

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



**FEBRUARY 2024**

**THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH**

**ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF  
ALABAMA**

**HELD FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**HUNTSVILLE MARRIOTT  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**PRESIDING 2023-2024**

**C. STERLING HUGHES, KCT, KTCH  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
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**ELECTED 2024-2025**

**SIDNEY R. COOLEY, SR., KCT  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
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**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
SIR KNIGHT C. STERLING HUGHES, KCT, KTCH  
2023-2024**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH  
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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA.**

**JOINT SESSION, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alabama 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 purpose of introductions.

**INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
Cryptic Masons International**

Illustrious Companion, Henry Adams, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Alaska.

Illustrious Companion, Terry Pruitt, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina.

Most Illustrious Companion Edward Smith, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina

Most Illustrious Companion Billy Poteat, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina

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

Illustrious Companion, Justin Huggins, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee

Right Puissant Companion Thomas Nesbit, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Alabama & Right Puissant Past Southeastern Regional Deputy General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International

Right Puissant Companion James Bard, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia & Right Puissant Southeastern Regional Deputy General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International

Right Puissant Companion Keith Powell, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana & the Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Personal Representative of Most Puissant Companion William Synder, Most Puissant General Grand Master, Cryptic

Masons International

## **Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA**

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

Sir Knight John Sharlow, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Louisiana

Sir Knight Adam Bryan, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Florida

Sir Knight Ronald Naumowicz, Very Eminent Dep Grand Commander of Florida

Sir Knight Rusty Ludlum, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Florida

Sir Knight Brandon Penley, Right Eminent Grand Commander of North Carolina

Sir Knight Keith Powell, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Louisiana

Sir Knight Tommy Marshall, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Georgia

Sir Knight Tyler Pledger Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Georgia

Sir Knight Ditmar Chavez, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia

Sir Knight John Palmer, Eminent Grand Captain General of Tennessee, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Tennessee

Sir Knight Tim 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 Jay Kennedy, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan

Sir Knight Dickie Johnson, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Tennessee, and Grand Prelate Emeritus of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master 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 Past Grand Commander of Alabama, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH and Right Eminent Past Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

Sir Knight Henry Adams, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Florida, and Right Eminent Past Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

Sir Knight Robert Waldron, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Tennessee, Right Eminent Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Tennessee

Sir Knight David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

### **Royal Arch Masons International**

Excellent Companion Kenny Miles, Excellent Grand King, Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina.

Most Excellent Companion Thomas Martin, Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina

Most Excellent Companion Henry Adams, Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Excellent Companion Keith Powell, Excellent Grand King, Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana.

Excellent Companion Jay Finch, Excellent Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil Royal Arch Masons of Georgia.

Excellent Companion Joe Bush, Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor and Seneschal General of the York Rite Sovereign York Rite College of North America & Excellent Grand King, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia

Most Excellent Companion Walter Waddell, Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia

Excellent Companion Roger Beecham, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee.

Most Excellent Companion Kenneth DeLaet, Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee

Excellent Companion Scott Wadsworth, Ambassador to Alabama Royal Arch Masons International

Most Excellent Companion

Emory J Ferguson, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, 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 Ronald G Andress, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, Right Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Masons International and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Alabama

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 Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia

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

## **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**

Very Eminent William J Burfitt, 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

### **Knight York Cross of Honor**

Eminent Knight William J Burfitt, Eminent Prior Alabama Priory # 31  
Most Eminent Emory J Ferguson, Past Grand Master General, Convent General Knights York Cross of Honor  
Right Eminent James C. McGee, Deputy Grand Master General, Convent General Knights York Cross of Honor

### **The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alabama**

Most Worshipful Rusty Beck, Past Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Michael Taylor, Past Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Ronald G Andress, Past Grand Master & Past Grand Treasurer  
Most Worshipful Teddy R Grogan, Past Grand Master & Past Grand Secretary  
Most Worshipful Michael Taylor, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer & Past Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Zach Holmes, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary  
Right Worshipful Bruce Garrison, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden  
Right Worshipful Richard Schultz, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

The introductions 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, with the Ladies and guests of the Grand Commandery. The Welcome to our Divine service was given by Deputy Grand Commander Sid Cooley and the service was conducted by Sir Knight Allen Brackin. VE Deputy Grand Commander Cooley announced that the offering received would go to the different charities of the Grand York Rite of Alabama.

#### **JOINT OPENING**

The M.E. Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter to labor. The M.I. Grand Master called the Grand Council from refreshment to labor. The RE Grand Commander convened the Grand Commandery for the purpose of conducting whatever business may come before.

The M.I. Grand Master called on Companion Lee Gibson, Deputy Grand Master, to present a memorial in honor of Companion Lawrence O. Weaver, Most Puissant Past General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International.

The M.I. Grand Master called on Companion Joel Bryant, Grand Steward to present a memorial in honor of Companion Maurice “Bud” Himes, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama and Most Puissant Past General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International.

The R.E. Grand Commander called on SK Tommy Bassett, Grand Senior Warden to present a memorial in honor of SK Owen Gore, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

The R.E. Grand Commander called on SK Jay Kennedy, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan to present a memorial in honor of SK James Costello, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and Grand Representative from Alabama to Michigan from 1999-2024.

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 Commandery 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 2024 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 M.I. Grand Master called the Grand Council from labor to refreshment until 8:00am, Saturday morning Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. The R.E. Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery until 1:00pm on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and the M.E. Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment to reconvene at the conclusion of the Grand Commandery Conclave.

### **THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET**

The Grand York Rite Annual Banquet was held on Friday evening February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in the Main Banquet Hall of the Huntsville Marriott at the Space and Rocket Center. 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 seared chicken breast with green beans and mashed, a green salad with a delicious chocolate cake which was enjoyed by all. The assembly heard greetings from Miss Bri-an Autrey, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls in Alabama and Mr. Chase Clark, State Master Councilor of the Alabama DeMolay Association. The MEGHP Tommy Bassett with help from Companion Chadwick Burks, Right Excellent General Grand King, Royal Arch Masons International presented the Grand Lady of York of the General Grand Chapter to Mrs. Rhetta Carter (wife of Companion William Carter). The M.I. Grand Master Scott Wadsworth with help from Companion Keith Powell, Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Cryptic Masons International presented the Lady of the Council Award of the General Grand Council to Mrs. Traci Bryant (wife of Companion Joel Bryant) and Mrs. Mercedes Autrey (wife of Companion Brian Autrey). The Adult Youth Leadership Award was given to Mrs. Renee Burfitt (wife of Companion Doug Burfitt) for her efforts in working with the youth in Alabama. On behalf of the Alabama College of Honors, SK David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA presented to Mrs. Julie Bassett (wife of SK Tommy Bassett) the Companion of the Temple. Companion Ted Loggins, Governor of Monte Santo York Rite College presented Diamond Awards from the Sovereign College to the following: Mrs. Lori Olive, Mrs. Diana Paul, and Mr. Brian (Bam) Autrey, Jr. In a

special presentation SK James McGee, Past Grand Master of DeMolay International assisted by Companion Richard Schultz, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama presented Swan Creek DeMolay the Charter as a fully formed Chapter under DeMolay International.

RW Deputy Grand Master Richard Schultz then 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, held in the Atlantis Room of the Huntsville Marriott. A salad buffet and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama was held at the Huntsville Marriott at the Space & Rocket Center and was declared convened by Sir Knight Sid Cooley Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander and Acting Grand Commander on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Officers Present:**

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Excused
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	Sidney R. Cooley, Sr.
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Wm. J. (Doug) Burfitt, Jr.
Eminent Grand Captain General	J. David Wyatt, Jr.
Eminent Grand Senior Warden	Tommy Bassett
Eminent Grand Junior Warden	William A. Carter
Eminent Grand Prelate	J. Allen Brackin
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Thomas H. Nesbit, PGC
Eminent Grand Recorder	James C. McGee, PGC
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer	Mark Stillwell
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer	W. Scott Wadsworth
Eminent Grand Warder	Ted A. Loggins
Eminent Grand Sentinel	Excused

*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 Fourth 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	Phillip Sherman	2003-2004
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	2006-2007
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	William J. Burfitt	2020-2021
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Ron Andress	2022-2023

**Grand Encampment Representatives:**

Assoc. Grand Prelate

Robert Elsner

RE Past Southeastern Department Commander

James C. McGee

RE Past Southeastern Department Commander

Henry Adams

RE Southeastern Department Commander

Robert Waldron

Most Eminent Grand Master GEKT

David J. Kussman, GCT

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

**ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**  
**C. Sterling Hughes, KCT, KTCH**  
**2023-2024**

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

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 164<sup>th</sup> 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.

It saddens me that my health does not permit me to be there in person; it has been a struggle for me this year. I appreciate my fellow Knights that have helped and assisted me and the Grand Commandery through this past year!

I especially want to thank our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sidney Cooley for stepping up and handling things during my illness.

I want to thank James C. McGee, Eminent Grand Recorder and his Lady Donna for all their help this year.

I want to thank MW Ron Andress, Past Eminent Grand Commander and his Lady Aprille for their support throughout this year.

I want to thank my beautiful wife Shirley who has stood by me throughout my illness; she is my rock and safe ground in stormy seas!

Respectfully Submitted  
C. Sterling Hughes, KCT, KTCH  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

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

## **ADDRESS OF THE VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER**

**Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., KCT  
2023-2024**

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

### **Necrology**

We lost 31 Knights this year; This number includes Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Owen Gore. 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, PEGC to turn over all books and financial records to the Audit Committee for review for the 2023 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 Very Eminent Deputy 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

Sidney R. Cooley Sr, KCT  
Very Eminent Deputy 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, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We have reviewed the Grand Commander's & Deputy Grand Commanders  
Address and 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 Hughes on his dedication and efforts to  
strengthen and promote Chivalric Masonry in Alabama during his year in office.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip J. Sherman, PGC, KCT  
Winston Each, PGC, KCT  
Ronald G. Andress, PGC, KCT

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, 2023.

Receipts:

Per Capita	\$ 16,537.00
Knighting Fees	240.00
Interest	2,645.20
Sales of Supplies	<u>920.68</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 20,342.88
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Disbursements:

<u>Operating Expense</u>	<u>\$ 20,457.91</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	<u>\$ 20,457.91</u>
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Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ ( 115.03)
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Accounts Receivable December 31, 2023	\$ 0.00
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Cash on Hand – January 1, 2023	\$ 126,650.68
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Cash on Hand – December 31, 2023	\$ 118,352.58
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Cash on Hand – December 31, 2023 consists of the following:

Checking Account	21,765.70
Investments with Regions	<u>96,586.88</u>
Total Cash on Hand – December 31, 2023	\$118,352.58

### 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, 2023;

Membership as of January 1, 2023 988

## Additions:

Knighted	25
Affiliated	06
Reinstated	19
Adjusted	0

TOTAL ADDITIONS 50

## Losses:

Died	31
Demitted	9
Suspended	29

TOTAL LOSSES 69

TOTAL Net Membership as of December 31, 2023 969

Gain/Loss in Membership for 2023	-19
Chartered Commanderys	11
Commanderys Reporting	11
Commanderys Under Dispensation	0

## COMMENTS

All Commanderys 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 1984-2023. 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	Knighthood (+)	Demit (-)	Affiliate (+)	Suspend (-)	Reinstate (+)	Del/Adj (-)	Died (-)	Active Members At-End	Net Change
<b>Knights Templar</b>	988	+25	-9	+6	-29	+19		-31	969	-19
2 - Mobile	167		-1	+2	-5			-8	155	-12
4 - Montgomery	65	+1	-1		-5	+1		-2	59	-6
7 - Huntsville	78	+1	-1	+2	-4	+4		-4	76	-2
10 - Cyrene	242	+2						-5	239	-3
13 - Tuscaloosa	43	+2	-1			+1		-1	44	1
14 - DeMolay	81	+8		+1				-4	86	5
15 - Etowah	66	+1							67	1
23 - Anniston	82	+1	-2		-6	+9		-4	80	-2
25 - Dothan	79		-2		-2				75	-4
39 - Florence	51	+7	-1	+1	-5	+3			56	5
45 - Lee	34	+2			-2	+1		-3	32	-2
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 Deputy 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,

Ron Andress, PGC, KCT  
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 2024 for your consideration. We wish to thank the Eminent Grand Treasurer and Eminent 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, Em Grand Standard Bearer  
William A. Carter, Em Grand Junior Warden

**Grand Commandery  
Income Statement  
For the Twelve Months  
Ending December 31, 2023**

**Revenues**

Per Capita Tax Received	16,537.00
Knighted Fees Received	240.00
Interest Received	2,645.00
Sales of Supplies	920.68
Other Income	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>20,342.88</b>

**Expenses**

Bank Charges	0.00
Office Rent	1,699.92
Telephone	59.34
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	89.35
Office Supplies	354.81
Contingency Fund	91.15
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	358.33
Grand Encampment PerCapita Tax	8,939.00
Grand Recorders Salary	5,100.24
Grand Treasurer Expense	100.00
Grand Commander's Expense	0.00
Past Gr Commander's Jewel	245.00
Ladies Brunch Expense	295.17
Dist. Guest Lodging Expense	1,621.71
Banquet Ticket (Net)	767.86
Hospitality Room	(161.56)
Misc. Convocation Expense	351.77
DeMolay Donation	100.00
Order of Rainbow Donation	100.00
S. E. Regional Conference	0.00
Donations to Maggie Valley	50.00
Printing Grand Proceedings	0.00
Triennial Reserve (Max 400.00)	0.00
Purchases	295.82
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,457.91</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(115.03)</b>

**2024-2025 BUDGET****Revenues**

Per Capita Tax Received	\$16,992.00
Fees Received	\$850.00
Interest Received	\$3,250.00
Sales of Supplies	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$21,592.00

**Expenses**

Office Rent	\$1,699.92
Telephone	\$50.00
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	\$125.00
Office Supplies	\$250.00
Contingency Fund	\$400.00
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	\$350.00
Grand PerCapita Tax	\$8,721.00
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	\$400.00
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	\$ .00
Donations to Maggie Valley	\$50.00
Purchases	\$250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$21,345.92</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>\$246.08</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, 2023 through December 31, 2023. There was no material difference between the budget provided for 2022 and the transactions recorded. Transaction descriptions were normal compared to prior years and budgeted items noting the change in membership. The December 31, 2023 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, KTCH

Lee Gibson, KTCH

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 2023-2024 York Rite year and since the last Grand York Rite Session, there has been one by-law change from a subordinate commandery submitted to this committee for review.

We recommend the approval of the Etowah Commandery No.15 as submitted.

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, Em Grand Sword Bearer

Bobby Jordan

Received



**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a By Laws request from Cyrene Commandery #10 after the report was submitted for the advance proceedings and we recommend approval.

Teddy R. Grogan Jr., PGC, KCT  
 W. Scott Wadsworth, Em Grand Sword Bearer  
 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 2024 .....	\$	150.00

We your Educational Foundation Committee submit the following report

Assets:

Checking .....	\$	4,426.39
Investment with Regions .....		146,146.74
Total Assets .....	\$	150,573.13

Interest Received: \$4,002.48 – 500.00 (2023 Fees for GEKTEF) Net Interest \$ 3,502.48

We received eight applications for our \$1,000.00 scholarship this year on time and are pleased to announce that 8 of the 8 were received in correct form.

The recipients are Jackson Hand, Victoria Hyde, James Wesley Hyde, Kyle McGee and Jacob Roberts.

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. Address, PGC, KCT, Chairman (2 yr.)  
Aaron Haycraft (4 yr.)  
Phillip J. Sherman, PGC, KCT  
Michael Feld, KTCH, (1 yr.)  
Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., KCT (3 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 2023-2024.

The use in the previous year of stand-alone Commandery festivals has been a great opportunity for Commanderies to invest the time and energy that the Orders deserve, without the constraints of time, attention, and manpower that are created from one-day York Rite Festivals.

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

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

Received

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander 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 988 active members in our Grand Commandery. We knighted twenty-five new Sir Knights in 2023.

However, we did have nine demits and twenty-nine 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-one 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 nineteen Sir Knights get reinstated this past year, as well as, six who affiliated with us. This put us with an ending total of 969 members at the end of the year with a net change of minus 19 members, or a 1.92 % loss.

In conclusion, I believe that with the help of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery, we can turn this loss of 1.9 % into a gain. We would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Sterling Hughes for allowing us to serve him this past year and thank him for his continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bassett, KTCH

Joel I. Bryant, KTCH

Thomas Langley

Ted Loggins, KTCH

Brian P. McDonald

J. David Wyatt, KCT, KTCH

Lee R. Gibson, KTCH

Jason Hess

Rickey Holder

Nick Barnes

Mark Stillwell

Rani Christie

Received

## REPORT ON NECROLOGY

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Alabama:*

It is with heavy hearts that we are called upon to file this report. During the past year, 31 of our Sir Knights were called by our Heavenly Father to lay down their working tools of life and be called Heavenward.

This includes the Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Owen Gore and also Past Grand Commander of Michigan, Brother James Charles Costello, III who was the official representative for the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

May we pray. We bow our heads in sadness, Heavenly Father, for the Sir Knights whom You have called home this past year to be in Your presence. We ask that You fold Your loving arms around the families and loved ones of our departed Sir Knights. Most glorious and merciful Lord God, may those who have suffered loss call upon You for comfort in their time of need.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Brackin  
Grand Prelate

Received



**GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA**

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Owen E. Gore**

**K.Y.G.C.H.**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

**2009 - 2010**

**BORN: November 27, 1929**

**DIED: August 15, 2023**



**GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**James C. Costello, III**

**K.Y.G.C.H.**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

**of MICHIGAN**

**1999-2000**

**And**

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE of**

**ALABAMA in MICHIGAN**

**1999-2024**

**BORN: February 24, 1941**

**DIED: January 5, 2024**

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# In MEMORIAM

## **Mobile #2**

Joe Jerrey Dailey  
Harold Evans Davis  
Gilbert Ray Doggett  
Ronnie Lee Gamble  
Bennie Carrol Howard  
Joseph Daniel Owen  
Travis Braxton Paul  
James Leon Windham

## **Montgomery #4**

Tony K. McCarty  
Hubert Eugene Stewart

## **Huntsville #7**

Steven George Ackermann  
Eddie Eugene Brown  
Paul Edward Drinnon  
Kenneth Edward Gawronski, Jr

## **Cyrene #10**

James Oliver Densmore  
John Lee Ford, Jr.  
Owen Earl Gore, PGC  
Jerry Wayne Mulkey  
James Thomas Parsons

## **Tuscaloosa #13**

Carley Lee Snider

## **DeMolay #14**

Donald Nathan Curbow  
Dwight Alan Gardner  
Charter Lee Nicholson  
John Howard Willis

## **Anniston #23**

Harris Ray Champion  
Jimmy Robert McCain  
Sidney Ray Nelson  
Charles Wayne Singleton

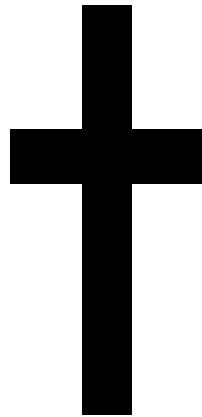
## **Dothan #25**

Maurice "Bud" Himes

## **Lee #45**

David Olan Blasingame  
Learon Winston Compton  
Harry George Vogler III

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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 Committee on Youth is proud to report that both our youth groups remain healthy and continue to grow. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls of Alabama and the Alabama State DeMolay have both shown growth within their organizations this past year.

Alabama DeMolay has initiated over 30 in the past year and a half. No single Chapter skewed this figure with more than 9 by itself. Six chapters contributed.

We opened three new Chapters this year. Two in the fast growing Baldwin and Limestone Counties and the other in Cherokee County

Alabama DeMolay has initiated more in raw numbers than the much larger adjoining Jurisdictions of Tennessee and Georgia.

In net growth (true organizational growth - Alabama DeMolay is the fastest growing Jurisdiction in the United States. Net growth number of 24. Next closest was 18.

Rainbow held their Grand Assembly in June 2023 in Montgomery and Alabama DeMolay held their 100th year anniversary Conclave in July 2022 in Decatur, Alabama which was the location of Alabama's 1st conclave. They held their 101st conclave this past year in Montgomery, Alabama at the Scottish Rite building.

Several Alabama Rainbow advisors, members, and their families attended Glam in Louisiana this past year. GLAM is a multi-state event where Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi take turns hosting a event where the girls can come together and meet members from outside their Jurisdictions. Alabama will be the host of this years GLAM event in Birmingham, Alabama.

Many of our Alabama advisors, Senior DeMolays, and active DeMolays attended DeMolay International hosted in Cincinnati, Ohio this past June.

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

Alabama Grand York Rite offers an opportunity for our youth to earn scholarships. I am pleased to report that a few of the scholarships that were awarded were received by members of our very own masonic youth groups.

Rainbow also offers scholarships and 5 were given out to their members.

Knighthood is a group for the older boys of DeMolay and they are new to Alabama. The Alabama Grand Commandry is the sponsoring body of Rising Phoenix Priory.

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 a very vital part of our Masonic Family. We must realize that we are developing the leaders of tomorrow, future masons, and additions to all our masonic families for generations to come. We believe that with your continued assistance it could be even better. You can help by either recommending possible new members or as adults volunteering your time and assistance. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

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

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 received from their counterparts.

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, KTCH

Received

## REPORT OF THE INTERNET COMMITTEE

*To this August Body,*

In the last year, the Grand York Rite of Alabama has seen a total of 1,374,474 hits.

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](http://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), and the newly formed Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon (within the State of Alabama)

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

of Alabama's Events calendar, and would also remind you to call or email this committee with your bodies' annual officer updates.

Lastly, we would like to thank Companion and Sir Knight Brian P. McDonald for his exceptional work updating all the sites we host with modern graphics and layouts, as well as updated and detailed content.

We move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

Joel I. Bryant, KTCH  
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 have received absolutely no submissions for our magazine in the last year and have had to resort to filler material which I hope is of some interest, but is not in keeping with what I believe I should be submitting for posting on the supplement page.

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

Received

## **REPORT OF THE STATE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commander Grand Commandery officers and members of the Grand Commandery 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 2023, fundraising efforts to raise monies to support our charitable

programs resulted in raising \$3,400.00. Currently we have available \$ 4,683.58 in our charitable reserves.

For the year 2024, we will, again, host the Knight Templar Charity Ball on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Prattville and we hope to finalize other fundraising projects in near days to come.

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, KTCH  
Scott Wadsworth  
Chris Atchley  
Nick Barnes  
William Carter

Mark Stillwell  
Brian Autrey  
Lee Gibson, KTCH  
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 disappointed that due to the geopolitical risk in the Holy Land the Grand Encampment decided it was best to postpone the 2023 pilgrimage. We had selected Rev Eddie Hodges of Dora who was nominated through Cyrene Commandery # 10. Rev Hodges will be rolled into the Pilgrimage in 2025.

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

Received

## **REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 56<sup>TH</sup> 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 have had another great year in donations once again. This year starting March 1, 2023, until this Grand York Rite Session. We have continued to advertise the Grand Commander and Grand Masters Club programs and encouraged 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 in Montgomery.

Since our last Grand Commandery Conclave we have seen **eight** new Grand Commander Club memberships established, as well as an additional **fifteen** Grand Masters Club memberships purchased totaling \$17,100 for those two programs. We also had numerous other donations given by the commanderies as well as individuals. We are excited to see the Sir Knights of Alabama show up to support the KTEF of Alabama.

We are proud that the Alabama Commanderies are at 100% in life sponsorships. Our goal is to see them reach 200% of life sponsorships within the next three years. We are currently at 35% of obtaining that goal, and are hopeful for future increase.

We commend our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK C. Sterling Hughes, 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  
Ted Loggins, KTCH  
Scott Wadsworth  
Mark Stillwell  
Will Harper

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
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 .....	Vacant
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 Christie

*\*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**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representative From Address</b>	<b>Representative To Address</b>
Alaska	Nick Barnes 608 10 <sup>th</sup> Court South Birmingham, AL 35205	Vacant
Arizona	Vacant	Joseph F. Zito PO Box 128 Meridianville, AL 35759
Arkansas	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. 83 Crimson Tide Dr. Piedmont, AL 36272	James Fernald, Jr. 1605 W. Block Street El Dorado, 71730
California	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. 83 Crimson Tide Dr. Piedmont, AL 36272	Casey W. Norris 239 Montrose Drive Folsom, CA 95630-2730
Colorado	Vacant	Gregory Allen PO Box 224 Hotchkiss, 81419
Connecticut	Vacant	Danny A. Camp 828 Black Rock Turnpike Fairfield 06825
Delaware	Richard R. Losch 102 W. Monroe St. Livingston, AL 35470	Randall Mullen 401 15 <sup>th</sup> St Unit 9 Ocean City, MD 21842
District of Columbia	Chris Atchley 2313 Hill Ave Gadsden, AL 35904	William T. Cox 6719 Greenview Lane Springfield, VA 22152
Florida	Vacant	Arthur J. LaRose 2646 Sherrilane Dr. Cantonment, FL. 32533
Georgia		<b>Program Discontinued</b>
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. Sclock 851 N. Fairway Drive Palatine, 60067
Indiana	William J. (Doug) Burfitt, Jr. 144 Dexter Circle Madison, AL 35757	Douglas O. Fegenbush 9901 Pendleton Pike Indianapolis, IN 46236
Iowa	Robert D. Moseson 4400 Bridgewater Cir. Phenix City, AL 36867	Ronald W. Guthrie PO Box 1841 Mason City, 50402
Kansas	J. David Wyatt, Jr. 24 County Road 278 Enterprise, AL 36330	Vacant
Kentucky	Mark Stillwell 9360 US Highway 280 E Salem, AL 36874	George Brooks 1125 Schofield Lane Frankfort, KY 40601
Louisiana	Wayne D. Jordan 99 Tascosa Dr. SE Huntsville, AL 35802	M. Cash Melville 238 Wesley Drive Ruston, LA 71270

Maine	J T Roberts 7525 Lee Road 249 Smith Station, AL 36877	John D. Baggett 164 E. Side Drive Verona Island, ME 04416
Maryland	Vacant	Richard H. Westermayer 2007 Magnolia Woods Ct. Edgewood, AL 21040
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Kurt Eldridge 196 Lee Road 523 Phenix City, AL 36870	Ronald Wolf PO Box 2 Cunnington, MA 00126
Michigan	Jerry Burfitt 521 Mount Zion Rd Madison, AL 35757	Vacant
Minnesota	C. Sterling Hughes 3682 County Road 54 Ozark, AL 36360	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. 434 12 <sup>th</sup> 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
Nebraska	Holt Scogin 8321 Meadow Lane S Irvington, AL 36544	James Clark 986 County Road 2350 Crete, 68333
Nevada	Ted Loggins 306 Bob Coffman Rd. Elkmont, AL 35620	Joh C. Singleton 725 Union Lane Fallon, NV 89406-9108
New Hampshire	Ronald Pynes 4135 Westgate Parkway Dothan, AL 36303	Jackson Marston 306 Webster Mills Rd. Pittsfield, NH 03263
New Jersey	Vacant	Thurman C. Pace, Jr. 518 S. Marks Ave Westfield, 07090
New Mexico	Vacant	Darrel D. Hornsby  Santa Fe
New York	Vacant	Russell Baker 13958 Route 98 South Wales, 14135
North Carolina	Johnny Strickland 16673 Raspberry Lane Athens, AL 35613	George Katchue 4818 Sandtyn Dr. Waxhew, NC 28173
North Dakota		<b>Program Discontinued</b>
Ohio	Phillip J. Sherman 4016 Saddlehorn Bend SW Decatur, AL 35603	Richard J. Brady 3852 Daytona Drive Youngstown, OH 44515
Oklahoma	Alan Herrington 19010 Rio Vista Drive Fairhope, AL 36532	Joe F. Warriner 3305-A NW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73116
Oregon	Keith Zech 1613 Magnolia Street Gardendale, AL 35071	Paul McLain 545 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Sweet Home, OR 97386
Pennsylvania	Jerry Ogletree 622 Rocky Creek Dr.	Raymond Telrock

	Alexander City, AL 35010	
South Carolina	Roger A. Simmons PO Box 268 Newton, AL 36352	D. Samuel Tennyson 999 Took Place Florence, SC 29505
South Dakota	Vacant	Michael S. Gilleland 4909 Copper Hill Ct. Rapid City, SD 57702
Tennessee	Lee Gibson 24 Forrest Meadow Blvd SW Huntsville, AL 35824	Burks Taylor 1016 Nuway Drive Pleasant View, TN 37146
Texas	Vacant	Michael H. Shively 17114 Theiss Mail Road Spring, TX 77379
Utah	Scott Wadsworth 5130 Trussville-Clay Rd Trussville, AL 35173	Kevin Hill 6287 Dewdrop Dr. West Jordan, UT 84084
Vermont	Michael Feld 129 Mill Ridge Dr. Madison, AL 35758	Carl D. Shoemaker 159 State Street Windsor, VT 05089
Virginia	Tommy Bassett 137 Meadow Farm Ln Sylacauga, AL 35151	Bradford F. Burnett 1007 Westbriar Drive Richmond, VA 23233
Washington	Jamie A. Smith 156 Wood Place Court Ozark, AL 36860	Floyd L. Snyder 2225 Bluejay West Richland, WA 99357
West Virginia	Kelly McMichael 3031 County Road 157 Enterprise, AL 36330	Rev. Bennie Guirley PO Box 100 White Sulphur Springs
Wisconsin	Joel Bryant 55 Cherokee Rd. Ashville, AL 35953	Leland Burlison 823 Washington Ave Oshkosh, WI 54901
Wyoming	Rani Christie 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**

VEDGC called on PGC Ron Andress, Chairman of Jurisprudence to present the proposed amendments to the Constitution & ByLaws.

**Constitution Code Change Proposals Presented at the February 2023 Grand Commandery Conclave in Accordance with Article IX of the Grand Commandery Constitution.**

**These Proposals were accepted and are sent to the Commanderys and will be voted on at the 2024 Annual Grand Commandery Conclave in February for Final Passage.**

**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;

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(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.

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.

Adopted

**Constitutional and Bylaw Change Proposals to be Presented at the February 2024 Grand Commandery Conclave in Accordance with Article V of the Grand Commandery Constitution and Article VIII of the Grand Commandery Bylaws.**

**2024 Legislative Call  
Call Item # 1**

Proposed by: Sir Knight James C McGee, REPGC, Grand Recorder, Past  
Commander, Mobile Commandery #2

Purpose: Simplify approval of emergency change of venue

Amend: Proposal to amend the Constitution

Currently Reads

**ARTICLE I  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE AND ELECTION**

Section 9. (a) The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at such place as a majority vote shall determine, on the last Friday in February of each year, provided that in case of necessity, of which a majority of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery shall judge exists, the Annual Conclave shall be at such time and/or place as may be determined by the Grand Commander, he having previously secured the consent of a majority of the constituent Commanderies, and in cases involving a change of time and/or place of holding the Annual Conclave, all constituent Commanderies and members of the Grand Commandery shall have at least thirty (30) days notice, provided by the Grand Recorder.

To be amended to read;

**ARTICLE I  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE AND ELECTION**

**ARTICLE I  
SECTION 9, ANNUAL CONCLAVE AND ELECTION**

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~~he having previously secured the consent of a majority of the constituent~~  
Commanderies, and in cases involving a change of time and/or place of holding  
the Annual Conclave, all constituent Commanderies and members of the Grand  
Commandery shall have at least thirty (30) days notice, provided by the Grand  
Recorder.

Adopted

## MINUTES OF THE LAST CONCLAVE

Sir Knight James C. McGee moved that the minutes as published in the 2023 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 2025

The VE Deputy Grand Commander recognized Grand Generalissimo Doug Burfitt who made a motion that the next Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama will be held in the city of Prattville, Alabama on February 28 – March 1, 2025.

Adopted

The VE Deputy Grand Commander recognized SK Robert Waldron, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander who brought greetings and updated the Sir Knights on the plans for the upcoming Southeast Department Conference on June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the Knoxville, TN Doubletree Hotel.

The VE Deputy Grand Commander recognized SK David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar USA who brought greetings and relayed his plans for the 70<sup>th</sup> Triennium. SK Kussman also invited the Sir Knights to attend the upcoming 69<sup>th</sup> Grand Encampment Triennium on August 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Little American Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AWARDS**

Right Eminent Grand Commander SK C. Sterling Hughes selected Sir Knight Jason Crowe of Huntsville No. 7 to receive the Grand Encampments KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Award. The presentation was made at the Grand Commandery Conclave on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 by SK David Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America and assisted by SK Robert Waldron, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander. Sir Knight Crowe was very humble in his acceptance of this distinguished award and thanked Grand Master.

The College of Honors was pleased to announce that Sir Knight Tommy Bassett, of Cyrene Commander No. 10 is the 2024 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 David Kussman – Most Eminent 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  
 Jason Crowe ..... 2024

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

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT  
 KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE**

George Leon Marshal, Jr ..... 2019



**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  
 Tommy Bassett..... 2024

*\*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  
Julie Bassett..... 2024

**\*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 11 Grand Officers and 7 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 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation.

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

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT	22
TOTAL PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT	42
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,

Garrett Teel, 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	P. Allen McGee Michael Gill Andrew Lee	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
4. Montgomery	David Jordan Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	
7. Huntsville	Jeremy J. New Chad W. Thrasher Crandon Creel	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
10. Cyrene	Mike Kozlik Dean Antonopolis III David Jones	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy Proxy
13. Tuscaloosa	Ron Andress William Carter Christopher Pate	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy Proxy
14. DeMolay	Ray Ingram Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
15. Etowah	Joel Bryant Andy Smith Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
23. Anniston	Nick Adams Robert Garner Thomas Langley	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	
25. Dothan	Allen Brackin Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	

39. Florence	Phil Terrell Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
45. Lee	Garrett Teel Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy

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: Rani Christie, Bobby Jordan, Brian Autrey, Lawrence Levin
- 7. Huntsville: Emory J. Ferguson, Roger Kim Harrison, Doug Burfitt, Drew McKay, Lee Gibson, Michael Feld, Jason Crowe, John C. Meyers, Jerry Burfitt
- 10. Cyrene: B. Wayne Sparks, Hiram O. Williams, Jr., Nick Barnes, Amos G. Welborn, Thomas Fields, Shannon White, Michael Hallman, Tommy Bassett, Wayne S. Wadsworth
- 13. Tuscaloosa:
- 14. Decatur: Ted Loggins, Gregg Parnell, Jeff Greene, Phillip Sherman
- 15. Etowah: Chris Atchley, Nathan Godwin, Leonard Easter
- 23. Anniston: Rusty C. Beck, Alan Rhody, Ricky Kilgore, Rodney Scott Laminack, Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
- 25. Dothan: Thomas Nesbit, J. David Wyatt, Jr.
- 39. Florence: James C. McGee.
- 45. Lee: Troy Brown, Kurt Eldridge, Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., Mark Stillwell

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

## **ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2024-2025**

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 James C. McGee, PGC of Mobile Commandery #2 was retained as Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Bobby Jordan of Montgomery Commandery #4 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Grand Treasurer and Sir Knight Jason Crowe of Huntsville Commandery #7 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 Most Eminent Grand Master David Kussman, GCT.

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

## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS 2024-2025**

At the conclusion of the Grand Commandery Annual Business Session on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 SK David Kussman, Most Eminent 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 David Kussman. SK Ron Andress, PGC was Installing Marshal, and SK Robert Elsner, PGC & Assoc. Grand Prelate was Installing Prelate. Due to the health concerns of Sir Knight C. Sterling Hughes, his Past Grand Commander's Certificate and Past Grand Commander's Regalia and his permanent membership in the Grand Encampment of the United States of America will be presented at a later date.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

All business of this Annual Conclave being concluded Sir Knight Sidney Cooley, Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the 164<sup>th</sup> 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 SIDNEY R. COOLEY, SR., KCT  
2024-2025**

**Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., KCT**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander**  
**2024-2025**

Sidney R Cooley Sr was born Nov 3, 1950 in Jones County, Mississippi to Hilmon L Cooley and Helen G (Turner) Cooley. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at an early age and went through the following training: Basic, AIT, Airborne, and Pathfinder. After service in Southeast Asia he returned stateside where he completed advanced training in Airborne, EOD, and Waterborne operations. When deployed to Republic of Panama he met and married Blanca Irene (Santamaria) Cooley. They have three children, a daughter Blanguita, two Boys, Sidney Jr and Lee, and they also raised a niece from Panama, Maggie and a nephew from Korea, Edward. They have two daughters-in-law, 6 grandkids, 3 girls and 3 boys. He retired as a Senior Noncommissioned officer after 20 plus years of military service, and also retired from Alabama Law Enforcement with over 20 years of service.

Sidney began his Masonic career at Philadelphia Lodge F&AM #73 in Glennville, Ga. He was raised a Master Mason October 13, 1978. He was elected Worshipful Master in Crawford Lodge #863 in 2002. He was initiated a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Columbus, Ga in the Spring of 1989. He was initiated into Al Sihan Shrine in May 1989 in Macon, Ga. He later transferred to Alcazar Shrine in Montgomery, Al. and belongs to the Phenix City Shrine Club. He received his York Rite Degrees on August 12, 2006 and belongs to the Phenix York Rite Bodies. He was High Priest of Phenix Chapter #149 in 2010. He served as Ill Master of Phenix Council #82 in 2011 and received his Super Excellent Master degree on January 19, 2016. He served as Eminent Commander of Lee Commandery #45 in 2012 and has been awarded the Grand Encampment Membership award for his recruiting efforts. He was elected a plural member of Alaska York Rite Bodies in Anchorage, AK. on October 10, 2018. He was elected a plural member of Crown Martyrs Council #120 in Macon, Ga. September 16, 2017 and helped form and Charter Fort Benning Commandery #73. He received a Commandery Meritorious Achievement Award in December 2023 from Columbus, Ga. He received all the York Rite Side Degrees on February 28, 2011. He was elected Excellent President August 15, 2020, and Knight Crusader of the East on August 15, 2015. He is a member of Vulcan Knight Mason Council # 22 and served as Excellent Chief October 21, 2023. He is a member of Ashmole York Rite College #108 Montgomery, Al. and served as Governor in 2016. He has been honored by receiving the Order of Purple Cross in August 2018. He is a member of Old Cahaba Council #339, Allied Masonic Degrees in Montgomery, Al. and served as

Venerable Master in 2016. He joined St. Asaph Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in 2012 and served as Puissant Sovereign 2016. He joined Alabama Priory Knights York Cross of Honor in 2012. He also is a member of The Royal Order of Scotland and the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a charter member of Stone Mountain Operatives and was elevated to 6<sup>th</sup> degree on July 31, 2021. He was inducted into Alabama College SRICF on May 16, 2016 and became a dual/Charter member of Gulf Coast College, SRICF. He was elected Celebrant November 2019 and was elevated to the 8th grade in 2019. He is a member of Georgia Court of Kings, Athelstan No #124. He joined the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon on September 16, 2017. He has been honored by the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International with the Bronze Award. He received from the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International the Columbian Award. He was bestowed the Knight Commander of the Temple award by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA.

He has served the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2020. The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama elected him Right Eminent Grand Commander in February 2024.



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS  
2024-2025**

Seated Left to Right: Sidney R. Cooley, Sr.-Right Eminent Grand Commander, William (Doug) Burffit-Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, J. David Wyatt, Jr.-Eminent Generalissimo, Thomas R. Bassett-Eminent Grand Captain General, William A. Carter -Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Bobby Jordan-Eminent Grand Treasurer, James C. McGee, PGC-Eminent Grand Recorder  
Standing Left to Right: Troy Brown-Eminent Grand Sentinel, A. Mark Stillwell-Eminent Grand Junior Warden, W. Scott Wadsworth-Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Ted A. Loggins - Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Jason Crowe-Eminent-Grand Warden, Ricky Kilgore-Eminent Grand Prelate

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED LINE OFFICERS  
2024-2025**

Sidney R. Cooley, Sr. (Blanca) 255 Lee Road 247 Salem, AL 36874	Right Eminent Grand Commander
William “Doug” J. Burfitt, Jr. (Renee’) 144 Dexter Circle Madison, AL 35757	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
James David Wyatt, Jr. (Joni) 24 County Road 278 Enterprise, AL 36330	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Thomas R. Bassett (Julie) 137 Meadow Farm Lane Sylacauga, AL 35151	Eminent Grand Captain General
William A. Carter (Rhetta) 7102 Harperwood Street Northport, AL 35473	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Mark Stillwell (Carol) 9360 US Highway 280E Salem, AL 36874	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Ricky Carl Kilgore 13533 Highway 78 Fruithurst, AL 36262	Eminent Grand Prelate
Bobby Kaid Jordan (Eve) 23 Spaniel Ln Pike Road, AL 36064	Eminent Grand Treasurer
James C. McGee, PGC, KCT, KTCH (Donna) P. O. Box 100333 Birmingham, AL 35210-0333	Eminent Grand Recorder

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

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

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

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

Jason Anthony Crowe (Nicky)  
802 Grant St. SE  
Decatur, AL 35601

Eminent Grand Warder

Troy Artis Brown (Cherie)  
8830 Lee Road 146  
Opelika, AL 36804

Eminent Grand Sentinel

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

## Grand Commandery of Alabama Committees 2024-2025

<b>AUDIT</b>		
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
W. Scott Wadsworth	5130 Trussville Clay Rd	Trussville, AL 35173
Bobby Jordan	23 Spaniel Ln	Pike Road, AL 63064
<b>RITUALISTIC WORK</b>		
Mark Stillwell, Chm	9360 US Highway 280 E	Salem, AL 36874
Nick Barnes	112 North Mall	Trussville, AL 35173
Michael Feld	129 Mill Ridge Rd.	Madison, AL. 35758
<b>CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION</b>		
Kurt Eldridge, Chm	196 Lee Road 523	Phenix City, AL 36870
Garrett Teel	169 Lee Road 2184	Salem, AL 36874
Troy Brown	8830 Lee Road 146	Opelika, AL 36804
<b>FINANCE</b>		
Brian Smith	402 E Ida Ave	Opp, AL. 36467
Mark Stillwell	9360 US Highway 280 E	Salem, AL 36874
William Carter	7102 Harperwood St.	Northport, AL 35473
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Phillip J. Sherman, PGC	2507 Lindisfarne Dr. SW	Decatur, AL 35603
Zach Holmes	127 Auburn Hill Road	Coosada, AL 36020
Ted Loggins	30631 Bob Coffman Road	Elkmont, AL 35620
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>		
J. David Wyatt, Chm	24 County Road 278	Enterprise, AL. 36330
Mark Stillwell, Vice Chm	9360 US Highway 280 E	Salem, AL 36874
Brian McDonald	503 West Orchid Ave	Foley, AL. 36535
Nick Barnes	113 Amber Trace	Trussville, AL. 35173
Lee R. Gibson	24 Forest Meadow Blvd	Huntsville, AL 35824
Johnny Strickland	16673 Raspberry Lane	Athens, AL 35613
W. Scott Wadsworth	5130 Trussville Clay Rd	Trussville, AL 35173

William Carter	7102 Harperwood St.	Northport, AL 35473
Brian Autrey	2894 Pleasant Hill Road	Wetumpka, AL 36092
Thomas Langley	2210 County Rd 240	Wedowee, AL 36278
<b>GRAND COMMANDERS ADDRESS</b>		
Phillip J. Sherman, PGC	2507 Lindisfarne Dr. SW	Decatur, AL 35603
Winston Each, PGC	1548 Brewster Circle	Birmingham, AL 35235
Ronald Andress, PGC	2509 Lakewood Circle	Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
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Joel Bryant, Chm	94 Springhollow Rd	Ashville, AL 35953
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<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		
Tommy Bassett, Chm	137 Meadow Farm Lane	Sylacauga, AL. 35151
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<b>KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE</b>		
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<b>YOUTH</b>		
Brian Autrey, Chm	2894 Pleasant Hill Rd	Wetumpka, AL. 36092
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W. Scott Wadsworth (5)	5130 Trussville Clay Rd	Trussville, AL 35173
Sid R. Cooley, Sr. (2)	255 Lee Road 247	Salem, AL 36874
James C. McGee, PGC (Sec/Treas)	307 South Dr.	Fairhope, AL 36532

## Register of Subordinate Commanderys Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Alabama

**June 2023-2024**

<b>Commander Generalissimo Captain General</b>	<b>No. Name Location Assembly Date</b>	<b>Secretary Address Phone</b>
Brian McDonald Michael Gill Andrew Lee	#2 Mobile Mobile York Rite Temple 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon @ 7pm	James C. McGee 307 South Drive Fairhope, AL 36532
David Jordan Bryan Shirley Johnny Willis	#4 Montgomery Air Force One Lodge 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues @ 7pm	Brian Autrey 2894 Pleasant Hill Rd Wetumpka, AL 36092
Jeremy New Chad Thrasher Davis Smallwood	#7 Huntsville Helion Loge #1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues @ 7pm	Lee Gibson 24 Forrest Meadow Blvd SW Huntsville, AL 35824
Joel Bryant Willis Hendrix David Jones	#10 Cyrene Birmingham Metro York Rite 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat @ 9am	Nick Barnes 608 Tenth Court S Birmingham, AL 35205
Rev. William Hewett Christopher Willis Christopher Pate	#13 Tuscaloosa Rising Virtue Lodge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. @ 6pm	Ron Andress 2509 Lakewood Circle Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Larry Schmidt Michael Hallman Ray Ingram	#14 DeMolay Rising Sun Lodge 1 <sup>st</sup> Thur @ 7pm	Ted A. Loggins 30631 Bob Coffman Rd Elkmont, AL 35620
Todd Roden Andrew Smith Barry Blalock	#15 Etowah Glencoe Lodge 1 <sup>st</sup> Thur @ 7pm	Lamar Parker 410 Nunnally Avenue Gadsden, AL 35903
Nick Adams Robert Garner Thomas Langley	#23 Anniston St. Johns Lodge 1st Sat @ 9am	Alan Rhody 985 Gate 5 Road Alexandria, AL 36250
Joseph A. Brackin Anthony R. Loff Heiko Maier	#25 Dothan Dothan Masonic Hall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur @ 7pm	John Shipes PO Box 246 Midland City, AL 36350
John Thornton, III Thomas Grigsby Randy Lyons	#39 Florence Florence Lodge #14 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues @ 7pm	Ricky Holden 353 Briarwood Drive Killen, AL 35645
Scott Keith Troy Brown Garrett Teel	#45 Lee Wilson Williams Lodge #351 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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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**69<sup>th</sup> 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  
James C. McGee – Chairman DeMolay Committee  
George L. Marshall, Jr. – Aide-de-Camp for Past Grand Master Koon

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA (Commandery)

The **43<sup>rd</sup>** 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**. **The Right Eminent Sir Knight Ronald Andress, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alabama**, opened the Conclave at 12:37 pm and named Crusaders **Brin Autrey** and **Thomas Nesbitt** 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
Tommy Bassett	Knight Crusader of the North
Sid Cooley	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Ted Loggins	Knight Crusader of the Asylum

The following candidates were knighted: **Nick Adams, Joel Bryant, and Lee Gibson**.

Minutes of the October 8, 2022 Convocation were approved as published in the 2023 Grand Commandery Knights Templar Proceedings.

A motion was made to pay \$33.33 for the rental of the building. Passed.

A motion was made to purchase a ticket for the CMMRF draw down for \$125.00. Passed. This would be a one-time only purchase.

A motion was made to pay for the donuts at \$17.42. Passed.

Sickness and Distress: Prayers for Doug Burfitt's mother. Smokey Ferguson is sick.

A motion was made to make Tom Nesbitt the degree manager for this degree. Motion passed.

The audit committee examined the treasurer’s report and reported that the financial books were in order.

Beginning Balance	<b>\$539.71</b>
Deposits	<b>0</b>
Withdrawals	
Rent	<b>(\$25)</b>
Balance	<b>\$514.71</b>

The following officers were elected and were subsequently installed by Past Knight Crusader of the Cross Jim McGee:

Doug Burfitt, Jr	Knight Crusader of the East
Scott Wadsworth	Knight Crusader of the West
Tommy Bassett	Knight Crusader of the South
Ted Loggins	Knight Crusader of the North
John Meyers	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Troy Brown	Knight Crusader of the Temple
Joel Bryant	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 **Right Eminent Sir Knight Ronald Andress, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alabama**. The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2024 at 1 pm.

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 Generalissimo	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. Baldrige	*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	C. 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
2024	Huntsville	Sidney R. Cooley	W. (Doug) Burfitt	J. David Wyatt, Jr.	Thomass R. Bassett	James C. McGee	11	969

\*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 35110

**(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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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