



2025 Proceedings of the York Rite Grand Bodies of Freemasonry of OKLAHOMA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, April 25, 2025
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, April 25, 2025
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, April 26, 2025

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, 2004plus 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 23, 2025

Embassy Suites Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Services were conducted by:

Companion Lavern Ragain, Jr., Excellent Grand Chaplain, and
Sir Knight Steven E. Cox, Eminent Grand Prelate

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

Included are Companions and Sir Knights:

Ardmore

Grady R. Taylor

Bartlesville

John E. Chouteau, Donald E. DeShazo, Robert Goode, Harold E. Watt, Jr.

Elk City

Gerald R. Stegall, Dirk N. Webb

Guthrie

M.:W.: E. Keith Liles, PGM, Randy R. Jones

Lawton

Robert M. Davis, James H. McElhaney, Hollis Davis, J. Junior Nation,
Robert C. Powell, Charles R. Wicks

Norman

Alton Dragoo, Norvel Garlington, Carl Reed, Arlan Smith

McAlester

Tommy Anderson, Jack Naylor, John L. Pendley,
Walter W. Williams, Jr., Curtis E. Working

Muskogee

Rick Berkenbile, Edward J. Evans, Jake W. Hinshaw, Jerry R. Ice, Jr.,
Mitchell P. Miller

Norman

Alton C. Dragoo, Norvell A. Garlington, Carl A. Reed,
Arlan Smith

Oklahoma City

Marc E. Garriott, Tommy L. Kelly

Ponca City

Augdun D. Roberts

Stillwater

Larry E. Born

Tulsa

Jack L. Garland, Gary W. Gilstrap, Delano K. Jacobs,
Thomas M. Lewis, Sr., Donald L. Pendley

Texhoma

Jack Naylor

Woodward

M.:W.: Lanny R. Sander, PGM

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

Sir Knight Seven E. Cox.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master

Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, 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 24, 2025

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

The Joseph Samuel Murrow award was presented to Thomas M. Keenze of James E. Smyrl Chapter 104

The General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby Award for exemplary service to Freemasonry was presented to Newell K. Barker of Bartlesville Chapter No. 55.

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.

The General Grand Council Adult Leadership Award was presented to Steve Hanna from Guthrie Council No. 48.

The General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was presented to James R. Taylor of Tulsa Council No. 22.

The Bernard F. Mandelbaum Award was presented to Lawton Council No. 21.

The Robert W. Hill Award was presented to Woodward Council No. 52.

Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., was presented with a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand Illustrious Master.

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award was presented to Jon B. Greene of Trinity Commandery, No. 20.

The Knight Commander of the Temple Award was presented to Sir Knight Glen A Chaney of Lawton Commandery No. 18.

The F.M. "Fritz" Lombard KTEF Award was presented to Calvary Commandery No. 43.

The Ned D. Prator KTEF Award was presented to Calvary Commandery No. 43.

Sir Knight Glen A Chaney was presented with a plaque and jewel for his service as Grand Commander.

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PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND
CHAPTER
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS
of
OKLAHOMA

AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April Twenty-Fifth, Two Thousand Twenty-Five



A.D. 2025 / A.I. 2555



FRANK J. BELLUARDO, JR.
M.: E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2024-2025

FRANK J. BELLUARDO, JR.
BIOGRAPHY

Most Excellent Companion Belluardo was born on November 4, 1966, in Vicenza, Italy. After emigrating to the United States, he spent his youth growing up in New Jersey. After many years in the high-performance auto race industry as a mechanist and parts manager, he moved to Tennessee to work in antique auto restoration, as well as later run his own Add Specialty business. Frank met his wife Beth in North Carolina, and he would later move to Charlotte, North Carolina. The couple then moved to Arizona, where they lived for several years, and would later move to Oklahoma in 2013.

In January of 1998, Brother Belluardo was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Dashiell Lodge No.236 in Elizabethton, Tennessee. After his move to Arizona, he joined three of the Territorial Lodges in the towns of Tombstone, Bisbee, and Douglas. Frank would serve as dais officer in all three lodges and became Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No.19 in Douglas, Arizona, in 2012 & 2013. In 2012, he received the Grand Lodge of Arizona Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award from Grand Master M.W. D. Brooke Cunningham for his exemplary service to Freemasonry in Arizona. After his move to Oklahoma, Frank became Worshipful Master of Lodge Veritas No.556 in Norman, Oklahoma, in 2024. He is also a member of Blackhawk Lodge No.11 in Denver, Colorado, and Hampden Lodge No.2427 in London, England.

Companion Belluardo received his York Rite Degrees with Safford York Rite Bodies in Safford, Arizona in 2010 & 2011. He served as High Priest in 2013 of Pinaleno Chapter No.16 and Illustrious Master of Bonita Council No.9 in 2012 in Safford. He reached the rank of Generalissimo in Columbine Commandery No.9 in 2013 but was unable to advance to Eminent Commander due to his move to Oklahoma.

In Oklahoma, Frank served as High Priest of Capitol Hill Chapter No.101 & Illustrious Master of Capitol Hill Council No.59 both in 2020. He served as Eminent Commander of Capitol Hill Commandery No.53 in 2016. He also served as High Priest of Veritas Chapter No.103 in 2021 and Illustrious Master of Mysterious Nine Council No.61 in 2022, as well as being a dais officer and an active member with Norman York Rite Bodies. He is also the Grand Ambassador to Oklahoma from the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International for the 2023-2026 Triennial.

Frank's appendant body memberships: Keystone Mark Masons Lodge No.0 in Utah; Aequitas Council & Clarence Brain Council, AMD in Oklahoma; Oklahoma Priory No.9 KYCH; Oklahoma York Rite College No.75; Prince of Peace Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; The Order of Knight Masons; Plinth Court Masonic Order of Athelstan; Rocky Mountain Chapel No.26 Order of St. Thomas of Acon in Denver; Mayflower Conclave No.8 Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors; Sovereign Order of Knight Preceptors; Golden State Chapter of Research; Southern California Lodge of Research; The Masonic Society; Philaethes Society; Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill Colorado; Saba & Sinbad Grottos in Oklahoma and Xibalba Grotto in El Salvador and Long Beach Pyramid No.43 of the SCIOTS in California.

In the Scottish Rite, Most Excellent Companion Belluardo is a member of the Valley of Tucson, Orient of Arizona, receiving his 32 Degree in 2008, and was the Charter Junior Warden of the Knights of St. Andrew in Tucson in 2009. He is also a member of The Royal Order of Scotland.

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

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]	Beth	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Matthew D. McGee [25]		Right Excellent Grand King
Michael S. Wright [11]	Kim	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.:		Right Excellent Grand Secretary Emeritus
Justin M. McGee [25]		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 3rd Veil
Robert W. "Bob" McLeod [52, 3]	Pam	Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Seth J. Dawson [24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Jason R. Smith [44, 103]		Excellent Grand Sentinel
Truman "Lavern" L. Ragain, Jr. [44]		Excellent Grand Chaplain

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES 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. 24
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**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

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

CREDENTIALS

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

FINANCE

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] - Chairman
Matthew D. McGee [83]
Mark K. McFadden [3]
R.: E.: Grand Scribe ex officio

INVESTMENTS

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

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

TRIENNIAL

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

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [83]
Michael S. Wright [11]
R.:E.: Grand Captain of the Host

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]

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

Matthew D. McGee [83] - RAM
Brian M. Ragain [44] - CM
John T. Turner [14] - KT

NECROLOGY

Lavern Ragain, Jr. [44]

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

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

CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [83]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [83]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

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

EDUCATION

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

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

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

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Michael S. Wright [11]- 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]
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]
Southwest - James Oates III [44]

MURROW AWARD

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [83]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

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

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

**MASONIC CHARITY
FOUNDATION**

2024-27 [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

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

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

The One Hundred Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation
April 25, 2025

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was convened for its One Hundred Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation at 8:00 am on Friday, April 25, 2025, 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, M.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma in AMPLE FORM with the following Grand Officers:

M.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.Grand High Priest
R.:E.: Companion Matthew D. McGee..... Grand King
R.:E.: Companion Michael S. Wright..... Grand Scribe
R.:E.: Companion Kenton M. Israel.....Grand Treasurer
R.:E.: Companion Jon B. Greene Grand Secretary
R.:E.: Companion Mathew A. Turner (pro-tem) Grand Captain of the Host
E.: Companion Justin M. McGee.....Grand Principal Sojourner
E.: Companion Charles L. Cook Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.: Companion Richard L. Hargrave III (pro-tem) Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
E.: Companion Robert W. “Bob” McLeodGrand Master of the 2nd Veil
E.: Companion Kevin P. Bardy (pro-tem) Grand Master of the 1st Veil
E.: Companion William J. “Bill” Foster (pro-tem)..... 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 Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

E.: Companion Gary W. Sheets, personal representative of M.:E.: Companion Ganny Gaddis, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois.

E.: Companion Edwayrd J. Mayfield, Jr., personal representative of M.:E.: Companion Corey D. Kosciuszko, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

R.:E.: Companion Jim McManigle, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

R.:E.: Companion Patrick C. Carr, Right Excellent Grand King, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

M.:E.: Companion Lee Miller, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado.

R.: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 Dick Browning, General Grand Secretary for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, and personal representative to General Grand High Priest M.:E.: Companion Teko A. Foley, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

M.:W.: James R. Roderick, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The Grand Secretary called the roll of the Past Grand High Priests. The Grand High Priest welcomed the Past Grand High Priests, who were received with appropriate honors, and expressed his appreciation for their help and assistance.

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
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	William "Jim" Cloud	2023-24

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The Grand Secretary called the roll of the District Deputy Grand High Priests. The Grand High Priest welcomed the District Deputy Grand High Priests and thanked them for their service.

Matthew N. Harden	1	Bryan C. Shackelford	2
William D. Hardin	3	Justin M. McGee	4
Steven E. Cox	5	James Oates III	6
David D. Shore	7	Michael D. Maxey	8

ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Constituent Chapters. Thirteen (13) of seventeen (17) Chapters represented by the High Priest, King, and/or Scribe. The Chapters in attendance were as follows.

Indian No. 1	Muskogee No. 3	Guthrie No. 6
Cyrus No. 7	Ardmore No. 11	Stillwater No. 14
Olivet No. 25	Lawton No. 44	Elk City No. 50
Tulsa No. 52	Bartlesville No. 55	Veritas No. 103
James E. Smyrl No. 104		

ROLL CALL OF JOSEPH MURROW AWARD WINNERS

The Grand Secretary called the roll of the Joseph Murrow Award winners. The Grand High Priest welcomed the Murrow Award winners and thanked them for their service.

2006	Robert R. Rolseth	2023	Michael T. Harden
2009	James R. Taylor, Jr.	2024	Brian A. Buswell
2018	Jay A. Wall	2024	Richard L. Hargrave III
2019	Mark K. McFadden		
2020	James R. Taylor, Sr.		

APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made by R. : E. : Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary, which was seconded to approve the 2024 Proceedings of the 135th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Companions, welcome to the 136th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma at the Embassy Suites Northwest in Oklahoma City. I want to thank all of you for your support and attendance at this and past Grand York Rite Sessions.

To our out-of-state distinguished guests, thank you for attending the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. We hope that you enjoy your stay here with us. If there is anything that we can do to assist and make your stay here in Oklahoma City more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to ask me or any of my Grand Chapter officers.

At the 135th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, I was elected to serve as your Grand King for the 2024-2025 Capitular year. Due to the resignation of the Grand High Priest on October 15, 2024, I was notified that the elected line would be advanced, and I would now serve in the station of Grand High Priest.

MEC Matt Turner, PGHP, installed me as Grand High Priest during our Masonic Day event, was held at the Edmond Masonic Lodge in Edmond, Oklahoma, on October 19, 2024.

I would like to start out by thanking my wife, Beth, for all her support through this unexpected year of transition. I know that it has been challenging for her, but she has stood beside me the whole way, and I am a much better man for it.

To the Grand Chapter Officers, DDGHP's, and Grand Chapter Committees, I must extend a note of great thanks to all of you for your willingness to hold your stations and places and serve with me during this year. I also want to recognize REC Matt McGee & REC Michael Wright for stepping up and pulling double duty due to the vacancy of the Grand Captain of the Host and also to REC Jon Greene, you have been a blessing to me this year with all the assistance and help you have provided for me. I can not thank all of you enough. To MEC Jim Taylor, Jr. and MEC Matt Turner, thank you for being there for all my unexpected phone calls when questions and thoughts would come to mind. I would also like to thank M.:E.:C.: John Christopher, who, after several conversations, started me on my path for the Grand Chapter line back in 2019, and to M.:E.:C.: Brad Rickelman, for appointing me into his line back in 2019 as Grand Master of the First Veil.

I cannot forget to thank all the Past Grand High Priests of our Grand Chapter. We owe you a debt of gratitude for all your hard work to help promote, support, and move forward Capitular Masonry here in Oklahoma.

During my tenure as both Grand King and Grand High Priest, I had the honor of undertaking visitations both out of state and internationally. These experiences provided me with cherished memories spent with esteemed Brothers and dear friends alike. Unfortunately, these positive moments were tempered by the unexpected passing of my very dear friend, Brother, and Excellent Companion, Denis Repka of Romania, on July 25, 2024.

Necrology:

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of 43 York Rite Masons this year. With much sadness, 2 of these Companions were Past Grand Masters:

M.:W.: E. Keith Liles, PGM

M.:W.: Lanny R. Sander, PGM

Dispensation, Decisions & other Actions:

On October 18, 2024, I issued a dispensation to Bartlesville Chapter No.55, allowing them to change the date of their officer elections to November 19, 2024.

On November 11, 2024, I installed REC Michael Wright as Grand Scribe at the Ardmore Chapter Stated Convocation.

On November 12, 2024, I issued a dispensation to Tulsa Chapter No.52, allowing them to change the date of their officer elections to November 18, 2024.

On November 18, 2024, I issued a dispensation to Indian Chapter No.1, allowing them to change the date of their officer elections to November 25, 2024.

On November 18, 2024, I issued a dispensation to Muskogee Chapter No.3, allowing them to change their officer elections to November 26, 2024.

On December 6, 2024, I approved changes to the Bylaws of Indian Chapter No.1

On December 9, 2024, I approved changes to the Bylaws of Muskogee Chapter No.3

On December 9, 2024, I accepted the appointment as Grand Chapter Representative from Oklahoma to Romania, extended to me by MEC Petre Buneci, Grand High Priest of Romania.

On January 23, 2025, I issued a dispensation for REC Matthew McGee to close Tulsa Chapter in Ample Form at the Northeast Chapter Festival in Tulsa on February 8, 2025

On January 23, 2025, I issued a dispensation for REC Michael Wright to close Ardmore Chapter in Ample Form for their Regional Chapter Festival on February 1, 2025

On February 3, 2025, I approved changes to the Bylaws of Stillwater Chapter No. 14.

On February 4, 2025, I appointed MEC Petre Buneci, Grand High Priest of Romania, as a Grand Representative from Romania to Oklahoma.

On February 8, 2025, I approved MEC James R. Taylor, Jr., PGHP, to Communicate the Mark Master & PM Degrees on Brother Andy Peck at the Northeast Chapter Festival held in Tulsa.

On February 19, 2025, I issued a dispensation to Bartlesville Chapter No.55 for a re-election of the Captain of the Host due to a resignation of office.

On March 26, 2025, 50-Year Chapter Presentation to Companion Donald W. Jones of Lawton Chapter 44.

On March 26, 2025, 50-Year Chapter Presentation to Companion David F. Hiebert of Tulsa Chapter No.52

Official Visits to Constitute Chapters and Other Events:

I made the following official visits to the constitute Chapters and other special events during my time as Grand High Priest. I also visited (5) other Chapters and attended several other events prior as Grand King. At these visits, I was both honored and afforded a seat in the East. It was a great pleasure of mine to spend time and speak with the companions of each of the Chapters that I visited. I also had the special opportunity to install the Chapter Officers at 3 of my official visits.

Bartlesville Chapter No.55 – November 19, 2024

Veritas Chapter No.103 – December 14, 2024 – Installed their 2025 officers

Bartlesville Chapter No.55 – December 17, 2024 – Installed their 2025 officers

Stillwater Chapter No.14 – December 18, 2024 – Installed their 2025 officers

Woodward Chapter No. 72 – February 11, 2025 – was cancelled due to weather

Guthrie Chapter No.6 – February 13, 2025

Elk City Chapter No.50 – March 18, 2025

Guthrie Scottish Rite Fall Reunion – November 2, 2024

Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion – April 4, 2025

Tulsa Scottish Rite Spring Reunion – March 22, 2025

McAlester Scottish Rite Spring Reunion – April 12, 2025

K.Y.C.H. Conclave – April 24, 2025

York Rite College at Masonic Day – October 19, 2024 – Edmond

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Grand Session – November 8-9, 2024, in Guthrie

DeMolay Winterfest Tulsa 2025 – January 26, 2025

K.Y.C.H. Conclave as Grand King – May 18, 2024, in Stillwater

Grand Chapter of Romania Session as Grand King – June 15, 2024, in Bucharest, Romania

Grand Masters Field Day as Grand King – July 27, 2024, in Norman

Colorado Grand Chapter Session as Grand King – September 6-7, 2024, in Lakewood, CO.

Southcentral York Rite Conference as Grand King – September 20, 2024, in Tulsa

State of the Royal Arch Masonry

We have moved past the COVID years and are now resuming regular meetings for the Chapters in Oklahoma. As we re-establish routines, progress is being made. Some consolidations have occurred, resulting in stronger Chapters with improved attendance. Many Chapters now feature discussions among companions about learning the ritual work. Several Chapters are considering the Mark Master Degree as a form of Chapter education with plans to eventually confer the degree.

Like all organizations, we face challenges such as the passing of Companions or those who are SNPD. In our efforts to bring new companions into our Chapters, it is important to also reach out to current companions who are not attending our stated convocations. Understanding their reasons for non-attendance is crucial, and officers and members should make efforts to reconnect. Sometimes, a single phone call can

result in a missing companion returning to their attendance once again.

For the 2025-2026 year, my plan is for DDGHPs to collaborate with dais officers and secretaries of the constituent chapters to initiate an outreach program with a phone call list targeting companions who have not attended a Chapter Convocation in 2 years or more. The goal of this program is to significantly increase attendance at Chapter's stated convocations.

In conclusion, our commitment to strengthening the Royal Arch Masonry remains steadfast as we look towards the future. For 2025-2026, I am also planning the following programs: having Chapters work with our Custodians of the Work to hold District Schools of Instructions, not only to assist with education but to try to draw back some of our missing membership. I have also created a Royal Arch Research Assistance Oklahoma supporter jewel. The net proceeds from supporting our philanthropy will be added to the Oklahoma State annual donation. Together, through dedication and outreach, we can create a thriving fraternity that honors the traditions and values we cherish. Let us take these initiatives to heart and work collaboratively to ensure a prosperous year ahead. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Remember our Ancient Landmarks

Submitted with Regards & Fraternity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.

Grand High Priest 2024-2025

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

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma
For the period ending December 31, 2024

These Accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$271,652.96
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-4,696.44
Dividend/Interest Earned	9,422.17
Appreciation	<u>10,752.89</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$287,131.58

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$163,072.64
Deposits	2,017.50
Withdrawals	-4,284.83
Dividend/Interest Earned	5,481.33
Appreciation	<u>3,068.66</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$169,355.30

Grand Chapter Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$73,217.48
Deposits	152.96
Withdrawals	-152.96
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,549.22
Appreciation	<u>2,803.53</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$78,570.23

Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments	<u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>		
General Fund	\$271,652.96	\$287,131.58	\$15,478.62	5.70%
Perpetual Membership	\$163,072.64	\$169,355.30	\$6,282.66	3.85%
Joint Account-Membership Development	<u>\$73,217.48</u>	<u>\$78,570.23</u>	\$5,352.75	7.31%
Grand Total of Grand Chapter Investments	<u>\$507,943.08</u>	<u>\$535,057.11</u>		

Total Perpetual Members Grand Chapter, RAM of Oklahoma														
As of 12/31/2024	New Members in 2024	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Debt	Div/Interest Distributed	Total	To Grand Chapter Deceased	To Grand Chapter Living	Total to Grand Chapter	To Local Chapter Deceased	To Local Chapter Living	Total to Local Chapter
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Name														
Ardmore, No. 11	26	12	14	12	5,884.00	384.60	196.53	32.68	47.65	80.33	61.14	68.29	35.06	116.20
Bartlesville, No. 55	42	32	10	5,116.50	341.10	1,708.89	54.61	24.62	79.23	385.91	47.96	303.03	688.94	111.84
Cyrus (OKC), No. 7	200	109	91	35,616.75	2,279.45	1,189.60	34.22	72.39	106.61	97.12	40.08	61.90	101.98	107.72
Elk City, No. 50	45	20	25	6,540.41	429.00	218.45	57.68	109.69	167.38	66.12	0.00	152.82	152.20	339.08
Guthrie, No. 6	33	14	19	5,961.00	397.00	199.10	102.20	148.90	251.10	186.87	89.68	84.66	174.34	200.50
Indian (McAlister), No. 1	63	31	32	8,236.50	548.90	275.10	24.05	82.35	106.40	23.95	79.66	60.96	140.62	166.75
James E. Smyrl, No. 104	1	13	1	7,110.00	470.00	218.94	931.55	1,498.00	2,429.55	1,421.18	1,616.76	3,037.94	1,839%	5,467.49
Lawton, No. 44	91	51	40	17,670.00	1,168.00	590.18	3.29%	2,429.65	1.46%	3,037.94	5,467.49			
Muskogee, No. 3	84	42	42	14,355.00	827.00	449.40								
Norman, No. 24	68	48	20	10,130.91	673.15	338.37	84.09	53.78	137.87	139.22	61.28	200.50	66.75	140.62
Olivet (Ponca City), No. 25	39	14	25	5,184.00	343.40	173.15	24.05	82.35	106.40	23.95	79.66	60.96	140.62	166.75
Stillwater, No. 14	2	48	27	8,222.70	548.18	254.60	46.59	67.38	113.98	79.66	60.96	140.62	166.75	140.62
Texhoma, No.	1	0	1	330.00	22.00	11.02			5.64	5.64		5.39	5.39	5.39
Tulsa, No. 52	1	124	51	31,858.00	2,116.00	1,048.03	92.32	257.66	349.98	213.89	484.16	698.04	42.07	42.07
Woodward, No. 72		44	27	4,016.50	260.50	134.15	43.82	48.27	92.09	26.29	15.78	42.07	42.07	42.07
15	4	921	481	491	166,232.27	10,808.28	5,467.49	931.55	1,498.00	2,429.55	1,421.18	1,616.76	3,037.94	1,839%
As of 31 December 2024			52.2%	53.3%			3.29%			1.46%		3,037.94	5,467.49	
Percentage used in making calculations:					3.34%									
Interest Earned in 2024	\$5,481.33				Div/Int earned in 2023	\$5,481.33								\$2,429.55
					Distributed in 2025	\$5,467.49								\$3,037.94
					Retained in Fund	\$13.84								\$5,467.49

The stock market in 2024 was characterized by a mix of volatility and cautious optimism as we navigated economic challenges, geopolitical risks, and shifting monetary policies. With inflation showing signs of moderation in some regions, central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, took a more dovish approach. Interest rates remained elevated for much of the year, though some easing occurred toward the end of the period as inflation pressures eased.

Investor sentiment in 2024 was influenced by global economic conditions. In the U.S., the market saw moderate growth, with defensive sectors like utilities,

healthcare, and consumer staples outperforming more cyclical or speculative industries. These sectors offered stability and solid dividend yields. High-growth sectors like technology and clean energy experienced significant volatility, as investors grappled with concerns about valuations and regulatory uncertainty.

International markets also faced challenges, with Europe struggling under economic stagnation and geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe. However, emerging markets showed potential, particularly in regions focused on technology, green energy, and infrastructure development, though risks remained due to political instability and currency fluctuations.

In 2025, through Q1, our accounts are up 1.41% while the market is down 3.91% in that same time. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. In 2024, we also received more dividends and interest than in years past. Morgan Stanley has been good to work with, and I appreciate Jon Greene and his work when he receives all the money that goes into these different accounts.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

921 Total Members at 12/31/2024

4 New Members in 2024

440 Living Members

481 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2024: \$5,481.33

Div/Int distributed to Grand Chapter in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$2,429.55

Div/Int distributed to Local Chapters in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$3,037.94

Last year, for comparison.

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 4 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2024. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2024, that were able to be paid out in 2025. This is very good news.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year.

Respectfully submitted,


Kenton M. Israel
Grand Treasurer

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

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024
General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma
Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Chapters = 17

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

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,248</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>66</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>157</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>228</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>165</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>48</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>38</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>251</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(23)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,225</u>

**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 2024

No.	Name	2023 Members End of Year	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdraw	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2024 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	G. G. Chapter Life Members
1	Indian	90	1	1	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	(5)	85	30	0	49
3	Muskogee	125	5	1	1	0	5	15	3	0	0	(16)	109	38	0	70
6	Guthrie	66	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	67	20	0	29
7	Cyrus	120	9	102	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	105	225	90	4	141
11	Ardmore	56	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	59	12	0	22
14	Stillwater	50	4	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	52	20	0	32
24	Norman	89	7	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	91	21	0	41
25	Olivet	50	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	(3)	47	26	0	33
28	Texoma	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	(2)	24	1	0	1
44	Lawton	101	4	41	1	0	1	13	4	0	0	28	129	40	0	68
50	Elk City	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	50	26	0	50
52	Tulsa	172	6	2	0	0	5	5	6	0	0	(8)	164	74	6	104
55	Bartlesville	41	6	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	44	10	0	44
60	Altus	43	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	(43)	0	0	0	0
72	Woodward	32	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	33	18	0	25
101	Capitol Hill	96	7	0	2	0	103	0	2	0	0	(96)	0	0	0	0
103	Veritas	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
104	James E. Smyrl	29	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	34	12	0	13
	Totals	1248	65	154	5	0	164	46	37	0	0	(23)	1225	438	10	722

No.2	Name2	Dues	Fees	DeMolay	Grand Chapter Per Capita	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	RARA	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
1	Indian	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$13.75	\$550.00	\$108.00	\$55.00	\$726.75	\$167.38	\$894.13
3	Muskogee	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$17.75	\$710.00	\$117.00	\$71.00	\$915.75	\$275.06	\$1,190.81
6	Guthrie	\$22.00	\$50.00	\$11.75	\$470.00	\$114.00	\$47.00	\$642.75	\$97.12	\$739.87
7	Cyrus	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$32.75	\$1,310.00	\$240.00	\$131.00	\$1,713.75	\$500.66	\$2,214.41
11	Ardmore	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$11.75	\$470.00	\$111.00	\$47.00	\$639.75	\$80.33	\$720.08
14	Stillwater	\$20.00	\$65.00	\$8.00	\$320.00	\$60.00	\$32.00	\$420.00	\$113.98	\$533.98
24	Norman	\$29.00	\$60.00	\$17.50	\$700.00	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$937.50	\$137.87	\$1,075.37
25	Olivet	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$5.25	\$210.00	\$42.00	\$21.00	\$278.25	\$106.40	\$384.65
28	Texoma	\$26.00	\$50.00	\$5.75	\$230.00	\$69.00	\$23.00	\$327.75	\$5.64	\$333.39
44	Lawton	\$22.50	\$50.00	\$22.25	\$890.00	\$183.00	\$89.00	\$1,184.25	\$251.10	\$1,435.35
50	Elk City	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$6.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$270.00	\$106.61	\$376.61
52	Tulsa	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$21.00	\$840.00	\$162.00	\$84.00	\$1,107.00	\$349.98	\$1,456.98
55	Bartlesville	\$16.50	\$50.00	\$8.50	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$34.00	\$382.50	\$79.23	\$461.73
60	Altus	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
72	Woodward	\$25.50	\$50.00	\$3.75	\$150.00	\$24.00	\$15.00	\$192.75	\$92.09	\$284.84
101	Capitol Hill	\$19.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
103	Veritas	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$3.00	\$120.00	\$36.00	\$12.00	\$171.00	\$0.00	\$171.00
104	James E. Smyrl	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$5.50	\$220.00	\$63.00	\$22.00	\$310.50	\$66.12	\$376.62
	Totals			\$194.25	\$7,770.00	\$1,479.00	\$777.00	\$10,220.25	\$2,429.57	\$12,649.82

2024 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	7,790.00	7,790.00	0.00
4020 · G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,572.00	1,569.00	3.00
4030 · RARA Donation	779.00	779.00	0.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	194.75	194.75	0.00
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	10,335.75	10,332.75	3.00
4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.			
4110 · PEM Dividend from investment	1,989.37	1,989.37	0.00
4120 · Interest Income	3,500.00	7,640.43	-4,140.43
Total 4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.	5,489.37	9,629.80	-4,140.43
4200 · FEES			
4210 · Degree Fees	920.00	800.00	120.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	30.00	10.00	20.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	40.00	10.00	30.00
4240 · Festival Meal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
4245 · Petition Fees Collected @ GMF	2,150.00	3,000.00	-850.00
Total 4200 · FEES	3,140.00	3,820.00	-680.00
4300 · RESALE			
4310 · Ritual Resale	120.00	200.00	-80.00
Total 4300 · RESALE	120.00	200.00	-80.00
4600 · MISC INCOME			
4610 · MISC Income	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Income	19,085.12	24,582.55	-5,497.43
Expense			
5000 · STAFF			
5010 · Grand Secretary's Salary	5,250.00	5,250.00	0.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	449.16	450.00	-0.84
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 · STAFF	5,699.16	5,900.00	-200.84
5100 · ASSESSMENTS			
5110 · Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,530.00	1,569.00	-39.00
5120 · RARA Donation	779.00	779.00	0.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
5140 · General Grand Chapter Magazine	3,768.77	3,070.00	698.77
5150 · Per Capita Refunds	125.00		
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	6,502.77	5,718.00	784.77
6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL			
6010-23 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Cloud	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
6010-24 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-McKnight/Bell	347.22	1,250.00	-902.78
6020 · Grand High Priest Grand Session	0.00	250.00	-250.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	151.44	200.00	-48.56
6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Chapter OV	441.69	1,140.00	-698.31
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	254.36	200.00	54.36
6060 · Past Grand High Priest Jewel	-50.00		
6080 · Triennial			
6080-24 · Triennial-2024	0.00	935.25	-935.25
Total 6080 · Triennial	0.00	935.25	-935.25
6110 · Festival Meal Catering	121.71	150.00	-28.29
6111 · GM Festival Fee Reimburs	1,850.00	3,000.00	-1,150.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	4,366.42	8,375.25	-4,008.83

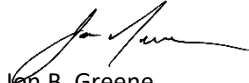
7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 · Rent			
7130 · GM Festival Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 7100 · Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
7200 · Telecommunications			
7210 · Phone and Internet	0.00	200.00	-200.00
7220 · Website	63.96	75.00	-11.04
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	63.96	275.00	-211.04
7300 · Office Supplies			
7310 · General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
7320 · Ink	0.00	60.00	-60.00
7330 · Computer Software			
7330.1 · QuickBooks	216.33		
7330 · Computer Software - Other	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 7330 · Computer Software	216.33	250.00	-33.67
7340 · Office Equipment Acquisition	0.00	0.00	0.00
7350 · MMS Subscription	510.99	494.55	16.44
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	727.32	844.55	-117.23
7400 · Printing and Reproduction			
7410 · Pre Print	0.00	75.00	-75.00
7420 · Proceedings	32.66	32.65	0.01
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	32.66	107.65	-74.99
7500 · Postage and Delivery			
7510 · PO Box Rental	0.00	67.00	-67.00
7520 · Stamps	21.52	68.00	-46.48
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	21.52	135.00	-113.48
7600 · Insurance			
7610 · Bond Premium	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 7600 · Insurance	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	945.46	1,712.20	-766.74
8000 · MISC			
8020 · Regalia	1,032.50		
8000 · MISC - Other	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 8000 · MISC	1,032.50	250.00	782.50
8500 · EDUCATION			
8510 · Education Courses	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 8500 · EDUCATION	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total Expense	18,546.31	22,105.45	-3,559.14
Net Ordinary Income	538.81	2,477.10	-1,938.29
Net Income	538.81	2,477.10	-1,938.29
Membership Development			
	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4550 · Membership Development			
4551 · Membership Development Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
4552 · Membership Development-Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
4550 · Membership Development - Other	487.19	513.00	-25.81
Total 4550 · Membership Development	487.19	513.00	-25.81
Total Income	487.19	513.00	-25.81
Expense			
9000 · MEMBERSHIP			
9010 · Membership Promotion	385.01	305.00	80.01
9020 · DeMolay Sword	0.00	208.00	-208.00
9030 · GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP	385.01	513.00	-127.99
Total Expense	385.01	513.00	-127.99
Net Ordinary Income	102.18	0.00	102.18
Net Income	102.18	0.00	102.18

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

I’ve attached a copy of the 2023 and 2024 Annual Statistical Report to this report. Unfortunately, we had two chapters, Altus Chapter No. 60 and Capitol Hill Chapter No. 101, that surrendered their Charters this year. The Companions of Altus Chapter affiliated with Lawton Chapter No. 44, and the Companions of Capitol Hill Chapter affiliated with Cyrus Chapter No. 7.

We had a net loss of 23 Companions this year. Our suspensions were up by 14 compared to 34 in 2023. We Exalted sixty-seven new Companions compared to fifty-eight the previous year.

Respectfully submitted:



Jon B. Greene
Grand Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – WITHDRAWN BY AUTHORS

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

WHEREAS: December is one of the busiest months in Masonry, and

WHEREAS: Our members are all Master Masons, many of whom belong to more than one Lodge, and

WHEREAS: Many of our members are also members of one or more appendant bodies, and

WHEREAS: The scheduling of these various bodies’ elections and installations leaves very little time for our members to hold elections and installations of their local Chapters, and

WHEREAS: Tulsa Chapter 52, Bartlesville Chapter 55, Texhoma Chapter 28, Indian Chapter 1, Stillwater Chapter 14, and Lawton Chapter 44 all meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, thus causing the above-mentioned Chapters to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Chapters

Section 1. Elections, Chapter Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host who shall be elected at the first Stated Convocation in December of each year.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Chapters

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The officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host, who shall be elected at the first Stated Convocation in November of each year.

This change would make it much easier for our local Chapters to schedule and hold their elections and plan quality installation programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [3]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

RESOLUTION NO. 2a - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: modern technology allows for more cost-efficient communication. And

WHEREAS: the cost of printed materials has become substantial at a time of financial exigency for the Grand Chapter and more cost-effective means of distribution exist.

WHEREAS: Article 2, Section 4 subsection i, paragraph 2 requires the printing of materials that can be communicated by other means.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Secretary: General Duties.

i. Proceedings.

2) The Grand Secretary shall distribute the annual printed proceedings as follows: one copy to the High Priest and one copy to the Secretary of each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction; two copies to the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International and two copies to each Grand Chapter with which this Grand Chapter is in fraternal correspondence; one copy to each officer of this Grand Chapter; one copy to each Past Grand High Priest; one copy to the chairman of each Standing Committee; and one copy to each Masonic Library and Masonic periodical and to any person who, in the judgment of the Grand Secretary, may be a proper recipient thereof. He shall distribute such other printed matter as may be directed by this Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Secretary: General Duties.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2b - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: modern technology allows for information to be had at our fingertips. And

WHEREAS: information in printed materials is often outdated. And

WHEREAS: the Grand Secretaries contact information is readily available on their Grand Jurisdictions website.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Secretary: General Duties.

i. Proceedings.

1) The Grand Secretary shall cause to be printed the Proceedings of each Annual Convocation, in which shall be included: Alphabetical lists of active and demised Chapters, a numerical list of Chapters with the location, date for stated Convocation, date of charter, a table showing elective officers of this Grand Chapter from its organization; the names and addresses of the representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter and of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters; a list of Grand Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions, with their addresses; memorial pages; the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence; such other information and statistics as are customary or useful to the Craft; a general index.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3a - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: while once a necessity for appointed Grand Representatives to report updates on the state of Masonry in foreign jurisdictions, the advent of technology has made the Grand Representative role effectively obsolete. And

WHEREAS: increasingly more Grand Jurisdictions are distributing, or making available via the internet, their annual proceedings in digital form. And

WHEREAS: many jurisdictions no longer appoint or recognize Grand Representatives. And

WHEREAS: the office of the Grand Secretary has not received any reports on Annual Communications of other Grand Jurisdictions from any Grand Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 5 Grand Representatives

Section 1. Grand Representatives

The tenure of office of a Grand Representative from this Grand Chapter to another Grand Chapter shall continue until his resignation or death or his official removal by the Grand High Priest. Any Grand Representative in Oklahoma who shall fail to attend this Grand Chapter for three consecutive Annual Convocations may be removed, and the Grand High Priest shall recommend a successor in the usual manner.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3b - PASSED

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ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

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

TELLERS COMMITTEE

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions to the Tellers Committee:

M.:E.: Companion Timothy P. Israel, P.:G.:H.:P.:;

M.:E.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., P.:G.:H.:P.:;

M.:E.: Companion William “Jim” Cloud, P.:G.:H.:P.:;

M.:E.: Companion Bradley S. Rickelman, P.:G.:H.:P.:.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee reports the following:

Grand Officers:	17 (including D.D.G.H.P.)
Past Grand High Priests:	14
Past High Priests:	51
High Priests:	9
Kings:	7
Scribes	5
Proxies	11
Total Votes:	93

Number of Chapters represented by Dais Officers: 13

Number of Chapters not represented: 2

Respectfully Submitted

Bradley S. Rickelman [15] – Chairman

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was called by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Blaine C. McKnight and convened at 2:00 PM on August 4, 2024 via Zoom concurrent with the Jurisprudence Committees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma with the following Jurisprudence Committee members, Chairman Mathew A. Turner and Secretary William J. Cloud, John Carter, PGHP, Bradley Rickelman, PGHP, Robert Davis, PGHP, Clyde Schoolfield, Jr., PGHP, Robert Rolseth, PGHP, James R. Taylor, Jr, PGHP. Others present included Most Excellent Blaine C. McKnight, and other Grand Chapter officers, Frank J. Bellardo, Right Excellent Grand King; Matthew D. McGee, Right Excellent Grand Scribe; Jon B. Greene, Right Excellent Grand Secretary; Michael S. Wright, Right Excellent Grand Captain of the host in attendance.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest asked for a special meeting to discuss any issues that might be had concerning the Grand Chapter signing a multi-year contract (for three years) with a hotel for our Grand Sessions.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed and discussed the questions asked by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

- 1) Is there any issue with the Grand Chapter entering into a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions – The Committee discussed and reviewed the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, specifically ARTICLE 6, which allows a multi-year (up to 3 Year) contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions pending the approval of the Companions.

ARTICLE 6; Section 4

c. The Time and 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 and Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

This issue was raised because, at our Grand Convocation, the details for a 3-year contract, although discussed, had not been finalized by the desired facility and the Time and Place Committee. Therefore, the Time and Place Committee was unable to submit a proposed 3-year contract to the Membership at large.

Authority of Grand High Priest as set forth in the General Laws:

Article 2, Section 1, k & l

k. Other Duties.

The Grand High Priest shall perform such other duties as the nature of his office may require or the ceremonies and rituals of the Craft may impose, and to this end, he may exercise all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives of his office according to the customs and usages of Ancient Craft Masonry, except as they may be found to be abridged, modified, or restricted by the Constitution, General Laws and Edicts of this Grand Chapter.

l. Annual Report.

The Grand High Priest shall at each Annual Convocation present a written report to this Grand Chapter of his official acts during the recess of this Grand Chapter and actions and such other matters as he may deem necessary for the consideration of this Grand Chapter and make such recommendations as he may think proper.

As stated above, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has the right, privilege, and authority to make decisions on behalf of the Craft, with regard to the normal course of business of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, subject to their review at Grand Sessions, when the Craft is at recess.

The decision to approve a contract impacting the facility and location of our Grand Chapter, while said decision should be made during the Grand Session, is within the authority and purview of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest when the Craft is at recess.

NOTE: The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma has specifically included in its General Laws the authority of the Grand Commander to call a Special Meeting of the Craft via ZOOM. The Chairman recommends that a provision granting that authority to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest should be considered by the membership of this Grand Body.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Blaine C. McKnight was introduced for comments. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest thanked the Committee and his officers for their attendance and advice on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mathew A Turner, PGHP, Chairman, William J. Cloud, PGHP, Secretary



The Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was opened by M.:E.: Companion Mathew Turner, following an invocation by M.:E. ∴ Companion John Carter at the Scissortail room at the Embassy Suites, 3233 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with the following members present:

Mathew Turner, William J. Cloud, Clyde Schoolfield, Robert Davis, David Ray, John Carter, Tim Israel, James Taylor, John King, Bradley Rickelman, John Christopher, Kent Israel, Donnie Higginbotham, and John Logan.

The Committee approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee held on August 4, 2024.

A discussion was opened on the Grand High Priest's address. Motions were made by M.:E.: Companion James Taylor and seconded by M.:E.: Companion Donnie Higginbotham to approve the Grand High Priest's Address, with the exception of the dispensations and decisions, with the following notes.

- The Grand High Priest referenced a special session to be installed as Grand High Priest. No Special Session was called, and it was just an installation.

The motion prevailed.

A discussion was held on the Dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest. Motion was made by M.:E.: James Taylor, and seconded by M.:E. ∴ John King, that the Dispensations were proper and within the authority of the Grand High Priest. The motion prevailed.

A discussion was held on the Dispensation issued by Blaine McKnight. Motion was made by M.:E.: James Taylor, and seconded by M.:E.: William J. Cloud, that the Dispensation was proper and within the authority of the Grand High Priest. The motion prevailed.

A discussion was held on Resolution No. 1. The last sentence of the Resolution should be in the Whereas Sections and language which should be corrected to "shall be elected at a Stated Convocation in November or the First Stated Convocation in December of each year." Which was accepted by the Authors. The motion was made by M.:E.: James Taylor and seconded by M.:E.: William J. Cloud that the resolution was in legal and proper form with the amendments.

Discussion was held on Resolutions No. 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b. Motions were made, seconded that the resolutions were in legal and proper form. The motions prevailed.

Discussion was held on Past Grand High Priest Association 1a, 1b, and 1c. Motion was made by M::E:: Clyde Schoolfield and seconded by M::E:: Robert G. Davis that the resolutions were in legal and proper form and should be renumbered as resolutions 4a, 4b, and 4c.

The committee commends the Grand High Priest, M::E:: Frank Bellardo, for stepping in as Grand High Priest after the withdrawal of Blaine McKnight, and thanks him for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,

M::E:: Mathew A. Turner, Chairman, M::E:: William J. Cloud, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 2, 2025, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter 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 Chapter General Fund, Grand Chapter Perpetual Membership Fund, and Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund and found them to be in order and in agreement with the information provided by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter's budget is a fiscal year budget based on the calendar year, while the Grand Chapter Officer's 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 High Priest's Travel expenses are included in this year's budget to fix the discrepancy.

The Committee commends the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their diligence in accounting and safeguarding the funds and investments of the Grand Chapter.

Also accompanying this report is the 2025 proposed budget for the Grand Chapter and Membership Development. We recommend their approval by the Grand Chapter.

CHAPTER BUDGET 2025

Income	
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	7,780.00
4020 · G. G. Chapter Per Capita	1,479.00
4030 · RARA Donation	778.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	194.00
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	10,231.00
4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.	
4110 · PEM Dividend from investment	2,429.57
4120 · Interest Income	9,422.17
Total 4100 · Interest/Investmen Inc.	11,851.74
4200 · FEES	
4210 · Degree Fees	800.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	10.00
4240 · Festival Meal Fees	0.00
4245 · Petition Fees Collected @ GMF	3,000.00
4200 · FEES - Other	
Total 4200 · FEES	3,820.00
4300 · RESALE	
4310 · Ritual Resale	200.00
4300 · RESALE - Other	
Total 4300 · RESALE	200.00
4600 · MISC INCOME	
4610 · MISC Income	200.00
4600 · MISC INCOME - Other	
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	200.00
Total Income	26,302.74
Expense	
5000 · STAFF	
5010 · Grand Secretary's Salary	5,250.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	450.00
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance	200.00
Total 5000 · STAFF	5,900.00
5100 · ASSESSMENTS	
5110 · Per Capita - G.G. Chapter	1,225.00
5120 · RARA Donation	777.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00
5140 · General Grand Chapter Magazine	3,900.00
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	6,202.00
6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	
6010-24 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-McKnight/Belluardo	1,250.00
6010-25 · M.E.G.H.P. Travel-Belluardo	1,250.00
6015 · Grand Secretary's Travel	300.00
6020 · Grand High Priest Grand Session	275.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	75.00
6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Chapter OV	1,140.00
6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master	200.00
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	250.00
6080 · Triennial	
6080-24 · Triennial-2024	935.25
6080-25 · Triennial-2025	918.75
8060-26 · Triennial-2026	0.00
6080 · Triennial - Other	
Total 6080 · Triennial	918.75
6110 · Festival Meal Catering	150.00
6111 · GM Festival Fee Reimburs	3,000.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	8,808.75

CHAPTER BUDGET 2025 - CONTINUED

7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	
7100 · Rent	
7130 · GM Festival Rent	100.00
7100 · Rent - Other	<u> </u>
Total 7100 · Rent	100.00
7200 · Telecommunications	
7210 · Phone and Internet	75.00
7220 · Website	<u>63.96</u>
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	138.96
7300 · Office Supplies	
7310 · General Office Supplies	40.00
7320 · Ink	60.00
7330 · Computer Software	
7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	33.00
7330.3 · ZOOM	195.00
7330 · Computer Software - Other	<u> </u>
Total 7330 · Computer Software	561.00
7350 · MMS Subscription	514.99
7300 · Office Supplies - Other	<u> </u>
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	1,175.99
7400 · Printing and Reproduction	
7410 · Pre Print	75.00
7420 · Proceedings	15.00
7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	<u> </u>
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	90.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery	
7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00
7520 · Stamps	33.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	<u> </u>
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	103.00
7600 · Insurance	
7610 · Bond Premium	<u>75.67</u>
Total 7600 · Insurance	75.67
7700 · Repairs	
7710 · Computer Repairs	
7700 · Repairs - Other	<u> </u>
Total 7700 · Repairs	<u> </u>
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	1,683.62
8000 · MISC	
8010 · Rituals	300.00
8070 · Misc - Other	
8000 · MISC - Other	<u> </u>
Total 8000 · MISC	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expense	22,894.37
Net Ordinary Income	3,408.37
Net Income	3,408.37

CHAPTER BUDGET 2025 – MEMBERSHIP

Income	
4550 · Membership Development	
4551 · Membership Development Interest	707.50
4552 · Membership Development-Other	<u>0.00</u>
Total 4550 · Membership Development	<u>707.50</u>
Total Income	707.50
Expense	
9000 · MEMBERSHIP	
9010 · Membership Promotion	400.00
9020 · DeMolay Sword	100.00
9030 · GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)	<u>200.00</u>
Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP	<u>700.00</u>
Total Expense	700.00
Net Ordinary Income	7.50
Net Income	7.50

NOTE: **Any funds budgeted for GHP's Travel - (2025-2026) not disbursed during 2025 will be carried over to the 2026 budget.

Fraternally submitted,
Matthew D. McGee [83] - Chairman, Mark K. McFadden [3], Michael S. Wright [11]
Matthew D. McGee [25]

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. Sadly, this year saw a decrease in attendance at our regional festivals. The 2025 Central Oklahoma Festival, scheduled for February 2025, was canceled due to a lack of candidates. Our Northeast Oklahoma Festivals only had three candidates. This is an alarming trend. This makes our annual Grand Masters Festival even more important, my fellow Companions. It is crucial for each of us to consider ourselves a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from everyone to get out and visit our local lodges and tell our brethren why they should be York Rite Masons. 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. The pool of Master Masons who are not yet York Rite Masons is our biggest resource for new members, considering the small number of new Master Masons being Raised in Oklahoma.

Suspensions and withdrawals are another matter of concern. The question looms as to why these members decided to leave their Chapter. We must diligently follow 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.

Sadly, we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost many 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, Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., for the privilege of serving as State Membership Chairman during his year, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [3] – Chairman

TRIENNIAL

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 Most 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 August 30th – September 1st, 2026, in Washington, D.C., at the Capitol Hilton Hotel.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcashhh-capital-hilton/>

Further details will be forthcoming when they become available.

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

YORK RITE COORDINATION

The goal for the York Rite Coordination Committee is to improve the communication and interaction between the three Grand York Rite bodies and to promote new ideas and growth in our Fraternity.

During the 2024-2025 Capitular year, we held 4 quarterly meetings via Zoom with the three Grand York Rite bodies' elected officers and their respective appointed Grand Officers. Between the three York Rite Grand Bodies, we have worked very well together and with good participation at the meetings. It is the Committee's opinion that with the continued collaboration of the Grand York Rite lines, our working relationships between the three bodies will continue to grow, be strong, and promote the York Rite throughout the state of Oklahoma.

Regards & Fraternity,
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103] - Chairman, Matthew D. McGee [83],
Michael S. Wright [11], Matthew D. McGee [25]

EDUCATION

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

The Grand Master's Festival was held in Norman, Oklahoma, on July 27, 2024. At the festival, 50 Companions were Exalted as Royal Arch Masons. We want to thank Norman Chapter 24 for hosting the festival and for all their hard work. The Committee extends appreciation to all the Degree teams for their hard work. They are to be commended for the excellent work exemplified at the festival.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew D. McGee [83] - RAM, Michael S. Wright [11] – CM,
Mark K. McFadden [3] – KT

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 Northeast Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 8, 2025, at East Gate Masonic Center in Tulsa. They exalted three 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.

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,
Michael S. Wright [11]- Chairman

REPORT OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma officers are beginning the last year of their three-year terms. Leading the Foundation is Jack Painter from Hennessey. He will serve in this capacity until 2027. The foundation board looks forward to working with Brother Painter'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 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 26 years. I continue to serve the foundation with membership on the financial and matching funds committees.

Fraternity

David A. Ray [24] - Grand Chapter Representative

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) is a non-profit organization established in 1974, dedicated to advancing research for Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD). It is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation incorporated in Kentucky, focusing on promoting solutions and funding innovative studies to help children affected by CAPD. R.A.R.A. serves as the national philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and aims to foster understanding and provide hope to families dealing with this disorder.

The new website is much improved! Information on how to donate, but also explanations on what is being researched, who is being helped, and what CAPD is. Printable brochures are also available on the website. The Awards page lists the Donor Recognition Program for both the individual and chapters, and what those award levels are. If you have any questions about R.A.R.A. I would now recommend you check out the new webpage!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Donnie G. Higginbotham [1, 28]

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The 67th Annual South-Central Regional York Rite Conference was held September 20th–21st, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted by the Oklahoma York Rite Bodies at the Double Tree by Hilton. The Conference was well attended by Companions from the six-state region (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.) Several Officers from the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, and Grand Encampment attended.

Presentations were given by the representatives of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Leadership training was also made available through the “York Rite Leadership Training Program.”

The committee commends and thanks Most Illustrious Grand Master James R. Taylor, Jr., and all the Companions and Sir Knights who helped plan, coordinate, and support hosting this year's conference, allowing it to be a great success.

The 68th Annual South-Central York Rite Conference, September 19th-20th, 2025, at the South Shore Harbor Resort in League City, Texas.

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 put most of the forms our Secretaries need online. Also, all award forms have been posted online. These forms are in the "downloads" section on the website.

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

DEMOLAY

Serving on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Chapter has been an honor 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 DeMolay's Executive Officer 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. Lucas Pitt from Myrtle Chapter of DeMolay was selected and awarded the sword at their Winterfest in February. He has worked diligently in his Chapter to help it grow and show great servant leadership. We hope he and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

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

NECROLOGY

Companions, Once more 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

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Our Annual Communications are being held once again at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. If you have any questions about our accommodation, the meeting rooms, or meals, please contact one of the members of the Time & Place; we will do our best to make it right.

We have contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. Your Grand Officers have been in constant communication with the Time & Place Committee, and we appreciate their diligence in making this the best event we can.

Looking ahead, I want all the Companions to understand that our continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel depends critically on our renting sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested in our event.

As a smaller event with a specific proscribed calendar date for the annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract. You have noticed that the registration fee has gone up this year. This serves to mitigate some of the costs associated with the event, as we have currently negotiated it.

What can you do? If you want us to continue holding our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center, stay at the hotel at least one night – and if possible, two. Spend time with your Companions. Enjoy the hospitality of being in Oklahoma City, with its myriad of activities. Or remain Saturday night after the Grand Commandry and

relax. Staying at the hotel not only allows us to satisfy our contract but allows us to spend time together beyond the proscribed requirements for the annual meeting.

Fraternally,

Bradley S. Rickelman [14] – Chairman, Brian A. Buswell [7],

Robert W. McLeod [3, 52], Ivan M. DeTevis [14, 52]

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 by R.:E.: Jon B. Greene, Grand Secretary, to accept the Grand High Priest's Address and all committee reports. The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by M.:E.: Clyde H. Schoolfied, Jr., Past Grand High Priest, to make David Roger Oelschlager, a Past High Priest of Vernon Chapter 51 in Louisiana, a voting member of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. E.:C.: Oelschlager is now a member of Cyrus Chapter No. 7 in Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF 2025-2026 OFFICERS

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

R.:E.: Companion Matthew D. McGee was nominated for the office of Grand King and was elected by acclamation.

R.:E.: Companion Michael S. Wright 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 L. Dixon was nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Host and was elected by acclamation.

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, gave his remarks.

R.:E.: Companion Dick Browning, General Grand Secretary for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, and personal representative to General Grand High Priest M.:E.: Companion Teko A. Foley, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons gave his remarks.

M.:W.: Brother James R. Roderick, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma, gave his remarks.

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was closed in Ample Form by M.:E.: Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., 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.: Bradley S. Rickelman, P.:G.:H.:P.:

Installing Marshal: M.:E.: C.: James R. Taylor, Jr., P.:G.:H.:P.:

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

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




Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.

Grand High Priest



Jon B. Greene
Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 CAPITULAR YEAR**

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]	Beth	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]		Right Excellent Grand King
Michael S. Wright [11]	Kim	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Kenton M. Israel [7, 50, 104]	Dana	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
P.: G.: H.: P.:		
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [52, 55]		Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
P.: G.: H.: P.:		
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]	Renee	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Gary A. Davis [52]	H.: P.: G.: H.: P.:	Right Excellent Grand Secretary Emeritus
Michael L. Dixon [6]	Karen	Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Charles L. Cook [11]	Molly	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Kevin P. Bardy [14]	Kim	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Robert W. "Bob" McLeod [52, 3]	Pam	Excellent Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil
Justin M. McGee [14,24]		Excellent Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil
Richard L. Hargrave III [52]	Mary	Excellent Grand Master of the 1 st Veil
William Foster[55]	Carmen	Excellent Grand Sentinel
Adam R. Taylor [103]		Excellent Grand Chaplain

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
FOR THE 2025 - 2026 CAPITULAR YEAR**

DISTRICT 1	Matthew N. Harden [3]	Indian Chapter No. 1 Muskogee Chapter No. 3 Texoma Chapter No. 28
DISTRICT 2	Bryan C. Shackelford [6]	Guthrie Chapter No. 6 Cyrus Chapter No. 7
DISTRICT 3	William D. Hardin [11]	Ardmore Chapter No. 11 Lawton Chapter No. 44
DISTRICT 4	Ryan R. Frederick [14]	Stillwater Chapter No. 14 Olivet Chapter No. 24
DISTRICT 5	Seth J. Dawson [24]	Norman Chapter No. 24 Veritas Chapter No. 103
DISTRICT 6	David D. Shore [72]	Elk City Chapter No. 50 Woodward Chapter No. 72
DISTRICT 7	Larry D. White [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 2025-2026 CAPITULAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

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

CREDENTIALS

Bradley S. Rickelman [14]
James Oates III [44]
Steven Cox [3]
James R. Taylor, Sr. [52, 104]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - ex officio

FINANCE

Matthew D. McGee [14, 25] - Chairman
Michael S. Wright [11]
Michael L. Dixon [6]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

INVESTMENTS

2023-26 [RAM] John L. Logan [6, 72]
2025-28 [CM] James R. Taylor, Jr., [52, 104]
2024-27 [KT] Mathew A. Turner [7, 24]

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

TRIENNIAL

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

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [7]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Michael L. Dixon [6]

MEMBERSHIP

John E. Werts [55] - Chairman
Central - David A. Tennison [6]
N. Central – Justin M. McGee [14, 25]
Northeast – Jim L. Parham [52]
Northwest – David D. Shore [72]
S. Central – Russell N. Davis [11]
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]
Southwest – Roland Morales [44]

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]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]
M.:E.: Grand High Priest ex officio

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Michael S. Wright [14, 25] - RAM
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25] - CM
Trasen S. Akers [7] - KT

NECROLOGY

Adam R. Taylor [103]

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Mathew A. Tuner [7, 24]
Michael S. Wright [11]
John L. Logan [6, 72]
Robert R. Rolseth [52, 104]

CLARENCE BRAIN CHAPTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

BRONZE MEDAL – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

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

EDUCATION

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

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Mathew D. McGee [14, 25] - Chairman
Timothy P. Israel [50, 60, 104]
James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Michael L. Dixon [6]- 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]
Southeast - John E. King, Jr. [1, 28]
Southwest – Christopher J.P. Smith [44]

MURROW AWARD

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [24, 103]
Matthew D. McGee [14, 25]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

DEMOLAY COMMITTEE

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

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

**MASONIC CHARITY
FOUNDATION**

2024-27 [RAM] David A. Ray [24]
2025-28 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [1]
2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [50, 60,
104]

APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. [52, 104]

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 Frensley	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
* 1929-30	Frank Smith	Indian No. 1	McAlester
* 1930-31	John William Rackley	Alfalfa No. 66	Cherokee
* 1931-32	Leslie Herbert Swan	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City

* 1932-33	Charles Granville Watson	Keystone No. 9	El Reno
* 1933-34	Walter Moore Rainey	Oklahoma No. 2	Atoka
* 1934-35	Edson Angus McMillan	Ada No. 26	Ada
* 1935-36	Edward M. Washington	Holdenville No. 71	Holdenville
* 1936-37	Benjamin Hersey Frohock	Blackwell No. 43	Blackwell
* 1937-38	Joseph Lee Rodgers	Hugo No. 84	Hugo
* 1938-39	Rupert J. Daugherty	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
* 1939-40	Newton Arrie Lae	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	Fridtiof 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. Mandlebaum	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
* 1972-73	Robert L. Taylor	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1973-74	Neal D. Leech	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1974-75	John C. Shanklin	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
* 1975-76	Charles L. Stuckey	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
* 1976-77	Carl R. Burrows	Keystone No. 102	Tipton

* 1977-78	Robert H. Bibb	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1978-79	Seymour B. Ingerson	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
* 1979-80	C. W. Epperson	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1980-81	Robert E. Fielden	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1981-82	Kenneth D. Buckley	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
* 1982-83	Allen E. Isselhart	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1983-84	Donald W. Rimmer	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1984-85	Eugene Fields	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1985-86	John J. Petrik	Grant County No. 99	Medford
* 1986-87	Vincent S. Juliano	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
* 1987-88	Robert B. Russell	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1988-89	John A. Spencer	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1989-90	Ellis Sappington	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
* 1990-91	Glenn Tuttle	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1991-92	Kenneth L. Lowmiller	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
* 1992-93	C. Dean Ford	Norman No. 24	Norman
* 1993-94	Rex L. Bowen	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
* 1994-95	Paul G. Watkins	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 1995-96	Donald M. Keiser	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1996-97	Elwood M. Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
1997-98	David A. Ray	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1998-99	Donald W. Askins	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 1999-2000	Jesse H. Burns	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 2000	William J. "Bill" Cloud	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
* 2000-01	Jimmie R. Dooley	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
2001-02	William D. Bowie	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
* 2002-03	Charles F. Gillentine	Olivet No. 25	Ponca city
2003-04	Newell K. Barker	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
2004-05	Joseph M. Lusk	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
* 2005-06	James E. Smyrl	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
* 2006-07	Bobby L. Carter	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
2007-08	Glenn H. Kinsley	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
2008-09	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2009-10	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2010-11	Ronald L. Carr	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
2011-12	John E. King	Altus No. 60	Altus
2012-13	Robert R. Rolseth	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2013-14	Donald G. Jones	Norman No. 24	Norman
2014-15	Robert G. Davis	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
2015-16	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2016	Gary A. Davis (Hon)	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2016-17	James R. Taylor, Jr	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2017-18	Kenton M. Israel	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2018-19	John L. Logan	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
2019-20	Bradley S. Rickelman	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
2020-21	John R. Christopher	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie

2021-22	John F. Carter	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
2022-23	Mathew A. Tuner	Norman No. 24	Norman
2023-24	William J. "Jim" Cloud	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
** 2024	Blaine C. McKnight	Texhoma No. 28	Durant
2024-25	Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.	Veritas No. 103	Norman

* Deceased

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JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD

THOMAS M. KEENZE

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.

Excellent Companion Keenze was exalted in 2000 in Tulsa Chapter No. 52, serving the Chapter and the Tulsa York Rite as Treasurer from 2013 to 2016. He is one of many Companions instrumental in establishing a Royal Arch Chapter in Owasso, OK. James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104 RAM was constituted on June 5, 2018, and Tom served as the Excellent High Priest for the Chapter in 2023.

Excellent Companion Keenze demonstrates natural leadership ability. He is consistently dependable in performing his duties. His sincere and professional demeanor has created an atmosphere of harmony and teamwork in his Chapter. He is a true example of how a strong personal commitment can be reflected in the performance of an organization. He is a member of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma. During his term as High Priest for James E. Smyrl Chapter, he helped raise over \$650 for RARA over the course of the year by encouraging the Chapter members participate in a monthly 50/50 drawing.

Excellent Companion Keenze has an outstanding Masonic service record. The highlights of his service to other Masonic organizations include being a 36-year member of Wills Rogers Lodge, serving as Worshipful Master in 1998. He is a member of Tulsa Council No. 22 Cryptic Masons and Trinity Commandery No. 20 Knights Templar. He is a member of MacMillan Council No. 15 AMD serving as Sovereign Master in 2007 and 2008. Companion Keenze is a member of the McAlester Valley of the Scottish Rite and is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of several degree teams.

The Companions and officers of James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104 feel Companion Keenze's exceptional example of selflessness, meritorious service to the Chapter and the Masonic Fraternity in general, make a compelling statement as to his worthiness to be recognized with this significant award and they heartily make this recommendation.

JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW AWARD RECIPIENTS

1956	*Herman A. Vaughan	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1959	*George M. Beal	Capitol Hill No. 101	Oklahoma City
1964	*David M. McCain	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
1965	*Herschel W. Anderson	Hobart No. 37	Hobart
1966	*Aix B. Harrison	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
	*Hugh T. Richardson	Clinton No. 69	Clinton
1969	*J. W. Thomas	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
1970	*Claude Wentworth	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa

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

1989	*Stephen William Spleth	Grant County No. 99	Medford
	Elwood Murl Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
1990	*Howard Elton Ridgway	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
	*Andrew J. Vloedman	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
1991	*James Viele Jr.	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	*Fred R. Whitehead	Keystone No. 102	Tipton
1992	*William Edward Wickliffe	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	*Amos Grant Robison	Norman No. 24	Norman
1993	*Joseph Edwin Post	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	***William L. Campbell	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
1994	*John D. Miller Jr.	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1995	*Robert D. Mitchell	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
	*Ira F. Elledge	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
	*William Hall	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	*James D. Walker	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
1996	*Chester R. Cowen	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
	*William A. Baines	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	*Willard E. Phillips	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
	*Barry Spradling	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
1997	*Larry Don Horton	Chickasha No. 17	Chickasha
	*Virgil Everett Morse	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1998	*Harold Marion Tolle	Okmulgee No. 39	Okmulgee
	*Ruffic Charlie Hughes	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
1999	*Charles Newton Haley	Tulsa No. 52	Broken Arrow
2000	Richard Dunaway	Cimarron Valley No. 81	Drumright
2001	John Wade Vaughan Jr.	Tulsa No. 52	Broken Arrow
2002	*William D. Frazier	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
2003	Dale Matthew Braden	Tulsa No. 52	Broken Arrow
2004	Alfred D. Fryman	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
	Robert E. Goode	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
2005	Andrew Buryl Palmer	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2006	Robert Richard Rolseth	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2007	*Anthony Morris Leonhard	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2008	*Joe H. Britton	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2009	James Roy Taylor Jr.	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2010	*Harvey W. Kaylor	Altus No. 60	Altus
2011	Mike W. Sexton	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2012	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
2013	Truman B. Burns	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2014	Tommy M. Johnston	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2015	***Blaine C. McKnight	Texoma No. 28	Colbert
	Robert Caleb Finch	Veritas No. 103	Norman
2016	*Tommy Childs	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
	Donald E. Wolford	Altus No. 60	Altus
2017	Harvey C. Johnson Jr.	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
	John D. Holman	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City

2018	Jay A. Wall	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2019	Mark K. McFadden	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2020	James R. Taylor, Sr.	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2021	*Robert C. Shadey	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
2022	Michael T. Harden	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2023	Brian A. Buswell	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
	Richard L. Hargrave III	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2024	Thomas M. Keenze	James E. Smyrl 104	Owasso

* - Deceased

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*** - Unknown



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

None Awarded

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE MEDAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

1986	*Howard G. Parker	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1987	*T. Earl Curb	Oklahoma City No. 91	Bethany
1988	*James O. Rust	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
1989	*Melvin M. Jennings, Jr.	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1990	*Arthur A. Farrington	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
1991	*Charles Emmitt Williams	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
1992	Elwood M. Isaacs	Bartlesville No. 55	Bartlesville
1993	*William L. Keeling	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
1994	*L. D. Clark	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma city
1995	Ronald Jack Chambers	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
1996	*Rufus Charles Hughes	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
1997	*Paul A. Fitch	Ardmore No. 11	Ardmore
1998	*Albert Wild	Shawnee No. 32	Shawnee
1999	*Orlan R. Harrington	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2000	Lanny Sander	Woodward No. 72	Woodward
2001	Robert T. Shipe	Capitol Hill No. 101	Midwest City
2002	*Charles Moss	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2003	Bobby J. Stalnaker	Lawton No. 44	Lawton
2004	Timothy P. Israel	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2005	Bobby L. Laws	Altus No. 60	Altus
2006	*Harvey W. Kaylor	Altus No. 60	Altus
2007	*Joseph C. Tannehill	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2008	Edwin C. Womack	Elk City No. 50	Elk City
2009	Rocco Keith Eastridge	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2010	*Gary A. Odendahl	Stillwater No. 14	Stillwater
2011	*Monte Gene Hendrix	Indian No. 1	McAlester
2012	Anthony Wayne Keck	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2013	Tommy M. Johnston	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2014	**Mark A. Critchfield	Guthrie No. 6	Guthrie
2015	James E. Halbrook	Olivet No. 25	Ponca City
2016	Marshall M. Clayton	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2017	James D. Nobles	Cyrus No. 7	Oklahoma City
2018	*B.F. Rowland, Jr.	Altus No. 60	Altus
2019	Larry D. White	Tulsa No. 52	Tulsa
2020	*Bruce J. Williams	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2021	NONE		
2022	Mark K. McFadden	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee
2023	Steven E. Cox	Muskogee No. 3	Muskogee

* Deceased

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



**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
GOLD MEDAL**

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

RECIPIENTS FROM OKLAHOMA

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



**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
SWEETHEART AWARD**

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

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

2014	Vicki King	2015	Marilyn Rolseth	2017	Gage Taylor
2017	Dana Israel	2025	Beth Belluardo		



**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
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Ephraim Kirby Award Recipients

2013	Elwood M. Isaacs	2019	*Bobby L. Carter
2014	Gary A. Davis	2020	Bradley S. Rickelman
	Robert G. Davis	2021	Charles L. Stuckey
	John L. Logan	2022	Robert R. Rolseth
2015	Timothy P. Israel	2023	James R. Taylor, Jr.
	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2024	John F. Carter
2016	David A. Ray	2025	Newell K. Barker
2017	Glenn H. Kinsley		
	Don G. Jones		
	* - Deceased		

2025 DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OF OKLAHOMA

NO.	NAME & LOCATION	HIGH PRIEST	SECRETARY	MEETING DAY	CHARTER
1	INDIAN 2d & Adams McAlester 74501 918-423-6360	Ronald J. Gragg, Sr.	Mark K. McFadden	4th Monday 7:00 pm	Aug. 18, 1880
3	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Robert W. McLeod	Mark McFadden	2 nd Wed 6:00 p.m.	Nov. 6, 1890
6	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut Guthrie 73044	Christopher R. Mallow	John R. Christopher	2 nd Thurs 7:30 pm	Nov. 6, 1890
7	CYRUS 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City 73112	Robert A Powell, Jr.	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2 nd & 4 th Weds 7:00 pm	Nov. 6, 1890
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry Ardmore 73401 580-223-239	Russell N. Davis	John F. Carter	2 nd Monday 7:30 pm	Aug. 10, 1893
14	STILLWATER 322 W. Miller Stillwater 74074 405-372-7520	William G. Atkinson	Brad Rickelman	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	2 nd Thurs 7:30	Sept. 13, 1898
25	OLIVET 1200 W. Grand Ponca City 74601	William P. Donovan	Tyler E. Evans	2 nd Tuesday Chap & Council 7:00 pm	Sept. 18, 1899
28	TEXOMA 103 S. Burney St. Colbert, OK 74733	Ryan D. Jones	John E. King, Jr.	4 th Thurs 7:30 pm	April 28, 1901
44	LAWTON 702 SW C St. Lawton 73505 580-353-4606	James J. Lindstrom	Glen A. Chaney	4 th Tuesday Chap & Council 7:00 pm	April 17, 1906
50	ELK CITY 102½ N. Jefferson Elk City 73644 580-225-0484	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel	1 st & 3 rd Tues 7:30 pm	April 17, 1906
52	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112	M. Logan Bryant	Jon B. Greene	3 rd Monday Chap & Council	April 19, 1907
55	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006- 918-331-3831	William J. Foster	John E. Werts	3 rd Tuesdays	April 16, 1907
72	WOODWARD 819½ Main St. Woodward 73801 580-256-5240	Kyle B. Reynolds	Ray L. Bell	2 nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 16, 1912
103	Veritas Norman Lodge No.38 1700 N. Porter Norman, OK	Steven E. Cox	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	George "Rick" Lowry	James R. Taylor, Jr.	1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 5, 2018

DEMISED CHAPTERS

- 2..... Oklahoma (Murrow)..... 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 SpringsMerged 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.... DuncanConsolidated with Chickasha No. 17, September 8, 1967
- 22.... Wagoner 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.... Chyenne..... Surrendered Charter April 20, 1937
- 34.... Marietta.....Consolidated with Ardmore No. 11 March 17, 1917
- 35.... Mangum Surrendered Charter August 20, 1925
- 36.... EdmondConsolidated 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, SayreSurrendered 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
- 60.... Altus..... Consolidated with Lawton No. 44 May 15, 2024
- 61.... OkemahConsolidated 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.... AlfalfaConsolidated 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.... CordellSurrendered 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
- 101.. Capitol Hill Consolidated with Cyrus No. 7 on June 24, 2024
- 102.. Keystone, (Tipton)Consolidated with Lawton No. 44, September 17, 1994

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma



Minutes of the 132nd Annual Convention held at Stillwater, Oklahoma
August 17, 2024

Most Excellent President Brian A. Buswell opened the 132nd Annual Convention of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma at 9:00 AM with thirty members and eight candidates present.

Officers present were:

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

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

Nicholas Andrew Valenta	Indian Chapter No. 1
Michael Lewis Dixon	Guthrie Chapter No. 6
Jim Rule	Guthrie Chapter No. 6
Ryan Russell Frederick	Stillwater No. 14
Ivan Marcelo De Tevis	Stillwater No. 14
Kevin Sebastian Lapham	Norman No. 24
Roland Morales	Lawton No. 44
Carroll D. McBride	Tulsa No. 52

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	Bradley S. Rickelman (Pro-Tem)
Excellent Chaplain	Mathew A. Turner (Pro-Tem)
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), Donnie G. Higginbotham (2013-14), Robert R. Rolseth (2015-16), James R. Taylor, Jr. (2019-20), and Bradley S. Rickelman (2022-23)

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.: Bradley S. Rickelman, M.: W.: Michael L. Dixon, and M.: W.: Robert G. Davis.

A memorial service for the following Anointed High Priests was held: Kieth Ballard, John Chouteau, Marc Garriott, Harvey Ogden, Bedford Rowland, Jr., and Donald Wolford.

The minutes of the August 19, 2023, 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.

The annual election of officers for the 2024-2025 year was then held.

The nominating Committee recommended that all 2023-2024 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Recorder-Treasurer be retained and that Justin M. McGee be elected Sentinel.

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

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

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

The Officers for the year 2024-2025 are:

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

Most Excellent President Brian M. Ragain presented a Past Presidents jewel to outgoing President Brian A. Buswell.

It was announced that the 133rd Annual Convention is scheduled for August 16, 2025, at Frontier Lodge No. 48, Stillwater.

Most Excellent President Ragain made closing comments and there being no further business, the Convention was closed in due form at 10:04 AM.

James R. Taylor, Jr.
Recorder/Treasurer

Brian A. Buswell
Most Excellent President

*Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma
Treasurer Report - 08-17-24*

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank		
Checking Account Balance 07/31/23		\$1,751.23
Deposits:		
Candidate Fees	\$625.00	
AHP Jewel Sales	<u>0.00</u>	
625.00		
Disbursements:		
Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 (Facility Use)	\$ 50.00	
Jim Taylor (Degree Supplies)	40.13	
Simpson Jewelry & Uniform, Inc. (AHP Jewels)	150.27	
Heirloom Bible Publishing (AHP Bibles)	<u>317.67</u>	
	<u>558.07</u>	
Checking Account Balance 07/31/24		<u>\$1,818.16</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
2023-2024	Brian A. Buswell

* Deceased

** Inactive

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

MINUTES of April 26, 2024 Annual Meeting

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 could 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, 1st Vice-President
Kenton Israel, 2nd 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 R.A.R.A., \$2,000 to Oklahoma Rainbow, \$2,000 to Oklahoma DeMolay, and \$500 to Oklahoma Jobs Daughters. In addition, we granted a stipend to Charles Stuckey for \$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 of the Oklahoma York Rite Bodies. With that guidance, we voted to give \$2,000 to R.A.R.A., \$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 reimbursement 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, and 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, 2025**

CASH:

RCB-Pioneer, Ponca City, January 1, 2025
Account No. 55-1192 \$ 8,890.01

INVESTMENTS:

Wells Fargo, Ponca City, Account No. 4995-7445
Cash \$ 816.69

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>Yield</u>
ABBVIE Inc.	250	\$22,225.89	44,425.00	3.69%
ARES Capital Corp.	707	12,271.79	15,476.23	8.77%
Columbia Banking	433	10,054.00	11,695.33	5.33%
Helmerich & Payne, Inc.	590	10,070.62	18,891.80	3.12%
Iron Mountain	163	10,971.96	17,132.93	2.72%
ONEOK Inc New	510	32,253.52	51,204.00	3.94%
Stag Industrial	281	10,959.47	9,503.42	4.23%

Total Equities \$115,489.31 \$168,328.71

Total Assets with Wells Fargo \$169,145.40

Total Return: Capital Gain plus cash withdrawn – 27.20%

Estimated Income for 2025 - \$7,113.00

Notes:

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, 2024**

Cash on deposit, RCB Pioneer Account No. 55-1192
Ponca City, OK – January 1, 2024 \$ 6,316.59

DEPOSITS:

Checking Account Interest \$	0.93
Wells Fargo	<u>7,682.49</u>
 Total	 \$7,683.42

DISBURSEMENTS:

Oklahoma Rainbow	1,000.00
Oklahoma DeMolay	1,000.00
RARA	2,000.00
CMMRF	1,000.00
Charles L. Stuckey	<u>110.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$5,110.00

Cash on Deposit, RCB Pioneer
Ponca City, OK – December 31, 2024 \$ 8,890.01

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2025
PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND
COUNCIL
of
CRYPTIC MASONS
of
OKLAHOMA

AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April Twenty-Fifth, Two Thousand Twenty-Five



A.D. 2025 / A.Dep. 3025



JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.
M. :. I. :. GRAND MASTER 2024-2025

JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR.
BIOGRAPHY

Most Illustrious Companion James Roy Taylor, Jr. was born in Tulsa on December 12, 1970, to Brother and Companion James Roy Taylor and Diana Hunt. He attended Skiatook Public Schools and graduated in 1989. He attended Bethel College in Newton, KS, on a football scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accounting in 1993. He was a four-year letter winner and three-year starter for the Bethel College Threshers football team. He served as Captain of the football team in his Senior year and was All-Conference and All-Region during his Junior and Senior years. He earned his Master of Accountancy degree from Gardner-Webb University in 2009. He is a member of the Kappa Chi Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. In 2009, James married Gage L. Schulz, and they are the parents of two boys: Tyler and Hunter. He has worked in the Oil and Gas, Family Office, and Real Estate Industries for the past 30 years. Currently, he is Chief Financial Officer of the Criterion Fund, a real estate investment company in Owasso. He has been a member of the Petroleum Accountants Society of Oklahoma (PASO) for several years.

His Masonic career began as a member of Skiatook Lodge No. 416 A.F. & A.M., Skiatook, OK, where he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 27, 2007. James affiliated with Owasso Lodge No. 545 A.F. & A. M., Owasso, OK, on August 19, 2008, and served as Worshipful Master in 2011. Currently, he has served Owasso Lodge No. 545 as Treasurer since 2012. He is a member of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research and served as Worshipful Master in 2013.

Worshipful Brother Taylor was appointed Grand Bible Bearer for the 2020-21 term and Grand Sword Bearer for the 2023-24 term of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma and has served on several Grand Lodge committees.

In the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, he is a member and has served in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, S. J. of the U.S.A., the Valley of Tulsa, Orient of Oklahoma, since April 20, 2008. He served the Valley as Wise Master in the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2016. Currently, he is serving the Valley as an officer in the Lodge of Perfection. James received the decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 5, 2017.

In York Rite Capitular Masonry, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch in Tulsa Chapter No. 52 RAM on February 2, 2008. He served the Chapter as High Priest in 2013 and has served as Treasurer since 2018. He was anointed in the Order of High Priesthood on August 17, 2013, served as Most Excellent President in 2019-20, and currently serves as Recorder/Treasurer since 2021. He received the Joseph Samuel Murrow Award of Merit in 2009.

He is one of many Companions instrumental in establishing a Royal Arch Chapter in Owasso, OK. James E. Smyrl Chapter No. 104 RAM was constituted on June 5, 2018, and James served as the Charter Excellent High Priest for the Chapter. He has served the Chapter as Secretary/Treasurer since 2019.

Companion Taylor was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for the 2012-13 term and was elected Grand Captain of the Host

for the 2013-14 term. James continued to advance through the officer line until he was elevated to the august position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma for the 2016-17 term, in April of 2016, at Norman, Oklahoma. Currently, he is serving the Grand Chapter as Custodian of the Work. He is a recipient of the Ephraim Kirby Award from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, which he has served as Ambassador to Oklahoma during the 2017-20 Triennium. He is currently serving the Past Grand High Priest Association as President.

In Cryptic Masonry, James was greeted as a Select Master in Tulsa Council No. 22 SM on February 2, 2008. He served the Council as Illustrious Master in 2012 and has served as Treasurer since 2018. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword and Trowel on August 18, 2012, served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2016-17, and currently serves as Registrar/Treasurer since 2021.

Companion Taylor was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma during the 2018-19 term, Grand Marshal for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 terms. He was elected Grand Captain of the Guard in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the 2021-22 term. James continued to advance through the officer line until he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master for the 2024-25 term, in April of 2024, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Also, he is serving the Grand Council as Custodian of the Work. He is a recipient of the Order of the Secret Vault from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

In Chivalric Masonry, James was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Trinity Commandery No. 20 KT on March 24, 2008. He served the Commandery as Commander in 2014 and has served as Treasurer since 2018. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association on August 15, 2015.

Sir Knight Taylor was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma for the 2016-17 term. Sir Knight Taylor continued to advance through the officer line until he was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander for the 2022-23 term, in April of 2022 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

He served as President of the 67th Annual South-Central York Rite Conference held in Tulsa, OK in September 2024.

Our distinguished Companion and Sir Knight accepted an invitation to become a member of Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Oklahoma Priory No 9 on May 16, 2015, and is serving in the officer line. He received the Knight York Grand Cross of Honour 1st Quadrant on May 14, 2016, 2nd Quadrant on July 27, 2022, and 3rd Quadrant on June 18, 2024.

James was knighted into the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 on November 1, 2008, serving as Governor in 2015-16, and currently is the Secretary/Treasurer. He received the Order of the Purple Cross (Associate Regent) on August 4, 2018. He received the Service Award and Secretary of the Year Award from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, for which he is

currently serving as Grand Governor of Oklahoma. He was appointed Preceptor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America for the 2024-26 term.

He is a member of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Oklahoma College receiving the VII° Grade on May 7, 2011.

He was invested into the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A., MacMillan Council No. 15 on April 8, 2009, serving as Sovereign Master in 2018 and currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer. He was ennobled as a Knight Commander Red Branch of Eri on February 10, 2018. He received the Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord 1st – 4th Grade on February 10, 2018.

He was knighted into the Knight Masons of the U.S.A., Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66 on November 1, 2008, serving as Excellent Chief in 2018 and currently serving as Scribe. He received the Knight Commander of Zerubbabel award from the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA on February 9, 2024.

He accepted an invitation to become a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Prince of Peace Conclave on July 28, 2012, and is serving as Recorder.

He was ordained into the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle No. 4 on July 8, 2018, and is serving in the officer line.

He was advanced and promoted into the Royal Order of Scotland on June 13, 2015.

James is one of many brethren instrumental in establishing the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas, Plinth Court No. 91 in Oklahoma on December 7, 2013. He received special progression to the rank of Past Master of the Court and is currently the Court Secretary. He received the rank and distinction of Past Junior Grand Deacon from the Grand Court Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas.

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

He has received the following honors and awards:

- Grand Cross of Color, International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- Honorary Legion of Honor, International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay
- Dean, Edwin L. Drake Preceptory Legion of Honor

**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, 61]	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.:		Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [22]	Renee	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [22] H.:P.:I.:G.:M.:		Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]		Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Ryan R. Frederick [50]	Linda	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
James D. Nobles [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**

DIST 1	Rick A. Moore [2]	Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3
DIST 2	Michael S. Wright [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 Oates 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	David D. Shore [52]	Elk City Council No. 25 Woodward Council No. 52
DIST 7	John R. Guinn [27]	Norman Council No. 27 Capitol Hill Council No. 59
DIST 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 CRYPTIC 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]

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]

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]

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]

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA**

The One Hundred Thirty-First Annual Assembly
April 25, 2025

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was convened for its One Hundred Thirty-First Annual Assembly at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 25, 2025, 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. Thereupon, M.: I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., opened the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma in FULL FORM with the following Grand Officers:

M.: I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr. Illustrious Grand Master
R.: I.: Companion Brian M. Ragain Deputy Grand Master
R.: I.: Companion Michael S. Wright 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 Matthew D. McGee Grand Captain of the Guard
I.: Companion Ryan R. Frederick Grand Conductor of the Council
I.: Companion James D. Nobles Grand Marshal
I.: Companion Rick A. Moore Grand Steward
I.: Companion Michael D. Maxey Grand Sentinel
I.: Companion Steven E. Cox (pro tem) Grand Chaplain

The invocation was delivered by I.: Companion Steven E. Cox

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.: I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., introduced and welcomed the following distinguished visitors:

I.: Companion Jeremy R. Johnson, personal representative of M.: P.: Companion Mark D. Gall, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania.

I.: Companion Edward J. Mayfield, personal representative of M.: I.: Companion O. Benjamin Geiger II, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.

I.: Companion Gary W. Sheets, Grand Conductor of the Council, and personal representative of M.: I.: Companion Billy McIntyre, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Illinois.

I.: Companion Patrick C. Carr, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

R.:I.: Companion Brian Cook, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

R.:I.: Companion Albert G. "Al" Simms, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Louisiana

M.:I.: Companion Matthew D. Ruth, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

M.:I.: Companion Lee Miller, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado.

R.: P.: Companion Kevin P. Bardy, General Grand Ambassador for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

R.: P.: Companion Robert G. Davis, General Grand Orator for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

R.: P.: Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., General Grand Lecturer for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

R.: P.: Companion Buddy Guidry, Regional Deputy Grand Illustrious Master for the South Central Region for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

R.: P.: Companion Keith Powell, General Grand Deputy Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, and personal representative to M.: P.: Companion William "Bill" G. Snyder, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

M.:W.: James R. Roderick, 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 Grand Recorder called the roll of the Past Illustrious Grand Masters. The Illustrious Grand Master welcomed the Past Illustrious Grand Masters, who were received with appropriate honours, and expressed his appreciation for their help and assistance.

Larry D. White	2015-16	Daniel D. Hanttula	2016-17
William "Jim" Cloud	2017-18	Johnny D. Allford	2018-19
Kevin P. Bardy	2019-20	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2021-22
Timothy P. Israel	2022-23	Robert G. Davis	2023-24

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the District Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters. The Illustrious Grand Master welcomed the District Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters and thanked them for their service.

Rick A. Moore	1	Michael S. Wright	2
James D. Nobles	3	James Oates III	4
Michael D. Maxey	5	David D. Shore	6
John R. Guinn	7	Ryan R. Frederick	8

ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

The Grand Recorder called the roll of Constituent Councils. Eleven (11) of the fourteen (14) Councils represented by an Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and/or Principal Conductor of the Work. The Councils in attendance were as follows:

Muskogee No. 2	Union No. 3	Ardmore No. 11
Alpha No. 18	Lawton No. 21	Norman No. 27
Bartlesville No. 41	Bernard No. 43	Guthrie No. 48
Stillwater No. 50	Mysterious Nine No. 61	

ROLL CALL OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Cryptic Masons of the Year winners. The Illustrious Grand Master welcomed the Cryptic Masons of the Year and thanked them for their service.

2009	Timothy P. Israel	2020	Robert R. Rolseth
2013	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2021	Lavern Ragain, Jr.
2014	Marshall M. Clayton	2022	Michael T. Harden, Sr.
2016	Kevin P. Bardy	2023	Robert W. McLeod
2019	Mark K. McFadden		

APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made by Right Illustrious Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, and seconded to approve the 2024 Proceedings of the 130th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

To the Grand Officers, Past and Present, Distinguished Guests, and Members of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma:

Through the loving kindness of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are permitted to assemble in this beautiful city on this the One Hundred Thirty First Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, to meet again, the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction who have been coming to the meetings of the Grand bodies for many years, and to meet the new members, wherein lies our fond hopes for our return to further advancement of our beloved Cryptic Rite.

On behalf of the Grand Council, we extend to all of you a fraternal welcome; to the veteran attendees, you know you are welcome, and to those of you who are attending for the first time, please be assured that you are equally as welcome, for by our associations and the new friendships we form, the future of Masonry greatly depends. May you have a delightful experience here; may the occasion be a happy one, that you may leave this place with your heart filled with a deeper meaning of our wonderful Fraternity.

We want to extend to our distinguished guests from other jurisdictions that hearty welcome that will make them feel at home in our company and that they will want to be with us again. We are all traveling in the same direction; we are trying to make the best of life; we should all be trying to do the most we can for the benefit of mankind, and when we do this, we should be happy in well doing.

It is my distinct honor to extend a warm and fraternal welcome to Most Worshipful James Roderick, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma. Your presence here today graces our Annual Assembly with a sense of unity and purpose that transcends our individual endeavors. We are deeply grateful for the time you have taken to be with us and for the steadfast support you have shown the York Rite. Your leadership serves as a beacon, guiding us towards our common goals and reinforcing the bonds of brotherhood that are the cornerstone of our Masonic pursuit.

As we gather together, let us celebrate the unity and shared aspirations that define us. We can continue to uplift and inspire one another through our collective efforts and unwavering commitment to the principles of Masonry. Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for your unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to our fraternity.

Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I welcome you to our Grand Assembly. It is fitting that we end our Grand York Rite terms together. I have genuinely enjoyed our time together at various Masonic functions throughout our terms of office. We operated this year as a cohesive unit for the betterment of York Rite Masonry in Oklahoma. It has been my honor to serve with you during this year and be able to not only call you Brother but a Friend as well.

I would like to extend to the Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, and Companions of our various constituent Councils of Oklahoma a most hearty welcome and thank you for attending our Grand Assembly. You are the foundation of this Grand Council, and your presence is appreciated.

It is proper, and in accordance with a long-established custom, that I render to you at this time an account of my stewardship. I deeply appreciated the honor you bestowed and had a high sense of the responsibility it imposed. I accepted the office with the determination to do my best to merit your confidence, with a fervent desire to do nothing rash or ill-advised but to conduct the affairs of this Grand Body with justice and moderation.

Cryptic Dead

The official line of the Grand Council has remained intact, but may we pause to pay due respect to those worthy Companions who have answered the call since last we met in our Annual Assembly. We look for their familiar faces and miss them. Then comes the sad reminder that we shall see them here no more. The grim messenger has invaded countless homes and Councils and called loved ones away.

With the Companions of sister jurisdictions, we have suffered the loss of leaders and Companions and extend to them our sympathy. May we bow our heads in sorrow and mourn with them their passing.

Let us stand while our Grand Chaplain offers a prayer for our departed Companions.

Official Visits to Constituent Councils

The Grand Council made official visits to the following constituent Councils. The Councils were opened in ritualistic form, and the Grand Council Officers were officially received. We gave a presentation on the educational resources of the Grand Council, the Grand Council Awards, and CMMRF. Also presented were the requirements for the Council Ritual Certification Program and Master Adept of the Council Award. The Councils were closed in ample form.

The Grand Council visit to Bartlesville Council No. 41 was at a Commandery meeting. I attended the meeting along with the Grand High Priest, Grand Commander, and other Grand York Rite officers. Bartlesville Council No. 41 was opened for business purposes only, and I was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master. We discussed with the Council members the future of the York Rite in Bartlesville and the importance of the leadership being involved in the operations of their York Rite. The Grand Council offered its help and support as long as the Bartlesville leadership is engaged and the Council functions as it should. On November 19th, the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, Illustrious Grand Sentinel, and I traveled to Bartlesville Council No. 41 to observe the Council and the election of 2025 officers.

During the Grand Council visit to Tulsa Council No. 22, my home Council, I was presented with my Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Apron. I will always be grateful to the Companions in Tulsa for this beautiful Apron, and will wear it proudly.

May 15 Stillwater Council No. 50

June 12 Muskogee Council No. 2

August 27	Lawton Council No. 21
September 10	Bernard Council No. 43
September 12	Norman Council No. 27
September 17	Bartlesville Council No. 41 (Commandery)
September 23	Union Council No. 3
October 14	Ardmore Council No. 11
October 21	Tulsa Council No. 22
November 13	Alpha Council No. 18
December 12	Guthrie Council No. 48 (Installed 2025 Council Officers)
December 14	Mysterious Nine Council No. 61 (Installed 2025 Council Officers)
February 11	Woodward Council No. 52(canceled due to weather, not rescheduled)
March 18	Elk City Council No. 25

Other Visitations and Travel

April 25-27, 2024	Attended the Grand York Rite Annual Sessions and was installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.
May 4	Attended the Summer Assembly of Prince of Peace Conclave in Claremore and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
May 11	Attended All Masonic Day in Edmond and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master during the Father Murrow Council No. 10 AMD and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 meetings.
May 18	Attended the meetings of Oklahoma Priory No. 9 K.Y.C.H. and Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle No. IV H.R.A.K.T.P. in Stillwater and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
May 26	Traveled to Norman to attend the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly on the campus of the University of Oklahoma and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.
June 1	Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 Masonic Order of Athelstan in McAlester and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
June 29	Traveled to Norman to attend the DeMolay State Conclave and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma.

- July 27 Traveled to Norman to attend the Grand Master's York Rite Festival and was introduced. Also, greeted fifty – one new Select Masters and encouraged them to become involved in their Council.
- August 17 Traveled to Stillwater and attended the meetings of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Oklahoma, Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Past Commanders Association. I was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master and had the privilege of installing the 2024-25 officers during the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma meeting.
- August 24 Attended the Oklahoma Divisional Assembly, Red Cross of Constantine meeting in McAlester and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- September 19-20 Attended the 67th South Central York Rite Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I was honored to represent Oklahoma as President of the South-Central York Rite Conference.
- October 2 Attended MacMillan Council No. 15 AMD meeting in Owasso and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- October 5 Traveled to Tulsa to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- October 12 Traveled to McAlester to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- October 19 Attended All Masonic Day in Edmond and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master during the Father Murrow Council No. 10 AMD and Oklahoma York Rite College No. 75 meetings.
- October 26 Attended the Fall Assembly of Prince of Peace Conclave in Sulphur and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- November 2 Traveled to Guthrie to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- November 9 Traveled to Guthrie to attend the M.: W.: Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma Annual Communication and was received, introduced, and offered a seat in the Grand East. Also, brought greetings on behalf of the Oklahoma York Rite.
- November 23 Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 Masonic Order of Athelstan in McAlester and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

December 7	Attended Tulsa York Rite Bodies 2025 officer installation and Christmas observance was introduced and installed Tulsa Council No. 22 officers.
December 17	Attended Bartlesville York Rite Bodies 2025 officer installation was introduced and installed Bartlesville Council No. 41 officers.
January 4, 2025	Attended McAlester York Rite Bodies 2025 officer installation was introduced and installed Union Council No. 3 officers.
February 8	Traveled to Tulsa Council No. 22 to attend the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Council Festival and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
March 1	Attended the meeting of Plinth Court No. 91 Masonic Order of Athelstan in McAlester and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
March 12	Attended MacMillan Council No. 15 AMD meeting in Owasso and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
March 22	Traveled to Tulsa to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
March 29	Attended the Spring Assembly of Prince of Peace Conclave at Roman Nose State Park in Watonga and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
April 4	Traveled to Guthrie to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
April 12	Traveled to McAlester to attend the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Rite Reunion and was introduced as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Grand Council Administrative Meetings

I attended several administrative meetings on the dates noted. Each of these meetings was held electronically via ZOOM unless otherwise noted.

June 25, 2023	2024-25 Pre-Planning Session with incoming GHP and GC
December 17, 2023	2024-25 Pre-Planning Session with incoming GHP and GC
February 7, 2024	2024-25 Pre-Planning Session with incoming GHP and GC
May 5, 2024	Grand Master's Festival Planning
May 5, 2024	Grand Council Officers' Meeting
June 7, 2024	South Central Conference Planning
June 23, 2024	Grand Master's Festival Planning Follow-up
January 17, 2025	Grand York Rite Sessions Planning Conference Call

Grand York Rite Quarterly Meetings

July 14, 2024 – Attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the following reports were given: Grand Secretary-Recorder, Membership Committee, and Time and Place Committee. Additional topics discussed were the Grand Master’s Festival, York Rite Chair Degrees, and South-Central Department Conference. The Illustrious Grand Master gave a report on the activities of the Grand Council and provided details of upcoming Grand Council events.

November 17, 2024 – Attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order, and after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the following reports were given: Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Time and Place Committee, and Regional Festivals Committee. Additional topics discussed the Super Excellent Master Degree conferral, constituent Chapter, Council, and Commandery Officer elections and installations, and discussion of the upcoming Senior Grand Warden’s retreat for Grand Commandery. The Illustrious Grand Master gave a report on the activities of the Grand Council and detailed upcoming Grand Council events.

February 23, 2025 – Attended the Grand York Rite Officers Quarterly meeting held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order and after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the following reports were given: Grand Secretary-Recorder, Time and Place Committee. The Illustrious Grand Master gave a report on the activities of the Grand Council and detailed upcoming Grand Council events

Dispensations, Actions, and Approval of Bylaws or Amendments

The following dispensations were issued:

- On July 18, 2024, in accordance with Article II, Section 1 (k) of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Union Council No. 3 to temporarily move its Charter to McAlester No. 9 located in McAlester, until such time as electricity is restored to the McAlester Scottish Rite Temple, the domicile of Union Council No. 3.
- On October 18, 2024, in accordance with Article X, Section 2 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Bartlesville Council No. 41 to hold its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in lieu of Tuesday, December 17, 2024.
- On November 12, 2024, in accordance with Article X, Section 2 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Tulsa Council No. 22 to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 18, 2024, in lieu of Monday, December 16, 2024.
- On November 18, 2024, in accordance with Article X, Section 2 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Muskogee Council No. 2 to hold its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in lieu of Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

- On November 18, 2024, in accordance with Article X, Section 2 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Union Council No. 3 to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 25, 2024, in lieu of Monday, December 23, 2024.

The following actions were taken:

- On May 10, 2024, in accordance with Article X, Section 12, paragraph 7 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I appointed Illustrious Companion James Oates III of Lawton Council No. 21, District Deputy Illustrious Grand Master District No. 4 as my official designated representative during the stated Assembly of Altus Council No. 33 on May 15, 2024.
- On July 15, 2024, in accordance with Article X, Section 12, paragraph 7 of the General Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, I appointed Illustrious Companion Glen A. Chaney of Lawton Council No. 21 as my official designated representative during the stated Assembly of Capitol Hill Council No. 59 on July 19, 2024.

The following bylaws or amendments were approved:

- On September 30, 2024, approved a change to the bylaws of Bartlesville Council No. 41.
- On December 9, 2024, approved a change to the bylaws of Union Council No. 3.
- On January 30, 2025, approved a change to the bylaws of Stillwater Council No. 50.

Participation in the Special Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

A Special Assembly (Session One of the 49th Triennial) of the General Grand Council was held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, by electronic means UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE GENERAL GRAND MASTER 2023-2026 at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah, by Order of the General Grand Master and the Deputy General Grand Master Pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. There was an option to attend the meeting via Zoom.

The only item for consideration by vote at the Special Assembly was the matter of the total Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Revised Constitution and Bylaws passed overwhelmingly. It was a great way to manage additional items for the General Grand Council without having to travel. It was highly informative.

Council Consolidations

May 15, 2024 – Illustrious Companion James Oates III, acting under the authority granted to him on May 10, 2024, as my designated representative, attended a stated assembly of Altus Council No. 33, at which the Companions of Altus Council No. 33 in attendance voted to consolidate with Lawton Council No. 21 in Lawton, OK. On May 28, 2024, the Companions of Lawton Council No. 21 voted unanimously to accept the Companions of Altus Council No. 33. On June 3, 2024, the consolidation of Altus Council No. 33 to Lawton Council No. 21 was completed. All required constitutional

criteria had been followed. The Council charter and seal were turned over to the Grand Recorder.

July 19, 2024 – Illustrious Companion Glen A. Chaney acting under the authority granted to him on July 15, 2024 as my designated representative, attended a stated assembly of Capitol Hill Council No. 59, at which the Companions of Capitol Hill Council No. 59 in attendance voted to consolidate with Alpha Council No. 18 in Oklahoma City, OK. On July 24, 2024, the Companions of Alpha Council No. 18 voted unanimously to accept the Companions of Capitol Hill Council No. 59. On July 27, 2024, the consolidation of Capitol Hill Council No. 59 to Alpha Council No. 18 was completed. All required constitutional criteria had been followed. The Council charter and seal were turned over to the Grand Recorder.

Grand Master's Festival

The annual Grand Master's Festival is still a great benefit to the York Rite. We greeted Fifty-One Select Masters into the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry at this year's festival. For some candidates, it is the only way that they can (or will) join the York Rite. The Royal Master Degree was conferred by the Tulsa Council No. 22 team, and the Select Master Degree was conferred by a combined team from Tulsa Council No. 22 and Stillwater Council No. 50. Both teams did an exemplary job at the conferral and are to be commended for their efforts.

For several years, the organizing committee of the Grand Master's Festival has been composed of the Grand Principal of the Work, along with the Grand Scribe (from the Grand Chapter) and the Grand Generalissimo (from the Grand Commandery).

This administrative structure has the added benefit that the three Grand Officers forming this administrative committee will only serve for one year and do not have to worry about being stuck with the administration of the Grand Master's Festival for many years. It is my hope that we continue this administrative structure in future years.

Special thanks should go to this year's committee Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Mike Wright (Ardmore No. 11), Matt McGee (Bernard No. 43), and Mark McFadden (Muskogee No. 2) for their hard work in making this year's Grand Master's Festival a success.

Regional Council Festival

On February 8th, Tulsa Council No. 22 hosted the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Council Festival. Two Royal Arch Masons were introduced to the mysteries of Cryptic Masonry and Greeted as Select Masters.

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

I would like to thank those Companions responsible for planning the Regional Festival; without your determination, dedication, organizational, and time management skills the festival would not have been successful. You are what makes Cryptic Masonry in

Oklahoma a success. I am encouraged by the success of the Regional Festival and look forward to the day when all Regions in the State can host their own.

South Central York Rite Conference

The 67th Annual South Central York Rite Conference was held at the DoubleTree Warren Place Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 20 – 21, 2024.

On Friday, presentations from the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council were given. I gave a report on our Grand Council activities for this year. The four elected officers of the Grand Council and the Grand Recorder attended the Department Conference. There was one appointed Grand Council Officer, five Past Illustrious Grand Masters from Oklahoma who also were in attendance, and numerous other Companions from across the State.

On Saturday, presentations from the Grand Encampment were given. The presentations were on Membership, KTEF, Commissioned Templar Chaplain and various other Grand Encampment Programs.

Our Grand Master, M.: W.: John F. Carter, attended the conference in its entirety and brought greetings on behalf of the Masons of Oklahoma.

The 68th Annual South Central York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 19 – 20, 2025, in League City, Texas. While the conference is primarily designed for Grand Officers, any Companion is welcome to attend. There will be several interesting presentations, and leadership training will be available through the “York Rite Leadership Training Program.”

Grand Session Hotel Contract

On August 4, 2024, the elected Grand Council officers met with the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Council to discuss one item: 1) Does the Grand Council Constitution and General Laws prohibit this Grand Council from committing to a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions? (Please refer to the Jurisprudence Committee Report included in the preprint).

On October 23, 2024, the Grand Council, along with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, met in open session via Zoom with the Companions across the state to get their consent or dissent to extending our Grand Sessions contract with Embassy Suites through 2027. On October 23rd, the Companions gave their consent to extending the hotel contract with Embassy Suites through 2027. I asked the Time and Place Committee Chairman, as my representative, to sign a contract with Embassy Suites OKC Northwest for 2026 and 2027.

State of Cryptic Masonry

I have no desire to be pessimistic but rather to consider with optimism a way to greater possibilities. The splendid seed sown by our predecessors will not bring forth fruit without constant nourishment and cultivation. While our membership has decreased, we continue to solicit petitions, which is a laudable effort, but we need to concentrate on the importance of quality in membership and the proper rendition of our beautiful ritual. No business succeeds by adding new customers when the loss of the old ones is greater than the increase.

It is regrettable to observe the condition of a few of our Councils. Some of them habitually relapse into a state of lethargy or even coma, from which it is difficult to arouse them. I am convinced that a more heroic measure than a mere reminder from time to time will be necessary. Just what course to pursue is the problem of this Grand Council and I trust that the proper measure will be brought to light and adopted. One thing I am certain of is that the fundamental principles of Cryptic Masonry are right and needed today.

Recommendations

To foster greater engagement and participation among the members of our Cryptic Councils, your Grand Council has made available several resources. These include an education course, an education website with lesson plans for Council meetings (www.okyorkrite.com), a ritualist award, and a plain English version of our ritual. These tools are designed to enhance the overall experience of our Council members and ensure the perpetuation of our rich traditions and practices.

Education Course and Lesson Plans

The education course and lesson plans provided on the education website are invaluable tools for enhancing the knowledge of our members. To make the most of these resources, it is my recommendation:

- **Regular Implementation:** Councils should integrate the education course and lesson plans into their regular meetings, ensuring that all members have the opportunity to benefit from them.
- **Interactive Learning:** The education course and lesson plans are designed to be interactive. I would strongly recommend interactive learning sessions where members can engage in discussions, walkthroughs of the Royal and Select Master Degrees, and practical exercises based on the lesson plans and degree walkthroughs.
- **Feedback Mechanism:** Establish a feedback mechanism to gather input from members on the effectiveness of the lesson plans. Each Council learns differently, so be open to making necessary adjustments to improve the course and lesson plans relevance and impact.

Ritualist Award

The Certified Ritualist of the Council and Master Adept of the Council awards are an excellent initiative to recognize members who demonstrate proficiency in our ritual and floor work. As a Grand Council, we need to do better to promote the awards to our members. This is an opportunity to preserve our traditions and enhance correct portrayal of our ritual.

I will not review the specifics of the awards as they are discussed in detail in the 2024 Grand Council Proceedings and are a part of our Grand Council General Laws.

Plain English Version Ritual

The plain English version of our ritual is a valuable resource for improving the accessibility and understanding of our work. To maximize its benefits:

- **Widespread Distribution:** The Grand Council needs to ensure and promote that all members have access to the plain English version of the ritual.
- **Schools of Instruction:** Conduct schools of instruction to familiarize members with the plain English version, discussing key differences and advantages over traditional ciphered versions.
- **Encouragement of Use:** We need to encourage our members to use the plain English version during practice sessions, schools of instruction, and personal study to enhance clarity and comprehension.

Enhancing Ritual Proficiency

As observed, the memorization of ritualistic parts by Council officers is crucial for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of our rituals. To address this:

- **Memorization Expectations:** Set clear expectations for Council officers to memorize their ritualistic parts, like the expectations for Lodge officers.
- **Practice Sessions:** Organize regular practice sessions where officers can rehearse their parts.
- **Accountability Measures:** Implement accountability measures to ensure that officers are meeting the memorization expectations, such as periodic assessments or evaluations.

Addressing Council Challenges

It is important to acknowledge and address the challenges faced by some of our Councils, particularly those experiencing lethargy or inactivity. To revitalize these Councils, we as a Grand Council should consider the following:

- **Heroic Measures:** We, the Grand Council, should encourage and help implement innovative measures to awaken and engage our lethargic Councils, such as hosting special events, guest speakers, or collaborative projects with other Councils (i.e., joint degree teams and schools of instruction, and official joint visitations with our Grand Chapter Companions).
- **Regular DDIGM Visits:** Encourage our DDIGM's to conduct regular visits with Council leaders to monitor progress and provide support and guidance as needed. Stress the importance to our DDIGM's to make regular progress reports to the elected officers of the Grand Council of their respective Councils.
- **Allocation of Resources:** Allocate additional resources, such as educational materials, or experienced Companions, to mentor struggling Councils to help them regain momentum if the Council leadership wants help.

- **Success Stories:** We should encourage our successful Councils to share ideas and best practices to help inspire and motivate those facing challenges. We must work together to ensure our success.

Your Grand Council has put forth an effort to provide resources for enhancing the engagement and participation of our members. By optimizing the use of educational resources, enhancing ritual proficiency, and addressing Council challenges, we can ensure a more vibrant and dynamic Cryptic Masonic experience. Let us continue to build on the foundation laid by our predecessors and strive for excellence in all aspects of our Council activities.

Appreciation and Conclusion

I want to thank the Grand Officers and all Committee Members for taking the time to travel and collaborate with me to help promote Cryptic Masonry throughout this year. I want to thank Companion James Taylor, Sr., for traveling with me this year. I thank you for the conversations and company during our travels and any time spent with you is memorable and I will cherish our time spent together this past year.

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

I thank Companion Jon Greene, Grand Recorder, for his constant attention to the business of this Grand Council, his counsel, and friendship, and Companion Kent Israel, Grand Treasurer, for his safekeeping, stewardship, and quick responses to my queries regarding the investments of this Grand Council.

I want to thank the Companions of Tulsa Council No. 22 for their support during my service to this Grand Council.

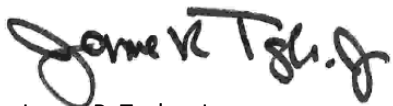
To my sons, Tyler and Hunter, and most importantly, my lovely wife, Gage, a heartfelt thanks for allowing me to be away from home so much these past four years. This job would have been difficult without your patience, unselfish understanding, and love. I especially want to thank my wife, Gage; it is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

Time flies so rapidly that I can hardly realize that sixteen Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council have passed since I first began to attend. The first few were not attended as a Representative to this Grand body, yet my attendance has not been interrupted. What a pleasure and satisfaction it has been as I have fraternized with my Companions! My heart is full of gratitude to the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction for the honors and awards I have received at your hands, and all so undeserved. My attempts so frequently have been futile, yet I have always endeavored to advance the cause and, by kindness and brotherly love, make up for the shortcomings.

The honor you have conferred upon me is gratefully acknowledged, and I earnestly hope that the Companions will believe that anything I did during the year was to promote the best interests of Cryptic Masonry. Times are continuing to change, and we must work together to survive and accomplish our purposes in society and perpetuate Masonry. It is my belief that if the presiding officers of our Masonic Bodies

continue to cooperate and work together, Masonry in Oklahoma will prosper and take its appropriate place in society.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Taylor, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James R. Taylor, Jr.
Illustrious Grand Master

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

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma
For the period ending December 31, 2024
These accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

Grand Council Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$85,239.28
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-3,316.89
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,910.58
Appreciation	<u>3,298.09</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$88,131.06

Grand Council Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$126,900.18
Deposits	1,387.50
Withdrawals	-3,449.42
Dividend/Interest Earned	4,261.55
Appreciation	<u>2,505.90</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$131,605.71

Grand Council Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$73,217.48
Deposits	152.96
Withdrawals	-152.96
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,549.22
Appreciation	<u>2,803.53</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$78,570.23

Grand Total of Grand Council Investments	<u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>		
General Fund	\$85,239.28	\$88,131.06	\$2,891.78	3.39%
Perpetual Membership	\$126,900.18	\$131,605.71	\$4,705.53	3.71%
Joint Account-Membership Development	<u>\$73,217.48</u>	<u>\$78,570.23</u>	\$5,352.75	7.31%
Grand Total of Grand Council Investments	\$285,356.94	\$298,307.00		

Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma													
As of 12/31/2024	New Members in 2024	Total Members	Dead	Living	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Interest Distributed	To Grand Council Deceased	To Grand Council Living	Total to Grand Council	Grand Council Deceased	To Local Council Deceased	Total to Local Council
Name													
Alpha (OKC), No. 18		196	107	89	28,214.00	1,833.90	784.35	161.25	229.18	390.43	220.51	173.40	393.92
Ardmore, No. 11		26	14	12	5,410.00	352.70	150.40	25.56	38.71	64.26	45.47	40.66	86.14
Bartlesville, No. 41		42	32	10	5,012.75	334.00	139.35	40.07	21.50	61.57	59.61	18.18	77.79
Bernard (Ponca City), No. 43		39	15	24	4,637.00	306.60	202.75	19.67	103.17	122.84	20.59	59.32	79.91
Elk City, No. 25		45	21	24	5,895.00	393.00	263.54	25.44	100.14	125.58	37.53	100.43	137.96
Guthrie, No. 48		33	14	19	5,826.00	388.00	161.96	20.43	60.41	80.85	32.11	49.01	81.12
Lawton, No. 21		90	51	39	15,615.00	1,033.00	434.10	77.12	120.37	197.49	121.79	114.82	236.61
Muskogee, No. 2		84	41	43	13,800.00	790.00	358.62	82.24	143.63	225.86	67.47	65.29	132.76
Mysterious Nine No. 61		1		1	210.00	14.00	5.84		3.44	3.44		2.40	2.40
Norman, No. 27		69	49	20	8,434.41	556.15	234.48	63.36	46.60	109.96	86.35	38.16	124.51
Stillwater, No. 50	2	49	28	21	7,486.20	497.08	304.03	34.93	100.87	135.80	53.90	114.33	168.23
Tulsa, No. 22	1	125	51	125	28,486.73	1,791.50	778.59	74.01	272.10	346.11	122.48	310.00	432.48
Union (McNester), No. 3		59	29	30	6896.25	459.75	342.84	42.95	172.28	215.23	34.19	93.41	127.60
Woodward, No. 52		44	27	17	3,417.50	227.00	95.01	30.23	39.58	69.81	14.39	10.81	25.19
14	3	902	479	474	139,340.84	8,976.68	4,255.84	697.26	1,451.98	2,149.23	916.38	1,190.23	2,106.61
			53%:	52.5%			3.05%			154%	*	15%	
As of 31 December 2024				953					2,149.23			2,106.61	4,295.84
Percentage used in making calculations:			2.78%										
Interest/Dividends Earned in 2024		\$4,261.55			Div/Int earned on 2024			\$4,261.55					\$2,149.23
					Distributed in 2025			4,255.84					\$2,106.61
					Retained in Fund			\$5.71					\$4,255.84

The stock market in 2024 was characterized by a mix of volatility and cautious optimism, as we navigated economic challenges, geopolitical risks, and shifting monetary policies. With inflation showing signs of moderation in some regions, central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, took a more dovish approach. Interest rates remained elevated for much of the year, though some easing occurred toward the end of the period as inflation pressures eased.

Investor sentiment in 2024 was influenced by global economic conditions. In the U.S., the market saw moderate growth, with defensive sectors like utilities, healthcare, and consumer staples outperforming more cyclical or speculative industries. These sectors

offered stability and solid dividend yields. High-growth sectors like technology and clean energy experienced significant volatility, as investors grappled with concerns about valuations and regulatory uncertainty.

International markets also faced challenges, with Europe struggling under economic stagnation and geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe. However, emerging markets showed potential, particularly in regions focused on technology, green energy, and infrastructure development, though risks remained due to political instability and currency fluctuations.

In 2025, through Q1, our accounts are up 1.41% while the market is down 3.91% in that same time. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. In 2024, we also received more dividends and interest than in years past. Morgan Stanley has been good to work with, and I appreciate Jon Greene and his work when he receives all the money that goes into these different accounts.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

902 Total Members at 12/31/2024

3 New Members in 2024

423 Living Members

479 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2024: \$4,261.55

Div/Int distributed to Grand Council in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$2,149.23

Div/Int distributed to Local Councils in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$2,106.61

Last year, for comparison

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 3 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2024. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2024, that were able to be paid out in 2025. This is very good news.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year.

Respectfully submitted,



Kent Israel [18,25]

Grand Treasurer

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

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024
General Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry
Grand Council of Oklahoma
Located at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Councils = 15

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>153</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>225</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>161</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>47</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>37</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>245</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(20)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,185</u>

**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 2024

No.	Name	2023 Members End of Year	Greeted	Admitted/Affiliated	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdrew	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2024 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	G. G. Council Life Members
2	Muskogee	124	6	0	1	0	5	15	3	0	0	(16)	108	38	0	40
3	Union	96	1	1	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	(5)	91	30	0	30
11	Ardmore	57	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	61	11	0	12
18	Alpha	121	9	100	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	103	224	88	4	92
21	Lawton	101	4	41	1	0	1	13	4	0	0	28	129	35	0	37
22	Tulsa	175	10	1	0	0	4	4	6	0	0	(3)	172	74	6	79
25	Elk City	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	50	24	0	40
27	Norman	87	7	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	89	20	0	22
33	Altus	43	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	(43)	0	0	0	0
41	Bartlesville	41	6	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	44	10	0	22
43	Bernard	50	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	(3)	47	25	0	25
48	Guthrie	67	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	68	18	0	19
50	Stillwater	50	4	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	52	20	0	22
52	Woodward	32	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	33	18	0	18
59	Capitol Hill	94	7	0	2	0	100	0	2	0	1	(94)	0	0	0	0
61	Mysterious Nine	17	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	0	1
Totals		1205	67	150	5	0	159	45	37	0	1	(20)	1185	412	10	460

No.2	Name2	Dues	Fees	DeMolay	Grand Council Per Capita	General Grand Council Per Capita	CMMRF	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
2	Muskogee	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$17.50	\$700.00	\$170.00	\$70.00	\$957.50	\$225.86	\$1,183.36
3	Union	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$15.25	\$610.00	\$152.50	\$61.00	\$838.75	\$215.23	\$1,053.98
11	Ardmore	\$22.00	\$45.00	\$12.50	\$500.00	\$122.50	\$50.00	\$685.00	\$64.26	\$749.26
18	Alpha	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$33.00	\$1,320.00	\$330.00	\$132.00	\$1,815.00	\$390.43	\$2,205.43
21	Lawton	\$22.50	\$50.00	\$23.50	\$940.00	\$230.00	\$94.00	\$1,287.50	\$197.48	\$1,484.98
22	Tulsa	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$23.00	\$920.00	\$232.50	\$92.00	\$1,267.50	\$346.11	\$1,613.61
25	Elk City	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$6.50	\$260.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$317.50	\$125.58	\$443.08
27	Norman	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$17.25	\$690.00	\$167.50	\$69.00	\$943.75	\$109.96	\$1,053.71
33	Altus	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
41	Bartlesville	\$16.50	\$40.00	\$8.50	\$340.00	\$55.00	\$34.00	\$437.50	\$61.57	\$499.07
43	Bernard	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$5.50	\$220.00	\$55.00	\$22.00	\$302.50	\$122.84	\$425.34
48	Guthrie	\$21.00	\$50.00	\$12.50	\$500.00	\$122.50	\$50.00	\$685.00	\$80.85	\$765.85
50	Stillwater	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$8.00	\$320.00	\$75.00	\$32.00	\$435.00	\$346.11	\$781.11
52	Woodward	\$20.50	\$45.00	\$3.75	\$150.00	\$37.50	\$15.00	\$206.25	\$69.81	\$276.06
59	Capitol Hill	\$19.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61	Mysterious Nine	\$75.00	\$250.00	\$4.00	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$16.00	\$220.00	\$3.44	\$223.44
Totals				\$190.75	\$7,630.00	\$1,815.00	\$763.00	\$10,398.75	\$2,359.53	\$12,758.28

2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 - Oklahoma Per Capita	7,840.00	7,690.00	150.00
4020 - G. G. Council Assessment	1,867.50	1,825.00	42.50
4030 - CMMRF Assessment	784.00	769.00	15.00
4050 - DeMolay Donation	196.00	192.25	3.75
4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	438.75		
Total 4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS	11,126.25	10,476.25	650.00
4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
4110 - Perpetual Membership Dividend	1,768.23	1,768.23	0.00
4120 - Interest Income-Other	2,420.46	2,420.46	0.00
Total 4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	4,188.69	4,188.69	0.00
4200 - FEES			
4210 - Degree Fees	595.00	500.00	95.00
4220 - Dispensation Fee	30.00	10.00	20.00
4230 - Reinstatement Fee	30.00	20.00	10.00
Total 4200 - FEES	655.00	530.00	125.00
4300 - RESALE			
4310 - Ritual Resale	200.00	250.00	-50.00
Total 4300 - RESALE	200.00	250.00	-50.00
4600 - MISC INCOME			
4600.1 - Reimbursement from Chapter	248.99		
4600.3 - Reimbursement from KT	249.00		
4630 - MISC Income	131.92	150.00	-18.08
Total 4600 - MISC INCOME	629.91	150.00	479.91
4700 - GRAND SESSIONS			
4710-24 - 2024 Grand Sessions Income	11,713.54	13,000.00	-1,286.46
Total 4700 - GRAND SESSIONS	11,713.54	13,000.00	-1,286.46
4800 - South Central York Rite Conf.			
4810 - LOAN from SCYRC	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
4820 - Registration Fee	7,620.00	7,200.00	420.00
4830 - Meals			
4830-1 - Friday Lunch	3,358.00	4,000.00	-642.00
4830-2 - Friday Grand Banquet	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00
4830-3 - Saturday Lunch	3,450.00	4,800.00	-1,350.00
Total 4830 - Meals	14,008.00	16,000.00	-1,992.00
4840 - Ladies Tour	560.00	300.00	260.00
4800 - South Central York Rite Conf. - Other	300.00	0.00	300.00
Total 4800 - South Central York Rite Conf.	26,988.00	28,000.00	-1,012.00
Total Income	55,501.39	56,594.94	-1,093.55
Gross Profit	55,501.39	56,594.94	-1,093.55
Expense			
5000 - STAFF			
5010 - Grand Recorder Salary	5,250.00	5,250.00	0.00
5020 - Payroll Taxes	449.16	450.00	-0.84
5030 - Grand Treasurer's Allowance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 - STAFF	5,699.16	5,900.00	-200.84
5100 - ASSESSMENTS			
5110 - Per Capita - Gen Grand Council	1,827.50	1,825.00	2.50
5120 - CMMRF Donation	769.00	769.00	0.00
5130 - DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 5100 - ASSESSMENTS	2,896.50	2,894.00	2.50
6000 - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL			
6010-24 - M.I.G.M. TRAVEL - DAVIS	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6010-25 - M.I.G.M. TRAVEL-TAYLOR	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6011 - Grand Recorders Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
6020 - M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00
6025-24 - 2024 Grand Sessions Expense	13,440.79	13,000.00	440.79
6030 - Grand Sessions Host Expense	151.44	250.00	-98.56
6040 - Grand Sessions-Headquarters	588.92	1,140.00	-551.08
6050 - Grand Sessions-Awards	0.00	125.00	-125.00
6060 - Past Gr. Illust Master's Jewel	0.00	0.00	0.00
6070 - South Central Conference			
6071 - SCYRC Loan Repayment	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
6071.5 - Registration fee to SCYRC	1,260.00	1,200.00	60.00
6072 - Meals			
6072-1 - Friday Lunch	3,522.81	4,000.00	-477.19
6072-2 - Friday Grand Banquet	7,474.84	7,200.00	274.84
6072-3 - Saturday Lunch	3,385.56	4,800.00	-1,414.44
Total 6072 - Meals	14,383.21	16,000.00	-1,616.79
6073 - A/V Rental	900.00	1,500.00	-600.00
6074 - Hotel Down Payment	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00
6075 - Meeting Room Rental	3,857.97	300.00	3,557.97
6076 - Ladies Tour	1,089.05	300.00	789.05
6070 - South Central Conference - Other	359.22		
Total 6070 - South Central Conference	26,349.45	27,550.00	-1,200.55

2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL - Continued


6080 - Triennial			
6080-24 - Triennial-2024	0.00	903.00	-903.00
6080 - Triennial - Other	494.66	0.00	494.66
Total 6080 - Triennial	<u>494.66</u>	<u>903.00</u>	<u>-408.34</u>
6110 - Grand Session Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6000 - CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	<u>41,025.26</u>	<u>45,718.00</u>	<u>-4,692.74</u>
7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 - Rent			
7140 - G.M. Festival Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 7100 - Rent	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
7200 - Telecommunications			
7210 - Phone and Internet	0.00	100.00	-100.00
7220 - Website	63.96	75.00	-11.04
Total 7200 - Telecommunications	<u>63.96</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>-111.04</u>
7300 - Office Supplies			
7310 - General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
7320 - Ink	0.00	60.00	-60.00
7330 - Computer Software	216.33	250.00	-33.67
7340 - Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
7350 - MMS Online Database	494.55	494.55	0.00
Total 7300 - Office Supplies	<u>710.88</u>	<u>844.55</u>	<u>-133.67</u>
7400 - Printing and Reproduction			
7410 - Pre Print	0.00	75.00	-75.00
7420 - Proceedings	32.66	32.65	0.01
Total 7400 - Printing and Reproduction	<u>32.66</u>	<u>107.65</u>	<u>-74.99</u>
7500 - Postage and Delivery			
7510 - PO Box Rental	0.00	67.00	-67.00
7520 - Stamps	0.00	68.00	-68.00
Total 7500 - Postage and Delivery	<u>0.00</u>	<u>135.00</u>	<u>-135.00</u>
7600 - Insurance			
7610 - Bond Premium	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 7600 - Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>
Total 7000 - OFFICE EXPENSE	<u>907.50</u>	<u>1,612.20</u>	<u>-704.70</u>
8000 - MISC			
8010 - Rituals	390.05	250.00	140.05
8020 - Regalia	429.09	0.00	429.09
8070 - Misc - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 8000 - MISC	<u>819.14</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>569.14</u>
8500 - EDUCATION			
8510 - Education Course	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 8500 - EDUCATION	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>51,347.56</u>	<u>56,374.20</u>	<u>-5,026.64</u>
Net Income	<u>4,153.83</u>	<u>220.74</u>	<u>3,933.09</u>
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT			
	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
4550 - Membership Development	385.01	1,513.00	(1,127.99)
Total Income	<u>385.01</u>	<u>1,513.00</u>	<u>(1,127.99)</u>
Gross Profit	<u>385.01</u>	<u>1,513.00</u>	<u>(1,127.99)</u>
Expense			
9000 - MEMBERSHIP			
9010 - Promotional Expense	385.01	305.00	80.01
9020 - DeMolay Sword	0.00	208.00	(208.00)
9030 - GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)			0.00
9040 - Council Ritual Award		1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Total 9000 - MEMBERSHIP	<u>385.01</u>	<u>513.00</u>	<u>(127.99)</u>
Total Expense	<u>385.01</u>	<u>513.00</u>	<u>(127.99)</u>
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>(1,000.00)</u>

Please see the attached statement of income and expenses for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. We, unfortunately, lost two Councils this year, Altus Council No. 33 and Capitol Hill Council No. 59. Those members affiliated with Lawton Council 21 and Alpha Council 18, respectfully. That is the reason our affiliations in 2024 are much higher than normal. We had a net loss of 20 Companions in 2024 as compared to no loss or gain in 2023. We greeted 67 Companions in both 2023 and 2024.

47 Companions were suspended for non-payment of dues in 2024, as compared to 33 Grand Council 31

in 2023. The only thing we cannot control is death. We had 37 deceased Companions in 2024, the same number as in 2023

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon B. Greene', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon B. Greene [22]
Grand Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – WITHDRAWN BY AUTHORS

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

WHEREAS: December is one of the busiest months in Masonry, and

WHEREAS: Our members are all Master Masons, many of whom belong to more than one Lodge, and

WHEREAS: Many of our members are also members of one or more appendant bodies, and

WHEREAS: The scheduling of these various bodies' elections and installations leaves very little time for our members to hold elections and installations of their local Councils, and

WHEREAS: Tulsa Council 22, Bartlesville Council 41, Union Council 3, Stillwater 50, and Lawton Council 21 all meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, thus causing the above-mentioned Councils to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils

Section 1. Elections, Council Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Council shall be the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder and Captain of the Guard who shall be elected at the first Stated Assembly in December of each year.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils

Section 1. Elections, Council Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Council shall be the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, and Captain of the Guard, who shall be elected at the first Stated Assembly in November of each year.

This change would make it much easier for our local Councils to schedule and hold their elections and plan quality installation programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 2a - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: modern technology allows for more cost-efficient communication. And

WHEREAS: the cost of printed materials has become substantial at a time of financial
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exigency for the Grand Chapter, and more cost-effective means of distribution exist.

WHEREAS: Article 2, Section 4 subsection i, paragraph 2 requires the printing of materials that can be communicated by other means.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Secretary: General Duties.

i. Proceedings.

2) The Grand Recorder shall distribute the annual printed proceedings as follows: one copy to the Illustrious Master and one copy to the Recorder of each Council in this Grand Jurisdiction; two copies to the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International and two copies to each Grand Council with which this Grand Council is in fraternal correspondence; one copy to each officer of this Grand Council; one copy to each Past Grand Illustrious Master; one copy to the chairman of each Standing Committee; and one copy to each Masonic Library and Masonic periodical and to any person who, in the judgment of the Grand Recorder, may be a proper recipient thereof. He shall distribute such other printed matter as may be directed by this Grand Council or the Grand Illustrious Master.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Secretary: General Duties.

i. Proceedings.

2) The Grand Recorder shall distribute the annual printed proceedings as follows: one copy to the Grand Illustrious Master and one copy to the Recorder of each Council in this Grand Jurisdiction; two copies to the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International and two copies to each Grand Council with which this Grand Council is in fraternal correspondence; one copy to each officer of this Grand Council; one copy to each Past Grand Illustrious Master; one copy to the chairman of each Standing Committee; and one copy to each Masonic Library and Masonic periodical and to any person who, in the judgment of the Grand Recorder, may be a proper recipient thereof, a copy kept in the Grand Recorders Office, and a copy sent to the George Washington Memorial online database. He shall distribute such other printed matter as may be directed by this Grand Council or the Grand Illustrious Master. An electronic copy shall be posted on the Grand York Rite website. Printed copies may be purchased from the Grand Recorders office for the cost of printing, shipping, and handling.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 2b - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: modern technology allows for information to be had at our fingertips. And

WHEREAS: information in printed materials is often outdated. And

WHEREAS: a Grand Recorders contact information is readily available on their Grand Jurisdictions website.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Recorder: General Duties.

i. Proceedings.

1) The Grand Recorder shall cause to be printed the Proceedings of each Annual Assembly, in which shall be included: Alphabetical lists of active and demised Councils, a numerical list of Councils with the location, date for stated Assemblies, date of charter, a table showing elective officers of this Grand Council from its organization; the names and addresses of the representatives of other Grand Councils near this Grand Council and of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils; a list of Grand Recorders of other Grand Jurisdictions, with their addresses; memorial pages; the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence; such other information and statistics as are customary or useful to the craft; a general index.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Recorder: General Duties.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 3a - PASSED

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

WHEREAS: while once a necessity for appointed Grand Representatives to report updates on the State of Masonry in foreign jurisdictions, the advent of technology has made the Grand Representative role effectively obsolete. And

WHEREAS: increasingly more Grand Jurisdictions are distributing, or making available via the internet, their annual proceedings in digital form. And

WHEREAS: many jurisdictions no longer appoint or recognize Grand Representatives.
And

WHEREAS: the office of the Grand Recorder has not received any reports on Annual Communications of other Grand Jurisdictions from any Grand Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 5 Grand Representatives

The tenure of office of a Grand Representative from this Grand Council to another Grand Council shall continue until his resignation or death, or his official removal by the Grand Illustrious Master. Any Grand Representative in Oklahoma who shall fail to attend this Grand Council for three consecutive Annual Assemblies may be removed, and the Grand Illustrious Master shall recommend a successor in the usual manner.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

~~**ARTICLE 5 Grand Representatives**~~

~~Section 1. Grand Representatives~~

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Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 3b - PASSED

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

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 2, GRAND OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 4. Grand Recorder: General Duties.

i. Proceedings.

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BE AMENDED TO READ:

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Section 4. Grand Recorder: General Duties.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [22]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE

R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, nominated M.:I.: Companion Johnny D. Allford, to be re-elected to a three-year term as the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma's Representative to the Masonic Charity Foundation. The motion prevailed.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, nominated M.:I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., to be elected to a three-year term as the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Representative to the Grand York Rite Investment Advisory Board. The motion prevailed.

TELLERS COMMITTEE

The Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following to the Tellers Committee:

M.:I.: Companion Robert G. Davis,
M.:I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel,
M.:I.: Companion Larry D. White

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee reports the following:

Grand Officers:	17 (including D.D.G.I.M.)
Past Grand Illustrious Masters	8
Past Illustrious Masters:	58
Illustrious Masters:	6
Deputy Masters:	6
P.C.W.:	5
Proxies	8
Total Votes:	83

Number of Councils represented by Dais Officers: 11

Number of Councils not represented: 3

Respectfully Submitted

Bradley S. Rickelman [15] – Chairman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

A special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was called by the Most Illustrious Grand Master James R. Taylor, Jr. and convened at 2:00 PM on August 4, 2024 via Zoom concurrent with the Jurisprudence Committees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma with the following Jurisprudence Committee

members, Chairman Tim Israel, Larry White, Jim Cloud, Clyde Schoolfield, and Robert G. Davis, Others present included Most Illustrious James R. Taylor, Jr. and other Grand Council officers Brian M. Ragain, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master; Michael S. Wright, Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Jon B. Greene, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder; Matthew D. McGee. Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard in attendance.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master asked for the special meeting to discuss any issues that might be had concerning the Grand Council signing a multi-year contract (for three years) with a hotel for our Grand Sessions.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed and discussed the questions asked by the Most Illustrious Grand Master:

- 1) Is there any issue with the Grand Council entering into a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions – The committee discussed and reviewed the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council, specifically GENERAL LAWS, ARTICLE 6, Section 4. Host Expense, sub-section c, which allows a multi-year (up to 3 Year) contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions pending the approval of the Companions.

ARTICLE 6, Section 4 Host Expense, sub-Section c:

c. The Time and 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 and Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

This issue was raised because, at our Grand Convocation, the details for a 3-year contract, although discussed, had not been finalized by the desired facility and the Time and Place Committee. Therefore, the Time and Place Committee was unable to submit a proposed 3-year contract to the Membership at large.

Authority of Grand Illustrious Master as set forth in the General Laws:

Article 2 Grand Officers Duties, Section 1 (General Duties), sub-Sections k - Other Duties & l. – Annual Report

k. Other Duties.

The Grand Illustrious Master shall perform such other duties as the nature of his office may require, or the ceremonies and rituals the Craft may impose, and to this end he may exercise all the rights, privileges and prerogatives of his office according to the customs and usages of Ancient Craft Masonry except as they may be found to be abridged, modified, or restricted by the Constitution, General Laws and Edicts of this Grand Council.

l. Annual Report.

The Grand Illustrious Master shall at each Annual Assembly present a written report to this Grand Council of his official acts during the recess of this Grand Council, and actions and such other matters as he may deem necessary for the consideration of this Grand Council, and make such recommendations as he may think proper.

As stated above, the Most Illustrious Grand Master has the right, privilege, and authority to make decisions on behalf of the Craft, with regard to the normal course of business of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, subject to their review at Grand Sessions, when the craft is at recess.

The decision to approve a contract impacting the facility and location of our Grand Council, while said decision should be made during the Grand Session, is within the authority and purview of the Most Illustrious Grand Master when the craft is at recess.

NOTE: The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma has specifically included in its General Laws the authority of the Grand Commander to Call a Special Meeting of the Craft via ZOOM. The Chairman recommends that a provision granting that authority to the Most Illustrious Grand Master should be considered by the membership of this Grand Body.

Most Illustrious James R. Taylor, Jr. was introduced for comments. The Most Illustrious Grand Master thanked the committee and his officers for their attendance and advice on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy P. Israel [25, 33] – Chairman



The Jurisprudence Committee met in the Embassy Suites by Hilton on Northwest Expressway at 2:00 pm on April 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order by PMIGM Tim Israel. The Committee reviewed the address of MIGM James Taylor, Jr., and by unanimous vote approved the same. The Committee then reviewed the dispensations made by our MI Grand Master and found them to be in order. A review was also made of the five Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Grand Body. Resolution 1 was withdrawn by the author. The remaining resolutions, which have been proposed for consideration, were found to be in proper form. All actions taken by the MIGM during this Grand Council year were within the power and authority of the Grand Master. The Jurisprudence Committee Report was approved for filing.

The Committee commends MIGM James Taylor, Jr., for his exceptional service to this Grand Council, his thorough knowledge of the work of the York Rite, and his overall administrative acumen as a leader of the Craft. The Committee welcomes him into the ranks of Past Illustrious Grand Masters of Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma.

Fraternally Submitted
Timothy P. Israel [25,33] – Chairman, Robert G. Davis [50]-Recorder

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 2, 2025, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Recorder for the Grand Council 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 Council General Fund, Grand Council Perpetual Membership Fund, and Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund and found 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 the Grand Council Officer's 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 2025 proposed budget for the Grand Council and Membership Development. We recommend their approval by the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

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

COUNCIL BUDGET 2025

Income	
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	7,630.00
4020 · G. G. Council Assessment	1,815.00
4030 · CMMRF Assessment	763.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	190.75
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	0.00
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	10,398.75
4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	
4110 · Perpetual Membership Dividend	2,359.53
4120 · Interest Income-Other	2,910.58
Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	5,270.11
4200 · FEES	
4210 · Degree Fees	500.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	20.00
4200 · FEES - Other	0.00
Total 4200 · FEES	530.00
4300 · RESALE	
4310 · Ritual Resale	300.00
4300 · RESALE - Other	0.00
Total 4300 · RESALE	300.00
4600 · MISC INCOME	
4600.1 · Reimbursement from Chapter	0.00
4600.3 · Reimbursement from KT	0.00
4630 · MISC Income	150.00
4600 · MISC INCOME - Other	731.93
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	881.93
Total Income	17,380.79
Gross Profit	17,380.79
Expense	
5000 · STAFF	
5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	5,250.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	450.00
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance	200.00
Total 5000 · STAFF	5,900.00
5100 · ASSESSMENTS	
5110 · Per Capita - Gen Grand Council	1,812.50
5120 · CMMRF Donation	762.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	2,874.50
6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	
6010-24 · M.I.G.M. Travel - Taylor	1,250.00
6010-25 · M.I.G.M. Travel - Ragain	1,250.00
6010 · M.I. Grand Master's Travel	0.00
6011 · Grand Recorders Travel	200.00
6020 · M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense	275.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	75.00
6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Council	1,140.00
6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master	200.00
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	250.00
6080 · Triennial	
6080-24 · Triennial-2024	903.00
6080-25 · Triennial-2025	888.00
6080-26 · Triennial-2026	0.00
6080 · Triennial - Other	0.00
Total 6080 · Triennial	888.00
6100 · Other	0.00
6110 · Grand Session Refund	0.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	5,528.00

COUNCIL BUDGET 2025 - Continued

7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	
7100 · Rent	
7140 · G.M. Festival Rent	100.00
Total 7100 · Rent	100.00
7200 · Telecommunications	
7210 · Phone and Internet	75.00
7220 · Website	75.00
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	150.00
7300 · Office Supplies	
7310 · General Office Supplies	40.00
7320 · Ink	60.00
7330 · Computer Software	
7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	33.00
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00
7350 · MMS Online Database	499.59
7300 · Office Supplies - Other	0.00
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	965.59
7400 · Printing and Reproduction	
7410 · Pre Print	75.00
7420 · Proceedings	15.00
7430 · Publications	0.00
7440 · Check Order	0.00
7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	0.00
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	90.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery	
7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00
7520 · Stamps	33.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	0.00
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	103.00
7600 · Insurance	
7610 · Bond Premium	75.67
Total 7600 · Insurance	75.67
7700 · Repairs	
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00
Total 7700 · Repairs	0.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	1,484.26
8000 · MISC	
8010 · Rituals	300.00
8020 · Regalia	0.00
8040 · Due Other Bodies	0.00
8070 · Misc - Other	0.00
Total 8000 · MISC	300.00
8500 · EDUCATION	
8510 · Education Course	0.00
8500 · EDUCATION - Other	0.00
Total 8500 · EDUCATION	0.00
Total Expense	16,086.76
Net Income	1,294.03
 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
Income	
4550 · Membership Development	
4551 · Membership Development Interest	707.50
4552 · Membership Development-Other	0.00
Total 4550 · Membership Development	707.50
Total Income	707.50
Expense	
9000 · MEMBERSHIP	
9010 · Membership Promotion	400.00
9020 · DeMolay Sword	100.00
9030 · GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)	200.00
Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP	700.00
Total Expense	700.00
Net Ordinary Income	7.50
Net Income	7.50

2025 GRAND SESSIONS BUDGET

4700 · GRAND SESSIONS	
4725-1 · Registration Fee	2,800.00
4725-2 · KYCH Banquet	3,450.00
4725-3 · Friday Lunch	2,300.00
4725-4 · Friday Grand Banquet	5,000.00
4725-5 · Ladies Program	600.00
Total 4700 · GRAND SESSIONS	<u>14,150.00</u>
Total Income	<u>14,150.00</u>
Gross Profit	14,150.00
Expense	
6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	
6025-24 · 2024 Grand Sessions Expense	
6025 · Grand Sessions Expense	
6026 · Grand Sessions Meals	
6026-1 · KYCH Banquet	3,450.00
6026-4 · Friday Lunch	2,300.00
6026-5 · Friday Banquet	5,000.00
Total 6026 · Grand Sessions Meals	<u>10,750.00</u>
6027 · Grand Sessions Room Rental	
6027-1 · Grand JP Room Rental	127.00
6027-2 · KYCH / PCA / Divine Service	442.00
6027-3 · Grand Chapter/Council Meetings	442.00
6027-4 · Grand Commandery Meeting	221.00
6027-5 · HRAKTP Room Rental	127.00
6027-6 · Friday Meeting Room Coffee	130.00
6027-7 · Saturday Meeting Room Coffee	130.00
6027-8 · A/V Rental	545.00
Total 6027 · Grand Sessions Room Rental	<u>2,164.00</u>
6027.5 · Ladies Program	600.00
6028 · FEES	
6028-01 · PayPal Fees	350.00
Total 6028 · FEES	<u>350.00</u>
6025 · Grand Sessions Expense - Other	
Total 6025 · Grand Sessions Expense	<u>13,864.00</u>
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL	<u>13,864.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>13,864.00</u>
Net Income	<u>286.00</u>

NOTE: *Any funds budgeted for Grand Master Travel - (2025-2026) not disbursed during 2025 will be carried over to the 2026 budget.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

ARTICLE 3.

Section 1. Committees.

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

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

Section 2. Duties of Committees.

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

Sadly, we report that Altus Council No. 33 consolidated with Lawton Council No. 21, and Capitol Hill No.56 (Midwest City) consolidated with Alpha Council No. 18 (OKC), leaving the State with 14 Councils operating throughout Oklahoma.

During the 2024-2025 term, there were no requests for Charters or Dispensations to organize a new Council, nor were new charters granted. We defer to the Grand

Illustrious Master's address for comments on the condition of the Councils.

Further, we believe the statistical information in the Grand Recorders report does not require explanation and any further inquiry regarding dispensations to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally,

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

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, at our last Annual Assembly the Grand Council established a certification program in which a member can 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. Councils and Companions interested in this certification program should consult Article 3, Section 2(h) of the General Laws of the Grand Council.

A "plain English" version of our adopted ritual was authorized by our Grand Council at its Annual Assembly in 2003. Three 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. This has been accomplished and the new publication is available from the Grand Recorder.

To further encourage excellence in our degree conferrals, and acting upon the recommendation of the Grand Illustrious Master, at our last Annual Assembly the

Grand Council established a “Ritual Award” to recognize Companions who have excelled in the ritualistic presentation of the Cryptic degrees. Councils and Companions interested in this award should consult Article 7, Section 6 of the General Laws of the Grand Council.

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. Sadly, this year saw a decrease in attendance at our regional festivals. The 2025 Central Oklahoma Festival scheduled for February of 2025 was canceled due to a lack of candidates. Our Northeast Oklahoma Festivals only had two candidates. This is an alarming trend. This makes our annual Grand Masters Festival even more important, my fellow Companions. It is imperative for each and 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. The pool of Master Masons who are not yet York Rite masons is our biggest resource for new members taking into account the small number of new Master Masons being Raised in Oklahoma.

Suspensions and withdrawals are another matter of concern. 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.

Sadly we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost many 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 Companion, James R. Taylor, Jr., Illustrious Grand Master, 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

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.

The 49th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons will be held in our Nation's Capital, Washington DC, during the year 2026, when America will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the 1776 Declaration of Independence. Please mark your calendar for August 31 & September 1st, 2026. The venue has been selected and is the beautiful and most convenient Capital Hilton in the heart of the city, about a few meters walk from the White House, the Smithsonian and many historical monuments. You should come a few days before and stay a few extra days to visit one of the most unique cities in the world with its rich masonic history and attractions. It will be with much pleasure and great honor to welcome you to Washington, DC, at the end of August 2026 as we gather to celebrate Freemasonry and the York Rite. Detailed information, program, hotel reservation, and registration link will be posted on <https://yrtriennial.org>. Please commit today and reserve your seat as soon as possible. You do not want to miss this fantastic event.

Fraternally submitted:

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

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 of the items discussed during the meetings, include regional and statewide festivals, membership and retention programs, use of the Grand York Rite website, and any other issue which may need to be discussed. The ability to meet jointly in an organized manner has led to stronger and more effective actions and thereby increased the York Rite's influence in Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

EDUCATION

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]

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 our assistance in this regard during this Cryptic Council year; however, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has continued a special path to York Rite membership by offering the Mark Master and the Past Master degrees to Master Masons at no charge. Regional Chapter and Council Conferral teams were organized, and dates were placed on the calendar to facilitate a timely progression for these new companions in completing the journey through Cryptic Masonry and Templarism.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian M. Ragain [21]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

The Grand Master's Festival was held in Norman, Oklahoma, on July 27, 2024. At the festival, 51 Companions were greeted as Select Masters. We want to thank Norman Council 27 for hosting the festival and for all their hard work. The Committee extends appreciation to the Royal Master degree team from Tulsa Council 22 and the Select Master degree team again from Tulsa Council 22. They are to be commended for the excellent work exemplified at the festival.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael S. Wright [11]- Chairman

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Unfortunately, the Regional Degree Festival, which was to be held in Central Oklahoma, was canceled due to a lack of candidates. The Northeast Oklahoma Regional Festival was held on February 8, 2025, at East Gate Masonic Center in Tulsa. Two new Royal and Select Masters were Greeted at this event. We want to thank the Companions of Tulsa Council No. 22 for hosting the festival and all their hard work and dedication to ensuring a successful event. The

The committee commends all the Companions who dedicated their time and effort to help promote Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma both locally and statewide. The Regional Chapter Degree Festival Committee is always ready to assist the local Councils in any way possible to ensure a successful & educational event for our newest Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew D. McGee [43] - Chairman

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 2025:

President	Jack L. Painter
1st VP	Gene McKelvey

2nd VP	John D. Church
Treasurer	L. Clay Stuart
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

FINANCIAL

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

The members reviewed the preliminary financial statements ending December 31, 2024. The preliminary combined balance sheet reflects total assets of \$105,190,170.04, an increase of \$3,598,535.66 from one year ago. Endowments total \$91,737,662.22, an increase of \$145,179.40 from one year ago. The General Fund total is \$13,452,507.82, an increase of \$3,453,356.26 over the 2023 year-end.

The preliminary combined income statement for 2024 reflects a Total Revenue of \$9,005,615.12, including \$3,168,938.53 of unrealized investment gains. Expenditures for 2024 total \$5,292,841.41, a decrease of \$630,713.45 from the 2023 year-end.

Preliminary financials reflect the Defined Benefit Plan's total assets of \$3,385,158.77, representing a \$266,405.58 increase from the previous year. There are currently 25 beneficiaries, 20 of whom are receiving benefits. Five participants are not eligible to receive benefits yet, and two current employees have not yet vested to become participants in the plan.

LODGE MATCHING FUNDS

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

MATCHING FUNDS

- Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2024, = \$956,052.54
- Community Matching = \$857,294.78
- Promises Matter Matching = \$98,757.76
- # of Lodges using the program in 2024 = 183
- # of Lodges using the program in 2023 = 195
- Matching Funds applications processed = 1,061
- Applications denied = 59

Matching Funds disbursed since 1983 inception = \$37,556,101.88 (x2=\$75,112,202.56)

PROMISES MATTER

- Grants issued to Master Masons or their minor children or widows = 4
- Emergency grants issued = 16
- Average grant amount = \$1,404.05
- The average age of grant recipients = 65

As of December 31, 2024, the Total amount of Promises Matter Grant funds issued since the program's inception is \$2,038,277.50.

- **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 2024, St. Alban Lodge 192 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. In the 2023-24 school year, 260,261 students were screened, and 38,861 (14%) were referred for professional follow-up. Since 1986, our Foundation has provided over \$5.9 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 2024, the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$110,130 donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$49,870 to the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2024 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 6 in Tulsa), and KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City. The Food Bank campaign 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 2025 State Teacher of the Year will be awarded a check for \$7,500, and each of the eleven finalists \$1,500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.
2. **Student and Teacher of Today**
 - Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,893
 - Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 645
 - Participating schools = 572
 - 130 of 201 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 22, 2025.

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, which is designed to train kindergarten and transitional 1st-grade teachers by providing scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. In 2024, \$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.
 - 50 scholarships authorized @ \$4,000 = \$200,000.00
 - 44 scholarships awarded
 - Rainbow = 31 scholarships
 - Job's Daughters = 2 scholarships
 - DeMolay = 11 scholarships
 - Every qualifying applicant is offered a scholarship, pending demonstration that each applicant has met the minimum 3.0 GPA (college) or 20 A.C.T. score (high school) requirement.
6. **Senior Assistance Program-** In 2024, the Foundation's Edgar M. Woody Fund for the Aged, LLC disbursed \$921,248 to assist needy Oklahoma seniors.

In December 2024, \$674,609 was given to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2025. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated \$12,990,902 in the name of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. The eleven O4A 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 2025 grantmaking are:

- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to the Wings Special Needs Community, which will fund the construction of the first group home on their new campus.
- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to Hearts for Hearing, who 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. The \$1,000,000 grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma will assist in the construction of their new facility.
- 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 2025 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 2025.

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 2024, a \$12,000 grant was provided to the Infant Crisis Services.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! \$45,462 in Matching Funds was provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters in 2024. Scholarships of \$4,000 to youth order members and \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
 - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.
 - An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operating under the Masonic Service Association of North America that publicly provides information on Freemasons and responds to Freemasonry'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 [3]

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 own stem cells, or by using stem cells from an adult donor, CMMRF is proving that these disease processes can begin to be reversed in as little as one treatment.

Nationally, donations to CMMRF in 2024 totaled \$528,695.22. Oklahoma's giving of \$6523 was a decrease of \$5079 from the previous year. Donations made by Oklahoma's Companions ranked 19th in 2024 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." Lawton #21 was awarded with this distinction for 2024, with a total donation of \$2,129.

"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." Woodward Council #52 raised \$32.73 per member in 2024. Woodward continues to be one of the biggest contributors every year, evident by the number of times they have been awarded this distinction.

Each Oklahoma Council is urged to hold at least one fundraising event each year to benefit this worthy cause and to participate in CMMRF Month during the month of March. We ask for a \$100 donation from each Council for CMMRF Month. More information can be found at CMMRF.org or CrypticMasons.org. Muskogee #2, Ardmore #11, Lawton #21, Tulsa #22, Stillwater #52, and Woodward #52 have met these requirements in 2024. Thank you!

With your continued support, CMMRF will be the most discussed, fastest growing, and perhaps the best suited charity to deal with the health problems of Cryptic Masons.

CMMRF 2024 Annual Report on Oklahoma Council Contributions

No.	Council	2024 Members	CMMRF Contribution by Council	Additional Contribution (Members)	Total Contribution	Ave. Per Member Donation
2	Muskogee	108	\$	\$150	\$150	\$1.39
3	Union	91	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
11	Ardmore	61	\$	\$100	\$100	\$1.64
18	Alpha	224	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
21	Lawton	129	\$	\$2,129	\$2,129	\$16.50
22	Tulsa	172	\$	\$1,120	\$1,120	\$6.51
25	Elk City	50	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
27	Norman	89	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
41	Bartlesville	44	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
43	Bernard	47	\$	\$	\$0	\$0.00
48	Guthrie	68	\$	\$	\$0	\$0.00
50	Stillwater	52	\$	\$100	\$100	\$1.92
52	Woodward	33	\$155	\$925	\$1,080	\$32.73
61	Mysterious Nine	17	\$	\$75	\$75	\$4.41
	Past Grand High Priest's Association		\$1000	\$	\$1000	
	Grand Council		\$769	\$	\$769	
Totals		1185	\$1,769	\$4,754	\$6,523	\$5.50

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

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The 67th Annual South Central York Rite Conference was held at the DoubleTree Warren Place Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 20 - 21, 2024.

On Friday, presentations from the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council were given. I reported on the Grand Council activities for this year. The four elected officers of the Grand Council and the Grand Recorder attended the Department Conference. There was one appointed Grand Council Officer, five Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters from Oklahoma who also were in attendance, and numerous other Companions from across the State.

On Saturday, presentations from the Grand Encampment were given. The presentations were on Membership, KTEF, Commissioned Templar Chaplain, and other Grand Encampment Programs.

Our Grand Master, M.: W.: John F. Carter, attended the conference in its entirety and brought greetings on behalf of the Masons of Oklahoma.

The 68th Annual South Central York Rite Conference is scheduled to be held September 19 – 20, 2025, in League City, Texas. While the conference is primarily designed for Grand Officers, any Companion is welcome to attend. There will be several interesting presentations, and leadership training will be available through the “York Rite Leadership Training Program.”

Fraternally Submitted,
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

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 put most of the forms our Recorders need online. Also, all award forms have been posted online. These forms are in the “downloads” section on the website. 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.: I.: C.: James R. Taylor, Jr., the Most Illustrious Grand Master, for his confidence and for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman, John R. Christopher [48],
Robert W. [Bob] McLeod [2, 22]

NECROLOGY

Another year has passed 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, it is a comfort to us to remember that, one day, we will all be reunited in our “appropriate stations in heaven.” As we face the challenges of growing older, complete with its ups and downs, we should focus on the good memories of companionship that we share with one another.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
(Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!)

Fraternally,
George W. Ratliff [22]

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Our Annual Communications are being held once again at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. If you have any questions about our accommodation, the meeting rooms, or meals, please contact one of the members of the Time & Place; we will do our best to make it right.

We have contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. Your Grand Officers have been in constant communication with the Time & Place Committee, and we appreciate their diligence in making this the best event we can.

Looking ahead, I want all the Companions to understand that our continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel depends critically on our renting sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested in our event.

As a smaller event with a specific proscribed calendar date for the annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract. You have noticed that the registration fee has gone up this year. This serves to mitigate some of the costs associated with the event as we have currently negotiated it.

What can you do? If you want us to continue holding our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center, stay at the hotel at least one night – and if possible two. Spend time with your Companions. Enjoy the hospitality of being in Oklahoma City, with its myriad of activities. Or remain Saturday night after the Grand Commandry and relax. Staying at the hotel not only allows us to satisfy our contract but allows us to spend time together beyond the proscribed requirements for the annual meeting.

Fraternally
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

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,
Michael Maxey [22] – Chairman

A motion was made by R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder, to accept the Illustrious Grand Master's Address and all committee reports. The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by M.:I.: Companion Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., Past Illustrious Grand Master, to make David Roger Oelschlager, a Past Illustrious Master of Fullerton Council 26 in Louisiana, a voting member of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Oklahoma. I.:C.: Oelschlager is now a member of Alpha Council No. 18 in Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

R.:I.: Michael S. Wright was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master and was elected by acclamation.

R.: I.: Matthew D. McGee 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 Mathew A. Turner and Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., were nominated for the office of Grand Captain of the Guard. I.: Companion Mathew A. Turner was elected by vote of the craft.

R.:I.: Companion Brian M. Ragain, Illustrious Grand Master-elect, greeted the Grand Assembly and announced the Appointed Officers and District Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters.

I.: Companion Patrick C. Carr, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, gave his remarks

R.:I.: Companion Brian Cook, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, gave his remarks.

M.:I.: Companion Matthew D. Ruth, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, gave his remarks

M.:I.: Companion Lee Miller, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado,

R.: P.: Companion Buddy Guidry, Regional Deputy Grand Illustrious Master for the South Central Region for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, gave his remarks.

Right Puissant Companion Keith Powell, General Deputy Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, gave his remarks.

M.:W.: Brother James R. Roderick, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma, gave his remarks.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma was closed in Ample Form by M.:I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., I.:G.:M.:

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

- Installing Officer M.:I.: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., P.:I.:G.:M.:
- Installing Marshal R.:P.: Companion W. Keith Powell, R.:P.:D.:G.:G.:M.:
- Installing Chaplain M.:I.: Companion Timothy P. Israel, P.:I.:G.:M.:
- Installing Recorder R.:I.: Companion Jon B. Greene, Grand Recorder



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Taylor, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James R. Taylor, Jr.
Illustrious Grand Master

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon B. Greene" with a long, sweeping underline.

Jon B. Greene
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 CRYPTIC YEAR**

Brian M Ragain [21]		Most Illustrious Grand Master
Michael S. Wright [11]	Kim	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]		Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Kenton M. Israel [18, 25]	Dana	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs [22, 41]		Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer Emeritus P.:.I.:G.:M.:
Jon B. Greene [22]	Renee	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [22]	H.:.P.:I.:G.:M.:	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]		Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Donnie G. Higginbotham [3]		Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Christopher J.P. Smith [21]	Jennifer	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr.[27, 61]	Beth	Illustrious Grand Steward
Larry E. Straining, Jr. [22]	Cynthia	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Truman L. "Lavern" Ragain, Jr. [21]		Illustrious Grand Chaplain

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR THE 2025-2026 CRYPTIC YEAR**

DISTRICT NO. 1	Matthew N. Harden [2]	Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3
DISTRICT NO. 2	Roberto "Tony" A. DeLeon, Jr. [27]	Norman Council No. 27 Mysterious Nine Council No. 61
DISTRICT NO. 3	Steven R. Holekamp [48, 61]	Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48
DISTRICT NO. 4	Roland Morales [21]	Lawton Council No. 21 Ardmore Council No. 11
DISTRICT NO. 5	Larry E. Straining, Jr. [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	Ryan R. Frederick [50]	Bernard Council No. 43 Stillwater Council No. 50

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2025-2026 CRYPTIC YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

Robert G. Davis [50] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Recorder
All Past Illustrious Grand Masters

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Robert R. Rolseth [22] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]
Stephen D. Gragg [3]
France Reitz, Jr. [2]
Russell N. Davis [11]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50] – 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 R. Taylor, Sr. [22]
Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

MEMBERSHIP

John E. Werts [22, 41] - 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]
Christopher J.P. Smith [21]

FINANCE

Matthew D. McGee [43, 50] - Chairman
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [22]
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] – Ex Officio

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman
Michael S. Wright [11]
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

INVESTMENTS

2025-28 (CM) James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]
2023-26 (RAM) John L. Logan [48, 52]
2024-27 (KT) Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

TRIENNIAL

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

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

David A. Tennison [48]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Michael S. Wright [11]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] - Chairman

Central – Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

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

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]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Michael S. Wright [11]

Jon B. Greene [22]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Jon B. Greene [22] Chairman

John R. Christopher [48]

Daniel D. Hanttula [27, 61]

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

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

Kevin P. Bardy [50] - Chairman

John D. Church [18]

John L. Logan [48, 52]

Larry D. White [22]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2025-28 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [3]

2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

2024-27 [RAM] David A. Ray [27]

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Michael S. Wright [11]

Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman

Michael S. Wright [11]

Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]

Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

NECROLOGY

Truman L. "Lavern" Ragain, Jr. [21]

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. [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	Fridtiof 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
2024-2025	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Tulsa Council No. 22

* Deceased

** Lost Membership

IT Indian Territory



**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

STEVEN E. HANNA

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

Companion Steve Hanna started his Masonic journey in DeMolay. Steve is a Past Master Council of Del City Chapter and a Past State Deputy Master Councilor. After becoming a Master Mason, Steve continued working with DeMolay at the Chapter and State level. Steve has been the Chapter Dad of his Chapter. Steve has spent years mentoring our Youth, not just DeMolay but Rainbow as well. Steve has been honored with the Degree of Chevalier and the Legion of Honor.

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
2024	Steven E. Hanna	Guthrie Council No. 48	Guthrie

* Deceased



**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

JAMES ROY TAYLOR, SR.

This award is made for exceptional and meritorious service to Cryptic Masonry and can only be made to one member from each jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Companion James R. Taylor is a member of Owasso Lodge No. 545. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during the Chance to Advance in 2012. Companion Taylor joined the Tulsa York Rite Bodies in 2014. In the time that we have known Companion James R. Taylor, we learned quickly to either help and keep up, or get out of the way.

Companion Taylor didn't come to the York Rite with a desire to become an Officer. His desire is to work in the background and make sure that everything is available and in working order for our Degrees. If we have a prop that is damaged, he gets it fixed. On the evening before our festivals, he is there making sure that all our props are staged, sorted, lined up, and ready for our use. When a Degree has completed, he makes sure those items are put back in their proper spot and works to get the next Degree setup. He would be the first to put others in the spotlight other than himself, even though it is through his efforts and generosity that the Tulsa York Rite continues to thrive..

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
2024	James R. Taylor, Sr.	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
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



**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	2025	Gage Taylor
		2025	Donna McFadden



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 are submitted to their College Dean, who makes the final selection and forwards it to the College of Preservation, which has the ultimate authority to determine who receives the award. 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	2021	John D. Church
	*Edgar D. Snyder		Andrew B. Palmer
2015	John L. Logan		William H. Pearce
	Robert G. Davis		Kevin P. Bardy
2016	Larry D. White		Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
2017	Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs	2022	Timothy P. Israel
	Daniel D. Hanttula		Gary A. Davis
	Donald G. Jones	2024	James R. Taylor, Jr.
	*Troy E. Shipman	2025	Jon B. Greene
2018	*Bobby Carter		
	William J. "Jim" Cloud		
2019	Johnny D. Allford		

* - Deceased

2025 COUNCIL DIRECTORY OF OKLAHOMA CRYPTIC MASONS

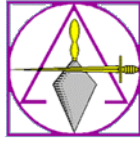
NO.	NAME-LOCATION	ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER	RECORDER	MTNG	CHARTER
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. 6th St. Muskogee 74402 918-682-0251	Robert W. McLeod	Mark K. McFadden	3rd Thur 6:00 PM	Aug 24, 1894
3	UNION 2nd & Adams Scottish Rite Temple McAlester 74501	Ronald J. Gragg, Sr.	Mark K. McFadden	4th Mon	Aug 4, 1884
11	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St. Ardmore 73401 580-223-2396	Russell N. Davis	John F. Carter	2nd Mon 7:30 PM	Apr 18, 1906
18	ALPHA 2935 W. Britton Rd Oklahoma City 73120 405-755-0036	David M. Marler	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.	2nd Wed	Aug 21, 1909
21	LAWTON 702 SW C Ave. Lawton 73501	Christopher JP Smith	Glen A. Chaney	4th Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 19, 1911
22	TULSA 5925 E. 9th Tulsa 74112 918-921-5552	M. Logan Bryant	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
41	BARTLESVILLE 610 NE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville 74006 918-331-3831	William J. Foster	Justin R. James	3 rd Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 21, 1920
43	BERNARD 1200 . Grand Ponca City 74601	William P. Donovan	Tyler E. Evans	2nd Tues 7:00 PM	Apr 15, 1924
48	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie 73044	Christopher R. Mallow	Jay A. Wall	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	Kyle B. Reynolds	Ray L. Bell	4th Thurs (Jan-Oct) 2nd Thurs (Nov-Dec) 7:00 PM	Jun 30, 1951
61	MYSTERIOUS NINE 1700 N Porter Norman 73069 405-321-7310	Adam R. Taylor	Christopher JP Smith	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)
33.....	Altus	Consolidated with Lawton #21 2024
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
59.....Capitol Hill..... Consolidated with Alpha #18 2024
60.....Tipton..... Consolidated with Lawton #21 1994

COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF OKLAHOMA



Minutes of the 79th Annual Assembly held at Stillwater, Oklahoma August 17, 2024

Thrice Illustrious Master John R. Christopher opened the 79th Annual Assembly of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma at 10:25 a.m. with thirty members and nine candidates present.

Officers present were:

Thrice Illustrious Master	John R. Christopher
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Robert R. Rolseth
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	John D. Church (Pro-Tem)
Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer	James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Mark K. McFadden
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Michael S. Wright

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

Nicholas Andrew Valenta	Union Council No. 3
Roland Morales	Lawton Council No. 21
Larry Eugene Straining, Jr.	Tulsa Council No. 22
Kevin Sebastian Lapham	Norman Council No. 27
Michael Lewis Dixon	Guthrie Council No. 48
Jim Rule	Guthrie Council No. 48
Ryan Russell Frederick	Stillwater No. 50
Stephen W. Clymer	Capitol Hill No. 59
Adam Robertson Taylor	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	Justin M. McGee (Pro-Tem)
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Truman L. Ragain, Jr. (Pro-Tem)
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), Matthew D. McGee (2014-15), James R. Taylor, Jr. (2016-17), William J. Cloud (2017-18), Larry D. White (2020-2021), James D. Nobles (2021-22), and Mathew A. Turner (2022-2023)

A memorial service for the following Thrice Illustrious Masters was held: Kieth Ballard, Marc Garriott, Harvey Odgen, Bedford Rowland, Jr., and Donald Wolford.

The minutes of the August 19, 2023, Annual Assembly and Treasurer’s report were approved as distributed with the meeting summons.

It was announced the Council purchased 3 flameless LED candles for the altar.

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.

The annual election of officers for the 2024-2025 year was then held.

The nominating committee recommended that all 2023-2024 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Registrar-Treasurer be retained, and that Jon B. Greene be elected Sentinel.

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

M: I: Companion James R. Taylor, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors. M: I: Companion Taylor introduced the Grand Council Officers and Past Illustrious Grand Masters present.

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

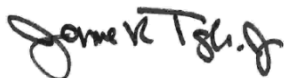
Officers for the 2024-2025 year are as follows:

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| Thrice Illustrious Master | Robert R. Rolseth |
| Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden | Kenton M. Israel |
| Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden | Mark K. McFadden |
| Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer | James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM |
| Thrice Illustrious Steward | Michael S. Wright |
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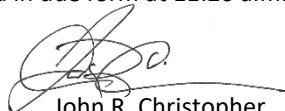
Thrice Illustrious Master Robert R. Rolseth presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Master jewel to outgoing Thrice Illustrious Master John R. Christopher.

It was announced that the 80th Annual Assembly is scheduled for August 16, 2025, at Frontier Lodge No. 48, in Stillwater.

Thrice Illustrious Master Rolseth made closing comments, and there being no further business to come before the Assembly, it was closed in due form at 11:20 a.m.



James R. Taylor, Jr.
Registrar-Treasurer



John R. Christopher
Thrice Illustrious Master

Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma
Treasurer Report - 08-17-24

Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank		
Checking Account Balance 07/20/23		\$2,635.61
Deposits:		
Candidate Fees	\$280.00	
OST Jewel Sales	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 280.00
Disbursements:		
Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36 (Facility Use)	\$ 50.00	
Jim Taylor (Degree Supplies)	\$ 42.96	
Simpson Jewelry & Uniform, Inc. (TIM Jewels)	<u>\$125.23</u>	
		<u>\$ 218.19</u>
Checking Account Balance 07/31/24		<u>\$2,697.42</u>

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*	2011-2012	Donnie G. Higginbotham
1968-1969	Wilbert B. Boggs*	2012-2013	Troy E. Shipman*
1969-1970	Cleo A. Walton*	2013-2014	Timothy P. Israel
1970-1971	Oscar W. Swanson*	2014-2015	Matthew D. McGee
1971-1973	Kenneth M. Blakley*	2015-2016	Andrew B. Palmer
1973-1976	Robert E. Fielden*	2016-2017	James R. Taylor, Jr.
1976-1979	John W. Steward*	2017-2018	William J. Cloud
1979-1982	Herbert O. Nelson*	2018-2019	William H. Pearce
1982-1985	Carl R. Burrows*	2019-2020	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
1985-1986	James C. Taylor*	2020-2021	Larry D. White
1986-1987	John C. Shanklin*	2021-2022	James D. Nobles
1987-1988	Barry C. Spradling*	2022-2023	Mathew A. Turner
1988-1989	Eugene Smith*	2023-2024	John R. Christopher
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

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2025
PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND
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of
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
of
OKLAHOMA

AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April Twenty-Sixth, Two Thousand Twenty-Five



A.D.2025 / A.O. 907



**GLEN A CHANEY
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2024-2025**

GLEN A CHANEY BIOGRAPHY

Right Eminent Sir Knight Glen Allen Chaney was born October 16, 1970, in Frederick, Maryland, and raised in and around several military bases in southern and central California. Brother Glen and his Wife of 12 years, Patti, a registered nurse, reside in Lawton. Their four children, Chris, Jake, Tim, and Elka, live in various places around the country. Glen and Patti are also blessed with five grandchildren.

After graduating High School in Delano, California, Brother Chaney entered the United States Army in October 1990 and served 21 years, retiring from Active Duty in June 2011 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, making Lawton their home. Glen served in eight different states and four countries abroad, retiring as a Sergeant First Class (E-7). His awards include the Bronze Star Medal awarded during his second combat deployment to Iraq in 2003 and 2005, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, the Combat Action Badge, and numerous other awards and decorations. Brother Chaney now works for the Guthrie Scottish Rite of Freemasonry as the General Secretary.

Brother Chaney took the degrees of Masonry in 2000 at Triangle Lodge #548 in Lawton, Oklahoma. He served in positions of leadership and on many committees, which culminated as Worshipful Master of Triangle Lodge #548. He later served Lawton Lodge #183 as Worshipful Master in 2010 and Lodge Secretary from 2015-2019. He attained his "A" Certificate in the Oklahoma Ritual and served as Deputy Grand Lecturer for several Districts. Brother Chaney was elected to the Grand Lodge progressive officer line in 2019 and served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Oklahoma for the 2022-2023 Masonic year.

In the Scottish Rite, Glen has been invested with the rank and decoration of 32°, Knight Commander of the Court of Honour at the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and serves as the General Secretary of the Valley.

SK Chaney became a Companion and Sir Knight in the Oklahoma York Rite in 2001. He served as High Priest of the Lawton Chapter, Illustrious Master of the Lawton Council, and as Eminent Commander of the Lawton Commandery during four separate terms. SK Chaney entered the Grand Commandery progressive line in 2016, culminating in 2024 as the Right Eminent Grand Commander. He was inducted into the Knights of York Cross of Honor (KYCH) Priory #9 in 2007 and holds the KYGCH with his 2nd Quadrant. He is a member of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine at Prince of Peace and St. Omer Conclaves and is a Knight Mason of the U.S.A. Brother Chaney was made a member of the Oklahoma Allied Masonic Degrees and York Rite College #75 of Oklahoma. He is a member of the Oklahoma College S.R.C.I.F. and H.R.A.K.T.P., Joseph of Arimathea IV Tabernacle. Brother Chaney is a member of the Masonic Order of Athelstan, Plinth Court No. 91. SK Glen was inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland in 2023.

SK Chaney is a Noble of Shriners Int'l at India Temple in Oklahoma City. Glen and Patti are members of the Lawton #82 Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Brother Chaney is a member and Past President of the National Sojourner's Inc., Fort Sill Chapter #129, and

Past Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp, Heroes of '76. Brother Chaney is a recipient of the Order of DeMolay, Legion of Honor in 2020, received the Order of Rainbow Grand Cross of Color in 2023, and was decorated with the highest Oklahoma Grand Lodge Masonic award in our jurisdiction, the Oklahoma Masonic Medal of Honor in 2019.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA

GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 CHIVALRIC YEAR

Glen A. Chaney [18]	Patti	Grand Commander
Mark K. McFadden [2]	Donna	Deputy Grand Commander
Trasen S. Akers [3]	Aerial	Grand Generalissimo
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	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.	Grand Recorder Emeritus
Justin M. McGee [8,14]		Grand Senior Warden
Brian M. Ragain [18]		Grand Junior Warden
Michael T. Harden [2]	Sharon	Grand Standard Bearer
Matthew N. Harden [2]		Grand Sword Bearer
John E. King, Jr. [6]	Tracy	Grand Warder
T. Lavern Ragain, Jr. [18]		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	Glen A. Chaney (Vacancy not filled)	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

FINANCE:

Section 2. (b)
John T. Turner [38] - Chairman
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [20,2]

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

Section 2. (c)
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20] - Chairman
John E. King [22] - Recorder
All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS:

Section 2. (d)
John L. Logan [29] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]
Timothy P. Israel [22]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS:

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

GENERAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (f)
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
Mark K. McFadden [2]

NECROLOGY:

Section 2. (g)
Steven E. Cox [2]

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE

FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (j)
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
All Grand Commandery Officers

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (h)
2024-27f (RAM) David A. Ray [27]
2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]
2023-26 (KT) Timothy P. Israel [22]

YORK RITE COORDINATION:

Section 2. (i)
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]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(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]

TIME AND PLACE:

Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chairman
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]

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

The One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Conclave
April 26, 2025

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was reconvened for its One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Conclave at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest, 3233 Northwest Expy, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Sir Knight Bradley S. Rickelman, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a sufficient number of Commanderies were represented to constitute a quorum. Thereupon, Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney reconvened the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, with the following Grand Officers:

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

Sir Knight Glen A Chaney 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 Glen A. Chaney, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, appointed Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, PGC, Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., PGC, and Sir Knight Matthew D. McGee, PGC, to the reception committee. The committee retired and escorted the following distinguished Sir Knights to the room, where they were introduced to the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney welcomed the distinguished visitors:

Sir Knight Edward J. Mayfiled, Jr., personal representative of Sir Knight Ronald A. Naumowicz, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

Sir Knight Gary W. Sheets, KTCH, Excellent Grand Prelate and personal representative to Sir Knight Jamie A. Emery, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois.

Sir Knight Justin D. Crippen, Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas.

Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

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

Sir Knight David S. Ponder, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arkansas.

Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and Department Commander for the South Central Department for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Sir Knight David W. Studley, GCT, Grand Treasurer and personal representative of Sir Knight David J. Kussman, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Past Grand Commanders. The Grand Commander welcomed the Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma and expressed his appreciation for their help and assistance.

Daniel C. Pryor	1988-89	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	John E. King	2023-24

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Officers in Charge. The Grand Commander welcomed the Officers In Charge and thanked them for their service.

AREA 1	Mark K. McFadden John E. King, Jr.	AREA 5	Justin M. McGee
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	AREA 6	Trasen S. Akers
AREA 3	Brian M. Ragain		
AREA 4	T. Lavern Ragain, Jr.		

ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Constituent Commanderies. Eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) Commanderies were represented by either the Commander, Generalissimo, and/or Captain General. They are as follows:

Guthrie No 1	Muskogee No. 2	Oklahoma No. 3	McAlester No. 6
St. John's No. 8	Ardmore No. 9	Lawton No. 18	Trinity No. 20
Elk City No. 22	Calvary No. 26	Norman No. 38	
Grand Commandery 10	130 th Annual Conclave		

ROLL CALL OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor recipients. The Grand Commander welcomed the Knight Templar Cross of Honor recipients and thanked them for their service.

Paul T. Currell 2006	Matthew D. McGee 2008	Trasen S. Akers 2009
Jay A. Wall 2012	Bradley S. Rickelman 2013	Larry D. White 2014
William J. "Jim" Cloud 2016	Marshall M. Clayton 2018	John F. Carter 2022
Michael T. Harden 2023	Jon B. Greene 2024	

APPROVAL OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE PROCEEDINGS

A motion was made by Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, KTCH, Eminent Grand Recorder, and seconded to approve the 2024 proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Companions and Sir Knights All, Grand Officers, past and present, distinguished guests, and members of this Grand Commandery, it is truly my honor and a most high privilege to welcome you to the One-Hundred Thirtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Oklahoma 2025. Thank you for choosing to be here with us for our time-honored tradition of meeting on this final weekend of April in true harmony, which concludes the current year to begin a new Templar year for our Order and our York Rite Bodies. Our Christian Order, which stands up and professes devotion to our Lord, and vows to defend the innocent maiden, the destitute widow, the helpless orphan, and the Christian religion. This weekend is full of ceremony and protocols, but our purpose today and each day of the year, is to proclaim ourselves Soldiers of Christ in the great battle for the soul of humanity.

I extend a warm welcome to R.:E.: Sir Knight David W. Studley, GCT, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and the Representative of our M.:E.: Grand Master Sir Knight David J. Kussman, GCT. Welcome to our Right Eminent South-Central Department Commander, R.:E.: Sir Knight Robert Rolseth, P.G.C. of OK, and to all of our Past Oklahoma Right Eminent Grand Commanders. Also, I welcome each and every member of the Oklahoma York Rite family who have traveled to be with us here this weekend. We hope that your travels to and from Oklahoma City have been enjoyable and that your time with us is an experience we can be proud to have brought you.

Welcome to all Commanders, Generalissimo and Captain Generals, Wardens, and other Officers, and Sir Knights of the constituent Commanderies who are here. You are the true foundation of what we do and how effective we are in doing it. I have often said that all Masonry is local and that is especially true in the York Rite. The impact that the local York Rite Bodies have on our members is immeasurable. Serving alongside all of you has made this year an honor I will be forever grateful for. It has been my honor to represent you this year as I traveled around the State. I truly pray that I have carried myself in a manner that has brought credit upon you and the cause that we hold so dear. In this address, it is my ardent desire to provide an account of my stewardship of our Grand Commandery over this last year. The decisions, dispensations, and actions have been made with the guidance of the Grand Commander of the Universe, and we thank Him, for the peace and harmony by which we have accomplished the tasks and duties of our elected and appointed offices. We are permitted, under His hand, to assemble again at our time-honored tradition of Grand Sessions and I pray for His guidance here, that all our works may be pleasing and prosperous.

To my wife, Patti, we have been on this wild ride together for over 15 years. You are an incredible woman, supporter, friend, and loving wife. The years we have spent in service to the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma have only been possible because of your love and support. It has been a whirlwind of travel. You never said no. You just always asked, "What is next?" Well, now, sweetheart, we are next. Some much deserved and very much-needed time for us. As we have served this wonderful jurisdiction, both in the Grand Lodge and this year in leadership of the York Rite Grand Commandery, there

is no other person I would have ever wanted to do this with. I cannot easily put into words the level of love, respect, and thanks I have for you. The Sir Knights and Ladies of Oklahoma are lucky to have you as their First Lady, and I am so fortunate to have such a caring and kind Lady at my side through it all. You never hesitated to give your full support to the York Rite of Oklahoma. The many sacrifices you have endured, the days apart and the many interruptions for phone calls and Zoom calls, even when I promised that after a certain "other office," the time would ours, speak so highly of your commitment to us and to the service we are giving to the next generation of masons and Sir Knights. I say thank you, and the entire Fraternity of Oklahoma thanks you again for those sacrifices and all you do. During your tenure as the First Lady of Oklahoma Masonry, you exemplified your motto the "Heartbeat of Masonry," and now I say to you and everyone within the sound of my voice that you are the heartbeat of this man and Mason. I love you dearly. Thank you to the brothers and Ladies of Oklahoma York Rite for the continuing expressions of love and support for your First Lady of Templar Masonry this year.

To the Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers – Thank you for your willingness to serve the State of Oklahoma's Grand York Rite. I have had the incredible blessing and honor to serve alongside all of you in this cause. I was always so proud to stand with you in the Commanderies of our Order while we traveled for Inspections and visits. Each one of you are special to me. Over the last 10 years, I have had the honor of being in service to the Grand Commandery. Over this period, several different men have been in and out of this group of leaders, whom I remember fondly. The men who will follow this year will undoubtedly lead well. They each have the heart and mind to inspire our Order and share the lessons that the York Rite instills. Mark, Trasen, Bob, Justin, Brian, John, Matthew, Michael T and Lavern, you all hold a special place in my Masonic journey. Thank you for your genuine friendship and I look forward to seeing each of you have the impact on Masonry that I know you are capable of.

To the Grand Recorder, Eminent Sir Knight Jon Greene, you are a remarkable source of guidance for any Grand Commander. I was hardly ever stressed because you are the gear that keeps the machine running so smoothly. You are a true asset to the York Rite body as a whole. Taking on the huge responsibility of Grand Recorder from RE Sir Knight Gary Davis was a monumental challenge that you accepted. Not only did you accept, but you have excelled at the job, and I cannot say thank you enough for your dedication to it.

To the Grand Treasurer, Eminent Sir Knight Kenton Israel, you keep the financial business of the York Rite running smoothly. Thank you for your tireless efforts to maintain these accounts and records which allows the York Rite to perform its charities and causes unimpeded. Keeping up with the three bodies' finances and, at the same time, keeping up with your active family life is a task that you make look easy. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and to see you in leadership while serving in the Grand Chapter line. Most Excellent Companion, I treasure your friendship and look forward to many, many years of Brotherhood with you.

To the Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Knight Steven Cox, thank you for accepting my request to continue as Grand Prelate. You continue to exude love and faithfulness to

the York Rite. The lessons of the great Captain of our Salvation shine through you and it is the reason he has chosen you for this special role. It was not me that selected you, it was Him. I merely listened to the guidance given to me by our Savior. As always, He was right on. Your message in the monthly State Newsletter and on the several occasions that I requested a Prelate's address was always timely and good. The message was through you but always from Him whom all love flows. Thank you for your positive demeanor and for always being the conduit of His Light to us.

To the Past Grand Commanders of Oklahoma, as I have personally watched each of the last 24 Grand Commanders (and a few older), I have learned from each one. Some were very personal to me. R. : E. : Sir Knight's Dan Pryor, Charles Stuckey, Dwayne Dixon, Glenn Kinsley, Gary Davis, Robert G. Davis, John L. Logan, Richard Dunaway, Erik Stuckey, Ed Becerra, Paul Currell, Tim Israel, Donnie Higginbotham, Matt McGee, Curtis Schuermann, Gary Odendahl, Robert Rolseth, James R. Taylor, Jr., and John E King, Sr. I have known each of you personally, and each of you has been a friend to me and an inspiration of leadership to follow. Every Sir Knight that enters this order has the ability and potential to serve at the highest levels. The care and guidance you gave to me taught this lesson. You mentored me through 4 terms as Commander of Lawton Commandery #18 and R. : E. : Tim Israel gave me that call on an early summer morning in 2016, which began my service to the Grand Commandery. Thank you all for the education you have given me and the support you gave to this year's efforts. I salute you all.

To my fellow Leaders of the Oklahoma York Rite, Most Excellent Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., and Most Illustrious James R. Taylor, Jr., It has been my privilege and honor to serve alongside you both in leadership to our York Rite this year. Frank, I am proud of you and your willingness to step up and lead the Grand Chapter. We are reminded daily that it is not our plan that matters, it is the plan of the Great Creator. You are respected greatly, and I will stand ready to assist you over the next year as you continue as our Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Jim, what can I say? You have been a leader in so many different organizations to which we both belong. In each, your presence is known, and your skills are felt in the way you conduct yourself. We are so fortunate to have you leading the Grand Council, and I doubt that your leadership in our Fraternity will end here. You and Gage have become genuine friends to Patti and me, and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know both.

To Our Most Worshipful Grand Masters 2024 and 2025. M. : W. : John F. Carter, and M. : W. : James R. Roderick, thank you for your leadership of our Fraternity during my service as Grand Commander. We are so fortunate to have thoughtful and caring leaders who understand and appreciate the importance of our several concordant Masonic bodies. I regret not being able to support more of the several ceremonies held in the public space and I am hopeful that we can address our Knightly support as we go forward for future Grand Masters. MW Roderick it was our esteemed pleasure and honor to extend the formal Arch of Steel for you during your installation as Grand Master in November 2024. We look forward to your continued leadership. It is my hope and prayer that the deep roots expressed in your motto are growing stronger and deeper between the Grand Lodge and Grand York Rite each day. The Oklahoma York Rite has scheduled the 2025 one-day festival in honor of MW Roderick on 26 July 2025

at Norman Lodge #38.

Necrology – The Eminent Grand Prelate will provide the report on Necrology, however, I want to take this moment to pay tribute to those Sir Knights who have laid down the working tools of life and gone to that celestial temple not made with hands. I attended several funerals this year for our Sir Knights, who have served well and left an indelible mark, not only on our lives but on our Order. I attended the services of SK Lanny R Sander, PGM, SK E. Keith Liles, PGM, SK Gerald Stegal, and SK Randy Roy Jones this Templar year. There were many others around our State that I was not able to attend but, it should remind us all that the slowly falling sands of our own lives are running out to death. We should take every opportunity to stand as Knights and Masons professing our beliefs and extending the teachings of our several Orders. May our good Knights, both near and far be welcomed into the arms of our Savior and given that awesome gift of life eternal in the service of our Lord. I also take this moment to render respect and love to our former First Lady of Templar Masonry in Oklahoma, Mrs. Nellie Davis, who also passed away this year. This special lady, the wife of RE SK Gary Davis, P.G.C., will be missed and we thank God for the moments we had to know her and enjoy her wonderful love for the Companions and Sir Knights of Oklahoma. Let us take a pause to remember all of the York Rite Companions and Sir Knights and Ladies who have come into our lives and left the memories that we fondly reflect on.

Sir Knights Attention! Uncover! Sir Knights, recover, you may be seated.

50 Year Service Awards

The Grand Commandery extends congratulations to all the Sir Knights who, this year, have attained a 50-year service award. Your dedication and service to our York Rite bodies of Oklahoma is commendable and serves as an example to all Sir Knights in our ranks. Thank you for the many years of sacrifice, and we honor your commitment to the principles of the York Rite! The names of these Knights are included in the proceedings.

Committees of the Grand Commandery

The many standing and adhoc committees of the Grand Commandery have performed their duties very well. My sincere thanks and appreciation for the committees this year performing the duties of Credentials, Time/Place, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Finance, Awards, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Work and Tactics and others. These committee members have dedicated their personal time and efforts to ensuring that things happen on time and within the high standards we have established. The reports of these and so many important committees are contained within this publication. Thank you all for your service this year, and I look forward to your continued support and service to the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. If any Sir Knight in the State of Oklahoma desires to be of service on any of the committees of the Grand Commandery, please contact the Grand Recorder for assistance.

Observations and Recommendations

Inspections – This year, the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma had seven Commanderies participate in full inspection of the various elements prescribed by the

Grand Commandery. This full inspection included the ritual of the opening of the Asylum, the reception of the Grand Commander and his Staff, when present, the Order of the Temple and the closing of the Asylum. When performed, these elements are some of the most impressive of all the Masonic Orders being performed today. Seven out of 14 Commanderies is 50%. That being said, we *must* encourage ourselves and our fellow Sir Knights to prepare for and display the work of our Order. The lessons contained in the several Commandery degrees are designed to teach important lessons and impart further knowledge to each of our Sir Knights. Those commanderies who selected a non-competitive visit performed the opening ceremony, reception of the Grand Commander and other Officers, and closing ritual. It is greatly appreciated by any Grand Commander to be received by a Commandery. It is a great show of respect. However, the body of Masonry and the York Rite lacks the traditional practices which, in earlier times, made it the strongest fraternal body in the world. It should be our desire that all of our Commanderies become strong and competent enough to conduct these ceremonies and confer these orders on our new members. **Recommendation – create a *Knight School*.** The development of an instructional school format that would go to the individual Commandery and teach those Knights that are currently in them how to properly execute their duties and movements. This recommendation is for the Inspectors to spend time in the same way that the Blue Lodge conducts lodge or district schools. It would be beneficial to the Commandery and Sir Knights. By selecting a day on the calendar for the Inspectors and OIC to work in concert with the Officers of the local York Rite allows us to conduct a useful and valuable training program that could have lasting effects. The goal is to bring a Commandery back to the standard of being able to confer degrees and orders on their members, which creates a strong bond between the new members and the established group within the Asylum.

Degree and Order conferral - We have developed a "one-day" program that allows for Master Masons to complete the nine degrees and orders of the York Rite at a "festival." If we are to continue this practice, it is my recommendation that we expand it into two annual events. The "Grand Masters Field Day" or "*Festival*" should continue, and I recommend adding a "winter One-Day" Festival where the York Rite does not wait an unnecessary amount of time before we can offer new Master Masons an opportunity to join us in the accelerated manner. This, in conjunction with the method of having a few of the Chapter degrees already performed, will allow for a sensible program to gain new membership early enough in the Templar year to get them ready for elections and appointments. Currently in our state, other bodies of Masonry offer multiple times and locations throughout the state to join them, and I feel we must expand the opportunities to join the York Rite. We must all remain motivated and focused on building our Order. Once a new member goes through either a one-day or a traditional pace to become a Knights Templar, we must immediately engage with them on proper movements, sword manual floor work, and protocols. This will train them in a way that is foundational instead of the current method of "watch and learn what you can once a month" mentality. Regardless of how slow or fast we make the process of joining the York Rite, it is the mentorship and engagement after the event is the crucial ingredient to success. I also believe that the passage of the proposed legislation to alter the current requirements as it relates to the uniform will positively affect the cost a Knight is faced with upon entry to the Order. We must continue to look for ways to remove the

barriers to participation and this is one way I see that addressed.

Awards – Sir Knights, we have many award opportunities for our fellow members to be recognized for outstanding work and service to our Orders. We are failing in this regard. Just as few of the local York Rite Bodies have been submitting members for recognition. Appreciation and recognition is one of the best ways to maintain morale and encourage work in the Asylum. Each year should present robust competition for these awards and each of our York Rite Grand bodies look forward to presenting these acknowledgements to well-deserving Companions and Sir Knights. We must do better at these annual tasks. We have added the **Knight Crusader Award** for Commanderies to establish basic guidelines for activity and a point system that the York Rite body can track during the year. The result of the program is a category of distinction for the constituent body to be identified as a "Knight Crusader Commandery" of that particular year. We hope that this program of recognition for the commanderies will help to instill pride and esprit de corps within the ranks. This year we have two Commanderies recognized for this Award in its inaugural year. Muskogee and Trinity Commanderies and I congratulate both on this award. This is the example of commitment to activity in the Asylum. I recommend that all Oklahoma Commanderies strive to achieve this and begin to awaken the body and regain activity for the Knights. I personally thank VE SK Mark McFadden and E SK Bob McLoed for their hard work and efforts that brought this into existence.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TEMPLARY

As we continue to see the decline in membership of the Oklahoma York Rite, I am encouraged about the future of our Order here in our State. We must never give in to the pressures of political culture or the displays of animosity and hatred witnessed on social media and other platforms. Remain aware of what moves young men. The need and desire for a spiritual connection continues, even if it is not within the walls of traditional religious institutions or churches.

The state of Chivalric Masonry in Oklahoma is strong within its ranks, however, the ranks are shrinking. We need to face the challenges of building the Order in our current cultural landscape and show that we remain a viable institution of Masonry. Christian Knighthood is needed more now than ever, and it is up to all of us to fight this battle for the soul of humanity and the battle ends when we win. The Light of salvation, given us by the Great Captain of our Salvation, is the true Light and way of all mankind. Our foundation remains strong even when our branches and leaves are under the intense pressure of the winds of change. But Sir Knights, **words are a mere substitute for Action.** We must all be willing to stand and fight for the future of the York Rite! Our beginnings were founded in stone, but those stones can quickly turn to ice cubes and melt away if we are not willing to commit to being the Sir Knights that will eventually win the Battle. Get involved! Whether it is at your local Commandery or if you desire to serve on a Grand Commandery committees or elected and appointed positions. They all need good Knights and a wholehearted effort if we are to succeed. Christian Knighthood begins with each Sir Knight being and acting as a Knight in all they do. As Jesus taught us, **Love one another** in the York Rite and in the Masonic Orders and Family. We are not required to agree with every other Knight in issues of political

or societal topics, just as we do not require the love of every item on a menu to eat at our favorite restaurant. We must love each other because we are fellow men in a common cause to better the world and ourselves. As Knights Templar, we promise to fight for and defend the Christian Religion when called upon. I say to you all, **pray**, and **exercise**. The battle for your mind, body, and spirit is upon us, and we must do both if we are to win this battle.

This year, we have focused on commitment, proficiency, courage, and the evolution of the Oklahoma York Rite. We unfortunately lost one York Rite Body in Midwest City, but we built to one in Oklahoma City through the consolidation process. Let us find a way to reflect on this as a positive and not negative change. I thank those Sir Knights who faced this challenge head-on, and I appreciate all of you showing that same gratitude to those who serve with a whole heart.

This is the final message I will give as Grand Commander of the Oklahoma Grand Commandery, but I look forward to supporting the upcoming Officers and the future lines for years to come. I return to the labor in the quarries of the Asylum, where we teach, mentor, and guide new pilgrims on their way to that holy sepulcher. V. :. E. :. SK Mark McFadden, you are a proven leader and true Sir Knight who will, without doubt, lead us with great vision and fortitude into the next phase of our journey here in Oklahoma. I stand ready to serve you and the Grand Commanders to follow you in all that you request or require of me.

In closing, Sir Knights, I am hopeful that my service to you in this office of leadership within our Grand York Rite has reflected well upon all of you. It has been my highest honor to have been selected to join this line of Officers and to culminate as the 2024-25 Grand Commander. I have a memory to share of this year as I visited a constituent Commandery for their annual inspection of the Order of the Temple. In meeting the Brother who was to go through the Order of the Temple that evening, I was speaking to him for a few moments when it dawned on me that this young man, on a different day several years ago, was me. That standing before me was a Brother and soon to be Sir Knight that in fact someday in the future, could surpass any or all of my achievements in the Fraternity. I then prayed that whatever God had in store for this brother, whether it be dedicated service in the Asylum, esteemed titles or decorations, may he and all of us remain grounded as Brothers and Companions and Sir Knights. That we will all continue to perform our duties in the best interest of Masonry and our gentle Craft. One of the greatest beauties of Masonry is the parallel it displays to our lives. We enter as apprentices in youth. We move from beginner to learner, from learner to teacher, and from teacher to mentor to advisor. All the way through our lodges, our asylums, and our lives to our elder years, may we live respected and die regretted. Then begin again at the right hand of our Creator, through our Savior Jesus Christ. I wish all of you and the entire Masonic family of Oklahoma jurisdiction the best and most prosperous future. Our time is now, but the time of our children and our children's children are in a future that we are creating by our every action. We will all eventually be reduced to words or descriptions in history books. As we take each and every action that either supports or tears at the foundation of our Fraternity, we must always ask ourselves, what will the pages of history say about what we did here this year? I remain indebted to you all for this amazing experience. God Bless you all and

may the Captain of our Salvation, the blessed Emmanuel, continue his blessings on all of us.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR LIFE!

Glen A Chaney, Grand Commander of Oklahoma 2024-25

ITINERARY OF THE GRAND COMMANDER 2024-2025

This is the official itinerary for the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma for the Templar year 2024 – 2025

April 27, 2024 Installation ceremony for the incoming Grand Commander, SK Glen A. Chaney. Embassy Suites Hotel located at Northwest Expressway, OKC, OK. All Elected Grand Commandry Officers were installed. I appointed the following Grand Commandry Officers: Em. SK John E. King, Jr., Grand Warden; Em SK Brian Ragain, Grand Standard Bearer, Em SK Matthew Harden, Grand Sword Bearer, Em SK Michael T. Harden, Grand Sentinel. All were duly installed.



May 4, 2024 Attended the Red Cross of Constantine, Prince of Peace Conclave Spring Meeting at Catoosa, Oklahoma.

May 11, 2024 Attended the All-Masonic Day activities at Edmond Lodge #37. Bodies meeting and introducing the Grand Commander were the Oklahoma S.R.I.C.F., the Allied Masonic Degrees of Father Murrow Council, Knight Masons of the USA, and the Oklahoma York Rite College.

May 18, 2024 Attended the Knights of York Cross of Honor stated meeting in Stillwater, OK, Frontier Lodge #48.

May 25, 2024 Attended the Oklahoma Grand Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, OU Campus Norman, OK – Grand Cross of Color Banquet.

- May 26, 2024 Attended the Oklahoma Grand Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, OU Campus Norman, OK – General Grand Banquet and Program.
- May 30, 2024 Hosted an online Grand Commander's Zoom conference.
- June 11, 2024 Woodward, OK to attend St. Aumer Commandery #29. Em. SK Troy Collier Commanding, performed open, reception of GC Officers and close.
- June 13, 2024 Norman to attend Norman Commandery No. 38. Em. Commander SK John Guinn Commanding, performed open, reception of GC Officers and close.



- June 24, 2024 Tulsa, OK to attend Trinity Commandery #22 Inspection. Em. Commander SK Mic McConnel, Commanding, performed the opening ceremony, received the Grand Commander, and staff. Trinity performed the Order of the Temple under the Command of SK McConnel. The Commandery was closed in due form.
- June 29, 2024 Norman, OK, accompanied by the MEGHP and the MIGM to attend the Annual Conclave of the Order of DeMolay of Oklahoma.
- July 16, 2024 Elk City, OK, to attend the Elk City Commandery #22 Inspection. Eminent Commander SK David Brooks, Commanding. The Commandery performed the opening ceremony and received the Grand Commander and staff.

July 19, 2024

Midwest City, OK, to attend the Capitol Hill Commandery #53 inspection. Eminent SK Al Dean is the duly installed Commander but was not present. Neither the elected Generalissimo nor the elected Captain General were present. As Grand Commander, I opened and presided over Capitol Hill Commandery and under the written authority of Blaine McKnight, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and James R. Taylor, Jr., the Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, opened all York Rite bodies of Capitol Hill. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to consolidate the Capitol Hill York Rite Bodies with the Oklahoma City York Rite Bodies. The Charters and official seals were secured by the Grand Recorder and remanded to the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Recorder.

July 22, 2024

McAlester, OK to attend McAlester Commandery #6. SK Ronald Gragg, Commanding. The Commandery performed the opening ceremony, reception of GC Officers, and the Grand Commander closed in due form.



July 24, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK, to attend Oklahoma Commandery #3. SK James D. Nobles, Commanding. Oklahoma #3's Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. Grand Commander Closed in due form.

July 27, 20224

Norman, OK, to attend the Grand York Right Festival in honor of our M.: W.: Grand Master, John F. Carter, MOH. The Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery oversaw all degrees for 52 new Knights for Oklahoma. Degrees were performed by degree teams from around Oklahoma.



July 29, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK, to attend the Oklahoma City Lodge #36 Past Master and Widow honor dinner.

July 31, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK to attend the District 21 meeting at Oklahoma City to represent the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma

August 6, 2024

Lawton, OK to attend Lawton Commandery #18, Em. SK James Oates III, Commanding. Lawton #18 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. A full inspection of the Order of the Temple under the command of the EM SK Oates was enjoyed. The Commandery was closed in due form.



Grand Commandery 22

130th Annual Conclave

August 8, 2024

Guthrie, OK to attend Guthrie Commandery #1, Em. SK David Tennison, Commanding. Guthrie #1 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. A full performance of the Order of the Temple under the command of the Eminent SK Tennison was observed. The Commandery was closed in due form.



August 12, 2024 Ardmore, OK, to attend Ardmore Commandery #9. SK William D. Hardin, Commanding. Ardmore #9 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. Grand Commander Closed in due form.

August 14, 2024 Muskogee, OK, to attend Muskogee Commandery #2, Em SK Steven Cox, Commanding. Muskogee Commandery performed Opening Ceremonies and Reception of the Grand Commander and Staff. A full performance of the Order of the Temple under the command of EM SK Cox was observed. The Commandery was closed in due form.



August 17-22, 2024

Salt Lake City, UT, with the VE Deputy Grand Commander SK John Turner, the Em. Grand Generalissimo SK Mark McFadden, the Em. Grand Captain General T.S. Akers, the Em. Grand Senior Warden Robert "Bob" McLoed, the Em. Grand Junior Warden SK Justin McGee with four Past Grand Commanders, RE SK John Logan, RE SK Tim Israel, RE SK Matt McGee, and RE SK Robert Rolseth to attend the 69th Triennial Sessions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. M.:E.: SK David Kussman presided.



August 27, 2024

Ponca City, OK, to attend Ben Hur Commandery #14, Em. SK Tyler Evans, Commanding. Ben Hur #18 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. A full performance of the Order of the Temple under the command of the EM SK Evans was observed. The Commandery was closed in due form. RE SK Charles Stuckey, P.G.C., in attendance.



Grand Commandery 24



130th Annual Conclave

August 28, 2024

Stillwater, OK to attend St. John's Commandery #8. SK Ryan Frederick, Commanding. St. John's #8 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. The Commandery was closed in due form.



September 17, 2024

Bartlesville, OK, to attend Calvary Commandery # 26, Em. SK John Wertz, Commanding. Calvary Commandery performed the opening ceremony and received the Grand Commander and Staff as well as the MEGHP Blaine McKnight and the MIGHM James R. Taylor, Jr. This meeting was called to discuss the future of the York Rite Bodies at Bartlesville.



September 19, 2024

Durant, OK, to attend the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Oklahoma Cornerstone Ceremony at the Durant (Bryan County) EMS station. M.: W.: John F. Carter presiding.

September 20-22, 2024	Tulsa, OK, to attend the 69 th Annual South Central Department Conference for the York Rite of Freemasonry at the Doubletree Hotel. The Grand Master, M.:.E.: SK David Kussman in attendance and R.:.E.: SK Bob Rolseth presided.
September 24-25, 2024	Tulsa, OK, to attend the Social Order of the Beauceant, Supreme Assembly. Supreme Worthy President presiding. Brought greetings and welcome from the Oklahoma Sir Knights.
October 12, 2024	McAlester OK to attend the Fall Reunion of McAlester Scottish Rite. Attended Opening Ceremonies and introduced as the REG of Oklahoma.
October 19, 2024	Edmond, OK to attend the All Masonic Day activities of the SRICF, Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees, the Phililathes Society, and York Rite Sovereign College of Oklahoma.
October 21, 2024	Guthrie, OK. Attended the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter Sessions. Brought greetings on behalf of all Oklahoma York Rite.
November 2, 2024	Guthrie, OK. Attended Guthrie Scottish Rite Opening ceremonies
November 9, 2024	Guthrie, OK. Attended the 116 th Annual Communications of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, introduced as R.E.G.C. of Oklahoma with M.:.E.: Frank J. Belluardo and M.:.I.: James R. Taylor, Jr. accompanying.
December 25, 2024	Lawton, OK. Attended the Christmas Observance at Lawton York Rite Bodies. Accompanied by the EGJW, SK Brian Ragain, the EGS, SK Laverne Ragain (Cdr of Lawton York Rite).
January 4 2025	Hennessey, OK. Attended the Funeral of SK Gerald Stegall, PHP, PIM of Elk City York Rite, graveside services.
January 14, 2025	Woodward, OK. Attended the stated meeting and Order of the Temple Ceremony for SK Garrett Lee Collier. Eminent Sir Knight Troy Collier, Commanding.
January 26, 2025	Tulsa, OK. Attended the Awards Program for the Oklahoma DeMolay and awarded the 2024 DeMolay of the Year Award and York Rite Sword to Lucas Pitt.
January 27, 2025	Guthrie, OK. Attended the Funeral of SK Randy Roy Jones, held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple.
February 15, 2025	Seiling, OK. Attended the Funeral of SK Lanny R. Sander, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma.
Grand Commandery 26	130 th Annual Conclave

- March 22, 2025 Tulsa, OK, to attend the Tulsa Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, introduced as RE Grand Commander.
- April 4, 2025 Guthrie, OK, to attend the Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. Attended Opening Ceremonies and was introduced as the RE Grand Commander of Oklahoma.
- April 11, 2025 Drumright, OK to attend the M.W. Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony at the Drumright Public Schools. M. W. . . James R. Roderick, Grand Master presiding.
- April 12, 2025 McAlester, OK, to attend the Spring Reunion of McAlester Scottish Rite. Attended Opening Ceremonies and was introduced as the RE Grand Commander of Oklahoma.
- April 19, 2025 Lawton, OK to conduct the 2025 Easter Observance of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. Eminent SK Lavern Ragain, and the Lawton York Rite Bodies, hosting.
- April 24, 2025 Oklahoma City, OK to attend the Annual Knights of York Cross of Honor meeting..
- April 24-26, 2025 Oklahoma City, OK. Oklahoma York Rite Grand Sessions, **End of Tour.**

I extend special thanks to those Grand Commandery Officers and others who traveled with me to these special events. The miles may be long, but when done with Brothers, it becomes the greatest pleasure and Masonic experience we can have.

DISPENSATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

The following dispensations were issued in this Templar year:

- June 13, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 14, Paragraph b, subsection 1, of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Lawton Commandery No. 18 to temporarily move its Charter to Mt. Scott Lodge No. 540, located in Lawton, Oklahoma, for the evening of their Inspection on August 6, 2024. The Assylum, located at 702 SW "C" Ave., is not airconditioned. For the comfort and safety of those in attendance, the Charter needs to be temporarily located to a Masonic Lodge with air conditioning.
- July 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 14, Paragraph b, subsection 1, of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to McAlester Commandery No. 6 to temporarily move its Charter to McAlester Lodge No. 9, located at 2125 N. Main, McAlester, Oklahoma, until the power is restored in their Asylum. The McAlester Scottish

Rite, located at 2nd and Adams, the domicile of McAlester Commandery No. 6, was struck by lightning and doesn't have power.

- September 6, 2024 In accordance with Article XI of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to allow the wear of the Summer Uniform until the end of my term. This includes the wearing of the Summer Uniform at the Annual Grand Conclave with the exception of any banquets which will require the full dress uniform. Additionally, all elected and appointed Grand Commandery Officers are required to be in Full Dress Uniform for the entirety of the Annual Grand Conclave.
- October 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Calvary Commandery No. 26 to allow Calvary Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in lieu of Tuesday, December 17, 2024.
- November 12, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to allow Trinity Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 25, 2024, in lieu of Monday, December 23, 2024.
- November 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to McAlester Commandery No. 6 to allow McAlester Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 25, 2024, in lieu of Monday, December 23, 2024.
- November 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Muskogee Commandery No. 2 to allow Muskogee Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in lieu of Tuesday, December 24, 2024.
- February 27, 2025 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Calvary Commandery No. 26 to allow Calvary Commandery to elect a Senior Warden on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at its Stated Conclave. This is due to the elected Senior Warden declining

to be installed after the election of Officers.

The following actions were taken in this Templar year:

- September 22, 2024 During this Department Conference, I received the emailed resignation of our V.: E.: Sir Knight John Turner, Deputy Grand Commander 2024-25. The resignation was accepted, and on the following morning, I installed SK Mark McFadden as the V.: E.: Dep GC and moved all other line officers up one position. SK Brian Ragain was appointed as pro-temp Grand Junior Warden, SK Michael T. Harden as Grand Standard Bearer, and SK Truman Lavern Ragain as the Grand Sentinel, pro-temp for the remainder of the 2024-25 Templar year.
- September 17, 2025 I, as Grand Commander, visited Bartlesville Commandery after information concerning the inability to open or conduct business was established. During the meeting, the members of the Commandery present gave an overview of their plans to move forward and regain some of the necessary actions and practices to strengthen the Bartlesville York Rite bodies. After conversation and much communication on the subjects, it was decided that Bartlesville would continue to operate with the Grand Recorder and the Deputy Grand Commander, attending their future meetings and overseeing the elections/installations of incoming officers. These Grand Commandery Officers will report to the Grand Commander at regular intervals to monitor their performance and ensure adherence to the Laws and Regulations of the State of Oklahoma and the Grand Encampment, USA.
- October 23, 2024 The Grand Commandery Officers, along with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Officers, met in a special session via Zoom to discuss the need for and gain consent from all attendees to execute a multi-year contract with the Embassy Suites to hold the Grand Sessions of Oklahoma York Rite through the year 2027. On October 23rd, the Sir Knights in attendance presented no opposition to the above action, and having passed through the Committee on Jurisprudence (see report of the Jurisprudence Committee), I gave the consent to the Time and Place Committee to act with the committees of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council to execute said action. The same action was taken by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Oklahoma.

GENERAL ORDERS

The following General Orders were issued this Templar year:

- General Order No. 1 This General Order consists of the Grand Commandery
Grand Commandery 29 130th Annual Conclave

Officers, Committees, and Officers-in-charge for the Templar Year 2024-2025.

- General Order No. 2 This General Order is to provide for the Annual Inspections of the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction during June, July, and August 2024.
- General Order No. 3 This General Order is to provide for the allowance of a virtual Conclave. A virtual Conclave may be held in events of extraordinary circumstances only. Those circumstances may include inclement weather where it is too dangerous for the Sir Knights to be driving to an in-person Stated Conclave.
- No ritual shall be performed and actual business will be discussed. These will not be general "chat" sessions.
- The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, and the Officer In Charge will receive the meeting invitation, and that one, if not all three, will attend.
- General Order No. 4 This General order consists of filling a vacancy in the Grand Commandery line as a result of the resignation of Sir Knight John T. Turner, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.
- General Order No. 5 This General order consists of the announcement of the 2025 Grand Commandery Conclave.

Glen A. Chaney



Right Eminent Grand Commander 2024-25

**REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND TREASURER
KENTON M. ISRAEL**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma
These Accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley.
For the period ending December 31st, 2024

Grand Commandery Investment Account General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$92,397.48
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	\$ (1,896.43)
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 3,179.19
Appreciation	<u>3,528.78</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$97,209.02

Grand Commandery Investment Account Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 269,019.88
Deposits	\$ 2,295.00
Withdrawals	\$ (7,411.42)
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 9,029.67
Appreciation	<u>5,294.60</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$278,227.73

Grand Commandery Investment Account Holy Land Endowment Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$117,143.89
Deposits	\$ 3,000.00
Withdrawals	\$ -
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 4,102.20
Appreciation	<u>2,384.93</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$126,631.02

Grand Commandery Investment Account Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$4,151.85
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Appreciation	<u>211.91</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$4,363.76

Grand Commandery Investment Account Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$73,217.48
Deposits	152.96
Withdrawals	-152.96
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,549.22
Appreciation	<u>2,803.53</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$78,570.23

Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments	1/1/2024	12/31/2024		
General Fund	\$92,397.48	\$97,209.02	\$4,811.54	5.21%
Perpetual Membership	\$269,019.88	\$278,227.73	\$9,207.85	3.42%
Holy Land Endowment Fund	\$117,143.89	\$126,631.02	\$9,487.13	8.10%
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$4,151.85	\$4,363.76	\$211.91	5.10%
Joint Account-Membership Development	\$73,217.48	\$78,570.23	\$5,352.75	7.31%
Grand Total of Grand Commandery Investments	\$555,930.58	\$585,001.76		

Total Perpetual Members Grand Commandery, KT of Oklahoma																
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	
																New Members In 2024
As of 12/31/2024	3/28/2025 10:23															
		3														
		27	15	12	9,015.50	570.00	256.94	44.34	90.09	134.44	83.64	38.67	122.51			
		38	13	25	13,714.00	858.67	390.85	31.40	178.09	209.48	49.54	131.82	181.37			
		38	29	9	12,096.00	706.40	344.74	56.43	88.11	144.54	154.97	45.23	200.20			
		59	26	33	17,245.00	1,121.00	491.48	60.11	207.75	267.85	122.86	100.76	223.63			
		31	13	31	10,485.00	699.00	496.76	36.55	199.81	236.36	66.05	194.34	260.39			
		55	38	17	12,900.00	840.00	830.63	67.28	231.95	299.23	166.99	364.41	531.40			
		58	29	29	13,972.50	931.70	398.22	73.96	191.38	265.33	77.72	55.16	132.88			
		85	43	42	31,695.00	1,805.00	903.31	137.34	366.61	503.95	244.42	154.94	399.36			
		65	45	20	16,106.78	1,068.74	459.04	80.95	96.05	177.00	205.28	76.77	282.04			
		198	110	88	62,080.00	3,988.00	1,769.28	278.08	532.07	810.15	631.93	327.21	959.13			
		43	26	17	7,160.00	454.00	204.06	41.89	98.59	145.77	41.89	16.41	58.29			
		48	27	21	12,945.10	862.34	339.01	98.62	133.64	187.49	98.62	52.90	151.52			
		1	120	50	48,170.00	3,185.10	2,129.66	101.90	664.93	766.83	296.39	1066.44	1,362.84			
		3	865	464	267,584.88	17,086.95	9,013.98	1,108.84	3,079.05	4,148.41	2,240.29	2,625.27	4,865.56			
							3.37%		4,187.90	1.95%		4,865.56	9,013.38			
As of December 31, 2024																
Percentage used in making calculations: 2.85%																
Interest and Dividends Earned in 2024																
Div/Int earned in 2024 \$9,029.67 Pd to Grand Commandery \$4,148.41																
Distributed in 2025 \$9,013.98 Pd to Commanderies \$4,865.56																
Retained in Fund \$15.69 \$9,013.98																

The stock market in 2024 was characterized by a mix of volatility and cautious optimism, as we navigated economic challenges, geopolitical risks, and shifting monetary policies. With inflation showing signs of moderation in some regions, central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, took a more dovish approach. Interest rates remained elevated for much of the year, though some easing occurred toward the end of the period as inflation pressures eased.

Investor sentiment in 2024 was influenced by global economic conditions. In the U.S., the market saw moderate growth, with defensive sectors like utilities, healthcare, and consumer staples outperforming more cyclical or speculative industries. These sectors offered stability and solid dividend yields. High-growth sectors like technology and clean energy experienced significant volatility, as investors grappled with concerns about valuations and regulatory uncertainty.

International markets also faced challenges, with Europe struggling under economic stagnation and geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe. However, emerging markets showed potential, particularly in regions focused on technology, green energy, and infrastructure development, though risks remained due to political instability and currency fluctuations.

In 2025, through Q1, our accounts are up 1.41% while the market is down 3.91% in that same time. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. In 2024, we also received more dividends and interest than in years past. Morgan Stanley has been good to work with, and I appreciate Jon Greene and his work when he receives all the money that goes into these different accounts.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

865 Total Members at 12/31/2024

3 New Members in 2024

401 Living Members

464 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2024: \$9,029.67

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024:
\$4,148.41

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderies in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024:
\$4,865.56

Last year, for comparison.

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 3 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2024. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2024, that were able to be paid out in 2025. This is very good news.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenton M. Israel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'I'.

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3]

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

**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>

**Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
Grand Commandery of Oklahoma
Stationed at Tulsa, OK**

Total Working Commanderies = 13

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

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,175</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>64</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>105</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>174</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>116</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>48</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>36</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>200</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(26)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>1,149</u>

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

No.	Name	2023 Members End of Year	Knighthood	Admitted	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdrew	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2024 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	KTEF Life (Not Perpetual)
1	Guthrie	68	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	69	19	0	52
2	Muskogee	123	7	0	1	0	5	14	3	0	0	(14)	109	38	0	69
3	Oklahoma	119	11	97	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	102	221	88	4	55
6	McAlester	96	1	1	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	(6)	90	29	0	56
8	St. John's	54	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	(1)	53	21	0	33
9	Ardmore	57	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	61	12	0	8
14	Ben Hur	50	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	(4)	46	26	0	7
18	Lawton	100	2	0	1	0	1	13	4	0	0	(15)	85	18	0	16
20	Trinity	174	9	1	0	0	4	4	6	0	0	(4)	170	71	6	100
22	Elk City	80	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	(1)	79	33	0	15
26	Calvary	42	6	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	45	9	0	11
29	St. Aumer	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	18	0	15
38	Norman	86	7	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	89	17	0	20
53	Capitol Hill	94	4	0	2	0	98	0	2	0	0	(94)	0	0	0	0
	Totals	1175	64	103	5	0	116	46	36	0	0	(26)	1149	399	10	457

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	\$37.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$450.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$138.00	\$1,350.50	\$236.36	\$1,586.86
2	Muskogee	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$1,065.00	\$639.00	\$17.75	\$2.00	\$218.00	\$1,941.75	\$503.95	\$2,445.70
3	Oklahoma	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$1,935.00	\$1,197.00	\$32.25	\$78.00	\$442.00	\$3,684.25	\$801.15	\$4,485.40
6	McAlester	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$915.00	\$549.00	\$15.25	\$5.00	\$180.00	\$1,664.25	\$265.33	\$1,929.58
8	St. John's	\$36.00	\$75.00	\$480.00	\$288.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$106.00	\$882.00	\$187.49	\$1,069.49
9	Ardmore	\$34.00	\$75.00	\$735.00	\$441.00	\$12.25	\$41.00	\$122.00	\$1,351.25	\$134.44	\$1,485.69
14	Ben Hur	\$44.00	\$115.00	\$300.00	\$180.00	\$5.00	\$13.00	\$92.00	\$590.00	\$209.48	\$799.48
17	Lawton	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$1,005.00	\$603.00	\$16.75	\$51.00	\$170.00	\$1,845.75	\$299.23	\$2,144.98
20	Trinity	\$48.00	\$110.00	\$1,395.00	\$891.00	\$23.25	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$2,649.25	\$766.83	\$3,416.08
22	Elk City	\$56.00	\$100.00	\$690.00	\$414.00	\$11.50	\$31.00	\$158.00	\$1,304.50	\$267.85	\$1,572.35
26	Calvary	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$540.00	\$324.00	\$9.00	\$25.00	\$90.00	\$988.00	\$144.54	\$1,132.54
29	St. Aumer	\$35.00	\$85.00	\$210.00	\$126.00	\$3.50	\$0.00	\$64.00	\$403.50	\$145.77	\$549.27
38	Norman	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$1,080.00	\$648.00	\$18.00	\$52.00	\$178.00	\$1,976.00	\$177.00	\$2,153.00
53	Capitol Hill	\$37.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Totals			\$11,100.00	\$6,750.00	\$185.00	\$298.00	\$2,298.00	\$20,631.00	\$4,139.42	\$24,770.42

2024 Grand Commandery Budget Actual VS Budget

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	11,220.00	11,220.00	0.00
4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,858.00	6,858.00	0.00
4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	405.00	405.00	0.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	187.00	187.00	0.00
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	18,670.00	18,670.00	0.00
4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	3,663.47	3,663.47	0.00
4120 · Interest Income	1,000.00	2,618.44	-1,618.44
Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	4,663.47	6,281.91	-1,618.44
4200 · FEES/DONATIONS			
4210 · Order Fees	1,266.00	1,000.00	266.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	30.00	20.00	10.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	20.00	10.00	10.00
Total 4200 · FEES/DONATIONS	1,316.00	1,030.00	286.00
4300 · RESALE			
4310 · Ritual Resale	570.00	300.00	270.00
4320 · Misc. Resale	0.00	0.00	0.00
4330 · PGC Jewel Purchase	100.00		
Total 4300 · RESALE	670.00	300.00	370.00
4600 · MISC INCOME			
4620 · KTEF Donations	885.50	300.00	585.50
4650 · MISC INCOME - Other	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	885.50	500.00	385.50
Total Income	26,204.97	26,781.91	-576.94
Gross Profit	26,204.97	26,781.91	-576.94
Expense			
5000 · STAFF			
5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	6,750.00	6,750.00	0.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	577.34	577.32	0.02
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 · STAFF	7,327.34	7,527.32	-199.98
5100 · ASSESSMENTS			
5110 · Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	11,115.00	7,263.00	3,852.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	11,415.00	7,563.00	3,852.00

2024 Grand Commandery Budget Actual vs. Budget – Continued.

6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL			
6010.24 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Chaney	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6010.24 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - McFadden			
6011 · Grand Recorder's Travel	0.00	200.00	-200.00
6020 · R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	272.20	250.00	22.20
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	151.44	250.00	-98.56
6040 · Grand Sessions-G.E. Dignitaries	294.46	1,140.00	-845.54
6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master			
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	100.00	300.00	-200.00
6060 · Past Grand Commander Jewel	0.00	0.00	0.00
6065 · Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00	200.00	0.00
6080 · Triennial			
6080-25 · Triennial (25)	0.00	0.00	0.00
6080-26 · Triennial (26)	0.00	0.00	0.00
6080-27 · Triennial (27)	0.00	0.00	0.00
6080 · Triennial - Other	1,354.24		
Total 6080 · Triennial	<u>1,354.24</u>	<u>1,354.25</u>	<u>-0.01</u>
6090 · Grand Commandery Retreat	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL	<u>2,672.34</u>	<u>6,494.25</u>	<u>-3,821.91</u>
7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 · Rent			
7130 · Field Day/Other Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
7100 · Rent - Other	0.00		
Total 7100 · Rent	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
7200 · Telecommunications			
7220 · Website	63.96	75.00	-11.04
7200 · Telecommunications - Other	0.00		
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	<u>63.96</u>	<u>275.00</u>	<u>-211.04</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			
7330.1 · QuickBooks	0.00	0.00	0.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	0.00	0.00	0.00
7330.3 · MailChimp	0.00	0.00	0.00
7330 · Computer Software - Other	216.34	250.00	-33.66
Total 7330 · Computer Software	<u>216.34</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-33.66</u>
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
7300 · Office Supplies - Other	0.00		
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	<u>216.34</u>	<u>410.00</u>	<u>-193.66</u>
7400 · Printing and Reproduction			
7410 · Pre-Print	0.00	75.00	-75.00
7420 · Proceedings	32.66	32.65	0.01
7430 · Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	0.00		
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	<u>32.66</u>	<u>107.65</u>	<u>-74.99</u>

2024 Grand Commandery Budget Actual vs. Budget – Continued.

7500 · Postage and Delivery			
7510 · PO Box Rental	0.00	67.00	-67.00
7520 · Stamps	68.00	68.00	0.00
7530 · Special Mailing Exp	0.00		
7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	0.00		
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	68.00	135.00	-67.00
7600 · Insurance			
7610 · Bond Premium	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total 7600 · Insurance	0.00	250.00	-250.00
7700 · Repairs			
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00		
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00		
7700 · Repairs - Other	0.00		
Total 7700 · Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	480.96	1,277.65	-796.69
8000 · MISC			
8010 · Rituals	0.00	300.00	-300.00
8020 · KT Regalia	250.00		
8070 · Misc - Other	987.90	200.00	787.90
Total 8000 · MISC	1,237.90	500.00	737.90
Total Expense	23,133.54	23,362.22	-228.68
Net Income	2,971.43	3,419.69	-448.26

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4550 · Membership Development			
4551 · Membership Development Int	603.75	513.00	90.75
4550 · Membership Development - O	102.16		
Total 4550 · Membership Development	705.91	513.00	192.91
Total Income	705.91	513.00	192.91
Gross Profit	705.91	513.00	192.91
Expense			
9000 · MEMBERSHIP			
9010 · Promotional Expense	385.02	305.00	80.02
9020 · DeMolay Sword	0.00	208.00	-208.00
Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP	385.02	513.00	-127.98
Total Expense	385.02	513.00	-127.98
Net Income	320.89	0.00	320.89

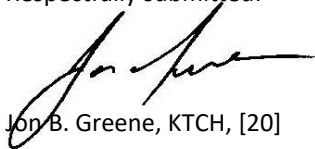
HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage			
4520 · HLP from Commandery Per Cap	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Total 4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Total Income	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Gross Profit	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Expense			
9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE			
9210 · HLP Minister/OTHER	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00
9230 · Airfare to New York	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
Total 9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00
Total Expense	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00
Net Income	2,348.00	-7,252.00	9,600.00

Please see the attached statement of income and expenses for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. In addition, the Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year. Unfortunately, we lost a Commandery this year, Capitol Hill No. 53. Those Sir Knights were affiliated with Oklahoma Commandery No. 3. That is why our Demits and Affiliations are higher than usual.

I have included both the 2023 and 2024 Annual Returns to see the comparisons between the two years. In 2023, we had a net gain of three Sir Knights; in 2024, we had a net loss of 26. Ten members on the 2024 Annual Reports could not pay their dues, compared to fourteen the previous year.

Respectfully submitted:



Jon B. Greene, KTCH, [20]

RESOLUTION 1a – PASSED

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaux has been reduced making them difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, some chapeaux being used by Sir Knights are truly no longer serviceable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 6, which currently reads:

FULL DRESS UNIFORM

Section 6.

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

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

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

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

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

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

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

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

BE AMENDED TO READ:

FULL DRESS UNIFORM

Section 6.

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

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

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

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

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

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

straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

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

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers [3], Jon B. Greene [20], Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Robert W. McLeod [20], Kent M. Israel [22], Justin M. McGee [8,14], Brian M. Ragain [18],

Michael T. Harden [2], Matthew N. Harden [2], John E. King, Jr., [6], T. Lavern Ragain [18]

RESOLUTION 1b - PASSED

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaux has been reduced making them difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, some chapeaux being used by Sir Knights are truly no longer serviceable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 9, which currently reads:

CHAPEAU

Section 9. For Grand Officers:

A military chapeau, trimmed with black silk velvet binding, and with two black and one white ostrich plumes 6 inches wide, 22 inches long. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth inches from head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at the top than at the head; diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold-plated wire lace, fifteen lignes wide, of vallum pattern (No. 1962); in front a gilt or gold-plated tassel, half round in shape, with bright bullions and dull head; on the left side a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three satin points, in single fold, on top of which, so as to display said points to the distance of one-half an inch from the edge, is laid one row of quilled black satin ribbon, in folds of from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch in width, and on top of this is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette, three and one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighths inches in width, thus displaying the quilled satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of from three-eighths to one-half an inch. On the velvet oval shall be a Templar cross of red silk velvet, bordered by a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch in width. In the center, at the point of intersection, one red stone set. Said cross to be two and one-half inches square, including embroidery. No other trimming

or ornamentation on rosette or velvet oval permitted.

For Past Grand Commanders:

Same as prescribed for Grand Officers, except that the Templar cross on the rosette shall have purple velvet center and purple stone set. The chapeau may have vines and berries in gold on a black or purple velvet background worn diagonally across the peaks, both front and back. (Amended 4/23/2016)

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

The same as that above described for Grand Officers, except that in place of the Templar cross on the rosette there shall be a passion cross, the upright arm three inches, the transverse arm two inches of red silk velvet bordered by No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide, leaving the velvet exposed in the center to the width of five-eighths of an inch. Said cross to have at the points of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern. Twisted No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion to be run diagonally from the inside to the outside of the embroidered edge of the cross at edge of its twelve corners or angles.

For Officers and Members below the Rank of Commander:

The same as that above described for Grand Officers, except there shall be no tassel or side lace of any kind whatsoever, and on the rosette shall be a red silk velvet passion cross border with No. 26 silver-plated bullion embroidery, of the same size and dimensions as that prescribed for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that said cross shall have no rays. Twisted No. 26 and No. 27 silver-plated bullion to be run diagonally from the inside to the outside of the embroidered edge of the cross at each of its twelve corners or angles.

In lieu of the velvet crosses specified, enameled crosses as hereinafter specified of the design and color appropriate to the rank made for attachment by the snap-on or clutch type may be substituted.

BE REPLACED WITH:

Cap

Section 9. Cap to be of black material of the same kind as the coat and trousers. The cap is to be U.S. Navy officer's regulation style with the appropriate insignia. For Sir Knights below the rank of Grand Commander, the cap shall be trimmed with black braid. For the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commanders the band shall be of gold laurel leaf design, black velvet background.

The front strap shall be silver bullion for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, gold bullion for Commanders and Past Commanders.

Metal buttons with the Templar insignia and motto shall be at each end of the front strap, finished to match the cord.

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers [3], Jon B. Greene [20], Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Robert W. McLeod [20], Kent M. Israel [22], Justin M. McGee [8,14], Brian M. Ragain [18],

Michael T. Harden [2], Matthew N. Harden [2], John E. King, Jr., [6], T. Lavern Ragain [18]

RESOLUTION 1C - PASSED

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaux has been reduced making them difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, some chapeaux being used by Sir Knights are truly no longer serviceable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 18, which currently reads:

Cap

Section 18. Cap to be of black material of the same kind as the coat and trousers. The cap is to be U.S. Navy officer's regulation style with the appropriate insignia. For Sir Knights below the rank of Grand Commander, the cap shall be trimmed with black braid 18 ligne. For the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commanders the band shall be of gold laurel leaf design, black velvet background.

The front strap shall be doubled round cord, silver bullion for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, gold bullion for Commanders and Past Commanders.

Metal buttons with the Templar insignia and motto shall be at each end of the front strap, finished to match the cord.

BE DELETED AND SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS BE RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers [3], Jon B. Greene [20], Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Robert W. McLeod [20], Kent M. Israel [22], Justin M. McGee [8,14], Brian M. Ragain [18],

Michael T. Harden [2], Matthew N. Harden [2], John E. King, Jr., [6], T. Lavern Ragain [18]

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - WITHDRAWN

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: December is one of the busiest months in Masonry, and

WHEREAS: Our members are all Master Masons, many of whom belong to more than one Lodge, and

WHEREAS: Many of our members are also members of one or more appendant bodies, and

WHEREAS: The scheduling of these various bodies' elections and installations leaves very little time for our members to hold elections and installations of their local Grand Commandery 44 130th Annual Conclave

Commanderies, and

WHEREAS: Trinity Commandery 20, Oklahoma Commandery 3, Ben Hur Commandery 14, McAlester Commandery 6, St Johns Commandery 8, Elk City Commandery 22, Calvary Commandery 26, Norman Commandery 38, Muskogee Commandery 2, and Lawton Commandery 21 all meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, thus causing the above-mentioned Commanderies to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE XIX, CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Section 3. Elections.

The elective Officers of each Constituent Commandery shall be elected annually on the first Stated Conclave in December, unless by written dispensation, the Grand Commander may allow the date to be changed, provided that all members are notified at least ten days in advance.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE XIX, CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Section 3. Elections.

The elective Officers of each Constituent Commandery shall be elected annually on the first Stated Conclave in November, unless by written dispensation, the Grand Commander may allow the date to be changed, provided that all members are notified at least ten days in advance.

*NOTE: This change would make it much easier for our local Commanderies to schedule and hold their elections and plan quality installation programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Jon B. Greene [20]

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - PASSED

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: while once a necessity for appointed Grand Representatives to report updates on the state of Masonry in foreign jurisdictions, the advent of technology has made the Grand Representative role effectively obsolete. And

WHEREAS: increasingly more Grand Jurisdictions are distributing, or making available via the internet, their annual proceedings in digital form. And

WHEREAS: many jurisdictions no longer appoint or recognize Grand Representatives.
And

WHEREAS: the office of the Grand Recorder has not received any reports on Annual

Communications of other Grand Jurisdictions from any Grand Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE VI

Section I. Grand Representatives:

The exchange of representatives between this Grand Commandery and other Grand Commanderies of the United States is hereby authorized. The commissions of representatives are to be made in the name of the Grand Commander and attested to by the Grand Recorder after recommendation of their respective Grand Commanders.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

~~ARTICLE VI~~

~~Section I. Grand Representatives:~~

~~The exchange of representatives between this Grand Commandery and other Grand Commanderies of the United States is hereby authorized. The commissions of representatives are to be made in the name of the Grand Commander and attested to by the Grand Recorder after recommendation of their respective Grand Commanders.~~

Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [20]

TELLERS COMMITTEE

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knight Bradley S. Rickelman, Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., P.G.C., Sir Knight Matthew D. McGee, P.G.C., to the Tellers Committee.

CREDENTIALS

The Credentials Committee reports the following:

Grand Officers:	13
Past Grand Commanders:	10
Past Commanders:	54
Commanders:	8
Generalissimos:	7
Captain Generals:	5
Total Votes:	76

Number of Commanderies represented by Dais Officers: 11

Number of Commanderies not represented: 0

We, the Credentials Committee, thank the Grand bodies for their support in organizing this annual meeting. If you have any questions about the event or have misplaced your credentials – please contact one of the members of the Credentials Committee. Your badge should include your banquet meal tickets, as well as entry into the luncheon on Friday if you registered for it. We want to thank John Christopher for assisting with the website form and Jon Greene who provides a Yeoman service as our Grand Recorder. We could do little without their assistance.

Respectfully Submitted

Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chmn

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,

A special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was called by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and convened at 2:00 pm on August 4, 2024, via Zoom concurrent with the Jurisprudence Committees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma with the following members, along with Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Sir Knight John T. Turner, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden, Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers, Eminent Grand Captain General; and Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder in attendance.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander asked for the special meeting to discuss any issues that might be had concerning the Grand Commandery signing a multi-year contract (for three years) with a hotel for our Grand Sessions.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed and discussed the question asked by the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

- 1) Is there any issue with the Grand Commandery entering into a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions – The committee discussed and reviewed the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and could not find any language that would prohibit the Grand Commandery from entering into a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions pending the approval of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

The Committee referenced the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Article VIII Section 1.a Time and Place – The Time and Place Committee may submit to the vote of the Annual Communications a contract for the location of the annual communications a contract for the location of the annual communication binding for up to 3 years, subject to the proviso that in any given year, the Time and Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

This issue was raised because, at our Grand Conclave, the details for a 3-year contract, although discussed, had not been finalized by the desired facility and the Time and Place Committee. Therefore, the Time and Place Committee was unable to submit a proposed 3 Year contract to the Membership at large.

It was noted, the Grand Commander has the right, privilege, and authority to make decisions on behalf of the Sir Knights, with regard to the normal course of business of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, subject to their review at Grand Sessions, when the Grand Commandery is at recess.

The decision to approve a contract impacting on the facility and location of our Grand Commandery, while said decision should be made during the Grand Session, is within the authority and purview of the Grand Commander when the Grand Commandery is at recess.

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, introduced Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander for comments. The Right Eminent Grand Commander thanked the committee for their attendance and advice on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr., - Chairman; Robert G. Davis, Timothy P. Israel, Matthew D. McGee, Robert R. Rolseth



To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma Jurisprudence Committee met in executive session in the Scissortail Room of the Embassy Suites Northwest in Oklahoma City, OK on April 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr. REPGC at 3:00 pm with the invocation given by Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, REPGC.

The committee approved the minutes of the Grand Commandery Jurisprudence Committee meeting held on August 4, 2024.

The committee reviewed that portion of the Annual Report submitted by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, enumerating his official acts during the recess of this Grand Commandery and make the following findings.

- The General Orders were reviewed by the Committee and found to be in conformity with accepted law and practice and well within the Grand Commander's authority.
- The Dispensations and Actions were reviewed by the Committee and found to be in conformity with accepted law and practice and well within the Grand Commander's authority.

The committee reviewed Resolution No's. 1a, 1b, 1c, and 3 and found them to be in legal and proper form. The authors withdrew Resolution No. 2.

The committee wishes to congratulate Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, on his outstanding work and leadership this past year. We would like to express our appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander for the manner in which he has performed the duties and responsibilities of this High Office. In his numerous visits and in the performance of his duties, he has represented the Grand Commandery well and honored both the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma and the office of Grand Commander.

The executive session was adjourned at 3:17 pm with Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, REPGC, giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr, REPGC – Chairman, John E. King, REPGC – Secretary,
Robert G. Davis, REPGC, John L. Logan, REPGC, Donnie G. Higginbotham, REPGC,
Matthew D. McGee, REPGC, Timothy P. Israel, REPGC, Robert R. Rolseth, REPGC

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 2, 2025, 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 Commandery's budget is a fiscal year budget based on the calendar year, while the Grand Commandery Officers' term of office is from the fourth weekend in April to the following April. 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 continue to be 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 2025.

We recommend its approval by the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally Submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

COMMANDERY BUDGET 2025

Income	
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	11,100.00
4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,750.00
4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	298.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	185.00
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	<u> </u>
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	18,333.00
4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	
4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	4,139.42
4120 · Interest Income	<u>3,179.19</u>
Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	7,318.61
4200 · FEES/DONATIONS	
4210 · Order Fees	1,000.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	10.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	30.00
4200 · FEES/DONATIONS - Other	<u> </u>
Total 4200 · FEES/DONATIONS	1,040.00
4300 · RESALE	
4310 · Ritual Resale	300.00
4320 · Misc. Resale	0.00
4300 · RESALE - Other	<u> </u>
Total 4300 · RESALE	300.00
4600 · MISC INCOME	
4610 · Reimbursed Expenses	
4620 · KTEF Donations	300.00
4650 · MISC INCOME - Other	200.00
4600 · MISC INCOME - Other	<u> </u>
Total 4600 · MISC INCOME	500.00
Total Income	<u>27,491.61</u>
Gross Profit	27,491.61
Expense	
5000 · STAFF	
5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	6,750.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	577.34
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
Total 5000 · STAFF	7,527.34
5100 · ASSESSMENTS	
5110 · Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	10,715.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00
5150 · Per Capita Refunds	<u> </u>
Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS	11,015.00
6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL	
6010.24 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Chaney	1,250.00
6010.24 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - McFadden	1,250.00
6011 · Grand Recorder's Travel	200.00
6020 · R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	275.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	75.00
6040 · Grand Sessions-G.E. Dignitaries	1,140.00
6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master	200.00
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	100.00
6060 · Past Grand Commander Jewel	0.00
6065 · Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00
6080 · Triennial	
6080-25 · Triennial (25)	861.75
6080-26 · Triennial (26)	0.00
6080-27 · Triennial (27)	0.00
6080 · Triennial - Other	<u> </u>
Total 6080 · Triennial	861.75
6090 · Grand Commandery Retreat	<u>300.00</u>
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL	5,851.75

7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	
7100 · Rent	
7130 · Field Day/Other Rent	100.00
7100 · Rent - Other	
Total 7100 · Rent	100.00
7200 · Telecommunications	
7220 · Website	63.96
7200 · Telecommunications - Other	
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	63.96
7300 · Office Supplies	
7310 · General Office Supplies	40.00
7320 · INK	60.00
7330 · Computer Software	
7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	33.00
7330.3 · MailChimp	320.00
7330 · Computer Software - Other	
Total 7330 · Computer Software	686.00
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00
7300 · Office Supplies - Other	
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	786.00
7400 · Printing and Reproduction	
7410 · Pre-Print	75.00
7420 · Proceedings	15.00
7430 · Publications	0.00
7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	90.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery	
7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00
7520 · Stamps	33.00
7530 · Special Mailing Exp	0.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	103.00
7600 · Insurance	
7610 · Bond Premium	76.67
Total 7600 · Insurance	76.67
7700 · Repairs	
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00
7700 · Repairs - Other	0.00
Total 7700 · Repairs	0.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	1,219.63
8000 · MISC	
8010 · Rituals	
8020 · KT Regalia	1,275.00
8070 · Misc - Other	0.00
Total 8000 · MISC	1,275.00
Total Expense	26,888.72
Net Income	602.89

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4550 · Membership Development	
4551 · Membership Development Interest	707.50
4552 · Membership Development-Other	0.00
Total 4550 · Membership Development	<u>707.50</u>
Total Income	707.50
Expense	
9000 · MEMBERSHIP	
9010 · Membership Promotion	400.00
9020 · DeMolay Sword	100.00
9030 · GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)	200.00
Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP	<u>700.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>700.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	7.50
Net Income	<u>7.50</u>

HOLYLAND PILGRIMATE

	<u>2025</u>
	<u>Budget</u>
Income	
4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage	
4520 · HLP from Commandery Per Capi	2,298.00
Total 4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage	<u>2,298.00</u>
Total Income	<u>2,298.00</u>
Gross Profit	2,298.00
Expense	
9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	
9210 · HLP Minister/OTHER	0.00
9230 · Airfare to New York	0.00
Total 9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u>2,298.00</u>

NOTE: **Any funds budgeted for Grand Commander's Travel - (2025-2026) not disbursed during 2025 will be carried over to the 2026 budget.

WORK AND TACTICS

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Grand Department Commander, and Sir Knights,

ARTICLE IV, Section 2, (d) The Committee on Work and Tactics shall consider and report all matters and things relating to Asylum Ceremonies and Field Drills, and Competitions therein; also on all matters relating to the interpretation of the Rituals, Manuals, and Drill Regulations; the formation of Drill Corps, and Rules and Regulations Governing them; Inspectors of Constituent Commanderies; and the regulation uniform of this Grand Commandery. It shall prescribe, with the approval of the Grand Commander or this Grand Commandery, Rules and Regulations governing the Inspection of Constituent Commanderies, competitions in Asylum Ceremonies, and Field Drills, and it shall award all prizes for proficiency. Such Rules and Regulations shall, when approved by the Grand Commander or this Grand Commandery, have the effect of Rules and Regulations of this Grand Commandery and be in force after such approval.

INSPECTIONS

The Annual Inspections were conducted by General Order No. 2 from June to August under the supervision of the Work and Tactics Committee. The Committee was assisted by Sir Knights Mark McFadden, Trasen Akers, Robert McCloud, and James Taylor, Jr. The Committee commends the Grand Master and his officers for their efforts to visit each commandery and encourage their attention to proficiency in our ritual and tactics. We applaud the efforts of Guthrie No. 1, Muskogee No.2, Ben Hur No. 14, Lawton No. 18, and Trinity No. 20. Each of these performed the Order of the Temple during their inspection.

The W. A. Perry trophy was awarded to Lawton Commandery No. 18 for having the highest score in Class A inspected as Class B. The James A. Latham Class B trophy was awarded to Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 for having the highest score in Class B.

CONCLUSION

The Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve our Grand Commandery.

Respectively submitted,

John L. Logan, [29, 1] - Chairman, Timothy P. Israel, [22], James R. Taylor, Jr., [20]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS

Officers of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma as well as other Sir Knights from Oklahoma, traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the 69th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held August 18th - 21st. Oklahoma had 11 Sir Knights in attendance and was well represented.

Monday morning began with the Opening Session and procession of the Grand Encampment Officers, the Most Eminent Grand Master, Dignitaries of other Masonic Bodies, Subordinate Commanderies, and lastly, Grand Commanderies. During the morning session, Sir Knight Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master, announced that Dr. Thomas Lee was the National Award of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA recipient. Dr. Lee made a most interesting and informative presentation. The balance of the day was spent conducting the business of Grand Encampment as well as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Following Officers were elected for the 70th Triennial.

Most Eminent Grand Master: David J. Kussman

Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master: Jeff A. Bolstead

Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo: Jack M. Harper II

Right Eminent Grand Captain General: James C. McGee

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer: David A. Studley

Right Eminent Grand Recorder: Larry E. Tucker

Tuesday evening we enjoyed attending the Grand Encampment Banquet, during which we were entertained with the DeMolay's Ceremony of Light. Wednesday morning,

several of the Oklahoma attended the Grand Encampment Installation Ceremony, during which our Right Eminent Robert Rolseth was installed as the South Central Department Commander.

The members of the Triennial Matters Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve Oklahoma in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark K. McFadden [2, 6] – Chairman, Glen A. Chaney [18]

GENERAL MATTERS

First, the Good News.

I am not sure what (Good News) is statistically. We are still alive and well and can solve some of the things we are calling "Sad News."

We now have 13 Commanderies. That is a loss of one Commandery.

Per the MMS System, we did not repeat the net growth of 3 from last year. Our net membership count is down from 1175 to 1149. Masonic Bodies, on the whole, are struggling with membership.

Looking at our numbers from a **Calendar year basis**, we have much sad news: We now only have 13 Commanderies after Capitol Hill #53 consolidated with Oklahoma #3. We had 36 Deaths, 48 Suspensions (up from last year's 35), and 18 Demits. The actual number is 116, but 98 "transferred" to Oklahoma #3 from Capitol Hill #53.

A number of our Comrades have passed. We show 36 deaths for 2024. Those are not just numbers: let us remember our Comrades who have fallen.

We Knighted 64 New Knights. But that is still eleven less than last year. We had a net of 6 Affiliations and 5 Reinstatements. We started the year with 1175 and finished with 1149 for a net loss of 26 Sir Knights on the books. Last year, we had a total gain of 84.

It seems only logical that we should be able to reduce at least some of the loss to suspensions and withdrawals. Our local bodies all need to be in better contact with our local members. We may or may not get them back in the Asylum for a meeting, but hopefully, that would help cut down on the Suspensions.

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.

Now to the other items under our venue: Charters and Letters of Dispensation:

No new Charters nor Letters seeking a Charter, and we had No Appeals or Grievances.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy P. Israel [22], Robert R. Rolseth [20], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

NECROLOGY

Death has its sting, but fortunately for the dying, because of God's love for them, they won't remember. That sting is reserved for the living. The love that we have for those

that we have lost is the sting that keeps their memory alive. With each memory comes the sting that we cherish. God has said, "I am the resurrection and the life...He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

As long as we remember them and bear the sting that the memory of their death brings to us, they shall never die. They may be gone from us in the flesh, but their memory can never and will never die. Those fallen Sir Knights that we have lost this year will not be forgotten. We relish the opportunity to bear that sting one more time. Their knowledge and wisdom are gone forever.... Their swords deposited upon the altar of death, never again to be removed from their scabbards. May their souls soar aloft and dwell forever in the realms of life and light eternal. Please watch over them until we can meet them once again in God's glorious mansions above. At this time, we pay Honor to our fallen Sir Knights.

Let us pray

Almighty, glorious, and blessed God, receive the souls of our fallen brother Sir Knights. May they rest from their labors, and may their good works follow them. Help us to deal with the sting of these losses, but never let the memory of their contributions be forgotten. In the name of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray....amen.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven E. Cox [2]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The goal of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is to have every Sir Knight of every Commandery to be a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. There are currently 11 members of the Grand Commanders Club, who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 to the KTEF, and 35 members in the Grand Masters Club who have donated annually towards the \$1,000 level to earn a jewel issued by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in recognition of their commitment to the charity.

During the 56th Campaign, which ended May 15, 2024, the Sir Knights of Oklahoma have donated \$54,671 to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and I compliment you for your very generous donations. If you are already a life sponsor, please consider purchasing a Life Sponsorship in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation for a candidate that you have top-line signed or making a personal commitment to join the Grand Masters Club or the Grand Commanders Club.

We have gained more ground in the last 12 months in attaining the goal of 100% Life Sponsor participation. Last year I reported that we were at 54.6%, and this year, I am glad to report we are at 70.1% participation. I know of several Commanderies who have made changes in their by-laws regarding the fees structure that includes the cost of a Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship into the joining fees, and I strongly encourage each Commandery to consider making these changes to their by-laws.

Commandery	% Life Sponsors 2024	2025	Membership
Grand Commandery 56	130 th Annual Conclave		

Guthrie No.1	23%	100%	68
Muskogee No. 2	100%	100%	107
McAlester No.6	72.6%	100%	90
St. Johns No. 8 (Stillwater)	59.3%	100%	54
Trinity No. 20 (Tulsa)	100%	99.4%	171/170
St. Aumer No. 29 (Woodward)	53.1%	96.8%	31/30
Oklahoma No. 3	28.9%	58.6%	222/130
Ben Hur No. 14 (Ponca City)	46.0%	54.5%	44/24
Norman No. 38	41.4%	41.6%	89/37
Calvary No. 26 (Bartlesville)	40.5%	38.6%	44/17
Lawton No. 18	31.0%	38.1%	84/32
Elk City No. 22	32.5%	38.0%	79/30
Ardmore No. 9	23.7%	21.3%	61/13

Respectfully submitted,
Robert R. Rolseth [20]

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 2025:

President	Jack L. Painter
1st VP	Gene McKelvey
2nd VP	John D. Church
Treasurer	L. Clay Stuart
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

FINANCIAL

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

The members reviewed the preliminary financial statements ending December 31, 2024. The preliminary combined balance sheet reflects total assets of \$105,190,170.04, an increase of \$3,598,535.66 from one year ago. Endowments total \$91,737,662.22, an

increase of \$145,179.40 from one year ago. The General Fund total is \$13,452,507.82, an increase of \$3,453,356.26 over the 2023 year-end.

The preliminary combined income statement for 2024 reflects a Total Revenue of \$9,005,615.12, including \$3,168,938.53 of unrealized investment gains. Expenditures for 2024 total \$5,292,841.41, a decrease of \$630,713.45 from the 2023 year-end.

Preliminary financials reflect the Defined Benefit Plan's total assets of \$3,385,158.77, representing a \$266,405.58 increase from the previous year. There are currently 25 beneficiaries, 20 of whom are receiving benefits. Five participants are not eligible to receive benefits yet, and two current employees have not yet vested to become participants in the plan.

LODGE MATCHING FUNDS

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

MATCHING FUNDS

- Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2024, = \$956,052.54
- Community Matching = \$857,294.78
- Promises Matter Matching = \$98,757.76
- # of Lodges using the program in 2024 = 183
- # of Lodges using the program in 2023 = 195
- Matching Funds applications processed = 1,061
- Applications denied = 59

Matching Funds disbursed since 1983 inception = \$37,556,101.88 (x2=\$75,112,202.56)

PROMISES MATTER

- Grants issued to Master Masons or their minor children or widows = 4
- Emergency grants issued = 16
- Average grant amount = \$1,404.05
 - The average age of grant recipients = 65

As of December 31, 2024, the Total amount of Promises Matter Grant funds issued since the program's inception is \$2,038,277.50.

• 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 2024, St. Alban Lodge 192 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. In the 2023-24 school year, 260,261 students were screened, and 38,861 (14%) were referred for professional follow-up. Since 1986, our Foundation has provided over \$5.9 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 2024, the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$110,130 donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$49,870 to the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2024 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 6 in Tulsa), and KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City. The Food Bank campaign 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 2025 State Teacher of the Year will be awarded a check for \$7,500, and each of the eleven finalists \$1,500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.
2. **Student and Teacher of Today**
 - Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,893
 - Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 645
 - Participating schools = 572
 - 130 of 201 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 22, 2025.
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, which is designed to train kindergarten and transitional 1st-grade teachers by providing scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. In 2024, \$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.

- 50 scholarships authorized @ \$4,000 = \$200,000.00
- 44 scholarships awarded
- Rainbow = 31 scholarships
- Job's Daughters = 2 scholarships
- DeMolay = 11 scholarships
- Every qualifying applicant is offered a scholarship, pending demonstration that each applicant has met the minimum 3.0 GPA (college) or 20 A.C.T. score (high school) requirement.

6. Senior Assistance Program- In 2024, the Foundation's Edgar M. Woody Fund for the Aged, LLC disbursed \$921,248 to assist needy Oklahoma seniors.

In December 2024, \$674,609 was given to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2025. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated \$12,990,902 in the name of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. The eleven O4A 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 2025 grantmaking are:

- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to the Wings Special Needs Community, which will fund the construction of the first group home on their new campus.
- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to Hearts for Hearing, who 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. The \$1,000,000 grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma will assist in the construction of their new facility.
- 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 2025 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 2025.

SUPPORT OF MASONIC GROUPS

Grand Commandery 60

130th Annual Conclave

- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation supports a charitable or educational cause or project of the Grand Master's choice. In 2024, a \$12,000 grant was provided to the Infant Crisis Services.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! \$45,462 in Matching Funds was provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters in 2024. Scholarships of \$4,000 to youth order members and \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
 - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.
 - An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operating under the Masonic Service Association of North America that publicly provides information on Freemasons and responds to Freemasonry'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 quarterly meetings of the Grand York Rite Officers. The quarterly meetings are used to coordinate the several activities of the Grand York Rite, and some of the items and issues discussed are regional and statewide festivals and degree conferrals, membership, and other programs to energize and encourage Sir Knights to participate in these and other activities during the year. This committee continues to meet the challenges of meeting in person; however, the quarterly Zoom meetings do provide some ability to discuss the needs and schedule the activities needed to facilitate a Coordination committee, which will remain useful to the Grand Commandery and York

Rite as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, Sir Knights. This past year has been a busy one. Sadly, this year saw a decrease in attendance at our regional festivals. The 2025 Central Oklahoma Festival, scheduled for February 2025, was canceled due to a lack of candidates. Our Northeast Oklahoma Festivals only had two candidates. This is an alarming trend. This makes our annual Grand Masters Festival even more important, my fellow Sir Knights. Every one of us must consider ourselves as a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from each of us to get out and visit our local lodges and tell our brethren about why they should be York Rite Masons. 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. The pool of Master Masons who are not yet York Rite Masons is our biggest resource for new members, considering the small number of new Master Masons being Raised in Oklahoma.

Suspensions and withdrawals are another matter of concern. The question looms as to why these members decided to leave their Chapter. We must diligently follow 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.

Sadly, we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost many Sir Knights this past year. May we All keep these Sir Knights and their families in our prayers.

It is vital that we all work together to promote the York Rite to those who have not yet experienced it. At the same time, we need to reach out to members we have lost due to suspensions and encourage them to return.

In closing, I would like to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Glen Chaney 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]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Education Scholarship committee has stopped meeting in person in a "central"

location. This is our fourth time not meeting in person. We individually rank the candidates and then rank the top choices. This ranking system often makes our decisions simple. 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 then consolidates the rankings and sends that information back to the committee. If a committee member wishes to campaign for a particular candidate who may not have made the cut, he is given that opportunity before the whole committee. However, once we send out the distribution of vote results, there is rarely a dispute that makes it to the level of formal discussion with all of the committeemen. 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, T. S. Akers, 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 sixth 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 are no specifically required criteria for receiving the scholarships.

We extended our deadline to allow for those who were "barely late" to be considered. This year we had 11 girls and 10 boys apply. That is definitely below our number of applicants from last year. And we went to email to avoid the problem of last year, where the USPS failed to deliver all of our applications in a timely manner. (See notes in last proceedings for more info on that problem)

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy P. Israel [22] – Chairman, Jay A. Wall [1], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert R. Rolseth [20],

Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Jon B. Greene [20] – Secretary/Treasurer

PRINTING

The 2024 proceedings will be printed by LuLu Press online printing company. 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. A digital copy has been placed on the Grand York Rite website, www.okyorkrite.org. The copy sent to the George Washington Memorial website can be found at <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. Sadly due to the ongoing wars in that region, we could not send the ministers once again this year.

The ministers who were selected for the previous year's trip were Pastor Scott Keneda of Edmond and Pastor Paul Vanderveer of McAlester. We are extremely hopeful that these two ministers will finally get to make their Pilgrimage in February or March of 2026.

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, Glen Chaney, for the privilege of serving as chairman of this committee.

Sincerely,
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

The committee on membership enhancement continues to be a vital part of our survival. Each year we are experiencing loss at a great rate, and we are unable to keep up with losses both due to death and due to suspension or other losses. The committee on membership engagement is charged not only to come up with creative ways to inspire new membership but also to address the losses. Hosting the Grand Masters festival is one of the great efforts that emerged from committees like this one which did have a positive effect and remains our main membership driver each year. The committee recommends that this program be continued and, as stated in the Grand Commander's address, to envision possibly expanding this type of one-day conferral to more than just one time per year. Of course, this is largely dependent on the motivation of those who confer the degrees. We are hopeful that the Grand Commandery will continue to engage with local bodies to host these events and present the degrees in the future.

Fraternally submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The purpose of the long-range planning committee is to look ahead to future events and the viability of current programs as we continue to shape the York Rite of Oklahoma. The committee's focus should be on those efforts that do produce positive results in the areas of education, membership, degree conferral, ritual schools and public activities. Providing educational opportunities to all Sir Knights at the constituent Commandery level is the first key to mentoring each member into the York

Rite. There is no "magic bullet" to solving long-term issues and the numerous roadblocks that are responsible for our declining numbers. As it gets harder, we must all commit to working harder.

The long-range planning committee is always looking for Sir Knights to join this effort in creatively inspiring us all to stay engaged, think outside of the box, and implement new avenues of recognition, morale building, and education. Products of this committee have come into existence, such as the Grand Master's Festival and regional festivals, which increase our opportunity to create new Knights. If you are interested in joining the committee that looks at new ways to convey the message and foundation of the York Rite, contact the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,

Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

GRAND MASTERS FESTIVAL

The Oklahoma York Right Festival in honor of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge A.F&A.M Grand Master, M.W. John Carter, was held on July 27th, 2024, at Norman Lodge #38. The Festival began promptly at 8:00 am, and there were forty - eight (48) 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 and 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 2025 and the upcoming Oklahoma York Rite Festival in honor of the Grand Master of Oklahoma. This event will be held on July 26th, 2025, at Norman Lodge #38.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

REGIONAL FESTIVALS

The Central Region Commandery Degree Festival was to be held on the 15th of February in the asylum of Guthrie Commandery No. 1. This was canceled as there were no candidates. The North Eastern Region Commandery Degree Festival was held on the 22nd of February in the Asylum of Muskogee Commandery No. 2. Two candidates were made Knights of Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple..

Fraternally Submitted,

Trasen S. Akers [3]

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 2024 South Central Department Conference was held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Tulsa, OK. It was attended by the RE 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 Rolseth, attended as well. The 68th Annual South Central York Rite Conference will be in League City, Texas, on September 19-20, 2025, at the South Shore Harbour Resort, 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

DEMOLAY

Serving on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Commandery has been an honor 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 DeMolay's Executive Officer 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. Lucas Pitt from Myrtle Chapter of DeMolay was selected and awarded the sword at their Winterfest in February. He has worked diligently in his Chapter to help it grow and show great servant leadership. We hope that he and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenton M. Israel [3] - Chairman, 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 put the forms our constituent Recorders need on the site. These include the Perpetual applications and applications for membership, both plural and demit, and all award forms. 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 Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for his confidence and for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [20] – Chairman, Robert W. McLeod [20, 2], Jason R. Smith [18], John R. Christopher [1]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

Each month, the Grand Encampment produces a periodical that reviews current topics and issues of interest to the Knights Templar. The Grand Commander has provided monthly articles for the Knight Templar magazine. Each month, information and highlights from the Grand Commander as well as the Grand Prelate, have been provided through the State editor, RE SK John R. King, P.G.C. The committee wishes to thank RE John R. King for his tireless service to this effort and also, to the Grand Prelate for his insightful and spiritual educational messages in each issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18]

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, 2024, our fund balance was \$126,631.02. We did not have any expenditures from the fund in 2024

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]

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

This committee continues to look for opportunities to join with other bodies of the Fraternity and the public to encourage the patriotic observance of several events. In the past, there have been Flag retirement ceremonies and other events that allowed Sir Knights of this jurisdiction to appear in public and emphasize our patriotic support of both Country and citizen. This year, we have looked for new ways to showcase our Knights in uniform by participating in the Grand Lodge Cornerstone ceremonies, but since these events are normally scheduled during weekdays, we have found it very challenging to support. Our aging membership is becoming less inclined to attend these events, and our younger members do not find the opportunity to be absent from work and other responsibilities in order to support. We recommend that the committee, going forward, work with the Grand Lodge to be notified well in advance of all public events so that proper and timely coordination may be made.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18], John E. King [22]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Grand Commandery held the Christmas Observance at Muskogee Commandery and held the Easter Observance at Lawton Commandery. The Grand Prelate included a devotional in each KT monthly supplement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven E. Cox [2]

TIME AND PLACE

Our Annual Communications are again being held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. Should you have any questions about our accommodation, the meeting rooms, or meals, please get in touch with one of the members of Time & Place, and we will do our best to make it right.

We have contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. Your Grand Officers have been in constant communication with the Time & Place Committee, and we appreciate their diligence in making this the best event we can.

Looking ahead, I want all the Companions and Sir Knights to understand that continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel depends critically on renting sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested in our event.

As a smaller event with a specific proscribed calendar date for the annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract. You have noticed that the registration fee has gone up this year. This serves to mitigate some of the costs associated with the event, as we have currently negotiated it.

What can you do? If you want us to continue holding our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center, stay at the hotel at least one night – and if possible, two. Spend time with your Companions and Sir Knights. Enjoy the hospitality of being in Oklahoma City, with its myriad of activities. Or remain Saturday night after the Grand Commandery and relax. Staying at the hotel not only allows us to satisfy our contract but also allows us to spend time together beyond the proscribed requirements for the annual meeting.

Fraternally submitted,
Bradley S. Rickelman [8] – Chairman, Brian A. Buswell [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2], Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8], Jon B. Greene [20] ex-officio

APPRECIATION

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, Sir Knights, and Honored Guests,
On behalf of the Appreciation Committee, it is with great honor that we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this Templar year. Your

dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to our Order's principles have been truly inspiring.

First and foremost, we offer our heartfelt thanks to God Almighty. His guidance, wisdom, and strength have sustained us through both challenges and triumphs, allowing us to stand together in unity and purpose. It is through His blessings that we continue to grow in faith, brotherhood, and service.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the members of the Time and Place Committee and the Grand Recorder. Your tireless efforts, careful planning, and attention to detail have ensured the seamless execution of our Annual Sessions. The success of our gatherings is a direct reflection of your dedication and hard work, and for that, we are truly grateful.

To our Right Eminent Grand Commander and the esteemed Grand Officers, we offer our highest commendation. Your leadership has been a guiding light, and your vision and steadfast commitment have strengthened our Order. Through your wisdom, perseverance, and innovative spirit, you have led us forward, ensuring that we not only uphold our cherished traditions but also adapt and evolve to meet the needs of our time. Your service has been exemplary, and your impact is undeniable.

As we close this chapter and look toward the future, let this be not just a moment of reflection but also a call to action. Let us carry forward the same dedication, unity, and commitment to excellence that have brought us this far. The work we do today lays the foundation for the future of our Order, and it is through our collective efforts that we will continue to thrive.

With gratitude for all that has been accomplished and hope for all that lies ahead, we thank you for your service, your brotherhood, and your unwavering dedication to the ideals we hold dear.

Fraternally submitted,
Justin M. McGee [14,8]

A motion was made by Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, KTCH, Grand Recorder, to accept the Grand Commander's Address and all committee reports. The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Sir Knight Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr., KTCH, , to make Sir Knight David Roger Oelschlager, a Past Commander of Rhodes Commandery 17 in Louisiana, as a voting member of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden was nominated for the office of Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Commander and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Robert W. "Bob" McLeod was nominated for the office of Grand Generalissimo and was elected by acclamation.

Sir Knight Justin M. McGee 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 Knights Steven E. Cox, Ryan R Frederick, Rick A. Moore, and John E. Werts were nominated for the office of Grand Senior Warden. Sir Knight Steven E. Cox was elected to office.

Sir Knights Ryan R. Frederick and Rick A. Moore were nominated for the office of Grand Junior Warden. Ryan R. Frederick was elected to office.

Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden, Right Eminent Grand Commander Elect, greeted the Commandery and announced the Appointed Officers and Officers In Charge.

Sir Knight Robert R Rolseth, KCT, R. E. Department Commander South Central Conference, and Sir Knight David W. Studley, GCT, R.E. Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA gave their remarks.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was called to recess by Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney R.E.G.C.

After the Grand Commandery was called to recess, all Elected and Appointed Officers were installed in their offices. The installation team was as follows:

Installing Officer: Sir Knight Robert R. Rolseth, K.C.T., R.E.D.C.

Installing Marshal: Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., K.C.T., R.E.P.G.C.

Installing Prelate: Sir Knight Timothy P. Israel, K.C.T., R.E.P.G.C.

Installing Recorder: Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, K.T.C.H, Grand Recorder



Glen A. Chaney
Grand Commander

Jon B. Greene
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

Mark K. McFadden [2]	Donna	Grand Commander
Trasen S. Akers, KTCH, [3]	Aerial	Deputy Grand Commander
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	Grand Generalissimo
Justin M. McGee [8,14]		Grand Captain General
Michah E. Foreman [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, KTCH, [20]	Renee	Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis, KCT, [20] P.G.C.	Nellie	Grand Recorder Emeritus
Steven E. Cox [2]	Susan	Grand Senior Warden
Ryan R. Frederick [8]		Grand Junior Warden
Michael T. Harden, KTCH [2]	Sharon	Grand Standard Bearer
Larry D. White, KTCH [20]	Dedee	Grand Sword Bearer
Rick A. Moore [2]	Donna	Grand Warder
John E. Werts, [20, 26]	Mary	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 2025-2026 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

AREA 1	Rick A. Moore Michael T. Harden, KTCH	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T. Trinity Commandery No. 20 K.T.
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. Ben Hur Commandery No.14 , K.T.
AREA 3	Justin M. McGee John E. Werts	Calvary Commandery No. 26 K.T. St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T.
AREA 4	James Oates III	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T. Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
AREA 5	Ryan R. Frederick	Elk City Commandery No. 22, K.T. St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
AREA 6	Larry D. White, KTCH	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T. Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T..
AREA 7	Steven E. Cox	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
2025-2026 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

FINANCE:

Section 2. (b)
Trasen S. Akers [3]- Chairman
Robert W. McLeod [20,2]
Justin M. McGee [8,14]

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

Section 2. (c)
John E. King [22] - Chairman
Glen A. Chaney [18] - Recorder
All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS:

Section 2. (d)
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20] -
Chairman
Glen A. Chaney [18]
Larry D. White [20]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (e)
Justin M. McGee [8,14] - Chairman
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]

GENERAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (f)
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

NECROLOGY:

Section 2. (g)
Micah Foreman [2]

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE

FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (j)
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
All Grand Commandery Officers

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (h)
2024-27 (RAM) David A. Ray [27]
2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]
2023-26 (KT) Timothy P. Israel [22]

YORK RITE COORDINATION:

Section 2. (i)
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]
Justin M. McGee [8,14]

MEMBERSHIP:

- Section 2. (k)
- John E. Werts [26] Chairman
- N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [8, 14]
- N EASTERN: Jim L. Parham [20]
- CENTRAL: David Tennison
- S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]
- S EASTERN: John E. King, Jr. [6]
- N WESTERN: David Shore [29]
- S WESTERN: Christopher J.P. Smith [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]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(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)
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]
Justin M. McGee [8,14]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS:

Chairman – Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]
CENTRAL: Mathew A. Turner [38]
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [8, 14]
N EASTERN: James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]
S EASTERN: Ryan Frederick [8]
S WESTERN: Roland Morales [18]
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Roland Morales [18]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Justin M. McGee [8, 14]

TIME AND PLACE:

Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chairman
Brian A. Buswell [3]
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]
Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8]
Jon B. Greene [20] ex-officio

KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND:

(Formed April 25 2015)
John L. Logan [29]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL:

(FIELD DAY)
(Formed April 25, 2015)
Trasen S. Akers [3]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE:

(Arkansas – Kansas – Louisiana –
Missouri – Oklahoma – Texas)
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Michah Foreman [2] - Chairman
Justin M. McGee [8, 14]
Jon B. Greene [20]

APPRECIATION:

Steven E. Cox [2]

LISTS OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

PAST GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS OF INDIAN TERRITORY						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1895	*Robert W. Hill	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1896	*James E. Humphrey	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. J. McAlester	*Leo Bennett
1897	*Edmond H. Doyle	*Patrick J. Byrne	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1898	*Patrick J. Byrne	***Robert F. Scoffern	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T Walrond	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1899	***Robert F. Scoffern	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1900	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Z. T Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*John Coyle	*G. H. Williams	*Joseph S. Murrow
1901	*Z. T Walrond	*Daniel M. Hailey	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*H. L. Jarboe, Jr.	*Joseph S. Murrow
1902	*Daniel M. Hailey	*D. M. Williams	*Herbert J. Evans	***A. V. Francis	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1903	*Herbert J. Evans	*William F. Bowman	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1904	*William F. Bowman	*John Coyle	*Eugene Hamilton	*Frank Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1905	*John Coyle	*Frank Smith	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1906	*Frank Smith	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	***R. Stephens	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1907	*James Elliott	*John W. Speak	***R. Stephens	*Christ. Springer	*Ira B. Kirkland	*Joseph S. Murrow
1908	*John W. Speak	*Christ. Springer	*Ira McNair	*Roy D. 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. Louthan	*Otto A. Shuttee	*George W. Spencer

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA						
	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1911	*Robert H. Henry	**Guy W. Bohannon	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1912	**Guy W. Bohannon	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1913	*William H. Essex	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1914	*J. Angus Gillis	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*F. H. Smith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1915	*James A. Scott	*J. Q. Louthan	*F. H. Smith	*E. P. McMahon	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1916	*James Q. Louthan	*E. P. McMahon	*Fred H. Clark	*C. S. Highsmith	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1917	*Eugene P. McMahon	*Fred H. Clark	*C. S. Highsmith	*Milton C. Hale	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1918	*C. S. Highsmith	*Fred H. Clark	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1919	*Fred H. Clark	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1920	*Milton C. Hale	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1921	*Harold B. Downing	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1922	*Orin Ashton	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1923	*W. Clark Tucker	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1924	*C. W. Tedrowe	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1925	*Sydnor H. Lester	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer

1926	**W. R. Lence	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1927	*Bert D. Ashbrook	*J. C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1928	*James C. Johnson	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1929	*Leslie H. Swan	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1930	*R. V. Downing	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*W. M. Rainey	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1931	*Gilbert Presnell	*E. Burns	*W. M. Rainey	*R. H. Phinney	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1932	*E. Burns	*W. M. Rainey	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1933	*Walter M. Rainey	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Ira B. Kirkland	*George W. Spencer
1934	*R. H. Phinney	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*Ira B. Kirkland	*J. A. Latham
1935	*Layton S. Chilcutt	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*Ralph V. Downing	*J. A. Latham
1936	*Harold G. Durnell	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1937	*Merl P. Long	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1938	*R. E. Newhouse	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1939	*John I. Taylor	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1940	*W. E. Crow e	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1941	*E. C. Lambert	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1942	*Harry M. House	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1943	*Hal F. Rambo	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1944	*Marvin A. Wilson	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1945	*John J. Moffatt	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1946	*V. G. Heller	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*J. A. Sinex	*W. Clark Tucker	*J. A. Latham
1947	*Wilbur P. Lee	*P. O. Creason	*J. A. Sinex	*L. A. Maphet	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1948	*P. O. Creason	*L. A. Maphet	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1949	*L. A. Maphet	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*J. R. Holmes	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1950	*W. H. King	*G. B. Young	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1951	*G. B. Young	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1952	*C. C. Lynch	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1953	*C. C. Warriner	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1954	*A. M. Crowder	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1955	*R. L. Moore	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*Ralph L. Dunkle	*J. A. Latham
1956	*G. E. Schutz	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1957	*O. S. Willham	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1958	*W. R. Pearson	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*C. F. Hansen	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1959	*J. M. McCullough	*D. G. Emrick	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1960	*C. F. Hansen	*E. T. Ross	*E. T. Ross	*R. W. Rogers	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1961	*Ernest T. Ross	*Irvin Cecil	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1962	*Irvin Cecil	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*W. H. King	*J. A. Latham
1963	*R. W. Rogers	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1964	*R. D. Burch	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*F. J. Smith	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1965	*P. W. Alexander	*R. H. Jelley	*F. J. Smith	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1966	*F. J. Smith	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1967	*J. J. Thorne	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1968	*W. H. Gorey	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*A. S. Johnson	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1969	*C. S. Heckrodt	*L. E. Tryon	*A. S. Johnson	*Jack Freeman	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1970	*A. S. Johnson	*L. E. Tryon	*Jack Freeman	*C. W. Reese	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1971	*Jack Freeman	*C. W. Reese	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1972	*C. W. Reese	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*W. H. King	*F. M. Lumbard
1973	*J. C. Abernathy	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1974	*James C. Taylor	*W. L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1975	*Walter L. Harmon	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1976	*Odie E. Earnest	*N. P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*A. S. Johnson	*F. M. Lumbard
1977	*Norman P. Bullock	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1978	*O. Kenneth Taylor	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1979	*H. A. Skillings	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1980	*Robert L. Taylor	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*James C. Abernathy	*F. M. Lumbard
1981	*Donald J. Cink	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*Cecil E. Johnson	*James C. Abernathy	*Robert E. Fielden
1982	*John C. Shanklin	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*Ellis Sappington	*Cecil E. Johnson	*James C. Abernathy	*Robert E. Fielden
1983	*Lilburn M. Pierce	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*James C. Abernathy	*Robert E. Fielden
1984	*Ellis Sappington	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1985	*Darrel W. Hughes	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*Charles H. Warner	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1986	*Joe S. Warriner	*Leon A. Anderson	*Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1987	*Leon A. Anderson	*Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1988	*Daniel C. Pryor	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink

1989	*Kenneth D. Buckley	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1990	*Eugene Smith	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1991	*Bartis M. Kent	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1992	*Calvin E. Mettee	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1993	*Rex L. Eutsler	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*James C. Abernathy	*Donald J. Cink
1994	*Don L. Turley	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*Edward W. Hart	Kish L. Thomas	*Donald J. Cink
1995	James R. Creason	William A. Nation	*Edward W. Hart	*O. Ray Harrington	Kish L. Thomas	*Donald J. Cink
1996	William A. Nation	*Edward W. Hart	*O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Kish L. Thomas	*Donald J. Cink
1997	*Edward W. Hart	*O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	Kish L. Thomas	Donald H. Haralson
1998	*O. Ray Harrington	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	*Paul A. Fitch	Kish L. Thomas	David A. Ray
1999	Jon J. Giddings	Charles L. Stuckey	*Bartis M. Kent	*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	Kish L. Thomas	*Ralph K. Harris
2000	Charles L. Stuckey	*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Kish L. Thomas	*Ralph K. Harris
2001	*John A. Schrawger, Jr.	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Kish L. Thomas	*Ralph K. Harris
2002	*William H. Pierce	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	Kish L. Thomas	*John D. Miller, Jr.
2003	Glenn H. Kinsley	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	Kish L. Thomas	*John D. Miller, Jr.
2004	Gary A. Davis	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Elwood M. Isaacs	*John D. Miller, Jr.
2005	Robert G. Davis	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2006	*Willis L. Emerson	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Lewis A. Hullum	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2007	John L. Logan	Michael E. Hampton	Lewis A. Hullum	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2008	Michael E. Hampton	Lewis A. Hullum	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2009	Lewis A. Hullum	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	**Mark A. Critchfield	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2010	*I. Dwayne Dixon	Richard C. Dunaway	**Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2011	Richard C. Dunaway	**Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	*Edward J. Becerra	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2011	Elwood M. Isaacs (Hon)					
2012	**Mark A. Critchfield	L. Erik Stuckey	*Edward J. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2013	L. Erik Stuckey	*Edward J. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2014	*Edward J. Becerra	Paul T. Currell	James E. Smyrl	Timothy P. Israel	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2015	Paul T. Currell	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Elwood M. Isaacs	Gary A. Davis
2016	Timothy P. Israel	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	Michael M. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
2017	Donnie G. Higginbotham	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Michael M. Megeath	Gary A. Davis
2018	Matthew McGee	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2019	Curtis K. Schuermann	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2020	*Gary A. Odendahl	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Kenton M. Israel	Gary A. Davis
2021	Robert R. Rolseth	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2021	Newell A. Barker (Hon)					
2022	James R. Taylor, Jr.	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2023	John E. King	Glen A. Chaney	John T. Turner	Mark K. McFadden	Kenton M. Israel	Jon B. Greene
2024	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

JON B. GREENE

Sir Knight Jon B. Greene has been selected as this year's Knight Templar Cross of Honor recipient. This would not have been possible until a change in the Grand Encampment Law was made to allow the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder to be eligible for this high honor.

Sir Knight Greene is an active member in his Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite. Sir Knight Greene was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in 1994. He also joined the Tulsa Scottish Rite and Akdar Shrine the same year. It took a while, but Sir Knight Greene finally joined the Tulsa York Rite at the Grand Masters Festival in August 2017. He was installed as the Secretary/Recorder of the Tulsa York Rite later that year. Sir Knight Greene was elected as the Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma on April 24, 2021.

Sir Knight Greene served as Master of Daylight Lodge 542 in 2005 and Secretary in 2006. He moved his membership to Tulsa 71 and was Secretary from 2013-2019, then served as Treasurer in 2021-2022. Sir Knight Greene then transferred to Akdar 555 and was elected to serve as Secretary in 2025.

Sir Knight Greene is also an active 32nd Degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (K.C.C.H.) member in the Tulsa, Guthrie, and McAlister Scottish Rite Valleys, as well as a Past Venerable Master of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection, Past Venerable Master (now Chieftan) of the Tulsa Knights of St. Andrew, Chapter No. 1.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award was created at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in 1946 at Philadelphia. We quote, in part, from the General Order No. 5 of the Grand Encampment: "The Knight Templar Cross of Honor shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or member." In Oklahoma, the Grand Commander can select only one nomination from the Sir Knights of his Grand Commandery during any one Templar year. The following are the recipients since the inception of the award:

*1965	Alfred S. Bryan	DeMolay Commandery No. 7	Chickasha
1966	None		
*1967	Olin V. Homes	Muskogee Commandery No. 2	Muskogee
*1968	William A. Perry	Gethsemane Commandery No. 25	Okmulgee
*1969	Ivan Saye	Trinity Commandery No. 20	Tulsa
*1970	Leroy Hudson	Miami Commandery No. 49	Miami
*1971	G. T. Hayes	Elk City Commandery No. 22	Elk City
*1972	Myrl S. Kirk	Enid Commandery No. 13	Enid

*1973	Chester L. Moffett	Shawnee Commandery No. 36	Shawnee
*1974	Everett Carbaugh	Bethlehem Commandery No. 45	Oklahoma City
*1975	Edwin A. Lane	Ben Hur Commandery No. 14	Ponca City
*1976	Dennis H. Clay	Cushing Commandery No. 42	Cushing
*1977	Ralph L. Barnhart	Gethsemane Commandery No. 25	Oklmulgee
*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
2024	Jon B. Greene	Trinity Commandery No. 20	Tulsa

* - Deceased



KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

GLEN A. CHANEY

Sir Knight Chaney'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
Glen A. Chaney			
*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	2022	*Arlene Harrington	2023	Glenda R. Stucky
2023	Earlene J. Taylor	2010	*Linda Isaacs	2011	*Judy Dixon
2016	Jan Israel	2019	Diane Logan	2023	Gage Taylor
2024	Vicky King	2024	Marilyn Rolseth	2025	Patti Chaney

2025 DIRECTORY OF COMMANDERIES IN OKLAHOMA

	COMMANDERY	COMMANDER	RECORDER	STATED CONCLAVE	CHARTERED
1	GUTHRIE 1419 N. Walnut St. Guthrie, OK 73044	Robert Leonard	Jay A. Wall	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
2	MUSKOGEE 121 S. Sixth St. Muskogee, OK 74401	Robert W. McLeod	Mark K. McFadden)	2nd Wed 6:30 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
3	OKLAHOMA 2935 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73120	William Cloud	Clyde H. Schoofiend, Jr.	2nd & 4 th Weds 7:00 pm	Aug. 11, 1892
6	McALESTER First & Adams St. McAlester, OK 74501	Ronald J. Gragg, Sjr.	Mark K. McFadden	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	2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 pm	June 29, 1897
9	ARDMORE 1032 Cherry St., N.W. Ardmore, OK 73401	Russell Davis	John F. Carter	2nd Mon 7:30 pm	Nov. 2, 1897
14	BEN HUR 1200 W. Grand Ave. Ponca City, OK 74601	Colton Bowker	Tyler E. Evans	4th Tues 7:00 pm	Aug 13, 1928
18	LAWTON 702 SW "C" Ave. Lawton, OK 73501	Lavern Ragain, Jr.	Roland Morales	1st Tues 7:30 pm	Feb. 15, 1906
20	TRINITY 5925 E. Ninth St. Tulsa, OK 74112	Mickey Megeath	Jon B. Greene	4th Mon 7:00 pm	April 19, 1906
22	ELK CITY 102 ½ N. Jefferson Ave. Elk City, OK 73644	John E. King	Timothy P. Israel	1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm	May, 20, 1912
26	CALVARY 610 N.E. Washington Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006	Justin James	John E. Werts)	3rd Monday	April 23, 1908
29	ST. AUMER 819 ½ S. Main St. Woodward, OK 73801	Troy L. Collier	Ray L. Bell	4th Thurs (Jan. - Oct.) 2nd Thurs (Nov. - Dec.) 7:00 pm	March 8, 1910
38	NORMAN 38 1700 N. Porter Ave. Norman, OK 73071	Kevin Lapham	Seth J. Dawson	2nd Thurs 7:30 pm	April 14, 1914

DEMISED COMMANDERIES

- 2..... Eldorado..... Consolidated with Lawton No 18, February 27, 1939
- 4..... Ascension, El Reno Consolidated with Oklahoma No. 3, January 19, 1965
- 5..... Chickasaw, Purcell..... Consolidated with Norman No. 38, December 13, 1934
- 7..... DeMolay, Chickasha Consolidated with Lawton No. 18, March 1, 2008
- 10..... Perry Consolidated with St. John's No. 8, 2006-2007
- 11..... Cyrene, Kingfisher Charter Surrendered, May 18, 1932
- 12..... Pawnee Charter Surrendered, December 27, 1939
- 13..... Enid Consolidated with Guthrie No. 1, 2004
- 15..... Hobart Consolidated with Lawton No. 18, February 18, 1990
- 16..... Ada Consolidated with Shawnee No. 36, April 1, 1997
- 17..... Weatherford Charter Surrendered, May 15, 1934
- UD..... Altus Dispensation Revoked, March 24, 1927
- 19..... Frederick Charter Surrendered, March 14, 1939
- 21..... Ivanhoe, Sayre..... Charter Surrendered, November 18, 1955
- 23..... Emmanuel, Blackwell Consolidated with Ben Hur No. 14, January 16, 1990
- 24..... Lincoln, Chandler Charter Surrendered, April 17, 1940
- 25..... Gethsemane, Okmulgee Consolidated with Muskogee No. 2, 2014
- 28..... Okemah..... Consolidated with Gethsemane No 25, May 3, 1928
- 30..... Hugo..... Charter Arrested, January 6, 1983
- 31..... Durant Charter Surrendered, April 12, 1928
- 32..... Hugh de Payden, Atoka..... Consolidated with Ada No 16, December 1, 1939
- 33..... Sapulpa Consolidated with Trinity No 20, October 28, 1968
- 34..... Foraker Charter Surrendered, April 22, 1920
- 35..... Palestine, Pawhuska Charter Surrendered, March 6, 1954
- 36..... Shawnee..... Charter Surrendered, 2008
- 37..... St. Augustine, Cherokee..... Charter Surrendered, May 18, 1932
- 39..... Malta, Heavner Consolidated with Hugo No 30, July 13, 1954
- 40..... Poteau..... Consolidated with Malta No 39, December 20, 1939
- 41..... Claremore Charter Arrested, April 8, 1955
- 42..... Cushing..... Moved to Drumright, 1977-1978
- 42..... Cimaron Valley, Drumright Consolidated with Stillwater, February 16, 2017
- 43..... Holdenville Charter Revoked, May 3, 1948
- 44..... Cleveland Charter Revoked, March 22, 1940
- 45..... Bethlehem, Oklahoma City Consolidated with Capitol Hill No. 53, 2005-2006
- 46..... Duncan Consolidated with DeMolay No. 7, September 7, 1967
- 47..... Drumright..... Consolidated with Cushing No. 42, April 27, 1964
- 48..... Hominy..... Consolidated with Drumright No 47, November 10, 1954
- 49..... Miami Charter Arrested, March 6, 1998
- 50..... Hugh De Payen, Atoka Charter Arrested, December 28, 1978
- 51..... Guymon..... Consolidated with St. Aumer No. 29, 2004-2005
- 52..... Tipton..... Consolidated with Lawton No. 18, September 17, 1994
- 53..... Capitol Hill..... Consolidated with Oklahoma No. 3, July 24, 2024

OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONCLAVE

APRIL 26TH, 2024

The Fifty-First Annual Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Friday, April 26, 2024. The Conclave was opened at 4:10 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

Knight Commander	John Carter
Knight First Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Second Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, PKC
Knight Warder	Mathew Turner
Knight Sentinel	Brian Buswell
Knight Prelate	Richard Hargrave

There were 32 members and guests present, per the Knight Sentinel's Register.

Knight Commander John Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Richard Hargrave giving the invocation.

Past Grand Master Glen Chaney and Brad Rickelman, PKC and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, was introduced, as well as Knight Companion John E. King, the R.: E.: Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The following guests were recognized: David Kussman, Grand Master of Grand Encampment; Robert Loflin, Department Commander of Grand Encampment; and Robert Schlichter PGC of Liberty Commandery, Liberty, Missouri.

The passing of the following members was noted: Kieth Ballard, the last living founding member of the OPCA, and Robert L. Taylor Jr.

The minutes of the April 27th, 2023 Annual Conclave and August 11th, 2023 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 following Past Commanders were elected to membership into this Association:

Nominee	Commandery	Year	Nominator
Michael Dixon	Guthrie No. 1	2023	Jay Wall
Rick Alan Moore	Muskogee No. 2	2023	Mark McFadden
Ryan Russell Frederick	St. Johns No. 8	2023	Brad Rickelman
Roland Morales	Lawton No. 18	2023	Glen A. Chaney
Don Henry Stanton	Trinity No. 20	2023	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	Trasen Akers
Knight First Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Buswell
Knight Sentinel	Kevin Bardy

The Knight Commander Elect appointed Steve Guerrero, Jr. to be Knight Prelate.

The new officers were installed by REPGC Jim Taylor Jr.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 17th, 2024, at St. John Commandery No. 8 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Kt. Prelate Richard Hargrave gave the benediction.

The Conclave was closed at 4:35 p.m.

John Carter	Robert R. Rolseth
Knight Commander	Knight Recorder

OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL CONCLAVE
August 17th, 2024

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was hosted at St. Johns Commandery No. 8, in Stillwater, Oklahoma on August 17th, 2024. The Conclave was opened at 1:30 p.m. with the following officers present:

Knight Commander	Trasen Akers
Knight First Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Buswell
Knight Sentinel	Kevin Bardy
Knight Prelate	Jim Taylor (pro-tem)

There were 22 members and 6 candidates present, per the Kt. Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander Trasen Akers led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Jim Taylor (pro-tem) 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
James Rule	Guthrie No. 1
Michael Dixon	Guthrie No. 1
Rick Alan Moore	Muskogee No. 2
Ryan Russell Frederick	St. Johns No. 8
Roland Morales	Lawton No. 18
John Church	Capitol Hill No. 53

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following candidates were elected but were unable to attend:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
Scott Percifield	Muskogee No. 2
Russell Freas	Elk City No. 22
Don Stanton	Trinity No. 20

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:

Knight Commander	Trasen Akers
Knight First Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Buswell
Knight Sentinel	Kevin Bardy
Knight Prelate	Jim Taylor (pro-tem)
Lecture No. 1	Brad Rickelman
Lecture No. 2	Michael T. Harden
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Lecture No. 3	Bob McLeod
Lecture No. 4	Jim Parham
Lecture No. 5	David Sikes
Lecture No. 6	Laverne Ragain
Lecture No. 7	Jim Nobles
Lecture No. 8	Bob Rolseth
Lecture No. 9	Jim Taylor
Lecture No. 10	Mark McFadden
Lecture No. 11	Justin McGee
Lecture No. 12	Matt McGee

Each of the new members was presented the jewel of the order, a certificate, and a lifetime membership card, by the Kt. Commander and Lieutenants.

The new members were given the opportunity to speak and all expressed their appreciation of the Ceremony of Reception and that they were proud to be members of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association.

The benediction was given by Kt. Prelate Jim Taylor (pro-tem).

The Special Conclave was closed by Kt. Commander Trasen Akers at 2:15 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT
April 1st, 2024 – March 31st, 2025**

To the Knight Commander, Officers, and Members:

The Knight Recorder/Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year April 1st, 2024 through March 31st, 2025, is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Total inducted members as of April 1st, 2024:	500
Members received on August 17th, 2024:	6
Reported deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, and revocations through March 31st, 2025:	<u>358</u>
Total members believed to be living as of March 31st, 2025:	148

FINANCIALS

03/31/2024 – Opening Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	<u>\$3,053.59</u>
Receipts:	
4/03/2024 Deposit of membership dues	300.00
4/10/2024 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	33.28
7/01/2024 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	33.29
9/16/2024 Deposit of membership dues/Jewel sales	340.00
10/01/2024 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	35.31
1/10/2025 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	35.31
Total Receipts	<u>\$777.19</u>
Disbursements:	
08/17/2024 – Check No. 1008-Frontier Lodge No. 48	50.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$50.00</u>
03/31/2025 – Ending Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	\$3,780.78
03/31/2025 – Ending Balance	
Certificate of Deposit #150006	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
03/31/2025 – Total Financial Assets	<u>\$6,780.78</u>

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.*	2023	John Carter
1997	Paul G. Watkins *	2024	Trasen S. Akers
1998	David A. Ray		

*Denotes Deceased

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MASONIC YEAR 2024-2025

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