

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD
ANNUAL
CONCLAVE OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF ALABAMA



FEBRUARY 2023

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD

ANNUAL CONCLAVE

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF
ALABAMA**

HELD FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH, 2023

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

PRESIDING 2022-2023

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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
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**C. STERLING HUGHES
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**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
SIR KNIGHT RONALD G. ANDRESS, KCT
2022-2023**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA.

JOINT SESSION, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH, 2023

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alabama and was declared open; The Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Alabama was opened in Ample form; The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama Grand was convened for the reception of Distinguished Guests.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Royal Arch Masons International

Excellent Companion Prince Selvarja, Excellent Grand Scribe, Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Most Excellent Companion James McNeely, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut

Most Excellent Companion Mark Bradley, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Georgia Grand York Rite and Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Georgia

Excellent Companion Joe Bush, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia

Excellent Companion Walter Waddell, Excellent Grand King, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia

Most Excellent Companion Thomas H Nesbit, Ambassador to Alabama Royal Arch Masons International

Most Excellent Companion Emory J Ferguson, Most Eminent Past Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH and Most Excellent Past General Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons International

Right Excellent Companion Hiram Williams, Right Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil, Royal Arch Masons International

Right Excellent Companion Sheldon Arpad, Right Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Masons International

Right Excellent Companion Teko Foly, Right Excellent Grand King and Personal Representative of Most Excellent Steven Tiner, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons International

Cryptic Masons International

Right Illustrious Companion Quentin Bolden, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee

Most Illustrious Companion Gary Wyne, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Indiana, Most Eminent Past Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH, and Executive Secretary for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

Most Illustrious Companion Sheldon Arpad, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia

Most Illustrious Companion Teko Foly, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia

Most Illustrious Companion Prince Selvarja, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, Canada

Most Illustrious Companion James McNeely, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut

Most Illustrious Companion James Bard, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia

Illustrious Companion Judd Wolfe, Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia

Most Illustrious Companion Robert Cordle, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia

Most Illustrious Companion Robert Saverance, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina

Most Illustrious Companion Craig Horton, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina

Most Puissant Companion Maurice “Bud” Himes, Most Puissant Past General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International

Right Puissant Companion Thomas H Nesbit, Right Puissant Southeastern Regional Deputy General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International

Right Puissant Companion Bill Synder, the Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master and Personal Representative of Most Puissant Companion Monty Glover, Most Puissant General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International

Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA

Sir Knight Prince Selvarja, Eminent Grand Senior Warden of Alaska

Sir Knight Teko Foly, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia

Sir Knight James McNeely, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Connecticut

Sir Knight George Brooks, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Kentucky and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Alabama in Kentucky.

Sir Knight Charles Bertrand, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Louisiana

Sir Knight Michael Keen, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of South Carolina

Sir Knight Victor Phillips, Right Eminent Grand Commander of South Carolina

Sir Knight Adam Bryan, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Florida
 Sir Knight Ronald Naumowicz, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of Florida
 Sir Knight Rusty Ludlum, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Florida
 Sir Knight Sheldon Arpad, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Florida
 Sir Knight Tommy Marshall, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia
 Sir Knight Clarence Crump, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Tennessee
 Sir Knight Dickie Johnson, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Tennessee,
 and Grand Prelate Emeritus of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA
 Sir Knight Timothy Sutton, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of Tennessee
 Sir Knight John Simmons, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Tennessee
 Sir Knight Robbie Beam, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Tennessee
 Sir Knight Robert Elsner, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of South
 Carolina, and Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights
 Templar USA
 Sir Knight James C McGee, Right Eminent Grand Warder of the Temple of
 Convent General KYCH and Right Eminent Past Southeastern Department
 Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA
 Sir Knight Terry Plemons, Most Worthy Grand Master of the Commemorative
 Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Most Eminent Past Grand Preceptor of the Holy
 Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Right Eminent Past Southeastern Department
 Commander, and the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights
 Templar USA
 Sir Knight Robert Waldron, Right Eminent Southeastern Department
 Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA and the Most
 Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of TN
 Sir Knight Bobby B Simmons, Most Eminent Past Grand Master General of
 Convent General KYCH, and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand
 Encampment of Knights Templar USA
 Sir Knight Jeffrey A Bolstad, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand
 Encampment of Knights Templar USA & Personal Representative of Sir Knight
 David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of
 Knights Templar USA

Distinguished Masonic Leaders of Alabama
Knight Masons

Very Excellent James C. McGee, Grand Superintendent, Grand Council Knight
Masons USA

Societas Rosicruciana Civitibus Foederatis

Right Worthy James C. McGee, Chief Adept, Alabama & Gulf Coast Colleges
SRICF

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

MW & Very Eminent Ronald G Andress, Eminent Preceptor, Jerusalem
Tabernacle

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Very Eminently Distinguished Thomas Nesbit, Deputy Grand Governor in AL
Right Eminently Distinguished Michael Feld, Grand Governor in Alabama
Right Eminently Distinguished Emory J Ferguson, Regent, York Rite Sovereign
College of North America

Red Cross of Constantine

Most Worshipful C. Sterling Hughes, Intendent General in Alabama

Knight York Cross of Honor

Most Eminent Emory J Ferguson, Past Grand Master General, Convent General
KYCH
Right Eminent James C. McGee, Grand Warder of the Temple, Convent General
KYCH

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alabama

Most Worshipful C. Sterling Hughes, Past Grand Master
Most Worshipful Ronald G Andress, Past Grand Master & Past Grand Treasurer
Most Worshipful Jamie A Smith, Past Grand Master
Most Worshipful Teddy R Grogan, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master
Right Worshipful Zach Holmes, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer
Right Worshipful Richard Schultz, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden
Most Worshipful Rusty Beck, Most Worshipful Grand Master

Most Worshipful Beck was conducted to the East and offered brief comments
on how proud he was to be a York Rite Mason and how we should work better
together.

The Grand High Priest called on Most Excellent Companion Emery J Ferguson to
present the Kirby Award. Most Excellent Companion Ferguson gave a brief
history of the Kirby Award and its namesake. The Award for 2023 was presented
to Most Excellent Companion Thomas H Nesbit.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master Called on Most Puissant Companion Bud
Himes to present the Order of the Secret Vault. Most Puissant Himes spoke on
how much this year's recipient had done for all the York Rite and then

presented this year's award to Companion Joel Bryant.

The Introductions of Distinguished Guests having been completed, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alabama in recess, the Most Illustrious Grand Master recessed the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Alabama, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery of Alabama for the purpose of conducting the Divine Service.

DIVINE SERVICE

The Annual Divine Service of the Grand York Rite of Alabama was held on Friday afternoon at 1:00pm, February 24th, 2023, with the Ladies and guests of the Grand Commandery. The Welcome to our Divine service was given by Grand Commander Ronald G Andress and the service was conducted by Rev. and Sir Knight William Hewett and Rev. and SK Robert Elsner. Music was provided by Lady Aprille Andress. The assembled enjoyed a commissioning ceremony of Sir Knight William A. Carter as a Commissioned Chaplain of the Grand Encampment conducted by Rev. & SK Robert Elsner, Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. SK Elsner was assisted by The Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Terry Plemons. RE Grand Commander Andress announced that the offering received would go to the different charities of the Grand York Rite of Alabama.

JOINT OPENING

The ME Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter to labor and the MI Grand Master also called the Grand Council to labor. The RE Grand Commander convened the Grand Commandery for the purpose of conducting whatever business may come before.

The ME Grand High Priest called on Companion Thomas Bassett, R.E Grand King to present a memorial in honor of Companion Jack C. Wade, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

The MI Grand Master called on Companion Scott Wadsworth, V.I. Deputy Grand Master to present a memorial in honor of Companion Perry Anderson, Most Puissant Past General Grand Master.

The RE Grand Commander called on SK Ted Loggins, Past Commander to present a memorial in honor of SK George F. Mills, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

The following reports were given and discussed for informational purposes: The Grand Treasurers report for The Grand Chapter RAM, The Grand Council R&SM and the Grand Commander KT of AL.

The Grand Secretary/Recorders report for The Grand Chapter RAM, The Grand Council R&SM and the Grand Commander KT of AL.

The Finance Committee discussed the budgets for last year and the proposed budgets for 2023 of The Grand Chapter RAM, The Grand Council R&SM and the Grand Commander KT of AL.

There being no further business to come before the bodies, the ME Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment until 8am, Saturday morning Feb 25th. The MI Grand Master also called the Grand Council to recess. The RE Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Annual Banquet was held on Friday evening February 24th, 2023, in the Main Banquet Hall of the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Birmingham, AL. The Companions, Sir Knights, Distinguished Guests, and ladies were welcomed by SK James McGee, Master of Ceremonies for the evening. After the invocation by Rev. & SK Robert Elsner, a wonderful meal of a choice of roasted Pork Loin with green beans and mashed sweet potatoes or herb roasted chicken breast, roasted potatoes and asparagus, a green salad with a delicious strawberry shortcake which was enjoyed by all. The presiding Grand Officers introduced their families, line officers and a few distinguished guests. The assembly heard greetings from Miss Caty Bolanos, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls in Alabama and Mr. Isaac Brakefield, State Master Councilor of the Alabama DeMolay Association. The MEGHP William Carter with help from Right Excellent Teko Foley, RE General Grand King Royal Arch Masons International presented the Sweetheart Award of the General Grand Chapter to Mrs. Julie Bassett (wife of Companion Tommy Bassett) and Rhett Carter (wife of Companion William Carter). The MI Grand Master Tommy Bassett with help from Right Puissant Bill Snyder, Deputy General Grand Master Cryptic Masons International presented the Lady of the Council Award of the General Grand Council to Mrs. Melinda Wadsworth (wife of Companion Scott Wadsworth). The

Adult Youth Leadership Award was given to Companion Ted Loggins for his efforts in working with the youth in North Alabama. On behalf of Birmingham Council No. 43, the M.I. Grand Master presented the First Responder Award to Mrs. Aprille Andress (wife of Companion Ron Andress) and Companion Scott Wadsworth for their service to the Masonic community. On behalf of the Knights Templar Education Foundation, Sir Knight Ron Andress announced that Bri Autrey, Jackson Hand, Victoria Hyde, JW Hyde, and Kyle McGee had been awarded a scholarship for 2023. Presentations will be made to the individuals later. RE Grand Commander Ron Andress spoke on our Grand Commandery sponsorship of the new Rising Phoenix Priory of Knighthood and spoke on how we are developing the leaders of tomorrow and we should all support their efforts. Grand Commander Andress then called on Illustrious Knight Commander Bam Autrey to bring greetings. MW Grand Master Rusty Beck ended the banquet with words of welcome and encouragement from the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

The Ladies attended a luncheon on Saturday February 25th, 2023, held in the Camelia Room of the Doubletree Hotel. A salad buffet was enjoyed by all. Past State Master Councilor, Kyle McGee presented the Flower Talk of the Order of DeMolay, assisted by the current State Master Councilor, Isaac Brakefield.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2023

The One Hundred and Sixty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama was held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Birmingham, Alabama and was declared convened by Sir Knight Ronald Address Right Eminent Grand Commander on Saturday February 25th, 2023.

Officers Present:

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Ronald G. Address
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	C. Sterling Hughes
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Sidney R. Cooley, Sr.
Eminent Grand Captain General	Wm. J. (Doug) Burfitt, Jr.
Eminent Grand Senior Warden	J. David Wyatt, Jr.
Eminent Grand Junior Warden	Tommy Bassett
Eminent Grand Prelate	Rev. William Hewett
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Thomas H. Nesbit, PGC
Eminent Grand Recorder	James C. McGee, PGC
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer	William A. Carter
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer	Mark Stillwell
Eminent Grand Warder	W. Scott Wadsworth
Eminent Grand Sentinel	Michael Hallman

ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY DIGNITARIES

The Following were introduced and welcomed to the One Hundred and Sixty Third annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Alabama:

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders:

R.E. Past Grand Commander	Emory J. Ferguson	1988-1989
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	2006-2007
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Jamie A. Smith	2016-2017
R.E. Past Grand Commander	James C. McGee	2018-2019
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Thomas H. Nesbit	2019-2020
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Winston Each	2021-2022

Grand Encampment Representatives:

Assoc. Grand Prelate	Robert Elsner
RE Past Southeastern Department Commander	James C. McGee

RE Past S.E. Department Commander & Grand Prelate	Terry Plemons
RE Southeastern Department Commander	Robert Waldron
RE Grand Treasurer	Bobby B. Simmons
RE Deputy Grand Master & Personal Representative of Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master GEKT	Jeffery A. Bolstad

ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**Ronald G. Andress****2022-2023**

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 163rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama. To our visiting dignitaries, I welcome you to the Heart of Dixie, and hope that your time with us is enjoyable. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to travel here and spend your time with us. To our Commandery Officers from throughout the state; thank you for being here and representing your Commanderies. To our Sir Knights; your presence here shows your support for our Great and Wonderful Order and we realize that you are our future.

STATE OF THE ORDER

Sir Knights, I am glad to report that I see continued improvement across the state in our Grand Commandery. I am seeing more participation, better ritual, membership recruitment, and coordination between the Commanderies across the state. Our fund raising continues even in a declining economy.

I want to call your attention to the three General Orders this year.

G.O. #1 declared the Grand Commandery Officers installed and the appointed committees declared for the year.

G.O. #2 Changed the dates that the summer uniform may be worn.

G.O. #3 Was an Order referring to the wearing of an apron.

The Youth Committee presented me with a request for the Grand Commandery to become the sponsor of the Rising Phoenix Priory for DeMolay. I made the decision for the Grand Commandery to become the Official Masonic Sponsor of the Priory. The Priory, Rising Phoenix, became effective on February 4, 2023 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

We have sent three ministers on the Holy Land Pilgrimage this year and I feel that this program for the ministers is one of the top things that will have a long-lasting effect on the most people. The ministers that I have talked to about their trip have informed me that it is a life-changing event.

Our support for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation continues and I urge each of you to contribute to this great charity.

I feel that our Templar Ball this year was fantastic! It just seems to get better each year! It was great fellowship and raised a lot of money for our Charities.

Necrology

We lost 38 Knights this year; This number includes Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, George Mills and Jack Wade. Please remember these Sir Knights' Families in your prayers.

The Grand Prelate will have more information in his report.

Dispensations

I granted two dispensations to change their meeting dates this year; both were to the Anniston York Rite so that they could attend York Rite Events at another location.

REVIEW OF BOOKS

I authorized our Eminent Grand Recorder, James C. McGee, PREGC to turn over all books and financial records to the Audit Committee for review for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

VISITATIONS

It was my privilege to represent The Grand Commandery at all the other Masonic and appendant Bodies throughout the state and to install and visit with the Commanderies throughout the state. It is interesting to see the different Christmas and Easter Observances. I want to thank my Officers who represented me at the meetings that I could not attend.

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, I think that we are headed in the right direction. We are continuing to improve in our ritual; our fund-raising activities; and our membership. We need to sustain all of these areas and not back-slide to where we were.

The one area that we really need to work on is in our appearance. We can now wear the summer uniform for a longer period of time and it is not as costly as the Class A's. We really need to concentrate on our appearance. *Remember, we do not mix uniforms!*

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Grand Commander this year. The Lord has blessed us in the past and it my prayer that each one of you and your families receive his blessings in the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald G. Andress, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

*ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder*

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of Alabama, Right Excellent Past Grand Commanders, Grand
Commandery Officers, Distinguished Guests and Sir Knights all:*

We, your Grand Commander's Address Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend approval of that portion of the address concerning State of the Order.

We recommend that portion of the address concerning Necrology be referred to the Grand Prelate.

We recommend that portion of the address concerning Dispensations and Decisions be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

We recommend that portion of the address concerning Review of Books be referred to the Finance Committee.

We recommend all remaining portions of the address, not herein referred to, be approved.

We commend Grand Commander Andress on his dedication and efforts to strengthen and promote Chivalric Masonry in Alabama during his year in office.

Respectfully submitted,
James C McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH, Chairman
Phillip J. Sherman, PGC, KCT
Winston Each, PGC

Received

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT*To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama:*

Submitted below is my statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Receipts:

Per Capita	\$ 16,963.00	
Knighting Fees	710.00	
Interest	3,061.18	
Sales of Supplies	(494.34)	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 30,239.84

Disbursements:

<u>Operating Expense</u>	<u>\$ 19,895.40</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT		<u>\$ 19,895.40</u>

Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ 344.44
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Cash on Hand – January 1, 2022	\$ 126,532.41
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Cash on Hand – December 31, 2022	\$ 126,650.68
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Cash on Hand – December 31, 2022 consists of the following:

Checking Account	30,063.80
Investments with Regions	96,586.88

Total Cash on Hand – December 31, 2022	<u>\$126,650.68</u>
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APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the members for the opportunity to have served you for the past year as Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Thomas H. Nesbit, PGC, KCT
 Grand Treasurer

Received

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama:

Sir Knights: Here with is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022;

Membership as of January 1, 2022	996
Additions:	
Knighted	66
Affiliated	06
Reinstated	12
Adjusted	0
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>84</u>
Losses:	
Died	38
Demitted	13
Suspended	41
TOTAL LOSSES	<u>92</u>
TOTAL Net Membership as of December 31, 2022	<u>988</u>
Loss in Membership for 2022	08
Chartered Commanderys	11
Commanderies Reporting	11
Commanderies Under Dispensation	0

COMMENTS

All Commanderies submitted an annual report with the appropriate Per Capita Tax being paid. This past year we continued making progress on the digitization of the past proceedings. We currently have posted on the website all proceedings from 1984-2022. We have also worked hard on getting our Grand Representatives up to date and confirming those sister jurisdictions that are still willing to participate in the program. We still have a way to go in cleaning out

the office of older files that need to be removed per the document retention policy, but we are making progress.

APPRECIATION

I want to thank the members and officers of the Grand Commandery for allowing me to continue to serve the Grand Commandery in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,
James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

Received

	Active Members At Start	Knights (+)	Demit (-)	Affiliate (+)	Suspend (-)	Reinstate (+)	DelAdj (-)	Died (-)	Active Members At-End	Net Change
Knights Templar	996	+66	-13	+6	-41	+12		-38	988	-8
2 - Mobile	179	+5	-2	+1	-4			-12	167	-8
4 - Montgomery	66	+3			-3			-1	65	-1
7 - Huntsville	88	+3	-1		-12	+1		-1	78	-10
10 - Cyrene	235	+16		+2				-11	242	7
13 - Tuscaloosa	41	+3						-1	43	2
14 - DeMolay	63	+21	-1		-4	+2		-1	81	18
15 - Etowah	64	+1	-1			+3		-1	66	2
23 - Anniston	93	+2	-1		-10	+4		-6	82	-11
25 - Dothan	80	+6	-4	+2	-4			-1	79	-1
39 - Florence	52	+6	-1	+1	-4			-3	51	-1
45 - Lee	35		-2			+1			34	-1
47 - Montroseville	26		-24					-2	0	-26

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your committee on Jurisprudence make the following report:

We recommend that the portion of the Grand Commanders Address regarding appointments to be approved.

We recommend that portion of the audit to be approved.

Grand Commander, we move the approval of this portion of our report.

We also have several requests for amendments to the constitution. You have a copy of the proposals, and we will begin with call item No. 1 and work our way through the other calls.

We recommend this portion of our report.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir, we move the adoption of this report in its entirety.

We wish to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for this opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie A. Smith, PGC, KCT
Teddy R. Grogan, Jr., PGC, KCT

Received

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE & BUDGET

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama

We your Committee on Finance have examined the financial records of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama and we submit the following report. We find the review of the Grand Commandery financial records as submitted by the Audit Committee to be in order and we recommend that it be accepted. We also offer a proposed budget for the year 2023 for your consideration. We wish to thank the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their hard work in preparing the books for review and we thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for giving us this opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Smith

Mark Stillwell

William A. Carter

Income Statement
For the Twelve Months
Ending December 31, 2022

Revenues

Per Capita Tax Received	16,963.00
Knighted Fees Received	710.00
Interest Received	3,061.18
Sales of Supplies	(494.34)
Total Revenues	20,239.84

Expenses

Office Rent	1,699.94
Telephone	502.24
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	100.30
Contingency Fund	20.00
Grand Encampment PerCapita Tax	9,043.00
Grand Recorders Salary	5,100.24
Grand Treasurer Expense	100.00
Grand Commander's Expense	0.00
Office Supplies	195.95
Past Gr Commander's Jewel	210.00
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	368.00
DeMolay Donation	100.00
Order of Rainbow Donation	100.00
S. E. Regional Conference	0.00
Ladies Brunch Expense	199.76
Dist. Guest Lodging Expense	1,432.95
Banquet Ticket	372.51
Hospitality Room	-73.62
Misc. Convocation Expense	376.15
Donations to Maggie Valley	0.00
Printing Grand Proceedings	0.00
Triennial Reserve (Max 400.00)	0.00
Purchases	48.00
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00
Total Expenses	19,895.40

Net Income **344.44**

2023-2024 BUDGET**Revenues**

Per Capita Tax Received	\$16,992.00
Fees Received	\$850.00
Interest Received	\$3,500.00
Sales of Supplies	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$21,842.00

Expenses

Office Rent	\$1,699.92
Telephone	\$50.00
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	\$125.00
Office Supplies	\$250.00
Contingency Fund	\$300.00
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	\$350.00
Grand PerCapita Tax	\$8,901.00
Grand Recorders Salary	\$5,100.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$100.00
Grand's Expense	\$1,000.00
Past Grand's Aprons & Jewel	\$400.00
Ladies Brunch Expense	\$500.00
Dist. Guest Lodging Expense	\$1,500.00
Banquet Ticket (Net)	\$750.00
Hospitality Room	\$-
Printing Grand Proceedings	\$-
Misc Convocation Expense	
DeMolay Donation	\$100.00
Order of Rainbow Donation	\$100.00
S. E. Regional Conference	\$150.00
Donations to Maggie Valley	\$50.00
Purchases	\$200.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,675.92</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$166.08</u></u>

Adopted

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama,

We your Audit Committee have reviewed the books and records of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

There was no material difference between the budget provided for 2021 and the transactions recorded. Transaction descriptions were normal compared to prior years and budgeted items noting the change in membership. The December 31, 2022 bank statement was reconciled to the general ledger and deposits in transit and outstanding checks were noted on the reconciliation.

We found no discrepancies in the records we reviewed that would lead us to believe that a modification to the financials statement would be warranted.
Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Feld
Lee Gibson

Received

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We your By-Laws Committee make the following report: During the 2022-2023 York Rite year and since the last Grand York Rite Session, there have been no by-law changes from any of the subordinate commanderies submitted to this committee for review.

We thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the privilege of serving on this committee. We move that it be approved as presented.
Respectfully submitted,

Teddy R. Grogan Jr., PGC, KCT
W. Scott Wadsworth
Bobby Jordan

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

Under the Grand Encampment rules and regulations, it is required that a budget be submitted within a short time after our conclave for approval by the National Chairman.

Review of Books	\$	0.00
Expense for Secretary and Office help		150.00
Total Budget for 2023	\$	150.00

We your Educational Foundation Committee submit the following report

Assets:

Checking	\$	7,327.57
Investment with Regions		146,146.74
Total Assets	\$	153,474.31

Interest Received: \$4,555.15 – 500.00 (2023 Fees for GEKTEF) Net Interest \$ 4,055.15

We received six applications for our \$1,000.00 scholarship this year on time and are pleased to announce that 5 of the 6 were received in correct form.

The recipients are Jackson Hand, Victoria Hyde, James Wesley Hyde, Kyle McGee and Bri Autrey.

Please remind your local Commandery that this Scholarship is open to anyone who resides in the state of Alabama, regardless of where they attend school, and they do not need affiliation with Freemasonry to apply.

We wish to thank the Grand Commandery for allowing us to serve on this committee for this year.

We move that this report be approved as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald G. Andress, REGC, KCT, Chairman (3 yr.)

Aaron Haycraft (5 yr.)
Phillip J. Sherman, PGC, KCT, (1 yr.)
Michael Feld, KTCH, (2 yr.)
Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., KCT (4 yr.)
James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH, Secretary
Adopted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Ritualistic matters, report that no requests have been made to this committee for interpretation of, or assistance with, the rituals for the several orders of the Commandery during the year 2022-2023.

On request of REGC Ronald Andress, the committee submits the following clarification for the ritual of Knight Crusader of the Cross:

The square and compasses as well as the Cross, shall be displayed on the open Bible (as in the Order of the Temple Ritual)

We offer our gratitude to Right Eminent Grand Commander Andress for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas R. Barnes, Chairman
Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., KCT
Michael Feld, KTCH

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Membership Committee, are pleased to submit the following report:

We started this year with 996 active members in our Grand Commandery. We knighted sixty-eight new Sir Knights in 2022. This tells me that

our Sir Knights are actively trying to introduce York Rite Masonry into the membership of our Blue Lodge brethren, and are doing a good job of sparking their interest of our organization.

However, we did have thirteen demits and forty-one to go suspended for non-payment of dues. These numbers are troubling we think of what are the reasons for the losses of our numbers. There is no sure fire answer to these questions unless we ask those who went suspended, as to why they chose not be among us. I feel this is something that needs to be addressed. The next time we hear of a Sir Knight going suspended maybe we should go out of our why to ask that question, why.

Unfortunately, we did loose thirty eight members to death this year. And there is nothing that can be done about this; other than to realize that the average age of our organization is high and we really need to try to recruit any of our younger blue lodge brethren which would help to bring down that overall average age.

We did see eleven Sir Knights get reinstated this past year, as well as, six who affiliated with us. This put us with an ending total of 989 members at the end of the year with a net change of minus seven members, or a .7% loss. This is still good news compared to some of the membership loss averages of other organizations.

In conclusion, I believe that with the help of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery, we can turn this loss of .7% into a gain. We would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ronald Address for allowing us to serve him this past year and thank him for his continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bassett, KTCH, Chairman

Joel I. Bryant, KTCH

Rani Christi

Thomas Langley

Lee R. Gibson

Nicholas Barnes

Mark Stillwell

Ted Loggins

Jason Hess

Brian P. McDonald

Rickey Holden

J. David Wyatt, KCT

Received

REPORT ON NECROLOGY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

It is with compassion and heavy hearts that we are called upon to file this report that thirty eight (38) of our Brothers were called upon by our Almighty Heavenly Father to lay down their working tools of life and join His Heavenly Kingdom. This includes the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders George Mills and Jack Wade.

Jesus said in John 14:1-3: “Do not let your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father’s house are many dwelling places; If it were not so, I would have told you; for if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you may also be.” (NASV).

We give thanks to the opportunity of sharing a part of our lives and fellowship with these past Brothers and for their acts of enrichment to our lives. We also pray that their works have been rewarded and that they are at perfect peace. We pray for comfort and peace from the Almighty Father to each family of our departed Brothers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reverend William G. Hewett
Grand Prelate

Received



**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA**

IN MEMORIAM



**George Flavious Mills
K.Y.G.C.H.
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2015 - 2016**

BORN: May 23, 1921

DIED: April 24, 2022

"No one hears the door that opens
When they pass beyond our call
Soft as the dropping petals of a rose.
One by one our loved ones are called.
But the memory of each one,
Like the fragrance of the rose
God sends to linger with us
Till our own life's door is closed.



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

IN MEMORIAM



Jack Colin Wade K.Y.G.C.H.(3) RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2011-2012

BORN: May 12, 1944

DIED: November 29, 2022

*"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 glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die."*

In MEMORIAM

Mobile #2

Thomas Franklin Burt, Jr
Ernest Chester Campbell, Sr.
Lewis Leroy Childs, Jr.
Leroy Nelson Collins
James Olin Devaney, Jr
Michael E. Garver
Mitchell George Lattof
Joseph G Naman, III
Kenneth Leon Sedlack
Preston Gene Smith
Donald Ray Summers
Edward Earl White, Jr.

Montgomery #4

Dr. Hugo Homer Rogers, Jr.

Huntsville #7

Raymond Lee Lamp

Cyrene #10

Scott Alldredge
Billy Joe Hutchings
Thomas Ray Jones
Raymond Leroy Maglothin
Claude Brandt May
Thomas Lee McCulloch
Calvin Russell Shirley
Robert H. Sloan
Sterling Lyle Wilkins
Walter Henry Windham

Tuscaloosa #13

W. F. Camp

Etowah #15

Jerry Melton Underwood

Anniston #23

Kenneth Benjamin Baker
Richard T. Byrd.
Robert Lowery
Barney Lane Newman
Charles Levon Parks
Howard Earl Walden

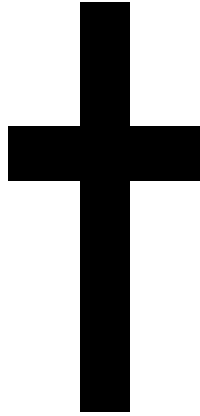
Dothan #25

Glen Franklin Hazenfield

Florence #39

Alvin Newton Burbank
Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.
Robert Lee Chard

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Inscribed to the

Memory Of

the Deceased Sir Knights

In

Other Grand Jurisdictions

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

The Alabama Committee on Youth is proud to report that both our Youth Groups remain healthy.

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Alabama and the Alabama State DeMolay have both shown growth this past year.

Rainbow held their Grand Assembly in June 2022 in Montgomery and Alabama DeMolay held their 100th anniversary Conclave in July 2022 in Decatur which was the location of Alabama's 1st conclave both events were very successful.

Sir Knight Burfitt was able to attend Supreme Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Oklahoma. The assembly was a site to behold. Many Rainbow Assemblies from all over the World represented our youth well. Several Alabama Rainbow members attended. Rainbow is alive and well.

Sir Knight Brian Autrey along with advisors, Senior DeMolays, and active DeMolays attended DeMolay International in Orlando in June

We are excited to report we had active DeMolays representing Alabama as they traveled to other jurisdictions this past year to Florida Georgia Tennessee Wisconsin Canada Minnesota Mississippi Connecticut Southern and Northern California

We had the privilege of DeMolay International congress officers visiting Alabama this year. We were happy to welcome the International Master Councilor and the International Congress Secretary.

Our Grand York Rite offers scholarships and I am pleased to report 4 out of the 5 scholarships that were awarded were members of our Masonic youth groups. Both the DeMolay and Rainbow also offer scholarships and two were given out.

Knighthood is a group for the older boys of DeMolay and they are new to Alabama. It was brought before the youth committee a request that the grand

commandry would be the sponsoring body of Rising Phoenix Priory. That request was referred to the Grand Commander and the request was granted.

On February 4th at Rising Virtue lodge in Tuscaloosa
The Knights of Rising Phoenix Priory held a special class in honor of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Ron Andress. The event was attended by DeMolays from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas along with the officers of the Grand Commandery of AL. The assembled saw excellent degree work and everyone shared a meal and a good day of fellowship.

Each year presents new opportunities for each of these Youth Groups to represent their respective Orders, the State of Alabama as a whole, and our Nation in new and exciting ways and learn even more about our Masonic Family.

Both youth groups are very active and involved. They represent the finest of our Alabama Youth. We are extremely proud of the work they are involved in.

Look for ways to be there and show that you care. Our actions will speak louder than words to show that we support them. Alabama Rainbow and Alabama DeMolay will continue to grow and stay very vital parts of our Masonic Family. We must realize that we are developing the leaders of tomorrow and the future Masons and Eastern Star members for the next generation. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Respectfully, submitted,
Brian K. Autrey, Chairman
William J. Burfitt, Jr

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

*To the Grand Commander Grand Commandery officers and members of the
Grand Commandery of Alabama.*

We have had a few reports from our Sir Knights communicating with their counterparts in other states. Sir Knight Ted Loggins gave us a report on his visit to Kentucky at their Grand Meeting stating he was treated well there and

represented Alabama in great fashion. Sir Knight Smokey Ferguson gave us his report on some of his travels. We ask that all sir knights send to this committee all correspondence they have

We thank the Grand Commander for allowing us to serve on this committee
We ask that this report be received and accepted.

Phillip Sherman, PGC, KCT
Ted A Loggins

Received

REPORT OF THE INTERNET COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

As of December 31, 2022, the Grand York Rite of Alabama has seen a total of 64,287 guests.

We host domain services for the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama, as well multiple other hosts.

Sub-domain currently in use by alyorkrite.org:

Knights Masons (3 Bodies), YRSC (4 bodies and OPC), A.M.D. (3 bodies), R.C.C (5 Bodies), HRAKTP, KYCH, SRICF (2 Bodies)

The committee encourages all bodies to continue using these sites to reference these sites for listing of Officers, Meeting location and times, etc... We also **STRONGLY** recommend that you submit all upcoming work to the Grand Lodge of Alabama's Events calendar.

We move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

Joel I. Bryant, KCT, Chairman
Ross C. Jackson
Brain P. McDonald

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

I must admit that this is probably one of the most disappointing and discouraging reports I have had to submit in several years – there have been only two submissions in the past year: the Christmas messages from our Grand Commander and our Grand Prelate. There may have been other years with similar numbers, but it has been quite some time. I know it is difficult to prepare articles, but I really needed support from the officers and membership in order to present news of our bodies. Although articles dealing with Templar matters have always had priority, I have tried to encourage our Sir Knights to offer news of our other York Rite Bodies that they deem appropriate for publication.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas F Craig, PGC, KCT, KTCH

Received

REPORT OF THE STATE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Alabama:

Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve on this committee and we thank everyone that has helped us this past year in our endeavors. For the year 2022, fundraising efforts to raise monies to support our charitable programs resulted in raising \$3,700.00. Currently we have available \$ 8,683.58 in our charitable reserves.

For the year 2023, we will, again, host the Knight Templar Charity Ball on July 22nd and we hope to finalize other fundraising projects in near days to come.

This committee recommends, to the Grand Commandery, follow these guidelines for the ensuing year.

1. The Grand Commandery send one fully funded minister to the Holy Land

2. The cost sharing arrangement be continued so that up to three additional ministers are funded for their travels within the US and the donor funds the overseas portion of the pilgrimage.

Grand Commander, thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to serve both this Grand Commandery and our Lord. We move the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wyatt, KCT Chairman
Scott Wadsworth
Chris Atchley
Nick Barnes
William Carter

Mark Stillwell, Vice Chairman
Brian Autrey
Lee Gibson
Johnny Strickland
Ricky Holden

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We are excited to report that we are finally able to resume the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This year the two which originally was scheduled for February of 2022 were finally able to go this year. In addition to the 2022 pilgrims we were able to send Rev Melanie Foust of Ozark who was nominated through Dothan Commandery # 25. We did receive another nomination but due to his church activities he had to decline the pilgrimage.

The Committee recommends the same guidelines for next year in selecting ministers for the Pilgrimage.

- 1) One Minister be selected in a competitive process from qualified minister nominated through the Commandery's.
- 2) The cost sharing program be continued for up to three qualified ministers in which we will pay the travel to and from New York City and the Grand Encampment expenses be borne by a group sponsoring the minister. The nomination form must still be approved by a Commandery in Alabama.

It is our hope this program continues to grow for many years as we have very few programs that touch society in so many positive ways. Not only are we spreading the word of Christ to the unsaved but we are also putting Templary in a positive light for our local communities.

Fraternally and Respectfully,
James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Chairman

Received

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 55TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand
Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We, your Committee on Knight Templar Eye Foundation of Alabama, are pleased to submit the following report:

We saw a very noticeable increase in donations once again this year starting March 1, 2022, until this Grand York Rite Session. We have continued to advertise the Grand Commander and Grand Masters Club programs and encourage the Sir Knights to contribute to the life sponsorship programs. Also, thanks to the efforts of our Sir Knights throughout the state, we had a great turnout for our annual Knight Templar Ball, held at a new venue this year, Central Restaurant in Montgomery. This event also contributes to the eye foundation, and it was reported by many to be a great event.

Since our last Grand Commandery Conclave we have seen seven new Grand Commander Club memberships established, as well as an additional sixteen Grand Masters Club memberships purchased totaling \$18,800. We are excited to see the Sir Knights of Alabama show up to support the KTEF of Alabama.

We are encouraging the numerous commandery's throughout the state to have their membership be at 100% in life sponsorships. Our goal is to see them reach 200% of life sponsorships within the next three years. At thirty dollars per member, we feel this goal could be easily attainable.

We commend our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Ronald Andress, for his dedicated efforts to enhance Templar Masonry to the Sir Knights of Alabama; as

well as his desire to see that the Knight Templar Eye Foundation goals were met. We wish to thank him for allowing us to serve him and our fraternity in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Bassett, KTCH, Chairman (Grp.1)
Michael Hallman (Grp.2)
Scott Wadsworth (Grp.3)
Mark Stillwell (Grp.4)
Will Harper (Grp.5)

Received

GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

ALASKA	Nick Barnes
ARIZONA.....	Vacant
ARKANSAS	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
CALIFORNIA.....	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
COLORADO.....	Vacant
CONNECTICUT	Vacant
DELAWARE	*Richard R. Losch
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Chris Atchley
FLORIDA	Vacant
GEORGIA	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.
HAWAII.....	Vacant
IDAHO.....	Ronald G. Andress
ILLINOIS	Parker Moore
INDIANA	Williams “Doug” J. Burfitt, Jr.
IOWA.....	***Robert D. Moseson
KANSAS.....	James David Wyatt, Jr.
KENTUCKY	Mark Stillwell
LOUISIANA.....	***Wayne D. Jordan
MAINE	***J T Roberts
MARYLAND.....	Vacant
MASSACHUSETTS & RHODE ISLAND	Kurt Eldridge
MICHIGAN	*Jerry Burfitt
MINNESOTA	C. Sterling Hughes
MISSISSIPPI	Emory J. Ferguson
MISSOURI	***Raymond C. Dunn
MONTANA	***Brent R. Haller
NEBRASKA	***Holt Scogin
NEVADA	Ted Loggins
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	***Ronald Pynes
NEW JERSEY	Vacant
NEW MEXICO	Maurice C. Himes
NEW YORK	Vacant
NORTH CAROLINA	Johnny Strickland
OHIO	*Phillip J. Sherman
OKLAHOMA.....	***Alan Herrington
OREGON	***Keith Zech

PENNSYLVANIA ***Jerry Ogletree
SOUTH CAROLINA ***Roger A. Simmons
SOUTH DAKOTA Vacant
TENNESSEE Lee Gibson
TEXAS Vacant
UTAH Scott Wadsworth
VERMONT..... Michael Feld
VIRGINIA Tommy Bassett
WASHINGTON Jamie A. Smith
WEST VIRGINIA ***Kelly McMichael
WISCONSIN Joel Bryant
WYOMING Rani Christi

**Denotes number of consecutive years absent.*

ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

**REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
ALABAMA**

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Alaska	Nick Barnes 608 10 th Court South Birmingham, AL 35205	Vacant
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Georgia		Program Discontinued
Hawaii	Vacant	Vacant
Idaho	Ronald G. Andress 2509 Lakewood Circle Tuscaloosa, AL 35405	Vacant
Illinois	Parker D. Moore 2413 Crestview Dr. SE Decatur, AL 35601	Daryl W. Slock 851 N. Fairway Drive Palatine, 60067
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Minnesota	C. Sterling Hughes 3682 County Road 54 Ozark, AL 36360	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. 434 12 th Avenue S S. St. Paul, MN 35075
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson 1615 Lakeview Drive NW Cullman, AL 35055	Vacant
Missouri	Raymond C. Dunn 376 College Park NW Huntsville, AL 35805	Frank R. VonGeyso 418 Marina Court Smithville, 64039-8382
Montana	Brent R. Haller 5767 Zeigler Blvd. Mobile, AL 36608	C. Thomas Bersuch Lewistown
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North Dakota		Program Discontinued
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Vermont	Michael Feld 129 Mill Ridge Dr. Madison, AL 35758	Carl D. Shoemaker 159 State Street Windsor, VT 05089
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Wyoming	Rani Christi PO Box 95 Titus, AL 36080	James K. Hibird 613 Osburn Drive Douglas, WY 82633

ATTEST: James C. McGee., PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

PROPOSALS & AMENDMENTS

REGC called on PGC Jamie Smith, Chairman of Jurisprudence to present the proposed amendments to the Constitution & ByLaws.

2023 Legislative Call Call Item # 1

Proposed by: SK Brian McDonald, Captain General, Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: to allow the use of the Templar Apron

Amend: The Uniform Code of the Grand Commandery

TEMPLAR APRON

Whereas, Chapter XXII Section 261 of the Grand Encampment Constitution was amended at the 68th Triennial Convention that a Grand Commandery may provide for the wearing of a Templar Apron in its Uniform Regulations. A Grand Commandery may specify with which of its authorized uniforms a Templar Apron may be worn.

Therefore, be it resolved the Grand Commandery of Alabama Statutes be amended by adding a new Chapter, consisting of one new section, as follows:

Aprons

(To be inserted in a separate section before **OPTIONAL TEMPLAR UNIFORM**)

It is permissible for Grand Commandery Officers and members of Constituent Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described in Sections 250 (Dress Uniform), 250a (Cap & Mantle), 251 (Fatigue Uniform), 259 (Summer Uniform) as follows:

- A. Traditional Apron. A Traditional Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the Rank of Commander or Past Commander and Above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an Asylum where only Knights Templar are present



B. Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in Gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacture an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.



C. If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a tiled Masonic Lodge, he shall NOT wear such apron as is in accord with the Grand Lodge of Alabama F&AM.

Gold Traditional - <https://www.fratline.net/shop/knights-templar-store/knights-templar-store-other-k-t-items/knights-templar-past-commander-apron-hand-embroidered-copy/>
<https://www.lafsco.com/knight-templar-apron-gold-braid-600-p-1464.html>

Silver Traditional - <https://www.fratline.net/shop/knights-templar-store/knights-templar-store-other-k-t-items/knights-templar-apron-hand-embroidered/>
<https://www.lafsco.com/knight-templar-apron-silver-braid-601-p-1465.html>

Gold Contemporary - <https://www.lafsco.com/knight-templar-apron-white-gold-braid-602-p-1466.html>

Silver Contemporary - <https://www.lafsco.com/knight-templar-apron-white-silver-braid-603-p-1467.html>

Gold Reversible - https://www.etsy.com/listing/1207468014/knight-templar-reversible-100-lambskin?click_key=1d2dceb2692164d5f3a66f9e4b6f335b9b0f3c91%3A1207468014&click_sum=45fbcf07&ref=related-1&frs=1

Silver Reversible - https://www.etsy.com/listing/1171645957/knight-templar-reversible-100-lambskin?click_key=1290ea98e3a24024c1ca7c3e1496a1377b4f9c87%3A1171645957&click_sum=57615d48&rec_type=ss&ref=pla_similar_listing_top-1&frs=1

Resolution Failed

2023 Legislative Call Call Item # 2

Proposed by: SK James C McGee, PGC, Grand Recorder, Past Commander,
Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: to update the Constitution to current fees (THIS IS NOT A FEE
INCREASE)

Amend: Proposal to amend the Constitution

Currently Reads

ARTICLE II OF REVENUE

Section 9. The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from fees charged for Dispensations, Charters and other instruments issued under its authority, as follows:

(a) For a Dispensation, one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be paid in advance. (b) For a Charter, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), to be paid in advance.

And from the following contributions levied upon the constituent Commanderies:

(c)(i) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, seventeen dollars (\$17.00). (ii) In accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual assessment of nine dollars (\$9.00) per member each year is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, based upon the dues paying membership therein beginning September 1, 2007, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment by the respective Grand and Subordinate Commanderies not later than June 1, 2008, and shall continue until such time as the Grand Encampment shall levy additional increases. Such additional increase in per capita tax by the Grand Encampment shall automatically increase the per capita specified in this section by a like amount. (d) Every Commandery shall be entitled to deduct from its annual per capita tax the amount of such tax for one year for each Knight shown on the current year's Annual Return as suspended N.P.D. provided such suspension was for two years non-payment of dues. (e) Every Commandery shall be required to remit to the Grand Commandery per capita tax for reinstated members for each year for which dues have been collected. (f) There shall be attached to the Annual Return of each Commandery making deductions or additions, as above prescribed, a certificate signed by the Recorder of the Commandery, explaining in detail the deductions or additions made.

To be amended to read;

ARTICLE II OF REVENUE

Section 9. The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from fees charged for Dispensations, Charters and other instruments issued under its authority, as follows:

(a) For a Dispensation, one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be paid in advance. (b) For a Charter, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), to be paid in advance.

And from the following contributions levied upon the constituent Commanderies:

(c)(i) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, **eighteen dollars (\$18.00)** ~~seventeen dollars (\$17.00)~~. (ii) In accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual assessment of **ten dollars (\$10.00)** ~~nine dollars (\$9.00)~~ per member each year is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, ~~based upon the dues paying membership therein beginning September 1, 2007, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment by the respective Grand and Subordinate Commanderies not later than June 1, 2008, and shall continue until such time as the Grand Encampment shall levy additional increases. Such~~ **Any** additional increase in per capita tax by the Grand Encampment shall automatically increase the per capita specified in this section by a like amount. (d) Every Commandery shall be entitled to deduct from its annual per capita tax the amount of such tax for one year for each Knight shown on the current year's Annual Return as suspended N.P.D. provided such suspension was for two years non-payment of dues. (e) Every Commandery shall be required to remit to the Grand Commandery per capita tax for reinstated members for each year for which dues have been collected. (f) There shall be attached to the Annual Return of each Commandery making deductions or additions, as above prescribed, a certificate signed by the Recorder of the Commandery, explaining in detail the deductions or additions made.

Passed by majority, will lay over for next Grand Convocation

2023 Legislative Call Call Item # 3

Proposed by: SK James C McGee, PGC, Grand Recorder, Past Commander, Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: to standardize the submission of required date to receive resolutions to change Constitution.

Amend: Proposal to amend the Constitution

Currently Reads

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

HOW AMENDED

Section 2. This Constitution can be altered or amended only by resolution, in writing, stating the proposed alteration(s) or amendment(s) and received in the Grand Office not later than January 1st, preceding the Grand Conclave and referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence and if approved as being in proper form, all Constituent Commanderies be notified not later than February 1st preceding the Grand Conclave. The altered or amended proposal(s) can then be presented at the Grand Conclave, and if approved by one-third of the members present and entered in the Proceedings, can at the next Annual Conclave be concurred in by a two-third vote of the members present or if unanimously concurred in by the members present shall be declared adopted at once.

To be amended to read;

**ARTICLE V
AMENDMENTS**

HOW AMENDED

Section 2. This Constitution can be altered or amended only by resolution, in writing, stating the proposed alteration(s) or amendment(s) and received in the Grand Office not later than **December 1st** ~~January 1st~~, preceding the Grand Conclave and referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence and if approved as being in proper form, all Constituent Commanderies be notified not later than **January 15th** ~~February 1st~~ preceding the Grand Conclave. The altered or amended proposal(s) can then be presented at the Grand Conclave, and if approved by one-third of the members present and entered in the Proceedings, can at the next Annual Conclave be concurred in by a two-third vote of the members present or if unanimously concurred in by the members present shall be declared adopted at once.

Adopted

**2023 Legislative Call
Call Item # 4**

Proposed by: SK James C McGee, PGC, Grand Recorder, Past Commander,
Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: to standardize the submission of required date to receive resolutions to change Bylaws.

Amend: Proposal to amend the Bylaws

Currently Reads

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at the Annual Conclave by proposal in writing and received at the Grand Office not later than January 1st preceding the Annual Conclave and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and if approved as being in proper form, all constituent Commanderies shall be notified in writing not later than February 1st preceding the Annual Conclave. The altered or amended By-Laws must be concurred in by at least two-thirds of the members present for their adoption.

To be amended to read;

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at the Annual Conclave by proposal in writing and received at the Grand Office not later than December ~~January~~ 1st preceding the Annual Conclave and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and if approved as being in proper form, all constituent Commanderies shall be notified in writing not later than January 15th ~~February 1st~~ preceding the Annual Conclave. The altered or amended By-Laws must be concurred in by at least two-thirds of the members present for their adoption.

Adopted

**2023 Legislative Call
Call Item # 5**

Proposed by: SK James C McGee, PGC, Grand Recorder, Past Commander,
Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: to standardize the annual return date

Amend: Proposal to amend the By Laws

Currently Reads

**ARTICLE V
FEES AND DUES
ANNUAL RETURNS**

Section 4. The returns of each constituent Commandery shall be made out, up to the first day of December in each year, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, and shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder no later than December 10 with the requisite fees and dues. Any supplemental report for the month of December shall be filed by December 31st. Any Commandery that shall neglect to make returns or to pay its fees and dues for two successive years, shall be stricken from the roll of the Grand Commandery, and its charter declared forfeited; but upon proper application to the Grand Commandery at its next Annual Conclave, and upon making due returns and paying its fees and dues, together with such interest as may have accrued thereon, then such Commandery may be restored to its former rank and privileges.

To be amended to read;

**ARTICLE V
FEES AND DUES
ANNUAL RETURNS**

Section 4. The returns of each constituent Commandery shall be made ~~out, up to the first day of December in each year,~~ in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, and shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder no later than December ~~31~~ **10** with the requisite fees and dues. ~~Any supplemental report for the month of December shall be filed by December 31st.~~ Any Commandery that shall neglect to make returns or to pay its fees and dues for two successive years, shall be stricken from the roll of the Grand Commandery, and its charter declared forfeited; but upon proper application to the Grand Commandery at its next Annual Conclave, and upon making due returns and paying its fees and dues, together with such interest as may have accrued thereon, then such Commandery may be restored to its former rank and privileges.

Adopted

**2023 Legislative Call
Call Item # 6**

Proposed by: SK James C McGee, PGC, Grand Recorder, Past Commander, Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: to update the Constitution to current fees (THIS A FEE INCREASE)

Amend: Proposal to amend the Constitution

Currently Reads

**ARTICLE II
OF REVENUE**

Section 9. The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from fees charged for Dispensations, Charters and other instruments issued under its authority, as follows:

(a) For a Dispensation, one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be paid in advance. (b) For a Charter, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), to be paid in advance.

And from the following contributions levied upon the constituent Commanderies:

(c)(i) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, seventeen dollars (\$17.00). (ii) In accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual assessment of nine dollars (\$9.00) per member each year is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, based upon the dues paying membership therein beginning September 1, 2007, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment by the respective Grand and Subordinate Commanderies not later than June 1, 2008, and shall continue until such time as the Grand Encampment shall levy additional increases. Such additional increase in per capita tax by the Grand Encampment shall automatically increase the per capita specified in this section by a like amount. (d) Every Commandery shall be entitled to deduct from its annual per capita tax the amount of such tax for one year for each Knight shown on the current year's Annual Return as suspended N.P.D. provided such suspension was for two years non-payment of dues. (e) Every Commandery shall be required to remit to the Grand Commandery per capita tax for reinstated members for each year for which dues have been collected. (f) There shall be attached to the Annual Return of each Commandery making deductions or additions, as above prescribed, a certificate signed by the Recorder of the Commandery, explaining in detail the deductions or additions made.

To be amended to read;

**ARTICLE II
OF REVENUE**

Section 9. The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from fees charged for Dispensations, Charters and other instruments issued under its authority, as follows:

- (a) For a Dispensation, one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be paid in advance. (b) For a Charter, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), to be paid in advance.

And from the following contributions levied upon the constituent Commanderies:

- (c)(i) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, eighteen dollars (\$18.00) ~~seventeen dollars (\$17.00)~~ which will be adjusted for inflation each year as put forth by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Consumer Price Index for All Consumers (CPI-U) as of December of each year for each member of the subordinate Commandery. (ii) In accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual assessment of **ten dollars (\$10.00)** ~~nine dollars (\$9.00)~~ per member each year is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, ~~based upon the dues paying membership therein beginning September 1, 2007, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment by the respective Grand and Subordinate Commanderies not later than June 1, 2008, and shall continue until such time as the Grand Encampment shall levy additional increases. Such~~ **Any** additional increase in per capita tax by the Grand Encampment shall automatically increase the per capita specified in this section by a like amount. (d) Every Commandery shall be entitled to deduct from its annual per capita tax the amount of such tax for one year for each Knight shown on the current year's Annual Return as suspended N.P.D. provided such suspension was for two years non-payment of dues. (e) Every Commandery shall be required to remit to the Grand Commandery per capita tax for reinstated members for each year for which dues have been collected. (f) There shall be attached to the Annual Return of each Commandery making deductions or additions, as above prescribed, a certificate signed by the Recorder of the Commandery, explaining in detail the deductions or additions made.**

Passed by majority, will lay over for next Grand Convocation

MINUTES OF THE LAST CONCLAVE

Sir Knight James C. McGee moved that the minutes as published in the 2022 Proceedings that were distributed and posted on our website be approved as written. Motion seconded and carried.

Adopted.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Sir Knight James C. McGee moved that the first time out of state visitors be made Honorary Members of this Grand Commandery and be received and acknowledged as such. Motion seconded and carried.

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA CONCLAVE 2023

The RE Grand Commander recognized Deputy Grand Commander Sterling Hughes who made a motion that the next Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama will be held in the Birmingham metro area, Alabama on February 24-26, 2024.

Adopted

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Teko Foly, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia who brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the District.

PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AWARDS

Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Ronald Andress selected Sir Knight Ted A. Loggins of DeMolay No. 14 to receive the Grand Encampments KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Award. The presentation was made at the Grand Commandery Conclave on Saturday February 25th, 2023 by SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America and assisted by SK James C. McGee – Deputy of the College of Honors in Alabama. Sir Knight Loggins was very humble in his acceptance of this distinguished award and thanked Grand Commander Andress for such an honor to be bestowed upon him.

The College of Honors was pleased to announce that Sir Knight Winston Each. of Cyrene Commander No. 10 is the 2023 recipient of the Grand Encampment Knight Commander of the Temple Award. The presentation was made by Sir Knight James C. McGee – Deputy of the College of Honors in Alabama and SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad – Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America

*ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder*

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR Of the United States of America KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

"The Knights Templar Cross of Honor shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service to the Order of Knights Templar, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or Member. In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored and each case shall be decided upon its own merits. No posthumous awards may be made." (*Grand Encampment regulation.*)

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR (Est. 1966)

*Alexander Murray Weems	1966
*Charles Curtis McCoy	1967
*Horace Richard Batchelor	1968
+William G. Caffey, Jr.	1969
*John F. Welch, Sr.	1970
*James Merlin Christopher, Sr.	1971
*Earl Pervine Woodall.....	1972
*John Sebastian Gamundi.....	1973
*Arlie Eldon Blackburn	1974
*James Allen Bradford	1975
*Norman Curtis Wilkinson	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.....	1977
*Charles Carl Graham	1978
*Lawrence Kline	1979
*John Doyal Prince, Jr.	1980
*Loyd D. Durden	1981
*Charles William McDonald.....	1982
*Charles Robert Pate	1983
*Richard A. Chapman.....	1984
*Bobby Clyde Park	1985
+Robert Lee Byars, Jr.....	1986
*James Paul Gray	1987
*Ernest Latroy Bishop, Sr.	1988
Thomas Franklin Craig.....	1989
*MacArthur Davis	1990
*Frederick W. Vaughan.....	1991
*Homer Lee Tidwell	1992
*Walter J. Krueger.....	1993
%Billy Allen Clark.....	1994
*William Jesse Bice	1995
*Dan Maddox.....	1996
*Robert Frank Elkin.....	1997
*Patrick B. Bleakley.....	1998
*Henry B. Tyra, Jr.	1999
*Howard Enoch Hayes	2000
Brent R. Haller	2001
Raymond C. Dunn	2002
*Jimmy D. O'Dell	2003
*George F. Mills	2004
*Ronald L. Thomas.....	2005

+Dennis Peterson	2006
Robert Patrick Donahey	2007
William Jerry Burfitt	2008
James C. McGee	2009
#Arthur Lee Campbell, III	2010
*Kenneth Benjamin Baker	2011
*Oliver B. Brand, MD	2012
C. Sterling Hughes	2013
Michael F. Feld	2014
Richard “Rusty” C. Beck	2015
*James David “Chief” Glenn	2016
Kelly A. McMichael.....	2017
Roger Kim Harrison	2018
James David Wyatt, Jr.	2019
Thomas Roland Bassett.....	2020
Lee Gibson.....	2021
Joel Isaac Bryant.....	2022
Ted A. Loggins	2023

**Denotes deceased, +Denotes suspended, #Renounced Masonry, % Demitted*

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE

George Leon Marshal, Jr	2019
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

*Joseph D. Brackin	
*Thomas W. Mann.....	
*Arthur C. Harding	
Emory J. Ferguson	
*Erskine K. Smith.....	1994
*Charles W. McDonald.....	1994
*Charles Robert Pate	1994
*Frederick W. Vaughn.....	1994
*W. Malcolm Killingsworth	1996

*Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	1996
Thomas F. Craig	1996
Michael L. Jones	1996
*Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	1998
*MacArthur Davis	1998
*William M. Newsome, Jr.	1998
L. Patrick Wetzel.....	1998
*Henry B. Tyra, Jr.	1998
*Henry G. Terry	1998
+William C. Havens	1998
Owen E. Gore	2004
Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	2004
*Bobby R. Terry	2004
Brent R. Haller	2004
Maurice C. Himes	2004
Karl F. Reed, II	2004
James C. McGee	2004
Phillip J. Sherman	2005
*Bobby C. Park	2005
*George F. Mills	2005
*Robert T. Crawford.....	2005
Wayne D. Jordan	2005
Roger A. Simmons	2005
*Ray E. Dotson	2006
*Joe D. Lee	2006
*Jimmy D. O'Dell	2007
Hiram O. Williams, Jr.....	2007
George L. Marshall, Jr.	2007
Patrick Robert Donahey	2007
*Billy A. Rikard	2008
Raymond C. Dunn	2008
*Robert F. Elkin	2008
#Arthur Lee Campbell, III	2008
*James E. Qualls	2008
William J. Burfitt.....	2009
+Gregory L. Battles	2009
Ronald G. Andress.....	2009

*Ronald Thomas	2009
Larry W. Stinson	2009
*Jack C. Wade	2010
Thomas H. Nesbit	2010
*H. Spencer Stewart	2010
James A. Smith	2011
*Paul R. Drinkard, Jr.	2011
*William C. Snyder	2011
*William H. (JR) Bledsoe, Jr.	2011
*Marion Pat George, Jr.	2012
*Frank L. Roton	2012
Ned Cox	2012
*James S. Blanteno	2012
Roger K. Harrison	2013
+D. Lamar Roy	2013
Robert A. Mayer	2013
*Michael E. Addams	2014
*Kenneth B. Baker	2014
+Charles A. Hartley	2014
C. Sterling Hughes	2014
Robert D. Moseson	2015
Richard R. Losch	2016
*Lewis L. Childs, Jr.	2016
William J. “Doug” Burfitt, Jr.	2017
Sidney R. Cooley, Sr.	2018
Richard C. Beck.....	2019
Thomas G. Lott.....	2020
A. Glenn Welborn.....	2021
J. David Wyatt	2022
Winston Each	2023

**Denotes deceased, +Denotes suspended, #Renounced Masonry, % Demitted*

GRAND ENCAMPMENT COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

*Sarah B. Garrett.....

Bobbie N. Ferguson.....	
Shirley Hughes.....	
*Charlotte B. Harding.....	2003
*Betty Krueger	2003
Ramona McDonald.....	2003
*Shirley Brackin.....	2005
Sally Simmons	2005
Priscilla Sherman	2008
*Nancy C. Davis.....	2008
*Martha A. Lee.....	2008
Brenda Wade	2008
Lynn Grogan	2008
Gayle Thomas.....	2008
Peggy Gore	2009
Cynthia D. “Cindy” Williams.....	2009
*Margarette Qualls	2009
Helanne Jordan	2009
Louise Moats	2009
Lena Burfitt	2010
*Libby Marshall	2010
Stephanie O’Dell	2010
*Violet Spencer	2010
Betty M. Smith	2011
Martha J. Stinson	2011
Jeanne M. Stewart	2011
*Charles M. Mills(“Charlie”).....	2011
Lavanna Brazil	2012
Myra Jean Each	2012
Debbie S. Lee.....	2012
Sylvia M. Blanteno	2013
Dolores B. Ham	2013
Anne George	2015
Donna McGee	2018
Aprille Andress	2019
Kimberly Lane.....	2019
Rhetta Carter.....	2020
Renee Burfitt.....	2022

*Denotes Deceased

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIAL AND REGISTRATION

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We your committee on Credentials and Registration, submit the following report:

There are present and registered with this Committee 13 Grand Officers and 6 Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

There are 11 Subordinate Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Alabama, and of these 11 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 163rd Annual Convocation.

We have examined the credentials of Commandery Officers or their Proxies, and the following is our conclusion:

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT	24
TOTAL PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT	34
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE	64

Commanderies Not Represented

None

We wish to thank the Grand Secretary and the Grand Commander for their support and assistance in making our work easier at this Grand Commandery. We have enjoyed the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hallman, Chairman
Thomas Fields – Member

Adopted

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

***Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and/or their proxies present
from Constituent Commanderies.***

2. Mobile	Mike Gill	Commander	Proxy
	Jim Fleischamel	Generalissimo	Proxy
	Brian McDonald	Captain General	
4. Montgomery	Robert Levin	Commander	
	David Jordan	Generalissimo	
	Brian Shirley	Captain General	Proxy
7. Huntsville	Crandon Creel	Commander	Proxy
	David Weaver	Generalissimo	Proxy
	Not Represented	Captain General	
10. Cyrene	Ray Adams	Commander	
	Joel Bryant	Generalissimo	
	Hal Hendrix	Captain General	
13. Tuscaloosa	William Carter	Commander	Proxy
	William Hewett	Generalissimo	
	Not Represented	Captain General	
14. DeMolay	Robert Legg	Commander	Proxy
	Ronald Beard	Generalissimo	Proxy
	Michael Hallman	Captain General	
15. Etowah	Not Represented	Commander	
	Todd Roden	Generalissimo	
	Not Represented	Captain General	
23. Anniston	Scott Laminack	Commander	
	Nick Adams	Generalissimo	
	Not Represented	Captain General	
25. Dothan	John Shipes	Commander	
	Allen Brackin	Generalissimo	
	Brian Smith	Captain General	Proxy

39. Florence	Ryan Roberson	Commander	Proxy
	Not Represented	Generalissimo	
	Not Represented	Captain General	
45. Lee	Kurt Eldridge	Commander	Proxy
	Not Represented	Generalissimo	
	Not Represented	Captain General	

Side Note: Even though some Sir Knights signed in as a proxy for the top 3 officers, in the Commandery there is only one man one vote according to our constitution and the Grand Encampment's Constitution.

ATTEST: James C. McGee., PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT

- 2. Mobile: Bruce Garrison
- 4. Montgomery: Zachary Holmes, Rani Christi Bobby Jordan Brian Autrey, John Elton Smith, Jr.
- 7. Huntsville: Emory J. Ferguson, Roger Kim Harrison, Doug Burfitt, Drew McKay, Lee Gibson, Michael Feld, Jason Crowe
- 10. Cyrene: B. Wayne Sparks, Hiram O. Williams, Jr., Nick Barnes, Amos G. Welborn, Thomas Fields, Shannon White
- 13. Tuscaloosa:
- 14. Decatur: John Strickland, Ted Loggins, Gregg Parnell, John Appleton, Jeff Greene
- 15. Etowah: Chris Atchley, Nathan Godwin, Don Beasley
- 23. Anniston: Rusty C. Beck, Thomas Langley, Alan Rhody, Ricky Kilgore
- 25. Dothan: Maurice Himes
- 39. Florence: James C. McGee.
- 45. Lee: Troy Brown, Kurt Eldridge

ATTEST: James C. McGee., PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder

ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2023-2024

There being no further business to come before this Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. All the advancing officers, except the Eminent Grand Warder, were elected by acclamation and advanced one station. Sir Knight Thomas H. Nesbit, PGC of Dothan Commandery #25 was retained as Grand Treasurer and Sir Knight James C. McGee, PGC of Mobile Commandery #2 was retained as Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Ted A. Loggins of DeMolay Commandery #14 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Grand Warder. This Grand Commandery was declared at recess for the installation of elected and appointed officers by Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Ronald Andress.

*ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder*

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS 2023-2024

At the conclusion of the Grand Commandery Annual Business Session on Saturday, February 25th, 2023 SK Jeff Bolstad, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America declared the Grand Commandery open for the purpose of Installation. The appointed and elected officers were duly installed by SK Jeff Bolstad. SK Teddy Grogan, PGC was Installing Marshal, and SK Ronald Andress, PGC was Installing Prelate. Sir Knight Ronald Andress received his Past Grand Commander's Certificate and Past Grand Commander's Regalia. He also received his permanent membership in the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

*ATTEST: James McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder*

ADJOURNMENT

All business of this Annual Conclave being concluded Sir Knight Sterling Hughes, Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the 163rd Conclave of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned after the Grand Prelate had pronounced the benediction.

*ATTEST James C. McGee., PGC, KCT, KTCH
Grand Recorder*



**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
SIR KNIGHT C. STERLING HUGHES
2023-2024**

C. Sterling Hughes
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2023-2024

C. Sterling Hughes was born July 30, 1937, in Dale County, Alabama, the oldest of two children of Houston and Hettie Snell Hughes. He attended grammar and junior high school at Skipperville, Alabama, and graduated from Ozark High School, Ozark, Alabama, in 1955. He attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, from 1955-1959.

Companion Hughes and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 38 years. He has three sons and she has two sons and a daughter. Together, they have six children and six grandchildren.

He worked as a highway engineer and superintendent for B. F. Williams Construction Company, Ozark, Alabama, for 32 years and two summers. He served the City of Ozark, Alabama, as Public Works Director from January 1990 until August 2002, when he retired.

He attends Asbury United Methodist Church in Dale County and has served as choir director, treasurer, Sunday school teacher, and is currently chairman of the church council and coffee and tea maker for Wednesday night Bible study and supper.

Masonic History

Sir Knight Hughes was initiated, passed, and raised at Clinton Lodge No. 287 in 1966, where he served as Worshipful Master for 18 years. He served as District Lecturer of District 26A of Barbour and Dale Counties from 1993-1995 and District 34 from 1995-2007. He served as Junior Grand Deacon in 1991-1992 under Grand Master M. W. Killingsworth, Grand Marshal in 2001-2002 under Grand Master Roger A. Simmons, and Grand Marshal in 2006-2007 under Grand Master James A. Smith. At the November 2011, Grand Lodge Session, he was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. He also serves as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Turkey near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Sir Knight Hughes received the Capitular Degrees in Dothan Chapter No. 113 in 1994 and served as High Priest in 2003-2004. He served as Grand High Priest in 2009-2010. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan

near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. He received the Cryptic Degrees in Dothan Council No. 68. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1995-1996 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2016-2017. He received the Chivalric Orders in Dothan Commandery No. 25 in 1994 and Commander in 2000-2001.

Sir Knight Hughes is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine (Past Sovereign and Intendant General of Alabama), York Rite College, Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, and a Noble of Alcazar Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Sir Knight Hughes received his 32d Degree in Scottish Rite in 1970, his Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1985, and his 33d Degree in 1989. He served as the SGIG's personal representative in the Valley of Dothan.



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS
2023-2024**

Seated Left to Right: C. Sterling Hughes-Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sidney R. Cooley Sr.-Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, William (Doug) Burditt-Eminent Generalissimo, J. David Wyatt, Jr.-Eminent Grand Captain General, Thomas R. Bassett-Eminent Grand Senior Warden, William A. Carter-Eminent Grand Junior Warden

Standing Left to Right: J. Allen Brackin-Eminent Grand Prelate, Thomas H. Nesbitt, PGC-Eminent Grand Treasurer, James C. McGee, PGC-Eminent Grand Recorder, A. Mark Stilwell-Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, W. Scott Wadsworth-Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Ted A. Loggins-Eminent Grand Warden, Zachary Holmes-Eminent Grand Sentinel

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY
ELECTED AND APPOINTED LINE OFFICERS
2023-2024**

C. Sterling Hughes (Shirley) 3682 County Road 54 Ozark, AL 36360	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sidney R. Cooley, Sr. (Blanca) 255 Lee Road 247 Salem, AL 36874	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
William “Doug” J. Burfitt, Jr. (Renee’) 144 Dexter Circle Madison, AL 35757	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
James David Wyatt, Jr. (Joni) 24 County Road 278 Enterprise, AL 36330	Eminent Grand Captain General
Thomas R. Bassett (Julie) 137 Meadow Farm Lane Sylacauga, AL 35151	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
William A. Carter (Rhetta) 7102 Harperwood Street Northport, AL 35473	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. J. Allen Brackin (Mary Beth) 2100 Hardwick Dr. Dothan, AL 36303	Eminent Grand Prelate
Thomas H. Nesbit, KCT, PGC 2047 Taylor Road Dothan, AL 36301	Eminent Grand Treasurer
James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH (Donna) P. O. Box 100333 Birmingham, AL 35210-0333	Eminent Grand Recorder

Mark Stillwell (Carol)
9360 US Highway 280E
Salem, AL 36874

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

W. Scott Wadsworth (Melinda)
5130 Trussville Clay Rd.
Trussville, AL 35173-3515

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

Ted A. Loggins (Pam)
30631 Bob Coffman Rd
Elkmont, AL 35620

Eminent Grand Warder

Zach Holmes (Danielle)
127 Auburn Hill Road
Coosada, AL 36020

Eminent Grand Sentinel

*ATTEST: James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KCTH
– Grand Recorder*

Grand Commandery of Alabama Committees 2023-2024

AUDIT		
Michael Feld, Chairman	129 Mill Ridge Drive	Madison, AL 35758
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Teddy R. Grogan, PGC, Chm	PO Box 1070	Millbrook, AL 36054
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Nick Barnes	113 Amber Trace	Trussville, AL. 35173
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Johnny Strickland	16673 Raspberry Lane	Athens, AL 35613
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Brian Autrey	2894 Pleasant Hill Road	Wetumpka, AL 36092
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Nick Barnes	113 Amber Trace	Trussville, AL. 35173
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Mark Stillwell	9360 US Highway 280 E	Salem, AL 36874
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**Register of Subordinate Commanderys Under the Jurisdiction
of the Grand Commandery of Alabama
June 2022-2023**

Commander Generalissimo Captain General	No. Name Location Assembly Date	Secretary Address Phone
Henry Beaver II Holt Scogin Brian McDonald	#2 Mobile Mobile York Rite Temple 4 th Mon @ 7pm	James C. McGee 307 South Drive Fairhope, AL 36532
Robert Levin David Jordan Bryan Shirley	#4 Montgomery Air Force One Lodge 1 st Tues @ 7pm	Rani Christie PO Box 95 Titus, AL 36080
John Meyers Jeremy New Chad Thrasher	#7 Huntsville Helion Loge #1 2 nd Tues @ 7pm	Lee Gibson 24 Forrest Meadow Blvd SW Huntsville, AL 35824
H. Ray Adams Joel Bryant Willis Hendrix	#10 Cyrene Birmingham Metro York Rite 3 rd Sat @ 9am	Nick Barnes 608 Tenth Court S Birmingham, AL 35205
Robert Alexander Rev. William Hewett Christopher Willis	#13 Tuscaloosa Rising Virtue Lodge 2 nd Tues. @ 6pm	Ron Andress 2509 Lakewood Circle Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
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Samuel Thrower Troy Brown Jason J. Hess	#45 Lee Wilson Williams Lodge #351 3 rd Tues @ 7pm	Sidney Cooley 255 Lee Rd 247 Salem, AL 36874

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS 2021-2024

David J. Kussman	Most Eminent Grand Master
Jeffrey A. Bolstad	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master
Jack M. Harper	Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
David W. Studley	Right Eminent Grand Captain General
Bobby Simmons	Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
Lawrence E. Tucker	Right Eminent Grand Recorder

Living Past Grand Encampment Grand Masters

James M. Ward	1997-2000
Kenneth B. Fisher	2003-2006
William H. Koon, II	2007-2012
David Goodwin	2013-2015
Jeffrey N. Nelson	2018-2021

Southeastern Department Commander

Robert Waldron	Right Eminent Department Commander
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PAST GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS FROM ALABAMA

Walter L. Bragg*	R. E. Deputy Grand Master	1877-1880
Robert L. Strong**	S. E. Department Commander	1949-1952
Hoyt McClendon*	S. E. Department Commander	1949-1952
Joseph D Brackin*	S. E. Department Commander	1998-2001
James C. McGee	S. E. Department Commander	2018-2021

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**69th GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR****August 18-21, 2024****Salt Lake City, Utah****Grand Encampment Committee Members from Alabama
2021-2024**

George L. Marshall, Jr., - Grand Master's Advisory Committee
George L. Marshall, Jr., - KT Magazine Editorial Review Board
George L. Marshall, Jr., - Chairman History Committee
George L. Marshall, Jr., - Templar Education Development Committee
James C. McGee - College of Honors
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PROCEEDING OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA (Commandery)

The **42nd** Annual Conclave of Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held at the Birmingham Metro York Rite Temple, Birmingham, Alabama on **October 8, 2022**. Knight Crusader of the East **Thomas Nesbit** opened the Conclave at 1:30 pm and named Crusaders **William Carter** and **Phillip Sherman** to the elections committee. Candidates were duly elected and the business of the Conclave was deferred until after the Knighting Ceremony.

Officers for the Knighting Ceremony were:

Thomas Nesbit	Knight Crusader of the East
Doug Burfitt, Jr	Knight Crusader of the West
Mark Stillwell	Knight Crusader of the South
Smokey Ferguson	Knight Crusader of the North
Sid Cooley	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Tommy Bassett	Knight Crusader of the Asylum

The following candidates were knighted: **Brian Autrey, Harold Ray Adams, Jason Crowe, Bruce Garrison, Jeff Greene, Zachary Holmes, John Lamb, Chad McAdams, John Meyers, John Shipes, and James Wyatt.**

Minutes of the October 9, 2021 Convocation were read and approved.

After discussion it was explained that we had closed the old York Rite Side Degrees account because the side degrees did not have an EIN number and that the monies collected should be included as a line item in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama account. All monies collected going forward will be deposited in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar account earmarked for Grand York Rite Side Degrees. The audit committee examined the treasurer's report and reported that the financial books were in order.

Beginning Balance	\$120.00
Debits	\$ 57.67
Credits	\$220.00 (2022 Candidates)

Bal Old Account	\$205.38
Ritual Book Donations	<u>\$ 52.00</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$539.71</u>

A motion made by Tommy Basset and seconded by Phillip Sherman to pay \$75 towards the use of Birmingham Metro was made and approved.

The following officers were elected and were subsequently installed by Knight Crusader **Phillip Sherman**:

Mark Stillwell	Knight Crusader of the East
Doug Burfitt, Jr	Knight Crusader of the West
Scott Wadsworth	Knight Crusader of the South
Tommy Bassett	Knight Crusader of the North
Ted Loggins	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
John Meyers	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Troy Brown	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Bobby Jordan	Knight Crusader Recorder/Treasurer

All business having been completed, the Conclave of Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was closed by Knight Crusader of the East Mark Stillwell. The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2023.

Respectfully,

Bobby K. Jordan
Knight Crusader Recorder/Treasurer

**TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA OFFICERS SINCE ITS FORMATION
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1860, IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Year	Place	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Gernalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Recorder	# of Comm.	Total Mbrs
1860	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*William Field	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	144
1861	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Sterling A.M.Wood	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	144
1862	Montgomery	No quorum present, adjourned to Dec. 5, 1863				*Edmund M. Hastings		
1863	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Henry F. Lee	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	127
1864	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knott	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	141
1865	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knott	*Edmund M. Hastings	6	113
1866	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	207
1867	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	227
1868	Montgomery	*Peleg Brown	*Abram J. Walker	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	8	242
1869	Mobile	*Peleg Brown	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*John N. Broweder	*Daniel Sayre	9	249
1870	Mobile	*Abram J. Walker	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*Walter L. Bragg	*Daniel Sayre	9	235
1871	No Meeting	Adjourned in December, 1870 to meet in February, 1872						
1872	Marion	*Joseph H. Johnson	*Walter L. Bragg	*Porter Knight	*Andrew J. Blair	*Daniel Sayre	9	283
1873	Huntsville	*Walter L. Bragg	*George P. I. Reid	*John J. Dement	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	286
1874	Montgomery	*Walter L. Bragg	*John G. Smith	*James B. Luckie	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	10	264
1875	Selma	*Felix G. Norman	*Benjamin H. Riggs	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	234
1876	Montgomery	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	236
1877	Mobile	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	209
1878	Eufaula	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	210
1879	Montgomery	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	206
1880	Birmingham	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	7	212
1881	Montgomery	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	8	215
1882	Tuskegee	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*William T. Atkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	9	222
1883	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*William T. Atkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1884	Montgomery	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	10	321
1885	Selma	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	7	309
1886	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William F. Aldrich	*Daniel Sayre	6	195
1887	Mobile	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*James B. Luckie	*Adam R. Baker	6	202
1888	Birmingham	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund R. Hastings	6	220
1889	Montgomery	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund R. Hastings	5	209
1890	Huntsville	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*George S. Obear	*Edmund R. Hastings	8	266
1891	Mobile	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*George S. Obear	*William H. Long	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	308
1892	Selma	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*Charles Hann	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	342
1893	Gadsden	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglas	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	357

1894	Birmingham	*Charles Wheelock	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglas	*Milton C. Baldridge	*William B. Phillips	10	368
1895	Mobile	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglas	*Henry B. Matthews	*Phillip Milhous	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	376
1896	Montgomery	*Robert L. Douglas	*Henry B. Matthews	*Phillip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*H. Clay Armstrong	9	382
1897	Birmingham	*Henry B. Matthews	*Phillip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus M. Cunningham	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	380
1898	Selma	*Phillip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*H. Clay Armstrong	7	288
1899	Mobile	*William E. Oakley	*Rus M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*H. Clay Armstrong	6	298
1900	Decatur	*Rus M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*George A. Beauchamp	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles F. Westcott	*George A. Beauchamp	9	463
1902	Mobile	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles F. Westcott	*Charles R. Pierce	*George A. Beauchamp	8	510
1903	Montgomery	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles F. Westcott	*Charles R. Pierce	*Robert S. Teague	*George A. Beauchamp	8	516
1904	Selma	*Charles F. Westcott	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*George A. Beauchamp	9	546
1905	Birmingham	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George A. Beauchamp	11	621
1906	Gadsden	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*George A. Beauchamp	13	743
1907	Mobile	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*George A. Beauchamp	14	824
1908	Tuscaloosa	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Lewis J. Wright	*George A. Beauchamp	17	1013
1909	Andalusia	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Lewis J. Wright	*Alexander D. Simpson	*George A. Beauchamp	18	1085
1910	Anniston	*John W. Phillips	*Lewis J. Wright	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1210
1911	Montgomery	*Lewis J. Wright	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1305
1912	Selma	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Isom	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1475
1913	Dothan	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Isom	*William W. Ransom	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1473
1914	Talladega	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Isom	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1663
1915	Troy	*Hartsford L. Isom	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*George A. Beauchamp	22	1808
1916	Birmingham	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*George A. Beauchamp	24	2032
1917	Tuscaloosa	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*George A. Beauchamp	25	2367
1918	Birmingham	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*George A. Beauchamp	26	2661
1919	Dothan	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Phillip Melvin	*George A. Beauchamp	27	3559
1920	Mobile	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Phillip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnett	*George A. Beauchamp	30	5183
1921	Selma	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Phillip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnett	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*George A. Beauchamp	33	6669
1922	Gadsden	*John Phillip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnett	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert H. Wolcott	*George A. Beauchamp	36	7427
1923	Birmingham	*Woolsey Finnett	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Joseph D. Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*George A. Beauchamp	38	8258
1924	Huntsville	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Joseph D. Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*Phillip S. Meyer	*George A. Beauchamp	40	8867
1925	Troy	*Joseph D. Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*Phillip S. Meyer	*Robert C. Williams	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8638
1926	Tuscaloosa	*Robert T. Ward	*Phillip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8772
1927	Albany	*Phillip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8683
1928	Montgomery	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*George A. Beauchamp	38	8463
1929	Mobile	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*George A. Beauchamp	38	7810
1930	Dothan	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crosland	*George A. Beauchamp	38	7305
1931	Huntsville	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crosland	*John W. Jones	*George A. Beauchamp	35	6378
1932	Birmingham	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crosland	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*Guy T. Smith	35	5459

1933	Anniston	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert Strong	*Guy T. Smith	34	4308
1934	Tuscaloosa	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*Guy T. Smith	31	3316
1935	Montgomery	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazier	*Guy T. Smith	31	3121
1936	Mobile	*Robert Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazier	*John Heard Saxton	*Guy T. Smith	28	2814
1937	Montgomery	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazier	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Guy T. Smith	26	2633
1938	Montgomery	*James M. Frazier	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Guy T. Smith	25	2482
1939	Birmingham	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Guy T. Smith	25	2384
1940	Montgomery	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Guy T. Smith	23	2295
1941	Montgomery	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Guy T. Smith	23	2265
1942	Montgomery	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Guy T. Smith	23	2310
1943	Montgomery	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Guy T. Smith	23	2526
1944	Montgomery	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Guy T. Smith	22	3152
1945	Birmingham	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*Guy T. Smith	25	4494
1946	Birmingham	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Guy T. Smith	25	5198
1947	Montgomery	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*C. H. Stubinger	25	5785
1948	Gadsden	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Newman S. Cryer, PT	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6133
1949	Montgomery	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Robert Strong, PT	*Llewellyn R. Hillyer	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6499
1950	Birmingham	*Julius L. Layman	*Robert Strong, PT	*Llewellyn R. Hillyer	*Edgar M. Gober	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6651
1951	Mobile	*Llewellyn R. Hillyer	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*William W. Glass	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6887
1952	Selma	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*Archelus F. Campbell	*J. Collier Foster	*C. H. Stubinger	26	7131
1953	Florence	*Emrys W. John	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*C. H. Stubinger	27	8101
1954	Huntsville	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*C. H. Stubinger	28	8935
1955	Tuscaloosa	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*C. H. Stubinger	28	9272
1956	Montgomery	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9584
1957	Birmingham	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9835
1958	Montgomery	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*George W. Crook	*C. H. Stubinger	26	9975
1959	Decatur	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*George W. Crook	*Arthur C. Wilson	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10073
1960	Birmingham	*Claud Stallworth	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Gordon L. Evett *T.L. Cochran	26	10084
1961	Tuscaloosa	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*A. F. Campbell, PT	*Gordon L. Evett	26	10075
1962	Mobile	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Gordon L. Evett	26	10085
1963	Birmingham	*Earl D. Holmes (A) *Julian P. Butler	*Julian P. Butler *John S. Robinson	*John S. Robinson *Charles L. Campbell	*Charles L. Campbell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9974
1964	Birmingham	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Janett	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9847
1965	Sylacauga	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Janett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9808
1966	Tuscaloosa	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Janett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9692
1967	Birmingham	*Anthony V. Janett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9494
1968	Birmingham	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Frank M. James	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9295
1969	Mobile	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Frank M. James	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9226

1970	Birmingham	*Clifford J. Turner	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	Michael L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9116
1971	Gadsden	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	8971
1972	Tuscaloosa	*Thomas W. Mann	Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	8687
1973	Birmingham	Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr	*Thomas W. Mann(B)	26	8439
1974	Gulf Shores(C)	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8608
1975	Birmingham	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Oscar L. Ledbetter	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8465
1976	Birmingham	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Fred W. Vaughan	*Arthur C. Harding	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8516
1977	Phenix City	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Fred W. Vaughan	*Arthur C. Harding	*Joseph D. Brackin	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8215
1978	Birmingham	*Fred W. Vaughan	*Arthur C. Harding	*Joseph D. Brackin	*Robert E. Shipp	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8092
1979	Birmingham	*Arthur C. Harding	*Joseph D. Brackin	*Robert E. Shipp	*Erskine K. Smith	*Thomas W. Mann	24	7834
1980	Birmingham	*Joseph D. Brackin	*Robert E. Shipp	*Erskine K. Smith	*William H. Ealy	*Thomas W. Mann	24	7631
1981	Dothan	*Robert E. Shipp	*Erskine K. Smith	*William H. Ealy	*Richard S. Hamilton	*Thomas W. Mann	24	7278
1982	Birmingham	*Erskine K. Smith	*William H. Ealy	*Richard S. Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	*Thomas W. Mann	23	7117
1983	Birmingham	*William H. Ealy	*Richard S. Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	*George E. Tremelling	*Thomas W. Mann	22	6993
1984	Huntsville	*Richard S. Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	*George E. Tremelling	*James L. Allen	*Thomas W. Mann	22	6681
1985	Birmingham	*W. Sterling Roberts	*George E. Tremelling	*James L. Allen	*James H. Lee	*Thomas W. Mann	21	6614
1986	Birmingham	*George E. Tremelling	*James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	*Charles W. McDonald	*Thomas W. Mann	20	6653
1987	Birmingham	*James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	*Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	19	6526
1988	Sheffield	Emory J. Ferguson	*Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	*Charles R. Pate	*Thomas W. Mann	18	6369
1989	Mobile	*Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	*Charles R. Pate	*Bobby C. Park	*Thomas W. Mann	18	6260
1990	Birmingham	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	*Charles R. Pate	*Bobby C. Park	*Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	*Thomas W. Mann	18	5945
1991	Birmingham	*Charles R. Pate	*Bobby C. Park	*Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	*+Robert L. Byars, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann(D) *Arthur C. Harding	18	5733
1992	Birmingham	*Bobby C. Park	*Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	*+Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	*Arthur C. Harding	18	5334
1993	Decatur	*Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	*+Robert L. Byars, Jr.	George L. Marshall, Jr	*Ray Rutledge	*Arthur C. Harding	17	4965
1994	Dothan	*+Robert L. Byars, Jr.	George L. Marshall, Jr	*Ray Rutledge	#James F. Vaughan	*Arthur C. Harding	17	4716
1995	Birmingham	*Ray Rutledge	George L. Marshall, Jr	#James F. Vaughan	*Bobby Ray Terry	*Arthur C. Harding	16	4598
1996	Birmingham	George L. Marshall, Jr	#James F. Vaughan	*Bobby Ray Terry	*Joe D. Lee	*Arthur C. Harding	15	4356
1997	Huntsville (E)	#James F. Vaughan	*Bobby Ray Terry	*Joe D. Lee	*Jesse W. Locke	*Arthur C. Harding	15	4177
1998	Birmingham	*Bobby Ray Terry	*Joe D. Lee	*Jesse W. Locke	Wayne D. Jordan	*Arthur C. Harding	15	4037
1999	Mobile	*Joe D. Lee	*Jesse W. Locke	Wayne D. Jordan	*Robert T. Crawford	*Arthur C. Harding	15	3861
2000	Birmingham	*Jesse W. Locke	Wayne D. Jordan	*Robert T. Crawford	Phillip J. Sherman	*Arthur C. Harding	15	3703
2001	Birmingham	Wayne D. Jordan	*Robert T. Crawford	Phillip J. Sherman	Roger A. Simmons	*Arthur C. Harding	15	3522
2002	Birmingham	*Robert T. Crawford	Phillip J. Sherman	Roger A. Simmons	Thomas F. Craig	*Arthur C. Harding	15	3238
2003	Mobile	Phillip J. Sherman	Roger A. Simmons	Thomas F. Craig	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	*Arthur C. Harding	15	2966
2004	Decatur	Roger A. Simmons	Thomas F. Craig	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	*MacArthur Davis	*Arthur C. Harding	15	2767
2005	Dothan	Thomas F. Craig	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	*MacArthur Davis	*Billy A. Rikard	*Arthur C. Harding(F) Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	2589
2006	Decatur	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	*MacArthur Davis	*Billy A. Rikard	Owen E. Gore	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	2375

2007	Dothan	*MacArthur Davis	*Billy A. Rikard	Owen E. Gore	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	2192
2008	Decatur	*Billy A. Rikard	Owen E. Gore	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	*Jack C. Wade	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	2132
2009	Birmingham	Owen E. Gore	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	*Jack C. Wade	*Ronald L. Thomas	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1958
2010	Birmingham	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	*Jack C. Wade	*Ronald L. Thomas	*James Blanteno	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1857
2011	Birmingham	*Jack C. Wade	*Ronald L. Thomas	*James Blanteno	*Paul R. Drinkard	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1735
2012	Birmingham	*Ronald L. Thomas	*James Blanteno	*Paul R. Drinkard	*George F. Mills	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1636
2013	Birmingham(G)	*James Blanteno	*Paul R. Drinkard	*George F. Mills	Jamie A. Smith	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1490
2014	Huntsville	*Paul R. Drinkard	*George F. Mills	Jamie A. Smith	Raymond C. Dunn	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	1507
2015	Birmingham	*George F. Mills	Jamie A. Smith	Raymond C. Dunn	James C. McGee	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	1431
2016	Birmingham	Jamie A. Smith	Raymond C. Dunn	James C. McGee	Thomas H. Nesbit	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	13	1369
2017	Birmingham	Raymond C. Dunn	James C. McGee	Thomas H. Nesbit	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	12	1237
2018	Birmingham	James C. McGee	Thomas H. Nesbit	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Winston L. Each	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	12	1173
2019	Birmingham	Thomas H. Nesbit	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Winston L. Each	Thomas G. Lott	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	12	1122
2020	Birmingham	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Winston L. Each	Thomas G. Lott(I)	Ronald G. Andress	Hiram O. Williams, Jr. James C. McGee(H)	12	1096
2021	Birmingham	Winston L. Each	Ronald G. Andress	Sterling Hughes	Sidney R. Cooley	James C. McGee	12	986
2022	Birmingham	Ronald G. Andress	C. Sterling Hughes	Sidney R. Cooley	W. (Doug) Burfitt	James C. McGee	11	996
2023	Birmingham	C. Sterling Hughes	Sidney R. Cooley	W. (Doug) Burfitt	J. David Wyatt, Jr.	James C. McGee	11	990

*Denotes Deceased, +Renounced Masonry, #Suspended

Foot Notes:

First Annual Conclave was held in Montgomery, Alabama on Friday November 30, 1860

Grand Commandery office moved from Montgomery to Birmingham after election of Thomas W. Oliver as Grand Recorder in 1962

(A)At the Annual Conclave, April 1963, Earl D. Holmes was elected and installed as Grand Commander, but he died before he could serve.

(B)At the Annual Conclave, April 1973 Thomas W. Mann was elected Grand Recorder. Thomas W. Oliver was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus, and the Annual Conclave Date was changed from April each year to the last Monday in February to correspond with Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

(C)As proof of continual effort of Alabama to promote York Rite unity, the first combined meeting of The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery was held in February 1974.

On November 1, 1974 the Grand York Rite office was moved to 3621 South Fifth Avenue Birmingham.

In September 1979 the Grand York Rite office was moved to 5504 ½ North First Avenue Birmingham 35212.

On May 16, 1980, James A. Kile was appointed Grand Treasurer to succeed Hoyt McClendon who resigned.

At the Annual Conclave February 1981, Hoyt McClendon was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

(D)On September 1, 1991 Thomas W. Mann and James A. Kile resigned as Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. Arthur C. Harding was appointed as Grand Recorder and Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., was appointed Grand Treasurer.

At the Annual Conclave February 1992, Arthur C. Harding was elected Grand Recorder and Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., was elected Grand Treasurer. Thomas W. Mann was elected as Grand Recorder Emeritus and James A. Kile was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

(E)On June 23 1997, Past Grand Commander Robert L. Byars, Jr., renounced York Rite Masonry and is no longer a member.

On January 13, 1999 the Grand York Rite office moved to 3430 Ratliff Road, Irondale, AL 3510

(F)On December 31, 2005, Arthur C. Harding and Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., resigned as Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, Hiram O. Williams, Jr. was appointed Grand Recorder and Robert C. Grigsby, Jr. was appointed Grand Treasurer.

At the Annual Conclave February 2006, Arthur C. Harding was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus and Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Joe D. Lee was elected Grand Treasurer and Hiram O. Williams, Jr., was elected Grand Recorder. Also Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., was elected Grand Commander Honorary.

February 24th, 2012 was the beginning of our Annual Meetings being held on the last Friday of February each year. This was presented in February 2010 and laid over until February 2011 on which the vote was taken and passed to meet on the last Friday of February each year.

(G)October 1st, 2013, Sir Knight Arthur Lee Campbell, III Eminent Grand Warder Resigned from Masonry with no reason stated.

(H)On May 25, 2020 Ed Mason resigned as Grand Treasurer. Thomas H. Nesbit was appointed Grand Treasurer. On October 1, 2020 Hiram O. Williams resigned as Grand Recorder. James C. McGee was appointed as Grand Recorder. At the Annual Conclave February 2021 James C. McGee was elected Grand Recorder and Thomas H. Nesbit was elected Grand Treasurer. Hiram O. Williams was elected as Grand Recorder Emeritus and Ed Mason was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

(I)On January 15, 2021 Eminent Grand Generalissimo Thomas Lott resigned his position in the advancing line.

CHRONOLOGY
Titles of Meetings and Dates of Bodies Composed
Exclusively of Masons.

The ordinary calendar, or vulgar era, is not generally used by Freemasons in dating their official documents. They have one peculiar to themselves, differing according to their various Rites.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS in all parts of the world, add 4,000 years to the Christian era, calling it *Anno Lucis*-Year of Light; abbreviated A.L. (This fact has a symbolic reference, not because they believe Freemasonry is, but that the principles and light of the institution are coeval with the creation. (*See below.*) F&AM Lodges hold "Communications."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the building of the second Temple-530 B.C. Their style is, therefore, *Anno Inventionis*-A. Inv. - in the year of the discovery. Royal Arch Chapters hold "Convocations."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS date from the completion of Solomon's Temple 1000 B.C. Their style is *Anno Depositionis*-A. Dep.-in the year of Deposit. Royal and Select Councils hold "Assemblies."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR date from the organization of the Order in 1118 A.D. Their style is, therefore, *Anno Ordinis*-A.O.-in the year of the Order. Knight Templar Commanderies hold "Conclaves."

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, which occurred 1914 B.C. Their style is *Anno Benedictionis*-A.B.-in the year of the Blessing. Councils of Anointed High Priest hold "Convocations."

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE MASONS use the Jewish Calendar, which adds 3760 to the Christian era, styled *Anno Mundi*-A.M.-year of the World. Or, they sometimes use the Hebrew year which begins on the seventeenth of September or feast of Tisri, using the initials A.H.-*Anno Hebraico*.

TEMPLES, A.A.O.N. MYSTIC SHRINE: Each thirty years from the Hejira, or July 15th, A.D. 602 constitutes a cycle. Nineteen of these years contain 355 days, Eleven, 356.

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS - Add 4,000 years.

Thus: 2020 + 4,000 = A.L. 6020

ROYAL ARCH MASONS - Add 530 years.

Thus: 2020 + 530 = A. Inv. 2550

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS - Add 1,000 years.

Thus: 2020 + 1,000 years = A. Dep. 3020

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: 2020 - 1,118 = A.O. 902

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD - Add 1,913 years.

Thus: 2020 + 1,913 = A.B. 3,933

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS - Add 3,760 years.

Thus: 2020 + 3,760 = A.M. 5780