapter Deceased									To Local Chapter Living
Altus No. 60		37	14	23	8,490.00	566.00	217.34	32.26	73.42	105.68	49.15	62.52	111.67					
Ardmore, No. 11		26	13	13	5,884.00	384.60	150.63	21.21	40.84	62.05	41.48	47.10	88.58					
Bartlesville, No. 55		42	31	11	5,116.50	341.10	130.98	40.32	20.58	60.90	50.23	19.85	70.08					
Capitol Hill, No. 101	1	148	82	66	26,561.75	1,677.45	672.68	128.19	131.96	260.15	236.89	175.65	412.54					
Cyrus (OKC), No. 7	1	51	20	31	8,830.00	587.00	219.52	30.83	82.81	113.64	38.16	67.71	105.88					
Elk City No. 50		45	19	26	6,540.41	429.00	167.43	23.92	58.44	82.37	33.30	51.76	85.07					
Guthrie, No. 6		33	13	20	5,961.00	397.00	152.60	19.58	55.72	75.30	27.26	50.04	77.30					
Indian (McAlester), No. 1		63	27	36	8,236.50	548.90	205.09	36.15	88.82	124.97	36.01	44.12	80.13					
James E. Smyrl, No. 104		12	1	11	6,555.00	433.00	153.60	0.00	46.36	46.36	0.00	107.24	107.24					
Lawton, No. 44		55	36	19	9,405.00	617.00	509.57	44.93	133.90	178.83	91.39	239.35	330.74					
Muskogee, No. 3	2	84	42	42	14,355.00	827.00	344.45	82.94	127.88	210.82	68.74	64.89	133.63					
Norman, No. 24		68	45	23	10,130.91	673.15	259.35	58.69	48.83	107.52	97.56	54.27	151.83					
Olivet (Ponca City), No. 25		39	14	25	5,184.00	343.40	132.71	18.43	63.12	81.55	19.89	31.27	51.16					
Stillwater, No. 14		46	27	19	7,622.70	508.18	371.78	35.71	117.31	153.02	61.06	157.70	218.76					
Texhoma, No. 1		1	0	1	330.00	22.00	8.45		4.32	4.32		4.13	4.13					
Tulsa, No. 52	4	123	49	74	31,378.00	2,084.00	754.12	68.08	183.24	251.31	156.26	346.55	502.81					
Woodward, No. 72		44	27	17	4,016.50	260.50	102.82	33.59	36.99	70.58	20.15	12.09	32.24					

After a dismal 2022 and a decent yet very volatile spring of 2023, a majority of economists were expecting a full recession in 2023, not just in the US, but the World Bank was predicting a global recession in 2023. With these dire warnings, and the recommendation from our Investment Advisors at Morgan Stanley, we went very conservative. These predictions not becoming true and the economy not moving as expected did not allow us to fully take advantage of the run-up of the stock market. If we did have a recession, I do believe we would have been sitting well to be protected from a major downturn. We did see growth of a little over 10% still left us comparable to the Down Jones, but not the Nasdaq or S&P 500. With this conservative

position, we did not lose as much as the market did last year, and then we didn't gain as much this year, but we didn't have as low of a bottom to recover from.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

917 Total Members at 12/31/2023
 9 New Members in 2023
 457 Living Members
 460 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2023: \$4,568.17
 Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$1,989.37
 Div/Int distributed to Local Chapters in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$2,563.77

We added 9 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2023. In the middle of 2023 after one of my meetings with Morgan Stanley, our Perpetual Accounts got moved from a High Income Dividend Yield to a Conservative Growth, which was not my intention. I did not notice the change for a few months, this caused us to receive less Dividends and Interest than in years past. This has been corrected, and with the added growth in value to the positions held during that time, we expect much larger returns in Div & int in 2024.

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

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

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2023 End: 12/31/2023
 General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry
 Grand Chapter of Oklahoma
 Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Chapters = 19

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

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,250</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>67</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>7</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>79</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>8</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>34</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>39</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>81</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(2)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,248</u>

GRAND CHAPTER RETURNS FOR 2023

No.	Name	2022 Members End of Year	Expelled	Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demited	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdraw	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2023 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	G. Chapter Life Members	Dues	Fees	Demolay	Grand Chapter	General GrandChapter	Per Capita	RARA	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per	TOTAL
1	Indian	88	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	90	35	0	48	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$13.75	\$550.00	\$126.00	\$55.00	\$744.75	\$124.97	\$869.72	
3	Muskogee	120	13	1	4	0	0	6	7	0	0	5	125	39	0	68	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$21.50	\$680.00	\$171.00	\$66.00	\$1,138.50	\$210.82	\$1,349.32	
6	Guthrie	72	1	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	(6)	66	21	1	30	\$22.00	\$50.00	\$11.00	\$440.00	\$105.00	\$44.00	\$600.00	\$75.30	\$675.30	
7	Cyrus	115	11	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	5	120	30	3	45	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$21.75	\$870.00	\$216.00	\$97.00	\$1,194.75	\$113.64	\$1,308.39	
11	Ardmore	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	56	13	0	22	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$10.75	\$430.00	\$102.00	\$43.00	\$585.75	\$62.05	\$647.80	
14	Sillwater	52	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	(2)	50	18	0	31	\$20.00	\$65.00	\$8.00	\$320.00	\$57.00	\$32.00	\$417.00	\$153.02	\$570.02	
24	Norman	86	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	89	24	0	41	\$29.00	\$60.00	\$16.25	\$650.00	\$144.00	\$65.00	\$875.25	\$107.52	\$982.77	
25	Olivet	50	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	26	0	32	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$54.00	\$24.00	\$324.00	\$81.55	\$405.55	
28	Texoma	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	(1)	26	1	0	1	\$26.00	\$50.00	\$6.25	\$250.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$350.25	\$43.32	\$393.57	
44	Lawton	89	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	101	19	0	33	\$22.50	\$50.00	\$20.50	\$920.00	\$204.00	\$92.00	\$1,126.50	\$178.83	\$1,305.33	
50	Elk City	51	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	(1)	50	28	0	58	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$5.50	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$247.50	\$82.37	\$329.87	
52	Tulsa	180	11	0	0	0	2	10	7	0	0	(8)	172	76	6	101	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$22.50	\$900.00	\$195.00	\$90.00	\$1,207.50	\$251.31	\$1,458.81	
55	Bartlesville	40	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41	11	0	49	\$16.50	\$50.00	\$7.50	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$337.50	\$60.90	\$398.40	
60	Altus	44	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	(1)	43	23	0	37	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$243.00	\$105.68	\$348.68	
72	Woodward	37	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	(5)	32	17	0	25	\$25.50	\$50.00	\$3.75	\$150.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$189.75	\$70.58	\$260.33	
101	Capitol Hill	103	2	0	1	0	0	7	3	0	0	(7)	96	63	3	94	\$19.00	\$50.00	\$7.50	\$300.00	\$52.00	\$50.00	\$394.50	\$260.15	\$654.65	
103	Veritas	13	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	(1)	12	0	0	0	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$3.00	\$120.00	\$61.00	\$12.00	\$171.00	\$0.00	\$171.00	
104	James E. Smyrl	28	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	29	11	0	12	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$4.50	\$180.00	\$51.00	\$18.00	\$253.50	\$46.36	\$299.86	
	Totals	1250	67	7	5	0	8	34	39	0	0	(2)	1248	455	13	725			\$195.00	\$7,800.00	\$1,672.00	\$780.00	\$10,347.00	\$1,989.37	\$12,336.37	

2023 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budg
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	7,770.00	7,770.00	0.00
4020 · G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,569.00	1,569.00	0.00
4030 · RARA Donation	777.00	770.00	7.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	194.25	194.25	0.00
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	<u>10,310.25</u>	<u>10,303.25</u>	<u>7.00</u>
4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.			
4110 · PEM Dividend from investment	2,981.10	2,618.36	362.74
4120 · Interest Income	0.00	9,287.08	-9,287.08
Total 4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.	<u>2,981.10</u>	<u>11,905.44</u>	<u>-8,924.34</u>
4200 · FEES			
4210 · Degree Fees	1,056.00	800.00	256.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	20.00	10.00	10.00
4240 · Festival Meal Fees	647.00		
4245 · Festival Fees to other	1,780.00	3,000.00	-1,220.00
Total 4200 · FEES	<u>3,513.00</u>	<u>3,820.00</u>	<u>-307.00</u>
4300 · RESALE			
4310 · Ritual Resale	100.00	200.00	-100.00
Total 4300 · RESALE	<u>100.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
4600 · MISC INCOME			
4610 · MISC Income	0.00	600.00	-600.00
4630 · REIMBURSED INCOME	100.00		
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	<u>100.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>
Total Income	<u>17,004.35</u>	<u>26,828.69</u>	<u>-9,824.34</u>
Expense			
5000 · STAFF			
5010 · Grand Secretary's Salary	5,000.00	5,250.00	-250.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	427.72	450.00	-22.28
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 · STAFF	<u>5,427.72</u>	<u>5,900.00</u>	<u>-472.28</u>
5100 · ASSESSMENTS			
5110 · Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,503.00	1,569.00	-66.00
5120 · RARA Donation	777.00	777.00	0.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	0.00	300.00	-300.00
5140 · General Grand Chapter Magazine	2,320.00	3,070.00	-750.00
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	<u>4,600.00</u>	<u>5,716.00</u>	<u>-1,116.00</u>
5500 · YOUTH EXPENSES			
5510 · Youth Ads	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 5500 · YOUTH EXPENSES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL			
6010-23 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Turner	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6010-24 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Cloud	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6015 · Grand Secretary's Travel	90.54	200.00	-109.46
6020 · Grand High Priest Grand Session	0.00	250.00	-250.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00
6040 · Grand Sessions-Headquarters	952.24	1,100.00	-147.76
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	204.02	200.00	4.02
6060 · Past Grand High Priest Jewel	0.00	65.00	-65.00
6080 · Triennial	0.00	770.00	-770.00
6110 · Festival Meal Catering	242.61	0.00	242.61
6111 · GM Festival Fee Reimburs	1,755.00	3,000.00	-1,245.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	<u>3,244.41</u>	<u>8,335.00</u>	<u>-5,090.59</u>

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budg</u>
7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 · Rent			
7110 · Muskogee Storage Rent	0.00	33.00	-33.00
7130 · GM Festival Rent	200.00	100.00	100.00
Total 7100 · Rent	<u>200.00</u>	<u>133.00</u>	<u>67.00</u>
7200 · Telecommunications			
7210 · Phone and Internet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
7220 · Website	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	<u>0.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>-475.00</u>
7300 · Office Supplies			
7310 · General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
7320 · Ink	0.00	120.00	-120.00
7330 · Computer Software	209.49	290.00	-80.51
7340 · Office Equipment Acquisition	0.00	0.00	0.00
7350 · MMS Subscription	229.68	229.68	0.00
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	<u>439.17</u>	<u>679.68</u>	<u>-240.51</u>
7400 · Printing and Reproduction			
7410 · Pre Print	0.00	120.00	-120.00
7420 · Proceedings	84.77	150.00	-65.23
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
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	<u>84.77</u>	<u>270.00</u>	<u>-185.23</u>
7500 · Postage and Delivery			
7510 · PO Box Rental	64.66	61.00	3.66
7520 · Stamps	0.00	63.00	-63.00
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	<u>64.66</u>	<u>124.00</u>	<u>-59.34</u>
7600 · Insurance			
7610 · Bond Premium	0.00	131.66	-131.66
Total 7600 · Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>131.66</u>	<u>-131.66</u>
7700 · Repairs			
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7700 · Repairs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
7800 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	<u>788.60</u>	<u>1,813.34</u>	<u>-1,024.74</u>
8000 · MISC			
8050 · Digitize Proceedings	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
8070 · Misc - Other	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 8000 · MISC	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>-1,450.00</u>
8500 · EDUCATION			
8510 · Education Courses	0.00	180.00	-180.00
Total 8500 · EDUCATION	<u>0.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>	<u>-180.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>14,060.73</u>	<u>23,494.34</u>	<u>-9,433.61</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,943.62</u>	<u>3,334.35</u>	<u>-390.73</u>
Net Income	<u>2,943.62</u>	<u>3,334.35</u>	<u>-390.73</u>

We had a net loss of two Companions compared to forty-four Companions last year. We Exalted sixty-seven new Companions compared to fifty-eight the previous year. Suspensions were down in 2023, with thirty-four compared to fifty-one in 2022. Demits were also down in 2023, with eight compared to ten in 2022. Deaths were thirty-nine in 2023 compared to forty-nine in 2022. We had thirteen members reported on the Annual Reports who are unable to pay their dues compared to 20 last year.

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

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 Grand Secretary monitors all activity in the MMS database.

WHEREAS: the data in the electronic database negates the necessity for a Committee on Work and Returns, and this Committee has not met in years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 3, Section 1. Committees

f. Committee on Work and Returns.

Consisting of three members and the Grand Captain of the Host as ex-officio member.

BE STRICKEN FROM THE LAW, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT COMMITTEES BE RE-LETTERED.

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 Grand Secretary monitors all activity in the MMS database.

WHEREAS: the data in the electronic database negates the necessity for a Committee on Work and Returns, and this Committee has not met in years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 3, Section 2. Duties of Committees

e. Committee on Work and Returns.

They shall examine the returns made by all constituent Chapters and report such errors, omissions or irregularities, if any, as they may discover and may make such recommendations as may be pertinent.

BE STRICKEN FROM THE LAW, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT COMMITTEES BE RE-LETTERED.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - PASSED

WHEREAS: The date of the Annual Communications is set by the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

WHEREAS: This makes it difficult to negotiate the best market rate with hotels or conference facilities.

WHEREAS: Hotels and Conference facilities are becoming more and more expensive to rent for the time, requirements and size of our Annual Communications.

WHEREAS: Multi-year contracts allow the organization to negotiate the best rates for the Annual Communications.

WHEREAS: Expenditures are restricted to the annual financial year for the organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Article 6 Disbursements, Section 4

BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.c

The Time & Place Committee may submit to the vote of the Annual Communications a contract for the location of the annual communications binding for up to 3 years, subject to the proviso that in any given year the Time & Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

Respectfully Submitted
Bradley S Rickelman [15]

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: Some of the duties of this committee are already assigned to other committees, therefore making those duties for this committee redundant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 3, Section 2. Duties of Committees

d. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations. They shall review all returns and reports on the condition of Chapters, whether chartered or under dispensation, together with the reports of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary thereon, and report its findings and recommendations.

Be amended to read as follows:

d. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Its special duty shall be to examine and report upon all petitions for charters for new Chapters. It shall examine the petition, work, returns, records, and all books of all Chapters Under Dispensation and report to the Grand Chapter the character and merits of same, with such recommendations as the work, records, and returns may justify.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]
John L. Logan [72, 6]

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE**

R.:E.:C.: Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, nominated M.:E.:C.: David A. Ray, P.:G.:H.:P.:, to a three-year term as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma’s Representative to the Masonic Charity Foundation. The motion prevailed.

TELLERS COMMITTEE

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed M.:E.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., P.:G.:H.:P.:, M.:E.: Companion John R. Christopher, P.:G.:H.:P.:, and M.:E.: Companion Mathew A. Turner P.:G.:H.:P.:, to the Tellers Committee.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee reports the following:
Grand Officers: 20 (including D.D.G.H.P.)
Past Grand High Priests: 14
Past High Priests: 56
High Priests: 12
Kings: 7
Scribes 7
Proxies 8
Total Votes: 90

Number of Chapters represented by Dais Officers: 15

Number of Chapters not represented: 2

Respectfully Submitted

Bradley S. Rickelman [15] - Chmn

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 2023,

A special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee was called by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and convened at 6:30 PM via Zoom with the following members, along with Most Excellent Companion William J Cloud, Grand High Priest, and Right Excellent Companion Jon Greene, Grand Secretary in attendance:

John Carter – Chairman, Mathew Turner – Secretary, Charles Stuckey, David Ray, James Taylor, Jr.,
Clyde Schoolfield, Jr., Robert Davis, Tim Israel

Chairman John Carter introduced the Grand High Priest who presented a draft decision regarding the conferral of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees without fee.

Various concerns and questions regarding this decision were expressed to include:

- The Grand Chapter has no authority to waive the bylaws of individual Chapters, which includes the fees collected for each degree.
- Chapters would need to be asked to vote to waive their fees.
- Will the Grand Chapter collect its \$4 fee for each degree conferred under this Decision?
- Can the General Law be changed through a decision or through a resolution only?
- Only the Grand Chapter Fees can be waived by the Grand High Priest through Decision.
- Can a decision allow the individual Chapters to waive fees if they vote to do so?
- Could individual Chapters not waiving the fees cause a problem?
- How much are the individual fees for each Chapter for individual degrees?
- How have other Jurisdictions handled this?
- A resolution in April could provide for the opportunity in the future.
- Local bodies need the fees for operations.
- Would these candidates continue and finish the Degrees?
- What is the proper procedure to waive the fees?
- Would this need a bylaws change or a regular vote?

The Committee came to a consensus that the Grand High Priest can waive the fees of the Grand Chapter for these special conferrals, and give the local Chapters the authority to waive their own fees on a one-time basis for these special conferrals should they decide to do so.

The Grand High Priest thanked the Committee for their time and advice. He will be rewriting the Decision with the recommendations of the Committee and resend to the Committee before sending it to the Local Chapters.

No further business appearing the meeting was concluded at 7:46 PM, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Carter [11] – Chairman, Mathew Turner [7, 24] – Secretary

Jurisprudence Committee Meeting on April 25, 2024

M. : E. : Companion John Carter opened the meeting at 2:00 pm, on April 25 2024, in the Scissortail room at the Embassy Suites, 3233 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Past Grand High Priests in attendance were:

M. : E. : Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., M. : E. : Mathew A. Tuner, M. : E. : Bradley S. Rickelman, M. : E. :
Grand Chapter 25

135th Annual Convocation

Robert G. Davis, M.: E.: John E. King, M.: E.: Robert R. Rolseth, M.: E.: James R. Taylor, Jr., M.: E.: Donnie G. Higginbotham, M.: E.: David A. Ray, M.: E.: John R. Christopher, M.: E.: Timothy P. Israel, M.: E.: Kent M. Israel.

The committee commends the Grand High Priest, M.: E.: Jim Cloud on his leadership this past year and his creativity in enabling the special conferrals of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees.

The minutes of the Special Jurisprudence Committee Meeting of October 15, 2023, held via ZOOM, were approved on a motion by M.: E.: James Taylor, seconded by M.: E.: Clyde Schoolfield.

Discussion was opened on dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest. It was noted that Dispensation #4 should be addressed to M.: E.: Robert G. Davis, allowing opening/closing the chapter in ample form. M.: E.: James Taylor moved, seconded by M.: E.: Robert Rolseth, that the dispensations be allowed, including the revision of #4. Motion prevailed.

Discussion was opened on Decision #1. Since the decision followed the recommendation of the October 15, 2023, meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee, a motion was made by M.: E.: Clyde Schoolfield, seconded by M.: E.: John Christopher to reaffirm Decision #1. Motion prevailed.

Discussion was opened on the Grand High Priest’s address with the following typographical errors noted:

- Grand Master’s festival date was 2024 needs to be changed to 2023
- State of the craft, number of masons should read 16,000
- Regional Festivals references to District Deputy Grand Masters should be District Deputy Grand High Preists.

Motion was made by M.: E.: James Taylor, seconded by M.: E.: Donnie Higginbotham to approve the Grand High Priests address with corrections. The motion prevailed.

Discussion was opened on submitted resolutions. It was noted that Resolution #3 was submitted late (Article 13, section 1, General Laws Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma). Motion made by M.: E.: James Taylor, seconded by M.: E.: Donnie Higginbotham, that resolutions 1a, 1b, and 2, to be found to be in proper form. Motion prevailed. M.: E.: Clyde Schoolfield moved, seconded by M.: E.: Donnie Higginbotham, that Resolution #3 be found to be in proper form but submitted late, noting that it can still be considered under Article 13, section 1(b) General Laws Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Motion prevailed.

Respectfully submitted
M.: E.: John Carter – Chairman
M.: E.: Mat Turner - Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Companions all, the Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 3rd, 2024, and discussed the upcoming Grand Chapter budget and recapitulation for the 2024-2025 Capital year. The Grand Chapter budget and recapitulation are as follows.

Income	2024 BUDGET	<u>Budget 2024</u>
ANNUAL RETURNS		
Oklahoma Per Capita		7,790.00
G. G. Chapter Per Capita		1,569.00
RARA Donation		779.00
DeMolay Donation		194.75
Total ANNUAL RETURNS		<u>10,332.75</u>
Interest/Investmen Inc.		
PEM Dividend from investment		1,989.37
Interest Income		<u>7,640.43</u>
Total Interest/Investmen Inc.		9,629.80

FEES	
Degree Fees	800.00
Dispensation Fee	10.00
Reinstatement Fee	10.00
Festival Meal Fees	0.00
Festival Fees to other	3,000.00
Total FEES	<u>3,820.00</u>
RESALE	
Ritual Resale	200.00
Total RESALE	<u>200.00</u>
MISC INCOME	
	600.00
Total Income	<u>24,582.55</u>
Expense	
STAFF	
Grand Secretary's Salary	5,250.00
Payroll Taxes	450.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	200.00
Total STAFF	<u>5,900.00</u>
ASSESSMENTS	
Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,569.00
RARA Donation	779.00
DeMolay Donation	300.00
General Grand Chapter Magazine	3,070.00
Total ASSESSMENTS	<u>5,718.00</u>
CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	
24 - M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Cloud**	1,250.00
25 - M.E.G.H.P. Travel-McKnight**	1,250.00
Grand Secretary's Travel	0.00
Grand High Priest Grand Session	250.00
Grand Sessions Host Expense	200.00
Grand Sessions-Headquarters	1,140.00
Grand Sessions-Awards	200.00
Triennial	
Triennial 2024	935.25
Triennial 2025	0.00
Triennial 2026	0.00
Festival Meal Catering	150.00
GM Festival Fee Reimbursement	3,000.00
Total CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	<u>8,375.25</u>
OFFICE EXPENSE	
Rent	
GM Festival Rent	100.00
Total Rent	<u>100.00</u>
Telecommunications	
Phone and Internet	200.00
Website	75.00
Total Telecommunications	<u>275.00</u>
Office Supplies	
General Office Supplies	40.00
Ink	60.00
Computer Software	250.00
Office Equipment Acquisition	0.00
MMS Subscription	494.55
Total Office Supplies	<u>844.55</u>

Printing and Reproduction	
Pre Print	75.00
Proceedings	32.65
Publications	0.00
G.W. Memorial Digitized Proceedings	200.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	<u>307.65</u>
Postage and Delivery	
PO Box Rental	67.00
Stamps	68.00
Total Postage and Delivery	<u>135.00</u>
Insurance	
Bond Premium	250.00
Total Insurance	<u>250.00</u>
Repairs	
Equipment Repairs	0.00
Total Repairs	<u>0.00</u>
Total OFFICE EXPENSE	<u>1,912.20</u>
MISC	
Misc - Other	250.00
Total MISC	<u>250.00</u>
EDUCATION	
Education Courses	150.00
Total EDUCATION	<u>150.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>22,305.45</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,277.10</u>
Net Income	<u>2,277.10</u>

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Income	
Membership Development	
Membership Development Interest	513.00
Membership Development Other	0.00
Total - Membership Development	<u>513.00</u>
Total Income	<u>513.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>513.00</u>
Expense	
MEMBERSHIP	
Promotional Expense	305.00
DeMolay Sword	208.00
Total - MEMBERSHIP	<u>513.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>513.00</u>
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>

NOTE: **Any funds budgeted for GHP's Travel - (2024-2025) not disbursed during 2024 will be carried over to the 2024 budget.

Fraternally submitted,
Blaine McKnight [1, 28] - Chmn, Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103],
Matthew D. McGee [25]

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 committee's purpose 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 typically review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other matters deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee believes that the Grand Treasurer's actions are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Logan, Chapter 2024-2026 [72, 6] - Chairman
Mathew Turner, Commandery 2021-2024 [38]
Charles L. Stuckey, Council 2022-2025 [43]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE

The Charters and Dispensations Committee did not meet this year, as there were no applications for Charters for new Chapters.

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]

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 was held August 13th-15th, 2023 in Branson, Missouri at the Chateau on the Lake Resort and Convention Center.

Two of our members were elected General Grand Trustees: Most Ex. Comp. John L. Logan (three-year term) and Most Ex. Comp. Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (nine-year term). Most Ex. Comp. Michael A. Watts, Past Grand High Priest of Louisiana, was appointed Deputy General Grand High Priest for our region and Rt. Ex. Comp. Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. was appointed Ambassador to Oklahoma.

The 73rd Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International is scheduled to be held on a yet-to-be-determined date in August or September 2026. The organizers are considering holding the event in Washington, D.C.

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

YORK RITE COORDINATION

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma

My Companions all,

We, your Committee on Coordination are pleased to report that Most Illustrious Robert G. Davis, Eminent Grand Commander John E. King, and I met on October 10, 2023, at the Grand Lodge Building with the heads of other Grand Bodies of Oklahoma for a meeting on common goals for our term of office. Most Worshipful Glen A. Chaney led the meeting. We relayed our important dates to not conflict with other important meetings in Oklahoma. The idea was to have our meetings free of any other obstacles as well as not conflict with their meetings.

We also related new ideas that we proposed to implement during our term of office. The Special Conferrals that we planned to implement were discussed with the brethren. All important dates were exchanged. A great conversation was held and we learned much.

Companions, we, the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter.

Fraternally Submitted

William J. "Jim" Cloud [101] – Chairman, Blaine C. McKnight [1, 28],

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]

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 a busy one. We were again able to host our regional festivals as well as our annual Grand Masters Festival. It is extremely important for every one of us to consider ourselves as a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from 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.

We have got to make an effort to get out and visit our area Lodges, visit with those brethren, and encourage them to continue their masonic journey for further light by experiencing the York Rite.

One thing that was worth noting in reviewing the annual report was seeing the loss of 34 Companions during the time span of 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 due to suspension for non-payment of dues. We still need to continue to work on bringing this number down. I was happy to see it down from 47 last year during the same time.

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. Only then can we start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all.

On a positive note, during this time, we Exalted 67, had 7 affiliations, and 5 reinstatements. Sadly, we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost 39 Companions this past year. May we All keep these Companions and their families in our prayers.

We all must 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 due to suspensions and encourage them to return.

In closing, I would like to thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William J. “Jim” Cloud 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] -

EDUCATION

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

The Committee on Education continues to encourage our Chapters to make education an integral part of their Stated Convocations and, in an effort to foster this endeavor, has in recent years produced and made available Capitular educational resources to both our Chapters and members.

The Capitular Masonry Education Course covers the history and symbolism of the four Chapter degrees and provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study. The Lessons on Capitular Masonry are thirty-five lessons which are drawn from the Capitular Masonry Education Course, the Ritual of the Grand Chapter, and the Bible and 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 published a monthly education e-newsletter, which 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. After the release of the twenty-fourth and final edition of this monthly e-newsletter in January 2023, all of the previously released editions were assembled into a single website, with links to each of the twenty-four topics covered. This 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

This Committee consists of the Grand Scribe Frank Belluardo, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Brian Ragain, and Grand Generalissimo John Turner. All Committee members were actively involved in all aspects of the festival.

The Grand Master’s Festival was held on July 22, 2023, in Oklahoma City. At the festival, 54 Companions were Exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason. We want to thank all the Chapters involved with the conferring of the degrees. We also want to thank all the Companions who assisted in the degree work as well as those Companions who attended this event to show their support of Capitular Masonry here in Oklahoma.

The committee extends appreciation to all the degree teams for their outstanding degree work and they are to be commended for making this Festival a great success.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24,101,103], Brian M. Ragain [44], John T. Turner [14,24,103]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

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

The Central Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 4, 2024, at Norman Masonic Lodge. We exalted 13 new Royal Arch Masons at this event. We would like to thank the Companions of Norman Chapter No.24 for hosting the festival and all their hard work and dedication to ensuring a successful event.

The Northeast Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 10, 2024, at East Gate Masonic Center in Tulsa. We exalted 3 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 ensuring 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 Special Event 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 statewide.

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, James D. Nobles [7]
Robert L. Sprott [14], George W. Ratliff [52,104],
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104], Michael S. Wright [11, 103],
John E. King, Jr. [1,28], James Oats III [44]

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The 66th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 15th-16th, 2023, in Branson, Missouri. The Conference was well attended by Companions from the six-state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.) Additionally, several 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."

We are scheduled to host the 67th Annual South-Central York Rite Conference on September 20th-21st 2024 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Fraternally submitted,

Mathew A. Turner [7, 24] – Chairman

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as current as possible. The Grand Secretary has started putting some forms on the site for the constituent Secretaries to use. These include the Perpetual applications and applications for membership, both plural and demit. The Grand Secretary has also updated the calendar with all Chapter Convocation dates and times. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Secretary as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank M.:.E.:.C.: Jim Cloud, 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 were sent one great candidate from the Executive Officer of DeMolay for the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. It is always nice to see more than one candidate however we were all impressed with the accomplishments of the one candidate we received. Colton Condit from the Stillwater 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 even at the State level. 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

Once more the hand of time has made its great sweep through Heaven and several companions have laid down the working tools of life and went on to that great final reward. Although our hearts are heavy for the loss, our Spirits rejoice for them and we find comfort in knowing that someday we will see them again. They are not gone; just gone on ahead. An old Johnny Cash song sums it up.

By the way, the land is layin'
I think I'd be safe in sayin'
That over the next hill, we'll be home
It's a straight and narrow highway
No detours and no byways
And over the next hill, we'll be home
From the prophets I've been hearin'
I would say the end is nearin'
For I see familiar landmarks all along
By the dreams that I've been dreamin'
There will come a great redeemin'
And over the next hill we'll be home
By the turn, the tide is takin'
I would say there's no mistakin'
That over the next hill, we'll be home
There's a place that we are nearin'
That so many have been fearin'
And over the next, hill we'll be home
When we get there, we're all hopin'
That we'll find the gate is open
And there'll be a refuge from the comin' storm
For the way is been long and weary
But at last the end is nearin'
And over the next hill, we'll be home

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 organization's purpose is to research and promote solutions to Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD.

The first page that comes up when you search R.A.R.A. is a page that still lists the program of the last General Grand High Priest and his program for the 2020-2023 Triennium. However, the tab on the General Grand Chapter website does list what appears to be more current.

Currently, there are “Pin Awards” for gifts given, ranging from \$100 to gifts up to \$5,000. There is very little information about the programs or current research coming from the grants on the current 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

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma officers are beginning the last year of three-year terms. 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. Two outstanding programs are Promises Matter and Matching Funds. Promises Matter directly benefits fraternity members as well as members of the Eastern Star. Matching funds that had some major revisions approved this year can be used to benefit programs identified by the local Lodges and applications made for those qualifying matching funds.

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 the 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 for the past 25 years. I continue to serve the foundation with membership on the executive and matching funds committees.

Fraternity

David A. Ray [24] - Grand Chapter Representative

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

The report was given verbally.

Fraternally,

Jay Wall, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

I echo the sentiments of the others that we appreciate the work that went into arranging these Grand Sessions.

We commend the time and place committee, our Grand Secretary, and all who have taken part in putting together this annual convocation.

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

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 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,

John R. Cooper, Jr. [3]

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address and the above committee reports. The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF 2024-2025 OFFICERS

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

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

R.: E.: Companion Matthew D. McGee 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 Michael S. Wright, E.: Companion Michael L. Dixon, and E.: Companion Kevin P. Bardy were nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Host. E.: Companion Michael S. Wright was elected by vote of the Craft.

R.: E.: Companion Blaine C. McKnight, Grand High Priest-elect, greeted the Grand Chapter and announced the Appointed Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests.

M.: E.: Companion William “Keith” Powell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana, gave remarks.

M.: E.: Companion Kevin B. Sample, Honorary Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary for the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. Missouri’s Ambassador to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International gave remarks.

R.: E.: Companion Reed B. Fanning, 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 William J. “Jim” Cloud, 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 F. Carter, P.: G.: H.: P.:

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

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

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



William J. “Jim” Cloud Grand High Priest

Jon B. Greene Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 CAPITULAR YEAR**

Blaine C. McKnight [28]		Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]	Beth	Right Excellent Grand King
Matthew D. McGee [25]		Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] P.:G.:H.:P.:	Dana	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [52, 55] P.:G.:H.:P.:		Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]	Renee	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Gary A. Davis [52] H.:P.:G.:H.:P.:	Nellie	Right Excellent Grand Secretary Emeritus
Michael S. Wright [11, 103]	Kim	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Justin M. McGee [25]		Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Charles L. Cook [11]	Molly	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Roberto "Tony" A. DeLeon, Jr. [24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil
Robert W. "Bob" McLeod [52, 3]	Pam	Excellent Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil
Seth J. Dawson [24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 1 st Veil
Jason R. Smith [44, 103]	Amanda	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 2024 - 2025 CAPITULAR YEAR**

DISTRICT 1	Matthew N. Harden [3]	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3
DISTRICT 2	Bryan C. Shackelford [6]	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
DISTRICT 3	William D. Hardin [11]	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Texoma Chapter No. 28
DISTRICT 4	Justin M. McGee [25]	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 25
DISTRICT 5	Steven E. Cox [3, 103]	Norman Chapter No. 24 Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101 Veritas Chapter No. 103
DISTRICT 6	James Oates III [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	Michael D. Maxey [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 2024-2025 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

Mathew Turner [7, 24] – Chairman
William J. Cloud [101] - Secretary
All Past Grand High Priests

FINANCE

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

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 -

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

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]

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

INVESTMENTS

2023-26 [RAM] John L. Logan [6, 72]
2022-25 [CM] Charles Stuckey [22, 41]
2024-27 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]

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]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

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

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

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

EDUCATION

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

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]

CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Blaine McKnight [1, 28] - Chairman
 Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]
 Matthew D. McGee [25]
 Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Blaine McKnight [1, 28] - Chairman
 Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]
 Matthew D. McGee [25]
 Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

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

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2024-27 [RAM] David A. Ray [24]
 2022-25 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [1]
 2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 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

Blaine McKnight [1, 28] - Chairman
 Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [101, 103]
 Matthew D. McGee [25]
 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]

APPRECIATION

John R. Cooper, Jr. [3]

OTHER**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ASSOCIATION**

James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104] - President
 Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104] - 1st V.P.
 John R. Christopher [6] - 2nd V.P.
 Charles L. Stuckey [25] - Treas.
 Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104] - 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 Frensey	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 Lombard	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. Mandelbaum	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
2023-24	William J. "Jim" Cloud	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City

* Deceased



JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD

BRIAN A. BUSWELL

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 Buswell served Cyrus Chapter No. 7 as High Priest in 2017 and is a member of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Oklahoma, which he currently serves as President.

He served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma as the Grand Principal Sojourner and has served as District Deputy Grand High Priest for several years and is serving the York Rite on the Committee on Place.

He served as chairman of the Central Regional Degree Festival for the Grand Chapter and took the lead in organizing that event for all three bodies of the York Rite. He is a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees and the Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

Companion Buswell's constant attention to the affairs of the York Rite, the mentoring he provides to new members and officers, and the example of selfless service he provides has made an incalculable contribution to the York Rite.

His meritorious record of service to the Oklahoma York Rite and the Masonic Fraternity in general make a compelling statement as to his worthiness to be recognized with this significant award.

RICHARD L. HARGRAVE III

Companion Hargrave is instrumental in the Degree work in Tulsa York Rite Bodies. Companion Hargrave is the Degree director of the Royal Arch Degree, The Order of Malta, and participates in many other Degrees and Orders in the Tulsa York Rite Bodies. Richard, without fail, is at all of our stated meetings. If he is to be away for any reason, he ensures we are notified of his absence.

Companion Hargrave was Exalted, Greeted, and Knighted on March 22, 1980, in Texas.

Companion Hargrave is a Perpetual Member in his Lodge, Scottish Rite, and York Rite Bodies. No matter what is going on, Companion Hargrave is one of the first people to arrive and one of the last to leave. He has a wealth of knowledge in the Degree and Order work and is willing to share with the other Companions and Sir Knights.

With great pleasure, Tulsa Chapter 52 nominates Companion Richard Lee Hargrave III for the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award.

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 Beryl 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
2023	Brian A. Buswell	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
	Richard L. Hargrave III	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa

* - Deceased

*** - Unknown



**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD**

STEVEN E. COX

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.

Muskogee Chapter No.3 Royal Arch Masons would like to nominate Excellent Companion Steven Cox for the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal. Companion Cox has ben a very active and key member of our Chapter since becoming a member in 2017.

He has dedicated much of his time and talents towards the improvement and restoration of our building and Chapter meeting room. He has played a large role in making our meetings both fun and educational.

He has taken a great interest in the workings of the York Rite and has traveled to and attended both the South Central Conferences and Oklahoma Grand Sessions. He has also served several terms as the Grand Commandery's Grand Prelate.

Of recent he assembled a team of Companions to confer the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees in support of the MEGHP program to allow an Master Mason in good standing to attend these degrees at no cost. The team conferred the degrees in Muskogee and will be conferring them in McAlester as well.

Companion Cox is very active in his home lodge as well as Muskogee Lodge No. 28 and Bixby Lodge No.359. He is also a member of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research and is currently serving on the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Board.

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
2023	Steven E. Cox	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. Lumbard	1993	*Bernard F. Mandelbaum
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 Rotseth
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	2024	John F. Carter
	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	Gerald A. Peeters	David A. Ray	Maurice R. Minner, Jr.
England	James Daniel	Does not commission representatives.	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
Hawaii	Gerhart W. Walch	William J. Cloud	George N. Kahoopa,
Idaho	Norman Lane		James T. Bunce
Illinois	Berry D. Weer		Paul E. Ellis
India	S. Krishnan		B. C. Ray
Indiana	W. Kris Phillips	Lewis A. Hullum	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
Iowa	Rusty L. Hill		William R. Kauten
Ireland	D. Barry Lyons	Robert G. Davis	Kenneth T. Brislane
Israel	Eitan Ayalon	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 Nomteggi
Manitoba,	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 J. 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. Nenez
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 Australia	Ezra Ron Duckworth	Michael A. Davis	Stephen Brown
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.
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 Ray 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,	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

2024 DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OF OKLAHOMA

NO	NAME & LOCATION	HIGH PRIEST	SECRETARY	MEETING DAY	CHARTER
1	INDIAN 2d & Adams McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Michael O. Echols	Blaine C. McKnight P.O. Box 3335 McAlester, OK 74502	4th Monday 7:00 pm	Aug. 18, 1880
3	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Steven E. Cox	Mark McFadden P.O. Box 1037 Muskogee, OK 74402	2 nd Wed 6:00 p.m.	Nov. 6, 1890
6	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut Guthrie 73044	Michael L. Dixon	John R. Christopher P.O. Box 5 Guthrie, OK 73044	2 nd Thurs 7:30 pm	Nov. 6, 1890
7	CYRUS 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City 73112	Mathew A. Turner	Christopher F. Harper 2935 W. Britton Road Oklahoma City, OK 73120	2 nd & 4 th Weds 7:00 pm	Nov. 6, 1890
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry Ardmore 73401 580-223-239	William D. Hardin	John F. Carter P.O. Box 14 Ardmore, OK 73402	2 nd Monday 7:30 pm	Aug. 10, 1893
14	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	Kevin P. Bardy	Brad Rickelman P.O. Box 1415 Stillwater, OK 74076	2 nd & 4 th Wed 7:30 pm	Aug. 15, 1895
24	NORMAN 1700 N. Porter Norman 73071 405-321-7310	Kevin S. Lapham	Seth J. Dawson PO BOX 273 Norman, OK 73070	2 nd Thurs 7:30	Sept. 13, 1898
25	OLIVET 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601	Matthew D. McGee	James E. Halbrook 1602 E. Woodland Rd. Ponca City, OK 74604	2 nd Tuesday Chap & Council 7:00 pm 4 th Tuesday Commandery 7:00 pm	Sept. 18, 1899
28	TEXOMA 103 S. Burney St. Colbert, OK 74733	Ricky R. Wines	John E. King, Jr. PO Box 106 Bennington, OK 74723	4 th Thurs 7:30 pm	April 28, 1901
44	LAWTON 702 SW C St. Lawton 73505 580-353-4606	Roland Morales	Glen A. Chaney 702 C Ave Lawton, OK 73501	4 th Tuesday Chap & Council 7:00 pm 1 st Tuesday Commandery 7:00 pm	April 17, 1906
50	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 580-225-0484	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel P.O. Box 1596 Elk City, OK 73648	1 st & 3 rd Tues 7:30 pm	April 17, 1906
52	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112	Carroll D. McBride	Jon B. Greene PO Box 35764 Tulsa, OK 74153	3 rd Monday Chap & Council 4 th Monday Commandery 7:00 pm	April 19, 1907

55	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006- 918-331-3831	John E. Werts	Mark A Wright 610 N.E. Washington Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	April 16, 1907
72	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	Troy L. Collier	Ray L. Bell PO Box 434 Woodward, OK 73802	2 nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 16, 1912
103	Veritas Norman Lodge No.38 1700 N. Porter Norman, OK	T. Brian Westmoreland	Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.	Qrtly 2nd Sat Last Month each Qtr 10:30 a.m.	April 23, 2010
104	James E. Smyrl 11680 E 76th St N Owasso 74055	Jon B. Greene	James R. Taylor, Jr. c/o James R. Taylor, Jr. P.O. Box 182 Owasso, OK 74055	1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 5, 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	.....Chyenney	.....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	Mountian 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 131st Annual Convention held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 19, 2023

Most Excellent President Bradley S. Rickelman opened the 131st Annual Convention of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma at 9:00 AM with thirty members and eleven candidates present.

Officers present were:

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

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

Stephen D. Gragg	Indian No. 1
Chris A. Botts	Indian No. 1
Rick Alan Moore	Muskogee No. 3
Mark L. Cantrell	Cyrus No. 7
William David Hardin	Ardmore No. 11
Robert Lee Sprott	Stillwater No. 14
John Robert Guinn	Norman No. 24
Ryan C. Shady	Lawton No. 44
David D. Shore	Woodward No. 72
Jason R. Smith	Veritas No. 103
Thomas M. Keenze	James E. Smyrl No. 104

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 following degree team conferred the Order:

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 with 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: Robert G. Davis (2005-06), Timothy P. Israel (2011-12), Donnie G. Higginbotham (2013-14), Robert R. Rolseth (2015-16), Kenton M. Israel (2017-18), James R. Taylor, Jr. (2019-20), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (2020-21), and John F. Carter (2021-22)

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 and M.: W.: Brother Robert G. Davis

A memorial service for the following Anointed High Priests was held: John D. Miller, Jr., Harold R. Anders, and Robert C. Shady.

The minutes of the August 20, 2022, Annual Convention and Treasurer's report were approved as distributed with the meeting summons.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate \$50.00 to Frontier Lodge No. 48 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, seconded, and approved to raise the petition fee for the Order of High Priesthood to \$85.00 from \$50.00.

The annual election of officers for the 2023-2024 year was then held.

The nominating committee recommended that all 2022-2023 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Recorder-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.: E.: Companion William J. Cloud, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors. M.: E.: Companion Cloud introduced the Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand High Priests present.

M.: E.: Companion Cloud then installed the officers of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma.

The Officers for the year 2023-2024 are:

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

Most Excellent President Brian A. Buswell presented a Past Presidents jewel to outgoing President Bradley S. Rickelman.

It was announced that the next Annual Convention is scheduled for August 17, 2024, Location TBA.

Most Excellent President Buswell made closing comments and there being no further business, the Convention was closed in due form at 10:05 AM.

James R. Taylor, Jr.
Recorder/Treasurer

Bradley S. Rickelman
Most Excellent President

Grand Chapter 56

135th Annual Convocation

*Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma
Treasurer Report - 08-19-23*

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank		
Checking Account Balance 07/31/22		\$1,830.25
Deposits:		
Candidate Fees	\$600.00	
AHP Jewel Sales	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL		610.00
Disbursements:		
Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 (Facility Use)	\$ 50.00	
Jim Taylor (Degree Supplies)		39.06
Simpson Jewelry & Uniform, Inc. (AHP Jewels)	77.45	
Heirloom Bible Publishing (AHP Bibles)	<u>522.51</u>	
TOTAL		<u>689.02</u>
Checking Account Balance 07/31/23		<u>\$1,751.23</u>

**Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma
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
2022-2023 Bradley S. Rickelman

* Deceased

** Inactive

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION
2024**

James Taylor displayed the Past Grand High Priest jewels that we had commissioned. He then explained to the Past Grand High Priests present that they could turn in and trade their existing Past Grand High Priest jewel for a new one or they can purchase one outright or do nothing. After the meeting, the jewels will be available through the office of the Grand Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER: Donnie Higginbotham, President

Prayer: John King

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Donnie Higginbotham, President
James Taylor, 1 st Vice-President
Kenton Israe, 2 nd Vice President

MEGHP MEMBERS PRESENT:

David A. Ray, Timothy P. Israel, John E. King, Robert R. Rolseth, Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.,
Mat Turner, John Carter, John Christopher, Brad Rickelman, Robert Davis,

MINUTES

The minutes, from last year, appear in the Chapter Pre-Print. Jim Taylor delivered the highlights of the Financial Report, also in the Pre-Print. Motion by John King and seconded by Clyde Schoolfield to approve the reports in the pre-print.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 2024-2026 (2 year term)

It was explained that we advance our officers, who serve two year terms and that Charles Stuckey was not willing to again serve as our Secretary. It was further explained that Charles was okay with splitting the office of Secretary and Treasurer and that he would be willing to serve as Treasurer if elected.

A motion was made by Tim Israel, seconded by David Ray that we separate the office of Secretary Treasurer into two offices, that of Secretary and Treasurer. Motion prevailed.

The next item on the Agenda was our Donations. Last year we donated \$500 to RARA; \$2,000 to Oklahoma Rainbow; \$2,000 to Oklahoma DeMolay, \$500 to Oklahoma Jobs Daughters. In addition we granted a stipend to Charles Stuckey in the amount of \$110.00. Discussions began and Clyde Schoolfield read from the CODE the guidance as to the priorities of our donations as we are the benevolent arm for the Oklahoma York Rite Bodies. With that guidance we voted to give \$2,000 to RARA, \$2,000 to CMMRF, \$1,000 to Oklahoma Rainbow, and \$1,000 to Oklahoma DeMolay. In addition, we voted to grant the stipend of \$110 to Charles Stuckey for reimbursements of funds expended for using his investment account.

Our last item was the election of our Officers. Pursuant to our tradition, the line officers advance, such that the First Vice President becomes President, the Second Vice President becomes the First Vice President Charles Stuckey has served as Secretary Treasurer for a number of years. This year Charles was retained as the Treasurer (and Investment Advisor) and the Secretary would be elected. Therefore James Taylor became President; Kent Israel was advanced to First Vice President; John Christopher was elected as Second Vice-President; Tim Israel was elected as Secretary; and Charles Stuckey was retained as Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Israel, Secretary Those in attendance were: Clyde Schoolfield, Mathew Turner (new Member), John E. King, Donnie Higginbotham, Timothy Israel, John Carter, James R. Taylor, Jr., Robert R. Rolseth, John Christopher, David Ray, Brad Rickelman and Robert G. Davis.

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024**

CASH:

RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City, January 1, 2024

Account No. 55-1192 \$6,316.59

INVESTMENTS:

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

Cash \$ 8,079.96

	Quantity	Cost	NAV	Yield
ABBVIE Inc.	250	\$22,225.89	38,742.50	4.00%
ARES Capital Corp.	707	\$2,271.79	14,161.21	9.58%
Columbia Banking	433	\$10,054.00	11,552.44	5.39%
Helmerich & Payne, Inc.	590	\$10,070.62	21,369.80	2.76%
I Shares Mortgage ETF Real Estate	158	\$6,765.60	3,727.22	9.45%
ONEOK Inc New	300	\$17,382.00	21,066.00	5.44%
IVY FDS Inc. High Income ED	1,165	\$10,169.89	7,068.75	6.78%
Eaton Vance Tax Managed Global	1,928	\$14,768.73	14,884.16	8.60%
First Trust Specialty	1,235	\$11,763.58	4,421.30	9.21%

Total Equities \$115,489.31 \$136,988.38

Total Assets with Wells Fargo \$145,059.34

Estimated Income for 2024 - \$7,914.00; after following changes - \$6,981.00

Notes:

1. UMPQUA Holdings – now Columbia Banking System
2. 1/10/2024 – Sold: Delaware Ivy High Income \$7,045.10
 Eaton Vance Tax Management Global 14,892.92
 First Trust Specialty 4,408.66
 I Shares Mortgage 3,667.56
 Used Cash: 7,000.00

Bought:

Iron Mountain Inc.	163 shares	
OneOK Inc. new	210 shares	
Stag Industrial	281 shares	

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ASSOCIATION
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Cash on deposit, RCB Pioneer Account No. 55-1192 Ponca City, OK – January 1, 2023		\$ 2,709.58
DEPOSITS:		
Checking Account Interest	\$0.55	
Wells Fargo	\$ 8,189.17	
Settlement Ivy Funds	<u>\$27.30</u>	
Total		\$8,217.02
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Oklahoma Rainbow	\$2,000.00	
Oklahoma DeMolay	\$2,000.00	
RARA	\$500.00	
Charles L. Stuckey	<u>\$110.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	4,610.00	
Cash on Deposit, RCB Pioneer Ponca City, OK – December 31, 2023		\$6,316.58

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GRAND COUNCIL
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CRYPTIC MASONS
of
OKLAHOMA

AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Held in Oklahoma City
April Twenty-Sixth
Two Thousand Twenty-four



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ROBERT G. DAVIS
M. I.: GRAND MASTER 2023-2024

ROBERT G. DAVIS BIOGRAPHY

Most Illustrious Robert G. Davis was born on April 13, 1948 in the Masonic Hospital in Cherokee Oklahoma; the third of three children born to Lester P. Davis and Ethel L (Cone) Davis. His older brother Ken is a retired Veterinarian in Florida, and his older sister Jane is a retired choral director of the Chisholm Public School District in Enid. Companion Davis was raised on a farm southeast of Cherokee and graduated from Cherokee High School in 1966. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Economics in 1970, and a Master's Degree in Regional Economic Development in 1973, concentrating on Econometrics, Macroeconomics and the Economics of the Public Sector. He went to work as the Regional Planner for the Northern Oklahoma Development Association in 1972 where he focused on writing federal grant applications for cities, towns, and Indian Tribes, as well as preparing comprehensive plans for the cities and towns situated in the eight-county area of that sub-state planning District. He was employed by the City of Enid as the City Planner in 1975, and served in the roles of Community Development Director, Assistant City Manager, and City Manager over an 11-year period of public service to Enid. He was employed as the General Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies in 1986, and retired after 30 years of service to the Rite in 2016.

While serving in the City Management and City Planning professions, and as a director of the Scottish Rite, he has also enjoyed an extensive career in community volunteerism and board participation across a wide range of public and private non-profit organizations; including Board of Director positions with United Way, Chambers of Commerce, Community Industrial Foundations, Economic Development organizations, civic clubs, arts and humanities councils, summer youth arts boards, childhood literacy organizations, eldercare, mentally handicapped group home boards, home health care planning committees, public transportation authority, community traffic committee, park board, library board, city futures committee and central business district committees. He has also served in almost every capacity as a church volunteer. In Guthrie, Davis is past president of the Guthrie Education Foundation and the Lions Club. He has served two terms on the City Council of the City of Guthrie, where he was Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of the Guthrie Industrial Development Authority. He currently is the Chair of the Fee and Rate Structure Advisory Committee to the city council.

At the state level, he has served on the Solid Waste Management Committee for the Department of Health; the Technical Advisory committee of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation; the State Arts Council Grants Review Board; and has served as the Governor's delegate to the Congress for Arts and Humanities. He has also been a presenter at several Volunteer Oklahoma conferences on the subject of fundraising for non-profit organizations, grant writing and board communications. He was nominated and elected in 2023 by the Oklahoma 55 over 55 Advisory Committee as one of 55 inspiring Oklahomans over 55 years of age.

Robert met the love of his life while at Stillwater and married Sharon Kay Julian of Oklahoma City on December 27, 1969. Sharon's father was a home builder; her mother was a teacher. Sharon holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Education, with certificates in Learning Disabilities and Remedial Reading. She is now a retired school teacher herself. They have raised two daughters, Karina and Lindsey, and presently have 5 grandchildren.

In 1969, Robert was raised in Corinthian Lodge #307, the lodge of his father's, in Cherokee, Oklahoma. After moving to Enid, he joined Garfield Lodge #501, served the chairs; and as Master in 1981. When he moved to Guthrie, he joined Albert Pike Lodge #162, and served as its Master in 1991. He is an 'A' Certificate Lecturer in the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. In 2003, he organized and served as the charter Master of Guildhall Lodge #553. He was honored to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma in 2020-21.

In addition, he belongs to the York Rite Bodies in Stillwater, and India Temple Shrine in Oklahoma City. He is a perpetual member of all three Scottish Rite Valleys.

He is a KYGCH, a 33° Mason, and recipient of the Grand Cross. He is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

He serves as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Masonic Charity Foundation. He is a Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign Master of Father Murrow Council No. Ten, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Past Governor of the Oklahoma York Rite College. He is a Past Prior of Oklahoma Priory No 9, Past Master of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma, Past President of the Order of High Priesthood, Past Chief of Knight Masons, and Past Preceptor of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in Oklahoma. He is the Chief Adept of the Oklahoma College of Masonic Rosicrucians. He belongs to the Tinker Chapter of the National Sojourners, the Nathaniel Green Camp of the Heroes of 76; and the Guthrie Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Nationally, he is the General Grand Orator of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and is the Grand Superintendent of Oklahoma and Kansas for the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States. He is a Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees in the United States; he serves on the Education Committee of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, the Masonic Education and Research Committee and Rituals and Ritualistic Matters Committee of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine, and is a founding and emeritus member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He is a Past President of the Masonic Restoration Foundation and serves on the Steering Committee of the Masonic Information Center of the United States. He is a Founding Fellow of The Masonic Society, Past President and Fellow of the International Philaethes Society, and a Past Sovereign Master of the Nine Muses Council No. 13, AMD, in Washington, D.C. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

For his work in Masonic Renewal, he was awarded the Paul Horn Memorial Medal by the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington. He was the first person to receive this highest award of that state who is not a Past Grand Master. In 1999, he was selected to receive the Grand Master's Award of the Grand Lodge of Kansas (the highest honor given by that Grand Lodge) for his work in Masonic Leadership. In 2008, he received the Duane Anderson Award for Excellence in Masonic Knowledge from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. In 2014, he was elected the 103rd Blue Friar in Washington DC.

Davis also holds the Cross of Honor in the International Order of Rainbow, and the Legion of Honor in the International Order of DeMolay. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council.

**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**

DIST 1	John R. Cooper, Jr. [2, 61]	Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3
DIST 2	Charles L. Cook [11]	Ardmore Council No. 11 Mysterious Nine Council No. 61
DIST 3	James D. Nobles [18]	Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48
DIST 4	James Oats III [21]	Lawton Council No. 21 Altus Council No. 33
DIST 5	Michael D. Maxey [22]	Tulsa Council No. 22 Bartlesville Council No. 41
DIST 6	Glenn H. Kinsley [52]	Elk City Council No. 25 Woodward Council No. 52
DIST 7	Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [59, 61]	Norman Council No. 27 Capitol Hill Council No. 59
DIST 8	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

WORK AND RETURNS

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

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

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]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

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

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

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

FINANCE

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Chairman
Brian M. Ragain [21]
Michael S. Wright [11, 61]

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]

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

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]

GRAND MASTER’S FESTIVAL

Brian M Ragain [21]
Frank Belluardo [59,61]
John Turner [27, 50]

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]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman
John R. Christopher [48]
Daniel D. Hanttula [27]

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

Robert G. Davis [50] - Chairman
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

Lavern Ragain [21]

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]
2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]
2021-24 [RAM] David A. Ray [27]

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]

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**

The One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Assembly
April 26, 2024

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was convened for its One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Assembly at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 26, 2024, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest, 3233 Northwest Expy, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

I.: Companion Bradley S. Rickelman, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a sufficient number of Councils were represented to constitute a quorum. , The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was opened in AMPLE FORM with the following Grand Officers:

M.: I.: Companion Robert G. Davis Illustrious Grand Master
R.: I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr. Deputy Grand Master
R.: I.: Companion Brian M. Ragain 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 Michael S. Wright Grand Captain of the Guard
I.: Companion Matthew D. McGee Grand Conductor of the Council
I.: Companion Ryan R. Frederick Grand Marshal
I.: Companion James D. Nobles Grand Steward
I.: Companion David D. Shore Grand Sentinel
I.: Companion Truman “Lavern” L. Ragain, Jr. Grand Chaplain

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

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.: I.: Companion Robert G. “Bob” Davis introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

M.: E.: Companion William J. “Jim” Cloud, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

Sir Knight John E. King, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

M.: I.: Companion Gary Mason, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

M.: I.: Companion Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

M.: I.: Companion Kevin B. Sample, Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand Steward, Past Grand Recorder, Assistant Grand Recorder for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

M.: I.: Companion Reed Fanning, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah.

R.: I.: Companion Brian Cook, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

R.: I.: Companion Mark Wright, Grand Captain of the Guard for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the District of Columbia

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.

Right Puissant Companion Buddy Guidry, Regional Deputy Grand Illustrious Master for the South Central Region 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 Most Eminent Past Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

Right Puissant Companion Keith Powell, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, and personal representative to Most Puissant Companion William “Bill” G. Snyder, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

M.:W.: John F. Carter, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

INTRODUCTION OF 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:

Larry D. White	2015-16	Daniel D. Hanttula	2016-17
Gary A. Davis (Hon)	2018	William “Jim” Cloud	2017-18
Johnny D. Allford	2018-19	Kevin P. Bardy	2019-20
John D. Church	2020-21	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2021-22
Timothy P. Israel	2022-23		

INTRODUCTION OF 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.

James D Nobles	3	Michael D. Maxey	5
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.	7	Justin M. 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 13 of the 16 Councils 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
Lawton No. 21	Tulsa No. 22	Elk City No. 25
Norman No. 27	Bartlesville No. 41	Bernard No. 43
Guthrie No. 48	Stillwater No. 50	Capitol Hill No. 56
Mysterious Nine No. 61		

APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made by Right Illustrious Jon B. Greene and seconded to approve the 2023 Proceedings of the 129th 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 companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. It has been a pleasure to serve our Grand Council this year. I was honored to be elected to the position of Most Illustrious Grand Master; and thankful to all of you for seeing to it that I could attain to the offices of presiding officer for all three of our Grand York Rite Bodies. My participation in the American Rite has truly been one of the highlights of my life of service to our great fraternity. I welcome you to the 130th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma! I am also most pleased to welcome our out-of-State visitors to our Grand Session. I have known several of you for many years, and am delighted you are with us. To Right Eminent John King, thank you for bringing greetings on behalf of the York Rite to other Bodies when I was unable to be present. To Most Excellent Jim Cloud, thank you for the teamwork we, by necessity, have experienced together in promoting your membership incentive program for the good of our York Rite Bodies this past year.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master, John Carter, it is such a pleasure to have you as our leader in Masonry this year. And, of course, we are all the more proud because you chose a number of years ago to include the York Rite as part of your active Masonic service. I am well aware of the demands placed on the office of Grand Master, and thank you for sharing this day with us. You have our utmost respect, Sir.

To my Companions of Stillwater Chapter #41, Council #50, and St. John's Commandery #8, it was you who elected me to serve the local Bodies of the York Rite. I have always been impressed with your attention to the work of the Rite, the regular communication and care you give to its membership, and your commitment to its educational and fraternal value to Freemasonry in general. You understand that the York Rite creates its sense of place at home. It has always been a part of the Stillwater Masonic community; and may it ever continue to be so.

Visitations

April 28.....I was installed to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. My installation team was composed of Most Illustrious Charles Stuckey Installing Officer; John Logan, Installing Marshal; Tim Israel, Installing Chaplain; Jon Greene, Installing Recorder.

May 13I attended the All Masonic Day held in Edmond Lodge #37, and was recognized as the Presiding Officer of Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma.

May 20I attended the meeting of the Knight York Cross of Honor held in Frontier Lodge #48 in Stillwater and was introduced as the MIGM of the Grand Cryptic Council.

May 28I attended the Grand Annual Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls held on campus at the University of Oklahoma and brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Council.

June 9.....I attended the Annual Assembly of the Order of the Jobs Daughters International held at the Wyndam Suites in Oklahoma City and brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Council.

July 17In accordance with Article 10, Section 2 of the Grand Laws of the Grand Council, I issued a dispensation to Guthrie Council No. 48 to allow Guthrie Council to hold a special election to elect the Principal Conductor of the Work at their Stated Communication on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

July 22I attended the Grand Master's York Rite Festival held at Oklahoma City #36, opened and closed the host Council for the event, Alpha Council #19, in ample form.

Aug 13-16..I attended the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council Triennial Session in Branson, Missouri. At the General Grand Chapter Session, I was given the privilege from Grand High Priest Jim Cloud to present the Oklahoma flag at the opening ceremonies of the General Grand Chapter. As a PGHP, I had the honor of being asked to nominate 3 distinguished companions for offices: Right Excellent Dick Browning to

the office of General Grand Secretary/Recorder, Clyde Schoolfield, and John Logan as General Grand Chapter Trustees. All three passed the ballot. I was re-appointed as the General Grand Council Orator for the 2023-26 Triennium. I was proud to learn that Clyde Schoolfield was re-appointed as General Grand Council Lecturer.

- Aug 18I visited Capitol Hill Council #59 and was received as MIGM. I was delighted to participate in a York Rite study group prior to the Stated Communication. Two young companions who joined during the Grand Master's festival were in attendance, and took part in the opening of the Council.
- Aug 19I attended the Chair Degrees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, held in Stillwater. I was given the privilege of conferring the Order of High Priesthood as a Past Grand High Priest. I was introduced as the MIGM during the Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters, and was given the privilege of installing the 2023-24 officers.
- Aug 21I visited Tulsa Council #22, who received both myself and Jim Cloud, ME Grand High Priest on the same evening. Both Bodies were individually opened in due form, and closed in ample form. Each of us was conducted to the East at the appropriate time, gave a presentation, and closed our respective Bodies.
- Aug 26I attended the annual Red Cross of Constantine Triad held at the Wyndam Garden in OKC, and was introduced as the MIGM of the Grand Cryptic Council.
- Sept. 1I attended the 2023 session of Convent General, which was held at the Embassy Suites in Downtown Oklahoma City. Joe R. Manning, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Convent General, invited the three Presiding York Rite officers in Oklahoma to be formally received during the opening session. The companions of the Oklahoma Priory No. 9 did a wonderful job hosting this national body. It was a proud day for the York Rite of Freemasonry.
- Sept. 11I visited Ardmore Council #11. The Council opened in due form, and invited the Grand Council officers to retire for formal introduction. After I was formally received, I invited ME Jim Cloud, Grand High Priest, to address the companions. I then talked about the future of the York Rite, and closed the Council in ample form.
- Sept. 13I visited Alpha Council #18. The Council opened in due form, and invited the Grand Council officers to retire for formal introduction. After taking the East, I gave an education program on the Secret Tradition, and discussed the future of the York Rite. I closed in ample form.
- Sept. 15-16 I attended the 66th Annual South Central York Rite Conference in Branson, Mo. I was asked to give a report on behalf of the Oklahoma Grand Council, and outlined the strategies that we are now employing to address our immediate decline in numbers and to establish sustainability going forward.
- Sept 20I visited Altus Council #33. The Grand High Priest and I were treated to a nice buffet at a local eating establishment before journeying to our reception. The Council and Chapter opened in due form and I was invited to take the East. I introduced our Grand High Priest for his remarks, and then followed up with my own. Both the Chapter and the Council were closed in ample form.
- Sept 27The first quarterly Grand Officers meeting of the three York Rite Bodies was held by zoom.
- Sept 30I attended the opening ceremonies of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion and was formally introduced as the MIGM by Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., SGIG in the Orient of Oklahoma.
- Oct 6-7I journeyed to Junction City, Kansas, at the invitation of MIGM of Kansas to attend a Masonic event which included the conferral of the Knight Mason Degrees, along with four of the Allied Masonic Degrees. I was invited to deliver a lecture at the close of the

proceedings, and was introduced as the MIGM of Oklahoma. It was a well-organized event, and the labors of the participants were very much appreciated.

- Oct 10The Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma invited the presiding officers and deputies of the concurrent and appendant Bodies to a Unity meeting held at the Grand Lodge building in Guthrie. This event is annually held to promote unity and harmony across the family of Freemasonry in our State. The Masonic calendar of all organizations was announced for 2024, and a good discussion was held concerning the state of Masonry in Oklahoma.
- Oct 11I visited my home Council, Stillwater Council #50, as part of a joint visitation and reception of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council officers. Their work was done in a proficient manner. I was formally received, invited to the East, and presided over the meeting. After remarks, the Council was closed in ample form.
- Oct 12I visited Guthrie Council # 48. After a sumptuous dinner, both the Chapter and Council were opened in ample form; and, after remarks, were closed in the same way. It is always nice to visit the Bodies from whom I originally received my York Rite Degrees.
- Oct 14I attended the bi-annual All Masonic Day, and was introduced and recognized as the MIGM by the Governor of Oklahoma York Rite Sovereign College. This event has been held in the spring and fall for decades, and remains one of the best Masonic days on the Oklahoma calendar!
- Oct 15I attended the public ceremonies at the opening of the 115th Annual Session of the Oklahoma Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, was introduced as the MIGM of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and brought greetings in behalf of the Council.
- Nov 7.....I visited Bartlesville Council #41. A nice meal was provided, but a quorum was not present to meet. We shared meaningful conversation and the local leadership pledged to work toward generating interest in the coming year.
- Nov 11.....I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and was recognized by the Grand Master, along with the other presiding officers of the Concordant Bodies of Freemasonry.
- Nov 14.....I visited Bernard Council #43 in Ponca City. The officers were present and they performed the Opening on the Select Degree from memory and with excellent proficiency. It was such a pleasing evening.
- Nov 27.....I visited Union Council #3 in McAlester. They opened on the Select Master, with their officers present; and conducted their annual election of officers.
- Dec 12.....I visited Woodward Council #52. They opened on the Select Masters' Degree and conducted their annual election of officers.
- Dec 13.....I visited Muskogee Council#2. In addition to opening and closing on both the Chapter and Council, the annual installation of the officers of both bodies was conducted. I had the privilege of installing the 2023-2024 Council officers.
- Dec 27.....The second quarterly Grand Officers meeting was held by zoom at 7 pm. The emphasis of this session was in reviewing the details of implementing the Grand High Priest's program of offering and conferring the first two Chapter Degrees at no charge at as many as 7 special conferrals scheduled during the month of January.
- Jan 8.....I attended the special conferral of the MM and PM degrees hosted by the Ardmore Chapter, was introduced as MIGM, and presented an education program regarding the Chapter and Council to the Master Masons present.
- Jan 9.....I visited Edmond Masonic Lodge #37, and gave a presentation on the history and value of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

- Jan 11.....I visited Norman Council #27, was received as MIGM and gave an education talk on the origins of the York Rite degrees in the British Isles.
- Jan 13 ...Attended the special conferral of the MM and PM degrees hosted by the Muskogee Chapter, was introduced as MIGM, and presented an education program to the Master Masons in attendance regarding the Chapter and Council Degrees.
- Jan 20.....I journeyed to Junction City, KS on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees to constitute a new Council, and install its officers. The brothers were kind enough to recognize me as the sitting MIGM in Oklahoma.
- Jan 25.....I attended the special conferral of the MM and PM degrees hosting by the Lawton Chapter, and gave an education talk on the Chapter and Council Degrees of the York Rite.
- Jan 28.....The Committee on Time and Place called a zoom meeting for the purpose of event scheduling, food, hospitality, etc. in regard to the York Rite Grand Sessions to be held on April 25-27, 2024.
- Feb 3.....Attended the Chapter/Council Regional Festival in Norman. I opened Norman Council #21 in ample form. The Royal and Select Master Degrees were conferred on 17 companions; with 23 Cryptic Masons participating as candidates in the Super Excellent Master Degree.
- Feb 16-17 ..Attended the annual Masonic Week activities in Alexandria, VA; and at the session held by the Grand Council of Knight Masons, USA, I had the honor of being introduced as the MIGM of Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma.
- Feb 17-19 ..Attended the Grand Masters' Conference of North America held in Seattle WA; and was invited to a meeting with the Most Puissant General Grand Master, William G. Snyder, to discuss an education initiative he has asked me to be a participant in creating over this Triennium.
- Feb 27Attended a joint Chapter/Council meeting at Lawton Council #21, and discussed the business pending before the Grand Sessions and encouraged the voting delegates and/or proxies to be in attendance.
- Mar 2.....Attended the Central Oklahoma conferral of the Commandery Orders on those who enrolled in the free Chapter degree program and completed their Chapter and Council work during the month of February.
- Mar 9.....I was invited to attend the quarterly Stated Communication of the Mysterious Nine Council #61 in Norman. The Illustrious Master conducted a good question/answer session on the meaning of Wisdom; after which I added an interpretation of why the Kabbalistic tree associates wisdom with knowledge and understanding as representing the highest trinity of virtues.
- Mar 19.....Visited Elk City Council #25. Because of mechanical problems related to the elevator, a quorum was not present. A meaningful discussion was held with those present regarding the future of the York Rite Bodies in Elk City.
- Apr 5Attended the Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion and had the honor of being introduced as the MIGM at the opening ceremonies. In addition, I gave a member education program that afternoon on the Royal Arch and Select Master Traditions in Freemasonry.
- April 14.....The last quarterly Grand Officers meeting was held via Zoom at 7 pm. The emphasis of this session was in reviewing the details of the upcoming Grand Sessions, which will be held on April 25-27, 2024, at the Embassy Suites NW in Oklahoma City.

Decision No. 1

Mysterious Nine Council 61 has scheduled a special fundraising activity as a Council function on Saturday, September 9 in Norman to support the Cryptic Masonry Medical Research Foundation. I am aware that, on several past occasions, this Council has conducted a fundraising program benefiting CMMRF. To add to the potential success of their program, the Mysterious Nine Council has incorporated a ceremonial conferral of a historical side degree or order that is no longer extant, or presently conferred under no specific authority.

The planned program for this year includes two ceremonies. One is styled the "Order of the Knights of the Round Table;" the other, the "Order of Knights of the Garter and St. George." The Knights of the Round Table ritual may date back to the early 1800's. It appears in a notebook of Moses Holbrook, who was the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite's fourth Grand Commander. It is known to have been conferred in 1811 by Thomas Lownds, a travelling lecturer, and Grand Prelate of Columbian Council of Royal Master Masons, New York. The Knights of the Garter and St. George ritual is an adaptation from a 1672 publication authored by Elias Ashmole, which related to the institution, laws, and ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

I made an inquiry as to where these rituals were currently being performed. Mysterious Nine Council 61 received them from Enoch Council of Research, UD in Indiana. The Grand Council of Indiana has an adopted Concordant permitting the Enoch Council UD to confer these Orders for educational purposes only, and as a fundraiser for the CMMRF.

I asked the Enoch Council to forward me the rituals for review. They graciously complied with my request. Upon receipt of the rituals, it was clearly stated on the frontispiece that these Orders can only be conferred in Indiana by the Enoch Council of Research UD on Royal and Select Masters by permission of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Council of Indiana. I informed the Recorder of Mysterious Nine Council that Oklahoma has not received permission to bring these Orders to our State, and that permission requires a decision from the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana to permit the same to be conferred beyond its own boundaries. I contacted the MIGM of Indiana and he has provided a written letter to me authorizing these two ceremonies to be exemplified on September 9 by the Mysterious Nine Council 61.

The other concern that came to my attention is the legal ramification of using the term "Order of the Garter" in any Masonic ceremony since this is an extant Order of heraldry in England that can only be conferred on English Nobility. I contacted a brother in London who holds Grand Rank in England. He informed me the Order of the Garter is not conferred anywhere under English Masonic Law to preserve the positive relationship the Grand Lodge has with the English Monarchy.

I informed the Secretary of Mysterious Nine Council 61 of the following decision in this matter:

1. The two ceremonies can be exemplified on September 9, 2023 by the Mysterious Nine Council only under the rubric of education with the sole purpose of raising funds for the CMMRF.
2. Further, as the two Orders do not legally exist with a sanctioned Charter authorizing them by the Oklahoma Grand Council, they cannot have members. A certificate of membership cannot be authorized by a local Council or by the Grand Council of Oklahoma.
3. Further, to preserve the history and provenance of the name of the "Order of the Knights of the Garter," it cannot be used in Oklahoma. The sash, cordon, and jewel of the Order of the Garter cannot be worn.
4. Further, since one cannot be a member of these two Orders, no regalia is required of those who participate in this educational exemplification.
5. Further, a certificate of membership cannot be distributed to anyone who participates in this exemplification. A certificate of appreciation can be given to the participants thanking them for making a donation to the CMMRF.

This decision shall remain in effect during the 2023-24 Grand Council year; or until rescinded by authority of our Grand Council.

Dispensation 1

In accordance with Article 11, Section 1.b., I approved a request for a waiver of Jurisdiction to Brother Daren Parks, a member of Miami Lodge #140, who requested a waiver of Jurisdiction to join a York Rite Body in Missouri and receive his Degrees and Orders from that Body. His reason is that it is much closer to his home than Tulsa. Nothing in the Grand Chapter, Council, and Grand Commandery General Laws prevents a waiver of jurisdiction for cause. It was determined that Tulsa would have to take a vote to release Brother Parks from their jurisdiction before we could release him from the jurisdiction of Oklahoma. On Monday, May 15, 2023, Tulsa Chapter 52 and Tulsa Council 22 voted to release Brother Parks from their jurisdiction. On Monday, May 22, 2023, Trinity Commandery also voted to release Brother Parks. I approved this action on May 23, 2023.

Dispensation 2

In accordance with Article 10, Section 2, of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to Guthrie Council No. 48 to allow Guthrie Council to hold a special election to elect the Principal Conductor of the Work at their Stated Communication on Thursday, September 14, 2023. I approved this action on July 17, 2023.

Dispensation 3

In accordance with Article 10, Section 2, of the General Laws of the Grand Council, I issued a dispensation to Muskogee Council #2 to allow the Council to hold its annual election of Officers on Wednesday, Nov 8, 2023.

Dispensation 4

In accordance with Article 10, Section 2, of the General Laws of the Grand Council, I issued a dispensation to Tulsa Council #22 to allow them to hold their annual election of officers on Monday, Nov 20, 2023.

Dispensation 5

Jan 7, 2024: In accordance with Article 2, Section 1 (m) of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I issued a special dispensation to Tulsa Council No. 22, for James R. Taylor, Jr., Deputy Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, to open and close The Tulsa Council in ample form on Saturday, February 10, 2024 in conjunction with the regional Council festival held in Tulsa on that date.

Other Actions:

On August 23, at the request of the Custodians of the Work, I reviewed the language differences between the 2022 ritual draft of the Grand Council of Oklahoma and the current adopted ritual of the General Grand Council. The differences were superfluous in regard to ritual context and meaning; and primarily related to grammatical and style differences which, in each case, made one version flow better than the other. I forwarded to the Committee my recommendation of which ritual represents the most grammatically correct for each printed document. Out of a total of 34 differences in language, 20 were more grammatically correct in the Oklahoma working; with 14 being more correct in the General Grand working. The Committee reviewed the two rituals, and recommended that only 5 changes be made in a republishing of the Oklahoma Grand Council ritual. They also presented a recommendation for a new cover to distinguish the newly adopted work from previous versions. With the Grand Council approval of the Custodians of the Work report at our April, 2024 Grand Session, we will affirm the 2022 draft with the 2024 revisions published by the Custodians. The 2024 ritual book will become the adopted ritual for the Grand Council of Oklahoma.

Condition of the Craft

With only 16 Cryptic Councils in Oklahoma, the York Rite has a presence in less than 3% of the municipalities in our State, and only 7% of our Masonic Lodges. The reality of this situation, along with our declining numbers, has triggered our Grand York Rite Bodies to implement three strategic decisions in recent years; all aimed at future sustainability.

First, the annual Statewide York Rite one-day conferral honoring the Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma has proven successful as the venue that secures over 80% of our annual gains of new companions and knights. It is a festival promoted by the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, and our Grand Lodge leadership.

Second, we have focused on the recruitment of Scottish Rite Masons equally with Blue Lodge Masons for the reason that Scottish Rite men have already had a Masonic experience beyond the Blue Lodge; and, from that experience, they understand Masonry as a progressive system of instruction beyond three degrees. In fact, of the member gains received from our Statewide York Rite Festivals over the past decade, 98% have come from brothers who were already Scottish Rite Masons; again, they were Masons who have an understanding that worthy Masonic teachings exist beyond the Symbolic Lodge. And they joined the York Rite as a result of that insight and awareness. It simply can no longer be argued that the York Rite and the Scottish Rite are competing Bodies in any way. We are, and always have been, heirs of a mutual heritage in our State. We are defined as Concordant Bodies of Masonry, meaning we are same in structure and form and purpose; engaged together in the pursuit of further Masonic Light through the conferral of Masonic Degrees.

Third, to mitigate the rate of decline, we have, by necessity, brought Master Masons and Scottish Rite Masons into our Order almost entirely through the venue of regional and statewide York Rite festivals, utilizing proficient ritualists from across the State. We are pleased that Lawton has developed the ritual proficiency to create regional festivals serving Southwest Oklahoma during this Grand Council year. With the help of the York Rite Bodies in Muskogee, Ardmore, and Texoma, we are hopeful that McAlester can establish regional conferral capability in the coming year. This will give us 4 strategic locations for regional festivals.

We also continue to promote the establishment of newly chartered York Rite Chapters in active Oklahoma Lodges, knowing that these Capitular programs will lead to Cryptic Councils, and can be feeder lodges to our regional festival program. We have not yet been successful in creating additional Chapters; but have also not made this a central focus of our labors. Suffice it to state that it remains a strategic goal.

The York Rite membership in Oklahoma now stands at 1256. The good news is that our jurisdiction is experiencing the smallest rate of annual decline in the South-Central Region. We continue to be on the edge of seeing a net annual gain in membership each year; and our regional festivals have proven that new degree teams are a natural result of conducting regional festivals.

The largest structural challenge that we face is that 64% of our members are currently over 70 years of age. Our impending mortality rate will likely see the loss of 25% of our members by the end of the current decade. Without a goals-based, organized, and systemic membership recruitment campaign that is implemented every year through the current decade, we could lose 7 of our Chapters and Councils in this period of time. Going forward, unless there is a positive turn around in Masonic membership at the Blue Lodge level, it will be necessary that we strive to maintain a minimum of 12 highly functioning York Rite Chapters and Councils that are strategically located across the State. If the ritual work is good, and the York Rite experience meaningful and enjoyable, men will travel some distance to participate.

Recommendations

- 1. Make the day of the week your local Bodies meet and the number of meetings you hold throughout the year a strategic decision.**

Given the condition of our York Rite Bodies across the State; the decline we are experiencing in the regular attendance of our members; and the declining fraternal activity of our Symbolic Lodges;

particularly in the rural areas of Oklahoma; it is important that we evaluate our future from a standpoint of sustainability, rather than in trying to maintain the status quo of past generations. What seemed to work in Freemasonry up until the 1970's was driven only by a larger membership base, with the visibility of more Lodges in every County. The Baby Boomers did not follow the WWII era men in joining the organizations of their fathers. This created the first generational gap in American Freemasonry, and we have yet to overcome it. The result was that we became a fraternity that was no longer familiar to the outside world. This lack of organizational interest has only been exacerbated by the isolation in occupations and relationships of the GenXers, Millennials, and GenZers. Men believe they have precious little time to participate in any extra-curricular activity that takes away from their work, home, and family life.

Yet, the majority of our Blue Lodges (and York Rite Bodies) continue to meet twice monthly; and even weekly, if they are conferring degrees. This is a model that has not resulted in increasing member participation for decades.

If we are going to sustain the number of York Rite Bodies that we have, we must make every meeting worth a companion's time. It would be better to have one evening a month that was filled with ritual, education, fraternalizing, socializing, and feasting; than to have multiple meetings where nothing of interest occurs, and we read what little ritual we have in opening and closing our Bodies. At least in our rural Bodies, it is recommended that we create a culture and an experience that incentivizes men in the region to participate in York Rite activities once a month. The incentive is that we, as their York Rite Body, will assure them monthly of the best Masonic experience they can receive in their area of the State.

Secondly, to sustain our York Rite Bodies in rural areas, we must draw our membership from an increasingly wider regional area; in some areas consisting of multiple counties. It is recommended that we avoid holding our monthly meetings on a night that conflicts with the Stated Communications of any lodge in the region. We want their members to know that, when they join the York Rite, they can attend York Rite activities that will not conflict with the lodges in which they belong.

2. A Targeted Lodge Membership Recruitment Strategy for York Rite Conferrals

Until such time as we can develop local Bodies that are proficient in conferring the York Rite Council Degrees at home, we will continue to utilize regional degree team programs. It is recommended that we strive to develop a plan of holding these festivals in targeted lodges across the State. If the York Rite is going to be a success, its best path is to be attached to successful lodges. We need to think about directing our focus toward lodges that have already demonstrated a sustained record of success. We need to collectively define what is meant by a target lodge. For instance, we may want to define targeted lodges to be lodges that have raised 3 or more Master Masons each year over the last 4 years. Targeted lodges are also lodges that have a strong history of member participation in the Scottish Rite and/or the Shrine. Targeted lodges are lodges that are the most active lodges in a multi county geographic area. Targeted Lodges are often in communities with more than 7,000 population. As time goes by, our fraternity will become more urbanized. We need to insure we are a part of this reality.

Our member recruitment program promoting regional festival dates has not had the same energy as the Statewide Grand Master's festival. Our regional conferrals should be similar to the recruitment program now utilized for the annual festival in honor of the Grand Master; including a prospect friends night hosted by the targeted lodge; prospect files obtained from the Grand Recorder's office; introduction flyers sent to prospects residing in the region; YR members making follow up calls and/or mailings to prospects; and a created incentives program (coin, patent, medallion, etc.) that will be promoted and given only to those who petition and join the YR via a regional festival. It is also important to note that the oldest of the Generation Zers (those born between 1997 and 2012) are now 27 years old. They receive all of their information digitally, using primarily YouTube, followed by TicToc, Snapchat, and Instagram. Facebook usage among this group has dropped from 77% to 33% since 2015. We should add our digital Masonic marketing information to the above-mentioned platforms.

Success in any endeavor is always complemented by goals. Perhaps a goal should be established and circulated giving the number of York Rite Masons to be exalted and greeted for each regional festival. Participating lodges that provide a candidate for these festivals should receive a "Unity Certificate of Appreciation" signed by the Grand High Priest and the Grand Illustrious Master.

Companions, we already have the tools to be successful. What we need is a leadership team that is committed to success. It is a great opportunity for our new and enthusiastic companions to take up the gap in leadership here, and literally recreate the York Rite in Oklahoma.

3. A Program to Enhance Ritual Proficiency of Officers and Members of Constituent Councils

I have asked the Custodians of Work of the Grand Council to design a "Progressive Ritualist Proficiency Program" for the Council Degrees for your consideration of adoption at this Grand Session. I consider this a high priority based on two observations:

1. In visiting the 16 local Councils this year, there were only 3 who opened on the Degree of Select Master without referring to the ritual book. It is a long tradition in Masonry that its rituals are conferred by rote memorization. This conveys to our new initiates a sincere intent to observe the solemnity of our instruction at every level of our progressive art. It sets Masonry apart from all other community activities, and communicates that Masonry requires effort because it is an agency for our own personal improvement as men.
2. It is important to understand that the first impression a new member has of his local Council is almost always the most lasting impression. His experience as a Master Mason has already impressed upon him that ritual proficiency is the hallmark of Freemasonry. He has more likely than not received the Degrees of the York Rite at a Statewide or Regional festival, where ritual proficiency is evident and clearly demonstrated. Imagine his disappointment when he comes to his local Chapter or Council meeting for the first time and discovers that his companions have no regard for, or priority in upholding the same level of proficiency in the work that impressed him the most when he joined the Blue Lodge.

I sincerely believe the Council has the best opportunity to resolve this problem. We have only two obligatory Degrees. They are short in length, and they are not as difficult to learn as any of the three Blue Lodge Degrees, or three of the four Chapter Degrees.

To this end, a ritual proficiency program similar to what we are accustomed to in the graded system of Blue Lodge proficiency has been created. It is a four-level progressive ritual proficiency program, with recognitions given to those who achieve the ritual requirements of each level. I will defer to the Custodians of the Work to explain the elements of the program, and will be happy to answer any questions you may have when they make their report. Of course, it is a voluntary program for any Council; but those who become engaged in it will certainly benefit from it; and, more importantly, your Council will provide an incentive for your new Companions to continue the traditional path of learning to improve themselves in Masonry. Perhaps one day we will get back to conferring the Degrees of the York Rite at home.

Concluding Remarks

Again, I have enjoyed my term as your Grand Illustrious Master and pray that I have performed my duties to your satisfaction. Freemasonry has been a great journey for me. It has worked its magic on me; and I am a better man today than I was 55 years ago when I crossed the threshold of initiation for the first time. I'm very thankful to my wife, Sharon, who, for 55 years has been loving me and supporting me in my Masonic work. She, and my two daughters, Karina and Lindsey, are truly the greatest gifts I have received in my life.

It is now time to put down the gavel and again pick up the trowel. It is such a pleasure to know each of you. Thank you for what you do for our wonderful fraternity! I look forward to the continued servant leadership we share together as we strive to improve ourselves in our way of life as fraternal men in the vast Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Finally, brethren be ye all of one mind; live in peace; and may the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you!

Fraternally submitted,
 Robert G. Davis
 Grand Illustrious Master

**REPORT OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND TREASURER
 KENTON M. ISRAEL**

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma
 For the period ending December 31, 2023
 These accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Council Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$78,324.32
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-1,800.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,420.46
Appreciation	<u>6,294.50</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$85,239.28

Grand Council Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$118,261.32
Deposits	3,592.50
Withdrawals	-4,780.16
Dividend/Interest Earned	3,543.40
Appreciation	<u>6,283.12</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$126,900.18

Grand Council Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$65,836.16
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,053.58
Appreciation	<u>5,327.74</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$73,217.48

Grand Total of Grand Council Investments	<u>1/1/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>		
General Fund	\$78,324.32	\$85,239.28	\$6,914.96	8.83%
Perpetual Membership	\$118,261.32	\$126,900.18	\$8,638.86	7.30%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$65,836.16	\$73,217.48	\$7,381.32	11.21%
Grand Total of Grand Council Investments	<u>\$262,421.80</u>	<u>\$285,356.94</u>		

As of 12/31/2023		Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma														
3/30/2024 10:36	New Members in 2023	Total Members		Total Investment		Total Dues		Total Interest		To Grand Council		To Local Council		Total to Local Council		
		Living	Dead	Living	Investment	Dues	Total	Deceased	Living	Deceased	Living	Deceased	Living	Deceased	Living	Deceased
		35	13	22	7,965.00	531.00	168.06	57.95	25.16	83.11	35.92	49.03	84.95	68.06		
	1	50	22	28	8,965.00	597.00	183.62	26.82	63.55	90.37	42.07	51.18	93.25	83.62		
		26	14	12	5,410.00	362.70	114.15	19.40	29.38	48.77	34.51	30.86	65.38	14.15		
		42	31	11	5,012.75	334.00	105.77	29.30	17.85	47.16	43.34	15.27	58.61	15.77		
	43	39	15	24	4,637.00	306.60	153.88	14.93	78.30	93.23	15.62	45.02	60.65	63.88		
	59	143	78	65	18,836.50	1,209.40	785.06	87.81	279.09	366.90	115.33	302.83	418.16	785.06		
	25	45	20	25	5,895.00	393.00	190.53	17.41	74.61	92.02	25.64	72.87	98.51	90.53		
	48	33	14	19	5,826.00	388.00	122.93	15.51	45.85	61.36	24.37	37.20	61.57	62.93		
	21	56	37	19	7,875.00	517.00	166.16	32.58	37.24	69.82	55.09	41.26	96.34	68.6		
	2	84	41	43	13,800.00	790.00	272.19	62.42	109.01	171.43	51.21	49.55	100.76	272.9		
	61	1	1	1	210.00	14.00	4.43	2.61	2.61	2.61	1.82	1.82	1.82	4.43		
	27	70	46	24	8,509.41	561.15	179.55	43.50	42.33	85.84	59.49	34.23	93.71	79.55		
	50	47	28	19	6,886.20	457.08	230.75	26.51	76.56	103.07	40.91	86.78	127.68	200.75		
	22	124	50	74	28,006.73	1,759.50	550.43	55.07	193.81	248.88	90.11	211.44	301.55	550.43		
	3	60	25	35	7,008.75	467.25	236.57	26.43	124.24	150.67	21.49	64.41	85.90	236.57		
	52	44	27	17	3,417.50	227.00	72.11	22.95	30.04	52.99	10.92	8.20	19.12	72.11		
	16	4	899	461	138,260.84	8,904.88	3,536.20	538.58	1,229.65	1,768.23	666.02	1101.95	1767.96	3536.20		

After a dismal 2022 and a decent yet very volatile spring of 2023, a majority of economists were expecting a full recession in 2023, not just in the US, but the World Bank was predicting a global recession in 2023. With these dire warnings, and the recommendation from our Investment Advisors at Morgan Stanley, we went very conservative. These predictions not becoming true and the economy not moving as expected did not allow us to fully take advantage of the run up of the stock market. If we did have a recession, I do believe we would have been sitting well to be protected from a major downturn. With this conservative position, we did not lose as much as the market did last year, and then we didn't gain as much this year, but we didn't have as low of a

bottom to recover from. If we would have lost more last year, the gains this year would show a higher percentage even if we just got to where we ended 2023.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

899 Total Members at 12/31/2023
 9 New Members in 2023
 438 Living Members
 461 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2023: \$3,543.40

Div/Int distributed to Grand Council in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$1,768.23

Div/Int distributed to Local Councils in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$1,767.96

We added 9 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2023. In the middle of 2023 after one my meetings with Morgan Stanley, our Perpetual Accounts got moved from a High Income Dividend Yield to a Conservative Growth, which was not my intention. I did not notice the change for a few months, this caused us to receive less Dividends and Interest than in years past. This has been corrected, and with the added growth in value to the positions in held during that time, we expect much larger returns in Div & int in 2024.

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,
 Kent Israel [18,25]
 Grand Treasurer

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

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2023 End: 12/31/2023
 General Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry
 Grand Council of Oklahoma
 Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Councils = 17

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

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,205</u>
Total number GREETED =	<u>67</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>76</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>6</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>33</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>37</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>76</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>0</u>	
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>1,205</u>

GRAND COUNCIL RETURNS FOR 2023

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

No.	Name	2022 Members End of Year	Greeted	Admitted/Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demited	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdrew	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2023 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	G. Council Life Members	No.	Name	Dues	Fees	Demolay	Grand Council Per Capita	General Grand Council Per Capita	CMRRF	Net Amount	Per Capita Return	TOTAL
2	Muskogee	120	13	1	3	0	0	6	7	0	0	4	124	39	0	41	2	Muskogee	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$21.25	\$85.00	\$207.50	\$85.00	\$1,163.75	\$171.43	\$1,335.18
3	Union	94	7	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	96	35	0	35	3	Union	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$15.25	\$61.00	\$152.50	\$61.00	\$638.75	\$150.67	\$989.42	
11	Admore	56	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	57	12	0	13	11	Admore	\$22.00	\$45.00	\$11.25	\$45.00	\$110.00	\$45.00	\$616.25	\$48.77	\$665.02
18	Alpha	116	11	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5	121	30	3	33	18	Alpha	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$22.00	\$88.00	\$220.00	\$88.00	\$1,210.00	\$90.37	\$1,300.37	
21	Lawton	89	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	101	17	0	18	21	Lawton	\$27.50	\$50.00	\$21.00	\$84.00	\$207.50	\$84.00	\$1,152.50	\$69.82	\$1,222.32	
22	Tulsa	180	13	0	0	1	11	6	0	0	6	175	74	6	79	22	Tulsa	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$23.75	\$95.00	\$240.00	\$95.00	\$1,308.75	\$248.88	\$1,557.63	
25	Elk City	51	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	50	24	0	40	25	Elk City	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$6.50	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$317.50	\$92.02	\$409.52	
27	Norman	84	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	87	22	0	24	27	Norman	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$16.25	\$65.00	\$157.50	\$65.00	\$888.75	\$85.84	\$974.59	
33	Altus	44	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	43	19	0	21	33	Altus	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$24.00	\$225.00	\$83.11	\$408.11	
41	Barlesville	40	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	11	0	26	41	Barlesville	\$16.50	\$40.00	\$7.50	\$30.00	\$37.50	\$30.00	\$375.00	\$47.16	\$422.16	
43	Bernard	50	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	25	0	25	43	Bernard	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$6.25	\$25.00	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$343.75	\$93.23	\$436.98	
48	Guthrie	73	1	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	6	67	18	1	19	48	Guthrie	\$21.00	\$50.00	\$12.00	\$48.00	\$120.00	\$48.00	\$660.00	\$61.36	\$721.36	
50	Silwater	52	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	50	18	0	20	50	Silwater	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$8.00	\$32.00	\$75.00	\$32.00	\$45.00	\$103.07	\$538.07	
52	Woodward	37	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5	32	17	0	17	52	Woodward	\$20.50	\$45.00	\$3.75	\$15.00	\$37.50	\$15.00	\$206.25	\$52.99	\$259.24	
59	Capitol Hill	101	2	0	1	0	7	3	0	0	7	94	60	3	62	59	Capitol Hill	\$19.00	\$40.00	\$7.75	\$31.00	\$80.00	\$31.00	\$428.75	\$66.90	\$795.65	
61	Mysterious Mine	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	17	1	0	1	61	Mysterious Mine	\$75.00	\$250.00	\$4.00	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$16.00	\$220.00	\$2.61	\$222.61	
	Totals	1205	67	5	4	0	6	33	37	0	0	1205	422	13	474		Totals			\$192.50	\$770.00	\$1,827.50	\$770.00	\$10,490.00	\$1,768.23	\$12,258.23	

2023 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

Income			
4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 - Oklahoma Per Capita	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
4020 - G. G. Council Assessment	1,785.00	1,785.00	0.00
4030 - CMWRF Assessment	750.00	750.00	0.00
4050 - DeMolay Donation	187.50	187.50	0.00
Total 4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS	10,222.50	10,222.50	0.00
4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
4110 - Perpetual Membership Dividend	2,528.80	2,528.80	0.00
4120 - Interest Income-Other	0.00	2,459.00	-2,459.00
Total 4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	2,528.80	4,987.80	-2,459.00
4200 - FEES			
4210 - Degree Fees	645.00	500.00	145.00
4220 - Dispensation Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
4230 - Reinstatement Fee	20.00	10.00	10.00
Total 4200 - FEES	675.00	520.00	155.00
4300 - RE SALE			
4310 - Ritual Resale	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 4300 - RE SALE	0.00	200.00	-200.00
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			
23-4710 - 2023-Grand Sessions Income	12,146.85	8,500.00	3,646.85
Total 4700 - GRAND SESSIONS	12,146.85	8,500.00	3,646.85
Total Income	25,573.15	24,580.30	992.85
Gross Profit	25,573.15	24,580.30	992.85
Expense			
5000 - STAFF			
5010 - Grand Recorder Salary	5,000.00	5,250.00	-250.00
5020 - Payroll Taxes	427.72	450.00	-22.28
5030 - Grand Treasurer's Allowance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 - STAFF	5,427.72	5,900.00	-472.28
5100 - ASSESSMENTS			
5110 - Per Capita - Gen Grand Council	1,785.00	1,785.00	0.00
5120 - CMWRF Donation	750.00	750.00	0.00
5130 - DeMolay Donation	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 5100 - ASSESSMENTS	2,535.00	2,835.00	-300.00
5500 - YOUTH EXPENSES			
5510 - Youth Ads	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 5500 - YOUTH EXPENSES	0.00	100.00	-100.00
6000 - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL			
6010-23 - M.J.G.M TRAVEL - ISRAEL	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
6010-24 - M.J.G.M TRAVEL - DAVIS	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6011 - Grand Recorders Travel	90.54	200.00	-109.46
6020 - M.J.G.M. Grand Session Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00
6025-23 - 2023 Grand Sessions Expense	12,751.76	8,500.00	4,251.76
6030 - Grand Sessions Host Expense	276.00	250.00	26.00
6040 - Grand Sessions-Headquarters	755.40	1,100.00	-344.60
6050 - Grand Sessions-Awards	0.00	125.00	-125.00
6060 - Past Gr. Illust Master's Jewel	629.00	629.00	0.00
6080 - Triennial	0.00	742.00	-742.00
6110 - Grand Session Refund	501.16		
Total 6000 - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	16,253.86	14,296.00	1,957.86

2023 BUDGET VS ACTUAL - Continued

7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 · Rent			
7110 · Muskogee Storage Rent	0.00	33.00	-33.00
7130 · Quarterly Meeting Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00
7140 · G.M. Festival Rent	200.00	100.00	100.00
Total 7100 · Rent	200.00	133.00	67.00
7200 · Telecommunications			
7210 · Phone and Internet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
7220 · Website	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	0.00	475.00	-475.00
7300 · Office Supplies			
7310 · General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
7320 · Ink	0.00	120.00	-120.00
7330 · Computer Software	209.49	290.00	-80.51
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
7350 · MMS Online Database	223.16	223.16	0.00
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	432.65	673.16	-240.51
7400 · Printing and Reproduction			
7410 · Pre Print	0.00	120.00	-120.00
7420 · Proceedings	84.77	150.00	-65.23
7430 · Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
7440 · Check Order	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	84.77	270.00	-185.23
7500 · Postage and Delivery			
7510 · PO Box Rental	64.66	61.00	3.66
7520 · Stamps	0.00	63.00	-63.00
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	64.66	124.00	-59.34
7600 · Insurance			
7610 · Bond Premium	0.00	131.00	-131.00
Total 7600 · Insurance	0.00	131.00	-131.00
7700 · Repairs			
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7700 · Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	782.08	1,806.16	-1,024.08
8000 · MISC			
8010 · Rituals	0.00	250.00	-250.00
8020 · Regalia	0.00	0.00	0.00
8030 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
8040 · Due Other Bodies	0.00	0.00	0.00
8050 · Digitize Proceedings	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
8070 · Misc - Other	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 8000 · MISC	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00
8500 · EDUCATION			
8510 · Education Course	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 8500 · EDUCATION	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total Expense	24,998.66	26,787.16	-1,788.50
Net Income	574.49	-2,206.86	2,781.35

We didn't have a gain or a loss of membership in 2023. We Greeted sixty-seven compared to fifty-six last year. We had five affiliations and four reinstatements in 2023, compared to three affiliations and four reinstatements in 2022.

Thirty-three Companions were suspended for non-payment of dues in 2023, compared to forty-eight in 2022. We had six Companions withdrawals as compared to twelve the previous year. The only thing we cannot control is death. We had thirty-seven deceased Companions in 2023 as compared to forty-six deceased Companions in 2022. We had thirteen members reported on the Annual Reports who were unable to pay their dues compared to twenty last year.

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 Grand Recorder monitors all activity in the MMS database.

WHEREAS: the data in the electronic database negates the necessity for a Committee on Work and Returns, and this Committee has not met in years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 3, Section 1. Committees

f. Committee on Work and Returns.

Consisting of three members and the Grand Captain of the Guard as ex-officio member.

BE STRICKEN FROM THE LAW, AND ALL FOLLOWING COMMITTEES BE RE-LETTERED.

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 Grand Recorder monitors all activity in the MMS database.

WHEREAS: the data in the electronic database negates the necessity for a Committee on Work and Returns, and this Committee has not met in years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 3, Section 2. Duties of Committees

e. Committee on Work and Returns.

They shall examine the returns made by all constituent Councils and report such errors, omissions or irregularities, if any, as they may discover and may make such recommendations as may be pertinent.

BE STRICKEN FROM THE LAW, AND ALL FOLLOWING COMMITTEES BE RE-LETTERED.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene (22)

RESOLUTION NO. 2 PASSED

WHEREAS: The date of the Annual Communications is set by the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

WHEREAS: This makes it difficult to negotiate the best market rate with hotels or conference facilities.

WHEREAS: Hotels and Conference facilities are becoming more and more expensive to rent for the time, requirements and size of our Annual Communications.

WHEREAS: Multi-year contracts allow the organization to negotiate the best rates for the Annual Communications.

WHEREAS: Expenditures are restricted to the annual financial year for the organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Article 6 Disbursements, Section 4

BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.c

The Time & Place Committee may submit to the vote of the Annual Communications a contract for the location of the annual communications binding for up to 3 years, subject to the proviso that in any given year the Time & Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

Respectfully Submitted
Bradley S Rickelman [50]

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: Some of the duties of this committee are already assigned to other committees, making those duties for this committee redundant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
ARTICLE 3, 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.

Be amended to read as follows:

d. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations. It shall be its special duty to examine and report upon all petitions for charters for new Councils. It shall examine the petition, work, returns, records, and all books of all Councils Under Dispensation and report to the Grand Council the character and merits of same, with such recommendations as the work, records, and returns may justify.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [22]
John L. Logan [52, 48]

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK RESOLUTION NO. 1 - PASSED

WHEREAS: It must never be forgotten that the first impression a new member has of his local Council is almost always the most lasting impression; and

WHEREAS: A new member's experience as a Master Mason has already impressed upon him that ritual proficiency is the hallmark of Freemasonry; and

WHEREAS: It is essential that every Council, at a minimum, can demonstrate proficiency in both the language and floorwork of the opening and closing ceremonies by means of the traditional Masonic practice of memorization; and

WHEREAS: It would be very beneficial for this Grand Council to have a ritual certification program similar to that of the Grand Lodge;

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

The Committee on Custodians of the Work.

They shall generally assume such duties as are usually assigned to the office of Grand Lecturer in Masonic Organizations. The Custodians of the Work shall be qualified Companions, who shall have a general supervision of the ritualistic work of the Councils and are charged with the duty to at all times preserve and maintain the immemorial usages and customs. They shall report to the

Grand Illustrious Master, every alleged willful neglect of any Illustrious Master or Council to conform to the authorized rituals, with such recommendations as they shall deem necessary.

They shall render such assistance and instruction as each Council may require. The Committee shall conduct at least one local School of Instruction every two years for every constituent Council in this Grand Jurisdiction. The purpose of said school shall be to oversee work in the opening and closing of a Council, full form, reception of visitors, and at least one pre-selected degree of the local Council's option.

The Custodians of the Work shall be allowed as compensation in full for all services performed such sums as may be recommended by the Finance Committee annually and approved by the Grand Illustrious Master before payment.

Be amended to read:

The Committee on Custodians of the Work.

They shall generally assume such duties as are usually assigned to the office of Grand Lecturer in Masonic Organizations. The Custodians of the Work shall be qualified Companions, who shall have a general supervision of the ritualistic work of the Councils and are charged with the duty to at all times preserve and maintain the immemorial usages and customs. They shall report to the Grand Illustrious Master, every alleged willful neglect of any Illustrious Master or Council to conform to the authorized rituals, with such recommendations as they shall deem necessary.

They shall render such assistance and instruction as each Council may require. The Committee shall conduct at least one local School of Instruction every two years for every constituent Council in this Grand Jurisdiction. The purpose of said school shall be to oversee work in the opening and closing of a Council, full form, reception of visitors, and at least one pre-selected degree of the local Council's option.

The Custodians of the Work or their designated examiners may, during Schools of Instruction or at any place and time mutually agreed upon by the examiner and the examinee, hold examinations for proficiency in the ritual and floorwork of the opening and closing ceremonies of a Council of Select Masters, excluding the duties of officers, but including the reception of the Grand Illustrious Master and other distinguished visitors. Those taking these examinations and found to be proficient shall be designated a "Certified Ritualist of the Council" and shall be reported to the Grand Illustrious Master who shall issue them a certificate of proficiency which shall be good for three (3) years from the date of their examination.

The Custodians of the Work shall be allowed as compensation in full for all services performed such sums as may be recommended by the Finance Committee annually and approved by the Grand Illustrious Master before payment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK RESOLUTION NO. 2 - PASSED

WHEREAS: While our ritual is often thought of as the defining characteristic of Freemasonry, we must unfortunately acknowledge that ritual proficiency is slowly becoming a lost art; and

WHEREAS: Thankfully there are a few Companions among us who for many years have labored diligently in the quarries masterfully conferring our degrees upon Royal Arch Masons seeking further Masonic Light; and

WHEREAS: The establishment of a ritual award would serve as a way to acknowledge and celebrate the exemplary achievements and contributions of these dedicated Companions; and

WHEREAS: The introduction of a ritual award would additionally provide an opportunity to inspire and motivate other Companions to strive for excellence in ritual proficiency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article 7 of the General Laws of this Grand Council be appended by an additional Section 6 to read:

Ritual Award.

The purpose of this award is to recognize Companions who have excelled in the ritualistic presentation of the Cryptic degrees. Any Companion who has been designated a “Certified Ritualist of the Council” as defined in Article 3, Section 2(i) is eligible to receive this award. Potential awardees must demonstrate their proficiency in various aspects of the ritual and floorwork of the Royal Master and/or Select Master degrees. Awardees may receive tangible forms of recognition (e.g., certificates, lapel pins, breast jewels, etc.) depending upon the degree of difficulty of the ritual and floorwork for which they have been declared proficient. Companions who have mastered the entire ritual and floorwork of either of the degrees, will be designated a “Master Adept of the Council” for that degree so mastered. Further aspects of this award and its method of implementation shall be set forth in a standing resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

STANDING RESOLUTION - PASSED

This Standing Resolution shall be used for the implementation of the Ritual Award, as called for in Article 7, Section 6, of the General Laws of this Grand Council.

Only Companions who have previously been designated a “Certified Ritualist of the Council” as defined in Article 3, Section 2(i) are eligible to receive this award.

For the purpose of examining potential awardees, the various ritualistic parts of the Royal Master and Select Master degrees have been divided into four levels as follows:

ROYAL MASTER LEVELS

LEVEL 1 – Meet the requirements as defined in Article 3, Section 2(i) of the General Laws of this Grand Council.

LEVEL 2 – The completion of the second Level requires the applicant to be a LEVEL 1 Certificate Ritualist, and be proficient in both the language and floorwork of the offices of Deputy Master, Captain of the Guard, and Conductor of the Council in the Royal Master degree.

LEVEL 3 – The completion of the third Level requires the applicant to be a LEVEL 2 “Royal Certificate Ritualist of the Council” and be proficient in both the language and floorwork in any one of the following offices and/or parts: the Illustrious Master, or the Principal Conductor of the Work, or the Historical Lecture in the Royal Master degree.

LEVEL 4 – The completion of the fourth Level requires the applicant to have attained all of the requirements of LEVELS 1, 2, and 3, and be proficient in one more of the following three offices and/or parts: the Illustrious Master, or the Principal Conductor of the Work, or the Historical Lecture in the Royal Master degree.

SELECT MASTER LEVELS

LEVEL 1 – Meet the requirements as defined in Article 3, Section 2(i) of the General Laws of this Grand Council, and be proficient in both the language and floorwork of the offices of Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, and Conductor of the Council in the Select Master degree.

LEVEL 2 – The completion of the second Level requires the applicant to be a LEVEL 1 Certificate Ritualist, and be proficient in both the language and the floorwork of the office of Captain of the Guard and the Apron Lecture and Charge of the Select Master degree.

LEVEL 3 – The completion of the third Level requires the applicant to be a LEVEL 2 “Royal Certificate Ritualist of the Council” and be proficient in both the language and floorwork of the Illustrious Master in the Select Master degree.

LEVEL 4 – The completion of the fourth Level requires the applicant to have attained all of the requirements of LEVELS 1, 2, and 3, and be proficient in the language of the Lecture in the Select Master degree.

The examinations for all four Levels shall be conducted by the Custodians of the Work or their designated examiners.

Any eligible Companion must demonstrate his proficiency in the ritual and floorwork of all the parts listed above in the level for which he is being examined.

Awardees will receive a certificate of recognition or wallet card for each Level in which they have achieved proficiency. In addition, the completion of Level 1 will entitle the “Certified Ritualist of the Council” to receive a lapel pin identifying him as such. The certificate is good for three calendar years.

Awardees who have achieved proficiency in Level 2 will be designated as a “Royal Certificate Ritualist of the Council”, and will receive a wallet card and lapel pin identifying him as such. The recognition is good for three calendar years.

Awardees who have achieved proficiency in Levels 1, 2, and 3 in either the Royal Master, Select Master, or both will receive a breast jewel, with a Royal and/or Select Master bar attached to the jewel.

Awardees who have achieved proficiency in all four Levels of a particular degree will be designated as a “Master Adept of the Council” for that degree and will receive a Master Adept certificate and lapel pin.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

TELLERS COMMITTEE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed M.:I.: Companion John D. Church, M.:I.: Companion Johnny D. Allford, and M.:I.: Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., to the Tellers Committee.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee reports the following:

Grand Officers and DDGIM:	15
Past Grand Illustrious Masters:	9
Past Illustrious Masters:	58
Illustrious Masters:	10
Deputy Masters:	5
P.C.W.:	4
Proxies	7
Total Votes:	84

Number of Councils represented by Dais Officers: 13

Number of Councils not represented: 3

Respectfully Submitted

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] - Chmn

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

The Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Council met on Thursday, April 25th, 2025, in the Scissortail Room of the Embassy Suites Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Chairman.

The committee 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 Grand Council 29

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his acts and recommendations. The Past Grand Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma commend Most Illustrious Companion Davis 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.

We echo the Grand Illustrious Master's assessment of the current condition of the Craft in Oklahoma and wholeheartedly endorse his recommendations regarding membership recruitment and ritual proficiency.

The committee also reviewed the five dispensations issued by the Grand Illustrious Master.

Dispensation #1 waived jurisdiction over a Master Mason from Miami, Oklahoma, allowing him to join a Council in Missouri. Dispensation #2 permitted Guthrie Council #48 to hold a special election for Principal Conductor of the Work. Dispensations #3 & #4 permitted Muskogee Council #2 and Tulsa Council #22 to move the dates of their annual elections. Dispensation #5 authorized the Deputy Grand Master to close Tulsa Council #22 in ample form at a Regional Council Festival.

We found each of these five dispensations to be in conformity with accepted law and practice and well within the power of the Grand Illustrious Master.

We also reviewed his Decision regarding an event that was scheduled to be hosted by Mysterious Nine Council #61 and concur with his concerns and his decision regarding the matter.

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

Resolutions #1a and #1b propose eliminating the Work and Returns Committee, which has become redundant due to our transition to electronic record keeping. Resolution #2 proposes to allow the Time and Place Committee to be able to negotiate hotel contracts spanning up to three years. Resolution #3 proposes to redefine the duties of the Charters and Dispensations Committee, eliminating those duties already assigned to other committees.

Each of these four Resolutions was found to be in legal and proper form. However, Resolution #3 was submitted to the Office of the Grand Recorder less than sixty days prior to this Annual Assembly. As a result, pursuant to Article 13, Section 1.b. of the General Laws of this Grand Council, Resolution #3 may only be considered at this Annual Assembly by the unanimous consent of the members present.

The remaining three Resolutions were submitted by the Custodians of the Work. Their first Resolution proposes to establish a ritual certification program; their second resolution proposes to establish a ritual award along with a proposed standing resolution for the implementation of that award. Each of these three Resolutions was found to be in legal and proper form.

In conclusion, we applaud our Grand Illustrious Master for a job well done and thank him for his many, many years of service to Freemasonry in Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Chmn., Timothy P. Israel, Recorder, John L. Logan, Larry D. White
Daniel D. Hanttula, W. James Cloud, Kevin P. Bardy, John D. Church

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on February 18, 2024, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Recorder for the Grand Council Operating Account

and find it to be in order and 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 Council General Fund, Grand Council Perpetual Membership Fund, and Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund and find them to be in order and in agreement with the information provided by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Council’s budget is a fiscal year budget based on the calendar year, while Grand Council Officers term of office is from the fourth weekend in April to the next April. Due to the confusion this creates in creating and approving the budget, both the outgoing and incoming Grand Master’s 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 Council.

Also accompanying this report is the 2024 proposed budget for the Grand Council, Membership Development, and South-Central Conference which will be hosted by Oklahoma in September 2024. We recommend their approval by the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] – Chairman, Brian M. Ragain [21], Michael S. Wright [11]

COUNCIL BUDGET 2024

Estimated Income	BUDGET 2024
Oklahoma Per Capita	7,690.00
G. G. Council Assessment	1,825.00
CMMRF Assessment	769.00
DeMolay Donation	192.25
Perpetual Membership Dividend	1,768.23
Interest Income-Other	2,420.46
Degree Fees	500.00
Dispensation Fee	10.00
Reinstatement Fee	20.00
Ritual Resale	250.00
MISC Income	150.00
Grand Sessions Income	13,000.00
South Central Conference	450.00
Total Estimated Income	<u>29,044.94</u>

Estimated Expenditures	
Grand Recorder Salary	5,250.00
Payroll Taxes	450.00
Grand Treasurer’s Allowance	200.00
Per Capita - Gen Grand Council	1,825.00
CMMRF Donation	769.00
DeMolay Donation	300.00
24 · M.I.G.M. TRAVEL - DAVIS*	1,250.00
25 · M.I.G.M. TRAVEL - TAYLOR*	1,250.00
Grand Recorders Travel	0.00
M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense	250.00
Grand Sessions Expense	13,000.00
Grand Sessions Host Expense	250.00
Grand Sessions-Headquarters	1,140.00
Grand Sessions-Awards	125.00
Triennial 2024	903.00
G.M. Festival Rent	100.00
Phone and Internet	100.00
Website	75.00

General Office Supplies	40.00
Ink	60.00
Computer Software	250.00
MMS Online Database	494.55
Pre-Print	75.00
Proceedings	32.65
PO Box Rental	67.00
Stamps	68.00
Bond Premium	250.00
Equipment Repairs	0.00
Rituals	250.00
Digitize Proceedings	200.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>29,024.20</u>
Net Income/ (Loss)	<u>20.74</u>

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Estimated Income	
Membership Development Interest	1,513.00
Membership Development Other	0.00
Total Estimated Income - Membership Development	<u>1,513.00</u>
Estimated Expenditures	
Promotional Expense	305.00
DeMolay Sword	208.00
Council Ritual Award	1,000.00
Total Estimated Expenditures - Membership Development	<u>1,513.00</u>
Net Income/ (Loss)	<u>0.00</u>

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Estimated Income	
SC Conf - Loan	4,500.00
SC Conf - Registration	7,200.00
SC Conf - Meals	
SC Conf - Friday Lunch	4,000.00
SC Conf - Grand Banquet	7,200.00
SC Conf - Saturday Lunch	4,800.00
SC Conf - Ladies Tour	300.00
Total Estimated Income - South Central Conference	<u>28,000.00</u>
Estimated Expenditures	
SC Conf - Loan	4,500.00
SC Conf - Registration	1,200.00
SC Conf - Meals	
SC Conf - Friday Lunch	4,000.00
SC Conf - Grand Banquet	7,200.00
SC Conf - Saturday Lunch	4,800.00
SC Conf - Hotel A/V Rental	1,500.00
SC Conf - Hotel Down Payment	3,750.00
SC Conf - Meeting Room Rental	300.00
SC Conf - Ladies Tour	300.00
Total Estimated Expenditures - South Central Conference	<u>27,550.00</u>
Net Income/ (Loss)	<u>450.00</u>

NOTE: *Any funds budgeted for Grand Master Travel - (2024-2025) not disbursed during 2024 will be carried over to the 2025 budget.

INVESTMENTS

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 committee's purpose 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 typically review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other matters deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee believes that the Grand Treasurer's actions are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles L. Stuckey, Council 2022-2025 [43] – Chairman,
John L. Logan, Chapter 2024-2026 [48, 52]
Mathew Turner, Commandery 2021-2024 [18, 27]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations consists of three members and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work as an ex-officio member. 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.

There were no charters surrendered or consolidations in the past year. There were no dispensations for new charters, nor were new charters granted.

Regarding the condition of Councils, I defer to the report of the Committee on Work and Return.

Regarding the address of the Grand Illustrious Master, I defer to the report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Fraternally,
John L. Logan, PGIM [52, 48] Chairman, John D. Church, PGIM [33, 48, 59], Robert G. Davis, [50],
Brian Ragain [21]

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]

TRIENNIAL

The 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.

The duties of the Committee on Triennial are to advise the Grand Council of matters pertaining to the Triennial and make all arrangements for attendance at the Triennial Assembly. They shall perform duties as required by customs and usage.

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. Further, 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 48th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons was held in Branson, Missouri, on August 12-17, 2023, at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa & Convention Center. Over 400 companions attended the event and enjoyed the information, fellowship, and entertainment from the assembly.

The elected officers of the General Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons, International for the 49th Triennial are as follows:

General Grand Master	William G. Snyder
Deputy General Grand Master	G. Thomas Taylor
General Grand P.C.W.	W. Keith Powell
General Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
General Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin

Appointed Officers:

Assist Gen Gr Treasurer	Mark McGee
Assist Gen Gr Recorder	Sean Gardiner
Gen Gr Chaplin	Jeffery Craig
Assist Gen Gr Chaplin	Charles Roberts
Assist Gen Gr Chaplin	Jeffery York
Gen Gr Capt of the Guard	David Dewitt
Gen Gr Conductor of the Council	Corey Curtiss
Gen Gr Steward	Brian Diamatteo
Gen Gr Orator	Robert G. Davis
Gen Gr Lecturer	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
Gen Gr. Lecturer-Europe	Michel Sabatier
Gen Gr Marshal-East	John Bridegroom
Gen Gr Marshal-West	Aaron Schoemaker
Gen Gr Regional Deputy-S.C.	Camille J. "Buddy" Guidry
Ambassador-Oklahoma	William James Cloud

The 49th Triennial details are not available, but it is expected to be in the Washington, D.C., area.

Fraternally submitted:

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

YORK RITE COORDINATION

The Committee on York Rite Coordination was instituted to coordinate the activities of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma with the Concordant and Appendant Bodies of Freemasonry in Oklahoma. Currently, a Statewide Unity Calendar is prepared each year, which lists the scheduled Masonic activities of all Bodies across the State. The Committee is vigilant in checking the Unity Calendar and responds on behalf of the York Rite Bodies when requested to do so. No actions have come before the Committee this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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.

In an effort to further encourage our Councils to regularly open their Assemblies in ritualistic form, the Custodians of the Work are proposing that a certification program be established in which a member could be designated a "Certified Ritualist of the Council" by demonstrating his proficiency in the ritual and floorwork of the opening and closing ceremonies of a Council of Select Masters, excluding the duties of officers, but including the reception of the Grand Illustrious Master and other distinguished visitors. We have submitted a Resolution that would establish this program.

To further encourage excellence in our degree conferrals, and acting upon the recommendation of the Grand Illustrious Master, the Custodians of the Work are proposing the establishment of a "Ritual Award" to recognize Companions who have excelled in the ritualistic presentation of the Cryptic degrees. We have submitted a Resolution that would establish this award and a Standing Resolution to govern its implementation.

A "plain English" version of our adopted ritual was authorized by our Grand Council at its Annual Assembly in 2003. Two years ago the Grand Council, acting upon the recommendation of the Grand Illustrious Master, 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. While preparing this manuscript, we kept in mind the following excerpt from the report of the Special Committee on Ritual to the Annual Assembly in 1975:

"The adopted ritual of the Grand Council of Oklahoma differs from the ritual of the General Grand Council principally by making certain wording in opening, closing, reception of candidates, etc. uniform with the adopted work of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma. There has been some confusion as to the proper word meant by certain abbreviations in our ritual. We would call to attention that in the General Grand Council ritual everything but the penalties of the obligations and the passwords seem to be written out in full. Any confusion on wording can usually be resolved by referring to the General Grand Council ritual."

The manuscript of our ritual in "plain English" has been completed and is ready for publication.

Fraternally submitted,

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

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Companions, This past year has been a busy one. 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.

We have got to make an effort to get out and visit our area Lodges, visit with those brethren and encourage them to continue their masonic journey for further light by experiencing the York Rite.

One thing that was worth noting in reviewing the annual report was seeing the loss of 33 Companions during the time span of 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 due to suspension for non-payment of dues. While we still need to continue to work on bringing this number down. I was happy to see it down from 41 last year during the same time.

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. Only then can we start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all.

On a positive note during this time we Greeted 67, had 5 affiliations and 4 reinstatements.

Sadly we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost 37 Companions this past year. May we All 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 due to suspensions and encourage them to return.

In closing I would like to thank our Most Illustrious Robert G. Davis 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 McFadden [3] - Chairman

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

No report was submitted due to the untimely death of our good friend, Brother, and chairman, Bedford F. Rowland, Jr.

Fraternally Submitted
Jon B. Greene [22] – Grand Recorder

EDUCATION

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

The Committee on Education continues to encourage our Councils to make education an integral part of their Stated Assemblies and, in an effort to foster this endeavor, has in recent years produced and made available Cryptic educational resources to both our Councils and members.

The Cryptic Masonry Education Course covers the history and symbolism of the three Council degrees and provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study. The Lessons on Cryptic Masonry are twenty-four lessons which are drawn from the Cryptic Masonry Education Course, the Ritual of the Grand Council, and the Bible and are specifically designed to enable presentation, participation, and discussion as a group during Council 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 published a monthly education e-newsletter, which 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. After the release of the twenty-fourth and final edition of this monthly e-newsletter in January 2023, all of the

previously released editions were assembled into a single website, with links to each of the twenty-four topics covered. This website may be found at: <https://okyorkrite.com/>

We urge our Councils and members to utilize these plentiful resources and make 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]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

The Grand Master's Festival was held in Oklahoma City on July 22, 2023. At the festival, 54 Companions were greeted as Select Masters. We would like to thank Alpha Council No. 18 for hosting the festival and for all their hard work. The Committee extends appreciation to the Royal Master degree team from Lawton Council #21 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,

Brian M. Ragain [21], Frank Belluardo [59,61], John Turner [27, 50]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

The Regional Degree Festival Committee has once again accomplished its mission with assisting local regions with hosting Degree festivals.

The Central Oklahoma Region held a Festival on February 3, 2024, greeting 13 Select Masters. We thank Norman Council No 27 for hosting the festival and for all the hard work to make it successful.

The Northeast Oklahoma Region held a Festival on February 10, 2024 greeting 3 Select Masters. We thank Tulsa Council No. 22 for hosting the festival and for all the hard work to make sure it was a success.

As an added bonus, during the February 3rd, 2024 Central Oklahoma Regional Festival, the Super Excellent Master degree was conferred. Teams from all four regions came together and each performed a portion of the degree. 13 Select Masters received the degree. It was great to make this degree available for those who had never received it.

The committee extends appreciation to all Councils who participated, and the degree teams are to be commended for the excellent work exemplified at the regional festivals. It is the hope of the Committee that more regions will participate in the regional degree festival program.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Wright [11, 61] – Chairman, Ryan R. Frederick [50], Mark McFadden [22], Troy L. Collier [52]

Blaine C. McKnight [3], Brian M. Ragain [21]

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The members of the Committee on the South-Central Regional Conference met in Branson, MO on September 14 and 15, 2023. The states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma met and related the good and the bad of the things going on in each state. The purpose is for the other states to learn and hopefully find the ideas that would help each state in the future.

Some of the reports were of the success of the Special Degree of the Mark Master. Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas informed the Conference of their successes. We of Oklahoma. listened to these reports carefully, trying to gather all the information we could with the intent of copying the good points and implementing them in Oklahoma.

We enjoyed getting together with our Companions from other states to learn of other ideas for use in our Grand Chapter.

Companions, we, the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve our Grand Council.

Fraternally Submitted,

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

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as current as possible. The Grand Recorder has started putting some forms on the site for the constituent Recorders to use. These include the Perpetual applications and applications for membership, both plural and demit. The Grand Recorder has also updated the calendar with all Council Assembly dates and times. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank M. L. C.: Bob Davis, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, for his confidence and 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]

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

The Membership Enhancement Committee is a Special Committee of the Grand Council of Oklahoma whose purpose is to assist the Membership Committee as requested to improve the York Rite experience for new companions and members in general. The Membership Committee has not asked for assistance in this regard during this Cryptic Council year. However, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest created a special path to York Rite membership by offering the first two Chapter degrees to Master Masons at no charge. Regional Chapter and Council Conferral teams were organized and dates placed on the calendar to facilitate a timely progression for these new companions in completing the journey through Cryptic Masonry and Templarism.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert G. Davis [50] – Chairman, James R. Taylor, Jr. [22], Glen A. Chaney [21], Daniel D. Hanttula [27, 61],

Blaine C. McKnight [3], Jon B. Greene [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 were sent one really great candidate from the Executive Officer of DeMolay for the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. It is always nice to see more than one candidate however we were all impressed with the accomplishments of the one candidate we received. Colton Condit from the Stillwater 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 even at the State level. 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 [18] - Chmn., Michael L. Branson [50], Timothy Israel [25], and Jon B. Greene [22]

ALL YOUTH

This past year has been a generally successful year for the three Masonic Youth groups. Although the pandemic of 2020-2021 had a negative impact on the orders, things have gotten better throughout the state.

York Rite members throughout the state have supported their local youth groups with their time and money.

Oklahoma DeMolay has been very active this year. We have a total of 672 active members in Oklahoma which makes us the largest Jurisdiction in the United States and 3rd in the world. We currently are 1 member above where we last year at this time (671). We will be losing 94 members

to majority at the end of the year. Last year we inducted 104 new members and are pace to hit 80 for the year. Our Open House program has been a vital success for the state and our last one that we had in Norman brought in 32 new members in one day. We plan to have at least to more before the end of this year which will push us way past the projected 80. Another program that has helped Oklahoma DeMolay is the ad campaign that we have been running on both Facebook and Instagram which has raised awareness of DeMolay and provided many leads from parents who are interested in a program like ours. One major focus shift we have applied to our Ad Campaign and Opens houses is to "sell" DeMolay to the parents by presenting the Scholarship opportunities and high moral values we provide. Activities of note through the year have been the Winterfest in Tulsa in January where the York Rite Officers presented a sword to the DeMolay of the year, DeMolay month during the month of March when many fun activities were enjoyed. Frank Marshal ritual competition in Arlington, Texas, where Oklahoma DeMolay members excelled, and Conclave 2023 which was held in Norman with over 180 attendees.

Oklahoma Rainbow has returned to our previous activity level. The Grand Worthy Advisor's theme has been "She Needed a Hero; So She Became One." Appropriately, her mascots are The Avengers Wonder Woman, and others. Her Service Project is the Autism Foundation of Oklahoma with a fundraising goal of \$11,000.00. She traveled with Grand Representatives to New Mexico, Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas Grand Assemblies. She also traveled within Oklahoma to visit with individual assemblies and Districts. She attended and brought greetings for the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth; and the Grand Master's Banquet for the Oklahoma Grand Lodge, and also attended the Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Rally, and the Oklahoma DeMolay Conclave and Winterfest 2024. Membership for Oklahoma finished the calendar year of 2023 at 285 active members, with 53 girls having been initiated during the first half of the term (June 1 to December 31, 2023); and 18 initiated since January 1, 2024, to date. They have held District Weekends in 4 of the 5 Districts so far, and besides conducting initiations we have attended the Akdar Shrine Circus, the OKC Zoo, attended a symphony, and supported a service project. The Grand Assembly Session will be held at the University of Oklahoma Catlett Music Center, in Norman, OK on May 25-27, 2024.

Oklahoma Job's Daughters: There are currently four active Bethels with 28 members in Oklahoma. Job's Daughters events in the State of Oklahoma are: Go-to-Church Sundays, University of Tulsa Concession Stands, Sleep Overs, Lock-ins, Prospect Parties, Honoring Night for Masons, Mother Mick Ceremony, Christmas Parties, Initiations, Promotional/Educational Projects, Installations, Official Visits for Supreme Deputy, Halloween Parties, Working the India Shrine Circus, Selling Dippin Dots at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Chili Cook offs, Food Bank volunteer hours, Dinners serving Masons and Appendant Bodies, Community Egg Hunt, Lake clean up days, Open House events at the Masonic Lodge for new members, Welcome Ceremony for new members, Tri Youth Holiday Dance, Community Christmas Parades, Supreme Session attendance, Honor Youth Reception, Miss Oklahoma Pageant, and State JDI Rally. The Daughters are always willing and ready to help the York Rite and any Masonic Body in Oklahoma, as well as to do exemplifications of their work. We are in need of Adult Volunteers at all Bethels. The Oklahoma Job's Daughters appreciate all the support and thank the York Rite and all Masonic bodies for their help and support.

I wish to express my thanks to Rory Glendenning of DeMolay, Brian Pierson of Rainbow, and Linda Luttrell of Job's Daughters for their help in compiling this information.

Fraternally,

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

NECROLOGY

Companions, the allotted time on earth came to a close for many of our companions this last year. We now pause in mourning and remembrance of them and drop our heads in prayer and gratitude that we have been so humbled with their presence and friendship. Friends are hard to find, and good friends are even harder. We thank the Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth for allowing us to be blessed by them in their short allotted time on earth.

Tribute To A Mason

Author Unknown- Borrowed from B F Rowland Jr.
“Why wear the apron?” the young mason said,
As mourners so silently bowed every head.
The prayer was perfection, -ceremony profound,
Not one single person uttered a sound.
The minister spoke, all telling with love,
That our brother had passed to the lodge up above.
That his life here below was not easy for sure
And many the sorrow he'd had to endure.
This man dedicated to helping his race,
Unconscious of background or color of face.
With a life dedicated to sharing of time
While supporting a friend with a comforting rhyme.
Who brought out in others the “best” of the best,
Without criticizing, or putting to test.
That the life he had lived, as a mason and friend,
Was a lifetime of sharing, right up to the end.
The lambskin was placed with all loving care
A release from the labor on earth he did bear
The evergreen sprig shows the faith we all hold
That the Soul is immortal and none can control
It's reign o'er the grave, so that death has no power
For ever and ever or even this hour.
We commit to the ground, these earthly remains
And cherish the memory, suffer the pains.
While we trust his spirit to God who did give it
This was his life and the way he did live it.
And so we account for our time here on earth
That our tasks ever after may be of Thy worth.
Now go with the Father in his gracious keeping,
And leave him to be, our brother-just sleeping.
So you see there's a reason that all men are born
That's the reason I guess that the apron is worn.

Fraternally,

T. Lavern Ragain, Jr. [21] - Grand Chaplain

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) was incorporated on March 6, 1986, through the efforts of the General Grand Master Ben Mandelbaum (OK). Under Dr. Michael Murphy's direction, the CMMRF funds research at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis through the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM) and the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Administration Medical Center. The CMMRF Executive Director since 2012 is Gary G. Wyne, PMIGM of Indiana.

The ICVBM is committed to being a leader in basic and applied research in understanding vascular wellness and disease and developing 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, which has resulted in medical breakthroughs in the treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Type 1 Diabetes, Cancer, Peripheral Artery Disease, Heart Disease, Stroke, and many other associated illnesses and diseases. CMMRF focuses explicitly on the regeneration and repair of blood vessels through stem cells, especially in the areas of Peripheral Artery Disease and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. By repurposing the body's stem cells or using stem cells from an adult donor, CMMRF is proving that these disease processes can begin to reverse in as little as one treatment.

Nationally, donations to CMMRF in 2023 totaled \$1,448,218.73, an increase of \$995,967.28 over the previous year, with the significant increase being credited to wills and bequests. Oklahoma's Grand Council 40

giving of \$11,602 was an increase of \$6,887 from a year earlier. Donations made by Oklahoma's Companions ranked 12th in 2023 compared to other jurisdictions.

"The Bernard F. Mandelbaum Award recognizes the local Council credited with the largest dollar contribution in the preceding calendar year. Most Puissant Companion Mandelbaum was Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Oklahoma from 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 \$2,185 were the largest dollar contribution in 2023.

"The Robert W. Hill Award recognizes the local Council, credited for the largest average contribution per member in the preceding calendar year. Most Illustrious Companion Hill was the first Grand Illustrious Master of Indian Territory, serving from 1895-1896. He was a member of Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, Indian Territory." Mysterious Nine Council #61 raised \$89.71 per member contribution was the largest in 2022, with a majority of the contributions coming from a special conferral of the Order of the Knights of the Round Table and the Order of Knights of the Garter and St. George, which was held on September 9, 2023.

Each Oklahoma Council is urged to hold at least one fundraising event each year to benefit this worthy philanthropy and to participate in CMMRF Month during March. We are asking for a \$5 donation for each member of their Council. More information can be found at CMMRF.org or CrypticMasons.org. Alpha #18, Lawton #21, Tulsa #22, Norman #27, Bernard #43, Woodward #52, and Mysterious Nine #61 have met these requirements in 2023. Thank you!

In addition to monetary donations, committee members volunteered time and travel expenses to attend Indiana University School of Medicine's CMMRF Medical Update, which was held on October 7, 2023. They also participated at the South Central and the Southwest/Northwest Department Conferences to give presentations on behalf of CMMRF.

CMMRF 2023 Annual Report on Oklahoma Council Contributions

No.	Council	2023 Members	CMMRF Contribution by Council	Additional Contribution (Members)	Total Contribution	Ave. Per Member Donation
2	Muskogee	124	\$	\$25	\$25	\$0.20
3	Union	96	\$	\$25	\$25	\$0.26
11	Ardmore	57	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
18	Alpha	121	\$	\$1,275	\$1,275	\$10.54
21	Lawton	101	\$	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$13.37
22	Tulsa	175	\$	\$120	\$120	\$6.22
25	Elk City	50	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
27	Norman	87	\$	\$465	\$465	\$6.74
33	Altus	43	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
41	Bartlesville	41	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
43	Bernard	50	\$	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$21.00
48	Guthrie	66	\$50	\$	\$50	\$0.76
50	Stillwater	50	\$	\$125	\$125	\$2.50
52	Woodward	32	\$185	\$2,000	\$2,185	\$68.28
59	Capitol Hill	94	\$	\$25	\$25	\$0.27
61	Mysterious Nine	17	\$	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$89.71
	Grand Council	\$	\$	\$50	\$3,332	\$2.81
Totals		1,204	\$235	\$8,035	\$11,602	\$9.64

Fraternally submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

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 2024:

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

A review of the preliminary financial statements ending December 31, 2023, was presented to the members. The preliminary combined balance sheet reflects total assets of \$101,477,446.33, an increase of \$3,841,357.27 from one year ago. Endowments total \$91,592,482.82, an increase of \$553,122 from one year ago. The General Fund total is \$9885,096.76, an increase of \$3,503,972.08 over the 2022 year-end.

The preliminary combined income statement for 2023 reflects a Total Revenue of \$10,827,701.46, including \$5,215,484.71 of unrealized investment gains. Expenditures for 2023 total \$5,945,799.95, a decrease of \$36,558.94 from the 2022 expenditures of \$5,982,358.89.

LODGE MATCHING FUNDS

2023 PROGRAM REVIEW

The Foundation staff gave an update on the following Masonic Charity Foundation programs:

- MATCHING FUNDS
 - Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2023, = \$1,408,382.54
 - Community Matching = \$1,287,791.04
 - Promises Matter Matching = \$120,591.50
 - # of Lodges using the program in 2023 = 195
 - # of Lodges using the program in 2022 = 192
 - Matching Funds applications processed = 1,449
 - Applications denied = 64

Matching Funds disbursed since inception = \$37,556,101.88 (x2=\$75,112,202.56)

PROMISES MATTER

- Grants issued to Master Masons or their minor children or widows = 15
- Emergency grants issued = 12
- Average grant amount = \$1,811.10
- The average age of grant recipients = 57
- Total Promises Matter Grants issued during 2022 = \$33,153.15

MASONRY IN ACTION AWARD

The Masonry in Action Award was first presented in 2013 to recognize lodges that impact their communities by utilizing Foundation programs. In 2023, Cache Lodge 391 was recognized as the small lodge Masonry In Action Winner, and Owasso Lodge 545 was recognized as the large lodge Masonry In Action Winner. Both lodges were presented with trophies at the Grand Lodge Session.

Regarding future Masonry In Action Awards, Foundation Staff proposed eliminating the application and scoring based on program data the Foundation already collects and maintains. The board discussed this proposal and approved the change.

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 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.

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. **STUDENT OF TODAY & TEACHER OF TODAY**
 - Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,894
 - Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 660
 - Participating schools = 587
 - 141 of 204 Lodges participated
3. **Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education** honors 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 members of the leadership of the Alliance. The next event will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite on April 23, 2024.
4. **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 2023, \$115,000 was provided, half allocated for teacher scholarships and the other to support their Digital Phonics Program.
5. **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: DeMolay 9, Job's Daughters 2, and Rainbow 32.
6. **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 1st place to \$200 for 10th place. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be made to each of the 1st 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.

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 to renovate 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 the 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's 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. 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 [3]

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

To be given verbally

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We are very pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions, and we especially want to thank the Time and Place Committee, the Grand Recorder, and all who helped with 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. We truly could not do this without the loving support of our families.

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

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 James R. Taylor, Jr. was nominated for the office of Illustrious Grand Master and was elected by acclamation.

R.:I.: Brian M. Ragain was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master and was elected by acclamation.

R.:I.: Michael S. Wright 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 B. Greene was nominated for the office of Grand Recorder and was elected by acclamation.

I.: Companions Matthew D. McGee and Donnie G. Higginbotham were nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Guard. I.: Companion Matthew D. McGee was elected by vote of the craft.

R.:I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., Illustrious Grand Master-elect, greeted the Grand Assembly and announced the Appointed Officers and District Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters.

Right Puissant Companion Keith Powell, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, gave his remarks.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was closed in Ample Form by M.:I.: Robert G. Davis M.:I.:G.:M.:

The Elected and Appointed Officers were installed in their offices. The installation team was as follows:

- INSTALLING OFFICER M.:I.:C.: LARRY D. WHITE, P.:I.:G.:M.:
- INSTALLING MARSHALL M.:I.:C.: JOHN D. CHURCH, P.:I.:G.:M.:
- INSTALLING CHAPLAIN M.:I.:C.: TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL, P.:I.:G.:M.:
- INSTALLING RECORDER R.:I.:C.: JON B. GREENE, GRAND RECORDER



Robert G. Davis
 Robert G. Davis
 Illustrious Grand Master

Jon B. Greene
 Jon B. Greene
 Grand Recorder

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 CRYPTIC YEAR**

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]	Gage	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Brian M. Ragain [21]		Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Michael S. Wright [11]	Kim	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.		Most 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
Matthew D. McGee [43]		Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Ryan R. Frederick [50]	Linda	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
James D. Nobles, Jr. [18]	Debbie	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Rick A. Moore [2]	Donna	Illustrious Grand Steward
Michael D. Maxey [22]	Nancy	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
George W. Ratliff [22]	Ruth	Illustrious Grand Chaplain

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR THE 2024-2025 CRYPTIC YEAR**

DISTRICT NO. 1	Rick A. Moore [2]	Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3
DISTRICT NO. 2	Michael S. Wright [11]	Ardmore Council No. 11 Mysterious Nine Council No. 61
DISTRICT NO. 3	James D. Nobles [18]	Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48
DISTRICT NO. 4	James Oates III [21]	Lawton Council No. 21 Altus Council No. 33
DISTRICT NO. 5	Michael D. Maxey [22]	Tulsa Council No. 22 Bartlesville Council No. 41
DISTRICT NO. 6	David D. Shore [52]	Elk City Council No. 25 Woodward Council No. 52
DISTRICT NO. 7	John R. Guinn [27]	Norman Council No. 27 Capitol Hill Council No. 59
DISTRICT NO. 8	Ryan R. Frederick [50]	Bernard Council No. 43 Stillwater Council No. 50

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2024-2025 CAPITULAR YEAR
STANDING COMMITTEES**

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33] - Chairman
Robert G. Davis [50] - Recorder
All Past Illustrious Grand Masters

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Robert R. Rolseth [22] - Chairman
Stephen D. Gragg [3]
Roberto A. DeLeon, Jr. [27]
Michael S. Wright [11] – Ex Officio

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

CREDENTIALS

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] - Chairman
Steven E. Cox [2, 61]
James Oates III [21]
James R. Taylor, Sr. [22]
Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

MEMBERSHIP

Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman
Central – David A. Tennison [48]
N. Central - Justin M. McGee [43]
Northeast – Jim L. Parham [22]
Northwest – David D. Shore [52]
Southeast – John King, Jr. [3]
Southwest - James Oates III [21]

FINANCE

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman
Matthew D. McGee [43]
Jon B. Greene [22]
Michael S. Wright [11] – Ex Officio

YORK RITE COORDINATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Chairman
Brian M. Ragain [21]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Matthew D. McGee [43]

INVESTMENTS

2022-25 (CM) Charles L. Stuckey [43]
2023-26 (RAM) John L. Logan [48, 52]
2024-27 (KT) Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

TRIENNIAL

John L. Logan [48, 52] Chairman
Robert G. Davis [50]
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

David A. Tennison [48]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Brian M. Ragain [21]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Michael S. Wright [11] - Chairman
Matthew D. McGee [43]
Mark K. McFadden [2]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Matthew D. McGee [43] - Chairman
Central – Mathew A. Turner [18]
N. Central - Ryan R. Frederick [50]
Northeast – George W. Ratliff [22]
Northwest - Troy L. Collier [52]
Southeast - Blaine C. McKnight [3]
Southwest - Brian M. Ragain [21]

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Blaine C. McKnight [3]
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]
Brian M. Ragain [21]
Robert R. Rolseth [22]
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]
Michael S. Wright [11]

EDUCATION

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

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Chairman
Brian M. Ragain [21]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

NECROLOGY

George W. Ratliff [22]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]
Blaine C. McKnight [3]
Glen A. Chaney [21]
Jon B. Greene [22]

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] - Chairman
Brian A. Buswell [18]
Ivan M. De Tevis [22, 50]
Robert W. McLeod [22]
Jon B. Greene [22] Ex Officio

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2022-25 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [3]
2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]
2024-27 [RAM] David A. Ray [27]

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Chairman
Brian M. Ragain [21]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Michael D. Maxey [22]

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	Okmulgee 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. Mandelbaum	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	Okmulgee 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
2023-2024	Robert G. Davis	Guthrie Council No. 48

* Deceased

** Lost Membership

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**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD
MRS. TONI TOMLINSON**

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.

Mrs. Toni Tomlinson has devoted her life to Job's Daughters. Toni was initiated in Bethel 6 in Oklahoma City and later became a Majority Member of the Bethel. Toni has held about every position there is to hold at the local and state levels. Toni took a brief break from Job's Daughters, but when the organization needed her, she came back. Toni has the respect of the girls and adults in the organization and they would do anything for her. Toni has planned the Oklahoma Job's Daughters Rally, their version of our Grand Sessions, for many years. She IS what we call the Time and Place committee. Toni has worked tirelessly for the girls. It is often thought that if it weren't for Toni, and her hard work, Job's Daughters in Oklahoma would have folded a long time ago.

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
2023	Toni Tomlinson		Norman
*	Deceased		



**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD
ROBERT W. McLEOD**

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.

Bob has taken an active role in being an Officer and working in the Degrees. Bob has taken on the task of being the Quartermaster for the Tulsa York Rite Bodies. He has taken on the responsibility of going through the props and paraphernalia and organizing those needed for each Degree into tubs. Bob has also taken on the task of repairing items that need repair.

Illustrious Companion Bob tirelessly promotes the York Rite in his Lodge. This is evident with him being the first-line signer on five (5) petitions. Illustrious Companion Bob is also a Plural member with Muskogee Chapter 2, and is going through their Officer line.

It is with tremendous pleasure and honor that Tulsa Council No. 22 nominates Companion Robert W. "Bob" McLeod 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
2023	Robert W. "Bob" McLeod	Tulsa Council No. 22	Tulsa

* 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



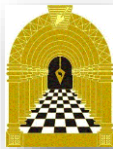
**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
LADY OF THE COUNCIL**

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.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

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
2024	James R. Taylor, Jr.		
* - 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 2023-2024

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	Gerald A. Peeters	Bradley S. Rickelman	Roger E. Cundiff
England and	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. Stantley	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 Roglin	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		
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

2024 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	Steven E. Cox	Mark K. McFadden	3rd Thur 6:00 PM	Aug 24, 1894
3	UNION 2nd & Adams Scottish Rite Temple McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Nicholas Valenta	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	Brian A. Buswell	Christopher F. Harper	2nd & 4th Wed	Aug 21, 1909
21	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501	Roland Morales	Glen A. Chaney	4th Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 19, 1911
22	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112 918-921-5552	Larry E. Staining, Jr.	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	Kevin S. Lapham	Seth J. Dawson	2nd Thurs 7:30 PM	Apr 17, 1914
33	ALTUS 1120 N. Hudson St Altus 73521 580-482-5301		Steven B. Tuttle	3rd Thurs 7:00 PM	Apr 23, 1914

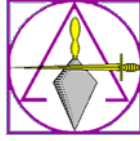
41	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006-8722 918-331-3831	Justin R. James	William J. Foster	3 rd Wed 7:00 PM	Apr 21, 1920
43	BERNARD 1200 . Grand Ponca City 74601 580-765-4128	Justin M. McGee	James E. Halbrook	2nd Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 15, 1924
48	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie 73044	Michael L. Dixon	John R. Christopher	2nd Thurs 7:30 PM	Oct 8, 1945
50	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	William G. Atkinson	Bradley S. Rickelman	2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 PM	Apr 4, 1949
52	WOODWARD 819½ Main St Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	Troy L. Collier	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		Robert D. Cundiff	3rd Friday 7:00 PM	Apr 1, 1957
61	MYSTERIOUS NINE 1700 N Porter Norman 73069 405-321-7310	Adam R. Taylor	Daniel D. Hanttula	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
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 78th Annual Assembly held at Stillwater, Oklahoma
August 19, 2023**

Thrice Illustrious Master Mathew A. Turner opened the 78th Annual Assembly of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma at 10:29 a.m. with twenty-nine members and eleven candidates present.

Officers present were:

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

The petitions of the following eleven candidates were read. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the candidates be elected to receive the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master.

Rick Alan Moore	Muskogee No. 2
Chris A. Botts	Union No. 3
Stephen D. Gragg	Union No. 3
William David Hardin	Ardmore No. 11
Mark L. Cantrell	Alpha No. 18
Ryan C. Shady	Lawton No. 21
Carroll D. McBride	Tulsa No. 22
John Robert Guinn	Norman No. 27
Robert Lee Sprott	Stillwater No. 50
David D. Shore	Woodward No. 52
Steven Edward Cox	Mysterious Nine No. 61

All the candidates were received, duly anointed, and acknowledged recipients of the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master, making them members of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma.

The Degree 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	Mathew A. Turner (Pro-Tem)
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Timothy P. Israel
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Mark K. McFadden

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

The Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma present were introduced: Robert G. Davis (2009-10), Donnie G. Higginbotham (2011-12), Timothy P. Israel (2013-14), Matthew D. McGee (2014-15), James R. Taylor, Jr. (2016-17), William J. Cloud (2017-18), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (2019-20), and James D. Nobles (2021-22)

A memorial service for the following Thrice Illustrious Masters was held: John D. Miller, Jr. PTIM, and Robert C. Shady.

The minutes of the August 20, 2022, Annual Assembly and Treasurer's report were approved as distributed with the meeting summons.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate \$50.00 to Frontier Lodge No. 48, 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, seconded, and approved to allocate \$50.00 for the purchase of 3 lighted candles for the altar.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to increase the petition fee for the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master to \$40.00 from \$30.00.

The annual election of officers for the 2023-2024 year was then held.

The nominating committee recommended that all 2022-2023 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Registrar-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.: I.: Companion Robert G. Davis, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors. M.: I.: Companion Davis introduced the Grand Council Officers and Past Illustrious Grand Masters present.

M.: I.: Companion Davis then installed the officers of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma.

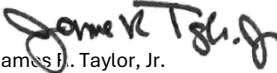
Officers for the 2023-2024 year are as follows:

Thrice Illustrious Master	John R. Christopher
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Robert R. Rolseth
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Kenton M. Israel
Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Mark K. McFadden
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Michael S. Wright

Thrice Illustrious Master John R. Christopher presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Master jewel to outgoing Thrice Illustrious Master Mathew A. Turner.

It was announced that the next Annual Assembly is scheduled for August 17, 2024, with the location to be announced later.

Thrice Illustrious Master Christopher made closing comments and there being no further business to come before the Assembly, it was closed in due form at 11:32 a.m.


James J. Taylor, Jr.
Registrar-Treasurer


Mathew A. Turner
Thrice Illustrious Master

Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma

Treasurer Report - 08-19-23

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank
 Checking Account Balance 07/20/22 \$2,381.00

Deposits:

Candidate Fees	\$370.00	
OST Jewel Sales	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 380.00

Disbursements:

Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 (Facility Use)	\$50.00	
Jim Taylor (Degree Supplies)	\$10.84	
Simpson Jewelry & Uniform, Inc. (TIM Jewels)	<u>\$64.55</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 125.39</u>

Checking Account Balance 07/20/23 \$2,635.61

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters

1944-1949	Clarence Brain*	2005-2006	Bobby L. Carter*
1949-1963	W. King Larrimore*	2006-2007	John D. Miller, Jr.*
1963-1964	William H. Powell*	2007-2008	James E. Smyrl*
1964-1965	Hayward H. Skaggs*	2008-2009	William D. Williams
1965-1966	John C. Barnard*	2009-2010	Robert G. Davis
1966-1967	Ansel M. Crowder*	2010-2011	James W. Mahan*
1967-1968	Lewis H. Wheeler*	2020-2021	Larry D. White
1968-1969	Wilbert B. Boggs*	2011-2012	Donnie G. Higginbotham
1969-1970	Cleo A. Walton*	2012-2013	Troy E. Shipman*
1970-1971	Oscar W. Swanson*	2013-2014	Timothy P. Israel
1971-1973	Kenneth M. Blakley*	2014-2015	Matthew D. McGee
1973-1976	Robert E. Fielden*	2015-2016	Andrew B. Palmer
1976-1979	John W. Steward*	2016-2017	James R. Taylor, Jr.
1979-1982	Herbert O. Nelson*	2017-2018	William J. Cloud
1982-1985	Carl R. Burrows*	2018-2019	William H. Pearce
1985-1986	James C. Taylor*	2019-2020	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
1986-1987	John C. Shanklin*	2020-2021	Larry D. White
1987-1988	Barry C. Spradling*	2021-2022	James D. Nobles
1988-1989	Eugene Smith*	2022-2023	Mathew A. Turner
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*	* Deceased	

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

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of the
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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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OKLAHOMA

AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Held in Oklahoma City
April Twenty-Seventh
Two Thousand Twenty-four



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JOHN E. KING
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2023-2024

JOHN E. KING BIOGRAPHY

John Edwin King was born at Westerly, RI in 1941. Raised in Westerly and Wakefield, RI. Graduated from South Kingstown High School. He joined the Air Force in 1960. He served 21 years as a Master Avionics Technician, Maintenance Superintendent and 7 years as a First Sergeant. He retired from the Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1988 after 28 yrs of service and as a Vietnam Veteran 1964 – 65. He married his wife Vicki in 1964, and has 5 children, 18 grand children, 21 great grand children, 3 great, greats and 2 great, great, great grand children. He has an diploma from DeVry Institute of Technology in Electronics, Electronic Technicians Association International - Certified Industrial Electronics Technician, RETA Certified Industrial Ammonia Refrigerant Technician, Associate of Arts Degree from Western Oklahoma State College, Associate of Science in Avionics from the University of the Air Force, Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, postgraduate work in Education, University of Oklahoma and Masters of Human Relations, Oklahoma State University, and holds a Oklahoma Department of Education Secondary Teaching Certificate. He taught High School and Adult students in Vocational Electronics at the Great Plains Technology Center in Frederick, OK. Retiring after 14 years he taught Heavy Industrial Electronics Maintenance at Southwest Technology Center, Altus, OK for Bar-S Foods and American Gypsum for another two years.

John was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Altus Lodge No. 62 on June 7, 1978. Guthrie Scottish Rite, September 1978; India Shrine, September 1979; and York Rite at the Guthrie Field Day 2000.

He is a: 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary Guthrie AASR, Past Master of Altus Lodge No. 62, Past Master Mangum Lodge No. 61, Past Master and Past Secretary of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research, Class A Certificate Lecturer, Past DeMolay Dad with DeMolay Cross of Honor (honorary), Past Rainbow Dad, Past Royal Patron, Past Worthy Patron, Past High Priest Altus Chapter No. 60, Past Illustrious Master Altus Council No. 33 and Elk City No. 25, Past Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Oklahoma 2011 - 2012, Past Commander Guthrie Council of Kadosh, 2008, Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter RAM of Oklahoma to the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Grand Representative from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma to the Grand Council of Rhode Island, Grand Representative from the Grand Commandery Knight Templars of Oklahoma to the Grand Commandery Knight Templars Massachusetts Rhode Island, Past District Deputy Grand Master, District 32, Director of Supernumeraries Guthrie AASR, Director of the 7th Degree Guthrie AASR, Past President and Secretary Southwest Scottish Rite Society, Past Captain of the SWOKIES Shrine Parade Unit, Past President and Secretary of the Altus Shrine Club, Director and Secretary Treasurer of the Lawton Shrine Santas, Potentates Aid Emeritus India Temple, Past Secretary of both the Order of High Priesthood and Order of the Sword and Trowel, District Deputy Grand Master Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, Past Commander of Elk City Commandery No. 22, Past Master of Plinth Court No. 91 Order of Athelstan and Past President of Altus Lions Club, Past President of Oklahoma Philalethes Society, Texas Lodge of Research, Scottish Rite Research Society, Royal Order of Scotland, Member Joseph S. Lewis Knight Masons, Member Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75, Allied Masonic Degrees, founded and was 1st Master James C. Taylor AMD, Past President Tinker Chapter #43 National Sojourners and Past Commander of the Heroes of 76. On the Board of the Southwest Community Action Group and Altus Head Start Policy Council.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024**

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 OKLAHOMA
AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

AREA 1	Mark K. McFadden John E. King, Jr.	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T. Trinity Commandery No. 20 K.T.
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
AREA 3	Brian M. Ragain	Elk City Commandery No. 22 K.T. St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
AREA 4	Glen A. Chaney	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T. Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
AREA 5	John T. Turner Justin M. McGee	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T. Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
AREA 6	Trasen S. Akers	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T. Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T.
AREA 7	Jay A. Wall	St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T. Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 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

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

Section 2. (c)

Robert R. Rolseth [20] - Chairman
James R. Taylor [20] - Recorder
All Past Grand Commanders

TRIENNIAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (e)

Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman
Glen A. Chaney [18]
John T. Turner [38]

NECROLOGY:

Section 2. (g)

Steven E. Cox [2]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (h)

2021-24 (RAM) David A. Ray [27]
2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]
2023-26 (K.T.) Timothy P. Israel [22]

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]

FINANCE:

Section 2. (b)

Glen A. Chaney [18] - Chairman
John T. Turner [38]
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

WORK AND TACTICS:

Section 2. (d)

Larry D. White [20] - Chairman
Glenn H. Kinsley [29]
John L. Logan [29]
Timothy P. Israel [22]

GENERAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (f)

Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
John T. Turner [38]

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (j)

Robert R. Rolseth [20]
All Grand Commandery Officers

YORK RITE COORDINATION:

Section 2. (i)

John E. King [22]
Glen A. Chaney [18]
John T. Turner [38]
Mark K. McFadden [2]

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:

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)

(appointed 3 years)
2021-2024 K.T.: 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]

LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

(Formed April 23, 2016)

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]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)

Steven E. Cox [2] - Chairman

Justin McGee [14]

Jon B. Greene [20]

APPRECIATION:

Justin McGee [14]

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA**

The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Conclave
April 27, 2024

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened for its One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Conclave at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest, 3233 Northwest Expy, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

S.K. Bradley S. Rickelman, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a sufficient number of Commandies were represented to constitute a quorum. Thereupon, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened with the following Grand Officers:

Sir Knight John E. King Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight John T. Turner Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden 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 Trasen S. Akers Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Sir Knight Robert W. "Bob" McLeod Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight Brian M. Ragain Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Knight Justin M. McGee Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Knight Jay A. Wall Eminent Grand Warder
Sir Knight John E. King, Jr. Eminent Grand Sentinel

Sir Knight John E. King led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was led by Sir Knight Steven E. Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISTORS

Sir Knight John E. King, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

M.:E.: Companion William J. "Jim" Cloud, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

M.:I.: Robert G. Davis, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.

Sir Knight Mark A. Wright, Excellent Grand Prelate for the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma near the District of Columbia.

Sir Knight Edward J. Mayfiled, Jr., Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma near Florida.

Sir Knight Frederick Kemp, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas.

Sir Knight Gary Mason, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas.

Sir Knight Reed Fanning, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah.

Sir Knight W.P. "Bill" Leonard, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas.

Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri, and Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri.

Sir Knight Maurice L. “Butch” Blackman, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas and Affiliated Past Grand Commander of Texas.

Sir Knight Bart Henderson, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas.

Sir Knight William “Keith” Powell, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana.

Sir Knight James McGee, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama and Past Department Commander for the Southeastern Department for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

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 Lt. Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction and Most Eminent Past 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.

M.:W.: Brother John F. Carter, 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 COMMANDERS

The following Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery were present and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

Daniel C. Pryor	1988-89	Gary A. Davis	2004-05
Robert G. Davis	2005-06	John L. Logan	2007-08
Paul T. Currell	2015-16	Timothy P. Israel	2016-17
Donnie G. Higginbotham	2017-18	Matthew D. McGee	2018-19
Robert R. Rolseth	2021-22	James R. Taylor, Jr.	2022-23

INTRODUCTION OF 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 John E. King, Jr.	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	T. Lavern Ragain, Jr.		

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	St. John’s No. 8
Ardmore No. 9	Ben Hur No. 14	Lawton No. 18	Trinity No. 20
Elk City No. 22	Calvary No. 26		

APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made by Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, and seconded to approve the 2023 proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome all Past and Present Commandery Officers, Members, and our Distinguished Guests to the 129th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. Sir Knight Robert M. Loflin, Knight Commander of the Temple, Right Eminent Department Commander, it is an honor to have you here representing the Grand Encampment. You are a great source of knowledge and advisor to the Grand Commanderies of the South Central Region. To my officers and committee members, thank you for your service this year. I asked SK Jay Wall to serve as Time and Place Chairman one more year, and again, he has made this Grand Session outstanding. SK Justin McGee, you worked in and accompanied me to many of the inspections. SK Jon Greene, you kept me on the straight and narrow. You have become the center of the York Rite around which we can all depend on. SK Glen Chaney, thank you for your counsel and advice. SK Mark McFadden, keep up the good work on membership. M.:.E.: William J. "Jim" Cloud and M.:.I.: Robert G. Davis, it was a pleasure serving with you this year. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council are the gateways to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar. You have done great work in recruiting for the Oklahoma York Rite. I would be remiss in not thanking my Wife of 60 years for putting up with 46 years of Masonry, especially on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

This year, we had eight inspections, five open, receive, and close, and one did not participate. The inspection is not to cause hardship on a Commandery. It is to make sure that the Commandery can live up to the commitment it made when it was constituted. The Grand Commandery does not include the Red Cross or the Malta Orders in its inspection. They can be done in short form. The Order of the Temple cannot be done in short form and is the crowning jewel in Christian Masonry. The order is, in reality, designed to carry one knight through the reason we are Christian Knights. It is not meant for Knights to sit on the perimeter and watch, not participate in or feel the exultation of receiving the order personally directed at only him. This can only be done in the Knights home asylum with the Knights he will be working.

The sources of new Knights are dwindling. We need Knights that will return to the asylum with that feeling of being wanted because he was honored by those around him. Too often new Knights returning from a group knighting are never again seen in the asylum. The Order of the Temple is the responsibility of the Commanderies to give that feeling of being wanted. Our Christian forbears gave their lives for their beliefs. Is it not fitting that we learn and participate in the orders that make up the Christian organization we knowingly and willingly became a part of? In the Blue lodges, there are many Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who did not get that feeling of belonging or that need exultation and never progressed. I realize my short comings when I could not work the balance between work, family, and Masonry. Work is the foundation of supporting the family. Family is the foundation of our lives, honoring our marriage commitment and raising our children to be successful in their lives. Masonry is to improve our path in this life and help through our work to show men how to live a righteous life. Hence the saying, "We take a good man and make him better."

Men will join organizations, each with his own idea of what he needs to put into that organization and what he wants to take out. I praise those who are trying to make this and other organizations work and not fall by the wayside. We, as Christian Knights, remember the Son of God on the Cross said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He gave his life for our redemption. What can we give to maintain and grow this Christian Order?

GENERAL ORDERS

General Order No. 1 – The General Order consists of clarifying the use of ritual books during inspections.

- General Order No. 2 – The General Order consists of Orders to regulate the Annual Inspections during June, July, and August 2023.
- General Order No. 3 – The General Order consists of the Grand Commandery Officer, Committees, and Officers-in-charge of the Templar Year 2023-2024.
- General Order No. 4 – The General Order consists of the Commanderies contributing and supporting the Oklahoma Stillwater Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant.
- General Order No. 5 – The General Order consists of an Order to read the Oklahoma knight Templar News monthly and recorded in the meeting and attached to the minutes.
- General Order No. 6 – The General Order consists of the use of Virtual Conclaves only under extraordinary circumstances, no ritual, at least one being the RE Grand Commander, VE Deputy Grand Commander or the OIC attend and recorded.
- General Order No. 7 – The General Order consist of setting time and place for the 2024 Grand Commandery Conclave and order OICs to visit Commanderies to remind them to attend.
- General Order No. 7a – The General Order adds to General Order No. 7 the addition of Work and Tactics after the conclusion of the installations.

DISPENSATIONS

- May 23, 2023 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 13, a., I do hereby issue a Special Dispensation to Darren Parks of Miami, Oklahoma, to take his York Rite Degrees in Missouri and be able to join the Missouri York Rite Bodies. On Monday, May 22, 2023, Trinity Commandery No. 20 voted to wave jurisdiction over Brother Darren Parks, a member of Miami Lodge #140. Brother Parks has stated that a York Rite Body in Missouri is much closer to his home than Tulsa. Nothing in the General Laws prevents a Waiver of Jurisdiction.
- July 12, 2023 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 14, Paragraph b, subsection 1, to Lawton Commandery No. 18, to allow Lawton Commandery to temporarily move its Charter to Lawton Lodge No. 183 Lawton, OK, for the evening of their Inspection.
- August 16, 2023 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 14, Paragraph b, subsection 1, to allow Calvary Commandery No. 26 to temporarily move its Charter to St. John’s Commandery No. 8 in Stillwater, OK, on August 19, 2023, for the purpose of Opening, receiving the Grand Commander, and Closing.
- October 13, 2023 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3, to allow Trinity Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on November 27, 2023
- October 15, 2023 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3, To allow Muskogee Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on November 28, 2023.

VISITATIONS

- April 27 & 28, 2023 Attended and was installed as Grand Commander GCKTO.
- May 11, 2023 Attended, introduced, and brought greetings at the Order of Amaranth Grand Court.
- June 9, 2023 Attended, introduced, and brought greetings at Job’s Daughter’s.
- June 17, 2023 Attended and was introduced Bartlesville Festival Board.
- July 15, 2023 Attended, was introduced, and brought greetings at the DeMolay Conclave, Norman, OK.
- July 22, 2023 Attended and was introduced at the Grand Masters York Rite Festival.
- August 10, 2023 Performed Arch of Steel for the Grand Master Cornerstone Ceremony Mannford, OK.

August 19, 2023	Attended and was introduced at the Past Commanders Association.
September 1, 2023	Attended Convent General KYCH, Oklahoma City.
September 14, 2023	Attended South Central Regional Conference, Branson, MO.
September 26-28, 2023	I traveled to Rhode Island to attend the Massachusetts – Rhode Island Knight Templar Grand Commandery Session. Held at the Massachusetts York Rite Grand Session. I was introduced at the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Sessions. I was received and introduced at the Knight Templar Grand Session. I enjoyed spending time with our Past Grand Commander, Right Eminent Michael E. (Mike) Hampton.
September 30, 2023	Attended and was introduced at Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion.
October 7, 2023	Attended and was introduced at Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion.
October 15, 2023	Attended, introduced, and brought greetings at the Grand Session of the Oklahoma Eastern Star.
October 21, 2023	Attended and was introduced at McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion.
November 8, 2023	Attended institution of Nemesis DeMolay Chapter at Mangum Masonic Lodge No. 61.
November 11, 2023	Performed Arch of Steel for the Grand Master and Present Swords for Grand Line at Grand Lodge Installation.
January 20, 2024	Attended the Sr. Wardens Retreat at the Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City.
January 28, 2024	Attended DeMolay Winterfest to bring greeting and present the sword to an outstanding DeMolay.
March 23, 2024	Attended and was introduced at Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion.
March 30, 2024	Attended Muskogee Commanderies Easter Observance.
April 5, 2024	Attended and was introduced at Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion.
April 13, 2024	Attended and was introduced at the McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion.
April 9, 2024	Attended Stillwater Chapter. I presented the honor sword to Colton Condit
April 17, 2024	Attended multiple Tinker Sojourners No. 43 meetings. I was introduced at all.

INSPECTIONS

June 28, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Muskogee Commandery No. 2.
July 13, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Norman Commandery No. 38.
July 26, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Oklahoma Commandery No. 3.
August 1, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Lawton Commandery No. 18.
August 10, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Guthrie Commandery No. 1.
August 22, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Ben Hur Commandery No. 14.
August 28, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for Trinity Commandery No. 20 with candidates, Knights of Malta
August 30, 2023	Received, and attended inspection for St. Johns Commandery No. 8, Stillwater OK

RECEPTIONS

June 12, 2023	Received by Ardmore Commandery No. 9, Ardmore OK
July 18, 2023	Received at my home Commandery, Elk City Commandery No. 22.
August 16, 2023	Received by Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53 at Midwest City, OK.
August 19, 2023	Received by Calvary Commandery No. 26 at Stillwater, OK.
August 31, 2023	Received By McAlester Commandery No. 6 at McAlester, OK.

COMMANDERIES THAT DID NOT OPEN FOR INSPECTION OR RECEPTION

St. Aumer Commandery #29, Woodward, OK

SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

A sad note! We lost the Oklahoma Beauceant because of low membership. They voted to combine with the Kansas Beauceant so that current members could attend meetings. That is a Grand Commandery 12 129th Annual Conclave

loss we will miss. The ladies who live here will volunteer to help us, but there will probably not be any more joining.

INSPECTIONS

There was one more inspection this year than last year. Last year, schools were implemented to improve their abilities to do the necessary work to open, close, and receive. Work and Tactics demonstrated to the Commandery officers the changes that were being employed in the opening and closing.

This year, I gave the Commanderies the use of books to help them do openings, reception, and closings during inspections to help them show they were trying to get the job done. The Commanderies could use the book in the inspection to also help them do the Order of the Temple that next year having done so they might be able to put it on as it is supposed to be done.

Some of the Commanderies, using new members and the books, were able to work though Opening, Reception, Closing, and even The Order of the Temple. It is my hope that what we have given them will give them the desire and confidence to learn the work and stand inspection with pride.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The only way the York Rite is going to flourish in the future is if we have a source to draw from. Since that source is Blue Lodge Masons, it is a fact that without a large influx of Blue Lodge Masons, we will continue to grow smaller. I recommend that we begin a large campaign to use all of our Rites along with the Grand Lodge to get positive information out to the young men about Masonry and what it can do to help them in life. We need to get ourselves into a position of high regard among the population, that to be a Mason is again the highest standard of being a successful man.

CLOSING REMARKS

Thank you for electing me to the position of Grand Commander. Being retired military of 28 years of service was indeed a fitting position for me. It has been an honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of Oklahoma. Serving the Christian Knights of Oklahoma is the highest and most gratifying position a man can have in Masonry. It is my hope that I served you well. Go forth into the world as our Knights Templars of old and spread Christian help to all. Show the world we are soldiers of the Christ Jesus of Nazareth.

John E. King
Right Eminent Grand Commander 2023-24

REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND TREASURER KENTON M. ISRAEL

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma

For the period ending December 31, 2023

These Accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Commandery Investment Account

General Fund

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$84,715.97
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-1,800.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,618.44
Appreciation	<u>6,863.07</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$92,397.48

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$250,776.82
Deposits	10,905.00
Withdrawals	-9735.36
Dividend/Interest Earned	7,514.41
Appreciation	<u>9,559.01</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$269,019.88

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Holy Land Endowment Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$104,044.30
Deposits	4,000.00
Withdrawals	0
Dividend/Interest Earned	3,277.53
Appreciation	<u>5,822.06</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$117,143.89

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$12,679.83
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-9,067.31
Appreciation	<u>539.33</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$4,151.85

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2023	\$65,836.16
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,053.58
Appreciation	<u>5,327.74</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$73,217.48

Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments	1/1/2023	12/31/2023		
General Fund	\$84,715.97	\$92,397.48	\$7,681.51	9.07%
Perpetual Membership	\$250,776.82	\$269,019.88	\$18,243.06	7.27%
Holy Land Endowment Fund	\$104,044.30	\$117,143.89	\$13,099.59	12.59%
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$12,679.83	\$4,151.85	(\$8,527.98)	-67.26%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$65,836.16	\$73,217.48	\$7,381.32	11.21%
Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments	\$518,053.08	\$555,930.58		

After a dismal 2022 and a decent yet very volatile spring of 2023, a majority of economists were expecting a full recession in 2023, not just in the U.S., but the World Bank was predicting a global recession in 2023. With these dire warnings, and the recommendation from our Investment Advisors at Morgan Stanley, we went very conservative. These predictions not becoming true and the economy not moving as expected did not allow us to fully take advantage of the run up of the stock market. If we did have a recession, I do believe we would have been sitting well to be protected from a major downturn. We did see growth of about 10% still left us closer to the Dow Jones, but not the Nasdaq or S&P 500. With this conservative position, we did not lose as much as

the market did last year, and then we didn't gain as much this year, but we didn't have as low of a bottom to recover from.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

865 Total Members at 12/31/2023

10 New Members in 2023

421 Living Members

444 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2023: \$7,514.41

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$3,663.47

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderies in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$3,849.88

We added 10 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2023. In the middle of 2023 after one my meetings with Morgan Stanley, our Perpetual Accounts got moved from a High Income Dividend Yield to a Conservative Growth, which was not my intention. I did not notice the change for a few months, this caused us to receive less Dividends and Interest than in years past. This has been corrected, and with the added growth in value to the positions in held during that time, we expect much larger returns in Div & int in 2024.

Total Perpetual Members Grand Commandery, KT of Oklahoma															
As of	New Members	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Div/Interest Distributed	Total * Deceased	To Grand Commandery * Deceased	To Grand Commandery * Living	Total to Grand Commandery * Deceased	Total to Grand Commandery * Living	To Local Commandery * Deceased	To Local Commandery * Living	Total to Local Commanderies
3/28/2024 14:53															
Name															
Ardmore, No. 9	27	14	13	9,015.50	570.00	244.77	36.13	96.11	132.24	71.94	40.59	112.53			
Ben Hur (Ponca City), No. 14	38	13	25	13,714.00	858.67	372.34	29.91	169.65	199.56	47.20	125.58	172.78			
Calvary (Evville), No. 26	38	28	10	12,096.00	706.40	328.41	51.52	87.93	139.44	141.32	47.65	188.96			
Capitol Hill (OKC), No. 53	1	146	81	44,837.50	2,835.50	1,202.41	192.15	336.54	528.69	458.64	215.08	673.72			
Elk City, No. 22	59	25	34	17,245.00	1,121.00	468.20	53.19	206.15	259.34	108.49	100.37	208.86			
Guthrie, No. 1	31	12	19	10,485.00	699.00	284.67	30.75	131.20	161.94	54.78	67.95	122.72			
Lawton, No. 18	55	37	18	12,900.00	840.00	780.70	62.67	221.29	283.96	155.21	341.53	486.74			
McAlester, No. 6	1	60	25	14,610.00	974.20	384.44	56.61	207.95	264.56	61.37	58.52	119.89			
Muslogee, No. 2	2	86	43	32,820.00	1,855.00	838.12	130.83	337.93	468.76	232.84	136.52	389.36			
Norman, No. 38	66	43	23	16,286.78	1,080.74	442.19	71.62	105.28	176.90	182.32	82.97	265.28			
Oklahoma No. 3.	1	51	21	30	17,425.00	1,162.00	459.24	43.85	196.19	240.04	104.66	219.20			
St Aumur (Woodward), No. 29	43	26	17	7,160.00	454.00	194.39	39.90	93.92	138.86	39.90	15.63	55.53			
St Johns (Stillwater), No. 8	46	27	19	11,895.10	792.34	322.95	93.95	127.31	178.61	93.95	50.39	144.35			
Trinity (Tulsa), No. 20	5	119	49	47,450.00	3,137.10	1,190.53	94.83	395.74	490.57	275.84	424.12	699.96			
14	10	865	444	267,939.88	17,085.95	7,513.35	987.90	2,713.18	3,663.47	2,028.45	1,821.43	3,849.88			
As of December 31, 2023							2.80%	3,701.09	1.37%						
Percentage used in making calculations:															
Interest and Dividends Earned in 2023				\$7,514.41	Div/Int earned in 2023	\$7,514.41									\$3,863.47
					Distributed in 2024	\$7,513.35									\$3,849.88
					Retained in Fund	\$1.06									\$7,513.35

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year. It has been an honor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenton M. Israel [22, 3],
Grand Treasurer

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

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2023 End: 12/31/2023
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>1,172</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>69</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>78</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>33</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>37</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>75</u>	
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>3</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>1,175</u>

We had a net gain of three Sir Knights as compared to a loss of twenty-six the previous year. We Knighted sixty-nine compared to fifty-nine last year. Suspensions were down, as we had thirty-three in 2023 as compared to forty-one in 2022. Withdrawals were five as compared to nine in 2022. We had thirty-seven deceased Sir Knights in 2023 compared to forty-five in 2022. There were fourteen members reported on the Annual Reports who could not pay their dues compared to twenty last year.

Respectfully submitted:
Jon B. Greene [20]
Grand Recorder

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023																												
No.	Name	2022 Members End of Year	Knighted	Admitted	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdrew	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2023 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	KTEF Life (Not Perpetual)	No.	Name	Dues	Fees	Grand Commandery Per Capita	Grand Encampment Per Capita	DeMolay	KTEF	Holy Land Pilgrimage	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
1	Guthrie	74	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	6	68	20	1	11	1	Guthrie	\$37.00	\$75.00	\$705.00	\$432.00	\$1.75	\$37.00	\$136.00	\$1,321.75	\$161.94	\$1,483.69
2	Muskogee	119	13	1	3	0	0	6	7	0	0	4	123	39	0	84	2	Muskogee	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$1,260.00	\$756.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$246.00	\$2,263.00	\$468.76	\$2,731.76
3	Oklahoma	114	11	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	119	31	3	15	3	Oklahoma	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$1,275.00	\$792.00	\$21.25	\$73.00	\$238.00	\$2,399.25	\$240.04	\$2,639.29
6	McAlester	94	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	96	34	0	40	6	McAlester	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$930.00	\$558.00	\$15.50	\$22.00	\$192.00	\$1,717.50	\$264.56	\$1,982.06
8	St. John's	56	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	54	19	0	13	8	8	St. John's	\$36.00	\$75.00	\$525.00	\$315.00	\$6.75	\$22.00	\$108.00	\$978.75	\$178.61	\$1,157.36
9	Ardmore	56	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	57	13	0	7	9	Ardmore	\$34.00	\$75.00	\$660.00	\$396.00	\$11.00	\$37.00	\$114.00	\$1,218.00	\$132.24	\$1,350.24
14	Ben Hur	50	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	26	0	8	14	Ben Hur	\$44.00	\$115.00	\$360.00	\$216.00	\$6.00	\$16.00	\$100.00	\$688.00	\$198.56	\$887.56
18	Lawton	88	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	100	19	0	16	17	Lawton	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$1,215.00	\$729.00	\$20.25	\$65.00	\$200.00	\$2,229.25	\$283.96	\$2,513.21
20	Trinity	177	15	0	0	0	1	11	6	0	0	3	174	71	7	103	20	Trinity	\$48.00	\$110.00	\$1,440.00	\$927.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$346.00	\$2,739.00	\$490.57	\$3,229.57
22	Elk City	82	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	80	33	0	15	22	Elk City	\$66.00	\$100.00	\$705.00	\$423.00	\$11.75	\$32.00	\$160.00	\$1,331.75	\$259.34	\$1,591.09
26	Calvary	41	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	10	0	10	26	Calvary	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$480.00	\$288.00	\$8.00	\$22.00	\$84.00	\$882.00	\$139.44	\$1,021.44
29	St. Aumer	37	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5	32	17	0	7	29	St. Aumer	\$35.00	\$65.00	\$225.00	\$135.00	\$3.75	\$8.00	\$64.00	\$435.75	\$138.86	\$574.61
38	Norman	83	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	86	19	0	21	38	Norman	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$1,005.00	\$603.00	\$16.75	\$46.00	\$172.00	\$1,842.75	\$176.90	\$2,019.65
53	Capitol Hill	101	2	0	1	0	0	7	3	0	0	7	94	61	3	7	53	Capitol Hill	\$37.00	\$85.00	\$450.00	\$297.00	\$7.50	\$26.00	\$188.00	\$968.50	\$268.69	\$1,497.19
	Totals	1172	89	5	4	0	5	33	37	0	0	3	1175	412	14	357		Totals			\$11,235.00	\$6,867.00	\$187.25	\$406.00	\$2,350.00	\$21,045.25	\$3,663.47	\$24,708.72

2023 Grand Commandery Budget Actual VS Budget

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	11,085.00	11,085.00	0.00
4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,831.00	6,831.00	0.00
4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	416.00	416.00	0.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	184.75	184.75	0.00
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	18,516.75	18,516.75	0.00
4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	5,141.87	4,914.21	227.66
4120 · Interest Income	0.00	3,464.16	-3,464.16
Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	5,141.87	8,378.37	-3,236.50
4200 · FEES/DONATIONS			
4210 · Order Fees	1,360.00	1,000.00	360.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	20.00	10.00	10.00
Total 4200 · FEES/DONATIONS	1,390.00	1,020.00	370.00
4300 · RESALE			
4310 · Ritual Resale	10.00	240.00	-230.00
Total 4300 · RESALE	10.00	240.00	-230.00
4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage			
4510 · Holy Land Endowment Interest	0.00	6,723.31	-6,723.31
4520 · HLP from Commandery Per Capita	2,344.00	2,344.00	0.00
4530 · HLP Other Donations	8,825.00		
Total 4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage	11,169.00	9,067.31	2,101.69
4600 · MISC INCOME			
4620 · KTEF Donations	0.00	400.00	-400.00
4650 · MISC INCOME- Other	949.32	200.00	749.32
4600 · MISC INCOME- Other	553.20		
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	1,502.52	600.00	902.52
Total Income	37,730.14	37,822.43	-92.29
Gross Profit	37,730.14	37,822.43	-92.29
Expense			
5000 · STAFF			
5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	6,500.00	6,750.00	-250.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	555.88	577.32	-21.44
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 · STAFF	7,055.88	7,527.32	-471.44
5100 · ASSESSMENTS			
5110 · Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	11,108.00	10,964.00	144.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	0.00	300.00	-300.00
5150 · Per Capita Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	11,108.00	11,264.00	-156.00

2022 Grand Commandery Budget Actual vs. Budget – Continued.

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
6000 · CONFERENCE/ TRAVEL			
6010.22 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Taylor	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
6010.23 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - John King	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6011 · Grand Recorder's Travel	90.54	200.00	-109.46
6020 · R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	250.00	250.00	0.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00
6040 · Grand Sessions-Headquarters	819.24	1,100.00	-280.76
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	0.00	200.00	-200.00
6060 · Past Grand Commander Jewel	126.70	0.00	126.70
6065 · Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00	200.00	0.00
6090 · Grand Commandery Retreat	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/ TRAVEL	2,736.48	5,000.00	-2,263.52
7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 · Rent			
7110 · Muskogee Storage Rent	0.00	33.00	-33.00
7130 · Field Day/Other Rent	200.00	200.00	0.00
Total 7100 · Rent	200.00	233.00	-33.00
7200 · Telecommunications			
7210 · ATT-Phone & Internet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
7220 · Website	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	0.00	475.00	-475.00
7300 · Office Supplies			
7310 · General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
7320 · INK	0.00	120.00	-120.00
7330 · Computer Software	811.52	290.00	521.52
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	811.52	450.00	361.52
7400 · Printing and Reproduction			
7410 · Pre-Print	0.00	120.00	-120.00
7420 · Proceedings	339.10	150.00	189.10
7430 · Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	339.10	270.00	69.10
7500 · Postage and Delivery			
7510 · PO Box Rental	258.67	61.00	197.67
7520 · Stamps	0.00	63.00	-63.00
7530 · Special Mailing Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	258.67	124.00	134.67
7600 · Insurance			
7610 · Bond Premium	0.00	131.68	-131.68
Total 7600 · Insurance	0.00	131.68	-131.68
7700 · Repairs			
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7700 · Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	1,609.29	1,683.68	-74.39
8000 · MISC			
8010 · Rituals	565.26		
8020 · KT Regalia	0.00	0.00	0.00
8050 · G.W. Memorial-Dig Proceedings	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
8070 · Misc - Other	242.61	250.00	-7.39
Total 8000 · MISC	807.87	1,450.00	-642.13
Total Expense	23,317.52	26,925.00	-3,607.48
Net Income	14,412.62	10,897.43	3,515.19

RESOLUTION 1 - PASSED

WHEREAS: The date of the Annual Communications is set by the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandry of Knights Templar of Oklahoma

WHEREAS: This makes it difficult to negotiate the best market rate with hotels or conference facilities.

WHEREAS: Hotels and Conference facilities are becoming more and more expensive to rent for the time, requirements and size of our Annual Communications.

WHEREAS: Multi-year contracts allow the organization to negotiate the best rates for the Annual Communications.

WHEREAS: Expenditures are restricted to the annual financial year for the organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Article XIII, Section 1 APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS

BE AMMENDED TO ADD SECTION 1.a

The Time & Place Committee may submit to the vote of the Annual Communications a contract for the location of the annual communications binding for up to 3 years, subject to the proviso that in any given year the Time & Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

Respectfully Submitted
Bradley S Rickelman [8]

TELLERS COMMITTEE

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights James R. Taylor, Jr., P.G.C., Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth, P.G.C., and Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, P.G.C. to the Tellers Committee.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Sir Knight Mathew A. Turner was nominated and re-elected to a three-year term as the Grand Commandry Representative to the Grand York Rite Investment Advisory Board.

CREDENTIALS

The Credentials Committee reports the following:

Grand Officers:	14
Past Grand Commanders:	10
Past Commanders:	49
Commanders:	8
Generalissimos:	: 7
Captain Generals:	5
Total Votes:	69

Number of Commanderies represented by Dais Officers: 10

Number of Commanderies not represented: 4

Respectfully Submitted
Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chmn

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The members of the Jurisprudence Committee for the Grand Commandry of Oklahoma met at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City on the 25th of April. We opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with the invocation given by Sir Knight Tim Israel, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

The Grand Commanders Address, and Dispensations were reviewed and found to be in proper form. We found General Orders 1, 2, 3, and 6 in proper form to be issued. It is the opinion of the committee that General Orders 4, 5, 7, and 7A, were not proper and should not have been issued for the following reasons:

General Order No. 4-that a General Order seeking contributions to benefit another organization should not have been issued but a voluntary campaign letter seeking donations would have been more appropriate.

General Order No. 5-The General Order to read the Templar State News in our local Commanderies was not proper due to the requirement that a copy was to be stapled to the meeting minutes, instead of simply being noted in the minutes.

General Order No. 7-General Orders are to be used as a communication tool, to instruct/advise the Sir Knights of pertinent information necessary for the operation of the local Commanderies. General Orders should not be used to communicate to the officers/O.I.C.'s but handled through internal communications.

General Order No. 7A-The Grand Commander does not have the authority to issue General Orders that take place after his term has ended.

Resolution No. 1 was reviewed and found to be in proper form.

The committee expresses its appreciation to SK John King, REGC in representing this Grand Commandery, for a job well done and thank him for his many years of service to the York Rite of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Rolseth – Chairman, James R.Taylor Jr. - Secretary
Paul Currell, Bob Davis, Gary Davis, Donnie Higginbotham, Tim Israel, Matt McGee

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on February 21, 2024, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses prepared by the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer 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 Commanderies 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. This will continue to present challenges for incoming and outgoing Grand Officers, as travel expenses incurred by one will continue to be paid by their predecessor. The committee also notes that the travel expenses that are dedicated to the Triennial travel is woefully inadequate, and this burden left to the Officers who are required by statute to travel will continue to hinder the Grand Commandery and its' Officers.

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 2024.

We recommend its approval by the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally submitted,

Glen A. Chaney [18] – Chairman, John T. Turner [38], Mark K. McFadden [2], Trasen S. Akers [3]

COMMANDERY BUDGET 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
Income	
ANNUAL RETURNS	
Oklahoma Per Capita	11,220.00
Grand Encampment Assessment	6,858.00
KT Eye Foundation Assessment	405.00
DeMolay Donation from Annual Returns	<u>187.00</u>
Total - ANNUAL RETURNS	18,670.00
INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	
PEM Investment Dividend/Interest Income	3,663.47
General Fund Dividend/Interest Income	<u>2,618.44</u>
Total - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	6,281.91
FEES/DONATIONS	
Order Fees	1,000.00
Dispensation Fee	20.00
Reinstatement Fee	10.00
Donations	0.00
Other	<u>0.00</u>
Total - FEES/DONATIONS	1,030.00
RESALE	
Ritual Resale	300.00
Misc. Resale	<u>0.00</u>
Total - RESALE	300.00
MISC INCOME	
KTEF Donations	300.00
Other	<u>200.00</u>
Total - MISC INCOME	500.00
Total Income	<u>26,781.91</u>
Gross Profit	26,781.91
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	7,263.00
DeMolay Donation	300.00
Total - ASSESSMENTS	7,563.00

CONFERENCE / TRAVEL

R.E.G.C. - Travel - John King**	1,250.00
R.E.G.C. - Travel - Chaney**	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	1,140.00
Grand Sessions-Awards	300.00
Past Grand Commander Jewel	0.00
Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00

Triennial

Triennial (22)	239.00
Triennial (23)	234.00
Triennial (24)	881.25

Total - Triennial 1,354.25

Grand Commandery Retreat 300.00

Total - CONFERENCE / TRAVEL 6,494.25**OFFICE EXPENSE****Rent**

GM Festival Rent	100.00
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Total - Rent 100.00**Telecommunications**

Phone & Internet	200.00
Website	75.00

Total - Telecommunications 275.00**Office Supplies**

General Office Supplies	40.00
INK	120.00
Computer Software	250.00
Office Equipment	0.00

Total - Office Supplies 410.00**Printing and Reproduction**

Pre-Print	75.00
Proceedings	32.65

Total - Printing and Reproduction 107.65**Postage and Delivery**

PO Box Rental	67.00
Stamps	68.00

Total - Postage and Delivery 135.00**Insurance**

Bond Premium	250.00
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Total - Insurance 250.00**Repairs**

Equipment Repairs	0.00
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Total - Repairs 0.00**Total - OFFICE EXPENSE** 1,277.65**MISC**

Rituals	300.00
G.W. Memorial-Dig Proceedings	200.00
Misc - Other	200.00

Total MISC 700.00**Total Expense** 23,562.22**Net Income** \$3,219.69

HOLY LAND PILGRAMIGE FUND	Budget 2024
Income	
Holy Land Pilgrimage	
Holy Land Endowment Interest	3,277.53
HLP from Commandery Per Capita	2,348.00
HLP Endowment	3,974.47
Total · Holyland Pilgrimage	<u>9,600.00</u>
Total Income	<u>9,600.00</u>
Gross Profit	
Expense	
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	
HLP Minister/OTHER	8,000.00
HLP Transfer to Investment Acct	0.00
Airfare to Newark, NJ	1,600.00
Total HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	<u>9,600.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>9,600.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
Income	
Membership Development	
Membership Development Interest	513.00
Membership Development Other	0.00
Total · Membership Development	<u>513.00</u>
Total Income	<u>513.00</u>
Gross Profit	513.00
Expense	
MEMBERSHIP	
Promotional Expense	305.00
DeMolay Sword	208.00
Total · MEMBERSHIP	<u>513.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>513.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

NOTE: **Any funds budgeted for Grand Commander's Travel - (2024-2025) not disbursed during 2024 will be carried over to the 2025 budget.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each appointed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander, respectively, serving staggered terms. The committee's purpose 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 typically review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other matters deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The committee believes that the Grand Treasurer's actions are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
 John L. Logan, Chapter 2024-2026 [72, 6], Chairman
 Mathew Turner, Commandery 2021-2024 [38]
 Charles L. Stuckey, Council 2022-2025 [43]

WORK AND TACTICS

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. Eight Commanderies stood for inspection. Muskogee #2, Lawton #18, Guthrie #1, Norman #38, Trinity #20, Ben Hur #14, St. John's #8, and Oklahoma #3. 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).

CLASSIFICATION

The Work & Tactics Committee will categorize the Commanderies based on the total membership of the Commandery as reported on the annual report in three (3) classes. The Commanderies of over 150 members will be Class A, 76-150 members will be Class A inspected as Class B, and those of 75 members or less will be Class B.

2023 INSPECTIONS

The Annual Inspections were conducted in accordance with General Order No. 3 and under the supervision of the Work and Tactics Committee.

CLASS "A" INSPECTED AS CLASS "B"

Trinity No. 20	85.93
Muskogee No. 2	76.42
Oklahoma No. 3	59.50
Lawton No. 18	81.83
Norman No. 38	76.40

CLASS "B"

Guthrie No. 1	80.83
St. John No. 8	89.53
Ben Hur No. 14	78.91

The Work and Tactics Committee will recognize the two Commanderies for proficiency. A date bar for their plaque will be awarded to Trinity Commandery No. 20 with the highest score in Class A inspected as Class B, 85.93. The James A> Latham Class B trophy was awarded to St. Johns Commandery No. 8 for having the highest score in Class B, 89.53. The Committee was assisted in these inspections by S.K. James R. Taylor, Jr., P.G.C, S.K. John L. Logan, P.G.C., S.K. Mark K, McFadden Eminent Grand Captain General, S.K. Trasen S. Akers, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, S.K. Bob McLeod, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, S.K. Jay A. Wall, Eminent Grand Warder, and S.K. Michael T. Harden, P.C. The committee wishes to express thanks to all of you for your assistance.

CONCLUSION

There was a total of eight commanderies inspected, three more than last year. Five commanderies were classified as "A," and three were classified as "B". However, all were inspected as "B."

The scores ranged from 60% to 89.53%. It appears to me that the primary reasons for this were:

- Higher-ranking Sir Knights were substituted for Sir Knights who were unprepared:
- Too many reading their parts.

Taking all of the commanderies as one, there were 430 errors on the scorecard for The Order of the Temple. The four highest ranking officers were responsible for 32% of those errors. In scoring the Full Form Opening, there were 348 errors. The three highest ranking officers were responsible for 34% of those errors.

The committee extends its thanks to the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve our Grand Commandery.

Respectively submitted,

Larry D. White, [20], John L. Logan, [29, 1] PGC, Glenn A. Kinsley, [29] PGC, Timothy P. Israel, [22] PGC

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

With the 55th annual K.T.E.F. campaign that ended May 15, 2023, Oklahoma donated a total of \$24,103, an increase of \$1,349 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, are going to two different Commanderies this year.

The winner of the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard plaque goes to:

Trinity No. 20 (Tulsa), with total donations of \$4,173

The winner of the Ned D. Prator plaque goes to:

St. Aumer No. 29 with the largest per-capita donations of \$61.94

The 56 annual campaign does not end until May 15, 2023 please keep those donations coming in.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Rolseth [20]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

The Monthly State News has been published every month of 2023 - 24.

Respectfully submitted,w

John E. King [22]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS

The 69th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is scheduled to be held on August 19-20, 2024, with headquarters at the Little America Hotel located at 500 South Main Street 84101 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hotel room rates are set at \$179 a night. Registration fee for the event is \$305.00 and includes two tickets to Sunday's Grand Master Reception, two tickets to the Grand Master's Banquet on Tuesday night, a Triennial badge, and a program book. Registration after June 1st, the price jumps to \$330. For more information, go to www.yorkrite.org and click on Triennial Conclave.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark K. McFadden [2]

GENERAL MATTERS

First, the Good News.

We will have 14 Commanderies. Per the M.M.S. System, we have a net growth of 3. While that is a small number, at least we have growth. Masonic Bodies, on the whole, are struggling with membership.

We Knighted 72 New Knights. We had a total of 7 Affiliations and 5 Reinstatements for a total gain of 84 Sir Knights on the books.

Now, the sad news: We had 42 Deaths, 33 Suspensions, and 6 Demits.

Last year, we had 45 Deaths. In two years, we have lost almost 100 Sir Knights. Those are not just numbers: let us remember our Comrades who have fallen.

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.

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]

NECROLOGY

During this Annual Grand Conclave, we have gathered to pay tribute to the Sir Knights, who have laid down their swords and have entered into the celestial Asylum above:

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

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

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 2024:

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

A review of the preliminary financial statements ending December 31, 2023, was presented to the members. The preliminary combined balance sheet reflects total assets of \$101,477,446.33, an increase of \$3,841,357.27 from one year ago. Endowments total \$91,592,482.82, an increase of \$553,122 from one year ago. The General Fund total is \$9885,096.76, an increase of \$3,503,972.08 over the 2022 year-end.

The preliminary combined income statement for 2023 reflects a Total Revenue of \$10,827,701.46, including \$5,215,484.71 of unrealized investment gains. Expenditures for 2023 total \$5,945,799.95, a decrease of \$36,558.94 from the 2022 expenditures of \$5,982,358.89.

LODGE MATCHING FUNDS

2023 PROGRAM REVIEW

The Foundation staff gave an update on the following Masonic Charity Foundation programs:

- **MATCHING FUNDS**
 - Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2023, = \$1,408,382.54
 - Community Matching = \$1,287,791.04
 - Promises Matter Matching = \$120,591.50
 - # of Lodges using the program in 2023 = 195
 - # of Lodges using the program in 2022 = 192
 - Matching Funds applications processed = 1,449
 - Applications denied = 64

Matching Funds disbursed since inception = \$37,556,101.88 (x2=\$75,112,202.56)

PROMISES MATTER

- Grants issued to Master Masons or their minor children or widows = 15
- Emergency grants issued = 12
- Average grant amount = \$1,811.10
- The average age of grant recipients = 57
- Total Promises Matter Grants issued during 2022 = \$33,153.15

MASONRY IN ACTION AWARD

The Masonry in Action Award was first presented in 2013 to recognize lodges that impact their communities by utilizing Foundation programs. In 2023, Cache Lodge 391 was recognized as the small lodge Masonry In Action Winner, and Owasso Lodge 545 was recognized as the large lodge Masonry In Action Winner. Both lodges were presented with trophies at the Grand Lodge Session.

Regarding future Masonry In Action Awards, Foundation Staff proposed eliminating the application and scoring based on program data the Foundation already collects and maintains. The board discussed this proposal and approved the change.

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 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.

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. **STUDENT OF TODAY & TEACHER OF TODAY**
 - Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,894
 - Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 660
 - Participating schools = 587
 - 141 of 204 Lodges participated
3. **Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education** honors 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 members of the leadership of the Alliance. The next event will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite on April 23, 2024.
4. **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 2023, \$115,000 was provided, half allocated for teacher scholarships and the other to support their Digital Phonics Program.
5. **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: DeMolay 9, Job’s Daughters 2, and Rainbow 32.
6. **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 1st place to \$200 for 10th place. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be made to each of the 1st 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.

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 Y.M.C.A. 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 S.T.E.M. 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, I.O.R.G., also received a \$200,000 donation to renovate 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 the 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's 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. 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,
Timothy P. Israel, [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, the use of the Grand York Rite website, and any other issues 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,
John E. King [22]

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Sir Knights, This past year has been a busy one. 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.

We have got to make an effort to get out and visit our area Lodges, visit with those brethren, and encourage them to continue their masonic journey for further light by experiencing the York Rite.

One thing that was worth noting in reviewing the annual report was seeing the loss of 33 Sir Knights during the time span of 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 due to suspension for non-payment of dues. While we still need to continue to work on bringing this number down. I was happy to see it down from 41 last year during the same time.

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. Only then can we start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all.

On a positive note during this time we Knighted 69, and had 5 affiliations and 4 reinstatements.

Sadly we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost 37 Sir Knights this past year. May we All keep these Sir Knights and their families in our prayers.

We all must 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 due to suspensions and encourage them to return.

In closing, I would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander John E. King for the privilege of serving as State Membership Chairman during his year and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Mark McFadden [3] - State Membership 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 has stopped meeting in person in a “central” location. This is our third time to not meet in person. We individually rank the candidates and then seek to discuss only our top favorite choices of each committeeman. This process seems to work out well. This gives each of us more time to read, review, and rank the candidates.

The Committee 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 fifth year giving four \$1,500 scholarships – two to female applicants and two to male applicants. There was an issue with the payment for one of our recipients; therefore, we will re-issue that scholarship for her benefit this year. 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.

We are discussing the option of revising our application for next year to give us some additional criteria to review. This year, we had 22 girls and 12 boys apply. And we went to email to avoid the problem of last year, where the U.S.P.S. failed to deliver all of our applications in a timely manner. (See notes in the last proceedings for more info on that problem)

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 2023 proceedings were printed by LuLu Press online printing company this year. The 2023 Proceedings were printed at the cost of \$97.98 including Shipping and Handling, with the Commandery portion being \$32.66. 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 has been placed on the Grand York Rite website, 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

The Holy Land Pilgrimage program is a program that is near and dear to my heart. After having the privilege to send two ministers last year, sadly due to the ongoing wars in that region, we were unable to send the ministers chosen for this years trip. One that most surely would have been a life changing journey.

The ministers who were selected for this years trip were Pastor Scott Keneda of Edmond and Pastor Paul Vanderveer of McAlester. Both the Grand Recorder and I have made several attempts to get information from Grand Encampment about the status of the program and how the funds we have already sent to cover the cost of theses ministers will be dealt with and how to proceed moving forward. However at this time we have been unable to get any information at this time. Hopefully we can get the answers we are looking for during the Triennial Session in August of 2024.

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, John E. King, for the privilege of serving as chairman of this committee.

Sincerely,
Mark K. McFadden (2)

DEMOLAY

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 were sent one really great candidate from the Executive Officer of DeMolay for the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. It is always nice to see more than one candidate, however we were all impressed with the accomplishments of the one candidate we received. Colton Condit from the Stillwater 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 even at the State level. 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 [3] - Chmn., Michael L. Branson [8], Timothy Israel [22], and Jon B. Greene [20]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as current as possible. The Grand Recorder has started putting some forms on the site for the constituent Recorders to use. These include the Perpetual applications and applications for membership, both plural and demit. The Grand Recorder has also updated the calendar with all Commandery Conclave dates and times. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Secretary as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank S.K. John King, 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

The Temple Review Committee of our Grand Bodies originated long ago when the Proceedings of the Grand York Rite Sessions of other States, Provinces, and Countries were routinely published and distributed globally as a courtesy for and reflection of our mutual association. The practice of sharing such printed Proceedings across jurisdictional boundaries no longer exists, and when such requests or activity does occur, it is sent digitally and filed in the office of the Grand Recorder. The infrequent and random distribution of such information no longer requires the utilization of a committee.

Therefore, the Temple Review Committee recommends that this committee be dissolved.

Fraternally,
Robert G. Davis [1], Chairman

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY LAND

At the 2015 session of this Grand Commandery, a permanent Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment was established as a separate, segregated account within the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. The purpose was to create an investment pool of funds whose earnings would be used solely for the benefit of the Oklahoma Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

We urged every Sir Knight to enroll in the Knight of the Holy Land program and help us reach our \$100,000.00 goal. As of December 31st, 2023, our fund balance was \$104,044.30. We did not have any expenditures from the fund in 2023

On behalf of the committee, I thank the forty-five Sir Knights (3.9% of members) whose contribution to this worthy project demonstrated their leadership and dedication to the ideals of Templary. We encourage all Sir Knights to join with those who proudly wear the Knight of the Holy Land jewel on their uniform. I also wish to acknowledge the generous contribution of the Henry Repeating Arms. Henry donated a Masonic edition rifle through its Guns for Great Causes Program, which we were able to raffle twice. The raffles created \$18,713.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Logan, [29, 1]

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.

The 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 those needs.

Fraternally submitted,
John E. King [22]

GRAND MASTERS FESTIVAL

The Oklahoma York Right Festival in honor of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M Grand Master, M.:W.: Glen A Chaney was held on July 22nd, 2023, at Oklahoma City Lodge #36. The festival began promptly at 8:8:00 am and there were a total of fifty-four (54) 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 27th, 2024, at Oklahoma City Lodge #36.

Respectfully Submitted,
Co-Chairman – Glen A. Chaney [18], John T. Turner [38]

REGIONAL FESTIVALS

Two regional festivals were held this year, the Northeast regional in Tulsa on 24 February, where 4 new Knights received the Order of the Temple; and the Central region in Oklahoma City on 2 March, where 10 new Knights were created. The committee extends our thanks and appreciate to the various Commanderys and Sir Knights who contributed to making these festivals a success, especially to those of OKC and the surrounding areas who made the Central festival happen despite last minute hurdles they had to overcome.

Fraternally Submitted,
John T. Turner [38] - Chairman

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

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 2023 South Central Department Conference was held at Chateau on the Lake at Branson, Missouri. It was attended by the RE Grand Commander, VE Deputy Grand Commander, E Grand Captain General, and other Grand Commandery Officers. At this session of the S.C. 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 have completed it.

Plans can now be made to attend the next Annual South Central York Rite Conference in Tulsa on September 19-24, 2024.

The 2024 South Central Department Conference will be held at the Double Tree Hilton in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Grand Encampment York Rite Commandery Session will be on Saturday, September 20th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18]

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

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 2d week of October each year. 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 all Sir Knights to share them with the Committee for Patriotic and Civic activities. We are seeking to join with DeMolay Chapters across the State to take part in Flag retirement Ceremonies and other honor ceremonies that honor our Country and our National heritage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18], John E. King [22]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

This year Our Grand Commandry held an Easter Observance hosted by Muskogee Commandry No. 2. 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 Commandry. 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.

Fraternally Submitted,
John E. King [22] , Glen A Chaney [18], John T. Turner [38], Mark K. McFadden [2]

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Appreciation Committee, I extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all who have contributed to the success of this Templar year.

First and foremost, we acknowledge the grace and guidance bestowed upon us by God Almighty. It is through His strength and wisdom that we have been able to navigate the challenges and triumphs of this year.

To the dedicated members of the Time and Place Committee and the Grand Recorder, we extend our sincerest thanks. Your tireless efforts and meticulous attention to detail in organizing our Annual Sessions have ensured the smooth operation and success of our gatherings.

A special acknowledgment goes to our Right Eminent Grand Commander and the esteemed Grand Officers. Your leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the ideals of our order have been the driving force behind our achievements. Your ability to tackle challenges head-on and your innovative spirit have propelled us forward on our journey. We commend you for your exemplary service and leadership throughout this Templar year.

In closing, we express our gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this Grand Session. Your fraternity, support, and dedication to the principles of our order are truly commendable.

Fraternally submitted,
Justin M. McGee [14,8] – Chairman

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Right Eminent Grand Commander's address and the above committee reports. The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney was nominated for the office of Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight John T. Turner was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden was nominated for the office of Grand Generalissimo and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers 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 Robert W. "Bob" McLeod was nominated for the office of Grand Senior Warden and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knights Justin M. McGee was nominated for the office of Grand Junior Warden as was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander Elect, greeted the Commandery and announced the Appointed Officers and Officers In Charge.

Sir Knight Mark Wright, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Near the District of Columbia, Sir Knight Bill Leonard, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, Sir Knight Kevin Sample, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, and Sir Knight Robert M. Loflin, R. E. Department Commander South Central Conference, gave their remarks.

A Resolution of Support was read by Sir Knight John L. Logan, P.G.C., giving the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma's support to Sir Knight James McGree in his run for Right Eminent Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knight Templar USA. The motion prevailed.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was called to recess by Sir Knight John E. King R.E.G.C.

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 Timothy P. Israel, R.E.P.G.C.
- Installing Marshal: Sir Knight John L. Logan, R.E.P.G.C.
- Installing Prelate: Sir Knight Paul T. Currell, R.E.P.G.C.
- Installing Recorder: Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., R.E.P.G.C.



John E. King
John E. King
Grand Commander

Jon B. Greene
Jon B. Greene
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

Glen A. Chaney [18]	Patti	Grand Commander
John T. Turner [38]	Alicen	Deputy Grand Commander
Mark K. McFadden [2]	Donna	Grand Generalissimo
Trasen S. Akers [3]	Aerial	Grand Captain General
Steven E. Cox [2]		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
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	Grand Senior Warden
Justin M. McGee [8, 14]		Grand Junior Warden
Brian M. Ragain [18]		Grand Standard Bearer
Matthew N. Harden [2]		Grand Sword Bearer
John E. King, Jr. [6]	Tracy	Grand Warder
Michael T. Harden [2]	Sharon	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 2024-2025 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

AREA 1	Mark K. McFadden John E. King, Jr.	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T. Trinity Commandery No. 20 K.T.
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
AREA 3	Brian Ragain	Elk City Commandery No. 22 K.T. St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
AREA 4	Lavern Ragain, Jr.	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T. Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
AREA 5	Justin McGee	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T. Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
AREA 6	Trasen S. Akers	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T. Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T.
AREA 7	John T. Turner	St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T. Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
2024-2025 STANDING COMMITTEES**

STANDING COMMITTEES
PER ARTICLE IV

CREDENTIALS:

Section 2. (a)
Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chairman
Steven E. Cox [2]
James R. Taylor, Sr. [20]
Jon B. Greene [20] - Ex Officio

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

Section 2. (c)
James R. Taylor [20] - Chairman
John E. King [22] - Recorder
All Past Grand Commanders

TRIENNIAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (e)
Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman
Glen A. Chaney [18]
John T. Turner [38]

NECROLOGY:

Section 2. (g)
Steven E. Cox [2]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (h)
2024-27f (RAM) David A. Ray [27]
2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]
2023-26 (KT) Timothy P. Israel [22]

FINANCE:

Section 2. (b)
John T. Turner [38] - Chairman
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [20,2]

WORK AND TACTICS:

Section 2. (d)
John L. Logan [29] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]
Timothy P. Israel [22]

GENERAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (f)
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
Mark K. McFadden [2]

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (j)
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
All Grand Commandery Officers

YORK RITE COORDINATION:

Section 2. (i)
Glen A. Chaney [18]
John T. Turner [38]
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

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: David Shore [29]
S WESTERN: James Oates III [18]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PER ARTICLE V

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION

FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Section 2. (a)
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Jay A. Wall [1]
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
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]

COMMITTEES BY STANDING 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) (appointed 3 years)
2024-2027 KT: Mathew A. Turner [38]

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(NOT IN CONSTITUTION, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS)

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE:

Glen A. Chaney [18]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:

Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]
Jason R. Smith [18]
John R. Christopher [1]

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT:

(Formed April 25 2015)
Glen A. Chaney [18]
John T. Turner [38]
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND:

(Formed April 25 2015)
John L. Logan [29]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS:

Chairman - John T. Turner [38]
CENTRAL: Mathew A. 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: Roland Morales [18]
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
John T. Turner [38]
Roland Morales [18]
John E. King [22]

LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Glen A. Chaney [18] - Chairman
John T. Turner [38]
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

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Brian A. Buswell [3]
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]
Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8]
Jon B. Greene [20] ex-officio

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL:

(FIELD DAY)
(Formed April 25, 2015)
John T. Turner [38]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE:

(Arkansas – Kansas – Louisiana – Missouri –
Oklahoma – Texas)
John T. Turner [38]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Steven E. Cox [2] - Chairman
Justin M. McGee [14]
Jon B. Greene [20]

APPRECIATION:

Justin M. McGee [14]

LISTS OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

PAST GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS OF INDIAN TERRITORY						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand	Grand	Grand	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. Fuller	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1909	*Christ. Springer	*Roy D. Fuller	*Ira McNair	*Robert W. Henry	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Edmond H. Doyle
1910	*Roy D. Fuller	*Ira McNair	*Robert W. Henry	*William 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. Loutham	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA						
	Grand	Deputy Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand
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	*Mert P. Long	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. A. Latham
1935	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Mert P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*Ralph V. Downing	*J. A. Latham
1936	*Harold G. Durnell	*Mert P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1937	*Mert 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.	*F. M. Lumbard
1978	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*James C.	*F. M. Lumbard
1979	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*James C.	*F. M. Lumbard
1980	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*James C.	*F. M. Lumbard
1981	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn Pierce	*Cecil E. Johnson	*James C.	*Robert E. Fielden
1982	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*Ellis Sappington	*Cecil E. Johnson	*James C.	*Robert E. Fielden
1983	*Lilburn Pearce	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*James C.	*Robert E. Fielden
1984	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1985	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*Charles H. Warner	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1986	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1987	*Leon A. Anderson	Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1988	Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink

1989	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1990	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1991	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1992	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	*James C.	*Donald J. Cink
1993	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*James C.	*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.	Matthew McGee	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2016	Elwood M. Isaacs (Hon)					
2017	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G.	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	Michael M. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
2018	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Michael M. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
2019	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2020	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2021	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2022	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2023	Newell A. Barker (Hon)					
2024	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2025	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Mark K. McFadden	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2026	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Mark K. McFadden	Trasen S. Akders	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
	* Deceased	** Demitted	*** Lost Membership			



KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

MICHAEL T. HARDEN

Sir Knight Michael T Harden, Sr., has been instrumental in the survival and growth of Muskogee Commandery No.2. Sir Knight Harden has served his Commandery not only as Eminent Commander, but also as the head chef.

Sir Knight 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 for our York Rite, Blue Lodge (Both in Haskell and Muskogee) as well as for our Muskogee County Scottish Rite Chapter since 2016. He has helped with the membership by reaching out to brethren to get them active again, as well as assisting the recorder in contacting members who are behind on their dues. 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.

Not only is Sir Knight 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; served as Worshipful Master in 2012, 2013, and 2014; and is also an active member of Muskogee Lodge No. 28. In 2014 and 2015, he served as District Deputy Grand Master for District 24.

Sir Knight 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.

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

No matter how active Sir Knight Harden is, he continues putting in the long hours and hard work for everyone. Often putting others' happiness before his own, without the need or want of recognition.

This is because he enjoys the camaraderie and fellowship being had with others that comes with the fruits of the labor.

Sir Knight Harden is a fine example of servant leadership! He has devoted countless hours to visiting ailing Sir Knights during their times of hospital confinement so that their families were free to attend to other important matters or just get some much-needed rest. He also routinely prepares meals for our older home-confined or ill members at his own expense and delivers them to them at their homes while taking care of any other needsthey might have if within his ability.

It is with tremendous pleasure and honor the MuskogeeCommandery No.2 nominates Sir Knight Michael T Harden, Sr.,for the Knight Templar Crossover of Honor.

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	Gethsemene 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	Gethsemene 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
2023	Michael T. Harden	Muskogee Commandery No. 2	Muskogee

* - Deceased



KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

JOHN E. KING

Sir Knight King’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.	John E. King

*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
2024	Vicky King				

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	Gerald A. Peeters		Mark A. Wright
Florida	Richard C. Brooks	Lewis Hullum	Edward J. Mayfield, Jr.
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	Etwood 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	Artie Thomason
Pennsylvania	Douglas M Rowe	Robert G. Davis	Donald S. Gray
Philippines	Daniilo 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. Etwell, 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

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2024 DIRECTORY OF COMMANDERIES IN OKLAHOMA

COMMANDERY	COMMANDER	RECORDER	STATED CONCLAVE	CHARTERED
1 GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie, OK 73044	David A. Tennison	John R. Christopher jrchristopher@cox.net P.O. Box 5 Guthrie, OK 73044	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
2 MUSKOGEE 121 S. Sixth St. Muskogee, OK 74401	Steven E. Cox	Mark K. McFadden muskogeeyorkritebodies@ outlook.com P.O. Box 1037 Muskogee, OK 74402 918-391-7370 (Office)	2nd Wed 6:30 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
3 OKLAHOMA 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73120	James D. Nobles	Christopher F. Harper 2935 W. Britton Rd. (for mail) Oklahoma City, OK 73120	2nd & 4 th Wed 7:00 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
6 McALESTER First & Adams St. McAlester, OK 74501	Ronald J. Gragg, Jr.	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	2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 pm	June 29, 1897
9 ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St., N.W. Ardmore, OK 73401	William D. Harden	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	James Oates III	Roland Morates 702 SW "C" Avenue Lawton, OK 73501	1st Tues 7:30 pm	Feb. 15, 1906
20 TRINITY 5925 E. Ninth St. Tulsa, OK 74112	Michael L. McConnel	Jon B. Greene tulsayrb@gmail.com 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	David E. Brooks	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	John E. Werts	William J. Foster 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 ray_bell@sbcglobal.net 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 R. Guinn Johnguinn3@gmail.com 405-415-5714	Seth J. Dawson Seth.dawson@gmail.com 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

- 2Eldorado..... Consolidated with Lawton No 18, February 27, 1939
- 4Ascension, El Reno..... Consolidated with Oklahoma No. 3, January 19, 1965
- 5Chickasaw, Purcell Consolidated with Norman No. 38, December 13, 1934
- 7DeMolay, Chickasha Consolidated with Lawton No. 18, March 1, 2008
- 10Pery.....Consolidated with St. John's No. 8, 2006-2007
- 11Cyrene, Kingfisher..... Charter Surrendered, May 18, 1932
- 12PawneeCharter Surrendered, December 27, 1939
- 13Enid..... Consolidated with Guthrie No. 1, 2004
- 15Hobart Consolidated with Lawton No. 18, February 18, 1990
- 16Ada.....Consolidated with Shawnee No. 36, April 1, 1997
- 17Weatherford Charter Surrendered, May 15, 1934
- UDAltus..... Dispensation Revoked, March 24, 1927
- 19Frederick Charter Surrendered, March 14, 1939
- 21Ivanhoe, SayreCharter Surrendered, November 18, 1955
- 23Emmanuel, Blackwell..... Consolidated with Ben Hur No. 14, January 16, 1990
- 24Lincoln, Chandler..... Charter Surrendered, April 17, 1940
- 25Gethsemane, Okmulgee..... Consolidated with Muskogee No. 2, 2014
- 28Okemah.....Consolidated with Gethsemane No 25, May 3, 1928
- 30Hugo Charter Arrested, January 6, 1983
- 31Durant Charter Surrendered, April 12, 1928
- 32Hugh de Payden, Atoka.....Consolidated with Ada No 16, December 1, 1939
- 33Sapulpa Consolidated with Trinity No 20, October 28, 1968
- 34Foraker Charter Surrendered, April 22, 1920
- 35Palestine, Pawhuska Charter Surrendered, March 6, 1954
- 36Shawnee.....Charter Surrendered, 2008
- 37St. Augustine, Cherokee Charter Surrendered, May 18, 1932
- 39Malta, Heavner..... Consolidated with Hugo No 30, July 13, 1954
- 40Poteau..... Consolidated with Malta No 39, December 20, 1939
- 41Claremore Charter Arrested, April 8, 1955
- 42Cushing Moved to Drumright, 1977-1978
- 42Cimaron Valley, DrumrightConsolidated with Stillwater, February 16, 2017
- 43Holdenville Charter Revoked, May 3, 1948
- 44ClevelandCharter Revoked, March 22, 1940
- 45Bethlehem, Oklahoma City..... Consolidated with Capitol Hill No. 53, 2005-2006
- 46Duncan..... Consolidated with DeMolay No. 7, September 7, 1967
- 47Drumright Consolidated with Cushing No. 42, April 27, 1964
- 48Hominy.....Consolidated with Drumright No 47, November 10, 1954
- 49MiamiCharter Arrested, March 6, 1998
- 50Hugh De Payen, AtokaCharter Arrested, December 28, 1978
- 51Guymon..... Consolidated with St. Aumer No. 29, 2004-2005
- 52TiptonConsolidated with Lawton No. 18, September 17, 1994

OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONCLAVE

April 28th, 2023

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Friday April 28, 2023. The Conclave was opened at 4:40 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

Knight Commander	John Carter pro tempore
Knight First Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mathew Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, PKC
Knight Warder	Michael T. Harden
Knight Sentinel	Matthew Harden
Knight Prelate	Timothy P. Israel

There were 32 members and guest present, per the Knight Sentinel's Register.

Knight Commander John Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Tim Israel giving the invocation.

Brad Rickelman, PKC and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was introduced, as well as Knight Companion James R. Taylor, the R^{2E} Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The following guest were recognized: David Kussman, Grand Master of Grand Encampment; Robert Loflin, Department Commander of Grand Encampment; and Robert Schlicter PGC of Liberty Commandery, Liberty Missouri.

The passing of the following members was noted: John D. Miller, Jr. PKC 2006; Gary Odendahl, and Robert C. Shady.

The minutes of the April 27th, 2022 Annual Conclave and August 11th, 2022 Special Conclave were approved as presented. The Annual Membership and Financial Report was also approved.

The report of the Audit Committee consisting of Kent Israel (Chairman), Jim Cloud, and John Carter was presented and accepted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Knight Recorder's necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

The OPCA was asked to assist with assembling Sir Knights to assemble in Caddo on May 18th, and in Owasso on July 30 to assist Grand Lodge with cornerstone ceremonies. More information to follow.

The following Past Commanders were elected to membership into this Association:

Nominee	Commandery	Year	Nominator
James Rule	Guthrie No. 1	2022	Jim Taylor Jr.
Scott Percifeld	Muskogee No. 2	2022	Mark McFadden
Blaine McKnight	McAlester No. 6	2019	Jim Taylor Jr.
Robert Sprott	St. Johns No. 8	2022	Brad Rickelman
David Sikes	Lawton No. 18	2022	Jim Taylor Jr.
Jim Parham	Trinity No. 20	2022	Jim Taylor Jr.
Jay Hall	Trinity No. 20	2006	Jim Taylor Jr.
John Church	Capitol Hill No. 53	2019	Jim Taylor Jr.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers and the following members were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Knight Commander	John Carter
Knight First Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Second Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Mat Turner
Knight Sentinel	Brian Buswell

The Knight Commander Elect appointed Richard Hargrave to be Knight Prelate.

The new officers were installed by REGC Jim Taylor Jr.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 19th, 2023 at St. John Commandery No. 8 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Kt. Prelate Tim Israel gave the benediction.

The Conclave was closed at 5:10 p.m.

John Carter, Pro Tempore	Robert R. Rolseth
Knight Commander	Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL CONCLAVE**

August 19th, 2023

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was hosted at St. Johns Commandery No. 8, in Stillwater, Oklahoma on August 19th, 2023. The Conclave was opened at 1:30 p.m. with the following officers present:

Knight Commander	John Carter
Knight First Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Second Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Michael T. Harden
Knight Sentinel	Brian Buswell
Knight Prelate	Tim Israel

There were 22 members and 6 candidates present, per the Kt. Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander John Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Tim 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
Blaine McKnight	McAlester No. 6
Robert Sprott	St. Johns No. 8
Ryan Shady	Lawton No. 18
David Sikes	Lawton No. 18
Jay Hall	Trinity No. 20
Jim Parham	Trinity No. 20

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following candidates were elected but were unable to attend:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
James Rule	Guthrie No. 1
Scott Percifield	Muskogee No. 2
Russell Freas	Elk City No. 22
John Church	Capitol Hill No. 53

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:

Knight Commander	John Carter
Knight First Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Second Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Michael Harden
Knight Sentinel	Brian Buswell
Knight Prelate	Tim Israel
Lecture No. 1	John King
Lecture No. 2	Bob Mcleod
Lecture No. 3	Mickey Megeath
Lecture No. 4	Justin McGee
Lecture No. 5	John Christopher
Lecture No. 6	Matt McGee
Lecture No. 7	Brad Rickelman
Lecture No. 8	Mark McFadden
Lecture No. 9	Brian Buswell
Lecture No. 10	Kent Israel
Lecture No. 11	Donnie Higginbotham

Lecture No. 12

Bob Rolseth

Each of the new members was presented the jewel of the order, 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.

Knight Commander John Carter presented Jim Cloud his Past Knight Commander Jewel

Sir Knight John King, R.-. E.-. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was introduced, and he spoke on the importance of continuing the traditions of inspections and the necessity to perform the Order of the Temple locally vs at a festival.

The benediction was given by Kt. Prelate Tim Israel.

The Special Conclave was closed by Kt. Commander John Carter at 2:30 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.

Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT**

April 1st, 2018 – March 31st, 2019

To the Knight Commander, Officers, and Members,

The Kt. Recorder-Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year April 1st, 2018 through March 31st, 2019 is as follows:

FINANCIAL

03/31/2022 – Opening Balance

Checking Account #2343701 \$2,821.30

Receipts:

8/20/2022 – Membership Fees 250.00

Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006 8.30

Total Receipts \$258.30

Disbursements:

08/20/2022 – Check No. 1006-Oklahoma City Lodge No. 3650.00

Total Disbursements 50.00

03/31/2023 – Ending Balance

Checking Account #2343701 \$3029.60

03/31/2023 – Ending Balance

Certificate of Deposit #150006 \$3,000.00

03/31/2023 – Total Financial Assets \$6,029.60

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 Cloud
1996 James O. Rust, Jr.	
1997 Paul G. Watkins * * Deceased
1998 David A. Ray	
1999 William D. Bowie, Jr	

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